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North Shore Dog Training Club Newsletter Issue 2 - 2009

Listed below are the new Club Executives and Committee for 2009

President: Tony Lindsay - 09 448 1242 **Vice President:** Jenni Hirst - 09 424 5020
Treasurer: Anne Britten - 09 834 8874 **Secretary:** Michelle Gasson - 09 815 3686

Committee: Lynda Ferguson, Ruth Deacon, Karen Browning, Heather Jack, Tonka Watson, Chris Carswell, Debbie Griffiths, Jo Allen, Tess Bayly, Matilda van Rijnberk, Mark Robinson, Rachel Butler, Kevin Crossley

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The club will be holding an Agility Ribbon Trial on 14th June and an Obedience Championship event on 12th September. Help and/or a plate would be much appreciated! Please put your name down for one of the many available jobs and have a great day!

Congratulations !!!!! Congratulations !!!!! Congratulations

NSDTC held a *Canine Good Citizen Assessment Day* on Sunday, 10 May, running **Foundation** through to **Gold**, with 20 entries in total. The club's own entries did themselves proud, so a VERY BIG CONGRATULATIONS to:

***Barbara MacDonald and Staffy x Chopper/Debbie Powell and Border Collie Bailey**, both qualified **Foundation and Bronze**.

***Cathy Clarkson and Border Collie Hollie**, qualified **Silver and Gold**.

***Anne Bennett and Standard Poodle Dixie**, qualified **Gold**.

Although not a club member, but still involved on club show days,

***Jim Jacobs and Border Collie Elle** qualified **Silver and Gold**.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU goes to all the club members/competitors who turned up to help in any way they could, taking \$\$, kitchen, crowd, joggers, dog walkers, meet & greet, etc. etc. Without you it just would not have happened. Your patience between levels was very much appreciated.

Cathy and Hollie

Debbie and Bailey



Ann and Dixie Barbara and Chopper

NSDTC members who have achieved 1st places since 1st January

Obedience:

Cambridge: Paula Holmes - Eros, Test A
 NSDTC: Mark Robinson - Sophie, Elementary.
 Counties: Chris Carswell - Sybil, Special Beginners (2 x !)
 EBOP: Chris Carswell - Sybil, Special Beginners.
 Feilding: Rachel Butler - Quest, Test C
 Waikato: Jenni Hirst - Castor, Test C
 NSDTC: Lise Davis - Bruiser, Elementary
 Paddy Miller - Holly, Special Beginners
 Debbie Griffiths - Murphy, Novice
 Alan Jones - Tully, Test B
 Jenni Hirst - Castor, Test C
 Manukau: Rachel Butler - Quest, Tect C
 Lynda Ferguson's Guyza is now Obedience Champion!!!

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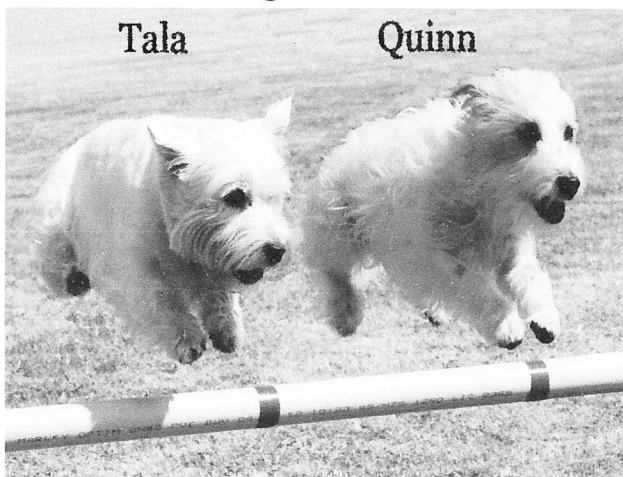
Agility:

Tokoroa: Tess Bayly - Quinn, Starters
 Norwest: Tess Bayly - Quinn, Starters
 ACAC: Cathy Clarkson - Hollie, Starters
 ACAC: Talia Scott, Maia, Elementary
 Tauranga: Matilda van Rijnberk - Hiska, Novice
 Norwest: Cathy Clarkson - Hollie, Starters
 Norwest: Tess Bayly - Quinn, Intermediate
 Norwest: Tess Bayly - Quinn, Novice
 NSDTC: Hayley Hewlett - MacKenzie, Starters
 Whangarei: Hayley Hewlett - MacKenzie, Novice

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Dog Profile

Tess Bayly's Tala and The Mighty Little Quinn



When I saw my daughter competing with her Miniature Schnauzer, I was hooked. I joined North Shore Dog Training Club in 2003 with my little West Highland White Terrier Tala (now 7 years old) and began our exciting journey. It soon became apparent that size does matter – short legs lacking in spring aren't really designed for agility- but what she lacked in speed and height she made up for with a desire to please. The first club trophy we won was for the most persistent dog and handler!

Tala has achieved over 100 Clear Rounds and won the trophy for the most clear rounds for a mini for the last two years. She has also achieved her AD qualification and won a few ribbons. We are currently working on speed to get the two more Clear Rounds needed for ADX. There's always something to train for. It used to be the long jump, and now that we've mastered that, it's speed.

That's the way it is with agility – always something to work on.

I decided to get a second dog – one that might be more competitive, yet still a mini to fit in with my lifestyle. Now I have The Mighty Little Quinn – a two year old Schnauzer x Jack Russell. He just loves agility, except when it is raining. Quinn's agility training began in my small back-yard. His first three outings gained him ribbons and a win. He was out of elementary but the placings just kept on coming. It seemed like a meteoric rise to stardom! He qualified as Starters Dog for the Zone One team for the National Dog Training Assembly in Feilding and was placed in two events that weekend. Since then he has achieved Top Dog Overall at the Napier Championship Show, Top Starters Dog at Tokoroa, won a qualifying heat for National Agility Competition, achieved AD and won out of starters. He currently holds the NSDTC Starters Novice cup for 2008 and Top Mini Dog Trophy. Learning to cope with the Intermediate courses is now the challenge for both Quinn and me.

Almost every weekend there is fun, friendship and competition on offer somewhere, so the dogs and I head off in my aptly named campervan "The Mini Manor." I often wonder what I did with my weekends before agility. Slow dog – fast dog, either way or both – agility is the sport for us!

Doggy websites

www.nzdogs.co.nz

www.siriuspup.com

www.petfriendly.co.nz

www.petsonthenet.co.nz

www.dogfoodanalysis.com

Excessive Barking

Please do not allow your dogs to bark excessively at the clubgrounds. It is unfair to other members and our neighbours.

A copy of the club's barking policy is displayed on the notice board.

LOST PROPERTY

All lost property will now be placed in the cupboard under the telephone and will be disposed of if not claimed within 3 months.

Club Shop

We have a range of leads, collars, dumbbells, toys, clickers, long lines, halti's etc. at very reasonable prices.

Please ask your instructor for advice.

Club shirts (dry-fit and cotton) are also available. Please have a look in the club-house.

Dogs are better than kids because they:

- eat less,
 - don't ask for money all the time,
 - are easier to train,
 - normally come when called,
 - never ask to drive the car,
 - don't hang out with drug-using people;
 - don't smoke or drink,
 - don't want to wear your clothes,
 - don't have to buy the latest fashions,
 - don't need a gazillion dollars for college.
- And if they get pregnant, you can sell their children!*

Interested in agility training?

Please contact Tess Bayly on

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Your dog must be 12 months or more and have off-lead control.

Interested in flygility training?

Please talk to Joanne Turner or Sheeran Johnson.

Your dog must be 12 months or more, have off-lead control and love (tennis) balls.

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