

DOG TRACKS

Festival of Agility 9 & 10 September 2017 Erskine Park

By Jo Comber

The Festival of Agility or "FOA" or "The Festival" was held at Erskine Park under blue skies and mild temperatures. It also saw Manly club members competing across all rings, including both the Agility and Jumping dog of the Year "Invitational", which resulted in some fantastic results across the board.

The Dog of the Year Invitational is the final round of a series of Regional Qualifying Heats (RQH), held throughout the year, around the state, where competitors 6 best rounds are tallied and the top 40 dogs in each category are invited to compete in the final for the chance to be awarded the Dog of the Year title. These finals are held before all other competition commences.

Manly club also supplied equipment for and hosted the 400 Ring on Saturday, under Judge Kendall Olsen from Tasmania. The Ring was run beautifully by a handful of club members, who gave up their day to make for a well run Ring. The new equipment looked fantastic and the competitors loved them. We also took the table cloths, which were very popular (that would be our bright blue tables cloths).



To top the day off, Ashley Roach and Smydas Jake obtained the last of their championship points to achieve their "Agility Champion" title. Congratulations Ash and Jake.

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Now I can hear you asking “what were those results”. Well here they come.

Sarah Sharp and Maggie - 2nd place NQ 200 AD
Belinda Baxter and Luc - 1st place 200 ADM
Belinda Baxter and Luc - 1st place 200 JDM
Wayne Bogart and Layla - Quallie 300 JDM (in his first run in Masters)
Sarah Sharp and Maggie - 3rd place NQ 200 JDX
Cass Fox and Kaia - 2nd place 300 JD
Nicole Van Barneveld and Bowie - Quallie in 500 JD (10th place)
Patricia Cooper and Skye - 1st place 500 AD
Nicole Van Barneveld and Bowie - Quallie 500 AD (5th place)
Ashley Roach and Jake - 4th place 500 ADM
Ashley Roach and Jake - 3rd place 500 JDM
Nick Heygate and Jimmy - Quallie in 500 JDM (10th place)
Simone Samany - Takoda - 1st place 600 AD
Jo Comber and Moose - 3rd place 600 JDM

Games

Ashley Roach and Jake - 1st place in SDX
Sue Winn and Jaxon - Quallie SDX
Patricia Cooper and Skye - 6th place GD
Gunilla Doyle and Noddy - Quallie GD
Patricia Cooper and Skye - 1st place in Novice Pairs
Simone Samany and Takoda - 3rd place Excellent Pairs
Patricia Cooper and Skye - 4th place SD

Dog of the Year Invitational Results:

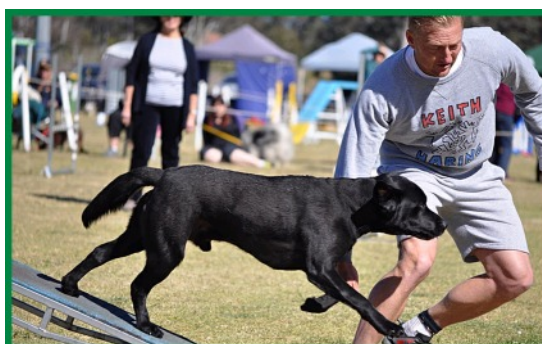
Agility:

Nick and Jimmy - Clear and 8th overall
Ash and Jake - 1 fault and 15th overall

Jumping:

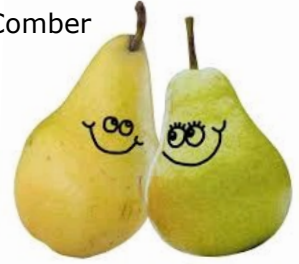
Belinda and Luc - Clear and 9th overall
Ash and Jake - Clear and 11th overall
Russell and Zara - Clear and 17th overall
Nick and Jimmy - Clear and 21st overall

Congrats to everyone who got quallies, places and to those who came and did their personal best, and thank you to all those who helped run the 400 ring on the Saturday.



THE GAME OF STRATEGIC PAIRS

By Jo Comber



So I hear you asking, what is Strategic Pairs?

Well I can only describe it as two dogs, two handlers, one course and lots of fun..... The rules call it a relay.

