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WGSDCA EDITORS FROM THE DESK

WGSDCA Editors from the desk – *Karyn Worth and Lyn Ellerton*

Welcome to the final edition for 2018 of the WGSDCA Dogsport magazine. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this another great read.

This edition takes us all the way around the world to Denmark where WGSDCA member (and 2018 WGSDCA National IPO Champion) Sanne Pedersen competed for Australia. We also have a story about the ban of the GSD which started in 1929 and ran for 44 years, ending in 1973. There are plenty of other stories which we will leave for you to dive into.

To all our readers we wish you all the very best for the Christmas and New Year season, may it be filled with love and laughter and hopes of new things to come in 2019.

Thank you to the members who have contributed to the magazine. We love hearing your achievements and how you are doing as a club. So keep them coming! You can send articles and pictures to WGSDCAeditor@gmail.com

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DOGSPORT: THE PRESERVATION OF THE WORKING DOG

MISSION STATEMENT

To maintain and improve the temperament and physical soundness of the German Shepherd dog in Australasia.

To promote responsible dog ownership to our members.

OUR VISION

To be a progressive dogsport organisation in partnership with the international dogsport community.

WGSDCA PRESIDENT 2018 AGM REPORT

REFLECTING ON THE PAST, ENGAGING WITH THE PRESENT, IMAGINING THE FUTURE

One of the pleasures of writing the President's AGM report is that it forces one to look back and take stock, at which point one thinks "Did we really do all that?". Of course, it is the collective work of our members, office bearers, representatives and advocates that sees WGSDCA congealing our roles both in the national and international arenas. I am amazed by how willing very busy people are to put up their hands to take on additional tasks, and I thank all for their considerable contributions over the last 12 months – contributions which brought along some significant achievements in 2018. I have no doubt that these achievements are critical stepping stones as we continue to build the road towards formal recognition of IPO Dogsport.

The year started out with ANKC rejecting the IPO Submission that we assisted the GSDCA in generating. This was not unexpected, and some enquired 'why bother' – well, because it opened doors for other opportunities. We obviously strengthened our relationship with the WUSV, as the WUSV sanctioning Reg Worth's aspiration to apply for SV National (Performance) Judge accreditation. An accreditation he passed with flying colours. I applaud Reg for his selfless dedication to further IPO Dogsport in Australia and I am confident that Reg is a trustable custodian of the implementation of IPO working titles on behalf of WUSV in Australia.



Secondly, we received notification of WUSV officially sanctioning the WGSDCA Nationals as the Australian Qualification Trial for representing Australia at WUSV World Championships. We have fought many years for these two milestones and I commend all who have had a role in bringing this to fruition. We continue to build the relationship with the WUSV, most recently via a face-to-face meeting at the 2018 Bundessiegerzuchtschau in Nürnberg.

On the note of Team Australia. It's a costly affair to travel abroad with a dog. To that effect, we launched a specific crowd-funding website for Team Australia as well as an online merchandise shop. All profit raised through these platforms will go to Team Australia for years to come. We managed to raise \$6,000 for Team Australia 2018 and we thank all who gave so generously. On a personal note, I would like to thank all of those who supported Team Australia 2018. In particular, I thank Mike Harper for his relentless work behind the camera, which not only captures our Nationals year after year, but this year also some very special 2018 Team Australia memories.

We re-launched the WGSDCA Magazine to strengthen, not only the relationship between our clubs, but also our public image. Thanks to all who contributed with content. It is terrific to see the vibrancy coming through the articles, which is a true testimony to our members' dedication to IPO dogsport. My gratitude goes to Karyn Worth and Lynette Ellerton for the time-consuming task of coordinating content and subsequent formatting. Only the word 'wow' appropriately describes the two issues produced so far. Thank you.



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The BOM has worked closely with our Director of Helpers to harmonise the structure of our Helper Education Program and we thank Jay Balakrishnan for all the time invested. Our gratitude also goes to Chris Loverseed, our Educational Liaison Officer, who applied a refreshing new way of promoting WGSDCA. We experienced a 50% growth when receiving our membership subscriptions for 2018/2019. To some extent this is an outcome of Chris' work, but it must be recognised that without our clubs, this growth wouldn't be possible, so I thank all our Clubs for their capacity to support new members. On that note, I welcome our newest probationary club, NDSC.

The BOM devoted significant time in building new relationships, which we hope will solidify the WGSDCA as the main stakeholder in relation to IPO dogsport in Australia. I am excited about these developments, which the BOM will provide further information on in due course. A special thank to WGSDCA Secretary, Natalie Woelfel, for keeping track of the significant amount of correspondence, sometimes more than +100 incoming correspondence between our BOM meetings, and Vice President Crystal Lakatos with whom I have found kindred spirit in relation to having an eye for details. Lastly, the BOM thanks Tom

Stewart for accepting the Treasurer position in April as a result of Michelle Daniel resigning. Michelle took on the task to update the WGSDCA MYOB system, resulting in streamlining the WGSDCA fiscal affairs. Thankyou.

