

~ THE BEAGLE CLUB OF NSW INC. ~

HO, HO, HO, TO COOTAMUNDRA WE GO... FOR CHRISTMAS IN JULY 2008

The weekend of **12th and 13th July 2008** is the date set for our Annual Sniffing Around Cootamundra, incorporating the Christmas In July Feast, and the Drag Hunt for our Beagle friends.



As usual, the hunt will be held at Bimbadeen property. This year, the Feast will also be held at Bimbadeen - we have simply run out of room to hold it in our home!

This year we are asking owners to keep their dogs with them if they possibly can. Most accommodation facilities in Cootamundra are very good about dogs. For those who cannot keep their dogs with them, we are able to take a limited number here with us.

Those of you who have been before can understand that keeping such a large number of dogs here is a big ask - luckily our neighbours are good!

Please note: Participants **must** be members of The Beagle Club of NSW
(you can join when you arrive at Cootamundra, \$25 per family, see Brian or Lesley).

ITINERARY:

The weekend starts at 11.30am - 12 midday at Bimbadeen. Bring your own lunch.

The afternoon consists of several drag hunts, commencing with a short run to "break in the newbies" and refresh the memories of some of the old timers.

Back to Brialey Kennels for afternoon tea. We again ask that everyone bring something to share for afternoon tea. Tea and Coffee will be supplied. All the dogs are welcome to have a rest and a play in our yard while the humans have refreshments.

After this, our regular 'let's invade Cootamundra' walk down the main street of town. Also known as 'cruisin' the main!'

Dogs that are spending the night with us stay; everyone else makes their way to their accommodation, then meet at Bimbadeen for the three course Christmas Dinner. Please BYO!

Sunday 8.30-9.00 am. Meet at Bimbadeen for several more drag hunts and a lovely off lead walk.

Leave for home after this, about 12 noon. If you want to stay a little longer, you are welcome to come back to Brialey for Tea and Coffee before heading off.

THIS YEAR WE ARE HAVING AN ENTRY FORM, TO ENABLE US TO CLARIFY NUMBERS AND ENABLE US TO PLAN.

We will be holding a raffle over the weekend, to pay for the hire of Bimbadeen Hall, their kitchen, cutlery, crockery and other equipment. Entry this year will be \$20 per head, this covers the meal and the ground entry.

RULES FOR THE HUNT

- **NO** Runner leads at all! Leads no longer than 6' please. Dogs are too easily tangled in long leads, not to mention people!
- **NO** Aggressive Dogs - any dog showing aggression will be asked to leave.
- **ALL** dogs must have a fixed collar- no check chains, they are too dangerous on the hunt, as they could get hooked in a fence and choke a dog.
- **ALL** dogs will be issued with a baggage tag bearing our phone number. We have never lost a dog, but better to be safe.

ACCOMMODATION

Mention you are doing the hunt for all these places:

- Bimbadeen have bunk house and cabin accommodation. Dogs are welcome to stay with their owners. Ask for Kevin or Lucy. 02 69427994 or 0412803387.
- Cootamundra Caravan Park. Dog friendly. Ask for Barry or Meryl. 02 69421080.
- Bradman Motel. Ask for Ian or Allison and tell them you are coming for the hunt. 02 69422288.

TIPS AND HINTS

Travel Directions: Travel time from Campbelltown to Cootamundra is about 4 hours. Drive along F2 (Hume Highway) towards Yass. Approx 5kms after you drive past the turnoff to the Yass MacDonalDs, turn right into Burley Griffin Way (to Harden, Temora, Cootamundra). Drive approx 50 mins to roundabout at Wallendbeen. Turn left and drive approx 18kms along Olympic Highway to Cootamundra. Watch out for 50km sign and Welcome to Cootamundra sign. Travel approx 200m. At Saleyards, turn left into Rinkin St. Drive to Bimbadeen. See map for final directions.

Food and Drink: Bring all food and drink for beagles. Bring morning tea and afternoon tea to share. Bring all other food, except for Saturday dinner. Shops are nearby in the town centre.

Suggestions: BYO warm clothes, good walking shoes, rain gear, hat, beanie, chairs, crate for your beagles, camera, video recorder.

Please detach the form below and return to Brian and Lesley (address below)

ENTRY FORM FOR CHRISTMAS IN JULY TO BE HELD 12TH AND 13TH JULY 2008

**Do not send money with this form - please pay on the evening.
This is only for us to work out numbers.**

NAME/S: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING DINNER _____ @ \$20 per head Total _____

NUMBER OF BEAGLES ATTENDING HUNT _____

NUMBER OF BEAGLES STAYING WITH US AT BRIALEY BEAGLES _____

Please return before **27th June, 2008** to:

Brian and Lesley Childs,
"Hollyhock Cottage",
Matthews Street
Cootamundra 2590