



OUR POST

Official Newsletter of Thames Dog Training Club Summer 2010

From the Chair

The report from the chair is (unusually!!) late (again) for this newsletter, for which I must apologise.

It is just me, or has this been an exceptionally busy summer!? It appears that we have been away every weekend since Crufts almost!! One of our clients referred to Carol and me as “part time pykies” a few days ago – I think she may be right!

Our Agility show this year went off without a hitch and was, yet again, a resounding success for the Club and for the agility fraternity alike. I was only aware of one complaint received (by email) to the Secretary and that was from a member of the public who thought it was terrible that she wasn't allowed in and couldn't get past our 'security'! Oh Well! On behalf of the Show Committee, Ava Holloway, Jeff Holloway, Sally Edney, Veronica Brown, Carol Dicker, Kate Austin, Dave Jolly, Lynn F-M and Norma Summersby, can I say a huge “Thank you” to all our members, their friends and families who were roped in to help us out at the show. We cannot do it without you, and it certainly would not be as professional as it is if you weren't there.

Our numbers for the show were significantly down this year, by approximately £2000 in revenue terms, and on the face of it, we have unfortunately made a loss of £490. I believe from speaking to other show organisers that they too are suffering from the recession as well.

With a show of our size and calibre, all rosettes and trophies are ordered months in advance. The time in-between closing date and the show is just too short to get the number of rosettes and trophies needed done in time. Consequently we over-ordered for what was actually needed at the show for both rosettes and trophies to the tune of just about £1600.

However, we had the foresight some years ago to NOT date any of those items so they can be reused for either next year's Agility show, or indeed for the Obedience show which comes up early next month. In fact, I do not see us ordering either 'Placed' or 'Clear Round' rosettes for a number of years, and so that will represent a considerable saving over those years. Although not knowing the exact figure at the time, with a change of Government and increased taxation possible, we decided to order large this year – it transpires that this was a smart move since with the over-ordered items we have saved a further 2½% VAT element as that will rise to 20% on Jan 1st 2011.

Taking all this into account, in real terms, the £490 loss made by the agility show can in fact be “adjusted” to approximate a £1110 profit. Comparable to past years and including the revenue figure, £3000 - £3500 is about right.

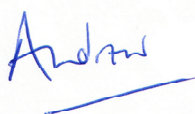
Staying with Agility, may I congratulate the Medium Team on winning not just one, but TWO team events qualifying them for Crufts. It is brilliant that ALL the team members have now been in a winning team at some point and so worthy winners. The medium team is Carol Dicker & Mali, Natasha Wise & Dizzy, Lin Abbot & Hattie, Sarah Woodley & Rocky and Russell Trayling & Chester.

Also at Crufts this year will be Natasha & Dizzy and Carol & Mali who have both won Medium CCs this year. Let's hope it's not too long before the rest of us mere mortals reach those dizzy heights!!

And staying with Natasha & Dizzy, as winners and World Champions in Austria last year, they have automatically qualified for the World Champs again this year in Reiden, Bavaria, Germany, from 1-3 October 2010. VERY good luck to you both, we are all very proud of you.

Our focus now turns to the Obedience section and for our Championship Obedience show in September. ALL help will be gratefully received and if you are able to help in any way, shape or form, can you let Becky Coleman or Sandra Curry know on Monday Nights. I know that with all your help, we will continue to have the reputation of putting on large, very organised and professional shows, a reputation I am keen to uphold.

Finally a big thank you to all our members – the Club is running at almost capacity in both Agility & Obedience sections. The fact that both training nights are well attended is testament to the trainers and your belief in them, so thank you all. Can I wish everyone in the Club as very successful second half of the year.



Dates for your Diary

Agility Training Closed - August 17th, Sept 28th, Dec 21st & 28th

Agility Winter League - 2010 October 16th & November 27th 2011 January 22nd
February 26th

Quiz Night - October 23rd

Agility Instructor Training Day - Tuesday 28th December



2011 is the 50th Birthday of Thames DTC. The committee would like to arrange some celebrations, and would be grateful for members suggestions. Please pass on any ideas to any of the committee members (contact details are at the end of this newsletter)

Congratulations!!

