

# GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.



## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

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**PRESENTING**

**THE ANNUAL REPORT OF**

**THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA Inc.**

Reg. No. A0018463W / ABN 78 395 029 707

It is with pleasure once again that I present to you the 2010 Annual Report.

This being the 14<sup>th</sup> year in a row that I have prepared the GSDCV Annual Report, you will find that the Annual Report reflects both the activities covering 2010 along with the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc., financial statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010.

This Annual Report will provide an insight into the work undertaken on your behalf by the Committees of the Club, thereby recognising the work and effort of these many dedicated members, who put in long hours so the Club can function effectively.

To all persons who have worked hard and dedicated so much of their time and effort this year to the Club and the German Shepherd Dog – our thanks go out to you all!

I hope that everyone enjoys reading the concise information that reflects the history of our Club throughout the many years.

I take this opportunity to thank the many Club position holders for their (sometimes) prompt and efficient response, thereby enabling me to have this report completed well in advance of the AGM.

I would also like to thank the “team” at Maroondah Printing for their continued dedication and support in the printing of this report.

**Val Moody**

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**BANKERS**

National Australia Bank  
“ING” Direct

**AUDITORS**

McMillans Gippsland Pty. Ltd.  
P.O. Box 160,  
Sale Vic. 3850

**SOLICITORS**

Septimus, Jones & Lee  
P.O. Box 258,  
Collins Street West, Melbourne

## **HISTORY OF PATRONS & LIFE MEMBERS**

### **Patron In Chief & Patrons**

<b><u>Patron In Chief</u></b> Mr. S. I. Miller, Chief Commissioner of the Victorian Police Force	1984 to 1988
<b><u>Patron In Chief</u></b> Mr. K. Glare, Chief Commissioner of the Victoria Police Force	1988 to 1993
<b><u>Patrons</u></b> Mr. R. Jackson – Retired Chief Commissioner of the Victorian Police Force	1984 to 1993
Mr. T. Luxton	1984 to current

### **LIFE MEMBERS**

NAME	LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED	NAME	LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED
Mrs. Rene Hayman	1972	Mr. S.A. Rowe	
Mr. Schellenberger		Mr. Tom Luxton	
Mrs. Anita Pettenhofer	1983	Mrs. Anne Watts	1983
Mr. Norm Watts	1983	Mr. Karl Heyne	1984
Mr. Wally Szillat	1988	Mr. James Rodger	1988
Mrs. Fran Farley	1989	Mr. John Hodges	1994
Mrs. Marilyn Wrigley	1994	Mr. Vince Tantaro	1995
Mrs. Fran Tantaro	1995	Mr. Ian Cameron	1996
Mr. Chris Hollingworth	1997	Mr. Ron Orchard	1997
Mr. Frank Moody	1998	Mrs. Val Moody	2000
Mrs. Bernice Ryan	2001	Mr. Ian Urie	2004
Mrs. Louisa Rodger	2006	Mr. Ian Holden	2006
Mr. Rudy Petrella	2007	Mr. Dom Cafari	2008
Mr. Ben Glasheen	2008	Mr. Bernie Lester	2009
Mr. Graeme Jacobs	2009	Mr. David Berry	2010

### **LIFE MEMBERS (Deceased)**

NAME	LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTED	DECEASED
Mr. Walter Reimann		
Mrs. Caldwell		
Mrs. P. Schneider		
Mr. L. Spoor		
Mrs. J. Kinsman		1991
Mr. Tom Fitzgerald	1984	29/04/07
Mrs. Bonnie Gascoigne	1984	1991
Mrs. Margot Haines	1991	17/10/2003
Mrs. Margaret Valastro	2000	22/6/2000
Richard Atyeo	2002	5/11/2003
Mr. K. Stubbs		2006
Mr. Ted van Bael		2006
Mrs. Bernice Scully (Ryan)	2001	3/8/2009

# **THE COMMITTEES OF 2010**

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## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **OFFICE BEARERS**

President	Dom Cafari
Vice-President	Vince Ebejer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	James Rodger
Secretary	Vicki Dobson/Val Moody
Treasurer	Graeme Jacobs
Breed Affairs Administrator	Jenny Yuen
Obedience Training Administrator	Marilyn Wrigley

### **Branch Managers**

Ballarat	Doug Ellery
Bendigo	Brett Crutchfield
Eastern	Barbara Jacobs
Geelong	Colin Gissing
Gippsland	Julie Jordan
Malvern	Jacinta Poole
Northern	Mark Stedwell
Skye	Ken Smith
Specialist Show Branch	Dennis Yuen
Western	Bernie Lester
Wodonga	Gordon Cole

### **POSITION HOLDERS**

Minute Secretary	Louisa Rodger/Ros Vincent
Demo Team Manager	Andrew Saliba
Membership Officer	Lin Ebejer
Publicity & Promotions Officer	Dearne Jackson
Shepherd News Editor	Barbara Stone
Show Manager	Vince Tantaro
Trial Manager	Anne Franklin
Website Chairman	Jacinta Poole

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## **BRANCH COMMITTEE'S**

### **BALLARAT**

Branch Manager	Doug Ellery
Assistant Branch Manager	Jocelyn Batch
Secretary	David Zammit
Treasurer	Doug Ellery
Chief Instructor	
Breed Liaison Officer/Grounds Manager	Doug Ellery
Social Secretary	Belinda Moore
Membership Officer	Joanne Gallagher
Catering Officer	Joanne Gallagher
Equipment Officer	Bernie Rieniets
Publicity Officer	Marilyn Wrigley

## **BENDIGO**

Branch Manager  
Assistant Branch Manager  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Chief Instructor  
Equipment Officer  
Grounds Manager  
Breed Affairs Liaison Officer  
Publicity/Promotions Officer  
Membership Officer  
Catering Officer  
Social Secretary

Brett Crutchfield  
Aileen Mosen  
Karen Cordell/Margaret Phillips  
Rachel Hall  
Jo Gaw  
Jo Gaw  
  
Brett Crutchfield  
Margaret Phillips  
Andrea Sinton  
Andrea Sinton  
Annette Small

## **EASTERN**

Branch Manager  
Assistant Branch Manager  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Chief Instructor  
Catering Officer  
Social Secretary  
Membership Officer  
Breed Affairs Liaison Officer  
Grounds Manager  
Publicity Officer

Barbara Jacobs  
Peter Garbett  
Melissa Siktars  
Jenny Burley  
Rosie Garbett  
Jenny Burley  
Lynette Dunbar/Diane McMillan  
Patrick Gough  
Jenny Ornum-Breigh  
Ethel Thompson  
Barbara Stewart

## **GEELONG**

Branch Manager  
Assistant Branch Manager  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Chief Instructor  
Grounds Manager  
Canteen Officer  
Membership Officer  
Publicity Officer  
Equipment Officer  
Breed Affairs Liaison Officer  
Social Secretary

Colin Gissing  
Dennis Gladman  
Maureen Williams  
Kate Shearer  
Jo Mee  
Ashley Kendall  
Karen Gissing  
Ange Byrne  
Sue Hounslow  
Jan Summers  
Donna Collis  
Veronica Magennis

## **GIPPSLAND**

Branch Manager/Breed Liaison Officer  
Assistant Branch Manager  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Chief Instructor  
Catering Officer  
Membership Officer  
Equipment Officer

Julie Jordan  
Lyn McAlpine  
Trish Taylor  
Nancy Binotto  
Alan Purcell  
Rosemary Slavik & Daniela Newnham  
Val Purcell  
Craig Binotto

## **MALVERN**

Branch Manager	Jacinta Poole
Assistant Branch Manager	Jim Begg
Secretary	Judy Eppinger
Treasurer	Allan Watson
Chief Instructor	Dearne Jackson
Membership Officer	Jenny Lord
Breed Affairs Liaison Officer	Gayle Johnston
Publicity Officer	Thierry Russie
Equipment Officer	Jos Roffey
Canteen Manager	Colleen Watson
Grounds Manager	Ken McKay

## **NORTHERN**

Branch Manager	Mark Stedwell
Assistant Branch Manager	Daryl Bourke
Secretary	Andrea Rawlings
Treasurer	Julie Taukus
Chief Instructor	Andrew Quinn
Membership Officer	Roslynd Vincent
Social Secretary	Mary Kazakis
Equipment Officer	Julie Taukus
Breed Affairs Liaison Officer/Publicity	Mary LanFranchi
Grounds Manager	Colin Crooks
Catering Officer	Steve Smith

## **SKYE**

Branch Manager	Ken Smith
Secretary	Carla Srb
Treasurer	Jamie Robertson
Chief Instructor	David Berry
Membership Officer	Alison Smith
Social Secretary	Carla Srb
Breed Affairs Liaison Officer	Julie Urie
Publicity Officer	Cristine Begbie
Promotions Officer	Andre Torpey
Catering Officer	Mandy MacKay

## **SPECIALIST SHOW**

Branch Manager	Dennis Yuen
Assistant Branch Manager	Ian Urie
Secretary	Jeanette Wolk
Treasurer	Fiona Henderson
Breed Affairs Liaison Officer	Shirley Taylor
Chief Instructor	Nicky McDermott
Membership Officer	Fiona Henderson
Grounds Manager	David Berry
Catering Officer	Chris Auwema
Website Manager	Jenny Joseph
Publicity Officers	Kristie Cooper & Katie Turner

**WESTERN**

Branch Manager	Bernie Lester
Assistant Branch Manager	Frank Valastro
Secretary	Lyn Pickering
Treasurer	Merle Sinclair
Chief Instructor	Frank Valastro
Equipment Officer	Steve Kinsman
Catering Officer	June Lester
Membership Officer	Roslyn Mills
Social Secretary	Brigitte Kirsz
Grounds Manager	Lyn Pickering
Publicity Officer	June Lester
Breed Affairs Liaison Officer	Chris Bohdal
Website Manager	Lee dare

**WODONGA**

Branch Manager	Gordon Cole
Secretary	Marlene Cole
Treasurer	Kerrie Pearce
Chief Instructor	Gordon Cole
Membership Officer	Martine Burgess
Breed Affairs Liaison Officer	Jeff Burgess
Publicity Officer	Carol Mindin
Social Secretary	Tracey Hill
Catering Officer	Carolyn Blumoser
Grounds Manager	Ian Heard

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

On behalf of the Management Committee of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc I would like to welcome you to 2010 Annual General Meeting and thank you all for attending.

2010 has been a busy and challenging year for all areas of the Club and Branches, with the Club hosting the 38<sup>th</sup> German Shepherd National and Restricted Obedience Trial on behalf of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc, which was also celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Club members worked hard over a 3 year period in order to raise funds necessary to host the National. We also sought the help of members to provide the labor force needed, therefore such necessities as catering, merchandise and transport were catered for.

A total of 481 conformation entries and 62 Obedience entries were received. Judges for the conformation were Herr Frank Goldlust (SV) who judged the Dog Classes and Herr Hans-Ludger Goeke (SV) who judged the Bitch Classes. In Obedience Mrs. Jan Brabham (SA) judged CCD Class, Ms. Tiki Friezer (NSW) judged Novice Class, Mr. Jim Begg (VIC) judged Open Class and Mr. John Fenner (WA) who judged Utility & UDX Classes. All the judges enjoyed the event immensely especially Herr Goldlust & Goeke with the comment being made that they cannot wait until they are invited to judge at future events.

### **Organizing Committee**

GSDCV Executive President- Dom Cafari, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Vince Ebejer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President James Rodger, Secretary Val Moody, Treasurer- Graeme Jacobs, Breed Affairs Administrator – Jenny Yuen, Obedience Administrator – Marilyn Wrigley.

GSDCA Liaison Officer- Jenny Kenworthy, Show manager- Vince Tantaró, Assistant Show Manager- Ian Urie, Show Secretary – Vicki Dobson, Trial Manager- Marilyn Wrigley, Trial Secretary – Anne Franklin, Video Production Team – Jacinta Poole & Grant Milne, Catering – Peter Garbett, PA & Music – Terry Taukus, Marquee & Site Map- Frank Moody, Social Events – Luisa Rodger, Sponsorship Product (Royal Canin) Dom Cafari & Graeme Jacobs, Corporate Sponsorship & Advertising- Val Moody, Stud Dog Advertising – Jenny Yuen, Trophy and Sash Donations – Fran Farley, Stenographers – Luisa Rodger & Barbara Blythe, Fundraising Fran Farley & Barbara Jacobs, Raffles – Barbara Jacobs and Lin Milne who was able to get all the raffle prizes donated for the event, Merchandise – Dearne Jackson, Grounds Managers – Ron Orchard & David Berry and Interpreters – Elke Effler & Anita Pettenhofer.

Sponsors for the event were Royal Canin as a major sponsor Monash Veterinary Clinic, Aztec International, Frozen Puppies donated \$500.00 each for the Open Dog and Bitch winners. We also acknowledge (Takimbre Kennels) Col and Shirley Ford for their sponsorship of the Child Handler classes. The Club is also grateful to other individuals and Branches of the GSDCV Inc that donated towards the trophy funds for the show and trial.

One of the major social events at the event was the Presidents Dinner held on Friday night. Over 120 people attended the event and was well received by all. The idea was floated before the event to make it a dinner dance and when Louisa Rodger heard about this she immediately requested could she organize the event and boy did we all enjoy it. Thank you Louisa.

## **Sponsorship**

Sponsorship from “Royal Canin” has continued and we are pleased that they have re-signed for 2011, 2012 and 2013. They were also the major sponsor for 2010 National Show & Restricted Trial with the Sponsorship for this event of \$5,000.00 plus product.

The continued sponsorship from “Royal Canin” has been most welcome and I would urge all members to support “Royal Canin” by purchasing their product via their Branches. The club looks forward to a continued relationship over the coming years.

## **Promotions**

In addition to the normal work undertaken by the various branches within their community by running demonstrations at schools and public events, the GSDCV supports major events including:

- Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. This year marked the 27<sup>th</sup> year of collecting funds and in 2010 collected \$26,020.30 bringing the total collected over the years to \$360,173.65. This has become a significant Club event with many Branches getting involved, and providing exceptional Media coverage for the Club and the Breed.
- Lort Smith Animal collection of blankets and other related dog accessories was presented to them in November 2010 and was well received together with a donation of \$500.00 from the Club.
- Melbourne Pet and Animal Expo, which is held in February each year and the GSDCV has a breed stand that is provided for all three days and demonstrations are held each day also.

All of these events are significant Public Relations exercises for the Club and provide exceptional Media coverage for the Club and the Breed.

## **Membership**

Our membership numbers have increased for the 2010 year. New members for the year were 307. The online payments of membership renewals has proved to be a great time saver for all concerned within the membership area.

## **Golden Jubilee Project**

I would like to thank all members of the Golden Jubilee project who gathered information for the inclusion for Victorian Section of the book. Chaired by Tom Luxton and included other members Dom Cafari, Marilyn Wrigley and Rudy Petrella which really opened one’s eyes to the achievements of this great Club.

The Executive and Management Committee who have operated extremely professionally and effectively throughout the year, which ensures that the GSDCV maintains a high profile and reputation within the dog world. I would like to take a moment to highlight the tremendous work that the following people have undertaken this last year on behalf of the Club.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – Vince Ebejer**

Vince came on board as Vice President for 2010 and has been a great support to me and other Executive members throughout the year. Vince has nominated for the position of President for year 2011 and I wish him all the best in taking up the position.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – James Rodger**

This is 3<sup>rd</sup> year James has held the position and has assisted greatly with his vast knowledge of many areas of the club and breed during the time he attended. James requested a leave of absence in April 2010

to work on Golden Jubilee Project which will be talked about for years to come. James has advised the Club that he will not be re-nominating for the position in 2011.

I thank James for his support and commitment to the Club.

#### **Secretary – Val Moody**

Val returned to the position of Secretary in April 2010 and has been a great support in this very demanding role, dealing with the correspondence of the Club in a timely manner and supporting other areas of the Club when called upon. Val will be moving to the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

I thank Val for her support and commitment to the Club.

#### **Treasurer – Graeme Jacobs**

This is Graeme 7<sup>th</sup> year as Club Treasurer. This is a very demanding task, which quite often is taken for granted and under-estimated of the complexities of the position. Graeme has done an excellent job of managing the Club's significant financial records, as you will see from the Treasurer's report later. I thank Graeme for his support and commitment to the Club.

#### **Breed Affairs Administrator – Jenny Yuen**

This is Jenny 5th year that Jenny has held this very important role. Jenny has actively opened up debate on breed issues to the overall membership, and has organised lectures, discussion sessions, and actively encouraged members to attend the Breed Affairs meetings to raise and discuss issues. Breed Affairs has the enormous task of overseeing Breed Improvement Schemes, and the conduct of all GSDCV Conformation Shows here in Victoria.

I thank Jenny for her support and commitment to the Club and the Breed.

#### **Obedience Training Administrator – Marilyn Wrigley**

This is Marilyn's 13<sup>th</sup> year in this position. What can one say. OTC provides the initial interface for all new members, with basic Obedience Training from when they join the Club through to the higher classes on training and experience for those that wish to go on Trialing. With 11 branches and the need to ensure consistency in training methods across the branches, this is an enormous task. OTC is also responsible for all Obedience, Tracking and Endurance Trials for our members together with Open Trials for all breeds, along with organizing the Fundays.

