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# **Notices**

## **Digital SV Magazine**

A digital English version of the SV is now available. This can be checked out at the following - <http://www.schaeferhunde.de/fileadmin/SV/Zeitung/092016/index.html#1> the quality is very good and easy to navigate and read. Details on subscribing are available on their webpage

## **Now FREE To Members**

### **Webpage Puppy Listings, Breeders Directory & Stud Dog Listings**

All Puppy Listings, Breeders Directory and Stud Dog listings are now FREE to all members with only the normal criteria to apply. These are that Breeders must be current financial members, Stud dogs must be X-rayed and Breed Surveyed and for Puppy listings both parents must be X-rayed and Breed Surveyed. To obtain these free listings for the Stud Dog Directory and the Breeders Directory please complete the forms on pages 5 & 6 of this issue and email to the web page editor Kim McGregor at [khayem@bigpond.com](mailto:khayem@bigpond.com) with a copy to the Secretary Fay Stokes at [faystokes1@bigpond.com](mailto:faystokes1@bigpond.com) or mail to the Secretary at 23 Ariel Crescent, Cranebrook NSW 2749. For Puppy Listings please contact Tina Cossu at [treuschutzer@hotmail.com](mailto:treuschutzer@hotmail.com) or phone 0491 121 569 (email preferred.) Puppy Listings will remain in place for 6 weeks.

Please take full advantage of these now free services and make our webpage a better source of information for visitors.

*With Stud Dog listings please also include a photo of your Dog.*

## **Membership Renewals**

Membership renewals are now overdue. If you have not yet renewed forms are now available on our website. If you do not renew this will be your last issue of Shepherd News. The new forms now have full credit card details including the CVV requirement for electronic processing

We would also like to advise everyone that the Introductory Membership forms has changed from Full to Honorary membership and also includes the CVV requirement. Any introductory memberships received on the old forms will not be processed. The new forms are available from your Tattoo Officer or from the membership registrar Nev Kirkham.

## **A and Z Stamps**

Please note that the A & Z cannot be used after a dogs name unless it has been x-rayed through National Council Schemes. If you have an animal x-rayed through the BVA you CANNOT use the A & Z stamp when entering shows or trials.

## **PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT**

This past year has seen some improvements made to the grounds undertaken by DOGS NSW. A new cover in the Bitch ring has been installed to replace the old cover damaged by the storms in February. The finishing touches were happening on the Thursday before the National. That was cutting it fine. Dogs NSW have also installed a PA system with speakers on the inside & outside of the clubhouse. Whilst we were not able to use this for the National it has been used since and with a little bit of fine tuning it should work out well not having to setup the sound system owned by the League. Thanks to DOGS NSW for these improvements. The new awning along the side of the clubhouse been very popular at shows providing some much needed shade.

The National went off almost without a hitch. There were a few minor problems but nothing that affected the running of the show. The weather was almost perfect, although some of our interstate exhibitors were complaining about the heat. There has been a push to hold the National on a certain weekend in May every year. The temperature was only 1 or 2 degrees cooler on that weekend. The National Committee & the volunteers that put their hand up were thanked at a lunch and presented with their gifts. Thank you once again for all your efforts. It certainly helped make it the premier event on the GSD show calendar.

The League attended the Paws in the Park at Camden, Dogs NSW Dogs on Show & the Dog Lover's Show. Crowds were up at the Dog Lover's Show on last year with over 20,000 people attending this year. These events are a great advertising tool for the breed and the club and it good to see people volunteering their time and animals to attend these events. Thanks once again to those that attended to help out.

I would like to thank those members of the Committee who have once again gone beyond the call of duty to assist with the running of the club and to everyone that has helped out in some way whether it be putting up and taking down the ring ropes, entertaining the judges, preparing meals for the judges, helping out in the canteen when it gets busy or assisted in some way with the day to day running of an event.

Exciting news coming up for the December Show and Trial. Kim McGregor has a new sponsor coming on board. Details to be advised soon. Sponsorships are hard to come by in these difficult economic times. I hope members will support our sponsors.

Due to health reasons, I will not be nominating for re-election this year. I want to get my health back to where it should be and may reassess next year. I wish everyone good luck in the forthcoming elections and hope a Committee can be elected to continue the good work.

***Greg Jones***  
**President**

## **VICE PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT**

The past year has been another successful and profitable year for the GSDL. I thank the current committee and executive for their support and personal commitment put into the administration of this association.

The 2016 National, being the biggest event of the year, was extremely successful and accolades were given nationally. Many other events bloomed as a positive for the GSDL and the German Shepherd Dog through the time and commitment by members participating in the Dogs Day Out at Camden and also Dogs on Show at Moore Park to publicize the GSDL and the German Shepherd.

Having put many years and personal cost by being on the committee, my dedication and passion will continue through to 2017 and beyond.

