



# Keep on Trackin'

Tracking and Rescue Dog Club of NSW

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July/August 2009



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& Zed

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**Training Days**

22 August

For more information contact  
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**Meeting Dates**

Committee meetings  
2nd Thursday of every second month

AGM Thursday 8 October

Christmas meeting  
Thursday 10 December



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**TRIAL RESULTS**

<b>Tracking &amp; Rescue</b>		<b>24 May</b>		<b>I. de Wit</b>
Anne Howard	Border Collie	Daisy	3	Excellent
Eric Camp	Border Collie	Sherman	3	Good
Ivan Pacek	German Shepherd	King	1	Good
<b>Border Collie Club</b>		<b>31 May</b>		<b>H.Schaecken</b>
Anne Howard	Border Collie	Daisy	4	Excellent
<b>Metro Mid Week</b>		<b>11 June</b>		<b>G.Elven</b>
Nel Paterson	Brittany	Fin	7	Excellent
Anne Howard	Border Collie	Daisy	5	Excellent
<b>Newcastle</b>		<b>14 June</b>		<b>T.Knox</b>
Narelle Vale	Vizsla	Chardy	4	Excellent
Karen Eaton	German Shepherd	Fee	5	Very Good
Richard Byrne	Beagle	Czar	3	Good
<b>Sutherland</b>		<b>21 June</b>		<b>T.Friezer</b>
Anne Howard	Border Collie	Daisy	6	Very Good
Ivan Pacek	German Shepherd	King	2	Good
Sue Turner	Vizsla	Flame	5	Pass
<b>Border Collie Club</b>		<b>28 June</b>		<b>I.de Wit</b>
Graham Elven	Border Collie	Sharp	2	Excellent
Eric Camp	Border Collie	Sherman	4	Good
<b>Tracking &amp; Rescue</b>		<b>5 July</b>		<b>T.Friezer</b>
Moirra McGregor	Welsh Springer	Fergal	5	Excellent
Paul Hill	Sheltie	PJ	5	Very Good
Narelle Vale	Vizsla	Chardy	5	Good
<b>German Shepherd Dog League</b>		<b>12 July</b>		<b>A.Howard</b>
Ivan Pacek	German Shepherd	King	3	Pass
<b>Metro Mid Week</b>		<b>16 July</b>		<b>I de Wit</b>
Pam Jones	Golden Retriever	Lily	2	Excellent
Wendy Laigne-Stuart	Weimaraner	Zed	1	Excellent
Graham Elven	Border Collie	Sharp	3	Very Good
<b>Newcastle</b>		<b>19 July</b>		<b>P.Hartwell</b>
Paul Hill	Sheltie	PJ	6	Very Good
Narelle Vale	Vizsla	Chardy	6	Very Good
Richard Byrne	Beagle	Czar	4	Very Good

**Advanced Tracking Competition**

<b>Handler &amp; Dog</b>	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Inneke de Wit & Ryder Dalmation	85	92	47	224
Helen Schaecken & Nicky German Shepherd	52	83	51	186
Don Brodie & Sky German Shepherd	0	82	10	92

## CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT Training Days for June & July

Training for June was held at Glenfield on an overcast day – ideal for tracking. Reports received from the group instructors indicated that most handlers were pleased with their dogs' work.

A bit of drama preceeded our July training day which was scheduled to be held at Glenfield only to find us locked out of the grounds as our padlock had been removed from the loop of other locks. (There are approximately eight locks on the chain.) We all then proceeded to Erskine Park where we were able to get a good day's tracking even though it was quite warm for July.

### **NEW TITLES**

<u>Tracking Dog</u>	<u>Tracking Dog Excellent</u>	<u>Tracking Champion</u>
Anne Howard & Daisy Eric Camp & Sherman Ivan Pacek & King Graham Elven & Sharp	Anne Howard & Daisy Paul Hill & PJ Narelle Vale & Chardy	Nel Paterson & Fin

## Our Roving Reporter

Disturbing reports have come in about a well-known tracking judge who tried to drive her car over one of the trial stewards. The motive is unknown – but experts have suggested that Tracking Rage might have been the cause. A competitor claimed that the judge has never been able to see straight but we think that is malicious gossip – his dog was never anywhere near the track.



Pam Jones & Lily



Graham Elven & Sharp



Wendy Lainge-Smith  
& Zed



## Royal Easter Show Legend of 2009

Dulcie Goldstien – Tracking & Rescue Club Patron

On 20 April, whilst rain poured onto the NAB Arena, Easter Show crowds were treated to a fantastic display of canine coordination as the Massed Dog Obedience took centre stage. Ms Dulcie Goldstien has run the Mass Dog Obedience display at the Show since 1972, and in recognition of her dedication, she was named the 2009 Easter Show Legend.

A long-standing Member of the RAS since the 1960's, Ms Goldstien runs her own dog obedience training school, and teaches at least one class a day. Ms Goldstien was thrilled to be acknowledged for her work, "I couldn't believe it, it's really incredible... as the young kids say, I was gob-smacked. This is not only recognition to me but recognition to all involved in the Mass Dog Obedience display."



Ms Goldstien was a judge in the Obedience section of the Dog Show for many years, and was also awarded a RAS Contributors' Award in 1992 for her personal service to the Society.

Ms Goldstien isn't one to give away her age. Her son, Chief Marshal, Peter Goldstien, announced her 80th birthday a few years ago at the Show and she was rather horrified. "I believe age is all about mind over matter... age is just a number."