This year, the WGSDCA National received for the first time significant cash contributions. I thank BlackHound Enterprises and Von Ultimate Dog Shop for their support, both in gifts as well as funds. The event was well executed by the hosting Club, and I thank all of those involved to make the event a success, especially SV Judges W. Tautz and U. Stolpe for once again overseeing the event and provide constructive feedback to the WGSDCA, and let's not forget, the dog handlers. A key task for moving forward is to continue to fight for IPO dogsport in Australia for the betterment of the modern working dog. Keep up the perseverance as it will demand success.

SANNE | WGSDCA PRESIDENT



THE INFAMOUS BAN... POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY OR GENUINE CONCERN

JEANNIE JOHNSTON, RSC

Whenever the Media, including the social media, begin a campaign directed against a specific breed of dog such as the American Pit Bull Terrier, the largest Breed Club in Australia, the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia with its six state affiliates and a membership totalling over 3000, is conspicuous by its silence and inaction when it comes to advocating measures that will assist in the successful banning and/or compulsory sterilisation of certain breeds. On the other hand, this same Breed Club will campaign most vigorously that it is '*the deed not the breed*' that must be given top priority when considering how to effectively deal with publicised dog attacks which, more often than not, are accompanied by graphic photographs of the alleged victims. Currently, it seems to be a couple of the Terrier breeds that are coming in for unwelcome attention from the media. The reason for this apparent silence on the part of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia when it comes to advocating that a popular breed of dog be banned, is that for 44 years (1929 – 1973) the importation of unsterilised German Shepherd Dogs into Australia was banned –



an unjust ban dictated by fear and hysteria fanned by the media barons of the late 1920's and those persons of influence in the Federal Parliament who were protecting their own interests, namely the members of the Graziers Federal Council of Australia, because this was the era when Australia's economy and status within the British Empire rode on the sheep's back.

The infamous ban was enacted in the Federal Parliament on 7 June 1929 and temporarily lifted for a period of 12 months in November 1972. Briefly, the reasons for imposing the ban on the importation of unsterilised German Shepherd Dogs into Australia were:

1. the dog is vicious
2. it has wolf blood in its veins
3. it is a sheep killer
4. if crossed with the dingo it would be dangerous.

Forty-five years after the lifting of the Importation Ban, its ramifications are still being felt in certain segments of the German Shepherd Dog scene in Australia, particularly in Victoria, when it comes to Dog Sport.

Australia's love affair with the German Shepherd Dog goes back to 1904 with the arrival in Fremantle, Western Australia, of four German Wolf Sheep Hounds imported by Mr A G Sewell. Only the names of two of these sheep dogs, are listed, Freia von Park and Stephen von Park, possibly descendants of the 1903 German Sieger, Roland von Park; the names of the other two dogs are unknown. Twenty years later Mr AR Vermuelen of Sydney bought a young sick dog from a



swaggie who had purchased the sheep dog in Western Australia. He told Mr Vermuelen that it was an Alsatian Wolf Hound. Mr Vermuelen called the dog "Jack" and entered him in shows in classes for "Any other dog not previously mentioned over 45lbs." The printed show results describe Jack as being a splendid looking dog, as high as a table, and as big as a super dingo." In January 1925, Mr Vermuelen wrote to England and ordered two more dogs which arrived in Melbourne in late 1925 in the care of HJ Larcombe who was listed as the joint owner with A R Vermuelen. Both dogs were sables: Pinkerton Rhoda (Challenge Bitch at Crufts, 1925) and Ito of Fallowdale (Challenge Dog at Crufts 1925). According to Ito's Pedigree, his lines go back to the 1916 German Sieger, Dolf von Dusternbrook. Ito was Challenge Dog at the 1926 Sydney Royal show.

Considering that Von Stephanitz registered his dog, the German Wolf Sheep Dog, in April 1899, it is interesting that within four years this remarkable sheep dog was being exported around Europe and to a distant outpost of the British Empire, such was its reputation as an outstanding sheep dog and as a dog which was proving to be extensively useful to its owner. The German Shepherd Dog has undergone several name changes in the English-speaking world, the most notable being from German Wolf Sheep Dog to Alsatian Wolf Dog in 1917.