***Graeme Stevenson***  
**Vice-President**

## **TATTOO REGISTRARS ANNUAL REPORT**

Firstly, I thank all the tattoo and microchip officers that have dedicated their time to provide this valuable service that the GSDL provides for their members.

The historical reconciliation and overview of the last four years is:

FINANCIAL YEAR	LITTERS TATTOOED	PUPS TATTOOED	PUPS MICROCHIPED
2012-2013	88	534	306
2013-2014	65	381	266
2014-2015	47	241	180
2015-2016	48	296	38

The noticeable drop in microchips is due to the ANKC registration requirements with microchipping prior to registration.

***Graeme Stevenson***  
**Tattoo Registrar**

## **SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT**

2016 saw a very busy and hectic time from 2015 through until the completion of the National Show & Trial hosted by the German Shepherd League on behalf of National Council and for many many weeks thereafter for the committee. There seemed to be a never ending flow of incoming and outgoing emails dealing with all the various portfolios associated with the National making the remainder of the year seem very quiet in comparison in just dealing with the normal mail for the League. This however ensured a very successful smooth running National by a very dedicated and hard working group of people plus the assistance given during the running of the National by many of our members.

The items of incoming correspondence dealing with the various portfolios is forwarded on to the person in charge of the particular area prior to the committee meeting which assists in speeding up the time spent at committee meetings together with the monthly reports from each position holder being sent to all committee members prior to the meeting which saves a lot of time in each member being able to read the report before the meeting.

I have again applied to Dogs NSW for all the dates required by the League during 2017 however as to date these have not been confirmed due to the fact that Dogs NSW are at present changing the show dates of All Breeds and Speciality Clubs and until these are in place we will have to wait for confirmation. We have at present maintained our Easter Show date, however the June Show we will now have to hold on the Monday holiday in June, the October show will be two weeks after the ACT Show next year and then revert back to one week after for future years and whilst this timing affects both the ACT Show and our own October there is nothing we can do to change it. Our December Show must now start at 8 a.m. as The Womens Dog Club has a twilight show the same day and we, therefore, are not permitted to hold a twilight show even though theirs is at a different grounds – reason being we will take their shepherd entry but by us having to start at 8 am the dogs can enter our show and at the completion go to their show and exhibit.

Our ever hard working Canteen Manager and Shepherd News Editor are not standing this year. They have both worked tirelessly in the canteen, and particularly over the National a mammoth task. Despite the fact that Sharon had a bad accident recently she still came to the October Show on a walker and sat outside the canteen with the cash register taking orders and money – these are members who portray true commitment.

It is unfortunate that we have had to cancel a few General Meetings this year as we failed to reach the quorum necessary. The League holds General Meetings bi-monthly at which members who feel they have a grievance with the running of the League or they have suggestions to make things better have the opportunity to attend and speak up. Remember the committee cannot implement things into the League without the approval of a General Meeting – the committee is not the power it is the members who vote on what they want – the committee is appointed to run the club to the satisfaction of you – the members. The committee has over the past two years in particular turned up to the General Meetings only to go home again as we cannot get a quorum and yet we have a group of people continually complaining – please come and tell the committee what you would like introduced into the League to the benefit of all members.

My thanks to all the members and committee for their support.

*Fay Stokes*

**Secretary**

## **BREED AFFAIRS ANNUAL REPORT**

During the past 12 months the League has held 4 Breed Surveys with 18 animals being submitted from which 12 were Class 1 - 2 Class 2 – 1 verification – 3 fail which is a good result. There is another survey in November. We have introduced this year providing a light lunch for the participants and will hold discussion groups with the surveyors and judges in attendance to answer any questions you may have and also to discuss the problem areas in the breed.

I attended the National Breed Commission and Judges/Surveyors Meeting as the League Delegate as well as in my own capacity of Judge/Surveyor. It was a very successful weekend where on the Saturday a workshop was held under the leadership of Janet Haase, Melanie Groth and Annette Whiley. This was a great success and enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

As a result of this workshop several Working Groups have been formed from various judges and surveyors to investigate the areas that needed to be addressed according to the information obtained from the questionnaire you were all asked to complete. These Working Groups are now in full swing and will report back to National Council and the Clubs and I am sure that as a result of this you will see great improvement in the area of uniformity of surveys, credibility of surveyors and many other areas.

The League voted on the motions put to the judges meeting from clubs with the following result:-

#### Judges Meeting –

1. National Memorial Trophies to be the same – Motion Lost
2. Animals entered in Breeders Groups must be entered in the show – Motion Carried
3. Social functions at future Nationals – this will be left to clubs suggested Thursday Nights should be made bigger – (to go to AGM)
4. Set date for Nationals – Council to approach ANKC the preferred date being May
5. New design for Nat. Medals being worked on and design will be sent to clubs for approval.
6. Acceptance into GSDCA Judges Training Scheme – Depends on individual in -to submission made to go to NBC f or approval.