The Goldstien family has been running the event for the past 42 years. The original display included six dogs and it is still growing, "it's all about taking the average pet and showing people what we can do with it," Mr Goldstien said.

This year's Mass Dog Obedience display involved 104 dogs and 12 teams from across New South Wales, with some beginning to learn their routines as early as January.

Ms Goldstien hopes to continue the spectacle for years to come, "It's the only demonstration of its kind in the world, it's quite unique."

## Track and Search News

### Queensland

Track and Search is going well here in Queensland. We had our inaugural Track and Search trial two weeks ago and had 5 entries. Finn was the only dog to pass and therefore he was the first in Qld to pass a TSD test ....with an 'excellent' to put the icing on the cake!

Our next TSD trial is on the 22nd May and the next on the 13th June.

We have about 10 judges who have completed the training for TSD. We have also modified a few of the rules to match legislation in Qld. The main one being the starts, which in my book, were always off the mark. We do our starts the same as for a TD7. Our dogs start with the lead attached to the harness and judging starts when the dog has been given the scent. It's wonderful to have something to go on with after your Tracking Champion title.

All Breeds Tracking Club on the southside of Brisbane held a Track and Search trial recently and out of 5 entries there were no passes.

Mal Holland from Townsville got the first Track and Search title with his Aust Kelpie last weekend. Both Rocky and Mackay are holding track and search trials in July so he will probably go to them.

### Victoria

We have just completed the very first Tracking Search Dog trial in Victoria.

The Tracking Club of Victoria had 40 entries with one withdrawal. Overall result was 39 dogs tracked for Test 1, mainly on Saturday. Most dogs passed and 21 elected to track on for test two over the 3 day weekend. Overall, 60 tests were conducted with most track ons passing.

39 were Test one with 30 passes.

21 were Test two with 20 passes.

Test ones were mostly catalogued on Saturday and if they passed they could track again on Sunday or Monday. Sunday could go on Monday if they passed and Monday could not track on at all.

The most heartfelt thanks go to our judges Kim Houlden, Helen Den Hartog, Trish Wileman, Lynn Klecka and Denise Burriss.

Dawn Howard

### Western Australia

I was very pleased and proud to judge the first Western Australian TSD trial today. I had a 100% pass rate, four out of four. Well done everyone, it was fabulous to see our tracking champions out there doing what they do best - tracking! ...and to see the big smiles on the handlers' faces - wow!

Valeta Pethrick

## **STOP PRESS**

The Tracking & Rescue Club of NSW has applied for two dates in 2010 to conduct Track and Search trials. More details will be in the newsletter when the dates have been approved by Dogs NSW.

## **Track & Search Dog**

Track & Search Dog rules can be downloaded from [www.ankc.org.au](http://www.ankc.org.au). Go to About ANKC then Rules.

A dog must have its Tracking Champion title before it does Track and Search Dog Test 1. Tracks 1 -4 should be 75% vegetated, 25% non vegetated surfaces.

Tracks 1-4 commence with a start line indicated by 2 flags approximately 30 metres apart. The start article is a tshirt, cap or shoe in a plastic bag. Articles on the track are everyday articles such as a wallet, purse, mobile phone, sunglasses, notebook, bunch of keys, soft toy, shoe or cap. Article indication is the same as tracking trials but on Tracks 1 - 4 the dog does not fail if it doesn't indicate the articles.

### **Rules for Test 1:**

The dog is required to track an unknown person over a trail of approximately 800 metres of varied surfaces which may include vegetation, sand, gravel limestone or similar.

The track will have 4 changes of direction of approximately 90 degrees.

30 minutes after the main tracklayer has commenced the track, the first part of the Track will be re-walked by a diversion tracklayer. The diversion Tracklayer shall follow the Track making a 90 degree turn approximately 100 metres from the start of the Track.

The start flag and all other flags indicating the direction of the track up to the point where the diversion Tracklayer makes their turn will be left in position by the main Tracklayer. The diversion Tracklayer will remove the start flag and all other flags up to the point where the main Tracklayer has continued on. The starting line flags will remain.

The judge will, when the track has aged sufficiently, take the dog and the handler to approximately 30 metres from the starting line, hand or indicate the unopened bag to the Handler and inform him that he is free to start tracking.

The dog will be in harness and must hunt for the track by free quartering off-lead or searching on-lead (fixed collar). When the dog has indicated to the handler that it has located the track, the dog must be stopped sufficiently to allow the tracking lead to be fastened onto the harness. The dog must then follow the track to its conclusion.

The dog must ignore the diversion scent and not depart from the track more than 10 metres and must work to the main Tracklayer. Failure to do so will result in a fail.

The dog shall be started 60 minutes after the main track has been laid.

There will be 2 articles placed on the track. The tracklayer must be found at the end of the track to obtain a pass.

**TRACKING AND RESCUE DOG CLUB OF NSW INC  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

MR/MRS/MS.....  
SURNAME (PLEASE PRINT) CHRISTIAN NAME/S

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RNSWCC MEMBERSHIP NO:.....

NAME OF DOG	BREED

I/We hereby agree to observe and perform and in all respects to conform to and be bound by the Constitution and Regulations of the Club.

I/We indemnify the Club against any claim for damages for personal injury however caused.

SIGNATURE (S) .....

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