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Front Cover \$25.00, Full Page \$15.00, Half Page \$10.00, Quarter Page \$5.00. Other rates by negotiation. Ads to be supplied print ready or a charge will apply. Ads must be in Microsoft Word format (not Publisher).

NEWLY TITLED

Free! Please send a photo and the dog's details to the editor in time for the next edition after gaining the title.

CLUB DATES

2024 GDCSA AGM - date and venue to be announced

OBEDIENCE CALENDAR

Monday nights (Mar-Nov)
John Mitchell Reserve,
Cudmore Tce, Henley Beach.
[between Henley Beach and
Grange Roads]
Classes will be conducted over
two-time frames:
7:00nm-7:30nm: Puppy.

7:00pm—7:30pm: Puppy, Beginner, Grades 1 & 2

7:45pm: Club announcements **7:45pm—8:15pm**: Grade 3, 4 & 5 - Trial Ring

Please note: There is no training on Public Holidays or the Monday of the Royal Adelaide Show. Hot weather policy: "If the temp is over 32c at 5pm training will be cancelled."



FROM THE EDITOR ...

Hello to all. Welcome to the December 2023/January 2024 issue of the Newsbeat.

This issue features the full results of our 2023 Pointscore competiton along with photos of the winners where available. Congratulations to all the winners!

The Club held its Annual General Meeting on the 5th of December 2023. Notice of each year's AGM was published in the Dogs SA Journal.

Thank you to all of those who continue to send in articles. If you have anything you would like to see in your newsletter please send them to me for adding in!

Jordy Elizabeth

(every effort has been made to ensure the information in the Newsbeat is correct)

PLEASE NOTE: MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION IS NOW DUE.

To continue as a member of our Club please renew now.

(Obedience members may pay at training, commencing March 2024).

The next Newsbeat will only go to financial members.



Holding and delivering

his is another issue that can be a problem in gundog training.

The only reason that dogs drop game is because they haven't been trained to hold. Once your dog gets in the habit of dropping dummies, it will always be a problem.

I often see dogs in the park drop the ball at their owner's feet and look up at the owner as if to say "quick, throw it again". This is an enjoyable game to them.

So when I'm training my pup to hold, the process starts with sitting the dog on a bench or tailgate of my car, showing him a dummy and asking him to "hold".

The height puts the dog at your level which gives more control over the situation.

As soon as he holds, I save "give" and take the dummy, then praise. It's important that you take the dummy within a second of giving it to him.

Continue this process for a week or two and then let him hold it for a couple of seconds until he is comfortable "holding and giving".

Don't forget to make a fuss of your dog when you're having success.

Once he knows how to "hold and give", walk him on a lead at heel, and while walking put the dummy in his mouth and say "hold", keep walking for a few metres then bend down and take the dummy while walking, say "give" then praise.

This needs to happen once a day for two

Now you have taught your dog that the dummy goes back in your hand once released.

Now for the last part of the exercise.

You're walking your dog at heel on the lead and you give him the dummy, tell him to "hold" then ask him to "sit", you walk around in front of him slowly and say "give", then praise. He has now been taught to deliver to hand.

A word of warning though: when dogs are retrieving out of water it's natural for them to shake the water out of their coat when leaving the water's edge, so when you're teaching water retrieving, put your gumboots on and stand at the edge of the water and as the dog nears you, put your hand out quickly and say "give", then praise.

After a dozen or so retrieves, slowly move back on land, so that your dog learns not to shake his coat until the dummy is in your hand. If by chance he drops it, gently and quickly put it back in his mouth and say "hold", "give" and most importantly, don't forget the praise, our way of communicating with our dogs.





2023 President's AGM Report

5th of December 2023

Firstly, I would like to give a big thank you to our committee and instructors for their hard work over the year. I'd like to acknowledge the obedience instructors who dedicate their Monday nights, good weather and bad. In particular, I would like to thank Monica for all her hard work behind the scenes as secretary and her hard work on the revamp of the constitution.

The club held several events over the past year.

