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## *Presidents Message*

Recently it was reported that USA officers have made no effort in resolving the "One Team" issue and that we have refused to negotiate the matter with the GSDCA. For many years my position regarding pursuing a positive relationship with the GSDCA is documented in minutes of previous meetings. During his terms as President, Mike Hamilton was diligent in pursuing a resolution to our organizations' differences without result. Since the first of the year, I have spoken several times with the GSDCA and GSDCA/WDA Presidents regarding the WUSV "One Team" issue. In March, I reported to the membership a recent conversation with GSDCA president Ken Downing Jr. Mr. Downing assured me that the offer for the assembly of a unified team from America was acceptable and was advised to solidify the agreement with GSDCA/WDA President Wayne Davis. Mr. Davis and I spoke and arranged a meeting in March, at this meeting a written contract of the agreement was presented to Mr. Davis. This agreement was a simple three and three representation from each organization with a rotation each year of Alternate and Team Captains. This offer seemed like the most fair and equitable solution for both organizations, even though a qualification trial of the finest of both organizations would be the best course to assure that the United States sends the strongest representation possible. It is unfortunate that the GSDCA has made no effort in accepting this agreement or initiating any positive outlook on the situation. However, I will continue these discussions with Mr. Henke of the SV

during our July meeting and can assure the members that USA will send at least three representatives to the WUSV Championship.

Just a little reminder, please remember clubs wishing to schedule an SV judge—all SV request forms must be submitted at least six-months preceding the event and include the SV processing fee of \$100.00. This procedure supersedes the 1995 rule of submitting the form before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the event.

To date, this year has been a whirlwind of National Events. It would seem since those events have been completed, with the Champions crowned and teams selected that there is not much going on, but the real action is happening behind the scenes in every state in the nation. At our local clubs training and competition is in full swing, on any given weekend USA clubs will be hosting events, to date we have 17 events scheduled for the month of June and 116 events scheduled through December. In 2002 the USA clubs hosted over 4000 entries for working trials, conformation shows and breed surveys and posted record-breaking entries at Nationals with outstanding numbers of handler owned and trained dogs at these events. Actions speak louder than words and I applaud the membership of USA for your efforts and accomplishments.

Best regards,

*Jim Elder*

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## *Vice President's Message*

I would like to thank all of those who expressed their kind words and support for the recently aired "Schutzhund Story" on ESPN 2. We certainly reached our target audience, and in doing so we now have many new potential members or at least developed a "fan base" for the Sport we all cherish. The response was fantastic. So much so, that ESPN decided to re-air the program. This program will air again during the Fall. There was also an excellent article written by correspondent, Craig Lamb. This article is now archived on [www.ESPN.com/Outdoors/Features](http://www.ESPN.com/Outdoors/Features). We have high hopes that the success of this project will spell the beginning of a continued working relationship with the ESPN Networks. I would also like to thank Blake Fohl and The Tractor Supply Company for their support of this program and their entire K-9 NATION Series. The series is excellent and I would hope that each of you have made the time to watch some of the other K-9 Nation programs.

With our Spring events now history, we set our sights on our local and regional events for the Fall of 2003 and the National Championship and General Board Meeting in Reno. I wish each of you continued success and look forward to seeing old friends and forging new friendships during the months ahead.

*Lyle Roetmeyer, Vice-President*

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## Secretaries Message

We welcome Diane Vegsund as our Northwestern Regional Director. Peggy Park has taken the second chair as Assistant Regional Director. Thanks Peggy, for your years of active participation on the Executive Board.

For the past week or so I've been busy counting heads and tails for a report to FCI. In the year 2002, our clubs hosted 242 Schutzhund trials. If you are not a member of a club or actively training, please support one of your nearby trials or conformation shows. A lot of effort and financial commitment goes into hosting these events, and I am sure all clubs would appreciate a visit from local USA members. The events page on our website is a great source for this information:  
<http://www.germanshepherddog.com/eventcalendar.htm>

I received many comments with regard to the new trial scoresheets (Bewertungsliste); these comments went from "absolutely loving them", to "truly not impressed." There appears to be a bit of confusion when it comes to posting results of more than 8 dogs. You must save each page with a different name i.e. Entry Info Page 1, Entry Info Page 2... Speaking of trial results, the USA Office would like to remind all trial secretaries to secure a \$50 scorebook bond for all trial participants that do not have either a USA scorebook or a USA certified (stamped) scorebook. The checks for the scorebook bonds, secretary and helper membership and helper books should be made out to United Schutzhund Clubs of America, (USA).

