

Barkaway are super at Supadogs!

Barkaway turned out in force to Supadogs 2007 show, held at the Hop Farm Park in Kent. The show lasts for a whole week.

Some of the more foolhardy of us decided to travel overnight, which meant avoiding the traffic, but arriving on site at 2.30am. We then hung around until 10am, waiting to pitch our caravans.

We had a prime site, next the Entertainment Marquee, and not too far from the rings, or the water tap. There are definite advantages to belonging to a club where the trainer is well known!

Friday was beautifully warm, and since we had all arrived early, the beer started to flow around lunchtime. After a communal meal, marvellously cooked by Vee, an early night was had by all.

Then it really started. Saturday was dry, and the conditions suited most of the dogs for completion. Ian's first ever competition run with May was a grade 3 agility. Even though he held her on the contacts, and didn't push May for speed, she came in first!

Sunday and Monday saw the heavens open, for what I am assured is the expected Supadogs weather! By Monday evening, the mud was half way up the hubcaps of the cars leaving (read

trying, unless a 4x4). Most of us had trousers that could stand up by themselves!

The entertainment marquee had something different on every night. Although the Barkaway team failed miserably at the Quiz, the Bingo proved more popular, with 2 wins! One of our members (see below) also



took part in the Agility Peoples Performance on Wednesday. See if you can guess who!

Generally everyone had a decent week competing. Ruth Fox and Joe got their first clear round since Autumn last year, and Amber with Helen Bos turned out to be a dark horse, gained several places in her first competition since being injured.

There were Qualifiers all though the week for the finals



on Friday. Helena Cross qualified for the Starters final with Lily, Veronica Brown

qualified for the Novice final with Teak, and Ian qualified for the Senior final



with Madge. They finished 18th, 11th and 10th respectively.

Despite the weather, everyone had a great time. We even managed to come home with some beer left! Most of us are up for next year, so come down and join us!



The Pembroke Gate Competition

DON'T FORGET – the Pembroke Gate competition is on! You need to make it yourself, and the rules exclude pyrotechnics and electronics.



Helena's gate from 2006

An impartial judge has been selected, so get designing and let your imaginations run.

Barkaway Bites

- Well Done to Becky Fellows and Meg, who won into Grade 3 at Packington!
- Well Done to Paul Griffins and Cookie, who won into Grade 5 at Worcester!
- Well Done to Ian and May who managed to win out of Grade 3 on their first ever run!
- Well Done to Ann Close and Arley, for winning the Achievement Award for May.

Social Club News

- **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Barkaway Funday 30th June. It's a Saturday, and will cost £10 for three runs, and your lunch. Additional dogs are £2.50/run. Entries need to be with Dawn by 23/06. Forms can be found at the field or on the Barkaway website. Don't forget to bring your own drinks!
- Don't forget to enter your points in the Barkaway League for 2007! You need to join the Social Club. Only Members can add their points – see www.barkaway.co.uk

Other Points

Unfortunately, Max passed away in April with an inoperable cancer, so it looks like I will have write this thing myself.



Let me know if you have anything interesting, or anything you feel that we need to pass on.

Please pass on any snippets, photos or interesting news.

Next newsletter due out in August.

Cheers!

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For when things aren't going so well, or you are trying to remember why you have dragged the caravan around the M25 yet again, please consider the following ditty:

MY FAVOURITE THINGS
(Sung to the tune of the song from The Sound Of Music)

Clear rounds with rosettes, and crystal glass trophies
Nice flowing courses and judges with goatees
Caravan pitches that are close to the rings
These are a few of my favourite things

Warm summer days with cold Barcardi Breezers
Beer tents and burgers and good-looking geezers
Barbecues and discos with friends who can't sing
These area few of my favourite things

When my feet hurt
When my eyes sting
When I'm feeling mad
I simply remember my favourite things
And then I don't feel so bad

Walking the courses and queuing in line
Dogs going clear and still in the time
Dogs tails a-wagging we're best in the ring
These are a few of my favourite things

When my feet hurt
When my eyes sting
When I'm feeling mad
I simply remember my favourite things
And then I don't feel so bad

Believe me, it does make things feel better, or at least you can fall off your chair laughing at everyone else's singing!