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It has been a busy start to the year with a new champion a new grand champion a wedding a lot of show's and sadly a home destroyed by fire and it's only march.

The AGM for 2011 was held on February 17th.

At the AGM a president was not elected, after a call was put out to all member's still no one came forward. Then a few days before the first committee meeting Sandy Rostron, a life member, has taken on the roll of president for one year a caretaker she say's. So we will be once again looking for a president for next year 2012. Thank you Sandy for taking the position.

Your new Committee for 2011

President:- Sandy Rostron

Vice President:- Michelle Hodges, moved up form first year on committee last year.

Secretary :- Alice Barnett Continuing from last year

Treasurer:- Laura Dick Continuing from half way through 2010

Committee: -
Continuing form last year, Keri Neilson, Keri Wheaton, Vern McAuley

New on committee:- Stacy Hobson, Tiffany Brown, Tane Desmond, Debbie Tucker, and last but not least Katrina Crowe who has returned after a couple of year's break from main committee but has been on the training sub committee.

Ever consider what dogs must think of us? Here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul--chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!"
- Anne Tyler

Committee selected jobs for the year.

Keri Neilson:- will be the show results recorder, a points system. You send all your results of clear rounds and placing from all shows you attend Ribbon trails and champ shows between the 1st of November till the 31st of October and Keri will do the rest. Just how you do this Keri will let us know when she has it up and running in the mean time keep all your results. There are trophy's at the end of the year to be won for highest points in all level's.

Keri Wheaton:- that's me, I will be helping Katrina Crowe take over my long time job of organizing Show ribbons/Trophies/Judges contracts. Also the clear round patches that are given out at the end of the year. Once again keep a record of all your clear rounds through out the year from the 1st of November till the 31st of October then let Katrina know how many you have and what patch you want. More about that later in the year as you don't need to let her know until November.

Vern McAuley:- Is your new NALA/Link Co-ordinator. Link is run on the second Thursday of each month anyone can run the course but only Nala member's time results will be recorded. To know more about link and what it is please ask Vern he will be more than happy to explain.

Michelle Hodges:- Is the instructor Co-ordinator and will be looking for instructor's please don't run away if you see her coming your way.

Stacy Hobson:- Is one of 5 on the Show Sub-Committee this is where the organization of the shows WAG run each year is done. We run 2 championship shows and a ribbon trial each year.

Tiffany Brown:- is the new Membership/Enrolment personal please see Tiffany if you have any membership training fee's which are due or anything else to do with Enrolments.

Tane Desmond:- has taken over from Vern the Equipment room if you are not sure where anything is or where it goes Tane is the man to see (when he learns himself where it all goes). WAG members can hire equipment on a week to week basis see Tane about this also.

Debbie Tucker:- is the new clubroom caretaker.

Katrina Crowe:- has taken on the website as her partner Matt is the computer wiz and set up the one we have now. Katrina and I will also be doing the newsletter.

Laura Dick:- (Treasurer) is the person to see if you want to know about or require any uniforms.

Off Committee Jobs

Heather Braybrook:- is the club captain for new member's, or anyone else, she will show you how to become an NZKC member, how to enter shows or anything else you might want to know or put you onto the right person. You need to be an NZKC member to compete at Championship shows. See Heather.

Susan Mckay:- is our Flygility co-ordinator, flygility is a fast fun sport to do with your dog it is on Monday nights but not every Monday if you would be interested to learn more please see Susan for more details. Also the relatively new sport of Rally-O.

Nick Chester:- has stayed on the Show Sub-Committee.

If you want to know anything about any of the above please ask anyone of the committee or your instructor and they will put you onto the right person if they cant help.

President's Report

Welcome to training for 2011.

I thought I could start by telling you all a bit about myself – some of you know me but some of you may not.

I have been a member of WAG since 1993 and have had a strong history of working within the club including, Instructing, committee, running of shows and public displays. I have trained 5 dogs to enjoy the sport of agility (some of them better than others). I live on a small rural property with my husband Tom, Jazz my retired old boy and Nemo who I currently train and compete with.

Training with the club has come such a long way since it started. A lot of people have put time and knowledge into the training material that we use in our classes today. This has helped make training a rewarding and positive experience for both dog and owner. I am looking forward to working with the committee of 2011, there are some old hands (length of time on committee not age ☺) to help steer the way. Also there are some new and enthusiastic members who are willing to give up their time to learn the ins and outs of the club, to continue to make it a place for people to enjoy and have fun with their dogs. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nick for all his hard work over the last few years and his dedication to our sport.

Sandy Rostron
President

Term dates for 2011

Term 1 3 Feb to 7 April
Term 2 28 April to 30 June
Term 3 21 July to 22 September
Term 4 13 October to 15 December

Term 2 instructor's not complete yet.