- Conformation Shows
- Obedience Training
- Obedience Trials
- Scent Work Trials
- Scent Work Introduction Training & Workshops

The club provides an invaluable community service providing obedience training at Henley Beach and the numbers which attend are still extremely high. The club does not advertise. Word of mouth is enough as the club has a great reputation. We also provide show handling skills.

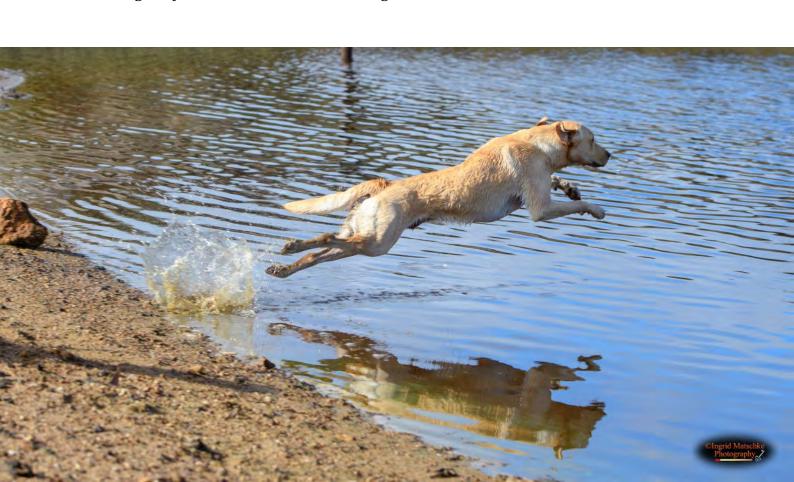
I am particularly proud of our Scent Work Team who are doing very well with several obtaining titles during the year.

The obedience training provides the majority of the income for the club so it would be nice if we could get some more support for those who run this for the club. We desperately need more instructors as if the club is unable to run the training, we will lose our source of income.

We didn't have any major purchases this year. The finance report will cover our incoming and outgoing funds.

We continue to have a great relationship with the City of Charles Sturt Council and we thank them for their support of the club.

Julie Wallis President



Gun Dog Club of SA Inc

Summer Beginner & Puppy Classes

From Monday January 15th 2024 @ 7:00 pm John Mitchell Reserve Cudmore Tce Henely Beach

Cost \$2 per dog 2023/24 Members Free

These classes are designed to help handlers with puppies/beginners gain basic obedience skills.

(Puppies must be 3 months of age and fully vaccinated. Please bring vaccination papers with you on the first night)

Classes are weather dependent and maybe cancelled. Cancellation notice will be posted on the Club's Facebook page by 6:00pm on the day.

Queries Contact Monica 0410 789 041













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Summer Rally Obedience Training

From Monday January 15th @ 7:00 pm

John Mitchell Reserve Cudmore Tce Henely Beach

Rally aims to provide a fast-moving and motivational sport for both dogs and

their owners, requiring them to work as a team to complete various exercises in a set course that demonstrates competency in basic obedience exercises.

and Down

Pace

Start

The Rally course is set out with numbered stations including a start and finish.

Handlers and their dogs navigate the course by following the numbers and carrying out the exercises shown on the sign positioned at each of the numbered stations. Dogs work in the "Heel" position between exercises.

Handlers can direct their dog by talking, encourage with praise and patting is allowed unless specified in the rules.

Dogs should be at level 3 and above

TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL gdcsaobed@gmail.com



Cost \$2 per dog





2024 Obedience Training Fees

Club Membership Fees (Handlers)

Single: \$15.00 Double: \$20.00 Junior: \$5.00

Pensioner/Concession Holder: \$10.00

Kennel: \$20 (double) for the 1st two partners plus \$10 for each additional partner in kennel name.

