

## Barkaway Strikes at Olympia again!

Well!! All I can say is that I didn't know that there were 2 4.30's in the day!

Despite this, a small group of us, including Meg, arrived to catch a minibus, driven by Mandy and assisted by Simon!

Funnily enough, we arrived outside Olympia at about 6.30am and had to wait for the car park to open.

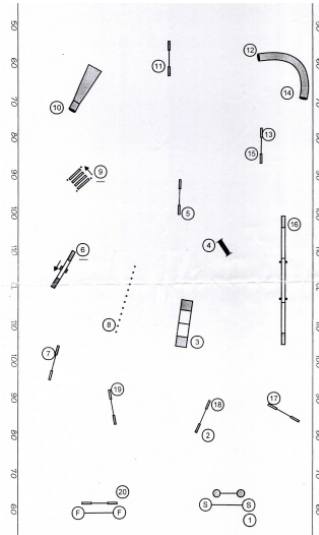
A café was then required, as Mr Baker hadn't eaten for at least 2 hours.

The Senior Semi Final was first in the ring, and Ian & Meg were had drawn to run first. Dawn discovered that the doors to Olympia open at 9.30, and guess when the first dog was due to run?

A big thank you has to go to Dawn, for her many phone calls during the previous week. As you can guess, we weren't too happy to find that it was likely that we were going to miss Ian's run. So especially for Barkaway, the stewards opened the doors at 9.15!

Ian ran a blistering clear round, and set the target at 35.35 seconds. Funnily enough, there is mention on Agility Net of a group of people shouting and waving a banner!

He ended the morning in 12<sup>th</sup> place, and while he didn't qualify for the finals in the evening, he and Meg did Qualify for the Speed



Senior Semi Final Course

Knockout.

This involved 2 dogs running the same course alongside each other, with the winner going through to the next round.

Ian & Meg won all their rounds, cheered on ably by the crowds that were now starting to gather (and you couldn't really hear us anymore).

Ian then ran against Greg Derrett and beat him by 0.03 of a second. At this point, we went wild, as we thought he had won.

Then from no-where, Lorna Peachey appeared. Ian & Meg had just finished a run, and were expected to run again straight away.

Poor Meg was absolutely exhausted, and combined

with a late command and a spin, came second.

Meg & Ian left the ring to thunderous applause from all at Barkaway, and then had a well deserved pint.

The rest of us then spent a few hours shopping (no-one bought pink dog collars), and returned to see the excellent display by the Metropolitan Police Display team.

It had been a long day, so we decided to leave at about 3 o'clock. Simon & Mandy saw us home.



## Christmas Party!

Barkaway met up at The Perdiswell in Worcester on 19<sup>th</sup> December for their annual Christmas Dinner.

About 30 members arrived on a cold and foggy night. The Perdiswell was running a special party night, and Barkaway made up most of the people there, along with some Army Cadets and a few nurses!

The meal was nice, with a free bottle of champagne (or something like it) on every table.

Then the games began! Considering the Cadets were younger and fitter than we were, (although had consumed more alcohol), Barkaway members managed to win. Dancing followed, and Barkaway excelled again. Miss Fluff, you know who you are!

## Barkaway Bites

- **Measuring Changes** in 2007 – at the discretion of measurers, dogs less than 15 months of age, but obviously over 430mm, can be measured. A second measurement can also be waived. Small and Medium dogs will still require 2 measurements, between 12 and 24 months apart.

- **Agility Warrant Change** – From 1 January 2007, the scheme will be split into Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. The Bronze award will replace the current Warrant, requiring 200 points, with at least 50 from Agility classes. The Silver will need 400 points, 100 from agility, and Gold will require 800 points, a minimum of 200 from agility classes.

## Social Club News

- Your annual subscription of £2 each is due, no later than 27/01/06. Please give your fees to Ken & Dawn.
- The Barkaway Annual Presentation Night will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, at Cutnall Green Village Hall. Please let Dawn or Ken know if you would like to come by 20/01/07.
- If you wish to enter the Barkaway League for 2007, you need to join the Social Club. Only Members can add their points – see [www.barkaway.co.uk](http://www.barkaway.co.uk)

## Other Points

For those of you that don't know, I have decided to take it a bit easier this year.

From 2007, I will be retiring from main competition, and start ripping up the course in the Veterans and Anysize

classes.

This of course means that there will be all the extra time while I am waiting in the caravan, for me to write this newsletter. Therefore, I need your help.

Please pass on any snippets, photos or interesting news.

Next newsletter due out in March.

**Signed Runaway Max.**



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