The strategic component is all about how the two teams run the one course most efficiently to achieve the fastest time and first place.

Pairs means two handlers need to be able to run two dogs on one course right through to the end obstacle.

The course, well if you would call it that, has between 20 and 25 "agility course" obstacles and when you look at it, it will not flow like a normal agility course, but you may find segments. Now this is where the strategic part enters. It is up to the handlers to determine which dog and handler complete which parts of the course and when they need to change. There must be at least two "strategic" changes during the running of the course and both teams must run at least one segment of the course.

Once the teams start the course, the handlers cannot touch or restrain their dogs until all obstacles are completed.

The judge will only judge the active obstacle, which must be completed correctly and in the right direction and their attention will then go to the next numbered obstacle or "active obstacle". Either dog may take an inactive obstacle out of sequence at any time and not be penalised.

Now this is where the fun enters. If a dog drops a bar, completes an obstacle from the wrong direction, misses a contact or pops a weave, the judge will sound a buzzer and the other team must come and complete the same obstacle before you continue. If this dog fails, then the first dog must try it again. This continues until the obstacle is completed correctly.

Now for further strategy, the handlers must also decide if they are going to continue with the other teams selected obstacles or go back and continue with the obstacles they originally agreed to do. Now from experience, these "faults" will usually be at totally opposite ends of the course, with dogs and handlers running and yelling instructions, and lots of laughing, with lots of time lost whilst all of this happens.

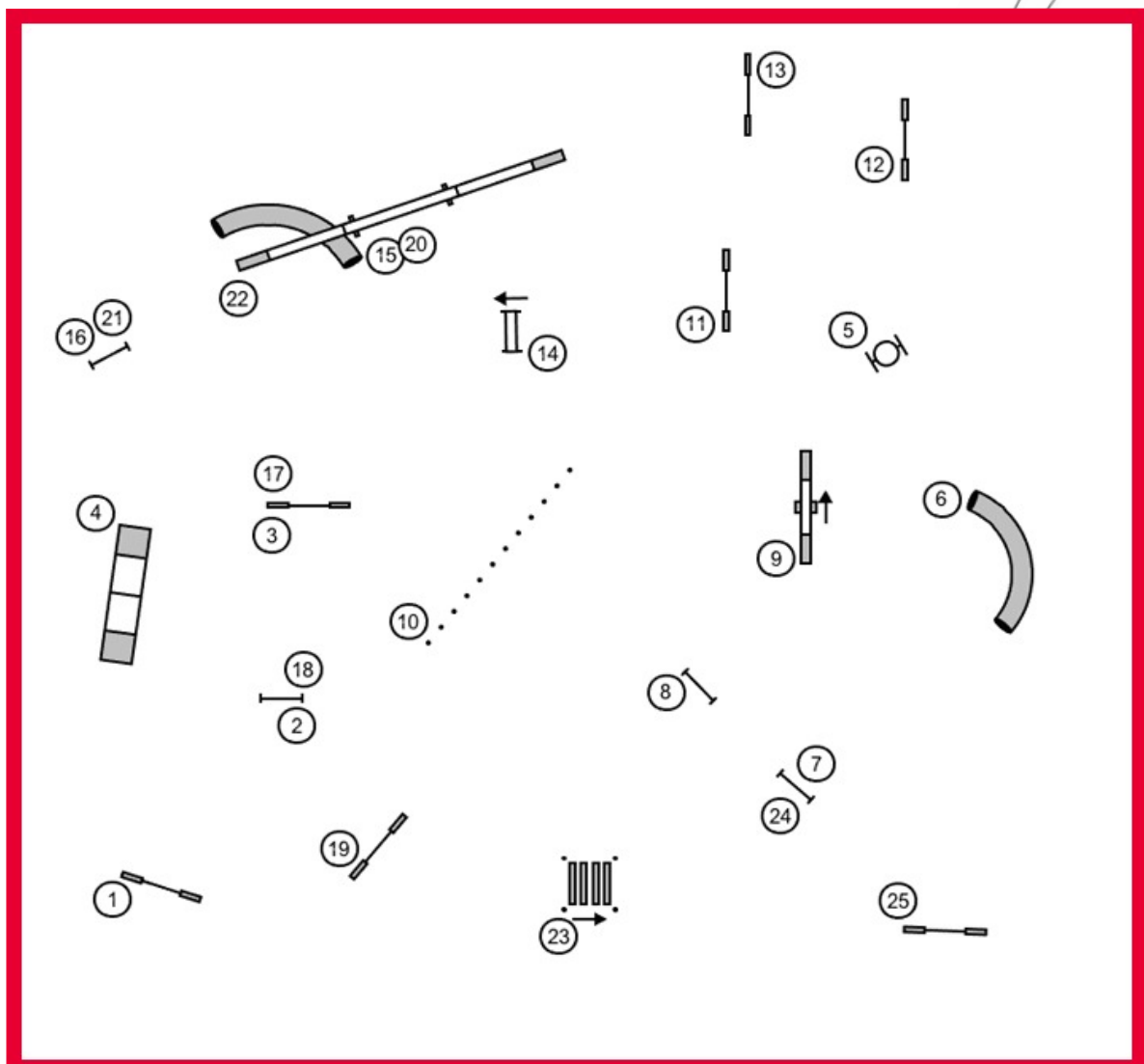
As for the Strategic changes, well these also need to be managed. The first dog needs to have "completed" the active obstacle before the second dog starts the next active obstacle. The judge will usually brief you as to what they expect a completed obstacle to be and this will also tell you when you can start the next obstacle.

