

The Springwood Bark

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Howdy folks,

As some of you may know, BMCC is trialling 7 new off leash areas. Here is a list of the new areas.

WHITLEY PARK, BLACKHEATH

Off Leash Exercise Area: Corner Wentworth and Prince George Streets

Days: Monday to Sunday

Times: 24 hours

Whitley Park is subject to a three (3) month trial only

KATOOMBA FALLS RESERVE, KATOOMBA

Off Leash Exercise Area: Lower Oval

Days: Monday to Friday - **Times:** Sunrise to 9:00am

Days: Weekends - **Times:** After 6:00pm

Except when Blue Mountains Cricket has booking

PITT PARK, WENTWORTH FALLS

Off Leash Exercise Area: Athletics Oval

Days: Monday to Friday - **Times:** Sunrise to 9:00am

Days: Weekends - **Times:** After 6:00pm

GOLF COURSE, LAWSON

Off Leash Exercise Area: Site as shown on sign

Days: Monday to Sunday

Times: 24 hours

TOM HUNTER PARK, FAULCONBRIDGE

Off Leash Exercise Area: Upper Athletics Field

Days: Monday to Friday - **Times:** Sunrise to 9:00am

Days: Weekends - **Times:** After 6:00pm

SUN VALLEY RESERVE

Off Leash Exercise Area: Eastern Section of Reserve

Days: Monday to Friday - **Times:** Sunrise to 9:00am

Days: Weekends - **Times:** After 6:00pm

LAPSTONE OVAL

Off Leash Exercise Area: Sportsground

Days: Monday to Friday - **Times:** Sunrise to 9:00am

During the twelve (12) month trial Council is interested to get community feedback on how the trial is going. All interested residents are encouraged to complete a survey which is available on their website.

COMMITTEE

Position	Incumbent	Instructors
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and Wally Campbell

Honorary Life Members: Pam Waters and Lesley Piggot

Patrons: David Brown



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FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

Welcome to winter – now just because it gets a little cooler, that is not a reason to forgo training. Just think of getting out in the nice crisp air and having a great time with your dog.

Speaking of having a great time, our Club has an Obedience Trial on 12th July, 2008 at Erskine Park (which is the Canine Council Dog Complex) and it takes quite a lot of people to run this event. Our club relies on its members who would like to give their time for the day to steward at our trial. Stewarding is not difficult and there are people on the day to show the way. A hot lunch is provided free of charge – so any member who would like to have a go please see Bill Sweeney at training (and if you do not know Bill just ask at the Sign In Table.

Well you may have noticed our Clubhouse looks a great deal cleaner and more organized – thanks to all the members who gave their time to achieve this. Now let us hope it continues to stay this way

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: People really need to realize that they can't have nice things AND A PUPPY.

**Lynn Olson
President**

Million Paws Walk Agility Demonstration – May 19th

Once again S.D.D.T.C wowed the crowd with their agility dogs and their antics. Maddie, Crystal, Abydos, Eisha, Delta, Charlie and Jemmie with their respective handlers braved the drop in temperature which is inevitable when you go to Melrose Park at Katoomba. Much to all the humans delight the temperature was better than expected. Naturally the dogs didn't really care.

By the time the course (which was based on the demonstration course at Crufts this year) was set up the crowd had grown quite significantly. Paula, our ever faithful narrator, educated the crowd to the life history of each dog and ad-libbed when the course set up differed from what the dog thought it should be! The dogs all went through the course twice with only one member of the crowd (a Goldie) thinking Crystal was a pretty good sort and tried to join her on the course. Crystal like a professional ignored this bohemian and was most put out when her handler, Jill stopped her mid course. The demo continued without further interruption.

The Pairs 'Clock' Race was hotly contested by each pair with re-runs being called for by the handler of the dogs that came second. The enjoyment by the dogs and their handlers was obvious by the smiles and continuous tail wagging and tongue panting – who was doing what I shall leave to your imagination!

Once again it was a mixture of experienced, beginner, old, young, pure bred, mixed breed, fast and slow agility dogs to show that everyone can enjoy the sport of agility at any level. We love to show this mixture at any of our demos so that 'Joe Public' can see that with little effort on their part they too can become a team with their dog and enjoy a fun sport.

