

Nose to the Ground

TrackWest Newsletter – March 2012

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President's Report



Hi Everyone,

I hope you've all had a great summer and managed to keep cool during all those heat waves!

Georgia and Basil have spent hot days with their feet up in the air conditioning!

Hopefully the weather will cool soon and we'll get a couple of nice days of rain to bring on fresh green growth in Gngara.

Despite their summer holiday, you'll be surprised at how well your dogs pick up tracking again! Remember not to rush back into long tracks with long delays, but to do some nice fresh short tracks to build up their enthusiasm and drive, with quick successful finds!

If the weather is still warm, and the ground dry, remember to carry water with you when you train, at all times. Dogs can suffer from dehydration too! This affects their concentration, just like it does in humans and will also affect their ability to detect scent.

Hot surfaces can also burn your dog's feet!

The change of season is a great time for a wardrobe "sort out", find all those old shirts and socks that will make great articles!

T-shirts and larger articles are great to have on hand to leave as the final article at the end of the track. Being larger they create a bigger scent pool, which will help your dog find that extra burst of enthusiasm at the end of the track; the stronger scent telling them their destination and reward is close by!

You will see we have put in a "situations vacant" section. It takes a lot of work to bring together training, trials, fundraising and social events and we'd like some extra members to put up their hands to help out. Please contact the relevant person if you can help.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 14th April for the first day of training!

Have a great Easter!

Regards

Louise Crawford
President

Secretary's Report



Hi All

I hope everyone will have a relaxing Easter as training commences just after and you will be busy. Although TrackWest does not do any formal training over the summer as all the instructors and judges deserve a well-earned break I hope you have continued your training with short tracks in parks or your neighbourhood.

We hope you will enjoy this season with a few changes being implemented. We always look forward to members' comments. I wish everyone a happy fun time with your dogs this tracking season and look forward to seeing you all at Gngangara. Whether you decide to trial or just come out for the chance to spend quality time with your dog and get lots of exercise and meet new people I wish you well.

Carole Freele

From the Editor's Desk



Thank you to those of you who have sent in some interesting articles, keep them coming.

Please take note of the following notices, Buddy System and Situations Vacant. There is a great read on Glenys Nottle, a follow on magazine article and newspaper clipping (featured on the web site).

If you would like a photograph that was taken last season or from previous years please contact me. And remember to send me any article, letter or interesting gossip.

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BUDDY SYSTEM FOR TRACKLAYERS

Do you know someone (or even better, a couple of people, in case one is unavailable) who is prepared to be nominated as a tracklayer? They do not have to be a tracking person - in fact it is better if they are not. If you do, treat them with tender loving care!

If you are entering either a Tracking Trial or a Track & Search Trial, you **MUST** nominate a tracklayer. If you are doing Track 1 or Track 2, that person will lay your track, otherwise they will lay a track for someone else.

You don't know anyone? Then buddy up with someone in the "other" trials. This means that if you are entering Tracking Trials, you nominate someone who is currently entering Track & Search Trials as your tracklayer. In return, you act as their tracklayer for T&S Trials. Please check that they will be available before you nominate them for a particular trial! We will also have a "reserve tracklayer" list at training so if you are not yet trialling or if you can't find a buddy, please put your name down on that list.

This should help solve a problem we had last year where several handlers nominated the same competitor as tracklayer, who was also working her own dog!

If you would like more information or if you have trouble finding a buddy please contact:

Judy Tsakalos (Tracking Trial Secretary) 9405 2790 tsakalos@iinet.net.au

Valeta Pethrick (Track & Search Trial Secretary) 9405 1984 trev.val@iinet.net.au

**Please note the front gate will be dummy
locked at 8.30 am on training days
Please leave the gate closed with the padlock
in position but not "clicked" to lock**

Want a Great Job like this?

Sue Fletcher - Training Co-Ordinator & Neil Fletcher - Treasurer

Apply Below.



SITUATIONS VACANT

RAFFLES

Volunteers needed to run the raffles on Trial days.

The prizes, tickets etc will be brought to the trial by Gerry, but

As she is very busy judging Tracking and T & S this year she will need some assistants.

Raffles will only be held at main events and selected trials.

Please contact Gerry to put your name down.

LUNCH ASSISTANTS

As our beloved Chief Cook, Beth is having a break this year, Trevor will be in charge of Trial Lunches.

We will need volunteers to help on Trial Days.

Please contact Carolyn if you can help.

SAUSAGE SIZZLERS

TrackWest has booked a Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 14th October at Bunnings Whitfords.