#### Breed Commission Meeting –

1. LRL – one parent to be breed surveyed through GSDCA Scheme has been accepted
2. Breeders Achievement Award – only one medal for hips and elbows to be struck
3. CWA – accepted
4. Mel Groth reinstated
5. GSDCA make application to ANKC to only register litters in either the main or limited Register where both parents have met the current ANKC LRL for GSDs in regard to Control of HD and ED
6. All three measurements taken at survey to be recorded on final certificate – lost
7. Appeals to go through State Breed Coordinator to try and resolve however if not the dog shall be presented to at least one member of the NBC Exec and two GSDCA Surveyors and their decision will be final. The original nominated GSDCA Breed Surveyor and StateBreed Coordinator must not be included, but consulted, in the appeal process.
8. Breed survey of imported dogs – withdrawn
9. GSDC surveyors will not officiate at GSDCA surveys where they or members of their family will present animals bred and or owned by them – withdrawn
10. DNA testing – to go to AGM

#### BREED SURVEY & JUDGING

The following items were addressed at some length in this meeting – Measuring – size – Gaïting – overangulation – teeth – short underchests – cauda equine. As a brief summary with the measuring of dogs they shall be measured on a flat surface, standing four square with the handler standing away and not touch the dog at all. Maximum size for males 66cm and females 61 – above this is oversize. Gaïting – dogs to be gaïted at normal pace rather than as fast as the handler can run. Overangulation – deep overangulation in the hind area is to be penalised. Teeth – the narrowing of the muzzle and depth of underjaw is becoming a problem. Short Underchests need to be mentioned in critiques and penalised where necessary. Cauda Equine (compression of the spinal cord) is a problem which is creeping into our breed and a close watch is being kept on this by Council.

At the conclusion of the Breed Commission Meeting Joylene Neddermeyer announced that she would not be re-standing for the position of Breed Commission Chairperson – Joylene has been Breed Commission Chair for the past 16 years.

This year the GSDL has put forward the nomination for Breed Commission Chairperson, Melanie Groth and undoubtedly Melanie will also be nominated by other State Clubs. We in NSW are fortunate that Melanie is a member of our club.

One item that is now going forward to the AGM is the Companion Dog Working Act which is something I am sure the members of the League would enjoy participating in – it is a lot of fun and Certificates are awarded for completing the test. I am sure the League can put on a few of these days throughout the next twelve months.

The League has invited Joylene to present her lecture and power point on SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, in our Club House commencing at 11 a.m. - a light lunch will be available during the first break. COST – 000 I hope all members will come and enjoy the presentation.

*Fay Stokes*

#### **Breed Affairs**

### **HD AND ELBOW REGISTRARS ANNUAL REPORT**

Hello members,

All has gone very smoothly for the HD/ED contracts for NSW this year, members getting their contracts quickly as possible with limited waiting time if any.

The only issue that comes up regally are members booking their Xrays before submitting for a contract, can I kindly ask that you get the contract back before making your vet booking.

Thank-you once again for the opportunity to do this service for the members of the NSWGSDL

With Kindest Regards

*Caryl Morris*

**HD and Elbow Registrar**

## **SHOW SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT**

This year has seen another decline in entries to our shows, especially in the male classes. There is a slight improvement in LSC entries. Obedience trial numbers are also decreasing dramatically. In fact the December Trial had to be cancelled due to insufficient entries.

The League has conducted 3 Obedience Trials & 6 shows this year, two Championship Shows, two Open Shows, 2 Sanction Shows. The State Breed Assessment was held again in July with a reasonable number attending.

Our Main show of course being the 44<sup>th</sup> National. I may be slightly biased but in my opinion was very well organized and very well received by exhibitors,

We have tried to reduce expenditure and keep entry prices down as much as possible. To my knowledge we still have the most reasonable entry fees in the Specialty Shows

My thanks to Tiki Friezer for her great help on Trial days, and Lisa Yates with her assistance on show days, to the stewards Peter Yates & Kim McGregor & stenographers Fay Stokes & Mary Matuschka

My Special Thanks to Judy Connors (Vest Controller) we are getting better at returning our vests. However it is very hard and frustrating trying to get them returned by a very small minority and with committees permission the person who has the vest issued to them will be charged a fee for replacement

More people seem to be taking advantage of Show Manager for their on line entries

Thank you to all our Show & Trial exhibitors who have supported our Club this year

*Ann MacKenzie*  
**Show Secretary**

## **SOCIAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT**

How time flies. It has been just over 4 years since I took over as Social Secretary running the canteen at our shows with the assistance of my husband Bruce. It has given us both the wonderful opportunity of greeting exhibitors and visitors as they come to purchase their food. The success we have had during this time has been due to the variety of food and those who have volunteered their services. This includes our GSDL committee along with members and those from my family. They have helped in cooking and serving you, including judges, stewards and helpers who are a very important part of our shows. We have wanted you all to feel welcome, have a relaxing day and enjoy your time showing in the ring.

