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Feb/Mar	magazine	copy deadline	Jan 29 th
April/May	magazine	copy deadline	March 19 th
June/July	magazine	copy deadline	May 21 st
Aug/Sept	magazine	copy deadline	July 23 rd
Oct/Nov	magazine	copy deadline	Sept 17 th
Dec/Jan	magazine	copy deadline	Nov 19 th

MEMBERSHIPS

Run from
1st Sept to 31st Aug.

Membership form at
back of newsletter.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to another year and hopefully it will be one we look back on and remember as being one that was special, for whatever reason.

In 2010 The Victorian Gundog Club will celebrate over 100years of Field Trialling in Australia. How things have changed in that time. Back in the early 1900's the Trial results were written up in the Melbourne papers. Letters to the Editor caused much discussion, and a good dog found it and its master notoriety.

People travelled in Furniture Vans to the Trial site. Competitors, dogs, Judges, spectators all crammed in as they had no other way to get there.

To commemorate the starting of Trialling the VGC is organising a day of celebration incorporating a competition between Pointers & Setters and the Utility Dog fraternity. A Retrieving Trial will also run simultaneously, with the celebrations running on into the evening.

Please see inside the magazine for more information.

As has become tradition our committee met at the Presidents home for our first meeting of the year and partook of fine steaks, supplied by Master Butcher, Ray Matthews and fine wine from the cellars of our Secretary. The day started out at 37 degrees but by the time we came to meet the temperature had dropped significantly with threatening storm clouds. During our meeting the rain poured on the roof of the veranda and we couldn't make ourselves heard, no one cared it was good to see the heat broken!

The mood of the committee is very positive for a good year ahead, everyone feeling that 2010 will be the year that we shall remember. I am expecting a bumper Trial season for all disciplines and as always our shows are in the most capable hands.

Lets get out there and promote our Gundogs, we know that our breeds are the best so let's tell people about it.

I hope all members have a fantastic year. I look forward to catching up with as many as possible at the Trials & Shows.

Stephen Sapsead

OUR COVER DOG

'COOPER' RTCH Coalsgarth Cooper is owned by Chris Van Eekelen and was named after his breeder Maureen Cooper who sadly passed away in 2008. He is 4 years old and in 2009 he won 3 All Ages, placed 2nd twice and 3rd twice. He also won the Field and Game All Age shield at the Central Highlands trial in August last year.



Editor's Scribble

Happy New Year to you all - some lovely news to start our Gundog year - Prue Winkfield and her GSP bitch Joy gained their Retrieving Trial Championship title at the GSP Club's January trial. Prue bred Joy herself so as Rachel Greaves stated in her newsy email to me this "is a double celebration". Congratulations to Prue and Joy!

May many more members enjoy doggy success throughout 2010 in Field, Retrieving, Obedience, Showing or whatever your doggy pursuits are

And just for interest.....

I've taken on the task of collating membership forms and keeping the Club membership list. Thank you to Rachel Greaves who has done this for the last couple of years and passed on updated listings when magazine postage time came around.

I thought you may be interested to know what breeds our members have. I don't have a breed against all members but for those I do have here's a list (numbers refer to members, not dog numbers);

- 2 Brittany, 1 Chesapeake Bay Retriever, 1 Clumber Spaniel, 1 Cocker Spaniel, 2 English Setters, 32 English Springer Spaniels, 2 Field Spaniels, 2 Flat Coated Retrievers, 3 Golden Retrievers, 7 German Shorthaired Pointers, 3 Hungarian Vizslas, 6 Irish Setter, 1 Irish Water Spaniel, 23 Labrador Retrievers, 1 Lagotto, 1 Large Munsterlander, 5 Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers, 1 Pointer, 4 Weimaraners, 1 Weimaraner LH and 1 Welsh Springer Spaniel.

We currently have 123 members which includes 19 Life and Honorary members and our Patron. We also mail our newsletter to 16 Breed Clubs.

Apologies for this first newsletter of 2010 being out a little late - here's to a great Gundog year ahead.