The name change was due to the rise of anti-German sentiment as a result of World War 1 and in particular the German bombing of Upper North Street School in Poplar, London's East End on June 13 1917 which killed 18 children, accelerated the change. This was the deadliest air raid of the war and no German planes were lost. The outrage at the death of these Primary School children was so intense that German names were being anglicised at a great rate including that of the British Royal Family which changed from the House of Gothe Saxe Coburg to the Royal House of Windsor and the

Family Name of the First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Louis Battenberg changed to Lord Louis Mountbatten. There was a similar reaction in Australia as German sounding place names were seen as an affront to those who were involved in the battles of the Western Front, Ypres, Passchendaele and Pozieres: Forty two German settlements were renamed: Marburg in Queensland was renamed immediately after the bombing of Poplar to Townshend, Bethanien in the Barossa Valley was changed to Bethany, Gnadenfrei where my maternal German Great Grandfather had planted his first vineyards, was changed to Marananga, Hahndorf became Ambleside, Blumberg became Birdwood. This intense hostility against anything German resulted in German schools and churches closed, the playing of German (folk) music banned, German food renamed and the German Wolf Sheep Dog found itself being called the Alsatian Wolf Dog.

For the first 25 years of its arrival in Australia, the German Wolf Sheep Dog did what it was bred to do, it worked sheep in Western Australia and was considered a legitimate rival of the recently officially registered Australian-bred Sheep Dog, the Kelpie which is listed as being registered as a recognised breed in 1902. One wonders what would have developed if that Swaggie in 1924 had not made his way across the Nullabor accompanied by a sheep dog he had purchased possibly from one of the German graziers in Western Australia.

In the latter half of 1926 rumours and adverse publicity began to circulate both in England and Australia that the Alsatian Wolf Sheep Dog due to its supposed origin from wolf-crosses was unreliable as a breed and if crossed with the dingo would become a super sheep killer. Thus began the most concerted campaign undertaken in Australia against a specified breed.

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WUSV 2018 RANDERS DENMARK – FROM BEHIND THE LENS

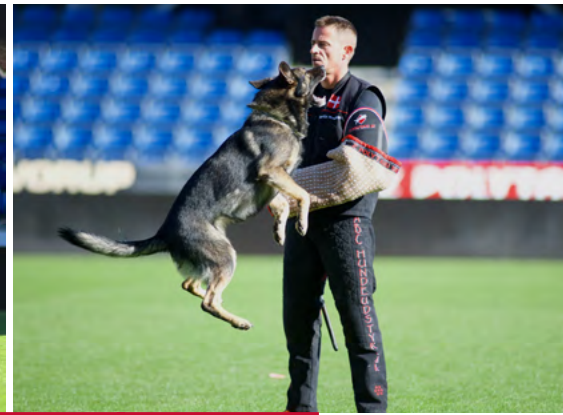
MIKE HARPER

The usual pre journey stresses started a couple of days prior to my departure for Denmark for this years WUSV in Randers. It was not a concern of flying or anything like that, but in regards to getting my 20 plus kilo camera equipment through the airline check in, as carry on cabin baggage. Happily I am able to report that once again I managed to keep my equipment with me on all the flights. After arrival into Copenhagen I went immediately to collect my hire car and then a nearly 400km drive to my accommodation. An interesting journey over some spectacular bridges and great to be able to cruise along at 130kph without the fear of a massive speeding fine.

Having accommodation some 45 kilometres away from the event meant some early mornings to make sure I was at the stadium in time for the 7am start of proceedings. The drive back to the accommodation at the end of the day through the lovely Danish country side to the coastal village of Helberskov where I was staying with Reg, Karyn and Glynis was a great way to relax after a hard day behind the camera. Trying to edit photographs when I reached home was impossible as I just fell asleep at the computer, and I am afraid I was not a very sociable housemate.

The stadium in Randers was huge, a first division soccer stadium with all the modern conveniences etc. The WUSV staff were extremely friendly and accommodating a little different to the pedantic guys in Holland last year. This time the photographers had basically free range of the touchline and an area inside the stadium with WiFi etc.

It was great to catch up with some of the photographers from last years WUSV including Dutch photographer Jan Redder of Pics4dogs who I first worked with at the Bundessiegerprufung in 2012.

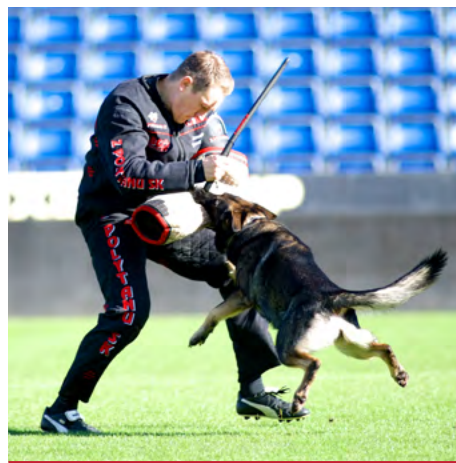
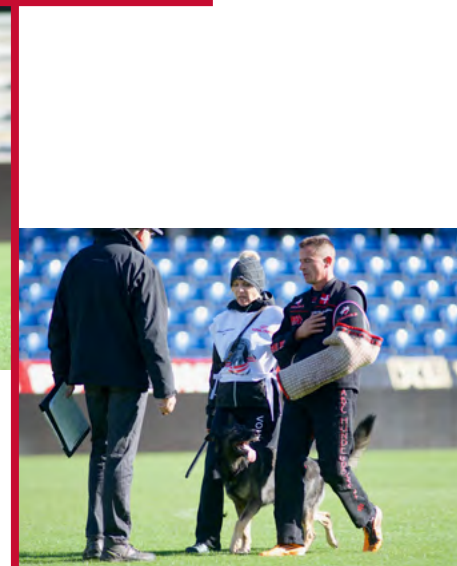


