

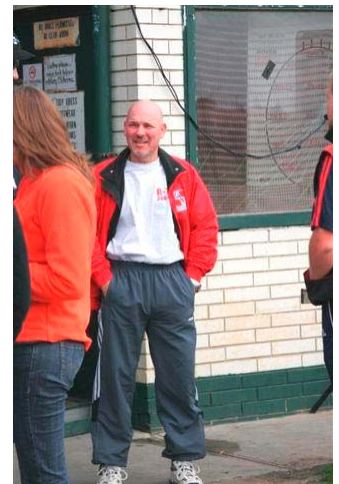
END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER 2009

ADELAIDE SPORTDOG CLUB inc

There is some news in town! After a busy couple of months, the members of the Adelaide Sportdog Club are back with some news about what we have been up to. Besides making a lot of fun and jokes, we had to pull our socks up to get both ourselves and our dogs ready for our first attempt at the BH test, for our Inaugural Trial of the Adelaide Sportdog Club.

Having put this event on our agenda in the beginning of October, dog handlers we had to get busy and even more serious in training our companion dogs. We had some very interesting training sessions and not to forget some very important mock trials. Out of these mock trials we gained a lot of useful information for every handler and dog team. By setting these goals as a Sportdog Club, organizing trials and getting our dogs titled, we created for ourselves a very interesting atmosphere in the Club for all the members.

The weekend of 2nd, 3rd and 4th of October 2009 the Inaugural Trial of the Adelaide Sportdog Club was held. All the energy and preparation of the Trial Committee would come to fruition on this weekend. The ASC invited Luc` Cendak as our Judge for the weekend. Luc` was not only here to Judge our competitors on the Saturday morning, but also to give a seminar and some workshops over the whole weekend.



On the Friday evening the weekend was officially opened by our President Alex and Vice President Josie, who welcomed the Judge, the members, the visitors - especially our interstate competitors from Victoria and New South Wales. Friday evening was a trial meeting after which there was time to do some training on the trial grounds.

Saturday morning the real deal started. The excitement was there and a fair amount of healthy nerves for all the competitors. Luc` calmed us down and gave everyone a good tip for the day. *"Enjoy your sport today, it is your hobby, so relax and everything will be fine."*

We had 8 teams on the oval for the day; 7 competitors and 1 mock running team (thanks to Peter and Liesel). After every team had completed their routines, we clearly saw that there was still some points to train on in the near future, but the overall performance for every team was a positive one and all 7 competitors passed their BH test.

After we heard the critiques from the Judge, the Traffic Test followed, which again everyone passed. Especially for a Club as new as the ASC, it was a great experience to watch and/or participate in the BH and Traffic Test. In the Traffic

Test, Luc' explained clearly what he was doing and what he was looking for. This was a good part in the trial to see, as we tend to be so busy training our routines that we don't pay a lot of attention to this part of the test. With the results achieved at the trial, we as competitors and the Organizers of the ASC can look back on a very successful Inaugural Trial.

After a very nice lunch, prepared by the catering staff of the ASC, the day continued with the Seminar from Luc' Cendak. Luc' presented a clear and professional seminar about the domestic dog, training techniques and the identification of team's specific training needs. After the seminar we went on the field to work our dogs with Luc' in a "hands on" training workshop, with every team involved in the character assessment. After a big day we sat down and had some lovely food and a couple of drinks and naturally talked a bit more about dog training.



The Sunday morning was a nice and early start for all of us again, as we had a tracking workshop planned with Luc'. This morning we saw there were a few more people attending the tracking session than usual. It was really nice to see all these motivated trackers and their dogs out on the field. We tracked our dogs with the professional assistance of Luc', which helped us all to step up in understanding tracking with our dogs. This also turned out a big morning with lots of results and learning material. Around lunchtime we all went back to the Club grounds to enjoy a healthy lunch. With our raffle drawn and prizes given out we then continued with the helper workshop, with each of our dogs participating. Before we knew it we had



to stop our seminar/workshop, because the time was up - otherwise Luc' would miss the flight back to Melbourne. This is also a good reason to invite him again to continue explaining all the things that we didn't talk about in the last 3 days!

