



SHEPHERD NEWS

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

WELL ANOTHER GOOD EASTER SHOW WITH AN EXCELLENT ENTRY FROM QLD, ACT, VICTORIA AND OF COURSE THE NSW ENTRY. UNFORTUNATELY WE ONLY HAD 17 ENTRIES FOR OBEDIENCE WHICH IS A LITTLE DISAPPOINTING WITH ONLY TWO TAKING HOME A TROPHY. IF THERE IS A REASON FOR THESE LOW ENTRIES AND YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT GIVE ME A CALL AND THE COMMITTEE WILL SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE IT MORE ATTRACTIVE FOR YOU TO ENTER. ALSO THANKS TO KATHIE MINTON AND HER HELPERS FOR THE RUNNING OF THE TRIAL ON THE DAY.

THE JUDGE, HERR RALF WILLE, JUDGED WITH CONFIDENCE AND DID HIS OWN THING AND WAS KEEN TO TALK TO EXHIBITORS ON THE PEGS ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS. HE WAS A MOST PLEASANT PERSON TO LOOK AFTER AND APPRECIATED THE HOSPITALITY SHOWN TO HIM IN HIS TIME HERE. BUT AS YOU KNOW WITH ALL SHOWS THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE WINNER PER CLASS AND OF COURSE THEY WERE HAPPY AND IT WAS SPREAD AROUND WHICH MADE THE ATMOSPHERE AROUND THE RING MOST PLEASANT. BOTH DAYS THE WEATHER WAS KIND TO US AND THE JUDGES ANTICS IN THE RING KEPT A SMILE ON PEOPLE'S FACES. ALL IN ALL A GOOD SHOW AND THANKS TO LES NICHOLAS AND HIS TEAM FOR THEIR EFFORTS AT THE SHOW AND ALSO THE CANTEEN WITH LORAIN YATES HEADING THE TEAM UP THERE PUSHING OUT THE FOOD FOR ALL AND SUNDRY AND NOT FORGETTING ANN AND FAY FOR THEIR WORK TOWARD AND DURING THE SHOW. CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO DID WELL AT THE ROYAL EASTER SHOW.

THE NEW WEBSITE LOOKS "MICKY MOUSE" AND BY ALL ACCOUNTS WE SHOULD SEE SOMETHING UP IN THE NEAR FUTURE. FRAN McADAM HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK WORKING WITH JACINTA POOLE, THE GSDCA REVIEW EDITOR, TO PULL THINGS TOGETHER SO EXPECT SOMETHING SOON.

OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS' WE HAVE LOST A LOT OF TRAINING NIGHTS DUE TO THE RAIN ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHTS. PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEBPAGE AND FACEBOOK BECAUSE THAT WAY YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CHECK UP IF THERE IS TRAINING ON OR NOT. IF THERE IS ANY CHANGE IT WILL BE POSTED THERE.

THE NATIONAL SHOW IS UPON US AGAIN AND ALL THOSE THAT ARE ENTERED FROM NSW, SEE IF WE CAN BRING HOME SOME LOOT FOR NSW

THAT'S IT FOLKS

**TERRY JARVIS
PRESIDENT**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

13th May 2017	Breed Survey
19th/20th/21st May 2017	45th National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial, Brisbane
19th June 2017	General Meeting
11th June 2017	Members Competition. Conformation judge - Sharon Ballantyne (Qld)
9th July 2017	Breed Survey
22nd & 23rd July 2017	State Breed Assessment
14th August 2017	General Meeting
10th September 2017	Breed Survey
9th October 2017	General Meeting
14th/15th October 2017	Championship Show & Trial. Conformation Judge - Dr Karen Hedberg. Obedience - TBA
12th November 2017	Breed Survey
23rd November 2017	AGM
11th December 2017	Christmas Party and Presentation
16th December 2017	Open Show & Trial. Conformation judge - Dr Robert Zammit. Obedience - TBA
19th December 2017	Last Obedience training night at Erskine Park for 2017
21st December 2017	Last Show training night at Erskine Park for 2017

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Photos are required for the website for the 2016 point score winners. Please email your photos to Fran McAdam frances@bigpond.net.au so they can be added to the website.

45th GSDCA Nationals

For those of you who will be arriving at the Nationals early, see below as to what is on offer from the hosts.

2017 GSDL June Members Competition

Don't forget to enter our Members Competition show on 11 June 2017. Entries are now available on Showmanager and are closing on 2 June 2017. Please see show schedule on next page.

