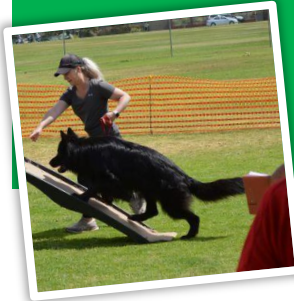




Executive Update



From the President

December 2023

Welcome to the last newsletter for 2024.

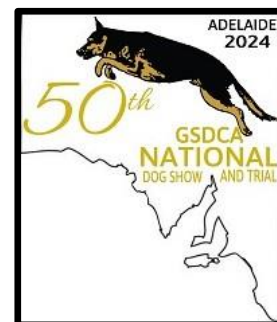
I would like to thank the Executive for the effort that you all have put in this year. We have really moved forward this year in several areas, one that stands out is the Harmonisation Program and a combination of firstly standing up to Germany and secondly the work by members of the Executive with the new President, this has seen a change in the attitude of the WUSV to a more workable program. It's still early days but it's a start.

To Meline and Yvonne, who both are not seeking re-election this year, I would like to thank you both, it's hard work at times and very demanding but you both have done an amazing job, thank you and enjoy whatever the future holds for you.

I would like to wish all our members and very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Cheers

Sean Lynch



*50th National Show and Trial
in Adelaide on the 3rd, 4th, and
5th May.*



From the NBC Chair

We have all been very busy lately compiling the agenda for the coming AGM. I had a lot of motions resulting from the NBC meeting to formulate, and I hope that these will be supported by the Member Clubs. It can be frustrating to discuss issues and achieve a positive consensus at the appropriate forum, only to have motions defeated when voted on later by the Clubs.

I am pleased to note that several Clubs have held ZAP Character Assessments recently, and we have had some new Assessors trained and ratified.

I also recommend to you that you attend your club meetings and consider amendments that are being proposed for the Judges Training and Breed Surveyor Accreditation schemes, to make it more possible for younger aspirants to move forward in training and mentoring processes with some flexibility regarding our stringent pre-requisites. We certainly need more younger members to consider becoming judges for the future and we don't need to put too many roadblocks in their path.

Ian Urie



Date of the Bundessiegerzuchtschau/Weltchampionat für Deutsche Schäferhunde 2024

The Bundessiegerzuchtschau/Weltchampionat für Deutsche Schäferhunde will take place in the period from the 05th until the 08th of September 2024 in Nuremberg (LG14).

We are looking forward to your participation and your visit.

See you again in Nuremberg!

From the Obedience Chair

On November 18 I attended a Zap Assessment run by GSDL to train new Assessors and was happy to say that Sean Lynch, Paul York, Graeme Stevenson, Glenn Gregory, and Kurt Morton were successful in completing the training as required.

The League had 4 dogs to go through the Assessment successfully. On the same day the South Australian Club ran their first official Zap Assessment with 5 animals being successful with Peter Flynn, John and Jenny De Lucia being the Assessors on the day.

At the NBC meeting in August criteria were agreed for those qualified to apply and be trained as Zap Assessors.

The council hopes that with more Assessors available clubs will promote ZAP to their members.

Also, on November 12 GSDCV held their 3rd Assessment for the year with 10 dogs successful. We hope to have another 3 Assessment days in 2024.

There are some motions on the agenda for the AGM that are required to tidy up wording in the regulations and one motion designed to make the GSDCA Obedience Awards more achievable for everyone.

Cheers

Alastair Henderson

From the Judges Chair

Motions from NBC/Judges Meeting

The last month has been spent reviewing the Motions from the NBC/Judges meeting in readiness for the AGM. This takes some time to get the wording right to ensure the intent of the motion is in sync with expectations.

Inclusion of Gun Test in the Grading document

Last month I reported that we had been reviewing this document as an action from the NBC Judges meeting. I am pleased to inform you that it is now finalised and ready to be sent out to active Surveyor/Judges in hard copy for inclusion in your Judges folders. I hope to get it to you before Christmas. Thank you to Sean for assisting with the printing and laminating of the document. It will be a useful tool for all judges. It will be sent electronically to the club secretaries as well so that it can be saved and sent with contracts for international judges and given to them upon arrival prior to judging at our shows. This hopefully should avoid some of the issues that have arisen over the past two years, with international judges not being aware of our rules prior to judging.

Finalising critiques - Who is responsible for what.....

A reminder to judges that are yet to finalise critiques for shows that they have judged throughout the year. It is the judge's responsibility to finalise critiques with an overview and send them to the clubs and to the Judges Chair as soon as practicable after the event. There are still critiques outstanding for clubs in 2023 even after several reminders. Please attend to this as soon as possible. I will be advising clubs to post the unedited critiques if judges have not returned them within a month after the show. As a GSDCA specialist judge this is a responsibility that must be attended to.

