



“THE RETRIEVER OLYMPICS”

Golden Retrievers versus Labrador Retrievers

Sunday 21st August 2016 - Indoors at NZKC Exhibition Centre, Ardmore.

This is the annual battle for the shield but this year, being the Olympics, the match will be a competition with a difference as gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded! This should be a fun event for the whole family, so please support your club by entering your four legged family members. We would love to see you there.

Entries from 10:00am - Opening Ceremony at 10:30am

\$5 per dog for the day. A ring will be available from 10:00am for Triathlon practice.

The games will run for approximately 3 to 3½ hours.

THE PARADE

This is a small beauty competition and all retrievers entered for the Olympic Games (e.g. pets, champions, never shown before, neuters, spayed, retired show dogs, etc.) are eligible to enter one of the three classes in this event. The best two Golden Retrievers and the best two Labrador Retrievers from each class “qualify” to enter the final parade where they will again be judged on conformation. Medals awarded to the top three retrievers in the final parade.

THE MARATHON

This is an endurance test to find out which dogs can sustain a “down stay” with increasingly difficult levels of distractions. For safety reasons, the dog’s lead will be left on and there will need to be someone (not the owner) beside each dog while the owner goes out of sight. Maximum length of time will be 10 minutes. If more than three dogs are remaining, then the remaining dogs will be asked to do a more difficult endurance test. The last three dogs “down” receive medals. (NOTE: The numbers entering this event may need to be restricted due to space).

Lunch

Filled rolls, soup, cakes, slices, tea, coffee and cold drinks will be available for purchase.

THE TRIATHALON

Three fun tasks for your dog to try – the ability to carry a food object without eating it, a short obstacle course and a challenging “work that bottle” IQ test. The three dogs with the highest points will receive medals.

THE RELAY

A fast paced test of recall and retrieving skills. Teams of four dogs. **Please bring your dog’s favourite toy or object to retrieve.** The quickest three teams will receive a medal for each dog in their team.

Closing Ceremony

Photo of winning dogs wearing their medal(s) and awarding of the shield to the club with the highest medal points score (based on 3pts for gold, 2pts for silver and 1pt for bronze for each of the four events).

DIRECTIONS: The NZKC Exhibition Centre is located at 743 Papakura-Clevedon Road, Ardmore. Papakura Clevedon Road is the road that runs between Papakura and Clevedon. From Papakura follow direction signs for Clevedon, cross main trunk railway and follow Clevedon Road for 3kms towards Clevedon Village. The NZKC Exhibition Centre is on the left hand side, approximately 500 metres past the Ardmore Airport turnoff (Hamlin Road) and is marked with a NZKC sign. Follow the gravel driveway until you come to the large green building. Please do not park in any of the spaces that have a kennel name or reserved sign.

The Golden Retriever Club is hosting this year’s match. Any queries please contact our club secretary Sue Colvin – Phone 027 686 5578 or email colvin51@xtra.co.nz