FREE FOR MEMBERS

Puppy Listings, Breeders Directory & Stud Dog Listings are **FREE** to all members with only the normal criteria to apply. These are that Breeders must be current financial members, Stud dogs must be hip and elbow 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, email Fran McAdam at frances@bigpond.net.au

For Puppy Listings contact Marilyn Nicholas skylinefreight@bigpond.com Puppy Listings will remain in place for 6 weeks. Please take full advantage of these 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.

Obedience Instructor/Stewarding Courses

Expressions of Interest are being sought for the Obedience Instructors Course and the Stewarding Course. If you would like to become an Obedience Instructor and/or a Steward, please email your interest to Karen Eaton kareneaton@bigpond.com

Stewards are required at our Members Competition Show in June. If you can volunteer your time for one, two or a couple of classes, can you please contact Anne McKenzie on (02) 4579 9383 or email at druann36@bigpond.com

Our next General Meeting is 19 June 2017 at 8pm

THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE OF NSW INC

JUNE MEMBER'S COMPETITION

Sunday 11th June

Luddenham Rd, Orchard Hills

TO BE JUDGED BY MS SHARON BALLANTYNE (QLD)

Classes to be judged: 1,2,3,4,5 & 11 (Dogs & Bitches)

Entry Fees : \$25 (inc. Catalogue)

Order of Judging

Bitches (All SC's followed by All LSC's)

Dogs (All SC'S followed by All LSC's)

All remittances to be made in favour of German Shepherd Dog League

Catalogues \$3.00

Judging Commences - 9 a.m.

CANTEEN AVAILABLE

Excellent Medals may be awarded to Breed Surveyed Animals 2 yrs & over entered in the Open Classes.

Entries close Fri 2nd June 2017

Mrs. Ann Mackenzie

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Ebenezer. NSW 2756

Phone – 45 799383

Email – Druann36@bigpond.com



45th GSDCA National Thursday 18th May Meet n Greet Something Light for the early arrivals

Coffee Van open from 12.00 noon

- The Canteen will be open and serving fresh food from 12.00 noon

Fresh or Toasted Sandwiches \$4.00

Ham, Cheese Tomato

Egg & Lettuce

Chicken & Salad

Selection of cakes \$3.00

- FREE Sausage Sizzle from 3.00 pm
- Pick up your Merchandise orders
- It's the GSDCQ's 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Club – Don't miss the cutting of the cake
- Breed Survey at 3.00 pm if required - Paperwork should be sent to:

Mrs. Sue

Bruno, 1 Baker Road, Jimboomba QLD 4280

No late paperwork accepted

- Youth Masterclass starts 4.00 pm

Contact Jess Lynch jesslynch@hotmail.com

CAMPING ON THE GROUNDS?

Thursday Dinner Menu Served for 6.00 pm

(Must order in advance from Canteen staff)

2 courses for \$10.00 (Soup & Main Meal or Main Meal & Desert)

3 courses for \$12.00 (Soup, Main Meal & Desert)

Main Meal Choices

Fish & Chips

Chicken & Chips

Thai Chicken Curry

Spaghetti Bolognese

Butter Chicken

*As long as forever
I will stay by your side.
I'll be your companion,
Your friend, and your guide.*

*As long as I live
And as long as you care -
I'll do anything for you,
I'll go anywhere.*

*I'll bring you the sunshine,
I'll comfort your fears,
I'll gather up rainbows
To chase all your tears.*

*As long as forever
My heart will be true.
For as long as I live
I'll always love you.*



SUNDAY 8.30 a.m. Bitch Ring – Assessing of all LSC & SC Open Bitches at the completion of which assessing of all LSC & SC Open Dogs will commence in the Dog Ring.

OFF-LEAD GAITING & GUN TESTING will be conducted during all **Open Bitch & Dog Classes**

SIRES PROGENY: Entry is automatic. A minimum of 5 progeny aged 9 months and over and entered in the conformation classes will be catalogued. Sires need not be present or entered in the assessment. Only sires classified under the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme are eligible.

BREEDERS GROUP: Minimum degree of difficulty 3-2 (sires/dams) entry form required **NO FEE** and is a competitive class **NOTE:** Animals exhibited **MUST BE ENTERED & SHOWN** at the assessment. If an animal in the Breeders Group is withdrawn a veterinary certificate must be provided. The following information must be handed in to the Show Secretary on Saturday morning 22nd July, 2017.-

Exhibit Number

Name of dog

Sex

Age

Class entered

NOTE: Breeders must advise the show secretary by the close of entries that they intend entering a Breeders Group.

