

# SHEPHERD NEWS

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THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF SA INC.



ANNUAL REPORT 2020



# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

## **JOHN DE LUCIA**

Another year has passed by very quickly and I take this opportunity to thank all that have helped me throughout the year.

This year has been one of mixed emotions. Covid 19 has greatly affected the way the club has operated with training sessions cancelled, shows and trials cancelled. This has had an impact on our turnover but we still managed to make a profit for the year which is very pleasing.

Special thanks to the Committee, Surveyors, Show and Obedience Instructors and sub-committee members for their tireless work throughout the year. I also acknowledge and thank the hard working and dedicated, Adele Booth, for coming to the club to keep the rooms and toilet block clean and presentable. Adele has had significant health issues yet still comes to the club to keep it clean. Thank you so much, Adele, it is very much appreciated by all.

A special thank you to our sponsors, Royal Canin for their generous support of our club.

I will now briefly summarise each portfolio holder.

### **Hon. Secretary**

Stephen Collins has continued with his usual vigour in getting the job done and not only as Secretary but running the Shepherd Shop also. Our dog food sales have been truly fantastic and a huge turnaround from last year. Thank you, Stephen

### **Treasurer**

Peter Flynn has once again held this role and carried out his duties diligently and ensured the club remains on track. Peter not only holds the position of Treasurer but also helps out at club events and in the canteen also. Thank you, Peter.

### **First Vice President**

Jenny De Lucia has kept a close eye on the obedience section with an ever increasing attendance. Our retention rate of members has improved and we have an increase to our pool of Obedience Instructors. Thank you, Jenny

### **Second Vice President**

Christine Collins has again managed this portfolio well despite the drop in shows. Christine and her sub-committee have worked together during the year and I thank Christine and her sub-committee for their support.

### **Trophy Coordinator and Show Manager**

Judy O'Loughlin has been a great help in all areas of shows and trials and although fewer in numbers, the smooth running events can be attributed to her. Sadly, Judy has decided that she will not stand for a position on Committee in 2021, needing a much deserved and earned break. I can not express how grateful I am to Judy for all of her hard work over many years. Thank you, Judy



# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONTINUED**

## **JOHN DE LUCIA**

### **Infrastructure**

Joe Seidl has again held this position and has ensured that the club and grounds were maintained. Joe has a way of getting things done and also helps in other areas of the club, one being the canteen. Joe was voted on for a two year term by the membership so I look forward to working with, Joe, once again on Committee.

### **Communications**

Andrew O'Loughlin held the position of Communications which involves managing the club website, Facebook Page and Shepherd News which he manages to do well and improve upon each year. Andrew has decided to not re-stand for a position on Committee and while he will be missed, I wish him all the best. Thank you, Andrew.

### **Canteen**

Natasha (Tash) Pilgrim has done a fantastic job in running the canteen and ensuring a great profit was returned to the club despite their being a drop in events this year. Tash has had great support from members in helping to run the canteen and I thank both Tash and her helpers. Tash has also been voted for a two year term so I look forward to having her on board again next year.

### **Catering**

Kerry Kennedy was a welcome returning face to the club in her role as catering officer. Kerry certainly has a flair for catering and the meals she prepares are second to none. Kerry also has a great team of helpers and I thank Kerry and her supporters for their support.

This year, the Committee has put forward two long standing club members for Life Membership. Mr Peter Flynn and Mr Tom Ory. The resumes of both of these members has been included in the meeting Agenda and I am sure all would agree that these two members are well deserving of having Life Membership bestowed upon them for the many years of service both have given to the club.

Stephen and myself have been negotiating with Adelaide Shores for the exclusive use of the club grounds and all going well, should be signed off by the end of this year which is good news for all of us. We are also negotiating the possibility of securing additional land by the front entrance of our club grounds but this is still in the planning stage so more information is yet to come.