I thank Marilyn for her support and continued commitment to the Club and the Breed.

#### **Branches**

The GSDCV has the largest structure of all the German Shepherd Dog Clubs in Australia. The Branch structure is vital in servicing our membership as we cover a large geographic area from Wodonga to Geelong and Bendigo to Sale.

I would like to thank the Branch Managers for all their commitment and dedication to the local branches, but also represent their members in the decision making process on Management Committee.

The Branch Committees who ensure the running of the Branches, and without who they could not operate.

The Instructors in both Show and Obedience who attend week in week out, to instruct the members on how to train their dogs for the various disciplines, and to the members who help in various ways at the Branch.

#### **Breed Surveyors**

Our Breed Surveyors, ably headed by our Chief Surveyor Greg Green, provide time and commitment in surveying our dogs and providing valuable breed advice and guidance to our members. Also, thank you to Gillian Cafari as Breed Survey Registrar, in preparing all the necessary paperwork in the background.

**Show Manager – Vince Tantaro**

Vince heads the Show Committee ably assisted by Ian Urie (Assistant Show Manager) and Vicki Dobson (Show Secretary), along with a group of dedicated individuals. Thank you all for the exceptional job that they undertook to ensure our events are of a high standard.

**Trial Committee – Anne Franklin**

Anne has done an excellent job in this role, with the assistance of Trial Committee and members of OTC. Thank you all for the exceptional job that they undertake to ensure our events are of a high standard.

**Shepherd News – Barbara Stone**

This is Barbara's 3rd year in the position in this extremely important role and has placed her stamp on the magazine by introducing new ideas and pursuing articles from various areas of the Club. Thank you Barbara for the time you have put into this role and providing this valuable publication to the members.

**Membership Officer – Lin Ebejer**

Lin has done a commendable job in this role dealing, with new memberships and renewal of memberships and also handling the many enquiries she receives.

**Publicity Officer- Dearne Jackson**

Dearne has always been available to publicize achievements and good news stories through the various media. Thank you Dearne.

**Demo Team Manager – Andrew Saliba**

Andrew continues to provide valuable assistance to the Branch Demo Team Managers, and co-coordinating these teams into representing the Club at major events such as Good Friday Walk, Pet Expo and many metropolitan and regional events. Thank you Andrew for your continued support.

**Website Sub-Committee – Jacinta Poole**

This is Jacinta 3<sup>rd</sup> year as the Web Site Officer of the GSDCV which has been considered one of the best websites for GSD's Australia wide. Through her assistance we are now able to pay membership renewals and also merchandising online. With the help of Grant Milne they filmed the National and was able to place it on the GSDCV Inc website for viewing and boy did it get viewed. They were also able to produce a DVD for purchase which was also well received. She has also been extremely helpful to many people around the club with her exceptional computer skills. Thank you Jacinta.

**Promotions / Merchandising – Dearne Jackson**

Dearne Jackson has undertaken to coordinate the Promotion area of the club and has done a tremendous job promoting the German Shepherd at events such as the Pet Expo at Caulfield Racecourse, Royal Melbourne Show, Lort Smith Animal Hospital and assisted Branches with events in the local community, and at the time of writing this report was getting ready for participation in the Moomba Parade, which no doubt will be a future event for the Club and we would most likely be able to participate. She also supervised the Merchandising at the National and did an excellent job in promoting the merchandise for the event before and during which reflected in nearly everyone going home with one of the great National jackets.

### **Challenges for 2011 and beyond**

In 2010 the GSDCV Inc commissioned a Sub-Committee to look at implementing a Strategic Plan for the GSDCV Inc for future planning and direction. This will be a 3 year rolling plan which will look at all aspects of the Club both in a strategic and operational focus.

In closing I would like to thank Val Moody for preparing the Annual Report on behalf of the Club for the 14<sup>th</sup> Year in a row.

Congratulations to those receiving awards today. These awards are for the culmination of much hard work, and you should be proud of your achievements.

Thank you to the Management Committee members for their support during the year and for the hospitality on Branch visitations.

My wife Gillian for her support.

**Dom Cafari**

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## **AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE 2009 A.G.M. (Held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010).**

<b><u>LIFE MEMBERSHIP</u></b>	David Berry
<b><u>OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD</u></b>	Julie Urie
<b><u>25 YEARS CONTINUOUS MEMBER</u></b>	Mary LanFranchi, Julie Jordan, John Jordan
<b><u>30 YEARS CONTINUOUS MEMBER</u></b>	Thereze Slater, Cristine Begbie, Chris Bohdal, Angela Bohdal, Karol Cukierman
<b><u>50 YEARS CONTINUOUS MEMBER</u></b>	June Tobin, Reese Hayman, Ian Cameron
<b><u>NEIL COUSINS MEMORIAL TROPHY</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>PAM LEWIS MEMORIAL TROPHY</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD</u></b>	Jacinta Poole
<b><u>POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF MERIT</u></b>	Ian Woollard's "Keirah"
<b><u>5 YEAR COMMITTEE SERVICE AWARD</u></b>	Karen Gissing, Annette Small, Karen Cordell
<b><u>5 YEAR OBEDIENCE INSTRUCTOR SERVICE AWARD</u></b>	Terry Kennedy, Debbie Kennedy, Rebecca Kempster, Peter Wallbridge, Andrew Quinn, Merle Sinclair
<b><u>10 YEAR OBEDIENCE INSTRUCTOR SERVICE AWARD</u></b>	Jo Mee, Alan Smith, Ron Bailey
<b><u>10 YEAR COMMITTEE SERVICE AWARD</u></b>	Trish Taylor
<b><u>15 YEAR OBEDIENCE INSTRUCTOR SERVICE AWARD</u></b>	Ros Vincent
<b><u>25 YEAR OBEDIENCE INSTRUCTOR SERVICE AWARD</u></b>	Lyn Holden, Andrew Saliba
<b><u>20 YEAR SHOW INSTRUCTOR SERVICE AWARD</u></b>	Val Moody, Frank Moody
<b><u>30 YEAR SHOW INSTRUCTOR SERVICE AWARD</u></b>	Fran Farley, James Rodger
<b><u>STEWARDS ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATES</u></b>	Nil.
<b><u>SHOW INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES</u></b>	Vince Ebejer

## **OBEDIENCE INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES**

**2008:** Mark Stedwell, Jo Gaw, Karen Cordell, Aileen Mosen

**2009:** Barbara Stewart, Ethel Thompson, Denise Nicholson, Dale Inglis, Gayle Taylor, Lauren Brownhill, Denis Gladman.

## **GWENN IBBOTT SHIELD**

Northern

## **SPECIALIST DOG OF THE YEAR 2009**

\*Aust. Ch. Lashadas Ace of hearts AZ

## **SPECIALIST BITCH OF THE YEAR 2009**

\*Aust. Ch. Freevale Crazy in Pink AZ

## **ERIC ORSCHLER TROPHY**

Schaeferhund Kennels

## **BEST DUAL PERFORMANCE**

Bronacre Knight Moves

## **YOUNG HANDLERS ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Brittany Netherton

## **JUNIOR HANDLER OF THE YEAR (under 12 years)**

Jess Mase

## **JUNIOR HANDLER OF THE YEAR (12 to 16 years)**

Brittany Netherton

## **MARGOT HAINES PUPPY OF THE YEAR**

Bronacre Knight Moves

## **LIFE MEMBER – DAVID BERRY** *(Presented 21<sup>ST</sup> March 2010)*

*“To cover continuous membership over many years (in excess of 20 years i.e., a lifetime) of outstanding extraordinary service and dedication to the breed and the club.” (The German Shepherd News, November 2009)*

**Continuous membership over many years** – David Berry has been a member of the GSDCV since 1977, some 32 years – more than a lifetime! Not only has he had continuous membership, he has actively contributed to the Club in many ways for all of those 32 years.

**Outstanding (according to the Macquarie Dictionary – “excellent”)**. David’s service to the Club has indeed been outstanding; he has contributed above and beyond the norm for his entire membership – 32 years. He has always been involved with the co-ordination of Fun Days for his Branch (and other branches), setting up rings and judges tents for shows, always being there to pack up at the end, whilst others simply walk away, expecting “some-one else” to do it.

**Extraordinary (according to Macquarie Dictionary – “very unusual”)**.

David has indeed been extraordinary as a member of the GSDCV. Not only has he continually served the club for the past 32 years in either an official or unofficial capacity, he has successfully straddled more than one Branch at a time – Eastern, Skye and SSB, continuously serving and holding Branch and Club positions concurrently at both Branches. He has also instructed for all those years at one Branch (Eastern and Skye) as an Obedience Instructor, and instructed as a Show Instructor at SSB. This has been concurrent, he has instructed in obedience in the morning, then instructed in the afternoon in Show. That is an enormous amount of Sundays over 32 years! This commitment is truly very unusual.

**Dedication (according to the Macquarie Dictionary – “devoted to a particular purpose or cause”)**.

Certainly, David has been wholly committed for 32 years to the German Shepherd Dog breed and Club. He has supported the general members as an obedience instructor, he has supported the breed by being a show instructor and showing and handling dogs, he has supported the breed by participating in and promoting the Club’s breed schemes, as well as supporting the Victorian Police Dog Squad breeding programme on an ex-gratia basis. He has supported and promoted the Club through Demonstrations and promotional opportunities within the wider community for many, many years. He has supported the members with advice in both the obedience arena and the show arena, always helping others with their dogs. All of this, and more, over a lifetime - 32 years!

David Berry has been involved with the German Shepherd Dog Club since 1977, when he joined with his first GSD, Volka. It wasn't long before he became involved in many aspects of the Club. He trialed Volka (who, in addition, was an epileptic) to CDX, as well as being a part of the Demonstration Team. Then, in 1979 he became an Instructor because he wanted to return the help he felt he had been given by the Instructors of the day.

David has served the GSDCV and its members as an Obedience Instructor for 30 years, and has also served as a Show Instructor for 20 of those years. David was the Chief Instructor of Eastern for six years, as well as Assistant Chief Instructor for a further five years. He served on the Eastern Branch Committee for many years, and has chaired several sub-committees of the Eastern Branch for special events, such as the Clubhouse Opening, etc. He has also been involved with many other sub-committees for the Skye Branch and SSB. He has been an active member of the Show Committee since 1995 and has also held the position of Chief Show Instructor for SSB, and Show Training Administrator, as well as having been the Club and Branch Demonstration Team Manager on many occasions. David is always happy to pitch in and help with the setting up and dismantling of rings, erection of tents, etc., at Shows and Fun Days, often giving up a day’s work (and pay) to do this. There are many additional tasks that David undertakes, such as buying and cooking meat regularly for Club functions, assisting with any organizational issues, putting out and packing away equipment every Sunday, and many other things that go unnoticed, but are part of the teamwork that goes to making the GSDCV successful.



In between, when he has a spare moment or two away from Club matters, he has bred successfully under the kennel prefix of “Volkriss”, resulting in many excellent graded animals, as well as sound companion dogs. Many of the dogs he has bred have achieved their A and Z stamps, as well as having been successfully breed surveyed. They have also achieved obedience titles and excellent gradings in both the obedience and conformation rings. He has, of course, shown his dogs in the Specialist Ring with a lot of success, as well as being a skilled handler in the ring. He has willingly shared his knowledge of showing when taking a Show class, and has instigated successful programmes to encourage newcomers to the Show scene.

David has also been involved with the Victorian Police Dog Squad, having donated the use of his stock for breeding, and has had several progeny become operational Police Dogs.

David has already been honoured with an Outstanding Service Award from the GSDCV in 2003, for services to the Club, and has continued to actively contribute to the Club with no abatement since then! Whilst David has not held a position on the Management Committee of the GSDCV, it is people such as David who are the lifeblood of our Club at grass roots level. David is always willing to pitch in and help with whatever task needs to be done, and he is constantly coming up with ideas about how the Club can improve the services that it provides to our general members. We believe David's unwavering dedication to the Breed and to the Club, and the length of his continual service make him a very worthy candidate for this prestigious award, as the ultimate "Club Person".

*I am therefore pleased that today the GSDCV recognizes the long term dedication, commitment and service that David has given to both the Breed and the Club, and therefore grant Life Membership of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria to David Berry.*

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## **OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD – JULIE URIE**

*(Presented 21<sup>ST</sup> March 2010)*

Julie Urie (nee Smith) joined the GSDCV in 1982 with her first GSD, Bianca. She became an Obedience Instructor in 1986, because she wanted to give something back to the Club which had given her so much enjoyment and help. That was the beginning of a commitment to the GSDCV that has spanned the last 27 years!

Julie has held the position of Chief Instructor at Eastern for five years, and has been Assistant Chief Instructor at both Eastern and Skye Branches for an additional eight years. She has also served on the Committee of both Eastern Branch and Skye Branch for many, many years, having been heavily involved in any events that the Branches have been organising in that time. She has also been instrumental in the smooth organisation and running of several successful Fun Days for Eastern and Skye, as well as one for SSB a few years ago.

Julie has been Breed Liaison Officer for both Eastern and Skye Branches for many years, and is committed to assisting the general member with breed specific issues. In this role, she successfully ran several Structural Assessments for Eastern, assisting the novice handlers with training and organising the day of the test.

Becoming a Show Instructor in the 90's, Julie later took on the role of Show Training Administrator, a role she still holds. In this position, Julie revised and updated the Show Instructors Manual, as well as overseeing the instruction and testing of new Show Instructors for the Club.

Julie is also a Tattoo Officer for the GSDCV, a position she has also held for many years.

Always willing to lend a hand, Julie has been involved in many aspects of the preparation and running of Shows. Things such as washing and ironing 400 or so vests, packing exhibitors' bags, helping to set up rings, hammering in tent pegs – Julie steps in where-ever it is needed!

Julie has successfully bred, trained, trialled and shown dogs over the past 27 years. Under her “Arristar” prefix, she has bred numerous dogs that have gained obedience titles, show titles, Excellent gradings in both obedience and show, A & Z stamps, and has successfully participated in Breed Survey.

Julie has had much success in the Trial Ring, with many dogs gaining titles and Excellent medallions, as well as competing, where-ever possible, for the Dual Performance Trophy. She has won Dual Performance Trophies with a number of her dogs; in fact, she is possibly the only handler to date who has had at least four different dogs succeed in the dual arena.

The conformation ring has also seen Julie have much success, with many of her dogs being graded Excellent, winning or being highly placed. She has also achieved Australian Champion Titles with several of her dogs.

Always one to promote the German Shepherd Dog to the public, Julie has been part of many demonstration teams over the years. One of her dogs, Pepper, was featured in an episode of a television series, and she also sent a top quality dog to NZ who was shown in that country and at an Australian National with great success.

However, whilst these personal triumphs are a credible part of Julie, her strength lies in her extensive knowledge of dog training, her love of the German Shepherd Dog and her ability to share that knowledge with her fellow members. Apart from all the official functions Julie undertakes, she is always worked religiously at the Branch level to assist the general member with their dogs, ensuring that our members have a wonderful ambassador for the breed at their side.

*I am therefore pleased that today the GSDCV recognizes the long term dedication, commitment and service that Julie has given to both the Breed and the Club, and therefore award her the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Outstanding Service Award.*

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### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD – JACINTA POOLE** *(Presented 21<sup>ST</sup> March 2010).*

This is a special award approved by the Management Committee of the GSDCV to someone who has proved to do something extraordinary for our Club or Breed.

Jacinta Poole has been a member since 22/ 3 /1998, is an Obedience Instructor and is currently Malvern Branch Manager (2008 and 2009) and in this capacity has been a great asset to the Management Committee.

As part of the Website Committee Jacinta has been the driving force behind the development of the GSDCV Website which is recognised as outstanding Australia wide. She is currently the GSDCV Webmaster. We can now list puppies on line, buy merchandise and renew memberships as well as being kept up to date with all GSD affairs.

Jacinta has assisted along with Ray Jones and Vince Ebejer in getting the Membership data base up to scratch and working well.

Jacinta has produced a Policy and Procedures Manual dating back to 2000 and continues to maintain this document.

Jacinta investigated, extremely thoroughly, and set up the GSDCV on-line banking payment facility which has seen Membership renewals and Merchandising taken on line.

She has assisted with the revamping of GSDCV Forms e.g. membership form, puppy listings form, 13 Club, etc and also assists with the Shepherd News when needed. This "behind the scenes" ready assistance can go largely unnoticed but is always available at the end of the phone call or email.

Jacinta is a member of the Demo Team and is an active member of the Promotions Team attending Pet Expos and any public promotional activities.

She has also been extremely helpful to the Breed Affairs Administrator with her very capable computer skills.

*I am therefore pleased that today the GSDCV recognizes the service that Jacinta has given to the Club and the Breed and therefore award her the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Special Recognition Award.*

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## **AWARD OF MERIT**

### **T.Ch.O.C Jukati Karabisha U.D.X. E.T - (Kierah)**

Owned by Ian and Denise Woollard and their daughters Kelly and Lisa, trained and handled by Ian.

Date of birth 10/2/00 - Date of death 27/1/10.

Sire: Zandrac Forever Now. Dam: Andsusa Paihia. Breeder: Mrs. J Davis.

