

2021 Year Book

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

67th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at

The Clubrooms

Beaumont Road, Adelaide

Friday, 21st January 2022

Agenda

President's Opening Remarks

Apologies

Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

Annual Report

Statement of Income and Expenditure

Election of Scrutineers

Election of Interim Chairperson and Secretary

2022 Fees

Election of Officers

Patron

Auditor

GENERAL BUSINESS

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR

In accordance with the SAODC Rules, Clause 4, Instructors met on October 19th 2021, to elect a Chief Instructor. Debbie Reid was the sole nominee and was therefore declared duly elected to the position 2021,

Patron	Neil MacDonald
Auditor	Peter Flynn

S.A.O.D.C. Committee 2021

President	Christine Koch
Vice President	Tony Scholefield
Secretary	Philippa Wishart
Treasurer	Jenny Dunstan
Chief Instructor	Debbie Reid

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Debbie Reid	Viv Kitto
Leone Scholefield	Barbara Richter-Winter
Vicky Spangler	Eleanor Whisson

DEPARTMENTS

Trial Manager	Barbara Richter-Winter
Trial Secretary	Vicky Spangler
Grounds & Equipment	Not filled
Membership	Christine Koch Jenny Dunstan Barbara Richter-Winter Eleanor Whisson Philippa Wishart
Website	Tony Scholefield
Chatter Sheet Editor	Barbara Richter-Winter
Catering	Debbie Reid Jenny Dunstan Philippa Wishart Eleonora Whisson
Trophy Registrar	Christine Koch Leone Scholefield
Publicity	Leone Scholefield
Fundraising	Tony Scholefield

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Committee would like to acknowledge the assistance of all Club members who helped during the year, particularly the assistance provided by the following people.

Sales Counter: No committee member took on the portfolio, but Debbie Reid , the Chief Instructor, took responsibility for ordering supplies and organising the display of goods for sale.

A Special Thank You

Thanks to Julie Brown. The Club appreciate Julie's ongoing assistance with the Website.

Thanks to Julie Fieldhouse. Julie has continued to take on the task of recording results and preparing certificates for presentation to successful competitors at SAODC trials.

S.A.O.D.C. Instructors 2021

Chief Instructor

Debbie Reid

Obedience Instructors

Pat Bigioli

Christine Koch

Sue Cameron

Pin Needham

Julie Brown

Dave Odgen

Bev Dodd

Chris Oerman

Lee Irvine

Barbara Richter-Winter

Viv Kitto

Vicky Spangler

Rally-O Instructor

N/A

Honorary Rally-O Instructor

Mary Vahaviolos

Honorary Instructors

Karin Hellak

Aspiring Instructors

Jenny Barnes, Daina Hayler, Chris Covino

LIFE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OBEDIENCE DOB CLUB INC.

1962 Harold Camm (Dec)-Founder	1987 Herman Behrendt (Dec)
1965 Doug Kemp (Dec)	1989 Jayne Smith
1965 Nelson Gare (Dec)	1992 Gwenda Baker (Dec)
1966 Barbara Horne (Dec)	1992 Donna Cox
1966 John Moroney (Dec)	1992 Jackie Horton
1966 James Turner	1992 Ron Kutzer (Dec)
1970 Robert Glastonbury (Dec)	1993 Lillian Sandison
1971 Ilva Pammenter (Dec)	1995 Ruth Johns
1971 Kevin Prior (Dec)	1997 Gary Talbot (Dec)
1972 McNeil Sloane (Dec)	2002 Gina Smith
1975 Peter Smith	2005 Bev Dodd
1980 John Senior (Dec)	2005 Ann Farndell
1980 Bert Vowels (Dec)	2005 Roger Harrington (Dec)
1980 Mary Brailey (Dec)	2005 Jessie Hughs
1980 Ivan Stacey	2005 Rose Ince
1980 Neil Frost	2005 Yve Rixon
1983 Hans Schindler (Dec)	2005 Lloyd Roberts
1983 Dorothy Toy (Dec)	2005 Bill Sandison
1984 Jack Baker	2005 Brian Scholz
1984 Alf Toy (Dec)	2005 Eileen Supple (Dec)
1985 Neil MacDonald	2005 Margaret Talbo
1985 Bon Jordan	2005 Marie Wells
1986 Joan Owens (Dec)	2014 John Farmer
	2014 Chris Oerman

ANNUAL REPORTS

PRESIDENT

The Club has now experienced nearly two years of COVID-19 restrictions. However, the Committee and Instructors have done a sterling job in continuing to conduct training and to hold successful Obedience, Rally and Tricks Trials during the year. This included providing the venue for the inaugural State Trick Dog Championships on the 11 April while also conducting an SAODC Obedience and Rally Trial.