I extend sympathies to all who have lost loved ones this past year and hope that all members can enjoy a safe and enjoyable Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

John J De Lucia



# **SECRETARIAL REPORT**

## **STEPHEN COLLINS**

Firstly, congratulations to ALL members who successfully trained their companion animal to the standard they aspired to achieve. I would like to congratulate and thank the Instructors for all of their work and commitment for the Club. Without these dedicated members it would be difficult to maintain the high standard of training available.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and resulting restriction on activities it was necessary to cancel Club shows and trials for the year. Trials were cancelled due to limited training opportunities and therefore the number of exhibitors would be reduced, resulting in losses being incurred. Shows were cancelled or deferred due to the inability of judges being able to travel.

Membership is only down about Five (5) members this year which is a particularly good result considering the shutdown for almost Three (3) months.

Please refer to the graph included in this report.

To the Breeders who support the Club and encourage puppy buyers to join the Club many thanks and keep up the good work. Breeders are reminded that discount vouchers for Membership are available from the Secretary for Puppy buyers.

Many thanks to my wife for her continued support throughout the year.

The upcoming Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday November 27<sup>th</sup> commencing at 8.00pm.

The committee believe that due to the strong financial position of the Club that membership fees will remain the same for the year 2020/21.

There are Two (2) members that have been nominated for Life Membership, and it is important that members have a vote.



# **SECRETARIAL REPORT CONTINUED**

## **STEPHEN COLLINS**

### **National Show and Trial 2024**

The dates for the Adelaide National Show and Trial have been pushed out until 2024 due to the cancellation of 2020 and 2021 National in NSW.

Royal Canin have been the major Club sponsor for the year and we thank them for their support and are pleased to confirm their sponsorship for 2021.

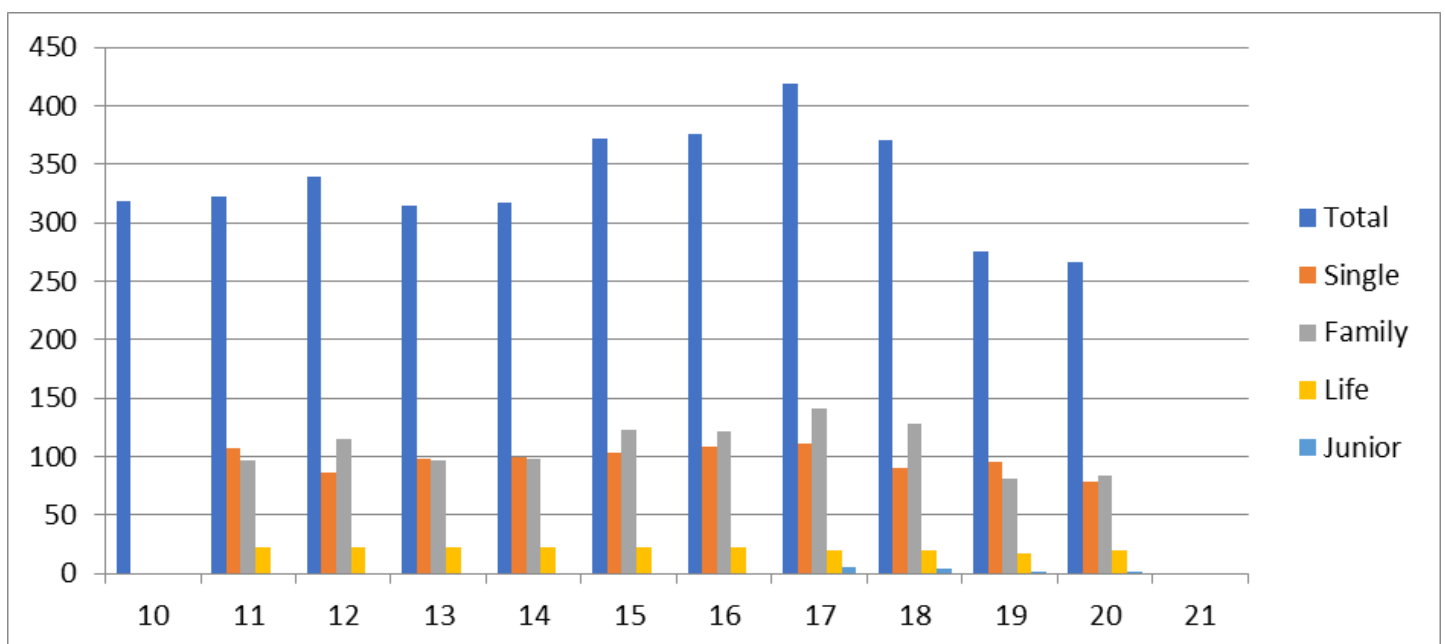
The members support for the Royal Canin range of canine nutrition has been exceptional and we will continue to provide the best prices possible for Royal Canin products.