Annual Obedience Training Fee From March 4th 2024 – 25th November 2024 \$70.00

Pro Rata Fees (members who sign up on or after the following dates will pay a reduced training fee)

Term 2 - from July 1st 2024 \$35.00

Term 3 - from 2nd September 2024 \$20.00

Nomination of Life Membership

Michelle has volunteered as a Dog Obedience Instructor for the Gundog Club of SA for over 10 years. During this time, she also does the finances for the obedience section of the club. Michelle is a wonderful role model and as an instructor she has been invaluable to the club dedicating many volunteer hours on a Monday night in heat, cold and rain teaching obedience to the community using reward-based training. She also spends many hours doing the administration/finance work at home along with organising the food and drinks for the club Christmas part and cooking the BBQ. Michelle years of experience has helped to produce dogs that will better respond to commands and most importantly more pleasurable to own than an unruly, untrained dog and be safer in the community. Michelle helps mentored new instructors passing on her skills and knowledge. Michelle is definitely a most worthy recipient of Life Membership with the club.

2023 Publications Report

5th of December 2023

I produced the Newsbeat again this year with the help of Julie and other club contributors. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the issues produced this year. It was great to see some articles and new titles being sent in with photos. Please continue to send in anything you'd like to be included.

The Gundog Club Facebook page had another successful year. There were nearly 10,000 page visits this year, which was 73% more visits than last year. There were 100 new likes on the page this year, bringing us to a total of 1637 page followers.

Jordy Elizabeth Newsbeat Editor

2023 CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS

Our annual Christmas Party was held on the 4th of December. A fun filled evening was had by all. From all of us at the Gun Dog Club, thank you for choosing our club to help you on your training journey with your dog. See you all again in the new year!



2023 Obedience Report

5th of December 2023

The Obedience part of the club still experiences a steady influx of new members especially in puppy/beginners' classes. We have 288 persons/couples/families members in obedience/Scent Work as at 27/11/2023. That is a significant increase in numbers from last year. We had 53 emails enquiring about training. Every Monday night there are approximately 30-40 persons training a dog in each of the 2 sessions.

We held puppy socialisation classes again in January and February to fill the gap until Obedience classes recommenced in March. These again proved very popular with many members form the higher grades coming out to train as well. We would have a minimum of three groups every Monday night.

We also introduced Summer Rally over the same time period with 9 dogs and handlers participating. Karen Moralee and Carmel Nottle both instructed Karen newbies and beginners and Carmel those more advanced Rally triallers.

Our higher grades 4&5 have been very well attended again this year. Our grade 5 class now is very large and we need more instructors to assist with the big class. We had a few of those interested in trialling doing the ring training with Karen Moralee.

Congratulations go to Karen Moralee who passed her Open Obedience Judges exam earlier this year and Carmel Nottle who passed her Scent Work Judges exam.

Richard ran our show handler classes for those needing assistance in the show ring. These classes still prove to be very popular through the year when weather was fair. The club ran a double Obedience Trial Restricted to Gundogs in august this year. The club was very lucky to have our trail sponsored by Purina Pro Plan. Numbers we had 20 dogs per trial which we were happy with.

Our judges where Ros Kumela and Lynne Stapylton for UDX, UD and David Oppermann and Karen Moralee both club life members judging Open, CD and CCD.

The club also conducted 2 Introduction to Scent Work Courses with myself and Richard instructing. The first was in November 2022 where we had 13 participants. The second in August and we had 10 participants. In March we also ran some workshops for those trialling in Scent Work. We ran 6 workshops with Carmel Nottle the instructor. Scent Work is still very popular with all clubs running courses having full participation. Trials are also getting great numbers with some having to ballot.

Very happy to report that several of our scent work members have had success in the trials with a few gaining titles as well.

We ran a Mock Novice Scent Work Trial in February open to all breeds. This was a great learning opportunity for us in running a scent work trial. We had 25 entries over both the Interior and Vehicle searches. Our trainee judges at the time were Carmel Nottle and Helen Davis.

We also ran 2 Scent Work Trials. One restricted to Gundogs with a retrieving theme in April with 2 elements offered Interior and Vehicle. We offered these elements to Novice, Advanced and Excellent levels. We had 36 entries.

The second was a single element trial Novice Interior which was open to all breeds in September. We had 33 entries with a fantastic pass rate having 20 qualifiers.

A huge thank you to Carmel Nottle for helping to organise our scent work trials this year. Carmel's help and experience was invaluable and much apricated.