The ASC thanked Luc' both for his motivational skills in regards the dog sport and for sharing his knowledge about dog training with us in South Australia. The ASC can look back on the weekend as a very big learning experience and we, as a Club, will keep on working and training towards our next goals.

Now we've talked about the biggest subject on our calendar the last couple months, we can also look back at the Australian National (Open) Schutzhund Championship held over the weekend of 24th, 25th and 26th of July in Sydney 2009, organized by Schutzhund Australia and hosted by the Waratah Sportdog Club. Two members of the ASC took the trip to Sydney to meet up with all the fellow Dogsport enthusiasts at the event.

It was a big honour to meet the international Judge from Germany, Mr. Peter Diedrichkeit, and his wife Marianne. We also got the opportunity to participate in Peter's seminar on Saturday afternoon and had the pleasure to watch Peter working with a couple dogs and their handlers as well.

Watching the Championship from the sidelines gives you inspiration to work with your personal dog in IPO/ Schutzhund. The level that these competitors are working on is high and you can learn a lot from it by seeing what these competitors are achieving with their dogs.

The ASC wants to congratulate all the competitors at the National Championship with their results and wish them all the best in the near future in achieving everyone's personal goals.



Also the ASC wants to thank the Waratah Sportdog Club for hosting the National in 2009. The club with all their volunteers did a great job for this weekend. Also thanks to Schutzhund Australia with getting this very experienced and inspiring Judge, Decoy and trainer, Peter Diedrichkeit, and his wife, Marianne, out to Australia.

After this great weekend in Sydney it was time to go back to South Australia and start working on the things that we'd learned in the last couple days. After talking to so many people and meeting new dogsport friends, drinking, eating and talking dogs, it was time to pick up our own training again.

In the meantime the ASC has been working on new ideas for the future of our club. One we came up with is our new club logo. As a result we want to present the new concept on top of this newsletter. With this logo we will promote our Club on our sport uniforms, website, letters, banners, (Board members, club station wagons! LOL), and so on. The Logo Committee did a great job and is still working on the final results.

Another item of news is the number of new dogs in the club. We are growing as a club with new members and also with new young puppies. It is great to see these new athletes at the club grounds. All the best and lots of fun for the members with their new generation sport dogs. When we talk about our dogs now, we already see a difference in the first generation dogs from the ASC from the second generation. This is what training does for us, we learn all the time and you see it back in the results of the dogs. Let's keep on training and achieve our personal goals.



With these busy months behind us, we have now some time to plan for the near future. In ASC we intend to set some goals to achieve for the coming year. With a couple months to go to Christmas, the holidays and probably some hot weeks in the summer, we are looking forward to the cooler days in 2010. Around this time the Trial Committee will try to organize our second trial in our club's short history and see if we can achieve our first Schutzhund titles on our dogs. Until then we will have plenty to train for and to continue learning.

For now all the best for everyone and keep on dog training! It's a great hobby as well as keeping yourselves and your dog mentally and physically fit!

We will be back soon in 2010 with some more news.

Michael Kamphuis

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Adelaide Sportdog Club Inc.
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ASC - Michael & Kyan



ASC - Elke & Jochen



ASC - Alex & Marco



Nats - Dirk & Raffles



Nats - Alison & Jim report in



2009 Nationals



Nats - Dirk & Raffles, Hold & Bark



Nats - Robyn & Red, Hold & Bark



Nats - Dirk & Nathan report in



Schutzhund Australia banner



Nats - Alison & Hannah report in tracking



Debbie & Saxon - BH certificate



Michael & Kyan - BH certificate



ASC Christmas party



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Alex & Marco - BH certificate



Cathy & Lexy - BH certificate