

**MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB  
INC**

**2009**

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

**THE LYNNE BROOKS TROPHY  
&  
THE MARION MANN TROPHY**

**OPEN SECTION**

**Date: Saturday 15 August 2009**

**8.00 am Start**

**Competition for Obedience, Jumping, Change of  
Position, Dummy Retrieves, and Tricks**

**Lunch: 12:30pm**

**Followed by Presentations**

**At**

**MILTON SHOWGROUND**

### ⌘ Lynne Brooks ⌘

Lynne Brooks lived at Berry and trained her beloved Border Collies at the Shoalhaven Dog Training Club in Nowra. She was a close friend of Anne Cook, a previous Chief Instructor of the Milton/Ulladulla Dog Club. Lynne was very generous in her time and came to Milton to help our Club on many occasions to assist and offer advice, especially in agility and tracking. In the early 90's, Lynne spent whole days with us teaching members the finer points of tracking, and then in the late 90's she helped Peter, our President, with her knowledge of agility.

She started training a male Border Collie called Toneau, then a female named Miss Vicki both Obedience Champions, then another female Border Collie called Frankie who attained her Obedience Title and Tracking Title. Then Lynne got a male Border Collie called Johnny who attained his Companion Dog Excellent Title and his Tracking Title, but she wanted another female which she got called Toska. Sadly she had to return Toska to the breeder, due to her own increasing ill health. Lynne was well known in the dog world as she loved to travel with her dogs to trials in her campervan which she had fitted out to be comfortable for her and her dogs.

Lynne died in 2003 after fighting cancer for some time. She is sadly missed by the Dog fraternity across N.S.W.

### ⌘ Marion Mann ⌘

Marion joined Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club in 1998 with her 10 week old baby puppy Skye, a Border Collie. Marion was always able to laugh her way through all training problems and through hard work and dedication became a member of our demonstration team. Marion loved her dogs and loved coming to dog training. She always had a smile and was able to joke about times when training didn't go well. She was a great member of the demonstration team, always able to put everything into its true perspective – no matter what went wrong!! Marion's husband, Tony, was elected as President of the Club and they were both very generous in their time and assistance to us, including some memorable "get togethers" at their home at Little Forest. Marion died in September 2004. We miss her very much.

### **The Marion Mann Trophy**

The Marion Mann Trophy is awarded to a dog that is the Club Champion Companion Dog for the year but not exceeding the height of 350cm when measured from ground to the withers.

This trophy provides the smaller dogs in the Club the opportunity to compete on an equal footing to obtain a Championship Award.

The exercises are exactly as described for the Lynne Brookes Trophy, however, adjustments will be made to the distances and height of equipment as appropriate.

**Aim**

The aim of these two Trophies is to select the Club's "Champion Companion Dog" of the year. A companion dog is one that can undertake a wide range of skills at a very competent level. The dog should be able to operate under a variety of conditions both individually and as a member of a team; remain calm and focused and show no irritability towards its handler, other people or other dogs. In most circumstances entrants for this section should be at least Intermediate Class or above but nominations will be accepted from all levels of training.

**Judging**

There will be 2 judges assigned to the Open Section; neither will be competitors. Where there is a dispute about points awarded the CI and President will make the final determination.

**Disqualification**

Disqualification (zero points) will be awarded to any dog that attacks another dog, handler or judge whilst performing in any of the events. Any dog assigned 2 disqualifications during the overall competition will not be eligible for Trophy consideration.

**Use of Food Rewards**

The use of food as a reward is actively promoted at our Club but is NOT permitted in the Open Section.

Judges are not permitted to have any food treats on their person.

**Compulsory**

1. Off lead heeling (100 points) but in addition include a Straight Recall (25 points) and

a Stand Free For Examination (25 points)

**Optional 3 of the following 4 disciplines**

2. Jumping: 14-16 course obstacles as per ANKC regs (maximum 50 points)
3. Change of Position: Distance handling with handler 6 paces (5m) from the dog. On direction from the judge to have the dog sit, drop, stand and recall/finish. Maximum 50 points.
4. Dummy retrieve: 2 dummies thrown by the judge; the dog is to retrieve both dummies in the order specified by the judge. Maximum 50 points.
5. Trix: The handler is to specify to the judge the trick(s)/routine expected and then direct their dog to undertake the desired activity. Points will be awarded for novelty, difficulty choreography. Maximum 50 points.

The highest point scorer wins the Trophy.

**1. Obedience**

This will be an off lead exercise. The first part will include right & left turns/about turns etc and orders for sit, drop and stand. The dog is expected to sit without verbal orders from the handler whenever the judge orders 'halt'. Heeling and associated commands will be done at normal pace, fast pace and slow pace.