If anyone has a specific requirement, please let me know and I will make every effort to source the product.

Wishing ALL members and their Families a Merry Christmas, a Safe and Prosperous New Year.

Hope to see everyone back in 2021

**Stephen J Collins**





# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**PETER FLYNN**

Please see attachment for financial report

## **Treasurers Report for 2019-2020 Financial Year**

### **German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia**

This is the ninth financial report that I have the pleasure in presenting to the members. As always I would like to thank all the other members of committee that I worked with during the year, who dutifully kept all receipts for expenses, and made out receipts for income received. Without this cooperation it is would be very difficult to do the Treasurer's job.

The financial statements have been prepared mainly on a cash basis. The only accrual entries are: (1) 2020/21 membership fees which have been posted to Deferred Revenue in the Balance Sheet (amount = \$1,775); (2) And \$375 Judges Airfare has been booked to Prepayments. A change in accounting for this year onwards is that I have booked the dog food on hand at the end of the year to inventory for \$3,934.91.

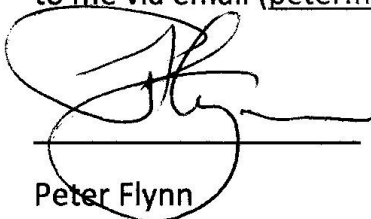
The Balance Sheet shows that our overall cash position decreased by \$1,818.51 with an overall cash balance at the end of the financial year of \$24,931.21 which is a sound position for the club. The main reason for the cash drop is the increase in dog food inventory. Net Surplus for the year was \$2,880.20 which compares to a Loss in the prior year of \$(3,830.29) which is an improvement of \$6,710.49.

The major contributors to the surplus were the profits from the Shepherd Shop = \$8959.94 and the canteen = \$1,512.11

Cconsidering the difficult situation with Covid-19 a pleasing result for the club.

While the 50<sup>th</sup> National Show and Trial has been pushed out to 2023 which we will host we still need to be much more active in fundraising activities if we want to make the event the best ever.

If any member has any questions on the financial reports I would appreciate if you could send them to me via email ([peter.flynn048@gmail.com](mailto:peter.flynn048@gmail.com)) or contact via phone (0468 814 438) before the AGM.



Peter Flynn

Hon. Treasurer

German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia Inc.



# **THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF SA INC**

## **AUDIT REPORT**

**30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

### **Scope**

I have audited the Financial Statement of The German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc comprising the Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2020 and Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year then ended. The Club's Committee are responsible for ensuring the Financial Statements meets the financial reporting requirements of the Club's constitution and is appropriate to meet the need of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of the Financial Statement in order to express an opinion on it to the members of The German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc.

The Financial Statement has been prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of fulfilling the Club's financial reporting requirements under its constitution. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the Financial Statement to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit procedures include examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts in the Financial Statement. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the Financial Statement is presented fairly.

### **Audit Opinion**

In my opinion, the Financial Statement of The German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc presents fairly its financial position as at 30 September 2020 and its receipts and payments for the year ended on that date.



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**Dated 27 October 2020**



# **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

## **JENNY DE LUCIA**

This will be my fourth report to the members for the position of First Vice President which manages Obedience, Agility and Trials and the training school. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 circumstances, our club and training were suspended from March 17, 2020 until our first return to training on 24 May 2020. Covid was certainly unprecedented and had far reaching implications affecting even our humble dog sport. Out of necessity, the Committee decided to cancel all trials and events for 2020 so there is no report for this section. Nevertheless, there are still some significant events to report.