There are no refusals, however obstacles must be completed if started. There are a number of reasons why you can be disqualified, including unsafe performance, breach of rules, the course is completed but an obstacle is missed, maximum course time has elapsed or the handlers use any method other than natural voice to communicate with each other.

FINALLY, the pair with the fastest time overall wins.....

I can suggest, don't be scared, go and try it out, you will have nothing but fun!!!!!!

An example of an Excellent Pairs Course.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW LIFE MEMBER

Come rain or shine, winter and summer, you will find Jane Scott manning the desk at Saturday morning agility.

Jane and her husband Jim first joined the Manly Club way back in 1981 when training was held down at Mosman Oval.

Over twenty years later they brought their new dog Jes to the Club to train Obedience. Jes progressed very quickly and it wasn't long before they tried Agility.

Jane and Jes were hooked and continued training until arthritis slowed them both down. Jane also became an instructor which she absolutely loved doing until torn ligaments and tendons made it too painful. So Jane took over managing the desk, taking the money and doing all the paperwork; every Saturday you will see her smiling face welcoming you to training

Jane is always there to help, whether manning a booth at a "Dog Day Out", scribing or running the canteen at the Agility Trial. Jim is always there to lend a hand as well and for over ten years, until he sold his truck, he would pick up and return all the equipment for trials and demonstration days.



Jim has a four and a half year old dog called Choc who he trains and trials whilst Jane's gorgeous little dog Kaz is now over a year old and being trained as well and yes, though getting on in years, Jes is still with them.

The Club surprised Jane with flowers and champagne and bestowed on her a Life Membership to the Club, the grin on her face says it all.

So a big thank you for all your hard work Jane, you are a much loved and dedicated member of the Manly & District Kennel & Dog Training Club and we hope to see your smiling face behind the desk for a long, long time to come.

Boredom Busters

Just like us dogs get bored

Especially in single dog households or if left alone for long periods of time dogs get bored and of course even with the best of intentions there are always those days when circumstances prevent us from paying much attention to our four legged friends.

Try these boredom buster ideas.

The Kong Toy

These are fun and perfect to leave when you go out. The Kong toy is hollow and can be stuffed with such things as kibble, cheese and peanut butter. Your dog will play and lick the end of the toy to get the food out.



The Muffin Tin Game

For this game you will need a muffin tin and twelve tennis balls. Cut the treats into tiny pieces and place one in each muffin cup with a tennis ball on top. You may have to show your dog at first how to play the game by lifting up a ball to show the treat.



This game stimulates your dog's brain. They have to lift up the ball to get the treat and remember where the treats they have already found were if the balls roll back into the cup. As well there is the fun of the chase after any balls that roll away.