Lee

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING AVAILABLE

\$30	front cover – offered to VGC members only (color)
\$20	inside front cover – offered to all (color) **
\$15	full page b & w – members
\$10	½ page b & w – members
\$20	full page b & w – non members
\$15	½ page b & w – non members

Front cover will operate on 'first in' basis and will allow for a ¼ page 'front cover' note within the magazine. Please contact the editor (Lee Petering) for advertising enquiries.

*** note that precedence for inside front cover is given to VGC show and trial winners and is not available every month ***

From the Secretary.

The VGC has declared 2010 as a year of celebration to mark over 100 years of organized gundog trials in Victoria. The main events will be held over the weekend of July 3rd/4th at Sentosa Game Reserve near Sale and will include retrieving trials, a field competition for pointing gundogs and a celebratory evening function.

Further details of these events, commemorative memorabilia and a historical booklet will be available soon – watch this space....

Rachel Greaves
Secretary

BENJI'S SNACKS FOR GUESTS

11 oz (300g) sausage meat
11oz (300g) breadcrumbs
1 tablespoon golden syrup
2 ½ fl oz (75ml) milk
1 tablespoon chopped oregano leaves
Oil for greasing
Flour for dusting

Knead all the ingredients to make a soft dough. If the dough is too sticky, add more breadcrumbs. Shape the dough into a ball, wrap in cling film and allow to rest in the fridge for 20 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 175C.

Grease six tartlet tins. Roll out the dough on a floured surface to about ¼ inch (5mm) thickness. Cut into circles and place these in the tartlet tins. Bake in the hot oven for about 30 minutes. Remove from the tins, place on a wire rack and allow to cool.

Recipe from 'Cooking for your Dog' – Ingeborg Pils



LAUGH STOP

The following was found posted very low on a refrigerator door.

Dear Dogs and Cats: The dishes with the paw prints are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Racing me to the bottom is not the object.. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort, however.. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other, stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out on the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, ***there is no secret exit from the bathroom!*** If, by some miracle, I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge in an attempt to open the door. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years - canine/feline attendance is not required.

The proper order for kissing is: Kiss me first, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough.



GREAT WORKING DOG STORIES

Angela Goode & Mike Hayes – ABC

BACK IN TOWN – Stella Till, Balaklava

We live in a small country town, in semi-retirement, so our tan kelpie, Toby, was kept on the farm where our son and his family live.

However, Toby went everywhere with my husband in his ute. The farm is about two miles as the crow flies, or about three by road, from our home.

At one stage, my husband had to go away for about three weeks. He took his ute and left Toby at the farm. He arrived back late on night and put the ute in the shed at the house in town. He left the shed door open.

Next morning, Toby was in the back of the ute waiting to go to work. He hadn't been to our place in town during those three weeks.

How did he know the ute was back? Could he smell it, or my husband, or both from that distance?

SIXTY MILES HOME – Clare Lawrie, Naracoorte

During the war years, most of us had to be useful, either indoors or out-of-doors.

To help my brother at Waikerie, in the Riverland, with the mustering for shearing, I travelled with my sheepdog, Kim, by train from Copeville in the Murray Mallee.

We had quite a few successful days getting the sheep together.

