

Barkaway 5th Birthday Bash

In 2000, we had all finished worrying about the Millennium bug, and as the end of the world hadn't arrived, Ian Smith decided to start a small club to train agility.

In celebration of this, the members of the club got together on 21st October. Ian got to cut the cake, made in the club colours of gold and black.

He also received a specially made sign for the field gate. You can see it whenever you arrive for training!

What Ian hadn't counted on, was a special delivery from his own dogs. They had put together a video presentation of some of their early experiences in the ring. Anyone present will tell you about Ian's musical debut!

Off course, what makes any club, is it members. Barkaway Club members are well known for running efficient ring parties, and are gaining a reputation around the rings. As Ian says, members are his advertising, and so it is just as well that we have all had such a successful summer.



A Big Thank You

A big thank you must go to Dawn Price and Ken Baker, for the hard work and effort that they put in to organise the Birthday Party.

Dawn and Ken give up their time free of charge, and organise many events throughout the year. Without them, it wouldn't be the same club!



Progress Award

The Progress Award is sponsored by the Social Club, and awarded by Ian on a bi-monthly basis.

This time the award has gone to Dawn Milner, for all her hard work with Harvey. She has achieved many successes this season, with a dog that doesn't even live with her.

So congratulations to Dawn!



New Points System

You are probably all aware of changes due to come on line next year. Check out the diagrams posted on AgilityNet and on the side of Ian's Shed (and in the Club Website), designed by Paul Wood. These show the new system extremely well.

The main changes are that dogs can now progress through the Grades by accumulating points. So for all those dogs who regularly get clear rounds, but rarely place, they can now advance beyond Starters!

You will now need 75 points to increase a grade, which will need to be recorded in your Agility Record book. Of course, you can choose not to advance your grade on point accumulation. The other route is to gain an agility win or 3 jumping wins.

Using Paul's diagram, you will need to calculate what level you are currently at. You can then work out what Grade you will compete at next year.

Good Luck to everyone for next year!



Barkaway Bites

- Chris and Nikki's other dogs are all fully recovered after their illness at Pembroke.
- Helena Cross and Lily have gained their Agility Warrant!
- Dawn Milner and Harvey have also gained their Agility Warrant!
- Louise Downing is looking for a home for a 8 year old miniature poodle. All the information is on the Barkaway website, or speak to Loo at training.

Ian is planning some Christmas Training days. The dates are Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th of December. Places are on a first come first served basis, so see Ian for more details.

Social Club News

The Social Club has been providing facilities to make hot drinks inside Ian's shed.

For a minimum donation of 20p per cup, this lifeline on the cold mornings is still available.

Woof Woof!

It seems that in 2007, I might finally have a chance of making it to the top. Well that is only if my pet human gets her act together and learns to stand still!

Can I put out a request for photos and points of interest to include in our newsletter? At present, it is only a page long, but it could be longer.....

Next newsletter due out in January 2007.



From the paws of Runaway Max.

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