I ran an Obedience Instructor's Course that commenced in September 2019 and concluded with a practical examination in the beginning of 2020. Three members participated in the course, Michael Tamasi, Les Khabbaz and Darren Stanton. Darren of course already is a club instructor however, due to a leave of absence, Darren sat in on the course as a refresher. I am pleased to say that both Michael and Les were successful in passing their theory and practical exams and are now aspiring instructors and join our very talented pool of Obedience Instructors. Well done to, Michael and Les and I wish you both the very best.

I acknowledge once again the outstanding contribution made to our club's training school, led by the Head Instructor, Robert MacPherson along with our team of amazing Obedience Instructors. Thank you to, Tom Ory, Natalie Davis, Ingrid Hanegreefs, Stewart MacPherson, Martin Kimpton, Zoran Polyichanin and Donna Polyichanin. Sadly, due to illness, our long standing instructor, John Barnett, was not able to attend training which I know he missed as much as we missed having him. Also, sadly, one of our beloved Obedience Instructors, Ian Cameron, passed away in November 2019 and is deeply missed by all who knew him.

Once again, the "Meet the Breeder/Trainer" articles were published in the Shepherd News and I hope members found them of interest.

Due to the club closure, one of our members prompted me to create a series of training videos of Class 1 obedience exercises which were made with our helper 'Dana', and which were uploaded to the club's Facebook page. I did receive much positive feedback from these videos and hope that members and non members alike found them helpful. I thank my daughter, Issy, who took the videos and uploaded them to Facebook.

The club has held many Obedience Instructor's Courses over many years. It was decided to conduct reviews of our club instructors every three years in order to maintain the high standards that we aim to achieve in our training school. I believe this to be a positive step in keeping our Instructors knowledge base up to date and ensure we achieve consistency among our instructors and training methods.

I look forward to a better year in 2021 and take this opportunity to wish all members a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

**Jenny De Lucia**  
**First Vice President**



## **2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **CHRISTINE COLLINS**

The year 2020 is ending, and I do hope next year is a better year in so many ways. I would like to thank my sub-committee; they make the Breed Affairs portfolio much easier. Mrs. Judy O'Loughlin as Show manager with her son Andrew helping. Andrew also compiles Point score and excellent awards. Jenny De Lucia has again taken on the task as Breed Survey registrar. Robert Evans for Hd and Elbow registrar and microchip Officer. Many thanks to Peter Flynn our Breed Survey coordinator, Peter's position is the liaison between the Club and National Council and also organizes the smooth running of Breed surveys on the day. Thank you all.

#### **Breed Survey Registrar**

Jenny has officiated over Four (4) Breed Surveys this year. The power point presentation for Breed Surveyed animals takes a considerable amount of time to research and present, this enables the Breed Surveyors to gain additional information on the family of the animal being presented. At the Four (4) breed surveys a total of Twenty-Five (25) animals were presented With One (1) fail Congratulations to everyone that presented their animals for survey. Many thanks to those members who volunteer to pencil at the Breed Surveys.

#### **Shows**

Judy has managed our Two (2) member competitions. Judy has a small band of helpers which enable the Club to hold events that are very well organized with a minimum amount of fuss. And thank you to Kerry Kennedy for catering for our shows and member comp.

#### **HD/ED Registrar**

Robert has continued in this portfolio and has ably attended to the member's requirements of providing forms. Please remember to allow sufficient time to arrange for the HD/ED forms to be made available.

#### **Breed Surveys**

Many thanks to our Breed Surveyors J Butterfield, P Flynn, J Pike, D West, S Collins for their continued contribution. SA is lucky in that we have so many Breed Surveyors who are actively showing and breeding. Their advice is from years of practical knowledge.

Member Breeders are reminded that the Club provides information packs for Puppy buyers, this includes a membership discount voucher that members should utilize.

Many thanks to my husband for his continued support throughout the year.

