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Newsletter

Spring 2019

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Cover photo Milo

My Mum: Maureen Toland
Things I like to do: Selling raffle tickets at the supermarket with my Mum
I like going for long walks, having company, doing agility,
a big bowl of raw meat, swimming in the water and meeting up with my other
dog friends at training. Showcasing the breed at sausage sizzles with Max and
staying at Blue's.

Things I don't like: Being barked at by Blue, it make my ears go flat. (Wayne's comment)
I get into trouble when barking at the neighbours dogs next door who I can
hear through the fence but can't see!

Mum has entered me for the Elementary Obedience Class at the November
Show so I will have to remember to be on my best behaviour and mum will have
to remember which way is right and which is left!
I have also entered in the Starters Agility Class in the National November Show
and Blue is going to take me round the course.

Presidents Report 2018 - 2019

Firstly, thank you for your confidence and support in letting me fill the Club's position of President, something I have enjoyed to do and will always value. The German Shepherd is my breed of choice and they always give me so much pleasure to be around.

When club members do well in their chosen discipline of shows and achieve, we all who love our breed should celebrate their success. Mention here of Helen Hill and Minit, Aktahund Take A Moment CDX, who won the SIGSL trophy, the GSD with the highest % of points in obedience at the 2019 NDOA Dog Obedience National.

Also Karen Wilson with Zeba WT CH Enya Von Heisenberg CDX UDX WDX TDX TTI JD RN CGCB who gained a TD and second place for the Southern Region Team.

Sandra Van Kempen and Senna on attaining his AD Certificate. Mid Canterbury Dog Training Club Championship Obedience Tests Sunday 31/3/2019

Elizabeth Wilkinson & Cantara Red Roxy 1st Test A 141.5/145

Helen Hill & Aktahund Take A Moment CDX 2nd 141/145 Helen 1st Test A Saturday.

Excellent ladies, Well Done!!

I must thank those members who helped at this year's Pet Expo in May, it went well and we had awesome comments, the dogs were perfect.

The year has been great and our shows well supported with as usual, an awesome competitive spirit but also with so much help given to each other by all, that's what makes our shows so much fun, despite the weather!

Lea and I were sorry to miss my first show as President, but who would turn down 3 weeks in Italy, so sorry we weren't there in body, we were certainly there in spirit.

From reports the November show went well and I am in debt to our committee for doing such a fine job. There is little I can say on this show as not being present but I hope you all enjoyed it.

Our March show also went well but highlighted the difference in show systems through countries and also with a language barrier. Our show Manager and Secretary did an amazing job in dealing with behind the scenes issues and keeping the show running. With all that was happening everybody did again, an amazing job as there was a lot of laughter around the ring.

And now our Triples!!!! They lived up to the past as far as the weather went. What did amaze me was the attitude of our judges towards the conditions. They seemed to enjoy the nasty wet cold miserable conditions with jokes and laughter aplenty. Attitudes of our judges are crucial to a smooth enjoyable show so to them, thank you.

I must make mention of Nutrience. For the past year they have been awesome and stood by our club, Southland German Shepherd Club and also Otago German Shepherd Club. It's getting so tough to get major sponsorship for shows. My work history in Sales and Marketing has taught me to look after what you get, go out of your way to promote them and ensure they get the best possible return for their investment in our sport. Nutrience, thank you so much.

Along with Nutrience, for the past four shows we have had a new sponsor in Four Flax from Ashburton. Their products compliment what Nutrience offer so if you utilise both products, your GSD is getting the best.

The South Island clubs are hosting the German Shepherd National in November and it will be held at our club grounds. This is always a huge weekend for the clubs so if you get asked to help in some way, please do help as we all want an awesome event. The National planning is well underway. I could ramble on forever but must come to a finish!

To my committee, just bloody awesome!! Our club is blessed with a great bunch on committee; they are workers which mean you as competitors get to enjoy a great show. Everybody joins in on what needs to be done. The canteen has always been a struggle for helpers, so to all who helped with this, thank you, Jane and Co. Evan Rahurahu and I did the rings for the past few shows and we hope you enjoyed the bigger ring, something we are going to do for the National in November.

Thank you to all members for supporting the shows. We are an open committee and value our member's opinion so if you have an idea, let the committee know.

Take care everyone, look after the fur kids as they are all priceless.