Good luck with your events, training, showing, and competing,  
Best Regards,

**Diane Madigan, Secretary**

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## Treasurer's Message

No Updated news

**Bill Plumb, Treasurer**

USA

## Director of Judge's Message

No Updated news

**Mark F. Przybylski, USA Director of Judges**

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## National Breed Warden's Message

### 1. Change of Dental Notation Procedure

The SV has changed on May 25, 2003 the procedure of dental notation. It is now much simpler and much less expensive. To be in compliance with these regulations we will follow these rules immediately.

The original presence of missing teeth can now be documented by:

- a) A certification of dental completeness by a USA or SV conformation judge documented in the scorebook or the appropriate window of the pedigree.

- b) The presence of the breed survey documentation in which the dental completeness has been notified at the breed survey.

If one of these certifications cannot be presented, a radiograph and a veterinarian statement of the missing or broken teeth must be submitted to the USA office. The office will enter a dental notation on the pedigree. The fee for this notation is \$15.00.

In critical or controversial cases USA will consult our Dental Expert for a decision. In these cases the fee is \$52.00.

I strongly advise everybody to have the dental status on your dog checked by an USA or SV conformation judge and have the notation properly documented.

### 2. The Breed Advisory Committee has agreed to urge the General Board to make the following changes:

- a) Change the Sieger Show and Show Regulations Policy for the 3-6 months puppy class from 3-6 months of age to **4-6 months** of age.
- b) Change **only** the Sieger Show Regulations to eliminate the classes 24 months and older without title.
- c) Change the Sieger Show and Show Regulations Policy to allow dogs in regards to the dental status to be eligible to the rating of VA when proof of dental notation of original presence of missing or broken teeth is provided.

### 3. The Breeders Cup Award for the year 2003:

1<sup>st</sup> Place "Kennel von Wilhendorf –

Breeder: John Henkel

2<sup>nd</sup> Place "Kennel vom Kirchenwald"

Breeder: Gayle Kirkwood

3<sup>rd</sup> Place "Kennel vom Haus Ledda

Breeder: Rita Ledda

Congratulation to these breeders.

At this point, I would like to remind all breeders that only dogs which stem from a full USA litter registration are eligible for the Breeders Cup Award.

**Johannes Grewe, National Breed Warden**

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## World Championship Committee Message



No Updated news

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## National Events Committee Message

No updated news.

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## ***Nominating Committee Message***

### **Committee Positions for 2003 Elections**

Judges Committee (2) Members-at- Large

National Events Committee (4)

Nominating Committee (5)

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## ***Police/K9 Committee***

No updated news.

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## ***Helper Committee***

No updated news.

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## ***Bylaws Committee***

No updated news.

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## ***Comments From USA Members***

### ***Forum:***

**Mary from MO asks:** What type of response has USA seen or heard after the airing of the "Schutzhund Story" on ESPN? I would like to hear others comment.

Give us your opinion on these comments or send in one of your own, go to the USA Members Forum:

<http://www.germanshepherddog.com/members/Members%20Forum.htm>

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## ***USA Web Site Links:***

Events page

[www.germanshepherddog.com/eventcalendar.htm](http://www.germanshepherddog.com/eventcalendar.htm)

Members Page Sign On

[www.germanshepherddog.com/memberssignupstaging.htm](http://www.germanshepherddog.com/memberssignupstaging.htm)

2003 Seiger Show April 4-6 2003

[www.webhund.com/2003ss/index.htm](http://www.webhund.com/2003ss/index.htm)

2003 USA H.O.T. Championship March 21-23 2003

[www.germanshepherddog.com/2003hot/](http://www.germanshepherddog.com/2003hot/)

2003 GSD Championship April 11-13, 2003 Annapolis, MD

<http://www.gwdcsg.com/home.html>

2003 North American & FH Championship May 1-4, 2003  
Bowling Green KY

<http://www.wksc.org/>

2003 National Championship

<http://www.webhund.com/2003Natls/index.htm>

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