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# CANINE CHATTER

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## Class Times 2010

Sundays 10am ...SHARP!

Instructors/advanced 9am

New intakes: weekly but please note changing to monthly from November 2010 (first Sunday of each month)

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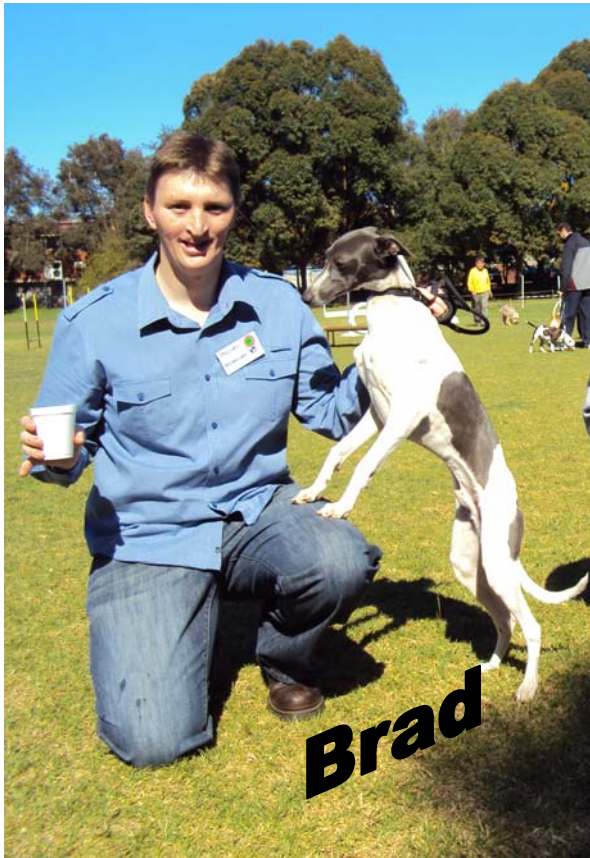
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## Life Members

**Joan Giles**

**David Varnes**



**Welcome to new committee members Val and Brad**

## **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The past year has been busy and exciting for our Club as we have endeavored to introduce new and innovative ideas into the classes in an attempt to make obedience training a more enjoyable and meaningful experience for our members (and their dogs).



All this in conjunction with one of the core aims of all obedience clubs - to train as many as possible of our members and their dogs up to the various levels of trialing, and of course to host obedience trials (two successful trials held in May and September).

Again this year, our club was invited by Canada Bay City Council to be represented at a morning tea hosted by the Mayor, in recognition and appreciation of community volunteer groups in the area served by the council. David Varns attended this year on our behalf.

Last December our Club hosted a great Christmas/break-up party for our members, and no doubt we'll be doing the same again this year.

Recently our Club had as our guest Andrew Peterson who spent several weeks observing, as part of a Delta course. He was most appreciative of the Club's hospitality.

During the year we introduced an official aggressive dog policy (and document).

Throughout the year our secretary Fay has undertaken the mammoth task of reviewing and rewriting our constitution. This was done in conjunction and consultation with Dogs NSW and the Department of Fair Trading and in accordance with new legislation, Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW).

Thank you to Val who volunteered to create an inventory with photos of all our stock (for insurance purposes.) This has resulted in a clear and concise record for the club.

Various ideas (clicker training and Rally O, to name just a couple) have been introduced in an attempt to make our classes more enjoyable (and hopefully therefore, to retain more members). Our Chief Instructor Kay has been incredibly innovative and active in this area and again, the Club is most grateful and appreciative to Kay.

Although previously short of instructors, I'm pleased to report that our situation has now improved somewhat with the welcome return of Betty, assistance whenever their circumstances permit, from Ray, Pauline and Carol – all of whom are very experienced trainers. Additionally during the year we have undertaken the training of some 'new' instructors, Val, Mavis and Nick – all wonderfully enthusiastic and dedicated people, doing a great job.

Requests to the local council for some minor maintenance and capital items required on our clubhouse and the grounds have unfortunately been slow in achieving results. Communication with council is sometimes difficult – but we are still trying.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the office bearers and committee members for their wonderful support throughout the year. In particular, Fay for, in addition to her normal secretarial duties, the important and huge task with the constitution. Kay for all those great ideas, absolute dedication to her role as Chief Instructor and for her wonderful caring and compassionate approach to our members and their dogs...and to our Treasurer Phil for, in addition to his quite onerous normal duties, has had the unenviable and time consuming task this year of sorting out various additional forms and returns, all so very much appreciated. And a special mention to Miriam, not only for her work over many years as Trial Secretary, but an acknowledgment of all the 'behind the scenes work' she does every week. I thank David past vice president, for his support and contribution to the Club over the past year. Finally, thank you to everyone – the stewards and other helpers at the trials and other events (eg Helen for her yummy cooking!) and to all our members and their dogs for coming along each Sunday. Peter Jefferson

# Lulu's Column

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Our president, Peter Jefferson has thanked everyone for their help in his column. Thank you to Peter for all your behind the scenes work to make the club so successful this year. He is always so busy thanking everyone else that he forgets about himself.