Members are needed to help man the bbq in 2 hour shifts.

This gives us a great opportunity to fundraise, but we need your support to go ahead.

Please put your name down with Gerry.

CHIEF STEWARDS/VETTING

We thank Beth for being our Chief Steward for our Tracking Trials, but as she is taking a break we will need volunteers.

Chief Stewards will also be needed for Track & Search.

Vetting is at 7.45am and you will need to be able to stay until the end of the trial.

You need to be a member of Canine and not be competing on the day.

Please contact Trial Secretaries, Judy and Valeta if you can help.

TRAINEE TRIAL SECRETARY

A Trial Secretary is one of the most important jobs in our club. It is also one of the most involved. If one of our current Trial Secretary's were unavailable what would we do?

We would like someone to put their hand up to assist and learn the job so there is always someone who can be available as a reserve.

Ideally this would suit a member who lives NOR so it is easy to co-ordinate time with our current Trial Secretaries. If you are SOR you are still welcome to apply!

A Trial Secretary is not required to be on the committee but may elect to, to be part of the decision making process.

Please contact Judy to learn more.

Cutting from the *Woman's Day* magazine, 19 March 2012. Featuring Glenys and her Corgi Manhon who are TrackWest members.



MANHON SNIFFS OUT TROUBLE

Australia's first corgi SES tracking dog has earned praise from the Queen

With her ears rigidly vertical and her tail cocked to attention, there's something about Manhon that says, "Every inch of me is ready for action."

"I purchased her sight unseen," says SES volunteer Glenys Nottle, from Albany, WA, of the four-year-old dog that has just qualified as the first corgi tracking dog in the State Emergency Service anywhere in Australia.

What the pooch lacks in size she makes up for with smarts. In one recent challenge, Manhon tracked a scent for five kilometres!

"She may be only 25cm tall, but Manhon's nose does all the talking," winks Glenys.

So grand are Manhon's achievements, she has received a letter of praise from the greatest corgi lover of them all, the Queen.

Glenys has spent more than 400 hours training her sniffer dog, when many said it couldn't be done.

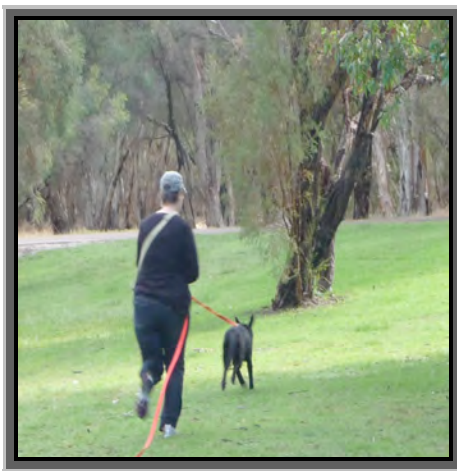
"She's dynamite in the orange rescue jacket, but not so clever in other areas," laughs Glenys.

"She tries to trick you into thinking she's finished eating by burying her food or dragging a tea towel over it... but I love her anyway."

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TrackWest Field Day Saturday 31st March 2012
Held at Whiteman Park, Mussel Pool



A Big THANK YOU to you all for making the day such a huge success it was great having so many TrackWest members mingling in with everyone and making them feel welcome. Everyone I spoke to enjoyed the morning and I'm sure that we have attracted many new members.

One person in particular who I spoke to said how impressed he was by everyone's enthusiasm.

Well done

Sue



2012 Calendar

April	
Saturday, 14 th April	Training commences
Saturday, 28 th April, Sunday 29 th April and Wednesday 2 nd May	Track & Search Trial
May	
Saturday, 19 th May and Wednesday 23 rd May	Tracking Trial
Saturday 26 th May, Sunday 27 th May and Wednesday 30 th May	Track & Search Trial
June	
Saturday 9 th June and Wednesday 13 th June	Tracking Trial
Saturday 23 rd June, Sunday 24 th June and Wednesday 17 th June	Track & Search Trial
Saturday 30 th June and Wednesday 4 th July	Tracking Trial
July	
Saturday 14 th July (Christmas in July) and Wednesday 18 th July	Tracking Trial
Saturday 21 st July, Sunday 22 nd July and Wednesday 25 th July	Track & Search Trial
Saturday 28 th July and Wednesday 1 st August	Tracking Trial
August	
Saturday 11 th August and Wednesday 15 th August	Tracking Trial
Saturday 18 th August, Sunday 19 th August and Wednesday 22 nd August	Track & Search Trial
September	
Saturday 1 st September and Wednesday 5 th September	Tracking Trial
Saturday 15 th September and Wednesday 19 th September	Tracking Trial
Saturday 22 nd September	Breakfast in the Bush
October	
Saturday 27 th October	Track & Search Trial: Urban only
Tuesday 16 th October	AGM
November	
Saturday 3 rd November	Presentation Dinner
Saturday 17 th November	Track & Search Trial: Urban only