#### **Obedience:-**

Started training at GSDCV Eastern,

Ist novice pass at Forest Hill 4/11/01- Score 190- achieved CD on 2/12/01 (Box Hill)

Ist open pass Melton 16/2/02 score 186 CDX 24/3/02 (Knox)

Ist utility pass 25/8/02 score 189 UD gained 16/11/02 (Southern)

Obedience Champion certificate states June 03

Ist Utility Dog Excellent (UDX) pass 27/8/06 score 188 at Morrabbin (Clive Makepeace)

UDX achieved 8/10/06

Best score at UDX 200 under Ray Hanson, Sunbury 1/9/07 consistently in high 190s in UDX. Ist Dog in Vic to gain the title.

In total she had 68 Utility Dog Excellent passes. When you consider there are very few dogs with even the three passes required to win the title this is an amazing effort.

**Endurance Test:-** gained 20/5/06.

#### **Tracking:**

- TQT- 16/4/05- Keith Ralph
- Track 1- 6/6/05- Dawn (Flinders) Excellent
- Track 2 -19/6/05 -Denise Burriss(Bendigo) Pass
- Track 3- 6/5/06- Helen Den Hartog (Dromana) Good
- Track 4-4/6/06-Lynn Klecka (Flinders) Very Good
- Track 5-11/6/06- Kim Houlden (Haddon) Very Good
- Track 6- 17/6/06-Kim Houlden (Bendigo) Very Good
- Tracking Champion

#### **Royal Melbourne Show**

- First Place UDX Bitch 2006
- First Place UDX Bitch & Best Obedience Exhibit in Trial 2007
- First Place UDX Bitch & Best Obedience Exhibit In Trial 2009

**Top Obedience Dog** finalist 2008 and 2009.

She also has a lot of German Shepherd Club Medallions Gold, Silver & Bronze & triangle ones.

#### **Service to the Obedience community.**

When the new Utility Dog Excellent title came in, the judges needed to be trained. In Victoria we had Kierah who was the only dog at that time, who was proficient in all the exercises.

Kierah and her owner spent countless days helping to train judges and stewards for the new class.

Still today we have only 6 dogs in Victoria with the three passes necessary for the title. 5 of those have been closely helped by Ian. A German Shepherd we have cause to be proud of.

## **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I am pleased to present my report as Vice-President of the GSDCV for 2010.

This was my first year on the Club Executive after serving the previous 4 years as Northern Branch Manager. While being on the Executive has allowed me more time to train my dogs at the Branch, my term as Vice-President has been a huge learning curve, both in the workings of the GSDCV and National Council as well as the breed, becoming more aware of the issues that face the Club and the GSD in general. It has certainly been an eye opener. It is often taken for granted, the amount of work that goes on behind the scene so that the membership can go along on a Saturday or Sunday and train their dog. It has been an extremely busy year with a number of different issues arising, large and small that at times require an inordinate amount of attention, in addition to serving on different sub-committees, either as Chairman of a sub-committee such as the Bendigo Branch Building Committee which unfortunately did not eventuate as during lease negotiations the City of Greater Bendigo decided to go in a new direction and not allow privately owned buildings at Longlea Reserve, or as a member of the sub-committee such as the

- website sub-committee, an exciting and innovative site, that I believe is the envy of the GSD fraternity in Australia.
- Sponsorship Committee: I am happy to say we have secured a further 3 years with Royal Canin
- Strategic Plan Implementation: A very exciting project that while building on the success of the past will lead the Club into the future.
- National: The highlight of the year both personally and as a member of the Club.

I must thank my fellow Executive members Val Moody for coming back from 'retirement' and again taking on the role of Club Secretary, Jenny Yuen for the insight she has provided into the breed, as well as Graeme Jacobs and Marilyn Wrigley, and the rest of the management team for their help and support during the previous 12 months, and I look forward to their support during the upcoming years.

Special thanks to Ros Vincent for her work during the year, and I look forward to many more years working together. Thanks as well to Jacinta Poole who has always been at the end of the phone line when the need arose and to Ray Jones whose work on the membership database has been invaluable.

To James Rodger, I also thank you for support during the year, and your efforts over the last 3 years epitomise what it means to be a life member, digging in and helping out the Club when it needs you.

To Dom Cafari, I thank you for your support during the year and wish you well, you have earned a well deserved break. I have learned a great deal about what it means to be President of an organisation such as ours from you.

I would personally like to thank the many members who volunteer their time to make the GSDCV what it is, more importantly, I thank the partners of these members, which without whose support, none of this would be possible.

Most importantly, I would like to thank Lin for her support and understanding through the year, and into the future.

I wish all of you success and happiness throughout 2011

**Vince Ebejer**

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## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

I have much pleasure in submitting my report as Honorary Secretary for the year 2010.

Since taking on this role in April, I have been extremely busy with all the items that require immediate responses and are covered within this portfolio.

During the year, I attended the monthly Management Committee meetings, Breed Affairs meetings, Special General Meetings, the Funday at Geelong, Breed Surveys, the GSDCA AGM and the NBC/JC meetings. As you can see, very busy!

I would like to personally thank all the many Committees and members that helped with the 38<sup>th</sup> National Show & Trial that the GSDCV hosted on behalf of the GSDCA. Once again, this Club exceeded all expectations and ensured this event was the most successful ever. Well done to everyone!

I wish to thank those Branches that have extended their hospitality to me during my visits to Branches. At this time I would like to thank James for his continued support of the Club during his tenure as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. James always avails himself for support and guidance, no matter what the issue. Thank you James.

I would like to take this opportunity to also thank Dom Cafari for his many years of service to both the Club and the Breed. Dom is always just a call away, and whilst he is standing down as President, I'm sure we will see him around the traps in the future. The GSDCV hopes you enjoy whatever the future may bring. Good Luck!

I express my appreciation to all the Management Committee for their support over this year and whilst I am stepping down as Secretary, I will still be involved as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

In closing, I wish everyone a very successful 2011 and remind all that the purpose of this Club is for the protection and viability of our beloved breed the German Shepherd Dog by promoting Responsible Dog Ownership.

**Val Moody**

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Once again I have pleasure in submitting my report as Honorary Treasurer of the Club for 2010.

I would like to thank the Executive and Management Committee of the Club for their continued support in 2010.

Most of the Treasurers of the Branches and Committees continued to follow the guidelines of the Club in their accounting procedures for which I thank them.

I would also like to thank Fiona Henderson and Barbara Jacobs for their help this year as Assistant Treasurers in ensuring that the branch spreadsheets were correct and in preparing the accounts for lodgement with the Club Auditor.

Overall the year 2010 was an improvement on the previous year, with interest rates increasing slightly and also partially due to the Club hosting the 2010 GSDCA National.

To all those involved great job done.

We did some fine tuning to the MYOB accounting system that gives the Club a better understanding as to how the Club is running on a monthly basis.

A Finance Committee was set up under the strategic plan of the Club, the work on this is ongoing with all Club finances and procedures being reviewed.

Thank you.

**Graeme Jacobs**

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To the Members,

## **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA INCORPORATED**

### ***Scope***

We have audited the attached special purpose financial reports of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Incorporated for the year ended 31st December 2010, comprising of the Profit & Loss Statement, Cash Flow Statement and Balance Sheet. The Management Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial reports and the information contained therein, and have determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial reports in order to express an opinion on it to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members.

The special purpose financial reports have been prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's accountability requirements. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial reports to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or of any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial reports, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material respects, the financial reports are presented fairly in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

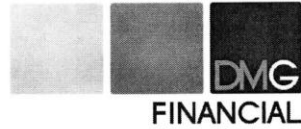
### ***Qualification***

1. It is impractical to verify all moneys received by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Incorporated until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit is limited to amounts recorded.
2. As it is not practical for us to observe all the physical stock takes of the canteen items and goods for resale, we give no opinion on these assets.

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***Qualified Audit Opinion***

In our opinion, subject to the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial reports of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Incorporated give a true and fair view of the Financial Position at 31st December 2010 and the Profit and Loss Statement and the Cashflow Statement for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act.

DMG Financial

James March  
CPA Australia  
6 February 2011

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

James Rodger requested that the following statement be included in this report.

As I have been absent during the year on an approved "leave of absence" for the Golden Jubilee project, I have really nothing to report from a club perspective.

**James Rodger**

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## **BREED AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

This is my fifth year as Breed Affairs Administrator. I would like to begin my report by offering my sincere thanks to the 2010 Breed Affairs Committee, Surveyors, Registrars, their officers (see below) and all attending regular members. Your assistance and support is vital to the successful administration of the rather large portfolio that comprises Breed Affairs.

It's been a very busy year.

The hard-working Show Committee led by Vince Tantaró (Show Manager) and Vicki Dobson (Show Secretary) has ensured our shows are second-to-none. The National was an overwhelming success and, in usual Victorian form, set a very high "benchmark" for other clubs to achieve. This was a huge task with contributions from too many to list here. The innovative taping of the top 10 National placegetters from Junior up was an enormous success and would not have been possible without the dedication of the "film crew" Jacinta Poole and Grant Milne who went above and beyond the "call-of-duty" also filming the Sires' progeny and some of the Obedience as well.

Congratulations and thank you to all.

The Victorian "show fraternity" continued its enthusiastic support of both the interstate and local shows with considerable success. It was great to see the National Gold Medal return again to Victoria, along with the Silver. Congratulations to the owners, breeders and handlers of \*Kwint von Juerikstall and \*Orrinshir Elton John. Well done to all exhibitors and good luck in 2011.

A Sires' Progeny Open Forum was introduced in 2009 and updated this year combining it with our "Building Better German Shepherds Seminar. This Seminar that included a presentation from the well-known Dr. Karen Hedberg was very informative and extremely well received by those who attended (approximately 120). The emphasis was on the responsible breeding of sound, healthy dogs. I would like to thank all those who assisted from SSB, Eastern Branch and particularly Vince Tantaró for putting together the Sires' Progeny Power Point and Dr. Karen Hedberg for her excellent presentation on our schemes, the German Shepherd Dog Breed Standard, medical conditions and areas of concern affecting the GSD today. Karen's Power Point is now available on the GSDCV website.

I was again proud to represent the Victorian members at the 2010 National Breed Commission Meeting. The Surveyors' meeting introduced in 2009 to discuss Australia's Sires and Breed Survey in general was continued. 2010 saw the slight tightening of the Elbow Dysplasia Scheme and the recommendation that line-breeding closer than 3-2 or 2-3 no longer be recommended for breeding nor acceptable for the successful participation in Breed Survey. The GSDCA has worked very hard toward having the ANKC accept a cut-off score or failure rate for German Shepherd Hips and Elbows prior to breeding. A National Survey of all German Shepherd owners was conducted in late 2010 regarding this issue. At the time of writing the result of this Survey was not yet available.

As I have stated in my previous reports, as GSDCV breeders and members, we are the guardians of the German Shepherd Dog breed in Victoria and as such we must always strive to be considerate of "non-doggy" people and present our dogs in a responsible way to the public. This cannot be overstated. As we have seen this year with the further tightening of the Dangerous Dog Legislation, laws are constantly changing and we cannot afford to jeopardise our breed with irresponsible behaviour.

Our Chief Surveyor Greg Green and our very able Breed Survey Registrar Gillian Cafari continued to oversee the smooth running of this year's Surveys. The Victorian Breed Surveyors work together with a



consistent “team” approach and have an annual Victorian Surveyors’ meeting. Of some concern is the trend that some breeders are not fully supporting this important Breed Improvement scheme. I would like to reiterate my plea from last year imploring ALL Victorian members to continue to embrace and fully support the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes that safeguard the breed and promote responsible dog breeding and ownership. These schemes have been responsible for the significant improvement in the status of our dogs’ hips and elbows, the control of Haemophilia and the overall improvement of our breed both physically and mentally. We lead the field in this area and it stands us in good stead with the Government and as already mentioned it’s ever- increasing restrictive dog legislation.

Free Puppy Listings, Planned Parenthood and a Stud Dog and Bitch Directory is provided to members at no charge and can be updated on line. I encourage all breeders to utilise this free service.

The Website continues to be a great asset to the GSDCV with its up-to-date news and information. To that end I would like to congratulate our Webmaster Jacinta Poole, the driving force behind this innovative site. I frequently receive compliments from not only GSDC members but the general public as well and still believe we have the best site in the country. All the latest Breed Information including Show and Survey results, Point Score updates, Veterinary articles, Hip and Elbow statistics, the latest updates on the Breed Improvements Schemes etc are placed on the website as soon as they become available.

A Heat Policy for conformation shows has been established along the lines as recommended by the Breed Affairs Committee. The Policy can be found on the GSDCV Website.

Again, I would like to encourage ALL MEMBERS and in particular ALL BREEDERS to attend the Breed Affairs Meetings as this is YOUR forum through which areas of concern can be raised and where possible addressed. As Breed Affairs Administrator, I am merely your representative, welcome your input and, in fact cannot do this job without you.

#### BREED AFFAIRS COMMITTEE/REGISTRARS - 2010

Breed Affairs Administrator	Jenny Yuen			
Assistant BA Administrator	Ian Urie			
BA Secretary	Val Moody/Barbara Blythe			
BA Treasurer	Graeme Jacobs			
Show Training Administrator	Julie Urie			
Show Manager	Vince Tantaro			
Show Secretary	Vicki Dobson			
Chief Surveyor	Greg Green			
Surveyors-	Fran Farley	Alistair Henderson	Vince Tantaro	Jenny Yuen
	Joylene Neddermeyer	James Rodger	Anita Pettenhofer	Ian Urie
HD/ED Register		Karen Ballantyne/Gillian Cafari		
Tattoo Registrar		Michael Blunt		
Tattoo Officers		Peter Savickas	Frank Moody	
		Vicki Dobson	Arlene Kerr	
		Brank Auwema	Joylene Neddermeyer	
		Julie Urie	Angela Bohdal	
		Neil Kail	David Hynd	
Puppy Listings Registrar		Judy Eppinger		
Puppy Listings Officers		Lyn Holden	Sally-Anne Herbert	
		Sharon Savickas	Angela Bohdal	
		Ursula Grimshaw		
Breed Survey Registrar		Gillian Cafari		
Branch Breed Liaison Officers				
Ballarat- Doug Ellery	Skye- Julie Urie	Bendigo- Brett Crutchfield	SSB- Shirley Taylor	
Eastern- Jenny Ornum-Breigh	Western- Chris Bohdal	Gippsland- Julie Jordan	Wodonga- Ian Heard	
Malvern- Gayle Johnston	Geelong- Donna Collis	Northern- Mary Lanfranchi		

Jenny Yuen.

## SHOW MANAGER'S REPORT

The last year has seen numbers shown remain steady with very good support shown by interstate enthusiasts entering and exhibiting at our major shows. The relationship with Working Dog Club of Victoria and Ballarat Dog Club continues to meet all parties' aspirations and gives us the opportunity to showcase our breed in the all breeds environment.

The focus of the Show Committee for 2010 was the 38<sup>th</sup> National GSD Show & Trial. This event was hosted on behalf of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia. It must be noted that this event could not have been conducted without the full support of the membership. This event was a huge success and as usual this Club set new benchmarks for other host clubs to reach. The innovation of online results each day and video was indeed appreciated by those who could not make the show but also by exhibitors who can now access our web site with their mobile devices. This innovation appreciated by many overseas enthusiasts who complimented the Club. The fact that both judges showed genuine interest in the state of the Breed in Australia and were willing to give breed advice was a bonus and indeed appreciated by novice newcomers and dedicated enthusiasts alike. What were disappointing were others in the fraternity who blinded by self interest pushed successfully to preclude the judges viewing the Sires Progeny Parade at future National's. I have always maintained that the National presents a Club with the opportunity to promote the GSD, bring its membership together and add to its finances. I am proud to report that all of these objectives were achieved by a very large group of workers. In order to acknowledge what was a significant contribution by many individuals, a list of those who contributed to the success of this event appears in this annual report and was also placed in the GSDCA Quarterly Magazine. Thank you once again to ALL of you.

I would also like to thank those members who continue to assist us by either providing catering for the various events, putting up and taking down rings and cleaning up after the shows.

As in the past, there are two committee members who are tireless workers that I must personally thank for taking most of the pressure off and working closely with me. Special thanks to Ian Urie (Assistant Show Manager) and to Vicki Dobson (Show Secretary).

The committee has contracted judges up until 2013. This move has ensured we lock in the best judges and hopefully maximise participation for forthcoming shows. We look forward to your continued support and hope to see you all at Club Shows.