The "Go Find Treats" Game

Hide tiny treats around the house or garden. You will have to show your dog how to play the game by saying "Go Find Treats" then leading them to each treat. They will very quickly understand the game and remember different hiding place and run around checking each spot where they have ever found a treat when they hear you call out "Go Find Treats".

The Sandpit

Let's face it most dogs like to dig at some time but some breeds such as terriers live to dig.

So if you have a dog that loves to dig make a sandpit.

Children's shell pits are the easiest way if you don't want to build one and obviously it is an outdoor game if you get one with a lid one half can

be used as a doggy bathing pool in summer. Fill with clean sand and hide toys in the sand for your dog to find.



The Snuffle Mat



These are great for all types and ages of dogs as they capitalize on your dog's natural urge to sniff and burrow.

Scatter a cup of kibble over the mat and your dog will happily snuffle until every last piece has been found. Snuffling stimulates the mind and also has a tiring effect.

They are also great for slowing down fast eaters.

Use a Snuffle Mat in place of a bowl to feed a dry meal. Even the fussiest dogs love to snuffle.

Puzzle Toys

These are toys where the dog has to push a button or lever to find a treat.

You will be surprised how smart your four-legged friend is when it comes to finding treats.



From Here to Agility

by Wayne Bogart

My wife Becky and I went to the Dog Day out at Clontarf with Layla, our two year old Cavoodle. We watched the Manly Club agility demo and after it had finished they had a "have a go session" which we could join in. I had taught Layla to jump through a hoop when she was a puppy; it was only later I found out that puppies should not be taught to jump or weave until they are twelve months old.

We went onto the course and Layla picked it up right away, jumping over the bars and up and over the dog walk; we were hooked. Sarah Sharp, who was running the demo, told me we could come down to Deep Creek in Narrabeen and join the Club. We went down the first week just to watch and then the following week was new beginner week. We joined up and had our first lesson, Layla and I were both having fun, we enjoyed every minute. We came back again and again, and we came in 1st or 2nd on our first course day.



After a couple months we were moved up to a higher class, S1 and then we progressed to S2. In March of the next year Jo Comber, the Chief Instructor, suggested that I sign up for the Manly Club Agility trial in July, I was thinking hmmm do we really want to? Jo said once you start you will be hooked.

In the end we did enter the trial and Layla qualified in her first novice run. From then on we WERE hooked, I made my own jumps and weave poles for the drive way, we practiced almost everyday for ten minutes, especially those weaves. Since we don't have a big enough yard I had to do a makeshift weave set up in the drive way, I ended up using empty laundry soap containers to block the weave poles on each side to get Layla to learn to go through them properly, funnily enough I used the same tactic and set up with Lily when she started. So much for fancy equipment! We started trialling at a time when you only needed three qualifications (Quals) to earn your title, we missed out the first year and the next year they changed it to five.



In January of 2016 we bought Lily from a family in Penrith who didn't want her. She was eight months old and I started training her little by little and at about 11 months old brought her to the club. We started in beginners and we moved up quickly. Lily entered her first trial in March this year and sure enough got her first Quallie in JD, She has gone on to earn her Jumping Dog title at the Spring Fair this year. Layla earned her JD title in 2016 and Agility Dog title this year after having to get six Quallies, not five, because of a judge rule. She had gone on to earn her JDX title and she got her first JDM Quallie at the Festival of Agility in her first go at it.

We are having a great time, we have made lots of new friends both at the Club and the trials, We like getting up early and heading out the Deep Creek and getting the equipment out and setting it up for everyone. The sooner we can get set up the more time we all have for training. I've been getting involved with the Club, managing the equipment, doing course designs, setting up training stations and learning the more advanced moves of agility.

We train a couple times a week now; I have attended a couple of agility seminars, done on-line training and bought a couple of books, always trying to figure out how these dogs think. In the end it is always me who stuffs them up! We've had lots of support from so many people at the Club, everyone has been so helpful and they are always there to give tips and advice on what to do next.

We are having a great time, the girls love it, I love it, getting exercise, being outdoors. The best bit is getting home and watching these two dogs fall asleep for the day.

Yes I won!!