Thank you to everyone who participated on the day from organizing, packing and unpacking the trailer, photographing the dogs to actually running the course. We hope to see all of you and some new faces next time we are demonstrating how to have fun with your dog.
Ann Lenehan

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Tel # _____ email _____

Number of tickets requested: _____ @ \$ 25.00 Total \$

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MAC'S MYSTERY MUTT

This breed's docile temperament and affectionate nature endear it to many, its vivacity and spirit make it a favourite the world over.

Originally much larger than today, these dogs were used as sheepdogs throughout the world. Their ancestors weighed as much as 30 lbs, much larger than our much loved Lilliputian of today.

The breed is a descendant of the German Spitzan and is the smallest from this sled pulling family. Its name came from a town in Germany. Queen Victoria fell in love with this breed and pushed for its exhibition in England.

Compact and short coupled, possesses a well knit tiny frame. The head and nose are foxy in outline. The coat is very abundant – the outer coat is long and perfectly straight, harsh in texture, the undercoat is soft and fluffy.

Colours – any of 12 colours – black, brown, chocolate, beaver, red, orange, cream, orange sable, wolf sable, blue, white or particolour.

HEIGHT: 11 INCHES - 28 CM.

WEIGHT: 3.7 lbs. – 1.5 – 3.5 kg.

WHO AM I?

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MACS MYSTERY MUTT COMPETITION WILL BE DRAWN ON THE LAST WEEK OF THE MONTH. PLACE YOUR ENTRY IN THE BOX ON THE SIGN IN TABLE.

GRADUATIONS

Beginners to Brown

Penny Reeve and Chooti
Michele Benson and Kouta
Helen and Matt Truscott and Joey
Diana Hadfield and Molly
Tim Boxwell and Blaze

Brown to Orange

Ella Ibbitson and Phoebe
Erica Nysten and Daisy
Clare Dixon and Toby
Jade Arnold and Oscar
Karim Hussain and Molly
Phillip Murray and Demmie

Orange to Green

Chris Stewart and Esky
Caroline Vickey and Misty

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008

April	May	June
5 th Foundation Day, S'wood 16 th General Meeting 19 th Clubhouse Cleanup 25 th Anzac Day, S'wood	21 st Committee Meeting 18 TH RSPCA Million Paws Walk, Katoomba	18 th General meeting
July	August	September
5 th Interclub challenge 12 th SDDTC Obedience Trial, Erskine Park 16 th Committee Meeting	21 st Annual General Meeting	17 th Committee Meeting
October	November	December
18 th SDDTC Agility Trail, Lomatia Park	Pet Expo, Rose Hill	Fun night Presentation Dinner

Meetings are held at the Red Cross Hall, Macquarie Rd,
Springwood 7.30pm

MESSAGE BOARD**Beginner's Ribbons**

If you just finished the beginners course and did not receive a ribbon go and see your old instructor and they will give you one, if you can't find your instructor then inquire at the store or the table.

Wet Weather

Just a reminder that training is on for beginners every week even if it is sprinkling!! If in doubt call the club secretary, Leanne on 4754 2910. For all other members, if it's raining at 6pm then training is off. OVAL CLOSURES PH COUNCIL ON 47805617

**Badges**

All members (including instructors) should wear their badges every week, if you loose your badge there is a replacement fee of \$2.50. New badges are purchased from Wally at the front table.

Sign-On Book

To satisfy the conditions of our public liability insurance every member and instructor is required to sign the attendance register at the table each time they attend training or a club function (including obedience, flyball, agility and community outings). **Please be aware that you are responsible for any damage or injury occurring to any persons or dog during training times.**

Free Raffle

Don't forget to ask for your raffle ticket when you pay your \$3 ground fees at the sign on book.

If you have any interesting, dog related articles suitable for the newsletter, feel free to give them to Penny Williamson. Or you can email them to us at info@sddtc.org or post them to:
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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Springwood Demonstration Team

Any member interested in being a part of the Springwood Demonstration Team, which will be performing at the Pet and Animal Expo at Rosehill Racecourse in November, please fill in your name and dog's name at the bottom of this form and return to the SIGN ON TABLE on any training night or email to 'sofalegs@ozemail.com.au.

CRITERIA

All work is on lead

Dogs must be bomb proof (in other words able to work with balloons, children yelling and any other noise you can think of.

Dogs must be able to get along with ALL other dogs.

Dogs must be able to be patted and generally touched all over by adoring people.

So if you think you would like to participate and ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME, do add your name to the form and return it.

Training will be one night a fortnight – so please give this some thought and remember THIS IS YOUR CLUB SO COME AND HAVE A GO.

NAME OF DOG

NAME OF HANDLER