

SHEPHERD NEWS

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Welcome



Members to our first edition of our club newsletter in its New format.

President Report

Welcome to Shepherd News in its new format. With the issue of Shepherd News in this trial and developmental stage we hope to utilize both email and the [website](#) for viewing Shepherd News.

We will need member's co-operation by emailing our [Membership Registrar](#) with their email address if it is not already supplied with your membership/membership renewal. Those members without computers will be supplied with shepherd news through the post.

Your new committee is working harmoniously and contains many very experienced people to develop and stabilise the GSDL moving forward. I am very pleased that our teamwork is proving to be successful.

The last few months since taking over, the committee have been very busy and the amount of work is showing progress. Much has still to be done to further stabilise the GSDL.

In 2008 there will be many new and re-modelled member and fund raising activities. The introduction of puppy days after Breed Surveys will hopefully prove successful, and will include an open canteen and sausage sizzle for the members. So come along and enjoy a day with your puppies.

The Bunning's BBQ's are proving to be a good fund raising activity and helpers are always needed. The re-introduction of our State Breed Club competition in August should also prove to be successful.

The [website](#) is being managed very well with Fran at the helm who has put a lot of time and effort into making it more user friendly, navigable and contains the necessary information and forms easily found and at your fingertips.



Fund Raiser

A most successful day was held at Bunning's McGrath's Hill with a sausage sizzle raising funds for our club. Pictured hereunder are our willing helpers.



Bunning's Raffle Donation

Bunning's McGrath's Hill have kindly donated for raffle a **Picnic Set**



Consisting of - Round Table, 2 Fold Up chairs, Large Esky and a Large Umbrella.

Tickets for this raffle will be sold right up until our Easter Show & Trial.

Ticket prices are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and are available through your branches and also at our General Meeting or you can contact the league secretary if you wish to purchase tickets.

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General Meetings

Club General Meetings will now be held again monthly. The next General Meeting is on Monday March 10th commencing at 8 pm in the club house.

Important date - Election of Judges

The election of judges for our shows and trials for 2009 will be held at the March General Meeting.

Breed Survey

Our first survey for 2008 was held at the club grounds on Sunday 17th February with the following dogs successfully completing survey.

Class 1

Dellahund Kic Atinalong
Andacht Yasko
Conkasha Wikid Wizard
Sundaneka French Kiss



Class 11

Crajendo I Am Said I

National Council AGM

A full report will be given on the outcome of motions voted on by all member clubs at the National Council AGM held in early February.

Easter Ch. Show & Trial

Our Easter Ch. Show & Trial will be held on 22nd and 23rd March. As members will have seen the entry fees were reduced somewhat as the UK judge originally elected could not gain a clearance to judge in Australia.

Show Schedule

Show schedule for our Easter Show as well as schedules for other German Shepherd Clubs are on the [website](#).

Cumberland Branch

Are no longer Training on Wednesday nights, training as normal Saturdays.

Show training is available Thursday nights at Erskine park branch from 7.30-9.30pm

Obedience Rules

Obedience rule are available in PDF format from the ANKC site.

Web Site

As members are undoubtedly aware our web site has been updated with all forms you require for HD/ED x-rays, Puppy listings and membership.

Point Score Results, Show results and Critiques are all available for download on our web site at www.gsdl.info so please visit the site to read more about our activities.

Training

Our Training Coordinator is organising a competition between the branches and this should be a great day for everyone to mingle and enjoy themselves Details will be advised in future newsletters.

Instructors Courses

Laurelle will also be running Instructors Courses this year and if you are interested please feel free to contact your branch manager.

GSDL Committee

Contact details of our League Committee and Branch Committee members are available on our [website](#).

Branch Committees, Tattoo and Microchip Officers

The names and contact details for all of the above people are listed on the [website](#).

Marketing

Alan our marketing officer has several back copies of Breed Survey Books as well as stock from the National which includes bucket hats and caps and some singlets which are all being sold at the ridiculous price of \$5.00. Contact: Alan on- 4577 2329



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Stud Dog Listings

Fran is currently formatting the stud dog page and will be uploading photos of listed stud dogs onto the website. If you are interested in putting your dog on the Stud Dog Listings – cost is \$22.00 - please contact our Web master - frances@bigpond.net.au

Breeders Listings

Fran is also listing breeders and again the cost is \$22.00 Please [contact](#) Fran if you wish to advertise.

Puppy Books

These are available through our Marketing Officer. Please remember that it is mandatory when having your litters tattooed to purchase a Puppy Booklet for each puppy.

The Tattoo Officers all have supplies of these as well as Membership Forms for your puppy purchasers.

Sausage Sizzle/Puppy Training

A sausage sizzle will be held at the conclusion of all surveys and members are welcome to bring their puppies along for training and advice from our member surveyor/judges

First Sausage Sizzle/Puppy Training

We tried the new format at this Survey with members being invited to bring their puppies along for some play and training.

This proved to be very popular and as we had more turn up than we thought and we did not take enough sausages, the members received half a sausage sandwich for free along with the champagne that Graeme and Karen kindly provided.

At future surveys we will hold a Sausage Sizzle combined with a Puppy Play and Train Day and as this does seem to be popular the committee will discuss at their next meeting the possibility of holding these sorts of member's days more often.

Hip & Elbow Results

Congratulations

Col & Shirley Ford on their bitch
Takimbre Tia Maria A 0/0 Z 0/0

Sire: Kuirau Lincoln

Dam: Takimbre Haleys Comet



Code of Ethics

We would remind members that there is a Code of Ethics you should follow when selling your puppies.

Unfortunately we have had several complaints of late and we would ask that you please follow the Code of Ethics when selling your puppies.

Newsletter

Please feel free to contact our editor with any items of interest you would like published.

Please note we cannot publish member's individual show or trial results from shows other than those we publish on our website under [show results](#) and critiques.