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## **Class Times**

**Note: Intake for new members is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month**

Beginners/Newcomers and Novice and above Classes: 9.00am to 9.45am

Intermediate and CCD Classes: 9.45am to 10.45am

**Every Sunday – Beginner Class: 9.00am – 9.45am**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fun Agility 9.45 am (Beginners 9.00 am & Intermediate 9.45 am class only Obedience, no other obedience classes)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Obedience 9.45 am to 10.45 am, Committee meeting 11am

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Obedience 9.45 am to 10.45 am, Agility/Rally-O 10.45am to 11.45am

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Obedience 9.45am to 10.45am, Graduation practise: 10.45am to 11.45am

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## **Heat Policy**

When the weather forecast for Sunday in the Northern Country is 36 deg, or above as declared on the prior Saturday night, there will be no training on Sunday morning even if the weather forecast is revised.

## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

On behalf of the SDODC Committee I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe New Year. Have a good break over the Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all back at training in February.

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Club Website: [www.sheppartonobedience.net](http://www.sheppartonobedience.net)

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# REMINDER

Memberships for 2019 are now due. The membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> September each calendar year.

Membership Fees are due for Renewal until 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

If you fail to renew before 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019, you will be required to pay the joining fee again.

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# Kildare Jip

22 December 2009 – 14 November 2018

Peter and I travelled to Donald to choose a pup from a litter with three females. It took me less than ten seconds to decide which pup to purchase - and that was the best decision I have ever made! For the first ten months, Jip was the pup we took for walks and tried to teach to come, sit and walk somewhere close by. In October 2010, I joined the Shepparton and District Dog Obedience Club for some specialized training and soon realized that she was up to the task, gaining first place in her first graduation and highest scoring dog of the month award.

I wasn't going to return the following year - but as I was leaving the Christmas Break Up, Marg. asked if I would be back the next year. I decided that Our Club is a very friendly place, so I returned. Several months later, Darryl told me I should trial with "that dog" - not interested, said I. Then Julie took some members to Bulla to see a Rally O trial. On the way home, she convinced us that our dogs could do all of what we had seen there - with the result that Sharon Allen and I became members of Dogs Victoria, so that we could begin trialling. My first trial was in Albury and Jip was the last dog to trial that day (a long nervous wait) and gained first place. Oh boy, was I hooked on trialling! Next morning, only confirmed her standing, with a second place, on a count back. By 2014, she had her CDX title and in 2015, her first UD pass.

Meanwhile, Jip did many other elements - gaining titles in Agility, Jumping & Endurance. She also did dancing, scent work and learned many tricks; her favourite was to do a 360 degree walk backwards around me! The hardest to train for was to pick up a number of quoits one at a time and put them on the pole. Another wonderful memory of Jip comes from an 'Instruction Day' at Bendigo Dog Club, where she (as volunteer patient) lay very still and calm while most of her body was bandaged. Another most memorable sight was Julie & Jasper, Sharon & Mia and Jip with myself working our dogs at the same time - particularly with Mia and Jip passing each other in a tunnel!

Despite many, many attempts, Jip never gained another pass in UD (Utility Dog), a high level in Obedience. There was always some small mistake which she or I made. In May 2018, we were given the shattering news that Jip had advanced liver cancer. Although she was happy and comfortable to continue trialling for a few more months, we believe her sight and sense of smell began to fail. Avoiding any unnecessary pain and stress, Jip was peacefully put to sleep on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

**"MAY JIP'S SPIRIT OF UNCONDITIONAL DEVOTION LIVE ON - IN MANY OTHER DOGS."  
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*By Helen Vernon*

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## **GRADUATION RESULTS: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

### **Intermediate: Judge – Leigh Williams**

(Qualifying score – 170 points)

<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Tracey Simmons	Scarlett	158 NQ
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Karen Rath	Tipsy	95 NQ
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Mel Hogeboom	Luna	78 NQ

### **Community Companion Dog: Judge – Helen Vernon**

(Qualifying score – 85 points)

<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Heidi Raschle	Max	95
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Darryl Walker	Casey	85
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Teagan Menhenett	Pip	83 NQ

### **Novice: Judge - Julie Rafferty**

(Qualifying score – 170 points)

<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Helen Vernon	Lill	138 NQ
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Sharon Daivis	Hannah	118 NQ

### **Open: Judge – Julie Rafferty**

(Qualifying score – 170 points)

<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Doug Freeman	Jenna	174
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Sharon Van Buuren	Molley	117 NQ
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Anthony Lockett	Alan	84 NQ

### **Agility: Judge - Sharon Allen**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Cheryl Jones	Sophie	32.98 sec / 7.5 faults
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Sharon Daivis	Monty	45.15 sec / 12.25 faults
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Helen Vernon	Lill	67.39 sec / 17.5 faults
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Anthony Lockett	Alan	32.79 sec / 22.5 faults

### **HIGHEST SCORING OBEDIENCE MEMBER NOVEMBER GRADUATION**

**Tracey Simmons & Scarlett**



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### **Beginner Class:**

Exercises are basic – loose lead walking, sit, stay, drop, recall and turns

### **Intermediate:**

Exercises same as Beginner Class plus –

- Heel pattern with Figure 8, Stand for Examination, Sit Stays, Stand and Drop, Change of Pace

### **Community Companion Dog – CCD:**

All of the above exercises to Trial level plus

- Dumbbell and Finish

### **Novice - CD:**

All of the above exercises to Trial level plus

- Change of Position, Off Lead work, longer timed Sit and Drop Stays

### **Open - CDX:**

All of the above exercises to Trial level plus

- Heel Free, Broad Jump, Dumbbell Retrieve over the Solid Jump, Dumbbell Retrieve on the Flat, Distance Control, Drop on Recall plus Out of Sight Sit and Drop Stays

### **Utility Dog and Utility Dog Excellent – UD & UDX:**

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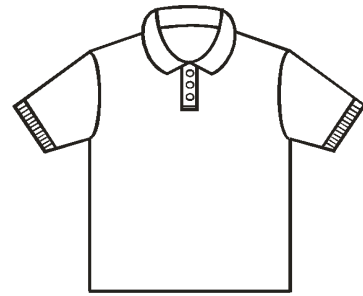
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- Club badges (enamel) \$6,50
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- Correction chains-quality steel, various prices
- Dog leads (soft) - from \$8.50
- Dumbbells -from \$10 (plastic, floats in water)
- Liver Treats \$3.50
- Pigs ears \$1.70
- Ponchos and Harnesses (various sizes)

## “Please give me space”

At some time, you will see someone wearing these vests. Please respect a member and their dog when wearing this fluoro yellow vest and keep a reasonable distance away from the dog. If possible attract the handler’s attention before approaching. Remember not all dogs are 100% confident or friendly, they may be scared, or reactive around other dogs, or being rehabilitated which is why they are attending the club classes. If you wish to use a vest please speak to one of the instructors.



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