Foundation Need 2

Basic's Need 2

Skills Joanne, Michelle, Heather.

Development Keri W need one more

Competition Sandy.

Up coming event

April 2nd 3rd WAG Champ show this is our show and is a good opportunity for new member's to see how a show is run. We always require as much help as possible to run a show there are many jobs that need doing over 3 rings and often the setting up of a 4th ring. Please let Nick know if you are available to help. We also require some baking to be sold in the canteen this is also needed and greatly appreciated the last show we did a system which worked well if your surname begins with between A and L bring something Saturday and if between M and Z bring something Sunday or you can bring both days if you wish.

FROM THE TUCKER FAMILY (INCLUDING BOSCO AND SPRAT)

This is a thank you to all club members for their support and thoughts after losing everything in a house fire in February. As a family we were overwhelmed with the help and support that we have received from the club. We are gradually getting our lives back on track. Geoff and I have moved to a house in Te Awamutu, Dayna (Ollie's mum) and Amanda have found a house in Hamilton and have settled in. Bosco and Sprat have both settled into their new surroundings. I think Bosco is enjoying not being at the motel and having some space to run although I know he is missing his friend Sprat. Once again it has been humbling to know so many people care and are willing to help when something like this happens to you. Words just don't seem enough but THANK YOU

Debbie, Geoff, Dayna, Amanda, Ollie, Jack, Bosco and Sprat.



Club Sponsor



Bosco

Show Results

Tokoroa 8/9 January

Jumpers C 1

- 1st Susan McKay & Shakira Maxi
- 2nd Diana Bird & Bounce Maxi
- 6th Kim Orlando-Reep Relko Skyhawk Midi

Jumpers C 2

- 3rd Kim Orlando-Reep & Scud

Jumpers B

- 4th Sandy Rostron & Nemo Midi
- 5th Vern McAuley Xena Maxi

Jumpers B 2

- 4th Vern McAuley Xena Maxi
- 5th Tiffany Brown & Kyla Midi

Starter's 2

- 2nd Kim Orlando-Reep & Scud Midi

Intermediate 2

- 4th Vern McAuley & Xena Maxi
- 5th Tiffany Brown & Kyla Midi

Senior 2

- 5th Susan McKay & Phantom
- 6th Keri Neilson & Rain

Jumper A 2

- 3rd Keri Neilson & Rain

NorWest 22/23 January

Starters 2

- 2nd Irene Sealey & Sapphire Mini/Micro

Intermediate 3

- 1st John Muir Hiflya Midi

Jumpers B

- 4th Tiffany Brown & Kyla

Jumpers C

- 1st Alan McClumpha & Mac Maxi
- 3rd Susan McKay & Shakira Maxi
- 1st Joanne Dale & Shelby Midi

Otago 29/30 January

- Keri & Rain Intermediat 1 1st Senior 1 1st Senior
- 2 1st Senior 3 9th

Hawera

Intermediate 1

- 4th Keri Neilson & Rain
- 5th Tiffany Brown & Kyla

Senior 1

- 2nd Keri Neilson & Rain
- 5th Tiffany Brown & Kyla

Jumpers B

- 1st Tiffany Brown & Kyla Midi

Elementary B

- 1st Tane Desmond & Flick **First Run**

Toupo 5th/6th February

Intermediate 1

- 2nd Keri Neilson & Rain Midi

Senior 1

- 3rd Vern McAuley & Xena Maxi

Jumpers B 1

- 1st Tiffany Brown & Kyla Midi

Jumpers C 1

- 2nd Irene Sealey & Sapphire Mini/Micro

Starters 2

- 3rd Irene Sealey & Sapphire Mini/Micro

Intermediate 2

- 3rd Susan McKay & Phantom Maxi

Senior 2

- 4th Susan McKay & Phantom Maxi
- 5th Joanne Small & Breeze Maxi

- 1st Keri Neilson & Rain Midi

Starters 3

- 3rd Keri Nielson & Stevie Midi

- 4th Irene Sealey & Sapphire Mini/Micro

Senior 3

- 5th Vern McAuley & Xena Maxi

Jumpers A 2

- 4th Keri Neilson & Rain

Jumpers B 2

- 1st Fiona Ferrar & Cannon Maxi

- 3rd Susan McKay & Phantom Maxi

Jumpers C 2

- 4th Irene Sealey & Sapphire Mini/Micro

Cambridge 12/13 Febuary

Novice 1

- 1st Bernie McClumpha & Stevie Midi
- 2nd Melanie Held & Lacey Midi
- 3rd Kim Orlando-Reep Spider Midi

Novice 2

- 3rd Kim Orlando-Reep & Spider

Intermediate 1

- 1^s Keri Neilson & Rain Midi (handled Deb Jackson)