Please check the full schedules which can be downloaded from the TrackWest website:
www.trackwest.com.au 'Trial Schedules' for information and TrackWest requirements for entries.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TRACK & SEARCH TRIALS

Urban Tracks 5 & 6 will be held on Saturday

Bush Tracks 1 to 4 will be held on Sunday and Wednesday

For bush tracks please indicate on your entry which days you are available to trial.

<p>THE CANINE ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)</p> <p>ENTRIES CLOSE: 16 April 2012</p> <p>CLUB: TRACKWEST DOG CLUB</p> <p>TYPE OF EVENT: TRACK & SEARCH DOG TRIAL</p> <p>DATE: 28, 29 APRIL, 2 MAY 2012</p> <p>VENUE: GNANGARA PINE PLANTATION... Urban Tracks venue as decided by Judge</p> <p>JUDGES:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Judy Tsakalos(Sue Fletcher - Reserve) 28 April 2012</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Neil Fletcher, Sue Fletcher (Judy Tsakalos - Reserve) 29 April 2012</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Neil Fletcher (Judy Tsakalos, Valeta Pethrick - Reserve) 2 May 2012</p> <p>CHIEF STEWARD: Mrs Beth Spence MEMBERSHIP NO: 6007212300</p> <p>ENTRIES TO: TSD Trial Secretary, 47 Quarkum Street, Wanneroo 6065</p> <p>ENTRY FEES: All TSD Tracks : Members \$ 25; Non-members \$35 Senior card holders will receive a discount of \$5 per entry.</p> <p>CATALOGUES: Included in entry</p> <p>GATES OPEN: 7.30 am VETTING TIME: 7.45am</p> <p>JUDGING TIME: 8.00am. Order as decided by judge.</p> <p>CLASSES: Conditions: Entry open only to dogs which have Tracking Champion title. Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted.</p> <p>REFRESHMENTS: BYO</p> <p>LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.</p> <p>ENQUIRIES: Valeta Pethrick 94051984, mobile 0438925562. Email : trev.val@iinet.net.au Check website www.trackwest.com.au for info and trialling requirements</p> <p>Bitches in season may not compete and may not remain in the vicinity of the trial.</p>	<p>THE CANINE ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)</p> <p>ENTRIES CLOSE: 14 May 2012</p> <p>CLUB: TRACKWEST DOG CLUB</p> <p>TYPE OF EVENT: TRACK & SEARCH DOG TRIAL</p> <p>DATE: 26, 27, 30 MAY 2012</p> <p>VENUE: GNANGARA PINE PLANTATION... Urban Tracks venue as decided by Judge</p> <p>JUDGES:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Valeta Pethrick, Sue Fletcher (Neil Fletcher - Reserve) 26 May 2012</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Neil Fletcher, Judy Tsakalos (Valeta Pethrick - Reserve) 27 May 2012</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Sue Fletcher (Valeta Pethrick - Reserve) 30 May 2012</p> <p>CHIEF STEWARD: Mrs Beth Spence MEMBERSHIP NO: 6007212300</p> <p>ENTRIES TO: TSD Trial Secretary, 47 Quarkum Street, Wanneroo 6065</p> <p>ENTRY FEES: All TSD Tracks : Members \$ 25; Non-members \$35 Senior card holders will receive a discount of \$5 per entry.</p> <p>CATALOGUES: Included in entry</p> <p>GATES OPEN: 7.30 am VETTING TIME: 7.45am</p> <p>JUDGING TIME: 8.00am. Order as decided by judge.</p> <p>CLASSES: Conditions: Entry open only to dogs which have Tracking Champion title. Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted.</p> <p>REFRESHMENTS: BYO</p> <p>LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.</p> <p>ENQUIRIES: Valeta Pethrick 94051984, mobile 0438925562. Email : trev.val@iinet.net.au Check website www.trackwest.com.au for info and trialling requirements</p> <p>Bitches in season may not compete and may not remain in the vicinity of the trial.</p>
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CLUB: TRACKWEST (INC)	CLUB: TRACKWEST (INC)
TYPE OF EVENT: TRACKING TRIAL	TYPE OF EVENT: TRACKING TRIAL
DATE & VENUE: Saturday May 19 th and Wednesday May 23 th 2012 GNANGARA PINE	DATE & VENUE: Saturday June 9 th and Wednesday June 13 th 2012 GNANGARA PINE
PLANTATION JUDGES:	PLANTATION JUDGES:
CLASS NAMES GROUP OR	CLASS NAMES GROUP OR
Mrs Valeta Pethrick } Ms Geraldine Jenkins } All Tracks as required Mr Neil Fletcher }	Mrs Judy Tsakalos } Ms Geraldine Jenkins } All Tracks as required Mrs Sue Fletcher }
Mrs Sue Fletcher RESERVE JUDGE	Mr Neil Fletcher RESERVE JUDGE
CHIEF STEWARD Mrs Beth Spence Membership No : 6007212300	CHIEF STEWARD Mrs Beth Spence Membership No : 6007212300
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ENTRIES TO: Trial Secretary, 27 Nyunda Drive, Wanneroo 6065	ENTRIES TO: Trial Secretary, 27 Nyunda Drive, Wanneroo 6065
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TROPHIES & SASHES: N/A	TROPHIES & SASHES: N/A
SASHES ONLY: N/A	SASHES ONLY: N/A
REFRESHMENTS: BYO	REFRESHMENTS: BYO
FURTHER DETAILS: Please check the TRACKWEST website www.trackwest.com.au	FURTHER DETAILS: Please check the TRACKWEST website www.trackwest.com.au
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EACH COMPETITOR IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A TRACKLAYER WHO IS NOT A COMPETITOR (nominated on entry form)	EACH COMPETITOR IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A TRACKLAYER WHO IS NOT A COMPETITOR (nominated on entry form)
IF ENTRIES WARRANT, SOME TRACKS WILL BE JUDGED ON WEDNESDAY MAY 23 rd 2012, PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR ENTRY IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO BE JUDGED ON THAT DAY. Competitors who are to be judged on Wednesday 23/05/12 will be notified by Saturday May 12 th 2012	IF ENTRIES WARRANT, SOME TRACKS WILL BE JUDGED ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 13 th 2012, PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR ENTRY IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO BE JUDGED ON THAT DAY. Competitors who are to be judged on Wednesday 13/06/12 will be notified by Saturday June 2 nd 2012