Clean Teeth & Fresh Breath

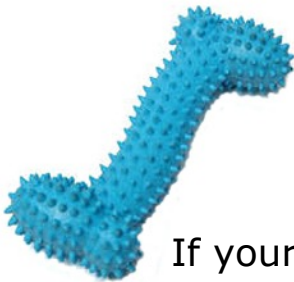


Looking after your dog's teeth is just as important as taking care of your own teeth. A build up of tartar on the teeth can lead to serious gum disease and related health problems.



There are a number of ways to prevent tartar building up on your dog's teeth.

Hard biscuits, raw hide and dental chews and soft bones, such as brisket bones help as do chicken wings and necks, but never give wings and necks unsupervised as choking can occur.



There are water additives, gels to rub on to the teeth as well as dog toothpaste. Never use human toothpaste and if you are going to brush your dog's teeth start the routine from puppy hood so that they get used to having their teeth cleaned as part of their grooming routine.

If your dog has a serious tartar build up it is advisable to have it removed by your vet.

Mint and Parsley Fresh Breath Biscuits

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| 2 1/2 | x | Cups of Rolled Oats, |
| 1/2 | x | Cup Fresh Chopped Parsley |
| 1/2 | x | Cup Fresh Chopped Mint |
| 1 | x | Large Egg |
| 1/3 | x | Cup of Water |
| 3 | x | Tablespoons coconut oil |
| (unrefined extra-virgin is best) | | |

Add oats to a blender and pulse to a flour like consistency. In a large bowl whisk together parsley, mint, egg, water, and oil. Add oat flour and stir to combine. Knead dough a few times then turn out onto a lightly floured surface. Roll out and cut into disc shapes with a cookie cutter. Place on a lined baking tray and bake at 160° for 35-40 minutes, or until crisp and golden. Store in an air-tight container.





AGM



Welcome to the new Committee voted in at the AGM on September 25th

President: Julian Williams
Vice President: Wendy Jones
Secretary: Dawn Rollings
Treasurer: Wayne Bogart

Jane Brooks
Belinda Clark
Peter Martin
Deborah Patenall
Sarah Sharp

The Committee can be contacted via email:
info@northernbeachesdogtraining.com.au

Club members are welcome to attend Ordinary General Meetings
Next meeting Monday December 4th 8.00pm
Forestville Community Arts Centre, Darley Street, Forestville



Sunday, Sunshine and Snakes



Arriving early Sunday morning for Obedience classes what did we find but a large, Diamond Python sunning it's self in the centre of the training ground. Dogs and snakes definitely don't mix and whilst Diamond Pythons are not dangerous please be aware of the venomous snakes that are around; snakes that can kill your dog. Luckily this was a sleepy fellow, he let us pick him up and put him behind a rock in the bush, well away for our training ground.

Training Session Cards

**10 Sessions for
\$45.00**



**No more scrabbling around in the glove box
for loose change on training day!!**

**Available now on line (under shop) and at
the grounds.**

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Welcome to Our New Members

Gabrielle Ahrens & **Gunner**
Chris, Abby & Thalia Allin & **Nellie**
Fernando Alves, Daniela Moraes & **Banjo**
Tania Ashdown & **Harley**
Libby Askew & **Maggie**
Tomas Atkins & **Koopa**
Anne Marie, Lily Ann, Patrick & Steve Barrett & **Boris**
Christine Birrell & **Callie**
Tony Blackwood & **Cleaver**
Lyn Bland & **Ellie**
Nicole, Chris, Matthew & Sophia Booker & **Jasper**
Alana Boyce & **Lily**
Sophie Branch & **Sunny**
Alexandra Brandt & **Scruffy**
Gillian Cappelletto, Michael Jones & **Meika**
Danny Caunt & **Busta**
Judy Coffey & **Lucy**
Lee Cooper & **Maggie**
Ali Daddo & **Curly**
Maria Dallwitz & **Storm**
John Demontfort & **Indy**
Carmel & Billy Demery & **Ecko**
Isobel Demol & **Terra**
Jacqueline Dickson & **Tango**
Charles & Deb Dunn & **Clio**
Lisa Dunphy & Maris Taylor and **Jedda & Zara**
Patrick Flakeyar & **Lolh**
Joanne Fortune & **Baxter**
Mizue France & **Snoopy**
Colin Garrad & **Pepper**
Ivan Gasparini, Felicia Aditya & **Pasticcio**
Geoff Gay & **Sommer**
Neville Gereaux & **Blsher**
Simone Giesel & **Kobah**
Alison Glass & **Charlie**
Julie Gordon & **Amber**
Dorothy Haithwaite & **Clay**
Matt Hardman, Elizabeth Oak & **Luna**
Peter Hermes & **Gertie**
Monique Hewett & **Kushti**
Vic Howell & **Nicholas**
Steven Hydr, Pia Carlone & **Molly**
Lindy, Catherine, Amanda Jack & **Topaz, Ruby, Barley & Zulu**
Kim Jeffress & **Rosie**
CJ & **Indie**
Mia Jensen & **Zelda**
Dorothy Kennedy & **Robbie**
Sam Khamisi & **Sassy**
Sarah Kirkham, David, Milo & Asher Jaggers & **Mr Fox & Ginger**
Turid Klienberga & **Mikey**