Our greatest achievement was the 2016 GSDL National over 4 days commencing with the Meet and Greet on Thursday then the next 3 days of judging in the rings. We had early starts and late nights and the canteen was kept extremely busy during this time which was a challenge to my son Troy keeping up the cooking on the BBQ and Bruce with the deep fryer to ensure exhibitors received their food quickly and we did not have queues lining up. I would also like to thank Fay who organized the social events held on the Friday and Saturday nights.

I would like to wish all those standing for positions in the coming year all the best and trust you will have the great experience and achievement in promoting our club as we have had in the canteen.

*Sharon Laughlin*  
**Social Secretary**

## **MEMBERSHIP REGISTRARS ANNUAL REPORT**

Finished the 2015/2016 membership year with 333 memberships. This was just 7 memberships down from the previous year. By vote all introductory memberships have been given the status of horney members. This allows for access to all club events and schemes with the exception to voting rights. Introductory memberships have no voting rights to any GSDL business.

*Nev Kirkham*  
**Membership Registrar**

## **MERCHANDISING ANNUAL REPORT**

As another year passes, so quickly it has gone, marketing has been opened at all shows again this year, we had had the National in which we sold a large number of items with very little stock left over.

We had Jackets, Circuit Jackets, T Shirts, Caps and various smaller items, as well as our usual, leads, different types of collars and am very please to say marketing made another profit this year.

Marketing is a huge task to take on, but very rewarding, ordering clothing, mailing out orders, bookwork, banking and spread sheets all of which take a great deal of time, but as I said rewarding in the end  
Sales have been at shows, phone orders, training and web site.

I have enjoyed doing marketing over the last 12 months, as to me, making a customer happy is of the utmost importance.

*Pam Jarvis*  
**Merchandising Officer**

## WEBMASTERS ANNUAL REPORT

The last 12 months have been particularly busy due to the impact of the National in March.

In conjunction with the Show Secretary, I set up **ShowManager** for online entries and we had good results from our tests In October and December, before the full force of the National rolled around. The **National** is very complex to set up online, due to the way that the classes are set up and the ancillary events such as Presidents Dinner, Meet and Greet and the Saturday Social function. But everything went off very smoothly and made member's entries much easier and more convenient.

There was a large amount of backroom work to be done to set up the **National shop**, including item photography and the establishment of the GSDL PayPal account, followed by a lot of testing of payment systems and orders, which kept me and my credit card very busy!

The GSDL **Facebook** page has been very active this year with all events listed and show results posted as much as possible, as I am sometimes also stewarding and have to concentrate on that activity during the show.

For the October 2016 show, for the very first time, I trialled a new initiative on the Facebook page of **Livestreaming** the classes. As you can imagine, this is very data intensive and, as I was using my own phone data, and also showed, I was unfortunately unable to do every single class. I will look into continuing the Livestream of classes, as I know that this was very well received and appreciated by not only League members, but also members of other clubs and the interested general public. I feel that it is good publicity and promotion and needs to be continued for future shows and even events such as Breed Surveys.

With **Google**, I have claimed the GSDL as our business and a Google search now brings up the GSDL with current information and allows members of the public to easily click through to contact us and to see our "opening hours", location etc.

The GSDL **website** is looking dated as it is now 8 years since it was written and technology has marched on, with many people accessing the internet from tablet and phonedevices that it was never designed to be viewed on.

Accordingly, I am in the process of re-writing the website from scratch myself, so that it is responsive to the size of screen of the device that it is being used on. I am also taking the opportunity to address the logical design and images to give everything a smoother, newer look. I hope to have the **new website** ready for launch by the end of the year, but as you can imagine, this is a mammoth task that I am having to fit in with my dogs, life and paid employment!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Tina Cossu, for looking after all the Puppy & Adult Listing information so that I don't have to think about it and would also like to thank those members who have listed their litters, adult dogs, kennels and stud dogs on the website. Also thanks to Jo Tucker for the steady stream of Welfare dogs that have kept me busy updating the page!

I look forward to bringing members new technological initiatives in the coming 12 months!

*Kim McGregor*

**GSDL Webmaster and Facebook Administrator**

## PUBLICITY ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2016 has been good for the League publicity with a good group of people coming forward to help at the various functions that we had. We had three functions through the year Camden Paws in the Park, Dogs NSW and the Dog Lovers event at Moore Park.

I have during the year had Club news in the National Review and have an article in the Review for the next issue. I also put together an article for Dogs NSW Magazine and had two and a half page with photos covering the National held in Sydney.

I would like to thank the people that attended the public events bringing their dogs with them and generally mixed with the public with good acceptance by all. Graeme & Karen Stevenson, Rodney and Dianne Coppini Peter & Sue Yates, Kim McGregor, Wayne & Teresa Curry, Jacqui Fabian, and Steven, Lisa and Jayden Yates and also Greg Jones for his help at the Dog lovers event. To all these people helped in most of the events and I thank you for your efforts.