Kym and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the instructors for their continued dedication and support in 2023. They volunteer their time Monday nights for the community in the best interests of the dogs and handlers. Dorothy who continues looks after the desk taking new registrations and collar and lead purchases.

We would also like to thank those who volunteered to steward at our trails. We cannot run them without you.

- Kym Barnett (Head Instructor)
- Julie Wallis (Assistant Head Instructor/Admin/Scent Work Instructor)
- Michelle Mead (Instructor/Finance Officer)
- Monica McCaffery (Instructor)
- Richard Stevens (Instructor + Plus Show Handling/Scent Work Instructor)
- Karen Moralee (Instructor + Ring Training)
- Graeme Gilbert (Instructor)
- Peter Smith (Casual Instructor)
- Jan Smith (Instructor)
- Loukia Tomlinson (Beginners Focus Work Instructor)
- Angela Wisdom (Casual Instructor)
- Alison Mount (Casual Instructor)
- Dorothy Moralee (Admin Desk)

We are very proud of the successes of our members in the Trial Ring for both Obedience and Rally, Scent Work, Retrieving, Tracking, Tricks, Lure Coursing, Agility and in the Show Ring. Obedience is the fundamental backbone for all disciplines and our club's continued success in all these areas proves that.

Julie Wallis Assistant Head Instructor & Kym Barnett Head Instructor





PREREQUISITES FOR EARLY RETRIEVER TRAINING

by Joe Law 30 January 2012

One of the main attributes that distinguish retrievers from other breeds of dogs showing strong hunt and pursuit characteristics is the retriever's ability to retrieve game with a soft and gentle mouth. This is an extremely important attribute to a hunter of game birds that must be retrieved in a condition fit for the table.

Soft mouth is fundamentally a breed characteristic that needs to be maintained and bred on and therefore given careful attention in any breeding programme of retrievers. It would also therefore be wise to look for good mouth habits in the parents of any retriever pup you may seek to buy. From an early age some pups will show a natural instinct to want to carry objects around with a soft and tidy mouth and this is often a good sign. That having been said, young pups will often bite down hard on a bird and then grow out of that tendency when raised properly and learn not to consider game as their food. Early retriever training is therefore best introduced usually on training dummies with only an occasional opportunity to

experience retrieving fur and feather.

It is questionable if an inherently hard-mouthed dog can be changed into a soft-mouthed dog with training. Certainly, steps can be taken to avoid mouth problems developing and it is wise to avoid any rough tug-o-war type games when playing with a young dog. From an early age a pup should be encouraged to bring objects it finds to you and be rewarded with much praise when it responds in a correct manner.

Retrievers love the thrill of the chase and will happily chase after objects that are cast for them.



Young retrievers can also love to be the one who is being chased, and this aspect of play is to be avoided and discouraged. A young dog must learn early that it is not part of retrieving for it to run off with a dummy and we simply don't play that sort of game! The "Come" or "Here" command is a very important part of a young dog's early training and by using praise and reward a correct response should be taught and maintained both on and off lead and be reliably established before formal retrieving training commences.

The "Fetch", "Hold" and "Give" commands need to be taught with dog responding to these commands with a firm but soft The trainers mouth. own demeanour while teaching these commands needs to firm, patient and consistent with short and frequent sessions producing the best results. Inexperienced trainers often overdo the use of force in attempts to hasten the process but this usually has an adverse effect and only slows progress. Excessive force can also result in other faults such as the dog adopting a stand off position at the point of delivery and even freezing on the bird. The use of food as a reward motivation during this process is not usually recommended, as its presence seems to only encourage the dog to spit out the dummy in its anticipation of receiving a treat. Only when the correct responses are well established can food be offered as a final reward.

Once these basic fetch, hold and give responses are routine then it will be time to combine fetching, carrying and delivering dummy other basic with obedience exercises of heeling. sitting, staying and coming. When these basic skills are in place a dog is ready to be introduced to the excitement of retrieving sighted articles that will be cast and retrieved. The retrieve will now become the reward for properly executing all the basic commands and food rewards can be reduced and eventually omitted. From now on the dog should only be released on command to retrieve when the retrieve is being carried out in conjunction with excellent line steadiness. manners and

Finally, once these basic training behaviours have become routine, there will be a whole new and exciting world of retrieving opening up for you and your dog.