EVENTS HELD DURING 2010	
Ballarat Dog Club, 7th February 2010 Judge: Bruce Knight (WA) Entries: Dog CC: *Ch. Orrinshir Elton John AZ Bitch CC: *Ch. Vonpeta Avenue Tolder AZ	State Breed Exhibition & Trial, 6th March 2010 Judge: Greg Green Entries: 107Conformation / 19Trial Open Dog winner: *Ch. Orrinshir Elton John AZ Open Bitch winner: *Denargun Kwacker AZ
38 <sup>th</sup> National GSD Show & Trial 30 <sup>th</sup> April 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2010 Judge: Herr Frank Goldlust SV(Dogs & Herr Ludger Goeke SV (Bitches) Entries: 481 Conformation / 62Trial Gold Medal Dog & CC: *Ch Kwint vom Juerikstall a ED Gold Medal Bitch & CC: *Ch Lago Bianca AZ	85 <sup>th</sup> Championship Show & Trial, 30th October 2010 Judges: Dogs & Gen. Specials - Herr Peter Knaul (SV) Bitches - Mrs. C. Collins Entries: 146 Conformation / 28 Trial Dog CC: *Ch Jimmy v Baruther Land a ED Bitch CC: *Ch Sannjesa Electra AZ (BIS *Ch. Jimmy v Baruther Land a ED RUIS *Ch. Sannjesa Electra AZ

<p>Working Dog Club of Vic, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010 Judges: Dogs &amp; Breed Specials – Mrs. C. Collins Bitches – Herr Peter Knaul (SV) Entries: 132 Dog CC: *Ch. Jimmy v Baruther Land a ED Bitch CC: *Sannjesa Electra AZ (BOB *Ch. Jimmy v Baruther Land a ED RUBOB *Ch Sannjesa Electra AZ</p>	<p>GSDCV Open Show, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010 Judge: Ms Janelle Robbins Entries: 33 Best Dog &amp; BIS: *Orrinshir Elton John AZ Best Bitch &amp; RUIS: *Meljenka Dirty Dancer</p>
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### **Show Committee FOR 2010 -**

Vicki Dobson (Show Secretary)  
Jenny Yuen  
Dom Cafari (GSDCV President)  
Fran Farley  
Ron Orchard  
Louisa Rodger

Vince Tantaro (Show Manager)  
Ian Urie (Asst Show Manager)  
Frank Moody  
Chris Hollingsworth  
Marilyn Wrigley (OTC Rep)  
Deanne Jackson

Graeme Jacobs (Show Treasurer)  
Val Moody  
David Berry  
Anne Franklin (Trial Manager)  
Jacinta Poole

**Vince Tantaro.**

### **Report tabled at the GSDCA AGM - 2010 NATIONAL**

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc is pleased to present a report on the 38<sup>th</sup> German Shepherd National Show and Restricted Obedience Trial. This was a great honour to be the host Club of this prestigious event on behalf of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc, which was also celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Club members worked hard over a 3 year period in order to raise funds necessary to host the National. We also sought the help of volunteers to provide the labour force needed, therefore such necessities as catering, merchandise and transport were catered for.

Income for the event was \$90,430.00 whilst expenditure \$79,060.00 profit of \$11,370.00. A profit and loss statement is attached to this report which list income and expenditure details. This report is unaudited and is for information purposes only at this stage.

A total of 481 conformation entries and 62 Obedience entries were received. Judges for the conformation were Herr Frank Goldlust (SV) who judged the Dog Classes and Herr Hans-Ludger-Goeke (SV) who judged the Bitch Classes. In Obedience Mrs. Jan Brabham (SA) judged CCD Class, Ms Tiki Friezer (NSW) judged Novice Class, Mr. Jim Begg (VIC) judged Open Class and Mr. John Fenner (WA) who judged Utility & UDX Classes. All the judges were entertained from the moment they arrived in Victoria. The judges were very sociable and professional and they were a delight to host. They enjoyed the event immensely especially Herr Goldlust & Goeke who could not wait until they are next invited to judge at future events.

### **Organising Committee**

GSDCV Executive President – Dom Cafari, Vice- President – Vince Ebejer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- President James Rodger, Secretary- Val Moody, Treasurer- Graeme Jacobs, Breed Affairs Administrator – Jenny Yuen, Obedience Administrator – Marilyn Wrigley.

GSDCA Liaison Officer – Jenny Kenworthy, Show Manager- Vince Tantaro, Assistant Show Manager – Ian Urie, Show Secretary – Vicki Dobson Trial Manager- Marilyn Wrigley, Trial Secretary – Anne Franklin, Video Production Team – Jacinta Poole & Grant Milne, Catering – Peter Garbett, PA & Music – Terry Taukus, Marquee & Site Map – Frank Moody, Social Events – Louisa Rodger, Sponsorship Product (Royal Canin) Dom Cafari & Graeme Jacobs, Corporate Sponsorship & Advertising – Val Moody, Stud Dog Advertising – Jenny Yuen, Trophy and Sash Donations – Fran Farley, Stenographers – Louisa Rodger & Barbara Blythe, Fundraising- Fran Farley & Barbara Jacobs, Raffles – Barbara Jacobs,

Merchandise – Dearne Jackson, Grounds Managers – Ron Orchard & David Berry and Interpreters – Elke Effler & Anita Pettenhofer.

### **Sponsorship**

Major sponsor for the event was Royal Canin who donated \$5,000.00 and product for placegetters in Conformation and Obedience Classes. We were also fortunate to have the support of Monash Veterinary Clinic, and Aztec International (distributors of the “Inspector Rex” DVD Series). Frozen puppies donated certificates to the value of \$500.00 each for the Open Dog and Bitch winners. We would acknowledge (Takimbre Kennels) Col and Shirley Ford for their sponsorship of the Child Handlers classes. The GSDCV Inc is grateful to them and the other individuals and Branches of the GSDCV Inc that donated towards the trophy funds for the show and trial.

### **Merchandise**

Merchandise was able to be pre-ordered before the event and also available during the event. Very little merchandise was left over after the event and has since been sold out. The Club also hired a portable EFTPOS facility for the event which was a great success. Dearne Jackson and her team did a wonderful job.

### **Catering/Bar**

Catering for the event commenced on Thursday with a meet and greet for the judges which also included a Breed Survey and continued for the next 3 days manned by volunteers from the Club. The Catering team was well organised and Peter Garbett and his team are to be congratulated.

### **Lunches**

GSDCV hired caters for the event over the 3 days. On the Saturday had over 90 people attend the official lunch including Lord Mayor from Frankston City Council, Police Dog Squad Members, Sponsors Royal Canin, Life Members & Branch Managers of the GSDCV Inc.

### **Social Events**

#### **Presidents Dinner**

120 people attended the event and it was well received by all. The idea was floated before the event to make it a dinner dance and when Louisa Rodger heard about this she immediately requested could she organise this and boy did we all enjoy it. Music for the night was provided by Mark Stedwell and his band with the only cost for them being meals and payment for 2 members of the band.

#### **Spit Roast**

Spit Roast held on the Saturday night was a great event which went well into the night and was well catered for. Bar facilities were available on the night and the band that attended the President Dinner also entertained the masses.

### **Presentations**

Presentation was conducted on Sunday night after the completion of Conformation classes. The Club decided this year that they would invite the handlers of all class winning dogs to the presentation as they are integral part of the team. The Obedience presentation was also done at the same time.

### **Video Production**

This year the Club, with the assistance of two of its members, filmed the National and was able to place it on the GSDCV Inc website for viewing, and boy did it get viewed.

Also available was a DVD to purchase of the event, which was also well received.

### **Conclusion**

The GSDCV Inc was honoured to be the host of this event on behalf the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia and look forward to hosting a National in the future.

Dom Cafari (President GSDCV Inc)

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## THE GSDCV Inc EXPRESSES OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION



The Executive, Show Committee & Trial Committee of the  
German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc.  
we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all those from within our Club and all over  
Australia who helped with the success of the

### **38<sup>th</sup> National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial :**

Our appreciation is especially extended to the following:

Barbara	Bev	Ellen	Bernie	Lester	Graeme	Saltiel (NZ)
Ross	Judy	Eppinger	June	Lester	Sharon	Savickas
Michelle Anderson	Fran	Farley	Judy	Levron	Mel	Siktars
Anne Anderson	John	Farley	Weng	Lim	Andrea	Sinton
Mike Anderson	John	Fenner (WA)	Angela	Little	Ken	Smith
Brank Auwema	Charlie	Finn	Jenny	Lord	Michaela	Smith
Chris Auwema	Anne	Franklin	Ken	Mackay	Alison	Smith
Cristine Begbie	Peter	Garbett	Sue	Mase	Carla	Srb
David Berry	Rosie	Garbett	Hazel	McNamara (Qld)	Margaret	Starow
Wendy Blunt	Rosalie	Gerlach	Norma	Meaney	Sharyn	Stephens
Barbara Blythe	Ben	Glasheen	Grant	Milne	Sue	Stephenson
Daryl Bourke	Bill	Goldberg	Lin	Milne	Barbara	Stewart
Marie Bowler	Lois	Goodes	Val	Moody	Barbara	Stone
Keith Bowler	Heather	Hammonds	Frank	Moody	Alan	Symes
Trent Bray (NZ)	Sharon	Hargreaves	Mary	Moulding	Vince	Tantaro
Jenny Burley	Alastair	Henderson	Kevin	Moulding	Fran	Tantaro
Felicity Burrowes	Fiona	Henderson	Christine	Newsom	Terry	Taukus
Dom Cafari	Erica	Hogan	Denise	Nicholson	Julie	Taukus
John Carter	Chris	Hollingworth	Eddie	O'Neill	Shirley	Taylor
Jeanette (Carter) Wolk	Dawn	Howard	Ron	Orchard	Ethel	Thompson
Robyn Champion	Chas	Humphrys	Jenny	Orchard	George	Thompson
Gordon Cole	Sue	Humphrys	Carole	Osborne	Sharon	Thorp (Qld)
Karen Cordell	David	Hutson	Brian	Padgham	Andre	Torpey
Agnes D	Denise	Hutton	Shirley	Petrella	Ian	Urie
Karen D'Amico	Jane	Hutton	Anita	Pettenhofer	Julie	Urie
Mal D'Amico	Deanne	Jackson	Margaret	Phillips	Frank	Valastro
Lee Dare	Daniel	Jackson	Jacinta	Poole	Rod	Vernon (Qld)
Maggie Davis	Graeme	Jacobs	Wendy	Pruis	Colleen	Watson
Michael Delzoppo	Barbara	Jacobs	Andrew	Quinn	Marilyn	Wrigley
Faye Dennis	Eileen	Jenkins	Louisa	Rodger	Lance	Young (Qld)
Vicki Dobson	Gayle	Johnstone	James	Rodger	Jenny	Yuen
Vince Ebejer	Dodo	Kelly	Joss	Roffey	Dennis	Yuen
Lin Ebejer	Jenny	Kenworthy (ACT)	Samantha	Ross	John	Blythe
Elke Effler	Robyn	Knuckey (WA)	Andrew	Saliba		

We sincerely apologise if any names have been omitted, but please be assured the GSDCV appreciated all the efforts made by so many people.

Your dedication and hard work over the National weekend again allowed our Breed and Club to be highlighted in a most positive way, and your efforts were certainly a large contribution towards making the weekend so successful and the best National ever!

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**Thank you one and all!**

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### **38<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL SHOW AND TRIAL 2010 - FINANCIALS**

	<b><u>CONFORMATION</u></b>		<b><u>OBEDIENCE TRIAL</u></b>		
		<b><u>Income</u></b>		<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
Canteen		\$12,322			\$12,322
Donations		\$6,506		\$1,000	\$7,506
Promotions		\$623			\$623
Raffles & special efforts		\$2,488		\$159	\$2,647
Show entries		\$13,389		\$1,318	\$14,707
Catalogue sales with entries		\$1,855		\$464	\$2,319
Catalogue sales at the event		\$1,182			\$1,182
Catalogue advertising		\$3,068			\$3,068
Marquee Hire		\$6,691			\$6,691
Merchandise sales		\$24,967			\$24,967
Social functions		\$8,656		\$159	\$8,815
Sponsorship		\$4,770		\$530	\$5,300
Official lunches		\$283			\$283
		\$86,800		\$3,630	\$90,430
		<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	
Catering		\$8,447		\$43	\$8,490
Chicken & Champagne Breakfast		\$953			\$953
Ground & Operating Expenses		\$1,107		\$403	\$1,510
Postage & Stationery		\$312			\$312
Trophies & Plaques		\$2,281		\$633	\$2,914
Medallions		\$762		\$20	\$782
Ribbons & Sashes		\$1,263		\$212	\$1,475
Mementos		\$1,090		\$197	\$1,287
Clearance fees VCA/ANKC/SV		\$205			\$205
Judges airfare		\$4,643		\$314	\$4,957
Judges Accommodation		\$1,503			\$1,503
Judges Entertainment expenses		\$1,709			\$1,709
Judges Marquee hire		\$818			\$818
Judges & Stewards		\$109			\$109
VCA Levy		\$2,147		\$281	\$2,428
GSDCA levy		\$2,897			\$2,897
Catalogue printing		\$3,172		\$571	\$3,743
Merchandise purchases		\$19,705			\$19,705
Marquee rental for hire		\$5,509			\$5,509
Schedule publication		\$986		\$332	\$1,318
PA Hire		\$1,435			\$1,435
St. Johns Ambulance		\$400			\$400
Gifts - stewards, stenos etc		\$60			\$60
Official Lunches		\$3,389			\$3,389
Promotions		\$1,000			\$1,000
Social functions		\$10,088			\$10,088
Telephone expenses		\$104			\$104
Print & photocopying				\$270	\$270
		<b>\$76,097</b>		<b>\$3,277</b>	<b>\$79,374</b>
<b><u>Net profit/loss</u></b>		<b><u>\$10,703</u></b>		<b><u>\$353</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,056</u></b>

## SHOW TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all Show Instructors who have given their time and expertise this year.

Members attending Show training classes have benefited enormously from the wealth of experience our Instructor pool has to offer.

This has been a somewhat quiet year, with things running smoothly.

I am disappointed that the revised edition of the Show Instructors Manual has not yet been printed and distributed.

There have been some unforeseen delays, resulting in the suspension of printing. Hopefully, this will be rectified in the near future.

Special mention should be made of two Instructors who have earned Continuous Service Awards this year.

Greg Green – 20 years

Chris Bohdal – 15 years

These awards will be handed out at the GSDCV AGM in March.

**Julie Urie.**

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## BREED SURVEY REPORT

No report received.

**Greg Green - Chief Surveyor**

### **Victorian Breed Survey Registrars Report for year ending December 2009**

I would like to congratulate the Victorian Surveyor Panel, along with breeders and owners of animals presented for Breed Survey for another successful year, where there was a drop in the number of surveyed animals compared to previous years. Regrettably the February Breed Survey was cancelled due to there being no applications received. There were still six surveys held during the year as Victoria hosted the pre-National survey in April.

Following is a table showing the results by classification of animals presented at Victorian surveys for the year ended December 2010.

	<b>CLASS 1</b>	<b>CLASS 11</b>	<b>FAIL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>MALES</b>	5	1	2	8
<b>FEMALES</b>	15	11	5	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	20	12	7	39

Jenny Yuen – 10

Vince Tantaro – 6

James Rodger – 2

Frances Farley – 6

Ian Urie – 5

Alistair Henderson – 6

Greg Green – 4

My thanks to Greg Green, Chief Surveyor for his ongoing support, along with all the Victorian Surveyors who freely give their time and share their knowledge of the GSD.

**Gillian Cafari**

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## **TATTOO REPORT**

The team of Tattoo Officers for 2010 was:

GSDCV Tattoo Registrar:	Michael Blunt	
Tattoo Officers:	Brank Auwema	Angela Bohdal
	Arlene Kerr	Vicki Dobson
	Julie Urie	Peter Savickas
	Neil Kail	Frank Moody
	David Hynd	Joylene Neddermeyer

I would like to thank all the Tattoo Officers for voluntarily giving up their time to provide this service to the Breeders.

During the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010, we have tattooed a total of 102 litters, comprising 563 puppies.

This has been a significant decrease from last year.

The split of these litters by Tattoo Officers as detailed below.

<b>Tattoo Officer</b>	<b>Litters Tattooed</b>
Brank Auwema	8
Michael Blunt	6
Angela Bohdal	9
Dave Hynd	1
Arlene Kerr	26
Frank Moody	18
Neil Kail	2
Peter Savickas	1
Vicki Dobson	5
Julie Urie	26
Joylene Neddermeyer	0

I would like to remind the breeders that it is a part of the GSDCV Inc Rules and Regulations that all tattoo information must be handed to the Tattooist no later than 4 weeks from the date of Tattooing. Thank you to the Breeders who continue to support this important scheme.

**Michael Blunt**

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## **HIP/ELBOW DYSPLASIA REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

No report received.

**Karen Ballantyne**

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## **OBEDIENCE TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

It is with pleasure I present the Obedience Training Committee Report for 2010. It was a very busy year for all with the 38th National Show & Trial being held in May along with our other gazetted trials and funday. Congratulations to all who contributed to an amazing National, one of which the Show Committee can be justifiably proud and to all helpers a sincere thanks for your contribution to the success of the event. Thanks to those who set up and took down the obedience rings and to Trial Manager Anne Franklin ably assisted by Wendy Pruis and Lois Goodes for the smooth running of the event. Thank you to the Judges: Mr. John Fenner, Mr. Jim Begg, Ms. Tiki Friezer and Mrs. Jan Brabham. Thank you to

our stewards for your very capable assistance to the judges and competitors and to the ring assistants who recorded the judge's scores on sheets set up ringside so that competitors and interested persons alike could check to see who were on passes and the scores achieved. The five metre parameter set up outside the obedience rings proved to be successful and appreciated and it was pleasing to note that competitors in the main adhered to not working their dogs within the precincts of the trial.

