

Rotorua Dog Obedience Club



Promoting responsible, enjoyable canine companionship through positive training from pets to competition

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THE CLUB NEEDS YOU

Subs are due on 1st April.

We would love you to continue being a financial member, supporting the club and accessing training and/or competing opportunities if that is your interest.

Only \$70 individual membership (\$60 with discount before AGM on 11th May)
\$95 family membership (\$85 with discount before AGM)

Please pay the membership subscription fees into the RDOC club account 38-9017-0289569-00 and include your name and "subs" as reference.

Members are able to enrol in one or more classes with most classes only costing \$25 for 8 weeks - which is huge value.

Those who joined in Term 1 do not need to renew their membership.

Dear Members,

Not long now until the club's big Agility show on the 10th and 11th April. A HUGE thank you to those able to spare a some time to support the club with some assistance (no experience required). It is being held at the Rerewhakaaitu Domain and you are welcome to come along and watch the agility dogs from all over NZ compete.

COMMITTEE

What has the committee been up to this last month or two?

- Agility Show discussions
- Club subsidised training to have a policy and application form developed for those wishing to access external training.
- Allsorts Train the trainers weekend in April, Anzac weekend
- Ribbon fun day for Saturday 3rd July with ribbons for agility, rally-o and obedience along with a sample CGC course for members to have a go at.
- Level 2 Basic training being developed and trialled, so far with great success. Lesson plans developed.

- Working on standardisation of information provided to new members at or before week 1 of CG Basic class..
- CGC paper written with suggestions and submitted.

With the AGM coming up on May 4th, some of you may be interested in contributing to the club by being involved in the governance and direction.

Do you have professional skills that could assist the club with some changes needed to the club rooms? We would love to hear from you if you are a draughtsman, builder, electrician or plumber please.

The committee are looking at ways to improve the club rooms. Your ideas are welcome.



Don't be stingy with your treats in training

Especially if you have an easily distracted dog remember.



The environment is never stingy.

If you want your dog to like you more than everything around him, you need to make it worth his while!



INTRODUCTION TO RALLY-O

Contributed by Ann McSweeney

Rally-O is an enjoyable team sport for dogs and their handlers. It uses the basic elements of obedience to negotiate a course with exercises that are guaranteed to challenge handlers and provide a relaxed but stimulating training option for their dogs. It is suitable for dogs of all sizes and ages, including dogs that have retired from obedience or agility, or that may have had injuries.

Dogs need good basic skills: walking at heel; sit; down; recall; finish. These are combined to produce a variety of exercises, including turns, changes of pace, counted step exercises with one or more sits, left and right finishes, and spirals or weaves (worked around cones or other objects). Most dogs need at least two terms of basic obedience training before they are ready to start Rally-O.

Although some Rally-O exercises are similar to Obedience exercises, the requirements for precision are relaxed in Rally – the emphasis is on having the dog working freely and correctly alongside the handler.

A Rally-O course consists of 10 or more numbered stations, each with a sign showing the exercise that is to be performed at that station. The number of signs in the course, and their difficulty, increases at each successive level.

The objective is to complete all the exercises correctly, and in the right order, whilst maintaining a steady pace. A course performed without faults gains 100 points; minor deductions are made for handling faults such as ‘tight lead’, ‘resistance’, or ‘out of position’, and larger deductions are made for more serious errors such as performing the sign incorrectly, handling the dog, or knocking over equipment.

Some examples of Rally-O Novice exercises:



Rally-O Trials:

There are three competition levels: Novice (worked entirely on lead), Advanced and Excellent. Handler/dog teams gain a title in each level by achieving three qualifying scores. Each level has an A and B division; A being for dogs who do not have a title at that level, and B for dogs who have titled and are (perhaps) working towards the next level.

Successful teams from RDOC include Ann McSweeney and Katy (Rally-O Champion); Ann McSweeney and Holly (Rally Excellent); Mary Browne and Monty (Rally Advanced); Maree Boreham and Bess (Rally Advanced); and several more teams who have achieved Rally Novice titles.

Rally-O classes: This term (and again in Term 2) we have two Rally-O classes: Rally for Competition (all levels) on Tuesday afternoons at 4pm; and Rally Beginner-Novice dogs on Tuesday evenings at 5.30pm. Anyone who is interested in starting Rally-O is very welcome to drop by during these classes to see what it involves.

FOR RECENT RESULTS KEEP READING.....



At the Tokoroa Club Scent Trial held in Rotorua on 20th and 21st February, our very own Grace and Rumble won Trial 1. Grace and Rumble had completed the Noseworks training with Sue Williams at the club. Congratulations to them both.

The Scent Trial was good fun and well organised and run by Maree Boreham and her team – a huge pat on the back for them for making this such a success and being one of the first Scent Trials to occur in the country. The judges Arend van den Bos from Christchurch and Sue Williams, now from Rotorua, were also really pleased with the event. The venue at the Rotorua Racecourse was perfect, as was the weather. The Mr Whippy van was a welcome addition to the carpark!

The Reliable Recall class which took place this term was very successful with a variety of dogs ages, sizes and breeds. During this 3 week course there were definite improvements with handlers now having the skills and techniques to work in their own environments to continue their training.



A reliable recall is built over time, don't expect success overnight.



Dates to Diary

10-11th April – Agility Show

4th May – AGM

15th May – Agility Ribbon trial

16th May- Tokoroa Ribbon Trial also at our club grounds

3rd July – Ribbon Fun Day at the club grounds – agility, rally-o and obedience with a sample CGC course to have a go at.

Scentworks course in Term 2

A 4 week Scentwork class with Sue Williams.

THESE CLASSES FILL FAST SO GET ONLINE ON 4TH APRIL WHEN ENROLMENTS OPEN.

SCENT WORK IS GREAT FUN FOR YOU

AND YOUR DOG.

Did you know???

TECT park has a great area for dogs which is fully fenced with structures for the dogs to climb over, go through and jump. With tracks, bush and seating it is a very pleasant outing. This leads off area is right at the end of the road, just keep following the DOG signs.

Some Recent Rally Trial Results: Rally-O trials (for Dogs New Zealand qualifications) are held throughout the country. Many were cancelled last year, due to Covid-19 restrictions. Activities got under way again in September-November, and our own trials were held at the end of January at Lake Rerewhakaiaitu.

At the Southland Dog Training Club trials in Invercargill in October, Ann McSweeney and Katy were placed 1st and 2nd in two Excellent B tests, both on 100 points; 2nd and 3rd in two Advanced B tests on 99 and 100 points. Ann and Break, competing in Novice, gained three qualifying scores.

At the Mid Canterbury DTC trials in Ashburton in November, Ann and Katy finished on 100 points in four Excellent B tests, with 1st and 2nd placings; and had four qualifying scores in Advanced B tests.

At the Rotorua DOC trials at Rerewhakaiaitu in January:

Helen McDonald and Brianna: Novice B 99 points;

Maree Boreham and Bess: Advanced A 2nd on 100 points, and Advanced A 2nd on 99 points;

Mary Browne and Monty: Excellent A 3rd on 99 points; Advanced B 98 points

Ann McSweeney and Katy: two Excellent B tests on 100 points; Advanced B on 99 and 98 points.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.

The club has some great books in the library which you can find upstairs in the club rooms. No charge for this members only service.

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SCHEDULE OF FEES

Obedience and Agility Introductory Classes - \$100 (this includes free membership for the balance of the current financial year and does not apply to the agility only beginner obedience classes)

Membership renewal: \$70.00

Family Membership: \$95.00

Fees for all financial members attending classes each term is \$25.00

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