Photo by Lara Sedgmen

This is an edited version of an article that first appeared in the May 2012 issue of Dogs NSW magazine.

2023 Annual Awards



2023 Conformation Awards



TOP SHOWING GUNDOG DOG

German Shorthaired Pointer AM CH, AAO CH & SUP.CH. VJK-MYST JOURNEY DOWNUNDER (IMP USA) Heiderst Knls, S Rattle, T Sproule, M Reichmuth



TOP SHOWING GUNDOG BITCH

Pointer SUP CH ASPYRE TONGUE IN CHEEK Manser, Lumsden & Higham



SHEREPOINT TROPHY

For Top Showing Gundog Puppy (Donated by Ross & Jean Bryant) Labrador Retriever German Shorthaired Pointer Heiderst Dont Quote Me At Risley Heiderst Kennels

TOP SHOWING NEUTER GUNDOG

Cocker Spaniel Neut Ch Romark Bea Pippa Sue (AI) L Mellett





2023 Title Awards

Cocker Spaniel – LJ Mellett NEUT. CH. ROMARK BEA PIPPA SUE

Field Spaniel – K Barone CH. NEUT. CH. SHEVINGTON OVRLKS HAPPY DREAMS

Flat Coated Retriever – G Kennedy SKYEHAVEN LETS DO THE TWIST CD TKN RE SWA

Flat Coated Retriever – G Kennedy CH SKYEHAVEN REVEL IN THE CHAOS (AI) TKS SWN

Hungarian Vizsla – J Wallis CH ERDOS NOBODIES FOOL SWN Labrador Retriever – T Bussell CH NEUT CH GALESTORM BLACK ICE

Labrador Retriever – T Bussell CH. LORNELL GILT EDGE

Lagotto Romagnolo – J Quayle & J Elizabeth SRB. CH. CH. ARGOS LABANDO (IMP SRB)

Lagotto Romagnolo – J Quayle & J Elizabeth CH. PARITY UH OH UDON

Sussex Spaniel – M McCaffery CH. PRIMETIME PRECIOUS PEARL CGN TK.N. (IMP USA)

Weimaraner R Bell ASHLAREN ECHO IN THE FIELD SWN TDX. Weimaraner – R Bell NEUT. CH. ASHLAREN LORD GUNTER SWN TD.

Weimaraner - L Webster -MORAGO MARVEL OF MARBLE LAKE TO SILABAR RN.

Weimaraner – J Hughes MORAGO SPIRIT OF LAKE IOWA TO POSHVWEI RA CD

Welsh Springer Spaniel S Garrett UK. SH. CH. CH. NYLIRAM LET'S TWIST AGAIN (JW) (IMP UK)

2023 Best of Breed Awards

Brittany
GR CH TENDAYI MAGIC NOW
N FOREVER
P Marsh & A Rogers

German Shorthaired Pointer
AM CH & AUST.SUP.CH. VJKMYSTJOURNEYDOWNUNDER
(IMP USA)
Heiderst Knls, S Rattle, T Sproule, M Reichmuth

Labrador Retriever CH LORNELL GILT EDGE T Bussell

Pointer SUP CH ASPYRE TONGUE IN CHEEK Manser, Lumsden & Higham Sussex Spaniel GR CH MARQUELL YACHTS-MAN (IMP UK) Monica McCaffery

Welsh Springer Spaniel
UK. SH. CH. CH. NYLIRAM
LET'S TWIST AGAIN (JW) (IMP
UK)
S Garrett

2023 Neuter Best of Breed Awards

Cocker Spaniel
NEUT CH ROMARK BEA PIPPA
SUE (AI)
L Mellett

Field Spaniel CH. NEUT. CH. SHEVINGTON OVRLKS HAPPY DREAMS K Barone Labrador Retriever – T Bussell CH NEUT CH GALESTORM BLACK ICE T Bussell

Thank you for sending photos in of your titled dogs...