*Terry Jarvis*

**Publicity**

## PUPPY LISTINGS ANNUAL REPORT

Support for the puppy listings service has been disappointing again this year despite the fact that the advertisements are free to our members.

There were 14 puppy listings to date (2 current) and 1 adult dog listing (current).

Listing a litter is as simple as emailing, posting or handing the puppy listings registrar a completed request form- available on the GSDL website. Your details are forwarded to the webmaster for inclusion on the Club website for a period of 6 weeks. You will even receive a friendly reminder when your listing is due to expire and most importantly all of this is FREE.

*Tina Cossu*

**Puppy Listings**

## WELFARE ANNUAL REPORT

While we have had many dogs surrendered either directly to us or to pounds or shelters, we have managed to find lovely homes for many of them.

However a couple of months ago we had 5 dogs surrendered to the RSPCA against our wishes. We were asked by the breeder if we could take them on the same day and as it was the school holidays and our kennel capacity is almost nil, we asked her to hold on to them for just another 5 days. Instead they surrendered them to the RSPCA. One bitch was euthanized immediately and a few weeks later we had to make the sad decision to put the male to sleep. We have re homed only one bitch successfully as the two remaining we have are very aggressive with other dogs and to a lesser degree people. Unfortunately the RSPCA medicated the 4 remaining dogs on tranquilisers and forgot to inform us. So when two were transported to us we were not supplied with their meds and we were not told they had to be medicated until it was too late. The male attacked 3 vet staff and 2 kennel attendants and one of our GSD Rescue team members because he was coming down off the tranquilisers. We worked very hard with this dog over the weeks after his castrate and while he did improve he was still unpredictable so we had to have him put to sleep. His 'sister' was also affected by the tranquilisers but she only showed signs of cage aggression so we worked with her for a very short time and she was very successfully re homed.

We have raised this issue with the RSPCA and we have asked them to notify us when a shepherd is taken into their care within 24 hours if possible and not sedate them so that we can attend the Yagoona branch and check out the dogs. While shepherds are usually raised in a kennel situation once they are in a domestic home they are not usually subject to kennels and we find these dogs do not cope so we are not really seeing them in their true colours. However it is the best we can do and we certainly do not want to temp test them when they are under the influence. To date we have not had as much contact with the RSPCA so I cannot report if they are still medicating shepherds. I do know they turn shepherds away and suggest owners contact us which is the best case scenario for the dog but not necessarily for us as we don't always have the capacity. That is and always will be our problem until we have more foster carers. I have asked in the past for members to assist with a spare kennel or two. Don't forget this is your breeding we are taking responsibility for. I must take this opportunity now to thank one of our members, Anne Eddins, for fostering a bitch that was seized along with her two puppies and two other dogs from a property in Western Sydney. She was emaciated and terrified of the world. We have found her two puppies wonderful homes and we are hoping to find Elsa a home very soon. However she is far too under weight to be de sexed yet and Anne is looking after her and feeding her up until she is ready. We are extremely grateful to Anne for offering and frankly I wish more members and breeders would do the same.

At the moment we have at least 20 dogs needing homes and at least half are registered pedigreed dogs. School holidays are upon us and we have only one kennel available at full rates.

We have only 4 full time team members and only two on the ground here in Sydney. However I put a plea out recently for assistance with transport and we were overwhelmed with the offer of assistance. My thanks goes to Lynn Whitehead who takes the time to go the pound at Campbelltown and temp tests the inmates there and then transports them up to us to either the kennels we use or to the vets at Vineyard. Lynn is a very capable temp tester and it saves us a lot of time and effort to travel down to C'town to check these dogs out. Thank you Lynn.

Thank you also to those who have donated to the Welfare fund and also to the very generous lady who has paid at least two of our vet bills at Vineyard. We cannot thank her enough and she doesn't want a fuss so you know who you are and thank you from us all. Your generosity means we can save a dog's life and give it the best treatment.

At the moment we have a couple of big surgeries: 2 repairs of 2 ruptured cruciate ligaments and a dog with HD. This particular dog is only two and he had not left the yard for most of his life. He was fed custard, raisin bread, sweet biscuits and rice. The surgery will make all the difference and thanks to Vineyard Vets for making this possible. Every year I report that this practice helps us save many dogs. Most of these dogs come to us needing some sort of veterinary care. They are dumped on us without vaccinations in most cases. We cannot let them go to the kennels we use without them being vaccinated and there has never been a time when we have been refused an urgent appointment to have that done. We cannot thank them enough so huge thanks go to Robert, Luke, Kieran, Vaughan, Russell, and all the nurses and receptionists at Vineyard Hospital. They have had to deal with aggressive frightened German Shepherds on a regular basis and it is not a pleasant experience. It is downright dangerous and we hate putting them in a position where a dog suddenly turns. At all times if we suspect a dog is going to have a go we attend and assist the vets and the nurses to save them being bitten. We have an excellent working relationship with them and a plan every time. Works like clockwork!! There have been many times we have had to put a dog to sleep because we cannot take the risk of re homing an aggressive dog. These vets and nurses have sat down with us and given us their extremely professional opinion and they have treated any decision we make with the utmost respect.