Wishing ALL members and their Families a Merry Christmas, a Safe and Prosperous New Year. Hope to see everyone back in 2021

***Christine Collins***



# **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

## **ANDREW O'LOUGHLIN**

This year has been a very weird year. It has meant a lot of updates and changes to the website and also Facebook to try and keep members informed of what is going on, let members know the committee's decisions in regards to Covid-19 as well as trying to keep the website as user friendly as possible.

The latter is something I've been working on steadily through the year, with the help and guidance from Jane Pike. We've made a number of changes through the course of this year; some of them have only been small and may go unnoticed, but each one was done always with user friendliness in mind. For example, changes have been made to the breeders listing and stud dog listing so there are less pages to go through to find information.

This also extended to trying to send or post links to a page, rather than a document (such as the Shepherd News); so that if a change was made to any documents, the link on the page would still work, rather than potentially having broken links posted or emailed out.

I have decided to take a break from committee this year, so will not be re-standing for my position.

The website is a large site to maintain and sometimes things can be easily forgotten about or overlooked. If you notice something that is broken, a link that isn't working or a body of text that you don't think should be there any more, please let someone know—whether it is the Secretary, or whoever is in charge of the website.

*Andrew O'Loughlin*

## **CANTEEN REPORT**

### **NATASHA PILGRIM**

There has not been much to report on this year, as majority of the events for the club were cancelled due to Covid-19. We did, however, start the year with a working bee, at which the whole canteen was cleaned, including all of the cupboards and reorganised.

Despite the canteen not having the usual amount of events to run at, a profit was still able to be made, which is great for the club.

I'd like to thank everyone that has helped out in the canteen throughout the year, but a special thank you to Kym Richards, Jenny Borchard and Joe Seidl who are regularly there to help—thank you very much!!

Natasha Pilgrim



# **INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT**

## **JOE SEIDL**

It is time once again to look back over the year that has been and to make plans for the club year ahead.

The club ran three working bees and with a small band of workers, managed to carry out quite a lot of work. Starting off with trimming and cutting trees next to the club room to make room for additional car parks and stopping leaves from clogging up the gutters.

The next big task was the replacement of the permapine logs at the perimeter of the oval, which was being used as seating. We replaced them with 200mm wide wooden planks, so observers can sit on them with more comfort. There is still some finishing off work to be done but, this will have to be a job for next year.

Some additional lighting was installed to eliminate some dark areas on the grounds. Then of course, there are always those little painting jobs to be done to keep the place neat and tidy.

All in all we are a small group of people who works together to get the task done, helping in each other's portfolio.

As I was elected for a two year term, I will be around again in 2021 but that will be my final stint on Committee. Next year, I will have been a member of this club for 40 years, of which a total of about 35 years were spent on committee. I will be 82 years of age in a few months time and it is about time to call it a day. I did not intend to stay on for this long, but, unfortunately, there is a lack of interest from younger club members to fill vacancies on committee.

So, consider this, that without a club administration there won't be a club.

I wish all members a merry Christmas and a successful and safe New Year.

Joe Seidl

Infrastructure



# **TROPHY CO-ORDINATOR & SHOW MANAGER'S REPORT**

## **JUDY O'LOUGHLIN**

Wow!!! What a year – hopefully we have now seen the worst of Covid-19 and things are going to get back to normal, be it slowly.

With most of our events cancelled this year my workload was certainly reduced. The best we were able to do was 3 Members Competitions during the financial year.

Winners were -

### Member's Comp November 2019 Judge – Mrs Jan Brabham (SA)

Best Dog SC - \*Babenberg Ollie AZ Hneg  
Best Dog LSC – \*Ch Eroica Erotic Erik AZ  
Best Bitch SC – Kingkesha Beauty Rich N Rare (AI) AZ  
Best Bitch LSC - \*Brajandi Pagan Moon AZ

### Member's Comp March 2020 Judge – Mr Andrew O'Loughlin (SA)

Best Dog SC - \*Ch Freinhauf Hasta Lavista Baby AZ  
Best Dog LSC - \*Ch Leberhine Jeronimoe AZ  
Best Bitch SC - Kingkesha Beauty Rich N Rare (AI) AZ  
Best Bitch LSC - \*Ch Khayem Odette AZ