The Dogs SA Obedience Advisory Committee asked the Club to host the State Obedience and Rally Championships the weekend of 18 and 19 September, which was very successful. On 3 October the Club held double Rally and double Tricks Trials and on 6 November our last trials for the year were night Obedience and Tricks Trials.

When the Club resumed training in February, it was with more than 100 new members and a significant number of returning members. As a consequence, class numbers were extremely large, and the Committee determined that we would be unable to successfully provide training to another intake at the end of March. This was done to ensure class sizes remained no larger than 8-10.

While Club training was only restricted due to the "Modbury Cluster" for a week at the end of July, it did mean we were unable to have an intake of new members on the last Tuesday of the month. As a consequence, the Club experienced an extremely large number of people wishing to join at the end of August. Had we not been able to hold the Welcome Talk outside, as we were blessed with an exceptionally balmy, still evening, we would have needed to turn people away due to the limit on the numbers we can seat in the club rooms under our COVID Safe Plan.

Although the Club was unable to have an intake of new members in March and August, the 2021 membership year saw a total membership of 346, comprising 295 new members and 51 renewals. By way of comparison, total membership in 2020 was 313. Membership numbers have increased significantly since 2019 (212) and 2018 (232).

This large increase in membership numbers has not been matched with an increase in Instructor and Aspiring Instructor numbers. It is due to this mismatch between people wanting to join the club and the number of Instructors available to take classes, that the Committee is asking members at the Annual General Meeting to consider a proposal to move to a term-based model of training. If membership applications

continue to either grow or remain at the current rate, it is quite likely that the Club will need to consider restricting numbers joining each month to ensure classes are manageable and enjoyable for both members and Instructors.

Thank you to the Club's Committee for all the hard work which is done, often behind the scenes, to ensure training and events occur throughout the year. Special thanks to our Club Treasurer, Jenny Dunstan, Secretary, Philippa Wishart, and Vice-President, Tony Scholefield, for keeping the day-to-day activities of the Club running. Also to our Trial Secretary, Vicky Spangler, Trial Manager, Barbara Richter-Winter, and the Catering Sub-Committee, Deb, Jenny and Phillipa, for ensuring our Trials were so capably conducted this year.

The Club's Chief Instructor, Debbie Reid, has been re-elected to the role for 2022. On behalf of the Committee, many thanks to Debbie for juggling member numbers, class sizes and Instructor availability throughout the year.

My best wishes to all our members and their families for the festive season and have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Enjoy the summer break and I look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Christine Koch

TREASURER

Our overall financial position has improved by around 8% over the 2020/21 year. 2021 has been a challenging year for both training and trials. Our membership is on par to the previous year, despite a couple of months where new members could not be taken due to a lack of new instructors. Sales of toys, equipment and treats has been the significant contributor.

Thanks to members who continue to donate items, both items for sale and raffle prizes- this greatly assists our fundraising efforts.

We continue to improve our range of stock (collars, leads, harnesses, training toys) which we pass on to members at just above cost price. This is an attractive benefit for members.

Thanks to Deb Reid for all her work in this area.

We have purchased the Square system allowing for easy credit

card payments in 2021 and will continue this option going forward. Credit card has become the most used method for purchase.

Thanks to all the committee in their support and it's a continuing pleasure registering new members and seeing all the fun and progress of their dogs.

Jenny Dunstan

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR

A very big thank you to all instructors and aspiring Instructors. We did start the year with 4 aspiring structors but unfortunately two were unable to continue but the 2 remaining, Chris and Daina, are now taking there own L1 classes and doing a fantastic job. At times classes have been too big due to lack of instructors but hopefully in the event of changing the structure of classes in the near future this will be overcome. I have been busy with my own life and have not had time to organise many instructors meetings over the last 12 months but will resurrect that next year.

Wishing you all a great festive season.

Cheers,
Debbie

Fund Raising

The club has not done as much fundraising as we would have liked to this year, in part due to uncertainty around COVID-19. We have run raffles at all trials conducted on our grounds i.e. our own trials and the State Obedience Championships. These have been well supported. Thank you to everyone who supplied prizes and sold tickets. We have once again sold Entertainment Memberships. Thank you to everyone who purchased one, the club receives \$15 per membership. Next year we hope to do a bit more.

Regards

Tony Scholefield

TRIAL MANAGER

On 6th November 2021 we have hosted our last trial. Throughout the year we had quite a few helpers to do all the jobs associated with the trials and there were plenty of qualification cards handed out. All in all it was a successful year.

My thanks go to our members who helped to set up and pulling down the trialling rings and to our committee members who organised the food for the canteen and the judges' meals and to serve food and drinks to competitors. Pin Needham was so kind to do the vetting.

Without their cheerful and tireless efforts throughout the year the trials would not have been as successful.

I look forward to seeing as many club members as possible competing and helping out in 2022.

Big thanks to all of you.
Barbara Richter-Winter

S.A.O.D.C. ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS 2020

No Annual Awards due to COVID-19 Pandemic