Clubs should be providing the judge with an electronic version of the catalogue in place order with the critiques under each dog prior to it being sent to the judge for editing. This is the club's responsibility.

Final remarks

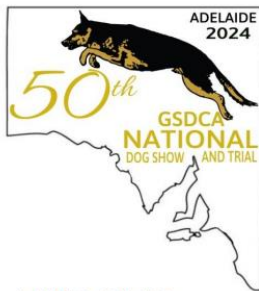
Nominations for the Judges Committee Chair have now closed. I decided not to stand for the next term. I have enjoyed supporting the judges throughout my time in the role, and I feel confident in the knowledge that along with Janet Haase at the 2022 Sieger Show a better working relationship with the SV/WUSV was forged. This has paved the way for us to move forward at a pace that is determined by the GSDCA. This was further cemented when Alastair, Janet and I met with Daniele Strazzeri SV Vice President (one week after his election to the role) to provide insight into our position. Janet and Alastair at the 2023 Sieger along with Heather McDonald were able to make further ground. Small steps but positive ones for the breed and our organisation.

I wish both candidates standing for the role the best of luck and thank my Executive colleagues and the Member Club Presidents for the support and respect.

Have a wonderful Christmas with your families and loved ones.

Mel Groth

The 50th National Show and Trial 2024 in Adelaide



ENTRIES CLOSE - 20TH MARCH 2024

Hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia
on behalf of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia

50th GSDCA NATIONAL GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG SHOW & TRIAL 3rd, 4th, 5th May 2024 Barratt Reserve, West Beach

JUDGES

All LSC Dog & Bitch classes minus Babies,
All SC Dog classes minus Babies,
SC Challenge Dog, LSC Challenge Bitch & Dog

All SC Bitch classes, SC Baby Puppy Dog,
LSC Baby Puppy Bitch, LSC Baby Puppy Dog, Challenge Bitch SC

Herr Rainer Mast (SV)
(Dog Ring)

Herr Wolfgang Haßgall (SV)
(Bitch Ring)

CONFORMATION

OBEDIENCE

Utility Dog Excellent (Ring 1)
Utility Dog (Ring 2)
Companion Dog Excellent (Ring 1)
Companion Dog (Ring 2)
Community Companion Dog (Ring 1)

Mr Brian Fielder (SA)
Mrs Jan Brabham (SA)
Mr Peter Dynan (SA)
Mrs Donna Vigor (SA)
Mr Brian Fielder (SA)

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Conformation "Dogs SA" Rep - Brian Parker

Miss Jessica Bird (NSW)

ObEDIENCE "Dogs SA" Rep - Mrs Gillian Smith

*The GSDCSA reserves the right to substitute judges and to alter scheduled judging times as necessary.
This Show & Trial will be held under the constitution & rules of "Dogs SA". No entry fees will be refunded.*

ENTRY FEES (First Entry includes Catalogue)

	First Entry	Subsequent
OBEDIENCE - All classes	\$40-00	\$30-00
CONFORMATION - Baby Puppy	\$30-00	\$20-00
Minor & Puppy	\$40-00	\$30-00
Junior, Intermediate & Open	\$50-00	\$40-00



Show Manager

Online Entries Available
www.showmanager.com.au

ONLINE - available at www.showmanager.com.au Please check all on-line details are up to date.
POSTAL - to The Secretary, GSDC of SA Inc, PO Box 109, Willunga SA 5172.

Please include Breed Survey status (denoted by *), all ANKC titles, full pedigree name, registration numbers and complete details of sire & dam. **No late entries will be accepted.**
Bitches in oestrus may be exhibited in the conformation classes only.

BREED SURVEY - If required, will be held on Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 3.00pm at the venue.
Entries close 25th April 2024 with The Secretary, GSDC of SA Inc, PO Box 109, Willunga SA 5172.
BS4 form required for animals not resident in SA.



Please support the South Australian club. Sponsor a class, donate, buy a raffle ticket, or buy the delicious Gin.

It is all available via their National Shop. <https://gsdcsa.org.au/national-shop/>



RAFFLE



**50TH GSDCA NATIONAL DOG SHOW
AND TRIAL**

WINNERS DRAWN SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2024

**\$10
PER TICKET**

FIRST PRIZE

Somerset Dog
Running Machine
OR
\$2500 CASH!!

SECOND PRIZE

KarcherK3 Pressure
Washer

THIRD PRIZE

Royal Canin Dog
Food

FOURTH PRIZE

Kong Toy Bag

Freight will be at winners expense for the 1st Prize as it will need to be shipped from Victoria.
All other prizes can be claimed at the National Show & Trial.
Special arrangements for delivery will be at the winners expense.



Don't need a running machine? The winner will have the choice between the Running Machine or \$2,500 cash