

NSW SOUTHERN DISTRICT COUNTRY BORDER COLLIE CLUB REPORTS - 2003

PRESIDENTS REPORT - 2003:

I feel confident in saying that the Club has had another successful year. Financially, we are in a stable position but are continuing to look for ways to enable the club to become more financially secure. While saying that, though, I think it is a compliment to the club to see that the funds raised are returned to the members and Border Collie trialing enthusiasts through a very professional and successful show. It becomes difficult, though, as we see more and more financial demands being made on Clubs from the Canine Control.

I would like to thank the Committee members on their dedication and help during the past 12 months. Clubs, such as ours, can only be successful with the help of such people. It seems a sad indictment of our hobby/sport that people seem to be prepared to take, expect high quality shows, trophies, expect people to give freely of their time, but are not prepared to give, give their time or expertise, volunteer to help out or give donations.

I know that this is a gripe of many, if not all, dog club committees but all that it results in is tired, disillusioned people. When we keep this in mind, it is even more heartening and gratifying to be surrounded by a small, dedicated team.

Leeanne Birch, President

SHOW SECRETARY REPORT - 2003:

We were lucky to have clear weather for our show/trial this year, even though it was a tad cold.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out prior to and on the weekend. The committee members were fantastic for all their work and help on the weekend. These wonderful people helped out with collecting and transporting equipment, catering, setting up and taking down rings, vetting, stewarding, trophy shopping, selling raffle tickets and the list goes on.

There were also numerous non-committee members whose help was invaluable, a special thanks to Peter and Jennifer Hendricks, Sue and John Causer, Lisa and Tim Brack and all those triallers who helped set up and take down agility equipment.

We had high hopes of a having a highly successful show, both numerically and financially. It is with great sadness that I report that the breed section of our show did not live up to our expectations, for reasons I am not sure of. The obedience and agility section, though, exceeded our expectations.

I am wondering whether we need to reassess the format of our show/trial weekend as well as the weekend when it is held.

Leeanne Birch, Show Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT - YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2003:

Summary of Accounts

Income:

Membership	\$398.00
Fundraising	\$595.25
Show Entries & Donations	\$3,088.00
Sheepdog Training	\$120.00
Total Income	\$4,201.25

Expenditure:

Show (02)		\$3,356.04
Fundraising (02)		\$109.00
Sundry		\$542.80
Audit	\$57.30	
RNSWCC Levy	\$133.00	
Dept. Fair Trading	\$39.00	
Newsletter	\$43.50	
Insurance	\$120.00	
NBCC	\$150.00	
<u>Bank Fees</u>		<u>\$80.50</u>
Total Expenditure		\$4088.34

Profit / Loss \$112.91

SHEEPDOG TRAINING REPORT - 2003:

Sheepdog Training has finally taken off and we have had some very successful weekends with various trainees. Laurie Slater has been wonderfully generous of his time and the use of his kitchen for me to prepare the trainees food in. Laurie's time is, of course, more valuable to us as a trainer and he does a great job. While some may come expecting guide sheep through obstacles after only one short session Laurie disabuses this notion but firmly instills hope that one day the time will come when we can trial our dogs. He is able to quickly discern capability in a dog and the handler and will guide in whatever way is needed to encourage both and learn new skills.

We have had successes with 5 month old pups and older dogs who have never seen stock so don't ever think it's too late to even try.....

While I thoroughly enjoy the weekends it is not practicable for me to continue doing full weekends. In order to at least attempt balancing full time work, full time family, showing, trialling and sheep work I will no longer be offering Sunday workshops. Other workshops will occur about once every 3-4 weeks depending on demand. Special times can be made for "once-offs" if set dates don't suit. If someone else is willing to come and do the catering then Laurie is more than happy to work both days on the weekend.

Please be aware that the training cost is \$60.00 per SESSION (a session is not a weekend, it is a three to four hour block morning or afternoon). This fee covers Laurie's training skills and the cost to feed the trainees and the trainer; a small amount goes back to the club.

It is fantastic to see Border Collies out in the paddocks doing what they were intended to do.... and thankfully many still can. Looking forward to seeing many more of you down here in the future.

See you in the paddocks...