Andy Connor
President
SIGSL

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Curletts Road

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Sundays mornings 9.00am at the South Island German Shepherd League Clubrooms

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Board Member Profile

Giuliana Petronelli

Giuliana Petronelli

Both sides of the family were in the Police so naturally we had shepherds; my first being Tex who arrived when I was 9 months, he would sit on my little red chair and eat his dinner off my fork (nothing has changed... except the little red chair). The second being Portia, when I was 9, fiercely loyal and my first love. And then present day, Lupa, the dog we all dream to be lucky enough to have just once in our lives, and her pup Malizia, who, let's just say is like the entitled "only" child. We wouldn't have any other breed. Now to work on Rosie for the 3rd...

I have been in Christchurch for about 15 years and joined the SIGSL club when Lupa was 13 weeks old. She showed a keen desire to please in every aspect of training and would spot an agility tunnel a mile away. We came to SIGSL for puppy training and have never looked back.

I feel privileged to be part of such a great club with people who tirelessly give their time and energy for the love of the Shepherd. In the past few years, I have helped out with training particularly with puppies and agility. I love to see new and old members with a passion for our breed and succeed in whatever they choose with their dog.

I'm really looking forward to this year's National, see you all there!



Board Member Profile

Wayne & Marianne Middleton

Wayne & Marianne Middleton

17th October 2019

We first meet through a motor bike club, getting together after a white water rafting trip Marianne had organised in December 1984. We were married Labour Weekend 25th October 1986, we have two grown up boys, Michael and daughter in-law Hollee and granddaughter Isabelle born in March this year. Christopher and his partner Rebekah.

So how did we end up where we are today. It all started back in April 2019 when we both joined up with SIGSL. It became a regular event for us to turn up on a Sunday morning and the Wednesday night even though we didn't have Max at this stage, we were hooked, not only with the German Shepherds but also with the club members willingness to help us in any way they can. Wayne even got to train with Joziff a 2.5 year old GSD or more to the point Joziff got to train Wayne.

Much to our excitement Niffy & Marko got together and Max was born 9 weeks later on the 2nd August 2019. Max came home to us on the 27th September, he is growing fast and keeping us on our toes.

We have noticed the dynamics has changed for us with having Max at the club, into puppy training, on the board and working with a great bunch of people that make things happen around SIGSL. Well done to you all.



Max at 10 weeks old

Domestic Dog Training Course

Giuliana Petronelli

Domestic Dog Training Course – Steve and Vicki Austin - 20-21 July 2019

First and foremost, thank you to the Committee for agreeing to send me to the biannual event in Wellington. The opportunity to hear two incredible trainers speak about their experiences and impart knowledge of training 'domestic' dogs to a room full of like minded people was pretty enthralling. Both Vicki and Steve began training their own dogs at their local Australian clubs and quickly became the lead trainers. Both have 35 plus years training and working with dogs.

Steve is from a Customs/Boarder Security background and has worked for many years with Customs sniffer dogs. He works for the Australian Federal Government, he makes regular trips to eastern European countries to assist with both Military, Customs and Police dog training. He also has a contract with the Namibian government to train and provide poacher tracking dogs – typically these dogs are finding 12 hour old 'odour' and tracking poachers successfully. Incredible!

Vicki works particularly in the domestic sector; she has a number of border collies and has attained significant titles with many of them. Almost all of her dogs have starred in television shows or adverts that are aired on the international stage. In Sydney, Vicki takes puppy classes at her local vet, she offers remedial sessions for 'misbehaving' or problem dogs and largely helps Steve where she can.

Both Vicki and Steve's stories, videos and pictures were awe-inspiring and left every trainer in the room wanting to hear more.

These were the topics covered over the two days:

- *Scent work;*
- *Helping rehomed dogs and owners cope with life;*
- *Puppy classes;*
- *Canine good basics and good citizen;*
- *The online system at Dogs NZ;*
- *Keeping yourself safe around aggressive dogs;*
- *The emotional state of dogs as pets and as competition dogs;*
- *Games for domestic classes*

Scent Work

Steve ran through the basic stages of training pups and young dogs for scent work. Some general points to come out of this section were the following:

- *Every dog has a great nose and can do scent work.*
- *The dog cares about the reward at the end therefore the dog should decide this reward and it should be kept only for 'work'.*

(Give the dog the world of rewards; textures, tastes etc. Find out what makes the dog tick and utilize this for 'work' and reward.)

Once you have the above, obedience to odour will result, and the sky is the limit.

When beginning training for odour, sessions should not be more than 10-15 seconds 3-5 times a day – The trainer is setting the dog up to be successful every time. In the early stages, the dog should not be given room to fail – success breeds success and confidence. Confidence is important down the line.

Steve spoke about using the dog's reward as the "Conditioned Reinforcer", or the "Pavlov's Bell" analogy; stimulus + behavior/response = reward. He also spoke of what is commonly known as a graded reward

system i.e. the better the dog is working, the better the reward he will receive – for example Level 1= Food. Level 2= Ball. Level 3= Tactile Praise – The idea is; the harder the dog works, the more/varied the reward is.