Weimaraner Owned by Lynne Webster

MORAGO MARVEL OF MARBLE LAKE TO SILABAR RN (AKA "Midge")

Rally Novice title gained on 27.4.23

Hungarian Vizsla Owned by Julie Wallis

CH ERDOS NOBODIES FOOL SWN (AKA "Joker")

2023 Performance Awards

Gundogs

TOP OBEDIENCE GUNDOG (DOG)

1st - Scotthistle Agistar Barn CCD (14 points) Gordon Setter owned by Wendy McLeod



Non-Gundogs

TOP RALLY NON-GUNDOG (DOG)

1st - CH Hillani Sparticus Lauds ET, CD, SPDM, SDM, GDX, ADO, ADM, JDO, JDM (127 points) Miniature Poodle owned by Karen Moralee



TOP RALLY NON-GUNDOG (BITCH)

1st - CH Wattavue Amelia Joy CD, RE, JDM, AD, JDO, SDX. SPD, GD (128 points) Miniature Poodle owned by Karen Moralee



2nd - CH Morehill Scarlett in Red RN (17 Points) Miniature Poodle owned by Karen Moralee



GUNDOG CLUB OF SA INC



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

FINANCIAL YEAR is
1 NOVEMBER to 31 OCTOBER
the following year

I/WE APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE GUNDOG CLUB OF SA INC. NAME_____ ADDRESS PHONE NO (HOME &/or MOBILE): _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____ (Please write clearly) BREED/S _____ Dated: **Please note:** The Club newsletter, the Gundog Newsbeat will be emailed to you. If you do not have an email address please tick the box and the Newsbeat will posted to you. No email address ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES (Please circle the type of membership you are applying for) Double: \$20 Single: \$15 Junior: \$5 Pensioner: Age/Invalid \$10 Kennel \$20 (double) for the 1st two partners plus \$10 for each additional partner in kennel name **OBEDIENCE ONLY:** DOG'S NAME (OBEDIENCE ONLY) VACCINATION CERTIFICATE SIGHTED AND IN ORDER (Date) PLEASE FORWARD, WITH APPROPRIATE FEES, TO THE SECRETARY: Ms M. McCaffery, PO Box 103, MEADOWS SA 5201

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date received _____



THE GUNDOG CLUB OF SA INC. ANNUAL AWARDS APPLICATION FORM – <u>NO EMAIL APPLICATIONS</u>

Applications close the first Friday of November each year.

Please send to the Club Secretary. **NO EMAIL APPLICATIONS**

Pleas	e complete the following deta	ils:				
Award Year:		Award applied for:				
Full N	ame of Dog/Bitch:					
Breed:			Dog/Bitch:			
Name	and Address of Owner/s:					
	CKLIST No email applications					
0 0 0	Applications and supporting documentation must be received by the Secretary by the first Friday of November each year. NO late applications will be accepted. Please state clearly the award you are applying for. Failure to do so will render your application ineligible. The onus is on the applicant/s to ensure the form is completed correctly and all supporting information is included.					
DECL •	http://www.gundogclubofsa I understand it is my respor I realise that failure to supp I realise it is my responsibilithe first Friday in November	.org.au/trophyrules.htm) sibility to include all necessary support y any necessary supporting document ty to ensure my application and support	b of South Australia. (These are found at orting documentation for my application for any trophy. Intation will render my application ineligible. Orting documentation are received by the Secretary by the due date, ations lodged by email will not be accepted.			
Signa	ture of owner/s:					

Name of Club	Date	Judge	Class	Score	Placing	Points
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TOTAL POI	NTS	

PLEASE ATTACH OTHER PAGES IF NECESSARY

N.B. Class and placings are not necessary for Show Results. Please <u>attach copies</u> of all Challenges/Qualifications/Placings. Please complete a new application for each trophy applied for, e.g. one for Top Retrieving Gundog Dog or Bitch and another for Jepa Trophy.

Full details and rules may be viewed at http://www.gundogclubofsa.org.au/trophyrules.htm or send a request with a stamped, self addressed envelope to the Club Secretary