



GSDCA Executive News May 2024



50th National Show and Trial Adelaide 2024

On behalf of the Executive, I extend our congratulations to the South Australian club for planning and running an outstanding 50th National Show and Trial in Adelaide in May 2024.

Commencing with a warm and welcoming 'meet and greet' after Breed Survey on Thursday afternoon, and right up to the presentations on Sunday, the event didn't miss a beat.

The grounds and facilities were immaculate, the catering top notch, and the weather superb. The backpacks for bibs and catalogues were a great innovation, and the 50th National mementos a lovely touch.

We are indebted to the late Roy Brabham for establishing the Council. It was wonderful to have his wife Jan Brabham both judge obedience and speak at the opening ceremony.

The presentation to the police dog, PD Bandit (Vomkogelberg Xenon), was special, coinciding as it did with the 50th Anniversary of the SA Police Dog Squad. It was great to have our Patron Dawn Fraser in attendance not only for the opening but the whole weekend.

The way in which our international conformation judges engaged with exhibitors and spectators was appreciated, with reasons and assessments communicated clearly.

The National was a mammoth undertaking for the South Australian club, three years in the making. Thank you to the many wonderful volunteers involved in the success of this event.



The GSDCSA summed up their work so well on Facebook:

“The dust has settled on what now is but a memory of the largest dog show of the year, the 50th GSDCA National Show and Trial 2024.

The amount of planning that went into this event was a huge undertaking and was carried out by amazing people who all volunteered both their time and expertise.

The GSDC of SA would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the many volunteers who helped before, during and after the event, whether big or small (and the behind-the-scenes team), your contribution was immeasurable.

To the GSDC of SA Committee, President John, Stephen Collins, Peter Flynn, Jenny De Lucia, Andrew O’Loughlin, Judy O’Loughlin, Tiffany and Jake Clarke, Carly Withey, Michelle Monti – THANK YOU.

To the volunteers who helped fundraise for three years leading up the event by working at Dogs SA and catering, John, Michelle, Kym Richards, Marilyn and Ian Cooke, Kerry Kennedy, Barry & Ann Knibbs, Samantha John, Leanne Brodie, Bradley De Lucia, Tiffany Clarke – THANK YOU.

To Kim Leyland, who took over the raffle, designed the graphic artwork that appeared on our Facebook pages and website and the animated video for the raffle - THANK YOU.

To the volunteers who helped set up before the show, Mark Parkinson, Ian Cooke, Stephen Collins, Rob MacPherson, Kym Richards, Charlie Van Groen, Jake Clarke, Michelle, Tiffany, Graham Cooke, Melissa and Leanne Brodie, Neil Percival, Vince Tantaró – THANK YOU.

To Jamie and Lyn Phillis for making the two sets of podiums for each ring and for donating the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place stickers for them and decorating them with flowers – THANK YOU.

To the helpers who assisted with sorting and packing on the Saturday before the show, John, Stephen, Judy, Jane, Jenny, Kerry, Mark, Ian, Marilyn, Kym Richards, Kim Leyland, and her daughter Juliette – THANK YOU.”

Again, on behalf of the Executive congratulations and thank you to the German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia and your team of volunteers.

The Executive extends heartfelt appreciation to the exceptionally skilled Gail Donald for her outstanding coordination of the photography team. Her remarkable tenacity and stamina were evident as she stood tirelessly in the ring, capturing every facet of the show for posterity. The immense effort required in the aftermath of the show cannot be overstated. Gail's dedication is reflected in the countless hours she devotes to meticulously processing and finalizing the photos for our magazine and for exhibitors alike.

Thanks must go also to Robyn Knuckey for stepping in to the Chief Stewards position. Robyn did an amazing job, and we thank her for being willing to step in at the last minute.

The National Show Liaison (Jess Lynch) officer has set up a working group to update the National Show and Trial Manual. If clubs would like to make any suggestions of great ideas to carry forward from the Adelaide National, or ways in which we can tweak our approach, please forward them to secretary@gsdcouncilaustralia.org for consideration by the Working Group.

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Janet Haase - GSDCA Secretary
On behalf of the Executive.

Date	Meeting type	Type
20 th May	General Meeting - President/delegate	Zoom
21 st May	General Meeting for overview of new HD/ED process	Zoom
18 th June	Executive meeting	Zoom
13 th & 14 th July	National Breed Commission - Melbourne	Face to Face
6 th August	Executive meeting	Zoom
24 th September	General Meeting - President/delegate	Zoom
22 nd October	Executive meeting	Zoom
19 th November	Executive meeting	Zoom

