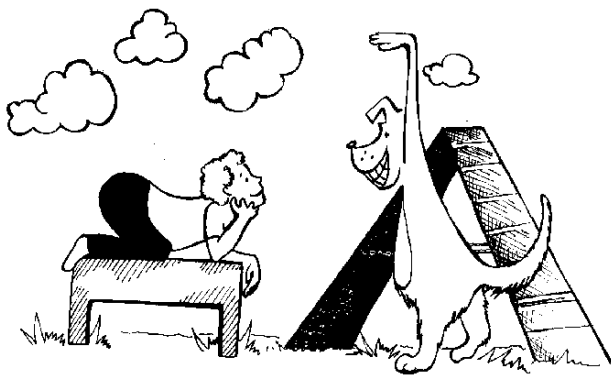




Axstane Agility Club

Newsletter January 2015

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back. We start on Thursday 8th January.



http://www.gatesandcroft.com/art_outside_the_garden.html

Winter weather conditions

If you are unable to get to training any evening please make sure you let us know as early as you can. Please contact us by emailing axstane@yahoo.co.uk If it is a last minute change of plan send a text message to Linda Armour on 07957236820.

The sooner you can let us know the better.

If training is cancelled altogether Committee Members will make sure that everyone is contacted. They will send emails and ask for acknowledgement, and then phone if needed. Watch the Axstane Facebook page for announcements as well

To make sure that the contact details we have for you are correct please complete the form that is sent with this Newsletter and either email it or give it to Melanie when we return.

The Axstane "After Christmas" Meal will be on the 6th February at:

**The Fighting Cocks
The Street
Horton Kirby
Kent, DA4 9BY**

The Pub has a huge conservatory dining room which can accommodate our numbers either at one or two tables, the area will not be for us exclusively as it is very large. There is plenty of car parking and it is easy to access from Kent and Essex directions



An example Menu will be on the board at club from the New Year. You do not have to decide on your food until the evening as the Three Course Menu may be subject to slight change. The pub has advised that they would prefer that we stick to this menu because of our numbers.

Please let Linda Armour know if you plan to come by the end of January. Three Courses for £25.00 (cheque to Linda in advance please). Axstane will pay the service charge and drinks for the evening.

Change of trainer for the Beginners' Class

Melanie has been training at Axstane for almost ten years and has decided to have a break now that she has taken over the role of Club Secretary. (*I have had a couple of breaks along the way!*) Martine has agreed to take over the Beginners' Class in the short term while the Committee discusses who will be the permanent trainer.

The next regular Axstane Committee meeting will be on the 30th January.

If you have anything you would like discussed please contact Melanie by emailing axstane@yahoo.co.uk



"Everyone here? Good. Meeting topic: Setting world record for shortest meeting. All in favor say aye. Ayes have it. Meeting over."

Axstane Agility Club AGM

**Wednesday 25th February 7.30 pm,
48, Miskin Road, Dartford, Kent, DA1 2LS.**

The AGM is an opportunity to reflect on the previous year and to celebrate everyone's achievements. The trophies for "**Axstane Dog of the Year**" will be awarded so make sure you have submitted all your points. The book will be available at training. The deadline for submitting points is Thursday 22nd January. Remember this is for ALL the shows and classes that you do.

Drinks and light refreshments will be provided.

Formal notification of the AGM was emailed to all members at the end of November. There are vacancies on the Committee so if you would like to be involved with the running of the Club please have a word with Linda or Melanie. Martine, Jill, Richard, Melanie and Micheline complete their two year term of office. Of these, Martine and Jill have decided not to stand for re-election. This means there are two vacancies on the committee. Full Members may be nominated and all nominations will close 42 days prior to the AGM. All nominations should be forwarded to the Secretary with proposers and seconders. The last date for nomination, therefore, is Thursday 15th January 2015.

If you have any items you would like added to the Agenda for general discussion at the AGM please let Melanie know by Friday 30th January 2015 by emailing axstane@yahoo.co.uk

Advance notice:

5th March : NO training (CRUFTS)

Good luck to our Axstane Small Dog team at Crufts: Gina and Traqa, Micheline and Rufus, Jill and Buddy, Madeleine and Echo, with Amanda and Meg as reserve.

The Small Team event will be on the Saturday (7th March). Hopefully some Axstane members will be there to cheer the team on.

Axstane Show 2015

Save the date: 20th & 21st June

We have already started planning for our next Show and have had one meeting. Once again Debbie is Show Secretary. The ground is booked, most of the Judges have been invited and yes, we have been in touch with other clubs about Reciprocal Ring Parties!

Already shows are beginning to appear on Agilitynet and ISS. Here are some dates for your diaries:

Saturday 28th February

Mid-Downs DAC Show, Ardingly

This Show is now live and entries close on the 30th January.

We are likely to be Reciprocal Ring Party.

Saturday 25th April

Downland AC Premier Agility Show, Bentley Wildfowl & Motor Museum, Halland, Lewes, BN8 5AF

This show will replace the indoor Spring Show formerly held at Golden Cross. It will be back-to-back with....

Sunday 26th April

Lewes & District DTS Open Agility Show, also at Bentley Wildfowl & Motor Museum, Halland

Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd & Monday 4th May

FAB Agility Show, Tonbridge

Saturday 6th June Dartford Show, Orsett (not on Agilitynet yet so awaiting confirmation)

Sunday 7th June Keston Show, Orsett (Reciprocal Ring Party)

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14 June

Thames DTC Champ Show

Saturday 11th July

Newlands Show (in planning stages to be back-to-back with Billingshurst on the Sunday)

Sunday 12th July

Billingshurst DTC Open Agility Show, Cranleigh

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July

Colchester DAC Open Agility Show (Reciprocal Ring Party)

25th & 26th July

Agility Club Champ Show, Ardingly

13th, 14th, 15th & 16th August

Kennel Club International Agility Festival

Kennel Club SE Area Liaison Meeting (Kent)

Sunday 18th January 2015, 10.00 - 13.00

Hadlow Village Hall

Hadlow, Kent

TN11 0HQ

The Agility Liaison Council is made up of 13 regional representatives, elected for a three year term to act as a channel of communication between Agility Clubs, competitors, and the Kennel Club. The representative for the SE Area is Simon Chandler. The Council meets twice a year, and representatives hold area meetings prior to each council meeting to provide a platform for proposals and discussion items to be raised. These meetings also provide feedback from the Kennel Club on recent developments and decisions.

There is a very full agenda so it would be best to find time to read the agenda before the meeting and bring your copy of the agenda and annexes with you. This can all be downloaded from the Kennel Club website:

<http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/activities/agility/agility-liaison-council/>

There are proposals that could well affect you. For example amongst the agenda items they will be covering the introduction of a fourth height category, bitches in season competing at shows, judging the "up" contacts and whether the tyre and collapsible tunnel are safe in their current format. Please come along to your local meeting and make your views known for the forthcoming Agility Liaison Council Meeting. This is your opportunity to voice your feelings or listen to others and understand how decisions are made.

If you are interested in attending please let Melanie know so that we can make sure we all sit in a group.