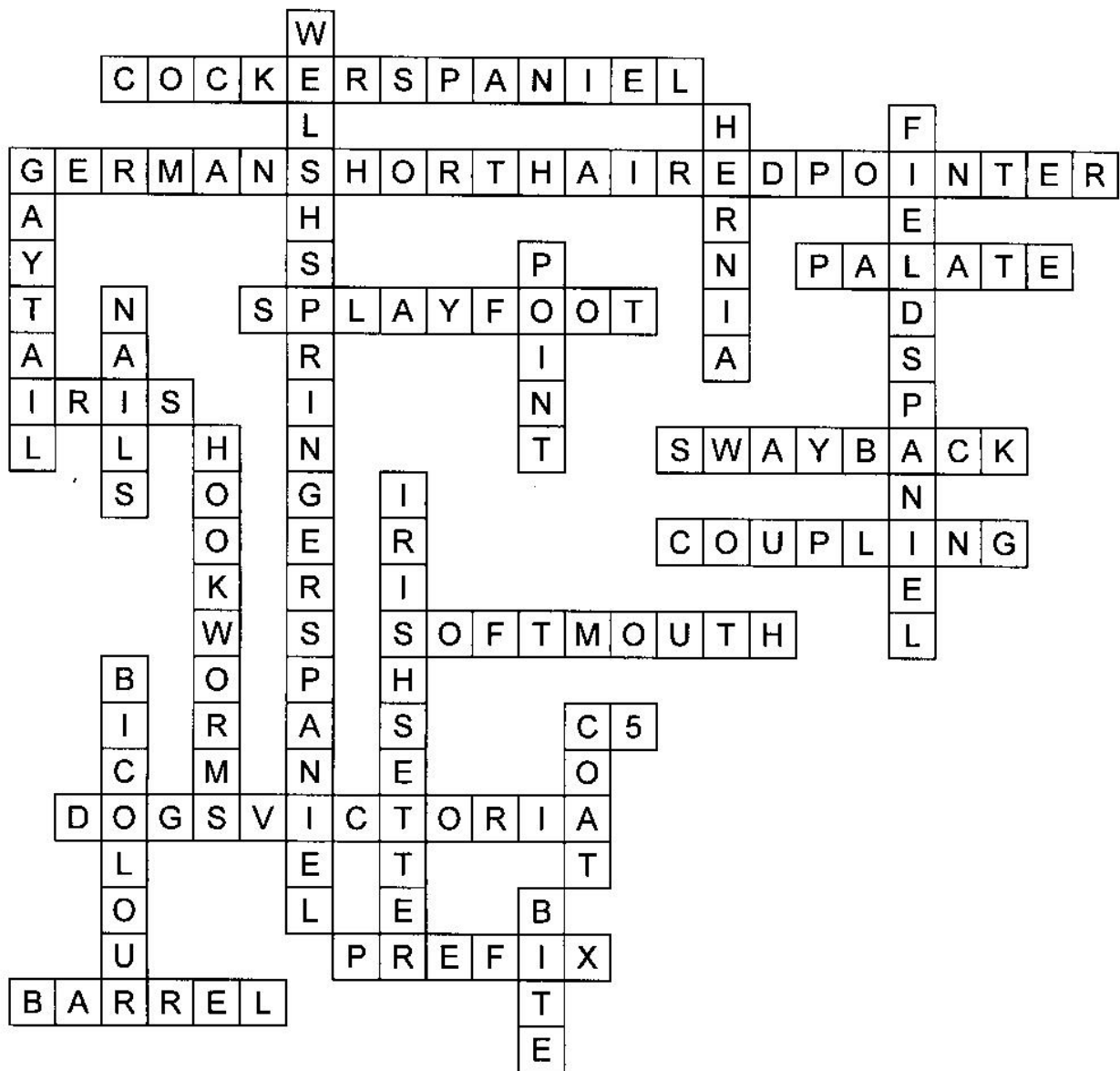
One evening, I forgot to tie Kim up. The next morning, he had gone. I rode all over the district trying to find him, with no luck.

Shearing ended and I went to Adelaide to meet my husband who was coming down on leave from the Darwin area.

A fortnight later, I had a phone call from my father at Copeville telling me that Kim had found his way home. He was very footsore and weary. Naturally, I was more than delighted to get the news. I have often wondered, though, how he did it. Copeville was over sixty miles from Waikerie.

Since Kim had travelled there in a dog box, he wouldn't have seen where he was going.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION - DEC 2009 / JAN 2010



GUNDOG TRAINING DAY

SUNDAY 7 MARCH 2010, 10am

ST. ANNES WINERY – Myrniong

64 Garrards Lane Just off Western Freeway (Exit C318)

The Retrieving and Field Trial Committee of Dogs Victoria is holding a Gundog training day for enthusiasts of all levels, with the purpose of helping train your dog for field and retrieving.

This is a multi-breed, multi-discipline day with discussions, demo's and practice on field trialling, retriever trialling, problem solving etc.

Victoria's top handlers and Trial judges and their dogs will be on hand to assist.

Participants will receive 'hands on' individual assistance and advice. This will be a chance to get help with basic training or adding polish to your dog.

*******FREE*******

BRING YOUR DOG, YOUR CHAIR AND YOUR LUNCH AND JOIN IN

NO CLUB OR ORGANISATION AFFILIATION REQUIRED JUST THE DESIRE TO GET MORE OUT OF YOURSELF, YOUR DOG AND YOUR TIME IN THE PADDOCK OR WETLAND.