This year it was so exciting to have Sanne as our Australian competitor. The atmosphere in the stadium when Sanne came on was fantastic with family and the locals supporting and encouraging their countrywoman.

The weather although cool was basically kind.

Busy days with few breaks but another great experience to see these great competitors and their dogs, only dampened in the very last few moments of the event when a camera malfunction that had dogged me throughout the championships finally packed in; thank goodness it was at the end of the closing ceremony and not on the first day.

Jane and I are hoping to head to Italy in October of 2019 for the WUSV, the accreditation process has already begun.





WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

KARYN WORTH

As we sat in the stadium eagerly awaiting the opening ceremony of the WUSV 2018 IPO World Championship little did I know that I would be taken over by a feeling of such emotion. It was more than just one and hard to describe, perhaps a feeling of pride and accomplishment in knowing how far as an organisation we had come in the last 5 years, the hurdles conquered and blood, sweat and tears that were needed to get Australia a place at the WUSV World Championships. This would be our second time amongst the rest of the world.

The music started and the hairs stood up on my arms as the announcer began to introduce the countries one by one. What a proud moment to see that Australian flag flying high as our very own president Sanne Pedersen marched on with her dog Sorro followed by her partner Rob and Reg Worth as the Team Captain. Australia was one of 33 countries and 127 individual competitors entered in the championship. The stadium came alive with cheers from their fellow countrymen who had come to celebrate the opening of the competition. The scene was now set for an exciting few days. One that left us sitting on the edge of our seats right to the bitter end.

Tracking was held about an hour away from the competition on a large farm near the sea. I'm not sure how many hectares there were but it was huge as it needed to be big enough to fit 127 tracks on there. The weather conditions at the start of the competition were windy, cold and rainy and it appeared that many had fallen victim to the weather and tracking gods with what seemed like a higher percentage of competitors failing or scoring quite low on the first couple of days. The weather gradually got better as the week went on with some teams scoring in high 90s but they were

the few, not the many. Only six handler/dog teams achieved an excellent in tracking. Unfortunately Sanne and Sorro fell victim to the tracking gods as he failed to find the very last corner of the track. He obtained a score of 60 which was not enough to pass (passing score of 70 points is required). It was such a shame as you could see how hard he tried to find it. Of the 127 competitors 45 of them did not achieve a qualifying score including some well-known competitors like Mike Diehl and Frank Phillips from the USA and Ralph Gilby from Canada all of whom have been competing at World Championships many times before, this was an indication that it wasn't easy out there.

Anyone who has been to these competitions knows how hard it is and even the best can sometimes not make it through. It takes real passion and commitment to even get to the Worlds and when things don't go as planned it can be hard. To be honest, although I was disappointed for Sanne I felt proud for Australia that she had achieved qualifying scores in Obedience and Character Assessment both with a solid performance.

The finale came down to a real nail biter, we thought that Sabrina Höfer and her dog Duke from Germany would take out their second big win for the year. Sabrina had won the SV BSP a few weeks earlier in Germany. However it was not to be as we saw a brilliant performance from Václav Ouška and his dog Qyido from the Czech Republic to win the competition. But it was Martin Matoušek from the Czech Republic and his girl Vicky who had everyone sitting on the edge of their seats wondering if he could take out the championship. The dog/handler teams who had females in season had to do Obedience and Character Assessment after all the other teams had completed their run outs in the stadium. The two put on a wonderful Obedience run out and an equally a good Character Assessment performance. It was just not quite enough to win but they took out third place in the competition. It was a real pleasure to watch.

Congratulations goes to all the competitors who came together to compete at the World Championship. It makes the dog world seem just that little bit closer! Further on you will see that Sanne has put together a guide to give members an idea of the requirements and expenses to take a dog to compete at a World Championship. Next year's competition will be held in Modena Italy, good luck to everyone competing in 2019 and especially those with the goal of making the world team.



THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN PREPARING YOUR DOG FOR THE WUSV IPO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP.

Preparing your dog for taking out the 2019 WGSDCA National Championship and consequently win the ticket to represent Australia at the WUSV IPO3 World Championship in Italy, October 2019? Here is a list of Things to Remember to do outside the training field - and start saving. It will cost about \$30,000

Disclaimer: The indicated costs below are estimates only.

