



BARE BONES

MCGSDA Derby Branch

Winter 2013

Training 3pm at Elvaston Castle, Golden Gates off Station Road B5010. (Follow signs for Cricket Club)

Club News.

A very Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

The Annual General Meeting of the Derby Branch was held on Sunday 6th January. It was moderately well attended; we did manage to elect the officers of the Branch for the next year and also an adequate number of members were elected to the committee. There is, however, always space to co-opt additional members to the committee should anyone be interested!!

The Treasurer reported that the finances of the Branch were quite strong and we had not only covered our operating costs, ground rent, hall rental, teas and coffee etc costs but also been able to contribute £1246.80 to German Shepherd Rescue a mixture of 1/3rd Training Fees and concerted fund raising from such events as Fun Day and Companion Dog Show.

It is hoped that we have as successful a year this years as we did last and it is to be hoped that we have a better year with respect to the Weather.

The Diary Dates below are provisional but it was felt by the editor that it was better for you all to be aware of outline plans and we will advise all of you by e-mail and "Flyers" on tables as things progress.



John was awarded the Arnie Cook trophy for the handler who had shown the most patience and kindness in training their dog



Linda won the Enid Grantham memorial Trophy for the most improved handler in the year.



Lynn was awarded the Mike Brown Trophy for the most improved puppy and handler for the year.

Diary Dates 2013.

2 nd February	Social Walk
2 nd March	Social Walk
6 th April	Social Walk
April (Date to be arranged)	Obedience
Competition	
Date to be arranged	Agility Starts
4 th May	Social Walk
1 st June	Social Walk
6 th July	Social Walk
July (Date to be arranged)	Fun Day
3 rd August	Social Walk
Date to be arranged	Agility Ends
12 th September	Social Walk
5 th October	Social Walk
9 th November	Social Walk
1 st December	Social Walk
Date to be arranged	Awards Night Social
22 nd December	Fuddle

Other events date to be arranged Companion Dog Show and various luncheon or evening social meals.

Chairman's report

The greatest achievement during the last 12 months has undoubtedly been Ray Jones gaining accreditation in both Obedience and Field Trials Training. This is the culmination of around 60 years experience in training his own dogs and also instructing in the training of Military, Police and Prison Service dogs before coming to pass his great knowledge on to successive owners within our branch.

Since this time last year we have continued to grow and develop, much of this is down to Ray and his merry band of instructors who come down in all weathers to pass on their knowledge and assist our members in training their dogs. We have seen a number of owners and their dogs move up through the classes last year and have a new Instructor since this time last year; Jeff, who passed out as it were early in the year and has become a valued member of the hard-working team.

We continued to run Agility at Moss Cottage courtesy of Jeff and Dena supported by Kath who brought a lot of experience of agility training and competitions to the party. We held an Agility competition this year that was quite closely fought with none of the people taking part giving any quarter... they all wanted to win!

In addition to progress made on the training field we have also had a very successful year on the social front. Paul has organised a number of dinners, and a very special lunch of which I will speak more shortly, for us at The Harrington Arms. On each occasion the food has been of a high standard with friendly and efficient service. Gill and Terry again twisted their son-in-law's arm to provide the barbecue at the summer Fun Day, which was again a great success. We catered for 80 (a third more than last year) and very little food was left.

In September we were fortunate enough to have Trish organise a Companion Dog Show which proved quite successful, raising £300 for GSD Rescue, and which there was great interest in us doing again this year. Eileen organised the Christmas Social at the Traveller's Rest again and everyone who attended had a great time.

The monthly Social Walks have continued throughout the year and we even ran an extra one between Christmas and the New Year.

I have made mention of a number of you who have contributed to the successes of the last year but we owe a special thanks to Gill and Terry who come down early every week to open up and get the place warm and also to all of the members of the Committee who give up their time to ensure that the Club continues to be successful.

Thank you one and all.

For further information, about M.C.G.S.D. Derby Branch please contact **Gill & Terry Ing on 01332 558716** or **John & Jackie Butler on 01773 880645**.

By contributing a third of our training fees we support **Midland Counties German Shepherd Dogs Rescue, North Lodge, Kings Corner, Derby DE21 4RG**.



Just 4 Dogs is a canine rescue organisation that helps all breeds including GSD's. For further details contact:-
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