Intermediate 2

- 1st Keri Neilson & Rain Midi (handled Deb Jackson)

Senior 1

- 2nd Fiona Ferrar & Sharky

Jumpers C

- 1st Alan McClumpha & Mac Maxi
- 3rd Kim Orlando-Reep & Spider Midi
- 3rd Irene Sealey & Sapphire Mini/Micro

Jumpers B

- 1st Susan McKay & Phantom Maxi
- 3rd Sandy Rostron & Nemo Midi

YKC Under 12 Novice

- 1st Caitlin Frater & Brink
- 3rd Caitlin Frater & Coal Creek Size McFree Kwen C



Tane & Flick



Tauranga/Mt Champ show

Tane and Flick's second show 1st in Starters and 3rd in Jumper's C Well done Tane and Flick off to a great start.

Senior 1st Susan and Phantom 4th Vern and Xena.

I apologize if anyone has been missed there are just so many results to go through
Most show results in the future will be found either on our website or on the dog agility website
Both address's can be find in the websites of interest.

Alan McClumpha and
Melanie Held were
Married at a ceremony
in the Hamilton gardens
on Saturday the 19th March.



Fiona Ferrar

Has done it again
Made up her 3rd Agility Champion



Our newest champion!

On a fine January Sunday in Wanganui, Fiona Ferrar and Sharky got their 6th challenge certificate to qualify for the title of agility champion. This special achievement is made even more impressive by the fact that Sharky is the third dog that Fiona has made up to agility champion – the first two being Jay and Cannon. Fiona is the only WAG handler to have made up more than one dog to champion.



Those of us at the Wanganui show made sure that Fiona got the traditional thorough drenching at prize giving. Luckily it was a lovely hot day and Fiona took this with grace, being soaked with buckets of water while sitting in a paddling pool!

Sharky gained this title age 3 ½ years old and has since earned challenge number 7 so is already on his way to the next goal – Agility Grand Champion!

Congratulations Fiona and AgCh Rainstar Shark Attack!

To learn more about WAG's agility champions check out the photo boards and the new champion's board in the club rooms.



- Keri Neilson.

WAG has another GRAND Agility Champion Congratulation Keri & Rain



The club is extremely proud of our latest Agility Grand Champion Rain and her owner Keri Neilson. Rain is the fourth dog from WAG to achieve this elite title. To accomplish this title takes a lot of quality training, a strong bond, consistent criteria and fast, clean competition runs! Rain is only 6 years old and has already had time off for a litter of puppies (all of which are competing in agility and doing very well!).

It is a joy to watch these two compete as Keri makes getting around the tricky courses appear so effortless. Keri has done such a fabulous job with her training that Rain knows exactly what is expected of her whether it be hard weave entries, pull-throughs, getting her contacts or staying put on the start line. Rain is a superb example of what positive and innovative dog training can achieve and Keri selflessly shares all her training methods and tips down at club. I am sure Keri and Rain will continue to dominate the high levels of our sport for a long time yet and be an inspiration to us all.

- Ali Barnett

For the newbie's that don't know when you make a dog up to a Champion or Grand Champion you are bucketed with buckets of water which of course happened to Keri that day and also she was sprayed with party string. There were not many WAG member's there that day(just a few) at NorWest so very quickly a meeting was arranged at Sandy's place for later unbeknown to Keri, she was to call over on the way home. Still unaware she innocently walked in the gate and was meet by a stampede of once again bucket's of water. So she was double drenched that day. But thankfully Sandy had a nice hot shower waiting.



Permanent Number's

We are moving into getting our own permanent number's for competition you can register at www.dogagility.org.nz/ too get your permanent Agility number (just follow the instructions) which can be used at the WAG show. You will still be allocated a number if you have not yet registered.

Please take note that when putting gear away please take care and be careful not to damage it practically when putting the contact gear on the trailer please don't slide the rubber chipped gear lift it. If you are not sure where something goes please ask don't just put it where there is a gap because that gap could be for something else.

Safety at Melville Park

- Do not leave valuables in vehicles
 - Always lock your vehicle
 - Keep your dog secure and safe at all times.
- There has been break-in's too vehicles in the past.

Parking on the grounds on club nights is restricted too committee and instructor's only, with a couple of exception's for disability's or invited guest's.

Website's of interest

waikatoagility.co.nz/

www.dogagility.org.nz/

www.petworkz.co.nz

<http://www.nala.org.nz/>

Snippets

WAG has donated \$200.00 too the Christchurch SPCA.

Don't forget our April Show 2nd 3rd Baking required for the canteen both days.

The new Champion's Honor's boards has been completed on the clubroom wall .



And we still love them