1. The Rabies Titre Test Certificate The most important thing to sort out well in advance is to vaccinate your dog for rabies – whereafter you need to do a Rabies Neutralisation Antibody Titre test (RNATT) minimum 30 days after the vaccination. The date of the RNATT is the date that dictates when your dog can re-enter Australia, which is +180 days after the date of the RNATT. The WUSV Worlds are always the first week in October. So the RNATT should be done no later than second week of April. If your dog is not already Rabies vaccinated, then you need to do this no later than mid March. The cost is dependent on your vet. The indicated amount is an estimate. And don't forget that that your dog's annual vaccinations need to be up to date	\$500
2. The import Permit "Short Stay Only" Online application via www.agriculture.gov.au or do it through the dog transport courier. You need a RNATT Certification Form signed by your Vet (available on the link provided above) and the ORIGINAL document from the Laboratory that did the titre test. Start the process straight after the WGSDCA event as the application process will take anywhere between 6-8 weeks.	\$500
3. Dog Transport Arrangement Subject to choice of courier. Expect total confusion when you tell them that you are exporting/importing!	\$15,000
4. PEQ Quarantine Cost Melbourne 10 days You can do this yourself using the PEQ website or pay your dog courier for the service. If the latter – price goes up	\$1,500
5. Additional domestic flight cost (if you don't live in Melbourne, ie get your dog back home)	\$500
6. WUSV Registration Fee (subject to currency)	\$250
7. Airfare cost – per person Subject to choice of courier	\$2,500
8. Accommodation – subject to length of stay. Recommend AirBnb. Assume stay is 1 week before WUSV, WUSV WM week, +3 days to arrange for dog to go back to Australia (final vet check, paperwork etc), total 17 days \$200 per day. Stay for longer, price goes up	\$3,400
9. Rental car Assume \$100 per day – you need to book a Station Wagon or similar to fit in a crate. Make sure Rental Company is fully aware they have to provide the car specified! (Had that hiccup in 2016)	\$1,700
10. Crate – got to buy one if you don't have friends overseas who have a spare one	\$250
11. Overseas vet treatment The 45-Short Stay Import Permit demands fortnightly treatment for external parasites and at least 2 treatments for internal parasites which needs to be min. 14 days apart and one within 5 days of return to Australia. This is probably the most stressful part to sort out! Planning the treatment schedule is a nightmare. Each treatment needs to be witness by a Vet. Ie you pay per vet visit. Subject to the treatment schedule this is probably 2-3 visits. Assume \$200 per visit but this is of course subject to the countries standard vet visitation fees.	\$600
12. Health Certification Verification WUSV requirement. You need to do this 3 months before going overseas. You can find the form on the WUSV webpage. Your own vet needs to do the assessment	\$80
13. Overseas Health Verification for return to Australia To be done by the Government Vet Authority of the Country. Ie similar to DAFF. Expense as you are paying for a government official stamp. This cannot be done by a standard vet practice!	\$500
14. WUSV requires a valid liability insurance for your dog. You can get that through e.g. RSPCA	\$600
15. Living expenses overseas. Assume \$100 per day per person	\$1,700
Estimated Total	\$29,580

Support | Sponsorship: The WGSDCA is running a Team Australia Sponsor Stream. Please contact WGSDCA Secretariat if you want to support Team Australia. You can also purchase one of our merchandise such as the "I Love IPO" Hoodie or the 2019 Team Australia Uniform when that is available in due course. Alternative join WGSDCA as a Social Member for \$20. This revenue goes to Team Australia.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE WORLD OF IPO

JANE DAVIS AND JASON JACKSON

Jason and I were invited by Director of Helpers, Jay Balakrishnan to attend the IPO Helpers Training Seminar held by the WGSDCA in Brisbane earlier this month. Our hopes were to go deeper into the world of IPO for a closer look behind the scenes for those wanting to become certified handlers to assist in their respective clubs and to make the acquaintance of the clubs' members.

Earlier in the year we had some exposure to IPO during the filming of Black and Gold Documentary which sparked off an interest to explore further what drives handlers and their dogs into such a demanding sport with international levels of competition. We were more than impressed during our two day visit which afforded us an insight into the dedication and camaraderie between its members and an introduction to Metro Dogsport President and Australia's first SV certified judge, Reg Worth.

That evening we were fortunate enough to observe a trial where several dogs and handlers competed

for higher levels after years of preparation and with participants travelling interstate to the event. One of the highlights of our weekend was to see such a strong bond and connection between Glynis and Sam Hendricks from Haveloc German Shepherds and their stunning performance.