This section of the course culminated with a video of a 9 month old spaniel tracking a 50 cent piece size of hawk weed in a great expanse of grass and swamp land for the Australian Federal Government. It had taken 5 humans, eight hours to find just 5 pieces of hawk weed within the field and it had taken the spaniel 5 minutes to find 25 pieces of hawk weed in the same area. In short, a huge investment for conservation in Australia and Dogs' noses are incredible.

The key take away message: "little and often" and "set your dog up to succeed."

Helping rehomed dogs and their owners cope with life

Typically dog clubs will see, at one point or another, either:

1. young dogs that have behavioral issues; or
2. dogs that have been rehomed/are about to be rehomed because they are a "problem dog" Without having a degree in statistics, I would estimate that 99% of the "problem dogs" that come to our club, or any other club for that matter, are not "problem dogs" but instead are the result of either an underlying fear/anxiety issue, do not have clear boundaries at home and or are not receiving sufficient mental stimulation which has resulted in the likes of a "problem" i.e. barking, dog aggression, people aggression, digging, escaping etc, the list goes on, and unfortunately it is not too difficult to turn your mind to "that dog" or "that situation".

One of the key messages from Vicki in this section of the course was; "be your dog's hero". Do not put the dog in a situation where it has to exhibit a "problem behaviour" in order to remove itself from what it has perceived to be an unpleasant situation.

Caveat: That is not to say when Fido sees another dog and barks aggressively, we should avoid going out with Fido altogether. Instead, it means, progressively get Fido to the position where he can see another dog, not feel threatened and as a result begin barking. According to Vicki, one relatively easy way to do this is to use a "positive reinforcer", ie. when the dog sees another dog who it would typically bark at, they get a treat. That way, in time and practice, the dog associates the sight of other dogs with treats such as cheese or the ball or play time and the "problem behaviour" has vanished. Again, this is the "Pavlov's Bell" analogy where stimulus + behaviour/ response = reward.

Vicki spoke of numerous tips and tricks to assist new owners with rehomed dogs, many of which were transferable to those behaviours we occasionally see in well-adjusted dogs.

I have touched on a few of the topics covered over the two days, but if you would like to discuss any in greater detail, just give me a call. On the whole, the course was fantastic and I most certainly look forward to the next one. A big thanks to those that made my attendance possible. A special mention and thanks to Craig Prattley, President of Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club, who kindly offered to provide us with the clubs puppy class and domestic obedience class training plans. I'm certainly looking forward to putting these into action.

Cheers Giuliana Petronelli
021 1361168

Welcome to the New Members



Marlene & Graeme Scott with Storm



Karleen Newman with Chase



Simon Rayner with Blaze

Chrissy Dewes - from Otakiri

Tiana & Bianca Mitchell - from Rolleston with Narla

Wayne & Marianne Middleton - from Redwood with Max

Debbie Langley - from Pegasus

Bridget Stokes - from Rangiora with Stella

Ryan Terris - from Kaiapoi with Kobe

Welcome Back

Joan Evans - from Tuahiwi

Barry & Jan Grives - from Rangiora

Paula Gardiner & Sam Torla - from Woolston with Charlie

Awards

AGM 2019



Rosie Petronelli with Malizia
Carter Trophy for the handler who has made the most progress throughout the year.
Delmarvid Chantilly Lace Sash for the most improved Agility Bitch



Sandra Van Kempen and Senna
Award for Agility dog of the year.
Agility trophy Number 1



Josh Mannering with Luna
Award for the handler who has persevered in training on a regular basis with a difficult dog.



Maureen Toland with Milo
Lustig Kennels most improved handler.

Congratulations to the above award winners

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AGM 2019



Karen Wilson - Kevin Dawber - Helen Hill
Helen: Veteran of the Year
Aktahund Keep Taken All

Dog of the Year:
Aktahund Here We Go Again

Intermediate of the Year:
Aktahund No Rest For The Wikid



Karen Wilson
Albara High Achievement Award
Working Trials Dog of the Year 2018 – 2019
Zeba: WT CH ENYA-VON HEISENBERG CDXS UDX
WDX TDX TT2 JD RN CGC B



Lynette Baker - Phil Baker - Shikarna Campbell

SIGSL Leila Greig Champion Sash 2018 – 2019
CH Reichhund Boombastic

Lynette Baker received trophies on behalf of
Lisa Amlehn (Reichhund Kennels)