GRADINGS – will be awarded at the assessor's discretion. "Very Promising & Promising": to Baby, Minor & Puppy Classes. "Very Good & Good" to Junior, Intermediate and Open Classes. The grading of "Excellent & Excellent Merit" will only be awarded to exhibits 24 months and over, Breed Surveyed and entered in the Open Class.

The title of "Sieger" or "Siegerin" in both LSC & SC classes will only be awarded to to animals entered in the Open Class.

PLEASE NOTE: THE TITLE OF SIEGER & SIEGERIN WILL BE AWARDED AT THE ASSESSOR'S DISCRETION AND WILL NOT BE RESTRICTED TO N.S.W. DOMICILED ANIMALS.

ENTRY FEES: \$25.00 (includes catalogue) Please show any title, Breed Survey and Hip and Elbow status etc, on the entry form to enable inclusion in the catalogue. **EXHIBITS OVER 2 YEARS OF AGE ENTERED IN THE OPEN CLASS MUST ENCLOSE A COPY OF –**

5 GENERATION PEDIGREE) send to Ann Mackenzie NOT

HIP & ELBOW CERTIFICATE) Show Manager

ENTRIES CLOSE 14TH JULY 2017 WITH - Ann Mackenzie

74 Kolora Road

Ebenezer. 02/45799383

All cheques made payable to GSDL Inc. On line entries through Show Manager



Canteen facilities available both days starting with breakfast.

Editorial from Germany

Dear reader,

We're now a few weeks in to the show and examination season and we're looking forward to being able to present our animals at countless events again this year. Unfortunately, at the first events of the year – particularly in the show ring – we have seen that the measures introduced last year to standardize ring behavior have already almost been completely forgotten. Our regulations – specifically the examination regulations and show regulations – stipulate the expiry limits of these events. Above all, we addressed the bad habits of positioning the dog using hands and a “quick round”. We did not only clearly specify last year that this behavior would be sanctioned in order to positively present our breed to the public, but also in the spirit of equal opportunities and fairness in the ring. We specifically asked that the dogs are no longer “handled” when standing and that “quick rounds” – i.e. individual trotting – are run at a speed that allows non-Olympic athletes to participate without being ridiculed.

We are therefore repeating our important stance that, at this speed, the ring master designated this as a “flying trot”, which does not make a statement about our breed's potential or endurance.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the behavior seen in the motherland sets an example throughout the world. In an editorial last year, we already spoke of the fact that things have become excessive, particularly in Anglo-American regions, and this is having a negative effect on our breed's image. This has been used by the press against our breed in an unqualified manner. In this context, it resulted in the English Kennel Club (KC) changing the standard for German Shepherd Dogs in a way that was incomprehensible to us. Talks will be held with the KC in the near future. With this in mind, please think about the signals we are giving out from the motherland. We cannot expect our foreign friends to adhere to our regulations if we are unable to do so ourselves. This is a great responsibility for our ambassadors and judges abroad.

We would like to urgently ask all those involved, whether as an exhibitor or a judge, to adhere to the regulations. At this point, we would like to highlight that when further selecting judges for main society events, the consequences of implementing these regulations will be taken into consideration.

We would like to wish you all a successful and enjoyable examination and show season.

Best wishes,
Prof. Heinrich Meßler
SV President

Lothar Quoll
Society Breeding Director

BRANCH NEWS

A big welcome to our new club Mid North Coast. We wish you every success for your new club. Below is an update as to what the Mid North Coast has achieved so far.

A New Beginning

As many will know, for well over a year now, a group of enthusiasts have been meeting regularly along the NSW mid to north coast to train and socialise dogs for the specialist show ring and enjoy 'human' socialising together. We are, without exception, active exhibitors of German shepherd dogs, progressive enthusiasts, and every one of us, a holder of an active breeders prefix with membership of dogs NSW. We are also, historically, all members of The GSD League of NSW and with this in mind we were delighted to be granted the opportunity to form a new branch of this long established NSW specialist breed club for 2017.

Our members range from Salt Ash and Branxton all the way to the northerly components in Coffs Harbour and Grafton but distance has never hindered our progress, with the Grafton member trucking south on many occasions to train in Buladelah, Taree and Salt Ash, and southerly members pushing north whenever possible, say for a Christmas 'do' or a dog fitness swim in Coffs Creek.