Congratulations to the two competitors in the "Winner of Winners" Andrew Saliba and Steve Kastelic and their dogs. Both competed admirably in the runoff with Andrew and Mac taking out this event and the coveted "Rick Richardson Memorial Trophy" presented for the first time in 2010 and named after the late Rick Richardson who made a great contribution to the obedience world in WA and also interstate and at Council level. Rick will be remembered for his cartoons of happenings at Council AGM's and events as well as competing and promoting nationally the German Shepherd Dog in both the show and obedience arenas. The award was presented to Andrew proudly by Honey Gross Richardson at the presentation of awards at end of show. This event will possibly be surpassed one day, but until that time it will hold pride of place in many Victorian Committee, Show Committee and Club members' hearts--well done VIC.

At our club Annual General Meeting in March 2010 it was very pleasing to see many obedience discipline awards handed out to GSDCV members and I congratulate each and every one of them for the commitment shown in order to gain those titles as they are the ones who make the time to train their dogs to the levels they achieve. Congratulations to all award winners who received club awards--well deserved. It was also pleasing to see club instructors receiving awards for service starting at five years service and up to thirty years service--well done. I have no doubt that because of the dedication of all our instructors in the training of obedience members of the GSDCV at each branch, this is the reason that year after year we have many members applying for and receiving title awards in a number of disciplines: obedience, tracking, agility, jumping, endurance and herding so I thank all instructors for their continued commitment to instructing and guiding members and dogs, in the pursuit of success in their chosen disciplines.

Sincere thanks to the Western Branch for the use of their clubrooms for our monthly meetings and aspirers lectures, we as a committee are very appreciative of being able to use your facilities throughout the year and add on that in 2010 a number of items collected for the Lort Smith Animal Hospital were stored at the clubrooms prior to presentation to them in December--this was a great help to OTC as they could be picked the day of the presentation of goods in North Melbourne. OTC also congratulates Western Branch on the excellent result of their collecting for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, another outstanding result with the help of other "super bunnies" from sister branches.

Our aspirers programme commenced in April 2010 and finished with a varied programme monthly through until August. We express our appreciation to Management Committee for paying for the "Worriesome Wally Workshop" held at Eastern Branch with Julia Kingshorn and Michelle Cogley as presenters. This was for all aspirers and instructors and we had an excellent attendance on the day. The Obedience Training Committee appreciates having the opportunity given to aspirers/instructors in furthering their education in assisting handlers how to deal with their dogs behaviour hopefully preventing problems in regard to aggression and fearfulness. It clearly shows that socialisation at all class levels is a must, but especially in our puppy classes in order to have dogs that are calm and confident in many varied and different situations and clearly shows the member training that they must have their dogs under control, it is not something that just happens.

This is very important as many of our members are out and about walking their dogs at a number of locations throughout the State and vital that they are seen as well socialised, well behaved members of the canine community trained by responsible and committed dog owners/handlers. We hope to run this seminar again in 2011 with the opportunity for general members to attend to also learn about their dogs. Thank you to all who assisted in the presentation of the Aspirers programme 2010 your input helps to convey to Aspirers what is required as an instructor of the GSDCV.

During the year trials were held in obedience, endurance and tracking. In most cases the entries were up a little on last year and for this we thank members and competitors at our Open trials for their entries. Our sincere thanks to all who have assisted at our trials, we are very grateful for all your help as there is a lot of work to be done at each. Rings have to be set up for obedience and then taken down after the trial, tracks have to be set out for tracking and then taken down, flags washed and poles sorted and stored and for endurance we have to be at the venue at least by 6.30am to get everything set up for the test and for catering. On behalf of OTC I sincerely thank all who assisted in any way as many hands make light work in any task in life-thank you and I will record my thanks to Anne later in my report.

Thank you to the Geelong Branch for hosting the funday for 2010, great to see a regional branch rally together and plan and execute a wonderful funday for members of the GSDCV. Although smaller in numbers than our metropolitan branches they had all in control well before the day and the presentation of the ground was excellent as was the paperwork, catering and organization, well done Geelong Branch on behalf of all who attended and participated.

In regard to the Introduction DVD that I mentioned in my annual report last year I believe some work has been tested in this area but at this stage we at OTC are unaware as to how far it has progressed. This DVD was originally created by an all breeds club covering all aspects of training and dog ownership which that club thought members needed to know and refer to and which was handed to each new member of that club. I am sure it can be adapted to cover aspects of membership, training and dog ownership within the GSDCV so that when someone joins our club a copy of our DVD aimed specifically to new members and their dogs can be handed to them containing club info, as well as other information regarding training and their dogs wellbeing, which can only serve in informing new members on many aspects of what our club is about, what to expect etc.

As most would know we for a few years now have had the assistance from vets and vet nurses from the Lort Smith Animal Hospital to vet dogs during the running our Endurance Test and to them we are extremely grateful. To assist the Lort Smith further as we have only made a donation to the Hospital for their people attending it was discussed at OTC that we support the hospital by asking club members to donate items from the hospital "wish list" or make a cash donation so that we could at least be assured of their continued support at our future Endurance Tests. We ran the collection for a month and in December took a trailer and car load of donated goods and President Dom Cafari presented the CEO of Lort Smith with the goods plus a donation of \$500 from OTC being made up of profit from two raffles, one from the "Worriesome Wally Workshop" and one from the Endurance Test plus a percentage of entry money from the trial making up the \$500. We had two members and their dogs in attendance as well as Dearne who liaised with Lort Smith Media Officer to gain media coverage for the presentation. We were made very welcome and after photo shots and the presentation we were invited to join the group from Lort Smith for lunch in the boardroom where the CEO expressed her thanks and also their desire to continue supporting in the running of our Endurance Test re providing vets and vet nurses. This has been a good relationship between the Lort Smith Animal Hospital and ourselves which hopefully will continue for many years to come. It also shows our club helping others at a community level and of note is the core values of this hospital laid down by the late Mrs. Lort Smith when she bequeathed the money which enabled the hospital to be built in North Melbourne. The core values of this hospital allow animals of the less fortunate to receive veterinary care at a price they consider after treatment. The animal is treated then the hospital work out with the individual a payment plan that both agree to and in line with income of the individual and to date almost all of these agreements have been honoured and paid by the agreed times. These animals are the only companionship these people have and are loved dearly by them.

I sincerely thank all Chief Instructors for their contribution to the training of club members, also all club instructors for the many hours of your time you give to the training of members many of whom give well and truly more than your twenty required hours each year. Sincere thanks to Andrew Saliba for the work he does as Demo Manager liaising demos with branches in their areas and organising when required teams for Good Friday Appeal, VCA events etc.-thank you Andrew.

Sincere thanks to Anne (Trial Manager), Lois and Wendy for their efforts in the running of our trials, lots to do on the day of the trial but carried out with happy disposition. Thanks.

Lois thank you for also being OTC Minute Sec, I know how busy you are and appreciate your effort in this area. Thank you to Management for their help during the year and we look forward to that continued support in the year ahead. To Andrew Quinn my assistant Training Administrator, thank you Andrew for accepting this position for 2010 and for your help support throughout the year, sincere appreciation. In closing we at OTC look forward with confidence to another productive and interesting year and ask for your support in administering the Obedience Training Committee of the GSDCV and in all things OTC.

**Marilyn Wrigley.**

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## **TRIAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Last year was again a very busy one. We ran a total of eight trials. There were three Restricted Obedience trials including the National, one Open Obedience trial, three Tracking trials and one Endurance test. This all means a there is a very large volume of work to be done. I would like to thank all those that have helped out in any way with stewarding, catering, ring set-up, transporting equipment, maintaining equipment, scribing at vet checks and bike marshals during the Endurance Test, and any other of the myriad of tasks that help to make the trials run smoothly. I also need to thank the helpers from other clubs that have assisted us at Tracking Trials. Special thanks need to be extended to Lois Goodes and Wendy Pruis for their secretarial help on trial days and especially to Marilyn Wrigley, who, as usual, has done most of the work. Without Marilyn's catering, which is renowned throughout the club, we would not survive.

This year it was Victoria's privilege to host the National Show and Trial. We had a total of 62 entries which was a significant improvement over the last time we held this event. I would like to thank all judges, competitors and all those workers who helped to make this a successful event.

Entry numbers at our trial were generally up last year with the exception of the June Tracking Trial and the Endurance Test. This was due to a failure on my part to get the schedules to the Shepherd News in a timely manner. You will note that our schedules do not generally appear in VicDog as advertising in this magazine is very expensive and does not generally increase our entries sufficiently to cover the costs, however we are continually looking at other options for advertising.

I would also like to thank all branches for encouraging a wide range of training activities for our members and dogs. These activities show off our beautiful Germans Shepherds in the attributes that are their greatest strengths i.e. their ability and willingness to work and to form the great bonds with their owners that success in these trials requires. Keep up the good work and encourage all your members to participate to the full with their dogs.

**Anne Franklin**

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## **DEMO MANAGER'S REPORT**

Another year has gone by and thanks to a dedicated bunch of members we have again fulfilled all Demo requests, pleased to report that the breed is getting good exposure to the general public.

We have certainly maintained the club's presents at the usual big venues, i.e.- The Royal Melbourne Show, The Pet & Animal Expo and the Good Friday Appeal.

The Royal Show has been serviced by the Malvern Branch team, they also performed on the Saturday sessions at the Pet & Animal Expo plus many other presentations, this branch has really been busy and they have done more than their share. The Eastern team has also been active, they conducted the Sunday sessions and the Expo plus other local presentations.

We will be representing the breed again at this year's Pet & Animal Expo, the show will only be on for two days this year, Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> February, Malvern will again be doing the

Saturday sessions and Eastern the Sunday sessions. This is a venue that we have grown with and have supported this event right from the start, we have always made it our major event and this is evident from the positive feedback we receive from other dog breeds clubs as well as the general public.

Western with the help of some Eastern members have conducted the Good Friday walk followed by a Demo just outside the Etihad Stadium, this event also attracts good positive feedback as we work with the public so close to us that they feel part of the presentation. Western also supported two other local Counsel presentation, the local Pet Expo in Footscray Park and the Open Day at Keilor.

I wish to acknowledge Skye, Bendigo and other branches, who have done good work in their local communities, this is very encouraging as local presentations away from the training grounds helps to make branches known to the local communities and we must continue to support and maintain our presents locally first and foremost.

As a Club and through our Branches we need to recognize, support and encouraging those members who are keen to be part of a special working team, develop them into teams who can go out to the general public to promote our breed. We have reached a stage where we have to concentrate on developing members into working teams able to help support the current Demo Teams so as we can spread the work load.

We don't need to start with all dogs working off lead, a good Demo can be conducted by working our dogs on lead, as long as we promote the workability of our breed.

On behalf of our Club and Breed I wish to thank all those members who put themselves and their dogs out there helping with promoting our breed through Demo work and those who help out with setting up equipment for training our Demo teams.

I am available to help with setting up teams, work formats and general enquiries to do with Demo activities.

**Andrew Saliba**

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## **BRANCH REPORTS**

### **BALLARAT**

As we all expected the past year has not been an easy one for the Ballarat Branch, building our membership was one of our main objectives, and while we have succeeded to an extent we are probably not consistently training the numbers we had hoped for.

We have had several setbacks through the year that have made succeeding more difficult for us, we lost our Chief Instructor because of a change in his employment, one of our catering days was virtually a washout, resulting in barely breaking even financially despite a number of members working hard all day, and the clubrooms have been flooded to a greater or lesser extent on several occasions.

In spite of all these difficulties we have had some real successes, We have developed a core of hard-working members, some of whom travel a considerable distance to be with us.

These people help whenever they see the need, often without being asked, and always to the best of their abilities.

I hope that in the coming year we will again see membership again increasing, and that we can continue to foster interest in owning, training, and caring for the German Shepherd Dogs of the Ballarat area.

I look forward to working as part of the incoming committee to help ensure the success of the Branch.

**Doug Ellery**

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### **BENDIGO**

What a memorable year 2010 has been for the Bendigo Branch. As this was my first year as Branch Manager, I would like to thank Margret Phillips (our former BM from '04 to '09) for all her advice and help to me in my new position at Club.

In the early part of the year we had a couple of dogs training at a local park showing the general public what we can do with our dogs and letting people see our G.S.D's at training, and afterwards pat our dogs and puppies.

The Bendigo Branch has had 3 major public appearances in 2010, the first being at the Million Paws Walk at Lake Weeroona where we conducted a mini obedience display then had a couple of our tunnels in a fenced off yard for all the dogs at the walk to use under our supervision, for a gold coin donation, which was handed to the R.S.P.C.A. at the end of the walk. Our second public appearance was 2 obedience displays at C.E.P.A Farm supply in Bendigo and a radio interview on 3BO. The 2 puppies we had at C.E.P.A were a big hit with the kids. Our third and final public appearance was at the R.S.P.C.A. Open Day where we had an obedience display and a meet and greet with the public.

Marg Phillips had a couple of radio interviews on Fresh FM to which I listened to and she did a fantastic job at promoting our club and breed of dog.

Our Oktoberfest was back this year and was enjoyed by all who attended. The karaoke on the night was a big hit and was enjoyed by those who weren't affected by the steins filled beer. Christians Bus Co. supplied a bus and driver for the night free of charge for those not driving.

I would like to thank ALL the Committee members for their hard work over the last year. Also to Andy Phillips who, without you we all would go hungry after we train our dogs, a big thank you for all those egg and bacon sandwiches and drinks.

To Terry and Debbie Kennedy. Thank you so much for helping me on the grounds in 2010 as you two are my only Instructors at Bendigo.

So to everyone and your dogs at Bendigo and around the state, see you all next year.

**Brett Crutchfield**

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## **EASTERN**

Again Eastern branch had a successful 2010. I would like to thank all the members who came regularly to train their dogs and participate in Club activities.

I would like to thank the entire Eastern Committee and the instructor pool for their dedication to the Club. The hours that all put in to ensure the smooth running of the branch are considerable.

In 2010 we participated in the usual Bunnings BBQ's, a big thank you to Ben Glasheen for chasing every Bunnings store in the area for dates and also to the usual stalwarts who volunteer to put in a couple of hours assisting.

We were invited to participate in the Knox Pet Expo again, members and their dogs attended, gave demonstrations and let the public use the tunnels and agility equipment. This is good PR for the branch and the Club and we will be participating again in 2011.

The feedback from the Council and public is very positive.

What can I say about the Good Friday Royal Children's Hospital Appeal, organized through the Western Branch – although it is hard work, it is such a fun day and the satisfaction of doing something good for the community is great.

Thanks for Peter Garbett, Assistant Branch Manager and Webmaster for all of his work during the year. Rosie Garbett our Chief Instructor, many thanks. Without your enthusiasm and drive the classes would not be as interesting as they are. I am sure all the members would agree that we have great instructors who devote a lot of energy helping members and their dogs.

My thanks to Mel Siktars (Secretary) she efficiently handles the minutes, correspondence and also helps the branch in many ways that are too numerous to mention.

I would also like to thank Jenny Burley, for all her work during the year both as Treasurer and canteen manager. As in previous years she has kept the branch finances in order. Plus Eastern branch has such a really good menu in the canteen – we are all spoilt.

I would also like to thank Karen D'Amico for manning the equipment stall, Eastern did not have an equipment officer in 2010 so Karen offered to handle the equipment for us.

Ethel Thompson for managing the ground, Barbara Stewart for writing up the Branch news for the Shepherd News, conducting the various chocolate drives, calendar and clothing purchases, Diane McMillan and Lynette Dunbar for the social events, Jenny Ornum-Breigh as Breed Liaison Officer and member of the demo team, Michael Delzoppo for helping out around the branch on a weekly basis and Ben Glasheen for running the weekly raffles and manning the front desk each week.

We have enthusiastic members and I would like to mention Lisa Bateman who organized the prizes for our Christmas raffle and Maryanne Millar for helping Ben on the desk.

## **Barbara Jacobs**

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## **GEELONG**

We have been slowly rebuilding the branch membership. For the start of this year 2011 membership renewal is good, with a few new members taking advantage of a few bonus months. The current trend seems to be to train a pup to a basic backyard dog, and then quit, Committee only interested in trialling. We had earlier been offering the first four weeks of training free, same as the breeders freeby, before commitment to join the Club. This has not been successful as most are not seen again after the four weeks, including the breeders referrals. We have now changed to join by or at next visit, other than the breeders referrals. The impression received regarding fees, that they are too high. They are happy to spend high money to purchase, but balk paying for training their new dog.

Throughout the year we held a number of fund raisers, mainly with Bunning's sausage sizzles. The City of Greater Geelong ran Animal Education Courses, one being held at our branch early July and the lectures were excellent. We again hosted the NADAC trials last October and also the BDAG

competitions as their ground was flooded. In providing the use of our ground, we profited by operating our canteen.

We hosted the Fun Day last July. From all reports and comments the events were all trouble free, entries were good from most branches. Luckily the weather held good till, the end of trophy presentations. Thanks to Marilyn Wrigley for helping Jo Mee and organisation of the judges and stewards from the branches. Without the support from the other branches, the day would not have been so successful. Thanks to all the helpers, packing up equipment, as the rain had started, it was very much appreciated. A special thanks to Mal Lynch for her support to the branch and her lectures.

While I was overseas visiting my mother in the USA, our groundsman Ashley Kendall with Dennis Gladman and helpers erected a puppy enclosure. We had decided to make use of materials purchased for the Fun Day. Used the star stakes, orange plastic safety fencing etc. The use of it has proven successful, though we need to add a fixed entrance gate.