We held our AGM last week and also passed a special resolution for a new constitution. This is available on our website .It was encouraging to see such a big quorum. Thank you to all those who volunteered for committee positions especially to Kay who has taken on the position of Vice-President. A special thanks to fresh blood: Val Eslmore and Brad Sabotic. Also thank you to Kathy Simic who volunteered to be office manager at our next trial. We will be changing our new intakes to monthly, ie 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month from November although if newcomers turn up they are welcome to join the beginner's class before this. As this will put an increased work load on Phil, taking new enrolments, he is looking for two volunteers to help with paper work on these days.

Jeanette O'Hara deputy mayor of Canada Bay Council has already accepted our invitation to be our club sponsor.

Val is hard at work already compiling an inventory of equipment which the club badly needs. Thanks Val!

I have been up to Urunga for a week and I was pleased to note that the new law allowing dogs to sit outside at

cafes has made eating out up there more relaxing for me. Apart from frequenting the local café society, I spent much of my day surfing, digging in the sand and chasing balls.

Another thing, I went to a dancing dogs seminar. This is very high level obedience which means you have to learn to heel on both sides, do in reverse all the things you can do going forward, pirouettes, leg weaving, leg lifting, waving etc. I can't quite manage it all yet. When you have learned all that, you have to find some music. I have chosen the Irish Washerwoman and La Bamba. Once you have found some music you like you have to find some sound editing software to cut it and fade to the time allowed for your particular test. I can help you with this.

In the inner west area there are lots of informal groups for dogs. At Halliday Park a group meet at 6pm with their dogs on the third Friday each month - bring some fish and chips. In Five Dock Park a group of dog lovers meet for a chat and play about 5pm every day. Let me know if you have more info on this or other groups in your local area.

Pets are increasingly acknowledged as an important part of the family. We had an invitation from the Premier's Department to educate children about pet ownership - find out more: [www.pets.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pets.nsw.gov.au)

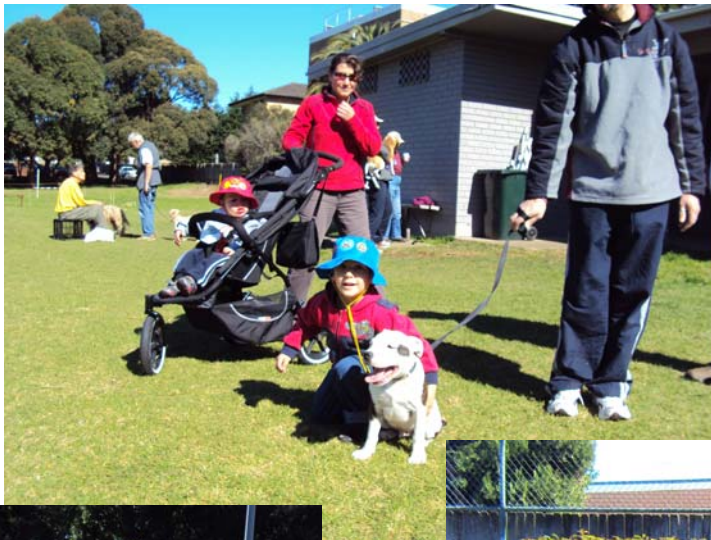


**Love from Lulu  
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Welcome to New Members to end September 2010 (let me know if missed)

Name	Dog Name
Lee (Angela)	Uno
Schoenhoff (Richard)	Uno
Gauci (Jason)	Samson
Sabotic (Bradley)	Bailey
Sabotic (Caroline)	Bailey
Prugovecki (Vesna)	Vintage
Smith (Natalie)	Maverick
Yu (Carol)	Beejai
Sam (Tony)	Beejai
Kladis (Dennis)	Conan
Kladis (Kathy)	Conan
Edwards (Bethanie)	Henry
Benchoam (Kate)	Jazz
Benchoam (Ely)	Jazz
Benchoam (Emily)	Jazz
Benchoam (Jack)	Jazz

All promotions  
in next issue



An invitation was sent from the above department. A group is being set up to help children understand dog ownership. There are several positions available visiting schools (paid) so if you have the time and a suitable dog please read on and look at the website. [www.pets.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pets.nsw.gov.au)

## Training tips from Kay

### Play with your dog

Many people do not fully appreciate the importance of play sessions with their dog. Dog and puppy games allow each player to discover and learn about each other and build familiarity.

Not only does this ensure your dog grows up to see humans as a source of pleasure and enjoyment, it also helps build a bond of trust between you that will become important for effective training in the future.

Also, if your dog sees you as a consistent source of amusement, they will want to be near you, waiting for the next interesting thing to happen. This has obvious benefits in terms of recall and avoiding your dog seeking amusement elsewhere (other dogs, sniffing, wandering off, etc.)

Play will enhance your relationship, increase your dog's willingness to do what you ask, teach emotional control, and in general make life a lot more fun. Make sure you stay in charge of the play session and stop immediately if the dog gets too excited or bites.

There is a wide range of dog toys that you can choose from for your play sessions and not all dogs like the same ones. Tug toys are quite good because it is an activity that involves both of you, is exciting and can be used in training as a reward.

Some dogs need to be coaxed to play, but all dogs can learn. Putting food in the toy sometimes helps it to be more appealing to a reluctant pooch.

All toys should be large enough that they cannot be swallowed accidentally.

Remember, you get back what you put in. If you want your dog to be enthusiastic, then be sure to be enthusiastic yourself.