Substantial points will be deducted for a slow or lagging dog or one that strays away from the handler's side. Minor

points will be deducted for additional commands, ignored commands, slow sits/drops/stands and those orders that are poorly executed.

### ***Recall***

This exercise is a subset of Obedience. And will be performed in a separate ring. It is a straight recall – at least 12 metres distance.

The Judge will ask the handler to move to the starting post and ‘remove the lead for a recall’. The Judge will then order ‘forward’ and ‘halt’ and the dog must sit without verbal command. The Judge will then order ‘leave your dog’ and the handler may give the dog a stay/wait command and move forward until the Judge says ‘about turn’ and ‘halt.’ On the Judge’s command, the handler will call the dog which must come quickly and sit in front. The Judge will say ‘finish’ and the handler will command the dog to return to heel position.

The judge will then announce ‘exercise finished’.

### ***Stand free for examination***

This exercise comprises the third part of the Obedience discipline and will be completed in a separate ring.

The dog is to stand steadily off lead until the exercise is completed and not show undue resentment or shyness. On order from the judge the handler will move forward and stand the dog. On further order ‘leave your dog’ the handler may give a command to stay/wait and will move forward at least 6 paces (5m). The judge will then order ‘about turn’ and ‘halt’.

The judge will approach the dog from the left or right side obliquely but not from directly in front. The judge will make an examination which does not include the mouth or tail.

The judge will give the order ‘return to your dog’ and the dog must stay in the standing position until the judge declares, ‘exercise finished’.

10 points for a dog failing to stand steadily during examination.

5 points will be lost for repeated commands and for failing an action in the lead up.

2 points will be lost for a dog that moves its feet, for poor stands or for failure to carry out the lesser points of the exercise.

## **2. Jumping**

Jumping is an offshoot of agility. The dog works off lead and is required to negotiate a set of obstacles including jumps, tunnels, tyre, spread hurdle etc over a set course with the handler’s encouraging their dog from one obstacle to the next. The dogs are timed and incur penalties for failing to correctly negotiate an obstacle. All obstacles will be adjusted according to the height of the each dog. There are no contact obstacles or weaving poles.

5 points lost for each obstacle fault. 1 point lost for each second over the SCT. Disqualification for an incorrect course. 5 points minimum for entering.

## **3. Change of Position**

This is essentially an obedience exercise the aim of which is to have the dog comply with commands given by the handler from a distance.

### **Commands**

- Take up your position (between 2 marker posts)
- Remove your lead (hand it to the Steward)
- Forward
- Stand your dog
- Leave your dog a least 6 paces (handler may instruct the dog to stay/wait)

- About turn
- Halt
- Sit your dog
- Drop your dog
- Stand your dog
- Call your dog (to a sit in front)
- Finish
- Exercise finished

### Points

Minimum of 5 for entry

Maximum 50 points

#### Deductions:

- 5 points for not standing
- 5 points for not sitting
- 5 points for not dropping
- 5 points for not re-standing
- 5 points for dog moving off stand/stay order
- 2 points for repeated commands
- 2 points for dog moving closer to handler as each command is given.

## 4. Dummy Retrieve

This exercise is related to gun dog work. Essentially the dog needs to be able to retrieve an object as directed by the handler.

With the dog off lead the judge will order the handler to move forward and halt. The judge will be at least 8 metres distance from the handler and will then throw one dummy obliquely and towards the handler's right side and then throw the second dummy a similar distance obliquely to the left.

The judge will then direct the handler to send the dog to the dummy (s)he has indicated.

Once the indicated dummy has been retrieved and the dog has returned quickly and directly to sit in front of the handler the judge will then order 'take it' and 'finish'.

The judge will then direct that the handler send the dog to retrieve the second dummy with the same criteria applying as per the first dummy.

The judge will then state, 'exercise finished'

10 points lost for a dog that fails to retrieve a dummy

5 points dog that fails to retrieve the indicated dummy, failing to return a dummy or breaks before the handler has given the fetch command

2 points for failure to hold the dummy, give the dummy or for poor sits or lesser parts of the exercise

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In the Open Section you may want to think about choreographing the event (music for example) or having the *trix* combined in such a way as they tell a story (Henry Lawson's "The loaded Dog" for example)

Because this tends to be subjective there will be 2 judges who will confer and derive your score

## Commands

Inform the judges what they can expect to see when you command your dog to undertake *trix*.

- Show us the *trix* you have taught your dog
- 'Exercise finished'.

A minimum of 5 points for entering with a maximum score of 50 points being possible. Bonus points will be given for:

- longer tricks
- more difficult tricks
- originality
- dog remaining enthusiastic
- flow of skills
- choreography

Points will be lost for a dog requiring several commands to undertake the trick, or failing to complete a trick