Olivia Koorey & **Charli**
Jade Larach & **Indie**
Amanda & Violet Loftus & **Jupiter**
Ludovicus Loijens, Caren Young & **Toby**
Briohny Luhrmann & **Marnie**
Flavia MacDowell & **Tyra**
Christine McBryde & **Maggie**
Laurence & Cindy McCoy & **Muddy**
Jacqui McLachlan & **Jersey**
Dawn, Emily & Todd Nevin & **Riley**
Jessica Newton & **Boston**
Shelia Newton & **Piper**
Jeanette O'Neill & **Pork Chop (Porky)**
Mary O'Neill & **Floki**
Sam Panetta & **Rambo**
Phillip Parsons & **Jet**
Doug Patrick & **Charlize**
Gabrielle & Lucas Perry & **Bessie**
Leanne Peters & **Oliver**
Jody Phillips & **Frankie**
Caroline Pinnington, Andrew & Poppy Fisher & **Chilli & Sox**
Brian & Rose Reedy & **Harry**
Geoffrey & Christine Ross-Clift & **Tatan**
Jennifer Saunders & **Salty**
Brianna SIM & **Meo**
Krishna, Anita, Prish & Srijan Singh & **Chase**
Gail Stewart White & **Baxter**
Karen & Dean Stilo & **Mak**
Lani Sutherland & **Spinner**
Vanessa & Isabella Sutton & **Padley**
Nicole, Rocky, Alana & Britney Tassone & **Marli**
Heidi, Quentin & Grace Tetz & **Mattie**
Belinda Thomas & **Diesel**
Susan & Zeke Thomas & **Memphis**
Megan Tothill & **Dude**
Colleen, Jon & Genevieve Uren & **Riley**
Sam, Ben, Geoff & Izzy Wanfers & **Reggie & Roscoe**
Cindy & Chris Waters & **Bluey**
Donna Westlake & **Rupert**
Mark Williams & **Stormy**
Ian Wilton & Sharon Froome & **Alfie**
Fleur Wolter & **Teddy**



Promotions

Obedience

Under 9 months to Class 1

Kate & **Jaffa**
Vic & **Nicholas**
Jody Thomson & **Frankie**
Leanne Peters & **Ollie**
Karen Stilo & **Mak**

Over 9 months to Class 1

Andrea Diletti & **Max**
Christine Hopton & **Ziggy**
Liz Mathieson & **Coby**
Kate Chick & **Lady**
Kelly Khuu & **Cookie**
Gillian Cappelletto & **Meika**
Sharon Froome & **Alfie**

Class 1 – Class 2

Colin Garrad & **Pepper**
Anna Cabrera & **Nala**
Astrid Cairns & **Billy**
„Kelly & **Ruby**
Victoria Gore & **Orla**
Kate Chick & **Lady**
Christine Hopton & **Ziggy**
Tattersall & **Buddy**
Bill Spuljarn & **Sibby**
Kim Salter & **Bailey**
Hannah Christensen & **Nelly**
Jennie Bruce & **Billie**
Renee Jerrigan & **Gus**
Matthew Gass & **Olive**
Michelle Brunton & **Banjo**

Class 2 to Class 3

Craig Eeles & **Ivy**

Class 3 to Class 4

Jason Walters & **Vada**
Phil Keys & **Charlie**