

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

The annual Christmas in July/Beagle Scent Hunt weekend will be held on July 11th and 12th 2009.



The Scent Hunt and Feast will both be held at the Bimbadeen property.

- This is a Beagle only weekend.
- Brialey Beagles are NOT able to house any beagles this year.

Information on some accommodation possibilities for both skin and fur people is included below.

Please note: For insurance purposes, participants **must** either be a member of The Beagle Club of NSW or sign a waiver.

You can access the NSW Beagle Club Membership Application form on their Web site - URL <http://www.beagleclubnsw.org.au/>

EVENT DETAILS:

The weekend starts on Saturday between 11.30am – 12 Midday at Bimbadeen. Please bring your own lunch.

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

Afternoon tea will be held at the central building of Bimbadeen, allowing humans and hounds to recoup their energies after the exertions of the morning. We ask that everyone bring something to share for afternoon tea. Tea and Coffee will be supplied.

This will be followed by the 'Let's invade Cootamundra' walk, after which everyone should make their way to their accommodation to prepare for the evening festivities. Around 6:00pm we all meet at Bimbadeen for the three courses Christmas Dinner. Please BYO!

Sunday - 8.30am - 9.00am. Meet at Bimbadeen for several more scent hunts and an off-lead walk.

About 12 Noon leave for home or, if you want to stay a little longer, you are welcome to meet again at Bimbadeen Central for tea and coffee before heading off.

TO ENABLE US TO CLARIFY NUMBERS AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE ENTRY FORM BELOW

We will be holding a raffle over the weekend to pay for the hire of Bimbadeen Hall, kitchen, cutlery, crockery and other equipment.

Entry this year will be \$20 per head, which covers ground entry and the Christmas dinner.

Accommodation at Bimbadeen is \$15 per person / per night.

If you are thinking of attending the Scent Hunt on the Saturday only, we'll let you know what this cost will be at a later date.

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 a contact mobile phone number. We have never lost a dog, but better to be safe.

ACCOMMODATION

Bunkhouse accommodation is available at Bimbadeen. If you wish to reserve a place in one of the two bunkhouses, please contact Bernadette (044 88 12 006). Dogs are welcome, but must be crated. You will need to provide your own bed linen (including pillows), blankets, towels etc.

There are also a number of dog-friendly options available around Cootamundra. If you decide to book at any these places, please **confirm** that your dog(s) may stay with you and any conditions attached (e.g. must be crated, on lead etc.).

| Name | Accommodation type | Fur people arrangements | Phone/Email/website | Booking options |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cootamundra Caravan Park | Caravan/cabin/camping | Must be on lead | (02) 6942 1080 | phone |
| Old Nubba Schoolhouse | B&B | None specified | (02) 6943 2513 zen@geko.net.au | email or phone |
| Woodie's Accommodation | Guest House | In crate or on lead | (02) 6942 4090 | phone |
| Wattle Tree Motel | Motel | Trailer available | (02) 6942 2688 | phone |
| Globe Hotel | Pub | In crate outside | (02) 6942 1446 | Phone - David |

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 minutes 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 Sale yards, turn left into Rinkin Street. 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 before **23rd June, 2009** (see address below)

ENTRY FORM FOR CHRISTMAS IN JULY TO BE HELD 11TH AND 12TH JULY 2009

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 _____

ATTENDING THE SATURDAY HUNT ACTIVITIES ONLY (Please circle) _____ Yes / N/A

Please return before **23rd June, 2009** to:

Christmas in July - **Cootamundra 2009**

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