### Member's Comp August 2020 Judge – Mrs Jenny DeLucia (SA)

Best Dog SC - \*Leberhine Joker AZ  
Best Dog LSC - \*Ch Vonpeta Qwackawoody AZ  
Best Bitch SC - Kingkesha Beauty Rich N Rare (AI) AZ  
Best Bitch LSC - \*Ch Vladimir Insatsable AZ

Once again I must say a big thank you to our stenographers, especially Donna Vigor. Thanks also to all our Child Handler judges, our stewards, especially Ian Cooke, and to everyone that helped put up and pull down the rings & tents and helped me in any other way throughout the year. Also thank you to Kerry for your scrumptious meals.

I am not standing for re-election, however committee have found someone to take over my role. She is a newby to this so please be patient, as I am sure there will be teething problems.

To make her job easier I have listed a few things which actually are just a matter of the exhibitor checking their entries before submitting them.



# **TROPHY CO-ORDINATOR & SHOW MANAGER'S REPORT CONTINUED**

## **JUDY O'LOUGHLIN**

Please ensure all details are up to date –

If your dog is a Long Coat or Stock Coat – please specify, not just GSD or you may find yourself entered in the wrong class

Do you need to add AZ after the dog's name or an obedience title recently gained?

Has your dog gained their Australian Champion title? (add CH before their name)

Has your dog been surveyed since the last show? (add the \* before the dog's name, NOT BSC after the name)

The following **MUST** be the same as what is recorded on the dog's pedigree

The owner's name

The owner's membership number

The breeder's name

Oh, and if you are using paper entries **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN THEM.**

These may seem petty things, but if all details were correct it would certainly save me time. While it is not so important for Members Competitions any Dogs SA sanctioned shows (Champ & Open Shows) must comply. Dogs SA receive marked copies of our catalogues (conformation and obedience) and they do check them. The last thing anyone wants is to be disqualified for having something incorrect on the entry especially if that dog had earned a pass in an obedience class or been awarded a challenge certificate for conformation.

Thank you again to all the members for your support this year and I look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM and our Presentation/Break Up at the end of November.

I hope that you all enjoy the Christmas break and that 2021 is a better year for us all.

Judy O'Loughlin



## **PERPETUAL TROPHIES & AWARDS GAINED IN 2020**

As most of our events were cancelled this year (due to Covid-19) there are very few awards/titles to be acknowledged.

The following will receive awards on presentation day.

### **Youth Handlers**

7 to under 10 years	no participants
10 to under 13 years	Cienna Acciarresi
13 to under 19 years	Baylie Mercer

### **Dog of the Year**

Mariana Alemao with Sarabi

### **The New Club Trophy**

Male	*Ch Vonpeta Qwackawoody AZ	owned by	Vondoussa Kennels
Female	Vonpeta Veni Vidi Vici	owned by	Vondoussa Kennels

### **Track & Search Title**

TCh Leberhine Juni TSD      owned by      Mrs F Gollan & R & Mrs D Evans

### **Breeder Excellent Award Plaques**

*Babenberg Queen B AZ	Babenberg Kennels
*Beautrae Xfactor (AI) AZ	D West
*Ch Beautrae Xfavorite (AI) AZ	D West
*Belluna Allize AZ	Miss S Smith-Mitchell
*Brajandi Pagan Moon AZ	C Rayner
*Dreamstar Khaleesi AZ	Dreamstar Kennels
*Gilarisha Zabrinini AZ	Mrs R Archbold
*Gilarisha Zsa Zsa AZ	Mrs R Archbold
*Rhosyn Calles Cover Girl AZ	SJ & Mrs C Collins
*Siegerheims Uno AZ	PR & Mrs KY Flynn
*Tonaker Porsha AZ	Tonaker Kennels

### **Basic Obedience**

Dylan Lake & Stig

Sara Orlando & Brixton