Once again I am asking breeders to think twice about the homes they are choosing for their puppies. I have written an article that I hope will be published in the next addition of the Shepherd News. It is not rocket science. Consider the home these puppy buyers are offering and ask the question: have they had shepherds before? Why do they want a shepherd? Is the pup going to be left in the backyard while everyone is out all day? Will the pup be taken to training? Will it be feed a good diet? I have seen some diet sheets from breeders and frankly I am horrified. A one liner for a puppy diet: 2 cups of Royal Canin twice a day. That is it. This particular pup started coming to Obedience training on Tuesday nights. She was sold to a new Australian family who had never had a shepherd in their life. They had no idea. They told the breeder they wanted a guard dog and all worked full time and the dog was never allowed in the house. They cannot control her at all and she is only 5 months old. I bet this pup will be in Welfare by the time it is 12 months old and I know the breeder will not

assist with re homing. I have had her dogs in Welfare in the past. When I phone her she uses the same old mantra: I am not in a position to assist at this stage. I am obliged to let breeders know their pups are in our care. Frankly it is a waste of my time.

Many breeders however do take responsibility and I thank them very much. I appreciate and understand it is not easy to take a dog or bitch back into their pack but some breeders make the effort and they do take them back. I try and re home them as quickly as possible and we generally work very well together to ensure the dog goes to a good forever home. You all know who you are and we are very grateful. It makes our job so much easier. However we have received the odd phone call or email of FB message abusing us for not letting us know their dogs have been surrendered. One dog springs to mind where he was found wandering the streets and his ears were in such bad condition we couldn't read the tattoo. The breeder demanded to know why I had not contacted her and when I told her we couldn't read the tattoo or that we were not allowed access to the micro chip details because of the Privacy Act there was no apology or thanks for saving the dog. That poor dog was sold to an awful home and the owner was located and he told the vet to put the dog down as he didn't want him anymore. He had deliberately dumped him in the street but didn't think that he could be traced. The vet refused to put him to sleep and so he contacted us.

I am going away at the beginning of October for several months and I would like to take this opportunity to ask if anyone would be able to take on the role of Welfare Officer. As you may or may not know Welfare is a mentally and physically difficult role. If the job is done properly the officer is on call 24/7. However I do not answer the phone before 9 in the morning or after 9 at night. I do still receive phone calls after 9 and up to 2.30ish am. People contact me expecting their dog to be collected now. The Welfare officer has to learn to say no and has to have a thick skin. I appreciate no one does want to take it on as it is very stressful and very upsetting. Believe it or not, it is also extremely rewarding, sometimes. When you see a dog that was so close to being put to sleep because of aggression issues, in a home where he or she has been so well rehabilitated and loved and we get a photo with a toddler sitting between its paws is worth all the trouble. When we get emails with photos thanking us and photos of rescue dogs at Christmas time with Santa we forget all the blood and guts and the scars and poo and puke in our cars and we are thankful we are in a position to help these dogs and make their new families so very happy. It is never the dog's fault that it ends up in a rotten home or the pound and the least we can do is ensure that never happens to them again.

I wish Members, the Committee and the Executive of the GSDL all the very best for the upcoming AGM. I also wish those Members who are vying for positions on the Executive and the Committee the best of luck. As members please consider when voting and or nominating you are voting for the best person for the role and please also remember at the end of the day it is about our beloved breed and how the committee can best support those who are breeding for the betterment of the German Shepherd Dog.

*Jo Tucker*  
Welfare

### **SHEPHERD NEWS ANNUAL REPORT**

I trust that all have enjoyed the return of Shepherd News to a magazine format this year.

The most difficult thing about completing the magazine for you, the members, is that we rarely receive any feedback as to what you want from your magazine or any input of articles or information. To make the Shepherd News a more productive and more applicable magazine for you we need your feedback and ideas. I am sure that many could also submit articles that would be of interest to most members. Please give these aspects some serious consideration.

As I am having some health issues I have not stood for committee for the next year. I would like to congratulate Lisa Yates who will be your new Editor and offer her any assistance that I can give.

*Bruce Laughlin*  
Shepherd News Editor



## NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR GSDL COMMITTEE 2017

Listed hereunder are the nominations received for the GSDL Committee 2017.

Those positions which are being contested will be voted on at the GSDL Annual General Meeting to be held in the Club Rooms, Orchard Hills on Monday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.

Those members who are re-standing are marked with an \* and have a figure on the right hand side of their name which shows the number of GSDL Meetings held in the last 12 months and the number of meetings they attended. The names of all nominees are in alphabetical order as per the Constitution.