TRACKWEST DOG CLUB (INC)

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM - 2012

The Secretary
Carol Freele
27 Aerolite Way
Beldon WA 6027



DATE OF JOINING:...../...../.....(AS RECEIPTED BY THE TREASURER)

RENEWAL (R)

(Full year: 1st Sept – 31st Aug) (Part year: 1 st July – 31 st Aug)	<i>Nomination Fee \$10</i> <i>Payable by new members on joining, or for members rejoining after a lapse in membership.</i> <i>PLEASE TICK</i>		Renewal
Single \$35 (full year) Single \$20 (part year)	Full Year <input type="checkbox"/>	Part Year <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family \$50 (full year) Family \$30 (part year)	Full Year <input type="checkbox"/>	Part Year <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Membership No:

Paid by **Cheque/Cash** **Received by** _____
TrackWest Representative

(please print neatly)

NAME _____ **Ph:** _____ **(H)**

Mobile: _____ **Ph:** _____ **(W)** _____

CAWA No: (if applicable) _____

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I/We hereby apply for membership and agree to be bound by TrackWest Dog Club (Inc) Rules and Regulations.

PTO for adding your Dog/s information and signature.

1.

DOG'S PEDIGREE NAME _____

PET NAME _____

DOG'S REG No _____ BREED _____

DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____ SEX _____

CAWA NUMBER _____ Sterilized? YES NO (circle)

2.

DOG'S PEDIGREE NAME _____

PET NAME _____

DOG'S REG No _____ BREED _____

DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____ SEX _____

CAWA NUMBER _____ Sterilized? YES NO (circle)

DO YOU HOLD A CURRENT FIRST AID CERTIFICATE? YES NO

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS:

Name:

Relationship:

Phone: Mobile:

In case of Emergency do you have any relevant medical issues/allergies? (optional)

I/We hereby apply for membership and agree to be bound by TrackWest Dog Club (Inc) Rules and Regulations.

Applicant's Signature(s).

Date

IMPORTANT

**YOU AND YOUR DOG MUST BE A FINANCIAL MEMBER OF CAWA,
BEFORE YOU ARE PERMITTED, TO ENTER A TRIAL.**