Georgia Flanagan
SIGSL Child Handler of the year

Congratulations to the above award winners

Event: 2nd & 3rd November 2019

South Island German Shepherd League 12th German Shepherd National Show, Open Obedience and Agility

SIGSL Grounds & RDA Grounds, Canterbury Agricultural Park
Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 November 2019

In conjunction with Otago German Shepherd Dog Club and Southland German Shepherd Dog Club

Judging order: Saturday: Long Stock Dogs, Stock Coat Dogs, Long Stock Coat Bitches. Sunday: Stock Coat Bitches.
No in show awards. Gold, Silver, Bronze judged after each sex. Obedience Saturday. Agility Sunday.
Judging commences: Breed 8:30 am both days, Obedience 10 am, Agility 10 am.
Breed classes: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11 (dogs)
1a, 2a, 3a, 5a, 6a, 8a, 11a (bitches)

Judges

Torsten Kallenbach SV, Germany	Breed
Elizabeth Ellery, Feilding	Obedience/Agility

Entries to: Preferred online through Dogs New Zealand website; Registration and entry forms on www.sigsl.org.nz under 'Events'.
Deb Bannan, 913 Main North Road, RD 1, Kaiapoi 7691.
Ph: 027 450 1065, Email: d.bannan@xtra.co.nz
Entry fees: Baby Puppy up to and including Puppy \$35 each; Junior up to and including Open \$40 each;
Obedience \$12 each; Agility \$6.50 per round. Child and Junior Handler, no charge (Saturday lunchtime).
Veterans Parade (Sunday) \$5 per show entry.
Cheques to: SIGSL National; Internet banking 02 0842 0081118 003

Obedience classes: normal classes including Elementary. Agility classes: normal classes including Jumpers.
BBQ Friday evening, dinner Saturday night. Registration form. on website. Separate payments for show entries and functions.

Verbal critiques on the pegs.
Prizes and trophies: Breed, trophies and sashes to 10th. Obedience and Agility, trophies and sashes to 3rd.
Catalogues with entry.
Catering: Both days and coffee cart.

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Event: 9th & 10th November 2019

Canterbury Canine Agility Training Society Championship Agility Event (2) Championship Jumpers Event (2) AD Class & JDT Classes

Mairehau High School, Innes Road, ChCh
Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November 2019

Judging order: **Saturday Ring 1:** AD, Sen1, Int1, Nov1
Ring 2: Sts 1, JDT 12 & over, JDT 11 & under,
JpsC1, JpsB1, JpsA1. **Sunday Ring 1:** JpsA2,
JpsB2, JpsC2, Sts2. **Ring 2:** Nov 2, Int2, Sen2

Judging commences: 9:00am, first courses walk at 8:45am

Judges	Saturday	Sunday
Jessica Tansey, ChCh	Intermediate 1, Novice 1, Starters 1	JB2, JC2
Steve Tansey, ChCh	AD, Senior 1, JA1	Starters 2, Novice 2
Paul Remon, Dunedin	JDT 12 & Over, JDT 11 & Under, JC1, JB1	JA2, Intermediate 2, Senior 2

Entries to: Show Secretary, 2C Granton Lane, Spreydon, ChCh 8024.

Entry fees: AD and JDT \$5, all other classes \$5.50.

Cheques to: Canterbury Canine Agility Training Society
Online banking 03-0866-0289060-000

Some classes maybe split. Two rings will be running at the same time. Camping available for all but a good walk to the toilets.
Prizes and trophies: Ribbons to at least 3rd per class, prizes dependent on entry numbers.

Obedience



Sunday Morning Training



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- *Competition results*
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Hobbs doing Sunday morning Agility training

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Show



Queens Birthday Weekend Show 2019

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Working Dog Trials & Tracking



Zeba



Luther

GUNNAR VON HEISENBERG UD TT1 - Luther tracked well at the recent tracking only trial in Lake Lyndon. He achieved highest qualifier TT1A passes on both days. He was awarded TT1 at the nationals UD trial in Blenheim. At Luther's debut in trials, he was the highest new qualifier. He only lost 1 point on his track. The track was over some pretty challenging land for a UD dog.

WT CH ENYA-VON HEISENBERG CDXS UDX WDX TDX TT2 JD RN CGC B - At the S.I.G.S.L AGM, Zeba was awarded the Working Trials Dog of the year for the 5th time in a row. She was awarded 'TDX' sash, 'Working trials champion' sash and the Albara High Achievement Award - This is given to the most outstanding achievements gained in the past year.

Zeba has had an impressive year in many disciplines, just to mention a few of her results - in agility winning six 1st places, representing the southern region at the highest level of trials in Auckland and gaining another TD.

Fantastic results Karen.

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