



Hills Howler



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No Tuesday Training

9th and 16th July
– School Holidays

10/07/2024	General Meeting
27/07/2024	2024 Interclub Challenge in Wollongong
14/08/2024	General Meeting
11/09/2024	General Meeting
15/09/2024	HDC Scentwork Trial
28/09/2024-29/09/2024	Championship Dog shows

IMPORTANT DATES
July to September 2024

The mission of the Hills Dog Club is to enhance the human-dog relationships through training, education and the promotion of good breeding practices within our community.

G'day from the HDC Committee

Our cover photo this month, is Instructor Judith Walder and her Golden Retriever Barrett. Tuesday, 25th June, was Judith's final class as an Advanced (Trialler) Instructor at Hills. After class, there was a morning tea to farewell Judith, and the photo was taken of Judith before she left the field she knows so very well. Judith has been an amazing contributor to HDC over the past 28 years as a Club member, Instructor and Obedience Judge. Although retiring as a Club Instructor, we can still look forward to seeing Judith (at least at the start of each term to organise the Tuesday Cake roster!) or Judging at Trials or doing Scentwork with Barrett!

Both the May Obedience & Rally trial and June Scentwork trial went ahead as planned despite the wet weather and were a great success—see the Trial Secretary report for the Obedience/Rally Trial. The fortitude displayed by all competitors at both trials was impressive.

Hills Dog Club is sending two teams to Wollongong for the 2024 Interclub Challenge, which will be held at Illawarra Dog Training Club on Saturday, July 27. Members may like to go down and watch and support the Hills teams, plus there is a great dog-friendly beach just steps away. Good luck to all!

K9 Companion award assessments were held June 24th and 25th with 8 Handlers and their dogs passing – congratulations! Another K9 assessment will be planned for later this year.



Tricks trial test run-throughs – Club Instructor Carolyn Jensen is currently training to become a Tricks Judge and is looking for Starter and Novice teams (you and your dog) to practice Trick test judging. Run-throughs will be in the Club Ring on the first Monday of the Month. Numbers for July 1 have been reached but there will be further opportunities each month.

Trick Dog Lists and Judges Mark Sheets will be provided, but bring your own props and treats. Your run-throughs will be recorded and checked, and feedback will be provided.

If you are not doing a run-through, it's a chance to come and watch teams do their thing. Please see Carolyn at the Club to register your interest or comment on the Member's Facebook page post!

The Howler welcomes contributions from members, especially stories about you and your dog. If you would like to contribute to the Howler, please send your 'tail' and photos to hillshowler@gmail.com.

Remember to give all dogs some space, pack a pooch bag, and no thongs or slide-type footwear in class. Training equipment (martingale collars, leads, dumbbells, treat pouches, and treats) is available for purchase at the Club; please see the Office ladies.

Contact Hills Howler at
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Promotions

Beginners to Graduate



Michelle with Hugo and Jackson with Pippa (Pug x and Border Collie)



Di with Zephi (Chihuahua)



Betty with Maya (Labrador)



Pepita with Matilda (Standard Poodle)



Ahn with Gimli (Griffon)

K9 Companion Award

Monday 24 June



Betty with Maya; Carolyn with Willa; Sharon and Summer; Dennise with Dior; Amy with Max and Carolyn and Saxa (not in photo)

Tuesday 25 June



Deirdre with Boris and Deborah with Holly

May Obedience and Rally Trial report

Contributor: Judy McCartney, HDC Trial Secretary

I have never seen such a large drop-out rate of competitors. Of the 91 entered into Obedience, 32 turned up, and in Rally, instead of 120, we had 60. That said, the weather was really kind to us. It misted gently for the entire Obedience trial, then came down steadily until 1.00 pm when the Rally commenced, and then stayed dry for the rest of the afternoon. Of the entrants we did have, we got more qualifications than a lot of other, better-attended trials, and the people who had made the effort to come were all happy and smiling. It was a really nice trial.

Bob's heroic efforts to find stewards was rewarded by a quality bunch who were there toiling steadily all day. All the Judges had plenty of help, and the competitors were channelled smoothly through the rings. I finally had a grip on the titles for presentations – so that went well.

Anne and Janet were meticulous at the check-in. We handle the Obedience check-in but normally ask the Rally stewards to do their check-in at the ring. This trial, because of the damp conditions, we had to also handle the Rally check-in and that was a lot of extra pressure and potential chaos. They were great. And, of course, Anne printed all the quality cards and even dealt with the old printer finally running out of ink and having to get the other printer to cooperate. Many, many thanks. Others were quietly everywhere ensuring the stewards had what they needed and then tirelessly helping with the clean-up at the end.



It really takes a lot of people pitching in to make a successful trial and we pulled it together again this year.

Judy McCartney, HDC Trial Secretary

Obedience Utility Dog and Rally Master - well done!