Massive congrats to Lucy Clifton and Pie for going G7 at our very own show by winning Don Nunn's G6 jumping, and to Carol Dicker and Mali on their first CC at Axstane. Lots of love, Virginia xx

I just want to say well done for Carol & Mali for winning their first ticket at Axstane. CRAZY! All the best for the rest of the season Lucy & Pie xx

"I just want to say a big thank you to those who have supported me in getting Pie to Grade 7. It's not been easy despite what some people think. And to all those who didn't believe in us and put me down - I've proven you wrong! The people who have helped should know who they are :) Lucy Clifton xx"



(Photo Courtesy of Alison Wells)

**Carol Dicker & Carandmar Charisma (Mali)
Axstane 2010 Medium Championship Winners!**

Agility Winter League 2010/2011

It has always been the 'rule' of all the clubs that participate in our Winter League that those handlers competing are **regular** training members of one of those clubs. To this end, the Thames committee have made the decision that 'regular' means at least 50 per cent attendance at agility training during the previous year.

Agility Training Equipment

If you wish to borrow any of the agility equipment, please discuss your requirements with the Equipment Managers Mark Painter and Anthony Ward. They will be able to advise you if the equipment is available, and how long for. Please ensure any equipment borrowed is returned in good order and when requested.

The Hampshire Rally 2010 (Obedience)

Thames entered the rally for the second year, the competition being very strong between, Andover, Eastleigh, Basingstoke, Newbury, Winchester, Haslemere, Petersfield and Thames.

It is always held at the War Memorial Park Basingstoke, a really nice open venue. Hurray for "sat navs" which got us there very efficiently plus Sandra's very good instructions. Sandra had worked hard to put a strong team together to compete in the senior and junior cups.

Classes included were:

Starters , pre-beginner with Ming and Jelly, Margaret and Abbie, Marilyn and Bronte
Primary pre-beginner with Linda and Havva, Ray and Milo, Allison and Jelly
Elementary, Beginners, Jane and Lucy, Laura and Tali, Gemma and Grace
Intermediate Novice, Pam and Bo, Val and Jovi, Maggie and Badger,
Advanced, A, Pam and Bo, Val and Jovi, Sandra and CJ,
High Flyers, B, Teresa and Lu, Enid and Jane, Becky and Tilly,
Super Dogs, C, Teresa and Lu, Enid and Jane, Maggie and Danny, it was a special day for Danny as it was his birthday and he was brought out of retirement especially for the rally. He performed so well and was just outside the placings.

We arrived bright and early and it was all hands to the deck to put up Pam's large marquee. We were glad we had two men for the high bits and Becky to organize us. The weather was not great, very windy and cold with no sun to warm us up. Sandra had organized us all to bring food and we had a great feast ranging from breakfast to lunch and tea. The wind increased somewhat and unfortunately we nearly lost the food and marquee but for fast hands and feet to the rescue. We eventually had to put all the food into Sandra's tent and dismantel the marquee to prevent its total collapse.

Thank you to Thames for supplying club shirts, I didn't get to show mine off as I had five layers on because I was "soo" cold

We were really pleased with the results as several of us won places, with Gemma & Gracie taking 1st place, we did have a couple of “if onlys” in the senior team which was unfortunate.

Results

Junior cup 4th
Senior cup 5rd
Overall 3rd

Places with Rosettes

Starters, Margaret and Abbie 6th
Primary, Linda and Hava 4th
Elementary, Gemma and Grace 1st
Intermediate, Val and Jovi 6th
High Flyers, Enid and Janie 5th

It is good to work as a team and we must thank our trainers for their continued support and expert training. We couldn't attain without the dogs they are always by our sides-----or should be!!!

Margaret Yerby

Your Post!

Are you happy receiving your newsletter through the post, or would you prefer to receive it a few days earlier by e mail? Please email the editor at sally_edney@o2.co.uk with the subject title 'Thames Newsletter' if you would prefer to receive your newsletter by e mail.

Do you have anything you would like included in the newsletter? If so, please either e mail the editor at sally_edney@o2.co.uk or send it to: Sally Edney, 20 Charlecote Close, Farnborough, Hants, GU14 7EG

Thames DTC Agility Points

The agility season is now well on its way and the competition for the Thames Agility Points Trophies is hotting up! If you would like to enter your points for places gained at agility shows, please send your results to Alison Wells by emailing the form attached at the end of this newsletter to alisonwells@ntlworld.com or by handing it to Alison at training. ***Please remember that points should be submitted within a calender month of the show they were gained at.***

AGILITY POINTS 2010

Grade 1			Grade 2		
Handler & Dog	S/M/L	Total Points	Handler & Dog	S/M/L	Total Points
Lisa & Paws	L	219	Norma & Mia	L	315
Sally & Ben	L	88	Caroline & Ed	L	19
Amanda & Asher	L	64			