The standards of training upheld by this club were tough and nerves were affected for those competing and training, but we came to quickly understand the necessity for this high level of judging and scoring when it came to Australia's reputation nationally and its participation at the WUSV World Championships. Both dogs and handlers would be more than prepared to compete at this level of precision and at some points perfection with the expertise, support and knowledge of such judges behind them.

Our experience with this group showed us the professionalism, the dedication, the enthusiasm and the bond between the competitors and their dogs who dedicate so much time, effort and expense on attending and assisting to become competitors. These people are great ambassadors for the sport and we found everyone involved to be highly passionate and motivated leaving us with a much richer experience and an eagerness to know more.



SCHÆFERHUNDE KLUB 80 VIBORG DENMARK

KARYN WORTH

After the WUSV World Championships in Randers Reg and I travelled approximately 40mins north to a town called Jebjerg to visit our friends Pat Funnell and Per Svoldgaard-Nielsen. We met Pat and Per when they travelled to Australia in 2001, Per is a Danish German Shepherd Kennel Club and SV foreign Judge so when we knew they were coming to Australia we asked if he would judge a club trial for us and he said yes!!! Per came back again in 2007 to judge our National championship, it was a busy year for Per as he was also one of the judges for the FCI World Championship later in the year.



We spent a week with Pat and Per and it was great to be able to watch them train both at the club and close to home on their tracking fields. They were certainly spoilt for choice as just 5 minutes from their house there was hundreds of hectares of plough or lightly planted farm land that they had access to. Pat is a world championship competitor having competed for Denmark at the three World Championships; two of them were the FCI World Championships (all breeds). Both Pat and Per's tracking is amazing and we got to watch both of them track. Pat with her young IPO3 dog Nikon, who recently came 5th place at the Danish Nationals and Per with Delta (10 year old GSD). Delta's track was 3 hours old, 1500 paces long with 8 corners (pointed, blunt and right-angled), a semicircle and 7 articles. She worked the whole track so well we were certainly impressed.

On Thursday evening we visited the Schæferhunde Klub 80 in Viborg where Pat and Per train. They also have club training there on a Sunday afternoon. The club is one of 60 German Shepherd Clubs in Denmark. Previously, there were 84 clubs however, over time some of those clubs have closed or merged with other clubs.

The Schæferhunde Klub 80 was formed in 1986 with approximately 40 members, Pat and Per were two of the founding members. The local council provide the training grounds to them free of charge, so they really only need to worry about running costs. When they were given the grounds the club quickly got to work on finding a suitable building to become their clubhouse. They were lucky enough to purchase two large children's cubby houses which members then modified to make one large really nice clubhouse.

Each Thursday night a few of the members make dinner for everyone. They felt it was a great way for the club to make some money and at the same time enjoy each other's company off the training field. The club really had a nice atmosphere and everyone made us feel so welcome.

There are many different types of dogs and trainers at the club, a mix of show and working line German Shepherds, Malinois, Dutch Shepherds, Eurasias, Labradors and believe it or not a giant poodle. In Denmark your GSD must pass an IPO1 and other health and breed requirements before they are allowed to be bred from. So it was great to see everyone working so well together, whether they were there to train to pass the breed requirements or they wanted to compete at the worlds, it didn't matter, everyone got out there training and helping each other. The club is also involved in community events each year, one of those events was a hobby day and the club put on an IPO demonstration for the town of Viborg. It was a great way to promote the GSD and showcase the versatility of the breed.

At the club, Per is the protection training director and is currently mentoring two helpers, Kasper Rosenberg and Sarah Jensen— go Girl Power!!! We only got to see Sarah on this visit but it was really great to see her work dogs. She might only be small but she can hold her own out there with the big guys! It was no surprise when they said Sarah was a police cadet as she showed real dedication to learning and the club. Sarah doesn't train a dog herself but her mom who is the current Chairperson of the club does; that's how she became interested in helper work.

Thank you Schæferhunde Klub 80 for allowing us to visit, it was a really great experience.





THE NEXT GENERATION OF WGSDCA HELPERS

JAY BALAKRISHNAN | DIRECTOR OF HELPERS | WGSDCA



On 10 – 11 November this year we conducted another WGSDCA sanctioned Helper workshop in Brisbane. We had 9 participants from 3 different clubs attend this workshop. Some even travelled from interstate, which was good to see. We had some participants who were working towards their Helper certification, some just wanted to learn the basics to help out around the club and we also had some Licensed helpers who just wanted to get more experience and expand their skills. This was a good thing to see too!



This workshop was run in similar ways to the past few years, with the direction and guidance from myself the Director of Helpers and the Director of Judges (Reg Worth). Shane Asanuma from Metro Dogsport club also participated in this workshop as an Apprentice Teacher Helper, which will go, towards his Teacher Helper Certification.