This year the branch did not have the social functions as in the past, but held our Xmas function at Gateway Hotel on the Saturday evening before last training day. This was enjoyed by all who attended, especially since no one had to prepare or clean up after. During the evening gave out thank you gifts to the committee members. Awarded for 2010 the Janet Henley Memorial Trophy for member of the year to Karin Gissing, multi-function multi-tasking shopping canteen and equipment, PR, assisting the Treasurer, creating a photo history of the branch etc. It was well deserved, thank you Karin for your effect.

Our final day following the Xmas function was held as a fun day. At announcements, Jo Mee presented the trophies to members. We then held simple competitions. musical chairs, dog races etc.

Gifts then presented to the winners and ending the 2010 year.

The branch cannot operate without instructors. Jo Mee who never misses a Sunday, Mary Giertolla and Dennis Gladman who is the Assistant Branch Manager, thanks to all of you.

I wish to thank all committee and members in supporting and keeping this branch functioning throughout the year. Maureen Williams our Secretary, Kate Shearer our Treasurer, Karin Gissing the Canteen Manager and her Assistant Deborah Koch, Sue Hounslow our Publicity Officer, Ashley Kendall the Grounds Manager, Jan Summers then Veronica Filmer the Equipment Officer and always lost in cyberspace Donna Collis , the Web and who also keeps tab of Breed Affairs.

Thank you to the core of regular training attendees, who that have helped out throughout the year, and to all that have supported functions and the canteen.

**Colin Gissing**

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## **GIPPSLAND**

Once again the year at Gippsland has been a positive one.

During 2010, several new families joined and the renewed enthusiasm that commenced back in 2008 has continued. We now have 20 to 25 dogs on the ground each week. There is usually a puppy class in progress as well and three or four dogs in Show Class.

This year Trish Taylor and Penny got their CD Title and Ulf Slavik with Silke achieved CCD whilst Lyn McAlpine's Tessa was awarded her Australian Champion Title.

Two Sunday Markets during the year raised approximately \$500. Both markets were well supported by members who took the opportunity to clean out the cupboards or garage to locate suitable items for sale. Thanks go to all our committee members for their help and support. In particular, Rosemary Slavik and her offsider Ulf Slavik, have done an excellent job in the canteen. They also organized the Christmas feast and ran a couple of BBQ days during the year. Nancy Binotto, our Treasurer, Val Purcell (Membership Officer) and Trish Taylor, our Secretary, deserve special mention too for the work and time they have contributed this year.



And not forgetting our Obedience Instructor's. Alan Purcell (our Chief Instructor), Paul Wiseman (Ass. Chief Instructor) and Dave Hynd. Their many years of combined experience make them indispensable assets at Gippsland Branch. We have two active Show Instructors, Julie Jordan and Dave Hynd. This year saw a marked increase in members regularly participating in obedience classes and we have reached a point where we require more instructors. To rectify this situation Lyn McAlpine, Annita Reynolds and Nancy Binotto participated in the GSDCV Obedience Instructor's Course. Congratulations to Annita who successfully completed the exam. Unfortunately Nancy was unable to attend on the day due to illness. Both Lyn and Nancy are going to have another crack at it in 2011. At this point in time, Annita is required to pass a practical test and currently no date has been notified by OTC. There is not enough space here to mention by name everyone who has contributed in some way during 2010. So thanks to all those tireless workers and helpers and club members who assisted throughout the year. Thanks to your support and contribution we look forward to 2011 with confidence.

## **Julie Jordan**

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### **MALVERN**

It's been another very successful and enjoyable year at the Malvern Branch of the GSDCV. Most Sundays we are seeing 50+ dogs training, and puppy classes have been well attended throughout. We have seen good progress for many handlers and their dogs as they progress through the classes, and success has spurred them on. Our branch ran member bbq's, games days and other activities to enhance our training as we work harder and harder to meet the varied needs of our members. We also had nearly 20 members attend the Funday this year, which is encouraging as we aim to increase involvement in the club.

At Sunday training, our Instructors are our key asset and are to be congratulated for their hard work and commitment to ensure classes are challenging and that all dogs and handlers improve their skills. Our Instructors volunteer much time and effort that is appreciated by all members, particularly those who need that extra little bit of help. Thank you to our instructors Dearne Jackson (CI), Jim Begg, Judy Eppinger, Ken McKay, Gayle Johnston, Pam Jackson, Karol Cuikerman, Judy Talacko, Jacinta Poole and Monica Gilmour. We have also welcomed Lin Milne into our ranks as an aspirer, who only has her practical to pass before becoming a full instructor. Well done Lin.

Our Wednesday night trial training group proved a success for several members this year with their dogs achieving their titles. For those practicing and preparing for trials the results and achievements is a testament to their efforts. We are fortunate to have the assistance of several obedience judges in attendance each week who offer advice on ringcraft and provide critical assessments of dog and handler progress that is invaluable. Last year the effort was directed towards the National in Melbourne, and now the hard work is underway for those preparing dogs for trials and show at the 2011 National.

Congratulations to Allan Watson and Storm (Djenuen Blow Me Down ) on achieving their Novice title, and to Margot Souch and Cully (Bergspitze Coquette) on their CD and Novice title. Well done also to Ken McKay and Barky (Glenraco Sargeant Barko) on achieving their TSDX title, a great tracking achievement. We were also extremely pleased to have 3 dogs and handlers successfully complete the Endurance trial in June. They were Felicity Burrowes with Khan (Kazkiri Saxon), Tony Milic with Kai (Kanjelese Dajavu) and Anca Tilea with Mia. Malvern members involved in showing had an active year, with good success and enjoyment at both specialty and all breeds shows.

The Melbourne Pet and Animal Expo at Caulfield racecourse is a major commitment for Malvern in February for our demo team dogs who completed 2 demos on the Saturday of the event. Malvern also provided the majority of dogs and manpower for the GSDCV stand to mix with the public and to promote the GSD breed. At our local Stonnington Council Pets in the Park Expo Malvern represented the GSDCV to showcase our dogs and breed with demos and an information stand. Malvern also provided a demo team for the GSDCV at the Royal Melbourne Show, performing 3 demo's over the 2 weeks – a lot of fun

and great crowd support for our GSD's. Our demo team members are indebted to CI Dearne Jackson for her coordination, encouragement and involvement in the Malvern team.

It would be remiss of me not to specifically thank those Malvern members who gave up significant time to assist at the 2010 National. Primarily recruited by Dearne who managed the National Show merchandise, the Malvern members who helped out in a massive effort were: Joss Roffey, Judy Eppinger, Lin Milne, Barbara Stone, Jenny Lord, Felicity Burrowes, Colleen Watson, Judy Levron, Maggie Davis, Jacinta Poole, Ken Mackay, Gayle Johnston, Rosalie Gerlach and Dawn Howard. Thanks also to Grant Milne who filmed the 3 days of the show with Jacinta for the short videos on the GSDCV website. Maggie Davis made a great tasting cake and decorated it beautifully for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Council. We are lucky at Malvern to have so many willing members!

We thank Stonnington Council for their ongoing support and assistance to our branch and the GSDCV club, with interest in our branch activity and what we offer to the broader community.

The members of the 2010 Malvern committee worked very hard to ensure things ran smoothly for our members, and we met our commitments to the GSDCV Club. Without everyone's help to spread the load, we'd be lost! We welcomed several new members to our committee and as a group all worked extremely hard this year. Their dedication and extra effort went hand in hand with the smooth running of the branch. A big thankyou to Jim Begg, Judy Eppinger, Dearne Jackson, Colleen and Allan Watson, Lin and Grant Milne, Ken McKay, Gayle Johnston, Joss Roffey and Jenny Lord for their generous contribution of time and effort - especially those who picked up extra tasks to help out others when required. The Committee works hard to ensure our members enjoy their Sundays with us. We strive to communicate well with regular newsletters, our website and our ever present photographer. The photos of weekly trainings are the highlight of many Mondays on the website.

A number of our committee members also have very active roles elsewhere within the GSDCV and it is pleasing that Malvern can contribute to the greater Club as a whole. A thank you to all those going the 'extra yard' for the broader club members and the GSD breed.

We look forward to another successful year in 2011 for all our members at Malvern branch and are already well into our plans for the year for members, be they Sunday trainers or our Demo, Show and Trial enthusiasts. Thank you to everyone who has been involved with Malvern this past year and we look forward to an enjoyable and active year ahead.

Thank you to the GSDCV Executive and Management Committee for their assistance and support during the year and most importantly thanks to the Malvern members who make our branch great!

**Jacinta Poole**

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## **NORTHERN**

The Northern Branch of the GSDCV continues to maintain a great reputation for quality training and services for the German Shepherd Dog community of Northern Melbourne.

2010 was another successful year for the Northern Branch. We continued to grow with a total of just under 400 members and a total accumulated number of 1823 dogs training with some weeks seeing in excess of 60 dogs attending obedience training classes. I am encouraged to see a rise in the number of puppies attending the puppy classes as we cannot stress enough the importance of early socialisation and guidance with new little puppies.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend special thanks to our instructors who under the management of our Chief Instructor, Andrew Quinn provide their expertise and time to teach our members to train their dogs. The instructors are not financially compensated for their efforts and do so out of passion for the breed and their dedication to the club. I also extend this thank you to all instructors from other branches who have helped out at Northern during the year, in particular, Anne Franklin from Eastern, Jacinta Poole, Gail Johnston, Dearne Jackson and Judy Eppinger from Malvern.

2010 saw many members competing successfully in events. In total, 14 titles were gained during the year by Northern members. Titles are not easy to obtain and require many hours of hard work and dedication and of course fun with your dog. Titles obtained in 2010 by Northern Members were:

Wendy Seng Hpa with Asta

- Gambling Dog Excellent
- Agility Dog Master 2
- Herding Title
- Track & Search Dog Title

Alex & Karyn Cogdell with Buddy - Australian Champion

Tania Schumann with Lexy - Community Companion Dog (CCD)

Tania Schumann with Bindi - Community Companion Dog (CCD)

Grazyna Mackiewicz with Czara

- Community Companion Dog (CCD)
- Companion Dog (CD)

Irina Borodinova with Typhoon - Track and Search Dog Title

Mark & Samantha Stedwell with Harley

- Australian Champion
- Endurance Title

Dianne Cameron with Kella - Tracking Champion Title

Lauren Brownhill with Phoenix - Community Companion Dog (CCD)

In addition to our success in obtaining titles during the year, many of our members participated in obtaining recognition under the GSDCA breed schemes. The breed schemes developed in Australia for the German Shepherd Dog are amongst the best practices in the world and we are proud to have our members adhering to and participating in the schemes. Northern members who obtained recognition under the GSDCA breed schemes in 2010 were:

Irina Borodinova with Kerrlane Magic Maveric AZ TSD (Typhoon) – Breed Survey Class 2

Anna Katiforis with Vanharley Johnny Walker – HD / ED Scheme AZ Stamp

Helen Katiforis with Bodecka Shooting Star – HD / ED Scheme – AZ Stamp

Phil & Ros Vincent & Kantenna Lady Ga Ga - HD / ED Scheme – AZ Stamp

Phil & Ros Vincent & Preussen Pennys Galore - HD / ED Scheme – AZ Stamp

Vince & Lin Ebejer (Meljenka Kennels) with Meljenka Dirty Dancer - HD / ED Scheme – AZ Stamp

Northern members also participated in many local events and fundraisers such as the Caulfield Pet Expo, the RSPCA million paws walk and the RCH Good Friday appeal to name a few. It was great to see a number of Northern members at the 2010 GSDCA National Show and Trial. The GSDCV banded together to put on a spectacular event in which a number of Northern members competed and attended to help out. Northern had one of its most successful years at a National with some excellent achievements.

Northern members who participated were:

Mark & Sam Stedwell - Orrinshir Elton John (Harley) Open Dog 2<sup>nd</sup> Place of 49, Silver Medal and Reserve Challenge Dog

Frank Grigons - Yke v Haus Charly Open Dog 29<sup>th</sup> Place of 49

Phil and Roz Vincent - Kantenna Lady Gaga Junior Bitch 17<sup>th</sup> Place of 45

Barry and Fay Clark - Vonisar Golden Girl (Tarni) Junior Bitch 26<sup>th</sup> Place of 45

Vince & Lin Ebejer - Meljenka Dirty Dancer (Gypsy) Minor Puppy Bitch 1<sup>st</sup> Place of 26

Andrea Rawlings - Cleyelda Kate La Diva (Eos) Minor Puppy 14<sup>th</sup> Place of 26

Congratulations also to Tania Schumann with Awatea Jail Bait and Wendy Seng Hpa with T.Ch. Rodatt Asta UD, ADM, ADO, JDM, JDO, SPD, GDX, SDX, ET for competing in the trial.

On an administrative note I am pleased to mention that we have entered into a 7 year lease for a club rooms in Bundoora Park, being the final term of our 3 x 7 year options.

There are many people who contribute to the successful operation of our club and I would like to extend particular thanks on behalf of the Northern Branch Committee and the GSDCV to everyone who has played a role in the success of our branch during 2010, especially all our 2010 Committee members who continue to support us every week. Congratulations to our Branch Person of 2010 – Andrea Rawling and to the recipient of our Presidents Award, Lauren Brownhill.

Please consider joining the Committee in 2011 to continue to provide a presence for the German Shepherd Dog community in the Northern suburbs. It is a rewarding and enjoyable experience. I look forward to a fun, rewarding and successful year ahead for Northern Branch and I offer myself for re election as Branch Manager for 2011.

### **Training Summary for 2010:**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
<i><b>Puppy</b></i>		45	50	26	34	27	52	40	25	19	25	11	<b>354</b>
<i><b>Class 1</b></i>		48	47	68	56	73	85	60	40	32	33	10	<b>552</b>
<i><b>Class 2</b></i>		38	44	33	24	23	37	45	21	22	23	5	<b>315</b>
<i><b>Class 3</b></i>		20	14	33	25	30	29	17	12	12	9	5	<b>206</b>
<i><b>Class 4</b></i>		34	25	23	21	23	27	24	26	27	18	8	<b>256</b>
<i><b>Show</b></i>		9	18	22	11	14	19	10	11	15	11		<b>140</b>
<i><b><u>TOTAL</u></b></i>		<b>194</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1823</b>
<i><b>PASS ups</b></i>		8	7	19	11	2	13	3			4		<b>67</b>
<i><b>New Members</b></i>		14	9	1	6	2	3	6	2	1	9		<b>53</b>
<i><b>Instructor days</b></i>		22	27	25	19	20	24	25	19	16	12	8	<b>217</b>

**Mark Stedwell**

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### **SKYE**

It is with pleasure I present the Skye Branch Annual Report for 2010.

After our Christmas break it was good to see our members back ready for the year ahead. We started the year with good training numbers and it continued with a gradual increase throughout the year.

Our Clubrooms at KCC Park were further enhanced this year with the addition of the new blinds. We are proud to say that Skye Branch has paid our share of the blinds in full and we continue to be debt free.

We also purchased some new folding round tables which have proved to be very versatile and are very sturdy.

One of the highlights of the year occurred at the Club AGM, where two of our member's were honoured.

David Berry was awarded Life Membership of the GSDCV after many years of total dedication and extra-ordinary service to the Club and the breed. Julie Urie was also honoured with an Outstanding Service Award for her untiring dedication to the Club and the breed overall.

The 38<sup>th</sup> National Show and Trial held at the end of April was held at our grounds, and therefore many of our Members joined the enormous band of volunteers who made this event the success that it was.

We held a Trivia Night in June, and this was well attended by our members and also members from other Branches. A group of our members also supported the Western Dinner Dance at Bulla.

We had a few members who attended the Fun Day at Geelong, with young James Moissis scooping the pool with his puppy!

Once again 2010 was a successful year for members obtaining titles in CCD, CDX, and TD. None of this would be possible without the work of our highly dedicated instructors. As with all the Branches the instructors are some of the hardest working members, and we can't thank them enough. We would also

like to welcome Les Rudling to our instructor group, after passing his practical examination, and Denise Nicholson, who transferred to Skye at the beginning of the year.

We had quite a few members who showed their dogs in the conformation ring over the year, with many Excellents and even some class winners and some Challenges too.

We closed off the year with our Saturday twilight break up and again this proved to be very successful. The members enjoy participating in the novelty events with their dogs, and there are events for the children as well as a visit from Santa bearing gifts. We had approximately 130 people attend, which is a large proportion of our members and their families, who enjoyed the complimentary meal and stayed on for Presentations. In particular, I would like to thank the members of the Skye Committee and the Instructors, who all worked extremely hard to make this a tremendous success.

In closing I wish to thank our committee for their tireless hard work, and to those leaving the committee special thanks for your years of service and we hope you enjoy your spare time.

**Ken Smith**

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## **SPECIALIST SHOW BRANCH**

2010 has been a relatively good year for our Branch whose members have had reasonable success in the show ring whilst exhibiting throughout the country. Well done to all those who have succeeded in their travels far and wide. Additionally Branch operations have run quite smoothly on a weekly basis with good attendances, when the wet weather that we suffered this year, permitted. For this I am most grateful to the many that have willingly contributed and assisted, which made my job so much easier. It is great to see that we now have a band of members that are dedicated and committed to the Branch.

