

# SHUKOKAI KARATE HERVEY BAY

## NEWSLETTER

January 2005

### Welcome Back:

First up, welcome back to training. I trust all students and families had an enjoyable and relaxing festive season.

I would like to express my grateful thanks to all students and families for your gracious words, cards and gifts leading up to Christmas.

Last year saw us involved in many activities, both competitive and social, and so the break was well deserved. We must now however turn our attention to focusing on a return to training and upcoming events.

### Tournaments:

As yet I have not been able to finalise our competition calendar for the year. I have requested specific details regarding dates and locations from the relevant federations and when those details are to hand I will be able to finalise our intended commitments.

### Grading:

Well done to all who graded at the December 2004 grading.

In our Pee Wee grading Druesila Hope and Maiana Hegh successfully attained their 6<sup>th</sup> Kyu green belts; their achievement is a 1<sup>st</sup> for our club with no other Pee Wee students having achieved this level. Our Junior grading, although off to a somewhat sluggish start, saw several students double grade and as a result of the new grades some students will now move from Junior Novice Class to Junior Advanced classes – I will let students know individually if this is the case. Our senior grading also produced many fine efforts that resulted in several students also being able to double grade, and; unlike our previous grading, the lights managed to stay on!

To those students who graded under ASKD for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, I have sent the new member applications to Melbourne and would hope to receive the new member kits shortly. They will be distributed as soon as they are received.

Our next scheduled grading date is Sunday 27 March 2005, and students will be selected to participate in that grading over the next three months. As always, my selections to grade are based on YOUR efforts in the dojo to constantly strive to improve your Karate and understanding of the art.

### Intro a Friend:

With many children and adults looking to commence an activity in 2005, the start to each year is an ideal time for new students to commence Karate. We are distributing 1000's of pamphlets throughout the bay to help bolster student numbers and one way you could be involved is through our "Intro a Friend" draw. I would encourage your assistance by introducing a friend to karate. "Intro a friend and your name goes into the draw". In the draw for what? drawn when? – details coming soon.

### Social Club Meeting:

I would like to hold a social club meeting on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2005. Commencing at the Dojo at 1.00 PM.

Proposed agenda;

1. Election of 2005 Committee Members.	
2. Incorporation.	(additional agenda items accepted prior
3. social event planning for 2005.	to the meeting and on the day).
4. 2005 fund raising goals.	

I would encourage all students and families to become involved with the Social Club and I look forward to seeing you on the day.

Yours in Karate

Sensei Glen Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dan

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