



EXECUTIVE AND OFFICE HOLDERS UPDATE

Issue 4 August 2023

FROM THE PRESIDENT - SEAN LYNCH



Hello Members,

Firstly, congratulations to all those that attended shows and breed surveys across Australia this month, great to see so many members out and about.

August is an important month on the GSDCA calendar with the NBC and Judges Meetings to be held in Adelaide. First face to face meeting since the AGM in 2020.

I am looking forward to catching up and discussing the future of our breed with our member clubs and our Judges and Surveyors.

The agendas have been sent to the clubs; this is the best opportunity for clubs to discuss this with the members and have a voice for the future.

See you all soon in Adelaide and enjoy this month's edition.

Best Wishes

Sean

OBEDIENCE CHAIR - ALASTAIR HENDERSON

July bought another Zap Assessment held in Melbourne with 11 entries. To date we have had 69 dogs presented for Assessment across Australia.

During this day we managed to produce a video which shows a dog owned by Rhyll Ballantyne complete all parts of Zap so people can see what is involved. The video can be viewed on the GSDCA website. Special thanks to Jacinta Poole for producing the [video](#).

NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION CHAIR - IAN URIE

I have returned from an extended (6 weeks) overseas holiday to England, Scotland, and France. Whilst in England I attended the British Sieger show, judged by Nikki Messler and Dirk Gabriel. Both these judges speak very good English and gave their critiques without the need of an interpreter. I thought they did a very

good job, and both made comments about aspects that are undesirable in the breed such as excessive angulation of the hindquarters.

I also had the opportunity to spend some time with Heather MacDonald, our WUSV Continental Director.

Now things are ramping up to the NBC and Judges Committee meetings in Adelaide and I am busy finalising my report and that from the HD/ED working party. This will be the first time since the disruptions of Covid19 that the NBC has been able to meet in person, and I am looking forward to personal interaction with our judges and surveyor group and club representatives. We have some important matters to discuss including nominations for appointment of new trainee breed surveyors, and proposals for changes and improvements to the HD/ED schemes.

JUDGES COMMITTEE CHAIR - MELANIE GROTH

Melanie has been unwell for the past few weeks with a significant and painful issue in her back. She is unable to sit for long and is using her limited computer time to prepare for the Judges/Surveyor Meetings being held on the 19 August and finalise Breed Survey certificates. We wish her the absolute best for a complete recovery.

SECRETARY - JANET HAASE

Last month was a frantic month for secretarial work, with a large amount of correspondence, both inward and outward. The new regulation passed at the AGM about correspondence being distributed to member clubs has caused some friction and the executive believe the regulation needs refinement.

In preparation, is a response to the WUSV about our alignment with the WUSV Breeding Program. The draft document is currently with the NBC executive for review and will be distributed to member clubs for their review and edits on Saturday 5 August 2023.



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INC.

National Breed Commission/Judges Committee Meeting - 18 19 & 20 August 2023

BOOKING FORM

TAX INVOICE ABN: 25 515 310 063

Please complete and return this form by 5pm Friday 4 August 2023 to: GSDCA Secretary, Janet Haase

Venue: Haven Marina Hotel, Conference Room, 6 Adelphi Terrace, Glenelg, 5045 Adelaide - 08 8294 1555

NAME:

POSITION:

CONFERENCE DETAILS

DAY 1 Friday

4.30 pm to 6.30 pm Executive Meeting
7.00 pm Dinner Venue: TBA (at own cost)

DAY 2 Saturday

8.30 am to 10.30 am Closed Breed Surveyor/Specialist Judges Meeting (Executive & Aspirers included)
10.30 am to 11.00 am Morning tea
11:00 am to 1.00 pm Judges Meeting - Reports & Agenda Items
1.00 pm to 1.30 pm Lunch
1.30 pm to 3.30 pm Continuation of Judges Meeting
3.30 pm to 4:00 pm Afternoon tea
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm NBC Meeting - Reports & Agenda Items
7.00 pm Dinner Venue: TBA (at own cost)

DAY 3 Sunday

8.30 am - 4.00 pm NBC continues (includes Morning Tea and Lunch).

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation available at the Haven Marina Hotel. Please mention you're attending the GSDCA Conference when booking.

Car Parking: Venue offers Free ample onsite parking.

Table with columns for 'Tick applicable' and 'No attending'. Rows include 'No Catering (both days)', 'Delegates Package - Continuous Tea & Coffee, Morning Tea, Lunch & Afternoon Tea (Saturday)', 'Delegates Package - Continuous Tea & Coffee, Morning Tea, and hot buffet lunch (Sunday)', and 'Dinner Friday night'/'Dinner Saturday night'.

Total Amount Payable (Inc GST): \$.....

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