Appreciation of those members that made themselves available for the Branch Committee as well as the other position holders should also be noted. Without listing everybody I would especially like to thank the following for their fantastic efforts and support :-

- Chris & Brank Auwema whose excellent efforts in the Canteen, not only have earned themselves and the Branch, the Club's unofficial Master Chef award, but in supplying us with some great tucker, have contributed significantly to the Branch's coffers. John Carter & Jeannette Wolk should not be forgotten for their able assistance on the bigger occasions.
- Fiona Henderson again has been great in her role as Treasurer accounting for the pennies and always available for assistance when needed. This also applies on a Club level.
- Ian Urie and David Berry as always, part of the furniture, are ever reliably contributing in the background.
- Nicky McDermott for organising our band of Instructors. It should be remembered that we cannot exist without these guys (too many to mention) for capably imparting their knowledge and running classes weekly.
- Shirley Taylor for arranging the raffles necessary in raising funds and Jenny Joseph as her able assistant in arm-twisting.

With the occurrence of much inclement weather this year the recent verandah extension has proven to be a real boon allowing everyone plenty of room to take cover and continue socialising. All agree that it has been money well spent and now with the installation of blinds at the western end we will have complete protection from any unpleasant weather.

The highlight of the year has been the GSDCA's 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration in collaboration with Club's running of the 38<sup>th</sup> National. The GSDCV has exceeded itself and set new standards for the event with everybody thoroughly enjoying the occasion. Congratulations must go to the Show Committee and everyone involved for achieving such a great result.

I am hopeful and look forward to another favourable year in 2011 where we can build even further on our Branch's successes and establish even more enjoyment, camaraderie and involvement in achieving our goals.

**Dennis Yuen**

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## **WESTERN**

2010 was a very strong year with our training numbers in obedience and show remaining high.

It has also been a very trying year, with illness touching some of our Committee and Instructors.

Committee, Instructors and Members would like to give special thanks to Rudy and Shirley Petrella, Merle Sinclair, Lyn Pickering, Frank Valastro and Steve Kinsman for fulfilling their responsibilities while dealing with their illnesses, it has been a very trying year for them all.

It was our 27<sup>th</sup> year collecting for the RCH Good Friday Appeal raising \$26,010.30, bringing our total to \$382,358! Once again there was great support from Eastern, Northern, Western and Skye branches, plus a few non members.

Also thanks to the demo team for entertaining the crowd under difficult conditions.

We had 2 pet expos in the year with Maribyrnong Council in March and Brimbank Council in May.

Puppy class went and trained at the Maribyrnong Expo, which proved very successful, and we held a demo at Brimbanks expo.

Mid week training and the extra show training sessions proved to be popular, thanks to those instructors that once again gave up their time.

Our ringcraft day in July was well received by our members.

We had WTFN Entertainment film a couple of times during the year, for Bondi Vet which went to air in January, our member Rachel and her daughters featured in the show, it was good to see a positive story for our breed.

Our fundraising and social events were well supported throughout the year, with Mother's and Father's day and Easter raffles, a Chocolate drive, Dinner Dance, Trots night at Melton and Committee and Instructors night out, finishing off with our Presentation Night with a total of 20 trophy's given out.

Special thanks to the members that helped out with fundraising, as this enables the branch to purchase much needed items. Canteen and equipment sales also showed good profits.

We were able to buy 4 wind up blinds for the veranda, air conditioning, Demo team A frame, vacuum cleaner and canteen equipment.

Our clubrooms were once again put to good use, with all OTC meetings and Aspiring lectures, Main Club meetings, Branch Committee, Instructors, Sub Committee meetings, and British Bulldog Club monthly meetings held in our clubrooms.

### **Titles**

Obedience – 1 CCD, 1 CD, 1 Open title and 1 Endurance Test.

Congratulations to Andrew Saliba and Mac, for obtaining National Gold winner.

Well done also to Judith Strachan on gaining track 1 to track 6 TDX all in 12months!

Show – Many top placings, excellent graded dogs, plus we were well represented in Breed Survey with graded dogs throughout the year.

As this will be my last report as Branch Manager, I would like to say thank you to all Committee and Instructors, for the last 3 years in making the running of such a strong Branch a pleasure, without your help the Branch would not be as successful as it is.

**Bernie Lester**

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## **WODONGA**

I am pleased to report that membership has increased by seven during the past year; this was in spite of the extreme weather conditions experienced in the Riverina throughout the year. At the beginning of the year temperatures reached 40 degrees and by May the weather changed to cold and wet on many weekends and this continued for the remainder of the year with severe flooding in many areas in December. However, on a brighter note a high percentage of members still attended Branch Training, Obedience, Tracking and Show Trials whenever the weather was suitable.

There were a number of highlights during the year for the Branch. Firstly in April, Paws in the Park, held at Willow Park, Wodonga holding nonstop demonstrations, with three puppies on Reward Based (food) Training, Obedience with our older dogs, performing tricks and a number of dogs socialising with the public from 8am till 12 noon. The Branch also set up an Obstacle Course for junior dogs and one for senior dogs with 15 different obstacles supervised by Branch personnel for course instruction and safety. This was a hit with the public who as time permitted attempted the courses several times.

On 16<sup>th</sup> May the Branch repeated the above demonstrations and Obstacle Courses at the RSPCA Million Paws Walk in Albury. At each venue approximately three thousand members of the public throughout the morning watched the demonstrations. The publicity the Branch received was fantastic, pre-recorded radio interviews by two radio stations on air throughout the morning, two TV stations playing pre-recorded segments of dogs retrieving over high jumps and heeling exercises etc, a number of local newspapers producing articles and pictures which were included in the local papers prior to and after the weekend (great publicity for the Branch).

Secondly one of our members, as part owner of Kwint took the Gold medal in the Open Dog Class at the 2010 National in Melbourne and their own breed dog, Kruger, taking Bronze in the same class and another member receiving 7<sup>th</sup> Best Puppy Bitch and later followed by two firsts at local shows.

While in the Obedience Ring the Branch achieved a number of passes in CCD, CD, CDX, UD and UDX and in Tracking passes in Track and Search Test1 and Test2. Also a 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> place at the Champion of Champions Trial held at Shepparton. The Branch held a Tracking Course in September with 16 members attending, some from other Clubs in the area, with the hope that most will continue and attend Tracking Trials next year.

I congratulate Lyn Holden on receiving her 25-Year Service Award. Lyn joined our Branch from Skye Branch in 2008 and has become a very valuable and well liked Instructor for the Wodonga Branch since. Five of our members also received their Instructor and Committee 5-year Service Awards for continuous service.

In November my wife and I travelled to Sydney with fellow instructor Billy Louwrier for a Seminar with Susan Garrett from Canada, recognised as the most successful Clicker trainer in the world, again coming away with some different ideas on teaching certain aspects of Obedience.

Again during the year we have continued with our Branch Social Evenings each quarter which have all been very successful and well attended by members and their guests. This has proven a very successful method of improving relationships between members and secures a bond necessary for Branch survival. As a Branch we look forward to the challenges of 2011 with new members and their puppies joining the Branch on our return to training on the 6 February 2011.

I would like to thank the Management Committee for their support during the year and wish all other Branch Managers the best in their endeavours for 2011.

**Gordon Cole**

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## **POSITION HOLDERS REPORTS**

### **WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The GSDCV website is one of the most valuable assets that the club has – it has the ability to communicate to and inform all current and future members and to promote the German Shepherd Dog and the GSDCV to the general public. It reaches far and wide throughout Australia and internationally, and we should not underestimate its impact.

To this end, a number of advances were made this past year on the website, and its uses fully extended. We installed a shopping cart facility that enabled online purchasing of merchandise for the 2010 National that Victoria hosted. This facility greatly assisted the Promotions manager and online sales were excellent. This facility was also utilised for online sales of the class videos filmed at the national, which were very popular. Ongoing, GSDCV club merchandise can now be purchased online as the facility remains open. The credit card payments are handled by a secure processing facility with the NAB. Transaction fees are a consequent cost of the service however, the benefits to users counter this. And is one way the Club can ‘give back’.

The power and usefulness of the website came into its own at the National, as class results posted at the end of each day (usually ~8pm) were viewed 100+ times that same evening every day by those eager to know what happened but were unable to attend, and again many times over in the weeks following the show. The class videos that were posted on the website also proved enormously popular, some classes being viewed over 500 times in the weeks following. In this case a little bit of effort by the GSDCV provided a much appreciated service to others.

The use of the website for education and promotion using videos has proved very beneficial. Videos of the Endurance Trial, and recently Breed Survey have been well received, being viewed hundreds of times. Further videos of obedience are not far away from completion. Videos are a terrific way to educate.

The Branch websites that go hand in hand with the main site are well utilised and popular with branch members. Ballarat, Bendigo, Eastern, Geelong, Gippsland, Malvern, Northern, Skye, Western, Wodonga and Junior Barkers all have their own sites up and running and have done a great job in creating an online ‘home’ for their members with branch specific info, slideshows and pictures which are always much appreciated and worth viewing. Keeping the information current is the most important aspect, and branches have direct access to manage their sites themselves.

Puppy listings is one of our most visited and popular areas by members of the public who are potential owners. Most contact with the GSDCV puppy listing officer has been via the website. More importantly many have read the information pertaining to purchasing a puppy so are better informed and knowledgeable buyers.

The FAQ’s area of the website is powered by aQtual™, a service generously provided by Grant and Lin Milne from PACSIS Pty Ltd. Since January 2009, aQtual has answered nearly 15,000 questions and averages around 550 per month. The use of aQtual allows us to expand the FAQs we provide based on the questions users actually type in and ask, so we hope we are helping teach GSD owners about our dogs and our club. FAQs are generally restricted to answers covering the GSD and the GSDCV.

Input by the website subcommittee consisting of Daryl Bourke, Vince Ebejer, Frank Moody, Peter Garbett, Rob Filardo and Jacinta Poole is ongoing as new ideas or suggestions pop up. Thank you to all for their input.

Thank you in particular to Daryl Bourke whose role and expertise as our website technician has been invaluable in software installation and in resolving problems that involve software updates, complicated background software code and settings to keep us alive and visible to the online world.

Special thanks this year also to Grant Milne, who assisted me with the filming, production and web hosting of the National class videos, and also various other filming projects. His help is much appreciated.



Our club has several members who access the website to update specific areas, spreading the workload. Thank you to Puppy listings Officer Judy Eppinger for her posting and managing of the litters on the Puppies Available page and to Margaret Philips for updating the rehoming page with dogs available. Our continued efforts to provide results quickly after events have been successful and appreciated. Thank you to show Secretary Vicki Dobson for the provision of results and critiques so quickly after shows as they are eagerly awaited by exhibitors, to OTC's Wendy Pruis for the rapid provision of trial results and Anne Franklin for tracking results. Thanks to Gil Cafari for Breed Survey results, Jenny Joseph for provision of Points Score results updates and Jenny Yuen who consistently helps with updated breed articles and information that improves our website for both members and the general public. Our continued efforts to provide results quickly after events have been successful and appreciated. Thank you to Show Secretary Vicki Dobson for the provision of results and critiques so quickly after shows as they are eagerly awaited by exhibitors, to OTC's Wendy Pruis for the rapid provision of trial results and Anne Franklin for tracking results. Thanks to Jenny Yuen who consistently helps with updated breed articles and information that improves our website for both members and the general public. Thank you also to Jenny Joseph for provision of Points Score results updates.

### **What's New???**

By the time of the 2011 AGM, it is envisaged that the GSDCV will be ready to launch online Show and Trial entries for GSDCV events. With the support of members, this should prove to be a very useful service going forward.

The most recent advance has been the creation of our GSDCV Facebook page. Social media is the way of the future and we hope it's just another way of ensuring our communication is the best possible, using all the options we have available.

Visit and 'Like' us at **[www.facebook/GSDCV](http://www.facebook/GSDCV)**

We will continue to update and improve our website to ensure it remains as current, useful and informative as possible. Our small ongoing yearly costs are to our server host and is a worthwhile investment for one of our most valuable assets.

All feedback and suggestions welcome at anytime to [webmaster@gsdcv.org.au](mailto:webmaster@gsdcv.org.au).

**[www.gsdcv.org.au](http://www.gsdcv.org.au)**

**Jacinta Poole**

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## **SHEPHERD NEWS**

I must confess this year has been very full on, with moving to a new home and setting it up and getting the Shepherd News compiled and sent out.

I would like to thank all the Branch Publicity Officers who submitted their great reports and the various selections of photos from the different Branch's which helped make the Shepherd News interesting for our Members to read. Also to Judy Eppinger – The Litter Box and Gillian Cafari – Breed Survey Results, your articles were always on time, thank you.

There are 3 ladies I would like to thank personally for the supply of their great talent of capturing our grand German Shepherds at work in various Shows, Trials the National etc. They are Karen Cordell, Noreen Symes and Kristie Cooper, they were gratefully received. They all have a great talent with the camera.

I would also like to thank the Secretary Val Moody for her help and support over the last year and to Jacinta Poole helping and assisting me whenever I had a small problem, thank you very much ladies. The "13 Club" this year was a great success with the new format and the sending out of the certificates. We issued 11 "13 Club" certificates to Members, which was great to see that some of our dogs are living to a grand old age.

I know I made a few errors this year, they just happened and I hope to do a better job next year, I apologise to the Members.

Next year, we are looking into revamping the Shepherd News to make it more interesting for the Members, so if you have any ideas or would like to see a special article printed, please email me with your suggestions so we can get a feel of what you Members would like to read in "Your Shepherd News". To the outgoing President Dom Cafari, I wish you all the best for the future and I enjoyed working with you. To the New Executive Committee, I wish you all the best for the coming year and I will be looking forward in working with you.

Last but not least, once again I must thank ALL THE VARIOUS BRANCH'S PUBLICITY OFFICERS AGAIN, you are a great team to work with and it has been a privilege.

I have a new motto for the team, "**NO TASK IS TOO BIG WHEN DONE TOGETHER**".

**Barbara Stone**

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## **PUPPY LISTINGS**

The numbers of litters registered with Puppy listing has dropped considerably over the past five years, where upwards of 40 were listed each year. The number of people seeking a GSD puppy hasn't lessened, with an average of ten calls per week being received.

In 2010, twenty nine litters were listed on the GSDCV Website, and five listings for older puppies. It was anticipated that more litters would have been listed, however the litters were either very small and/or the breeders already had a waiting list.

A year ago, many enquiries were being received from prospective buyers who obviously did not know very much about the demands of living with a Shepherd, but this has changed. It is obvious that many people wanting a puppy are spending time looking over the articles on our Website which outline feeding, exercising, health, etc of our dogs and puppies, and in doing so have gained a much better understanding of the needs of a GSD. And the recent addition of the footage showing a Breed Survey has meant they understand what the Survey is about and why it is recommended. Congratulations to Jenny Yuen and Jacinta Poole for this addition. All these resources mean many prospective GSD owners are asking better, informed questions, making my role much easier.

May I thank Jenny and Jacinta for their invaluable assistance, Branch Managers I have referred people to for face-to-face help, and particularly the breeders who support this program and are so willing to help me.

**Judy Eppinger**

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## **PROMOTIONS/MERCHANDISE REPORT**

**Promotions:** [publicityandevents@gsdcv.org.au](mailto:publicityandevents@gsdcv.org.au)

The GSDCV took part in most major animal events across Victoria during 2010. eg

- Melbourne Pet and Animal Expo
- Stonnington Pets in the Park
- Knox Eastern Regional Pet Expo
- Casey Microchipping day
- Royal Childrens Hospital Good Friday Appeal (coordinated by Western)
- Brimbank Festival
- RSPCA Million Paws Walk venues around the state.
- Royal Melbourne Show
- Frankston Pet Expo
- Big Day Out for Dogs

Some weekends involved multiple event attendance so my thanks to the willing volunteers who staffed breed stands and performed in demonstration teams at the various events through the year. The GSDCV were active regionally from Albury right through to Geelong, Bendigo to Sale promoting our GSDs.

Some events eg Nilumbuk and Whittlesea were unable to be attended by the GSDCV due to late notice

from the event organisers. These events were rescheduled to new timeslots because of weather problems and moved to dates where GSDCV events were already occurring and at short notice the GSDCV was unable to find suitable people to be able to attend these events. Other events eg Daylesford Swiss festival suffered from bad weather and were cancelled, still others moved to a biannual schedule so were not run in 2010. It is hoped that better communication channels will enhance the opportunities to attend events. There is now an email address for the GSDCV promotions activities and event organisers are progressively being advised of this address as we have contact with them.

A big thank you to the GSDCV Web Team for their inclusion of video footage of breed surveys, endurance trials, the National and other show events and activities that the GSDCV has been participating in on the GSDCV website. The events reminders and video footage has been viewed by non members who have commented at events that they have viewed the footage when generally talking about eg breed activities such as survey.

As I have said previously, every time a member takes their dog out into the public they are promoting our breed, so thank you on behalf of every other member for getting your dog out and socialising it, attending training when you can and for just loving your GSD. You are the best promotion the breed can get, so please always be ready to tell people why you love our breed so much.