Grade 3			Grade 4		
Handler & Dog	S/M/L	Total Points	Handler	S/M/L	Total Points
Natasha & Jive	L	357	Jenny & Deacon	L	274
Sarah & Rocky	M	271	Andy & Skye	L	98
Claire & Gaffa	S	131	Russell & Chester	M	33
Peter & Abbie	L	105			
Caroline & Dice	L	62			
Jeff & Missy	L	23			

Grade 5			Grade 6		
Handler	S/M/L	Total Points	Handler & Dog	S/M/L	Total Points
Dave & Shaun	L	169	Helen & Digger	L	216
Kate & Fly	L	57	Jeff & Harry	L	166
			Lucy & Pie	L	162
			Kate & Mirk	L	72

Grade 7			Junior		
Handler & Dog	S/M/L	Total Points	Handler	S/M/L	Total Points
Natasha & Dizzy	M	1089			
Helen & Mitch	L	330			
Dave & Moss	L	322			
Jim & Panda	L	89			

AnySize			Veteran		
Handler	S/M/L	Clear Rounds	Handler	S/M/L	Clear Rounds
Alison & Becky	L	8	Peter & Millie	L	3
Caroline & Flick	L	5			
Doug & Sophie	L	5			

Best Rescue			Clear Rounds		
Handler & Dog	S/M/L	Total Points	Handler & Dog	S/M/L	Total Points
Sarah & Rocky	M	271	Norma & Crumble	L	12
Lucy & Pie	L	162	Andy & Skye	L	11
Russell & Chester	M	33	Peter & Abbie	L	8
			Norma & Mia	L	7
			Claire & Gaffa	S	4
			Russell & Chester	M	2
			Helen & Mitch	L	2
			Lucy & Pie	L	1

Thames DTC Committee 2010

We all work hard to ensure the smooth running of the club on Monday & Tuesday evenings, along with Social evenings, Demonstrations, Training days for our instructors, Winter League, Newsletters and Charity Fund Raising. This year we will have the additional task of putting together celebrations for the club and it's members as Thames DTC Celebrates it's 50th Birthday in 2011. We have 6 committee meetings a year January, March, May, July, September, and November & the AGM in Feb.

This year's committee are:-

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Responsibilities

- Obedience – Steve Devaney & Sandra Curry
- Agility – Carol Dicker & Natasha Wise
- Membership Secretary – Sally Edney
- Social Events – Alison Wells, Norma Summersby & Sarah Woodley
- Agility Diploma Nights – Mark Painter & Lynda Lewis
- Agility Points – Alison Wells
- Newsletter – Sally Edney
- Agility Equipment - Mark Painter & Anthony Ward
- Winter League – Alison Wells
- Website – Steve Devaney & Andrew Dicker
- Thames Clothing – Andrew Dicker
- Charity Fund Raising – Margaret Yerby & Sarah Woodley
- Catering – Norma Summersby & Margaret Yerby
- Show reports – Ava Holloway
- Thames 50th Birthday celebrations - All

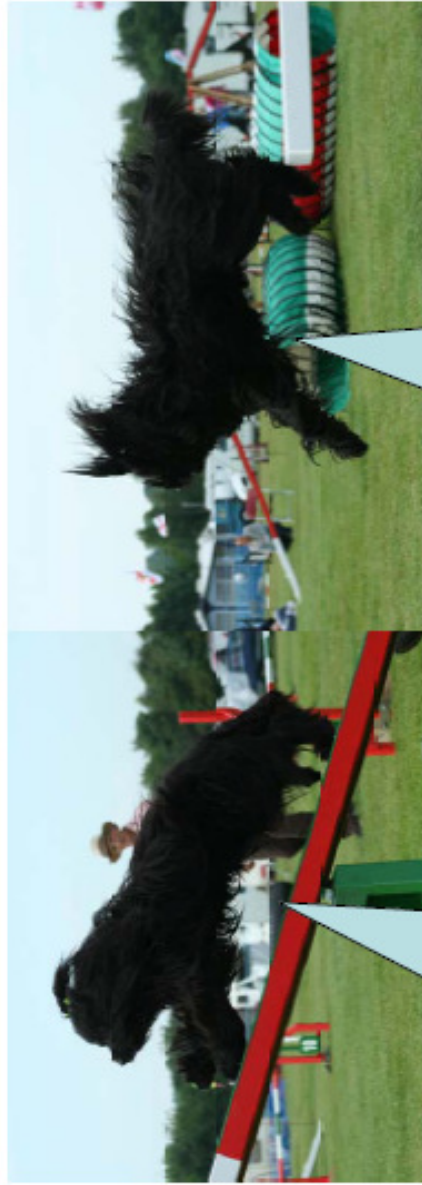


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