

Welcome back to all our existing members and welcome to our new members who have joined today, our first day of Dog Training for 2006 following a break over the Christmas/New Year period. Great to see you all. Our 2005 year finished with a very enjoyable and successful Christmas Party. Congratulations to all our Award winners and to everyone who took part in the Class demonstrations and Fancy Dress – there were some fabulous entries – thanks to everyone for joining in and having fun!

Talk by Tony Knight

On 14 December the Club hosted a talk by Tony Knight from the UK Amichien Dog Listeners. Tony's talk was both amusing and interesting and was very well received by over 70 attendees. Tony and his mother Jan Fennell have produced books and DVDs/Videos on dog behaviour. The Club has copies of the DVD and video, which can be loaned to members. We also have a library and members are welcome to borrow books. When borrowing any books, videos or DVDs please ensure you give your name and phone number to Diane when paying your training fee. Items may be loaned for a maximum of two weeks.

Australia Day

Several members worked hard over the "break" in order to present a brilliant demonstration and promotion of the Club at the Australia Day Celebrations at Mollymook Beach on 26 January. A very appreciative and sizeable crowd watched the events. To all who took part, thank you very much.

Membership Fees

Commencing this year membership fees fall due on the 5 February 2006. This is because the Club is to run on the calendar year, rather than the financial year. In order to make the adjustment this year a membership fee of \$3.00 is now payable by all members and will cover your membership until February 2007.

Annual General Meeting -The AGM will be held at 10.15am on Sunday 26 February, 2006 for approximately 40 to 45 minutes. Morning tea will be available at 10am. Please put this date in your diary. The meeting is your opportunity to give input into the running of your Club. All committee members stand down and your committee for 2006 is elected. A nomination form is attached to this newsletter, and if you wish to nominate a member for a committee position, please complete a form and lodge in the nomination box by Sunday 19 February. Any of the current committee members will be pleased to

explain to you what's involved in their jobs. Remember it is your Club and we are looking for your input. Current position holders are:

President: Roy Cullen
Treasurer/Public Officer: Diane Richmond
Chief Instructor: Diane Richmond
Secretary: Janet Smith
Vice President: Robyn Carstens
Publicity Officer: Margaret Rudd
Equipment Officer: Sue Berntsson

Club Championship 2006

Both the Lyn Brookes and Marion Mann Championships will be held in 2006. The proposed events are:

1. *Compulsory Section – Heel on lead 50%.
Heel Free Off Lead 50%. Novice Standard
heeling pattern – maximum points 50*
2. *Choose four (4) from the following five (5)
disciplines, each of which has a maximum of
25 points*
 - *Stand Stay & Stand for Examination.
Novice Standard*
 - *Retrieve Dumbbell on the flat & Retrieve
Dumbbell over Obstacle.*
 - *Fly Ball. Club Standard*
 - *Jumping. Novice Standard*
 - *Flags. Club Standard*

The total points score possible is therefore 150. The handler and dog achieving the highest score wins the Club Championship Award. In the case of a tie the award will be given jointly. All events may be completed on-lead, but a points deduction will occur where no lead is the required standard.

The judges this year will be Instructors Peter Hudson and Bob Puttock. It is proposed to hold all the events on one day, being a Saturday at the end of August or beginning of September. The Awards will be presented on the day. There will be no "catch up" day and no late entries will be accepted. Entries will close on Sunday 25 June, 2006. More information at the AGM and to follow in subsequent Newsletters.

Mowing – we would love some volunteers to help with mowing, the Club has its own ride-on mower and teams of 2 people will be rostered together – please see Roy if you can help.

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**MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
10.15AM SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2006 MILTON SHOWGROUND**

AGENDA

- Apologies
- Minutes of the last AGM
- Correspondence
- Financial Statement and Treasurer's Report
- President's Report
- Election of Officers
- General Business

NOMINATION FORM - CLOSE SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2006

Please detach and place in box provided.

This is to nominate (name)for the position of

Nominated bySeconded by

I agree to stand for the position of

SignedDate:.....

Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club Inc