This was a two-day event where the participants were presented with a theory part in the morning of day 1 from experienced WGSDCA Helpers and also a Judges perspective from WGSDCA Director of Judges Reg Worth who recently attained his SV Judges license.

These workshops are designed to give our WGSDCA Helper's in learning as much information and experience as possible so they can perform their job in a correct and safe manner. Our Learning helpers who want to become "Club Level Helpers" will need to complete 3 of these workshops in order to be evaluated for the Club Level License.

These are the things that our Learning Helpers went through over the two days.

- » Theory and Video presentations (understanding field layout and trial helper positioning during a trial)
- » Hold and bark technique in the blind, escape technique, re attack technique, use of padded stick, driving technique (without dogs then with dogs)
- » Side transport and back transport techniques (re attack without dogs, driving, lock up for judge and handler. Without dogs then with dogs)
- » Long attack technique and driving position, use of padded stick (without dogs then with dogs)
- » IPO1, IPO2 and IPO3 routine (understanding field layout and trial helper positioning, without dogs then with dogs)

Once the workshop ended on day 2, a Club Level Trial Helper assessment was conducted for Sam Cheeseman from Sydney Dog sport Club. This was Sam's third WGSDCA sanctioned workshop so he was eligible for his assessment to become a Licensed Club Level Helper. Sam passed with flying colours and is now a WGSDCA Licenced Club Level Helper.

These workshops have always had good support from the members and clubs. The support from other clubs members who bring their dogs for the participants to work is also very valuable. As always this was another successful fun event. Apart from the learning and socialising with like minded individuals from different clubs, allot of fun and laughter as also had.





VALLEY DOGSPORT CLUB INC

Valley Dogsport Club is located in the pristine countryside of the beautiful Lockyer Valley, where the region has to offer numerous locations for our club to train. However, our home ground is located in Gatton, where we are lucky enough to have access to one of the best maintained sporting fields Australian Dog Sport clubs have to call home.

Valley's origins were founded by four like-minded passionate dog enthusiasts who commenced as a training group - Samantha Hendricks, Anne Mitchell, Amanda Parry and Tim Pratt. Samantha, Amanda and Tim were all members of the highly successful Metro Dogsport Club in Brisbane, and all three trialed as Members of Metro. Born out of a combination of the founding members working/uni commitments, residential locations as well

as the identification of the need at offering Dog Sport enthusiasts in regions outside of metropolitan Brisbane, the opportunity to explore and reach out to a local club.

Two founding members remain, Amanda and Anne after Samantha pursued a career opportunity outside of the region and now successfully continues with Metro Dog Sport Club and Tim's workload meant sacrificing his time involved within the sport - though he still occasionally assists the Club. The four remain close and supportive friends.

Our club is settled in a region that has a high fluid population due to the Australian Defence Force, which does see a turn over over of talented dog enthusiasts. One of our previous members, of whom we are very proud of, and deserves mentioning, is Sam Cheeseman, a highly talented IPO Helper, who is now a member of the Sydney Dogsport Club, was recently accredited as a WGSDCA Helper.

Within our clubs very short history, we have achieved titles at Club and National trials and hosted a BH and AD trial.

Today, as a junior club of the WGSDCA, our clubs members are a highly motivated group that work together with the same commitment and motivation as the four founding members. We are one of a very few clubs which host multiple breeds of working dog. German Shepherds comprise our highest membership numbers, along with Briards as well as a very robust Rhodesian Ridgeback mix.

Our small club's objectives over the next 12 to 24 months is to prepare our members to continue on to their (now) IGP title objectives alongside their young dogs. To enter and make presence out on the trial field alongside our senior and much larger clubs more regularly, attending further workshops/seminars for future betterment and plans of hosting further trials.

We have a healthy relationship with all WGSDCA Clubs and celebrate their successes alongside them - we draw motivation, assistance and expertise from our more experienced and senior clubs.

Valley members share a high passion for self improvement, higher learning and training methodologies, and of course a love of our dogs and bringing out the best in their working qualities and our abilities through the sport of IPO/IGP. We are highly supportive of one another and boast true team spirit and we look forward to our small clubs future within the WGSDCA.





METRO DOGSPORT CLUB NEWS

Since the last edition of the magazine Metro Dogsport Club has held another two trials making that a total of three for 2018. We have been fortunate to have three great judges Herr Uwe Stolpe (sv Gmy), Mr Reg Worth and Ms Natalie Woelfel (WGSDCA).

The first of our two trials was an AD competition (endurance test) in August held just north of Caboolture. Six of our members took on the 20km ride with their dogs, of course not 20km all in one stretch.

A little background to the AD, the 20km is broken into three sections with two breaks of 15 and 20 mins in between where the dogs are physically checked over by the Judge, rested and watered before the next section of the ride. The dogs must maintain an average of 12kmh for the duration of the ride.