		Meetings Held	Meetings Attended
PRESIDENT	BRETT ADAMS *TERRY JARVIS	13	11
SECRETARY	* FAY STOKES YVONNE YUN	13	13
SHOW MANAGER	* GREG JONES *LES NICHOLAS	13 13	13 8
MERCHANDISING	LEE BAKER *PAM JARVIS	13	12
POINT SCORE	* TONY D' ARCY KURT MORTON	13	7
PUPPY LISTINGS	* TINA COSSU MARILYN NICHOLAS	13	6
WEB MASTER	FRANCIS MC ADAM *KIM MC GREGOR	13	10
SOCIAL SECRETARY	RODNEY DELRIEGO LORRAINE YATES		
PUBLICITY	JULIE DELRIEGO *TERRY JARVIS TRACEY LEWIS	13	11
STATE TATTOO ADMIN	GRANT MORTON *GRAEME STEVENSON	13	9

The following position will be nominated from the floor - WELFARE OFFICER

**NOTE: To be eligible to vote at the AGM you must be a Full Financial Member.  
Memberships CANNOT be renewed at the AGM.**

### LISTED HEREUNDER ARE THE NOMINATIONS FOR UNOPPOSED POSITIONS

VICE PRESIDENT	GRAEME STEVENSON
TREASURER	KAREN EATON
SHOW SECRETARY	ANN MACKENZIE
MEMBERSHIP	NEVILLE KIRKHAM
BREED AFFAIRS	FAY STOKES
SHEPHERD NEWS	LISA YATES
TRAINING CO-ORD	KAREN EATON
HD/ED REGISTRAR	CARYL MORRIS
YOUTH OFFICER	KIERAN KATON

**The German Shepherd Dog League Inc**  
**Club Competition & Obedience Trial**  
**Proudly Sponsored by Ivory Coat**



**10<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs, Luddenham Rd, Orchard Hills  
**Classes to be judges: 1.2.3.4.5.11 (dogs & bitches)**  
**All Obedience**

**Order of judging: LSC Bitches, LSC Dogs, SC Bitches, SC Dogs**  
**No Inter- Sex Competition**

**JUDGES**

**Mr. B. Knight (WA)**  
**Mrs. P. Hartwell (NSW)**

**All Conformation**  
**All Obedience**

**Entry Fees: \$25 conformation**

**\$12 Obedience**

**Catalogues Free with entry**  
Show Secretary- Ann Mackenzie  
Trials Manager: Tiki Friezer

**JUDGING COMMENCES**  
**5pm. Vetting for Obedience 4.30**

**Entries close on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
**with**

**Mrs Ann Mackenzie 74 Kolora Rd, Ebenezer NSW 2756**  
**Ph 02 45 799 383; e-mail: [druann36@bigpond.com](mailto:druann36@bigpond.com)**

**SHOW MANAGER is also available**



**XMAS PARTY AND PRESENTATION EVENING**

**SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**CLUB ROOMS, ORCHARD HILLS**

**COMMENCING ... 7.00 PM**

**ADMITTANCE ..... FREE FOR MEMBERS**

**DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 8.00 PM**

**CHICKEN & COLD MEATS**

**SALADS**

**SWEETS**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS**

**THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OUR POINT  
SCORE OR HAVE SUCCESSFULLY GAINED A TROPHY FOR A TITLE RECEIVED  
MUST ATTEND TO RECEIVE THEIR TROPHY**

**(Country members exempt)**

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING REASONS**

**BOOK WITH - FAY 4730 4013 OR 0401 019 213**

**Faystokes1@bigpond.com**



## **POWER POINT PRESENTATION ON CURRENT STUD DOGS**

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER IN THE CLUB ROOMS**

**COMMENCING AT 11 A.M. PRESENTED BY**

**MRS. JOYLENE NEDDERMEYER, GSDCA BREED COMMISSION**

**ADMISSION IS FREE**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED DURING THE LUNCHEON BREAK.**

**JOYLENE WILL BE PLEASED TO ANSWER ANY  
QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.**

### **VALE - HEINZ GERHARD REGEL**

HEINZ GERHARD REGEL was 76 years of age when he passed away on the 26th June 2016 after an unforgiving illness. Karen, Heinz's dear wife let me know of his passing and why he has not been to training for some time. Heinz was a real gentleman to all at training and always had time to speak to different members about their dogs, family, work etc. He was somebody we all loved and respected.

Heinz first started at training with his lovely young dog "Tarsha" and she was a real trick, she knew how to handle her master. We would be explaining to Heinz what Tasha was doing wrong, but he always had excuses for her. We finally accepted that they both came along to enjoy a "Doggie" night with handlers and their dogs.