FOR REGISTRATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Mal Park (Utility) Email: designertrophies@connexus.net.au

Entries Close FIRST POST on Friday 23rd April 2010
LATE ENTRIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED



Victorian Gundog Club Inc

Incorporated Number A0008593Z (Affiliated with the Victorian Canine Association Inc)

NOVICE FIELD TRIAL FOR UTILITY GUNDOGS

(To be held under the rules and regulations of the ANKC & Victorian Canine Association Inc)

SATURDAY 1st MAY 2010

Judge: Mr Don Nicol (Q)

Trial Manager: Neil McLeod (03) 9878 2273 <nmmcleod@bigpond.com>
Mal Park (03) 9714 8266

Entry Fees: **Members of VGC \$17** **Non Members \$20**
[This includes the VCA levy, VCA surcharge and GST PLUS a Property contribution of \$5]

Entries: Accompanied by fees to be sent BEFORE the closing date (23rd April) to
Rachel Greaves
114 Shuter Ave
GREENDALE 3341 tel: (03) 5368 7211
<wrangham@harboursat.com.au>

NB Shooters Licence & Game Licence numbers on entry form please (see 3 & 4 below)

Location: Phone Trial Manager during the week prior to the trial

Trophies: Winner Trophy and Sash
Runner Up Trophy and Sash

Qualifications: a NOVICE STAKE is a open to all registered dogs of named breed or breeds, who have not won any other Stake, other then one Novice, or been placed second in a Championship Stake.

Conditions of Entry:

1. TRIAL SITES ARE PRIVATE PROPERTY AND MUST NOT BE REVISITED AT ANY TIME AFTER THE TRIAL.
2. Residents of Victoria must be financial members of the VCA to exhibit, handle, judge or officiate.
3. Handlers must be in possession of a valid Victorian Game Licence to shoot game in Victoria.
4. Current Shooters Licence & Game Licence must be produced at 'vetting' to be eligible to compete.
5. Shooting of game on the trial site during any part of the day on which the trial is held is not permitted except with the approval of the judge.
6. Bitches in oestrus are not permitted on the trial site

**Entries Close FIRST POST on Friday 23rd April 2010 LATE
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OPEN FIELD TRIAL FOR UTILITY GUNDOGS

(To be held under the rules and regulations of the ANKC & Victorian Canine Association Inc)

SUNDAY 2nd MAY 2010

Judge: Don Nicol (Q)

Trial Manager: Neil McLeod (03) 9878 2273 <nmmcleod@bigpond.com>
Mal Park (03 9714 8266)

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NOVICE FIELD TRIAL FOR POINTERS & SETTERS

(To be held under the rules and regulations of the ANKC & Victorian Canine Association Inc)

SATURDAY 15th MAY 2010

Judge: Gordon Strachan

Trial Manager: Denis Everard (03 5369 2286)

Entry Fees: **Members of VGC \$17** **Non Members \$20**
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Entries: Accompanied by fees to be sent BEFORE the closing date (7th May) to
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GREENDALE 3341
Tel (03) 5368 7211
<wrangham@harboursat.com.au>

NB Shooters Licence and Game Licence number on entry form please (see 3 & 4 below)

Location: Contact the Trial Manager during the week prior to the trial

Trophies: Winner Trophy and Sash
 Runner Up Trophy and Sash

Qualifications: a NOVICE STAKE is a open to all registered dogs of named breed or breeds, who have not won any other Stake, other then one Novice, or been placed second in a Championship Stake.

Conditions of Entry:

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3. Handlers must be in possession of a valid Victorian Game Licence to shoot game in Victoria.
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OPEN FIELD TRIAL FOR POINTERS & SETTERS

(To be held under the rules and regulations of the ANKC & Victorian Canine Association Inc)

SUNDAY 16th MAY 2010

Judge: Denis Everard

Trial Manager: Vince Pino (0408 992 009)

Entry Fees: **Members of VGC \$17** **Non Members \$20**
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Qualifications: an OPEN STAKE is a open to all registered dogs of named breed or breeds, without restriction as to variety, age or previous performance

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