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#### **Merchandise Report: [www.gsdcv.org.au/Merchandise](http://www.gsdcv.org.au/Merchandise)**

Merchandising for 2010 was every busy mainly with the National Show and Trial held in May. A Web store was created for me by the GSDCV Web team for the purpose of pre ordering merchandise for collection at the National. This online ordering and payment method took our merchandise processing to a new level. I am sure that there will be a report elsewhere in the Annual Reports covering off the National so I am not going to repeat it all here other than to say that Merchandise went over really well with local and interstate members and the feedback has all been positive. The use of an EFTPOS machine proved very handy with a large portion of the money taken done by card sales which meant that there was not cash being handled.

I want to record my thanks to my helpers for the National weekend: Joss Roffey, Judy Eppinger, Lin Milne, Barbara Stone, Jenny Lord, Felicity Burrowes, Colleen Watson, Judy Levron, Maggie Davis, Jacinta Poole, Ken Mackay, Gayle Johnston, Rosalie Gerlach, Dawn Howard and Lois Goodes. It's easy to get a good result when you have a team of people who ask "how high" rather than "what do you want done?" Everything ran like clockwork considering most of us were also competing with our dogs and juggling "stints" on the merchandise stand.

The Web store was taken down after the National and reworked to provide GSDCV branded merchandise to enable members to have garments to wear which highlighted membership of the GSDCV as opposed to an individual branch. This web store is now up and running.

So I would like in closing to thank the Web Team for all their support in establishing the On Line store. Now I would just like the members to be aware that it exists and to use it!

**Dearne Jackson**

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#### **REHOMING SERVICE REPORT**

A total of 143 dogs and bitches were rehomed in 2010 this was a little down on the 2009 number.

Most of you will have met quite a number of these dogs at your Branch whilst many of them have been neither socialized or trained they are just a GSD, very few have any real problems and as you will have read in the Shepherd News most of them thrive with a little TLC. You will also have noticed that many very well bred dogs are being offered for Rehoming.

If you are one of the amazing people who adopted a very lucky dog remember where these dogs could be without you. I cannot thank you enough.

**Margaret Phillips**

## **PUBLICITY REPORT**

**Publicity** [publicityandevents@gsdcv.org.au](mailto:publicityandevents@gsdcv.org.au)

The GSDCV had a number of members highlighted in various news media through the state. These positive stories included Andrew Saliba and Mac for their participation in the GSDCV Endurance Trial and Kristie Cooper with Daire in her local paper explaining why she owned a GSD. We also had Wendy Seng Hpa with Asta and Vanessa and Jake in their local celebrity dog photo contests winning through to regional “rounds”. Unfortunately this became our undoing because they knocked one another out in the vote sharing as the rounds moved through to the finals.

Please members- if the opportunity comes up to have your dog’s photo in the local paper – take it!

Press releases were done for the National Show and Trial, the endurance trial and the Lort Smith Donation handover on 2 December. On designated handover day it stayed fine and some great outdoor shots were taken. Present were Dom Cafari, Marilyn Wrigley, Andrew Saliba and Mack and Anca Tilea with Mia and Stella who were handlers and dogs at the previous Endurance trial held in June 2010. Articles (with photos) for the Lort Smith Donation were sent to Dogs Victoria magazine, Shepherd News and National magazine.

**Dearne Jackson**

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I am pleased to present the membership report for the GSDCV for 2010. This is the second year of the online renewal system and a greater number of members have taken up the option of paying their renewal online, it is encouraging to see this 'new' technology embraced. Upgrades have continued to be made to the Database and it can provide a wealth of information. Thanks again to Ray Jones (Malvern Branch) for his continued support. Of particular use is in the tracking of the Puppy Certificates, which breeders the puppies are coming from, which Branches are retaining these members and even if they renew the following year. Numbers have remained consistent from 2009 to 2010. We are replacing what we lose, what we need to do is keep the members that we have and attract new ones.

Branch		PrePaid or Renewed Last Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Branch Totals
<b>Ballarat</b>	Units	19	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	1	1	0	<b>38</b>
	Membs	38	8	1	2	1	2	6	8	10	2	1	2	0	<b>81</b>
<b>Bendigo</b>	Units	25	10	3	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	<b>47</b>
	Membs	54	24	6	1	0	4	6	2	0	0	6	0	1	<b>104</b>
<b>Eastern</b>	Units	71	12	15	4	4	3	7	3	3	4	6	1	1	<b>134</b>
	Membs	146	34	29	9	10	5	15	7	4	11	19	1	-1	<b>289</b>
<b>Geelong</b>	Units	18	2	4	1	1	1	0	0	4	0	2	0	2	<b>35</b>
	Membs	44	3	9	3	1	3	0	0	6	0	5	0	6	<b>80</b>
<b>Gippsland</b>	Units	28	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	<b>37</b>
	Membs	59	0	7	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	3	1	-2	<b>75</b>
<b>Malvern</b>	Units	55	14	28	13	4	9	8	2	1	5	2	1	1	<b>143</b>
	Membs	94	27	55	20	7	17	13	3	2	9	4	1	4	<b>256</b>
<b>Northern</b>	Units	80	10	22	8	5	5	8	3	11	2	1	10	1	<b>166</b>
	Membs	159	27	50	10	13	8	14	5	25	6	1	27	2	<b>347</b>
<b>Skye</b>	Units	75	4	15	10	7	3	8	5	8	5	6	2	7	<b>155</b>
	Membs	137	6	23	14	14	5	14	13	13	14	16	2	17	<b>288</b>
<b>Specialist</b>	Units	34	2	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	<b>41</b>
	Membs	60	3	5	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	-3	<b>68</b>
<b>Western</b>	Units	73	8	18	8	5	7	9	8	7	5	6	5	0	<b>159</b>
	Membs	146	11	35	17	13	19	25	16	14	8	21	9	-1	<b>333</b>
<b>Wodonga</b>	Units	12	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	<b>21</b>
	Membs	27	4	4	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	<b>43</b>
<b>Others</b>	Units	15	2	0	0	0	3	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	<b>18</b>
	Membs	23	2	0	0	0	3	-5	0	0	0	0	0	-1	<b>22</b>
<b>Club (Totals)</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>994</b>
	<b>Membs</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1986</b>

Lin Ebejer

## **AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE 2011 A.G.M.**

### **TITLE APPLICATIONS THROUGH 2010**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Dogs Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title Application</u></b>
Irina Borodinova	T.Ch. Kerrlane Magic Maveric BS CI II, "A", "Z".	TSD
Andrew Saliba	Bodecka Prime Suspect "A", "Z" ET.	CDX
Gordon & Marlene Cole	T. Ch. Kardin Ulani CD	CDX
Yvonne Mann	Arristar Jaida	UD
Roger Busiko	Grundelhardt Nhari	CCD
Roger Busiko	Grundelhardt Nhari CCD	CD
Roger Busiko	Grundelhardt Nhari CCD, CD	ET
Wendy Seng Hpa	T.Ch. Rodatt Asta UD, ADO, JDM, JDO, SPD, GDX, SDX, TSD, ET	ADM 2
Wendy Seng Hpa	T.Ch. Rodatt Asta UD, ADM2, ADO, JDM, JDO, SPD, GDX, SDX, ET	HT
Wendy Seng Hpa	T.Ch. Rodatt Asta UD, AGM2, ADO, JDM, JDO, SPD, GDX, SDX, HT, ET	TSD
Ken Mackay	T. Ch. Glenraco Sargent Barko CD "A", "Z"	TSDX
Ulf Slavik	Bozeeb The Amazonbelle	CCD
Tania Schumann	Awatea Jail Bait	CCD
Tania Schumann	Awatea Mystic Eyes	CCD
Allan & Colleen Watson	Djenuen Blow Me Down	CD
Margot Souch	Bergspitze Coquette	CCD
Margot Souch	Bergspitze Coquette CCD	CD
Judith Strachan	Dellaress Dartanyon CCD	TD
Judith Strachan	Dellaress Dartanyon CCD, TD	TDX
Cristine Begbie	*Volkriss Hi Octane CD "A", "Z" H. Neg	CDX
Ian & Denise Woollard	Killara Winter Saturn CD "A", "Z"	CDX
Barbara Pownall	Ch. Kylain Chase ahurricane "A", "Z"	ET
Dianne Cameron	Kella	Tracking Champion
Margaret Martin	Teddy	ET
Grazyna Mackiewicz	Czara Black Velvet	CCD
Grazyna Mackiewicz	Czara Black Velvet CCD	CD
Jeff & Martine Burgess	Kardin Loyal Lauren BS CI II "A", "Z" ET	CCD
Trish Taylor	Moroka Money Penny CCD	CD
Heather Lade	T.Ch. Herokahn Kalon Dream CD, ADX, ADO2, JD, SDX, GDX	JDO
Ken & Alison Smith	Awatea Violent Fella	CCD
Anca Tilea & Georgie Mack	Mia Dogglycious	ET
Mark & Samantha Stedwell	*Ch. Orrinshir Elton John BS CI I "A", "Z"	ET
Vanessa Stocks	Kasron Kit Kat "A", "Z"	CCD
Vanessa Stocks	Kasron Kit Kat "A", "Z" CCD	CD
Roslyn Mills	Barfran Galaxy Star	CCD
Roslyn Mills	Barfran Galaxy Star CCD	CD
Dawn & Peter Howard	T. Ch. Killara Winter Solstice BS CI I "A", "Z"	Australian Champion
Dawn & Peter Howard	Dual Ch. (T) Killara Padraigin BS CI I, "A", "Z"	Australian Champion
Frank Grigons	Yke von Haus Charly (Imp Deu)	Australian Champion
Alex & Karyn Cogdell	Awatea Xplosive Wick "A", "Z"	Australian Champion
Mark & Samantha Stedwell	*Orrinshir Elton John BS CI I "A", "Z"	Australian Champion
Julie Jordan	Bozeeb Tessabelle BS CI I, "A", "Z", CCD	Australian Champion
Dawn & Peter Howard	Killara Winter Solstice BS CI I "A", "Z"	TD
Dawn & Peter Howard	Killara Winter Solstice BS CI I "A", "Z" TD	TDX
Dawn & Peter Howard	Killara Winter Solstice BS CI I "A", "Z" TD, TDX	Tracking Champion
Dawn & Peter Howard	CH. T. Ch. Killara Winter Solstice BS CI I "A", "Z"	Dual Champion
Dawn & Peter Howard	T. Ch. O. Ch. Vanharley Quadrille BS CI.II, "A", "Z",	TSDX

	ADX, JDX, HT, ET, TSD.	
Dawn & Peter Howard	T. Ch. Killara Thalo CDX, ET, "A", "Z".	TSD
Dawn & Peter Howard	T. Ch. Killara Thalo CDX, ET, "A", "Z". TSD	TSDX
Vince & Lin Ebejer	*Meljenka Brandee Majik BS CI I "A", "Z"	Excellent In Show
Karl & Bev Heyne	*Heynfeld Helga BS CI II, "A", "Z"	Excellent In Show
Bronacre Kennels	*Bronacre Imogen BS CI I "A", "Z"	Excellent In Show
Bronacre Kennels	*Bronacre Hidden Agenda BS CI I "A", "Z"	Excellent In Show
Eileen Jenkins/Wendy Blunt	*Legionaire Drout Breaka BS CI II "A", "Z"	Excellent In Show
Chris & Angela Bohdal	*Schaeferhund Askö BS CI II "A", "Z"	Excellent In Show
Gayle Johnston	Glenraco James Bond "A", "Z" CDX	Excellent In Tracking
Gayle Johnston	Glenraco Sargeant Barko "A", "Z" CD	Excellent In Tracking

### **GSDCA AWARD OF MERIT PLAQUES**

GSDCA Award of Merit plaques will be presented at the 2011 AGM to the Breeders of the following animals, who have been graded **"Excellent" in Show** for the first time during 2010.

Vince & Lin Ebejer	*Meljenka Brandee Majik BS CI I "A", "Z"	Excellent In Show
Karl & Bev Heyne	*Heynfeld Helga BS CI II, "A", "Z"	Excellent In Show
Bronacre Kennels	*Bronacre Imogen BS CI I "A", "Z"	Excellent In Show
Bronacre Kennels	*Bronacre Hidden Agenda BS CI I "A", "Z"	Excellent In Show
Eileen Jenkins/Wendy Blunt	*Legionaire Drout Breaka BS CI II "A", "Z"	Excellent In Show
Chris & Angela Bohdal	*Schaeferhund Askö BS CI II "A", "Z"	Excellent In Show

GSDCA Award of Merit plaques will be presented at the 2011 AGM to the Breeders of the following animals, who have been graded **"Excellent" in Obedience** for the first time during 2010

<i>There were no applications received this year</i>
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GSDCA Award of Merit plaques will be presented at the 2011 AGM to the Breeders of the following animals, who have been graded **"Excellent" in Tracking** for the first time during 2010

Gayle Johnston	Glenraco James Bond "A", "Z" CDX	Excellent In Tracking
Gayle Johnston	Glenraco Sargeant Barko "A", "Z" CD	Excellent In Tracking

GSDCA Award of Merit plaques will be presented at the 2011 AGM to the Breeders of the following animals, who have been graded **"Excellent" in Jumping** for the first time during 2010

<i>There were no applications received this year</i>
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### **CHALLENGE SASHES DONATED BY GSDCV Inc. - 2010:**

Ballarat Dog Club Inc.	7 Feb 2010	Mr. B. Knight, WA
Berwick KC	21 Feb 2010	Mr. I. Urie, VIC
GSDC Tas.	20/21 Feb 2010	Mr. A. Henderson, VIC
Belgrave & Dist. KC	11 Sept 2010	Ms. S. Money, VIC
WDCV Inc.	31 Oct 2010	Herr P. Knaul, SV
WDCV Inc.	31 Oct 2010	Mrs. C. Collins, SA
Morwell - Traralgon KC	13/14 Nov 2010	Mrs. H. Gross-Richardson, WA

**Ian Urie**

## **SCHNEIDER TROPHY**

*The Schneider Trophy, donated by the Schneider Family and Mrs. B. Ryan, is annually awarded to the highest scoring dog or bitch over 12 months at designated specialty shows. (This trophy is open to Victorian members only).*

1949	Dennerstein Flika	K.C.C. Ch.
1950	Prince Kazan	
1951	Willunga Baron	
1952	Weldenfels Bedwolf	K.C.C. Ch.
1953	Helenbryan Patricia CDX	K.C.C. Ch.
1955	Kombrack Prince	
1956	Kombrack Prince	K.C.C. Ch.
1957	Whelker Fram Beau	K.C.C. Ch.
1958	Macron Marita	K.C.C. Ch.
1959	Bramcourt Barleena	K.C.C. Ch.
1960	Rosenthal Jelda	
1961	Yram Prince Amin	Aust. Ch.
1962	Lardo Pretty Shane	Aust. Ch.
1963	Lardo Pretty Shane	Aust. Ch.
1964	Lardo Pretty Shane	Aust. Ch.
1965	Kohinoor Kazan	Aust. Ch.
1966	Kohinoor Kazan	Aust. Ch.
1967	Liebestraum Leader	Aust. Ch.
1968	Kohinoor Kazan	Aust. Ch.
1969	Hagenstolz Kismet	Aust. Ch.
1970	Hagenstolz Kismet	Aust. Ch.
1971	Hagenstolz Cicero	Aust. Ch.
1972	Tanaba Amonasaro	Aust. Ch.
1973	Trievon Rajah	Aust. Ch.
1974	Kaznora Kommondant	
1977	Willmaurs Fondawn	
1979	Edinsmuir Liz's Girl of Bedwin	Eng/Aust.Ch.
1980	Von Roland Axel	
1981	Glenawly Kenner	Aust. Ch.
1982	Wantepich Asta	Aust. Ch.
1983	Volscaia Navita	Aust. Ch.
1984	*Bedwins Finnigan	Aust. Ch.
1985	*Karlach Satans Rites	Aust. Ch.
1986	*Landrina Majic Melody	Aust. Ch.
1987	*Karlach Wyoming Belle 'A'	Aust. Ch.
1988	*Hasenway Putz 'A'	
1990	*Quincito Awol 'A'	Aust. Ch.
1991	*Elvarado Super Star	Aust. Ch.
1992	*Iniff Tapestry	
1993	*Iniff Vagrant "A", "Z"	Aust. Ch.
1994	*Iniff Vagrant "A", "Z"	Aust. Ch.
1995	*Denargun Flying Colours "A", "Z"	
1996	*Hasenway Wild Knight "A", "Z"	Aust. Ch.
1997	*Hasenway Wild Knight "A", "Z"	Aust. Ch.



1998	*Hasenway Wild Knight “A”, “Z”	Aust. Ch.
1999	*Iwan vom Lechtal	Aust. Ch.
2000	*Hasenway Wild Knight “A”, “Z”	Aust. Ch.
2001	*Winbirra Elegance “A”, “Z”	Aust. Ch.
2002	*Denargun Brownd Off “A”, “Z”	Aust. Ch.
2003	*Spellbinda High Society “A”, “Z”	Aust. Ch.
2004	*Bodecka Grand slam “A”, “Z”	Aust. Ch.
2005	*Zandrac Rivendell “A”, “Z”	
2006	*Peshar Inga “A”, “Z”	Aust. Ch.
2007	*Sannjesa Crusty Demon “A”, “Z”	Aust. Ch.
2008	*Sannjesa Crusty Demon “A”, “Z”	Aust. Ch.
2009	*Lashadas Ace of Hearts “A”, “Z”	Aust. Ch.
2010	*Freevale Crazy In Pink “A”, “Z”	Aust. Ch.