Heinz then decided that Tasha needed a friend to keep her company through the day, so he talked to Jo Tucker about a Rescue Dog and along came his wish a beautiful black shepherd named "Rex", they just bonded straight away, we told Heinz it was better to bring Tasha one week and Rex the next week, as the two together was hopeless. Well on Tasha nights it was a fun night, and on Rex nights was business, Rex just loved Heinz once settled after mixing with most of the dogs, he, Rex would work so well with Heinz but you had to forgive some of the signals Heinz gave him, they seemed to have their own set of rules, but it was working, and these two really enjoyed their Tuesday nights. Heinz made some very good donations to German Shepherd Rescue over the years and would bring Karen along to our Xmas Parties also a bottle of Scotch. Jo and I had a chat with Karen after the funeral, Karen told us that Tasha a lot older now is content to just be there ....but Rex is her shadow and is always beside her and this makes her think that

Heinz is beside her also. Forever in our hearts.

***Judy Connors***

Chief Instructor

GSDL Erskine Park.

## *Lend Me A Pup*

I will lend you for a while, a **German Shepherd pup**, God said,  
For you to love him while he lives, and mourn him when he's dead.  
Maybe for twelve or fourteen years, or maybe two or three,  
But will you, 'till I call him back, take care of him for me.

He'll bring his charms to gladden you and should his stay be brief,  
You'll always have his memories as solace for your grief.  
I cannot promise he will stay, since all from earth return  
But there are lessons taught below I want this pup to learn.

I've looked the whole world over in search of teachers true,  
And from the folk that crowd's life's land, well I have chosen you.  
Now will you give him all your love, Nor think the labor vain,  
Nor hate me when I come to take my **Shepherd** back again

I fancied that I heard them say "Dear Lord Thy Will be Done,"  
For all the joys this pup will bring, the risk of grief we'll run.  
We'll shelter him with tenderness, we'll love him while we may  
And for the happiness we've known forever grateful stay.

But should you call him back, much sooner than we've planned,  
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes, and try to understand.  
If, by our love, we've managed, your wishes to achieve,  
In memory of him we loved, to help us while we grieve,

When our faithful friend departs this world of strife,  
We'll have yet another **German Shepherd** and love him all his life.

*- Author Unknown*



**Who won the first ever  
Formula 1 Grand Prix?**

Last Question's Answer:  
*Eat it - It is a form of Cake*

## 2016 Club Calendar - Coming Events

31st July	Weekend Show Handler training/Obedience class
6th-7th August	Dog Lovers Show, Moore Park Sydney
8th August	General Meeting at Orchard Hills Rooms at 8pm
18th September	Breed Survey and Weekend Show/Obedience Training
8th 9th October	GSDL October Champ Show & Obedience Trial (Laurelle Reilly Memorial Show) Judge: Fay Stokes (NSW) Obedience Judge: Judith Walder (NSW)
10th October	General Meeting at Orchard Hills Rooms at 8pm
23rd October	Weekend Show Handler training/Obedience class
13th November	Breed Survey and Weekend Show/Obedience Training
27th November	Stud Dog Seminar with Joylene Neddermeyer, Orchard Hills 11am
28th November	Annual General Meeting at Orchard Hills Rooms at 8pm
10th December	GSDL Obedience Trial and Members Competition Members Comp Judge: Bruce Knight (WA) Obedience Judge: Pauline Hartwell (NSW) Members Comp: Bruce Knight (WA) Obedience : Pauline Hartwell (NSW)
17th December	GSDL Christmas Presentation at Orchard Hills Club Rooms (note: you must attend to collect your trophies, country members excepted)

### **2017**

15th 16th April	GSDL Easter Show and Trial Conformation Judge: Herr Ralf Wille (SV Germany) Obedience Judge: TBA
19th-21st May	45th National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial, Brisbane

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For details on Training go to our Website Training Branches Page

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***Country members ensure your local officer has the relevant letters for your tattoo prefix.  
Please give several weeks notice to the tattoo officer.***

# **ANNUAL AWARDS**

Closing date for all award applications is 11th November, 2016  
Awards are for the current Point Score year only

## **I. EXCELLENT AWARD OF MERIT**

**(This award is for the Breeder of the dog NOT the owner)**

Dog/Bitch Breeders Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Reg. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Excellent awarded by Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Circle correct response                      Breed/Obedience

**Important note:** A photograph (postcard size) of the animal must be included with any request for a breed or obedience award. These photos are required for the publicity album. Please attach the following information to the photograph Sire, Dam, Date of Birth, Titles, Breed Survey and Hip/Elbow status.

## **2. TITLE AWARD**

(please include previously awarded titles in Dog's name to appear on the award).

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Reg. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title Awarded (e.g. CCD, CD, CDX etc) \_\_\_\_\_

## **3. Years of Membership Badge**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

No. of years membership \_\_\_\_\_ Date joined League/ Membership number \_\_\_\_\_

Membership badges are awarded for 10, 15, 20 and 25 years continuous membership.

**Note:** All applicants must be current 2016/17 members of the GSDL Inc. to be eligible for their awards and attend the presentation night to receive their award (country members exempt).

Please send applications to: **MR TONY D'ARCY**  
**5 MARONI PLACE**  
**ST. CLAIR. N.S.W. 2759**  
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