It was great to see that all the dogs maintained the pace and handled the distance with ease. Of course a lot of preparation had gone into getting the dogs and handlers fit ready. At the end of the trial all six dog and handler teams had passed.

In September the club held its final trial for the year with two BHs, one IPO1 and two IPO 2 competitors from the club. Lyn and Chanz took out the High in Trial trophy for the second time this year and gained an IPO 2 title, Karyn and Arek obtained their IPO 1 title, Sam and Dash BH and Glynis and Fynn BH.

More recently in November, Sam and Bryx entered BSDC's trial and took out High in Trial gaining Bryx's IPO 2 title and in the second week of December Glynis flew down to Sydney with Comet to compete in Norwest's inaugural trial gaining their IPO 2 title taking out High in Trial. What a way to end off the year!

The club finished its last training session for the year on 7 December. Metro members are now settling in to a well-deserved break until mid-January 2019. As a club we are looking forward to an exciting 2019 with our newer members preparing for their first competition and rest of us preparing to compete in Metro and other club trials during the year and of course the main event, the WGSDCA IPO Nationals in June.



NORWEST DOGSPORT CLUB INC – NEWS

MICHELLE DANIEL
NWDC TRAINING DIRECTOR

Norwest Dogsport Club had its Inaugural Club trial on the 8 and 9 December 2018 with SV Judge Mr Reg Worth.

NWDC was ecstatic having all participants Pass, which can be a rarity at any IPO Trial!

Our Competitors and Results

BH: Nicola Meadow and Monsimbee Emmerich - Earned "Best BH"

BH: Matthew Begaud and Monsimbee Cleo - PASS

BH: John Daniel and Kanicular Aiko - PASS

IPO 2: Melissa Cunningham and Kovacs Quincy A: 90 B: 87 C: 81

IPO2: Glynis Hendricks and Haveloc Comet A:95 B: 90 C: 84

Glynis earned High in Trial, High In tracking High In Obedience, High In Protection

NWDC would like to thank Glynis Hendricks for traveling from Rockhampton to attend the trial, and also would like to thank our Judge Mr Reg Worth for Judging our trial, we really enjoyed your company!

It was only 4 weeks prior November 9th and 10th 2018 that we had 3 Norwest Dogsport Club members enter in the Brisbane Sporting Dog Club IPO Trial, which was a solid effort by the members due to the long journey to attend the trial in Brisbane.

NWDC would like to thank Garry and Leica Pitt for welcoming all of the Norwest members into your home and also the rest of BSDC Club members for making us feel welcome at your trial, we really had a blast! We also congratulate Garry Pitt for winning the "Best BH" at the Brisbane trial.

Our Competitors and Results;

BH: Maurice Delle Coste and Schutzshep Devil – PASS

BH: Matthew Begaud and Monsimbee Cloe – FAIL

IPO2: Melissa Cunningham and Kovacs Quincy A: 4 B: 85 C: 81

In such a short time NWDC (in under 6 months) have titled 8 x BH dogs and 1 x IPO2 dog, we also had 4 x NWDC members enter the WGSDCA Nationals in June 2018, so we are certainly very proud of all the members for their commitment as NWDC is a big club



with many members and to have titles on all the dogs who are old enough to compete is a stellar effort to say the least!

The Norwest Club was only formed this year in April 2018 and we have been very active, hosting a Helper Workshop with WGS DCA Teacher Helper John Daniel, then a Combined training weekend in Sydney with the 'Brisbane Sporting Dog Club' members, a combined training day with 'Karma K9' IPO Club from Canberra and then hosting our first trial.

We very much look forward to 2019, to continue to train and trial enjoying the journey along the way as the IPO journey is only possible with a good team who work together and have fun at the same time.

We wish all the WGS DCA Clubs and members a Merry Christmas and an "IGP" New Year, and will see you all on the Trial field next year!





SCOREBOOKS, SPORTS PASSES AND FORMS

When filling out the forms for your score books, sports passes, membership and in particular trial validation forms it would be appreciated if the forms could be typed rather than hand written, where possible, to ensure accurate records are kept and scorebooks and sportpasses reflect the correct information. Also when scanning please make sure the scans are of good quality in black and white.

Please ensure payment forms accompany all payments so the money can be allocated to the correct person and item eg. Smith – scorebook.

INDIVIDUAL WGSDCA MEMBERSHIP

Whether your interest is breeding or training the German Shepherd Dog, or simply enjoying the company of people like you who love to spend time with their dogs, WGSDCA has something for you. Send us an email to learn more.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

You can join WGSDCA through one of our Club Affiliates or directly. We have five categories of Individual Membership of the WGSDCA:

- Single Membership
- Dual Membership
- Youth Membership (free)
- Life member
- Dual Membership
- Social Membership

Members of WGSDCA have to renew their WGSDCA Individual Membership annually.

Send us an email for further information.

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