As the new Mid North Coast branch of the league we have settled on Taree as our regular training home - most easily accessible for our majority and we have organised ourselves so that a full days training is on offer at least monthly (important to those driving longer distances to train) with refreshments available and an organised lunch between sessions (whenever the handlers run out of steam). Our emphasis has been, since the beginning and remains still, twofold:

TEAMWORK - and CORRECT PRESENTATION FOR THE SPECIALIST RING.



Start them young at the Mid North Coast



Full Christmas breakfast for 15 please

It is particularly gratifying to us all as an entire group when one member enjoys a success, even more so if the team en masse has a good day. Likewise we are there to support each other when puppies

are due, when dogs are ailing or unwell, or when problems need solved. We often travel together, and share knowledge gained over the years about all aspects of the breed.

We cannot stress enough that dog showing, at any level, is to be enjoyed and shared. It is a time consuming and demanding hobby and it is, like so many things, better shared with friends. This is the basis for all of our training and activities - ENJOYING THE BREED!



Social Secretary Kerrie Griffiths (left) with the ability to lead ANYONE astray.



Puppy socialisation day... 33 dogs gathered in one noisy garden

We are very grateful to the League executives and committee who have agreed to our request to hold a 'Spectacular Breed Event Weekend' on 5th and 6th August comprising two members' competitions with a special 'puppy cup' and 'shepherd state of origin' trophies on offer, a breed survey, a Sires On Ice reproduction seminar and a breed specific workshop run by the NBC Chair. We are delighted to have Glynnis Appleby of the U.K. And Jenny Yuen of Victoria officiating at the event.

So great was the enthusiasm and response to the event that next years follow up is already well into the planning stages with Heather Macdonald of the UK confirmed as our first judge.

Our aim is to offer a full weekend event, so that enthusiasts are keen to travel and enjoy the breed on the beautiful NSW Coffs Coast, and enjoy a full on breed event with emphasis on giving TO the exhibitor.

Finally, we have organised a Star Stud Raffle to be drawn following judging with studs from five of Australia's most current short coat stud dogs and the reigning LSH King! - and we cannot thank the owners of the dogs involved enough for their enthusiasm and generosity in support of providing this event for our exhibitors. Tickets can be purchased at any time by contacting one of our members for details.

We encourage and invite anyone interested in sharing views on training, fitness and stamina, and conditioning to join us at our training days and would love to see a record entry at our Spectacular Event at Coffs with a view to creating an Annual event celebrating our wonderful breed.

On into 2017 then, with enthusiasm and teamwork! - The GSDL of NSW Mid North Coast Branch. Please contact myself on FB or at the address below, or our secretary Leeanne Lynch on FB or 0417414285 for information and training dates.

Jo Cathie - Branch Manager
ljcathie@outlook.com / 0423700293



Stand practice following a sand dune fitness session

Erskine Park GSDL OBEDIENCE – TUESDAY NIGHTS 7.30PM

A great night to socialise puppies or if you have a dog who needs obedience training then this is the night for you.



Erskine Park GSDL SHOW TRAINING – THURSDAY NIGHTS 7.30PM



Breed Survey Results

Next Breed Survey will be held on 13 May 2017.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

On Saturday May 13th, 2017 the German Shepherd Dog League is holding a practice day for the GSDCA CHARACTER & WORKING ASSESSMENT commencing at 1pm at the Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills.

Those members wishing to participate are invited to come along with their dogs and have a practice run prior to the League holding the official day. It is a very simple test and lots of fun. Dogs are to be registered, pedigreed, aged from 12 months to 8 years. The assessors will be League Breed Surveyors and qualified League Instructors.

Exercises include:-

Group gun test

Walking on a loose leash

Evaluation of touch sensitivity – walking over unusual surfaces (mesh or tarp)

Evaluation of sound sensitivity – sudden noise (eg car radio or car door slammed)

Evaluation of sight sensitivity – sudden object appearing eg. Cyclist

Interaction with strangers and dogs – approaching a person on chair opening umbrella

Evaluation of play response – approach by friendly stranger

Walking through a group of people

Stand for examination

Retrieve or play with an article

When the League introduces the actual test those people passing will be given a CW ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE.

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN – HAVE A TEST RUN

If you intend coming would you please advise the Secretary, either by email to Faystokes1@bigpond.com or by phone 02/47304013 or 0401019213 so that we are able to have some idea of how many will be attending.

Canteen facilities will be available.

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