HDC June ScentWork Trial – Masters and Excellent



How wet was it – very wet at times!



Congratulations to HDC Members June, Carole, Carolyn, Michelle and Lynne

Ground Rules

1. **Vaccinations:** As a condition of membership, all dogs are required to be properly vaccinated according to current veterinary guidelines.
2. **Dog Behaviour:** Members are responsible at all times for the behaviour of their dog/s whilst present on the training grounds or representing the club.
3. **Appropriate Equipment:** All dogs must have properly fitted equipment and remain on lead at all times (unless instructed otherwise by a club instructor). No check/choker chains are to be used on any dogs in Puppy, Beginners or Graduate classes.
4. **No Ill-treatment:** A member shall not ill-treat a dog at any time. Any such action may give rise to suspension or expulsion from the Club by resolution of the Committee.
5. **Bitches in Season:** Bitches in season and/or dog/s which are unwell or have an infectious condition are not permitted on the obedience training grounds.
7. **Clean up after Dogs:** Members are to pick up after their dog/s and help keep the grounds clean and tidy.
7. **Sensible Footwear/Clothing:** Adequate sensible dress with appropriate footwear (no thongs, scuffs on bare feet) is required to be worn by handlers during training.
8. **Supervision Required:** Dogs are not to be left unattended whilst on the training grounds unless crated or tethered in a safe area. Members are reminded not to approach dogs that are confined. All dogs are to be kept under control and supervised while at the counter or in the clubhouse.
9. **Muzzles:** The Club reserves the right to ask any member to muzzle or in extreme cases, remove their dog/s from the training grounds. If a muzzle is required, this must remain in place whilst on the club grounds. This will be at the discretion of the Committee.
10. **Club Equipment Use:** Members who use Club equipment must ensure it is returned to the storeroom and stored correctly after classes are conducted.
11. **Child/Junior Handlers:** Children are welcome to attend classes provided they are supervised by an adult/parent/ guardian at all times.
12. **Child Members:** Child members (aged 7 to 11 are to be accompanied by an adult/parent/guardian in classes). Junior members (aged 12 to 15 under adult/parent/guardian supervision on grounds) are welcome to train provided they have sufficient control of their dog during classes. This will be at the discretion of the class/chief instructor.

FOR NOTICE OF CLASS CANCELLATIONS

In the event of extreme weather conditions (heat or rain) HDC Website and Facebook pages will be updated if classes are closed. Go to: www.hillsdogclub.com OR Facebook www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub

Monday class closure will be posted at **4pm Monday.**

Tuesday class closure will be posted at **5.00pm Monday.**

HDC Committee Members 2023/2024

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 Assistant Secretary
 Treasurer
 Assistant Treasurer
 Chief Instructor
 Trial Secretary
 Show Secretary
 Public Officer
 Publicity Officer
 Education Officer
 Equipment Officer
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Committee Members

Natalie Conway
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 Carolyn Jensen
 Karen Richardson
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Trophy Stewards

Trial: Jessica Leckie
 Show: Janice Lyons
 Club: Carole Hately

Patrons

Mayor, Dr Peter
 Gangemi
 Mrs Luci Ellem
 Mrs Vicki Austin

Life Members

Peter Guenther, Hazel Baldwin (deceased), Dianne Atkins (deceased), Janet Power, Belvane Parsons, Anne Small, Betty Cansdale (deceased), Robyn Jones, Janice Lyons, Vicki Gresser, Lynne Sheather



Hills Dog Club Inc. Training Times

Monday at 6.45pm

Puppies (first night) under 20 weeks - allow time to register!

Monday at 7pm

Puppies 2 (from 12 to 20 weeks), Beginners 1 to 8, Graduate & Intermediate classes.

Monday at 8pm

Advanced class.

Tuesday at 10:30 am

All Classes.

NOTE: Classes are not held on Public Holidays. Tuesday classes are not held in School Holidays
 Equipment for Sale at the Club House



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/162308877129471>
 The Secretary Hills Dog Club, P O Box 392, Round Corner 2158
 Speak with a Committee Member at the clubhouse

Further information is available at our website <https://www.hillsdogclub.com/>

Hills Dog Club Inc General Meeting Notice

Notice is given of Hills Dog Club Inc General Meeting



Wednesday 10th July 2024

Where: Large Meeting Room, Clubhouse, 7:30pm

1. Open Meeting
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Confirmation of June GM minutes.
4. Business arising from June GM Minutes.
5. Correspondence Report
6. Treasurer Report
7. New Members
8. Chief Instructors Report
9. Education Officer Report
10. Show Secretary Report
11. Trial Secretary Report
12. Publicity Officer report
13. Club Trophy Secretary Report

General Business

1. Rally equipment update
2. Instructor cards.

A copy of the ratified Minutes (of all meetings) are available to all members on request at the Office on training days

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