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### *Presidents Message*

Tractor Supplies sponsored K-9 Nation will air a segment on the "Schutzhund Story" on ESPN May 28, 6:30 am ET, May 30 6:30 am ET, and June 1, 10:00 am ET. The production of this segment is to target and invoke interest among people not familiar with our organization and the elements of our sport.

For more information go to [ESPN2 K-9 Nation](#)

For those who were unable to attend the North American Championship you really missed an exceptional event. It was reminiscent of the southern hospitality and the first National event I attended in Bowling Green, Kentucky. I had an excellent time and thoroughly enjoyed the visit back to Bowling Green. This event was also a record breaker with 22 FH and 33 Handler owned and trained entries toping any National Event to date.

The FH dogs faced a difficult test as the conditions at the FH fields were anything but easy, the plush tracking fields were unbelievable for the SchH3 dogs and as for the handlers and spectators the reception and feast laid out by the landowners Jimmy and Doris Allen was an unexpected yet welcome pleasure. Floyd Wilson was the Tracking judge for the FH & SchH3 dogs and as always was a welcome sight for the competitors.

My congratulations and sincere appreciation to those members that worked so hard to make this event spectacular—Mo & Tammy Weldon, the Western Kentucky Schutzhund Club, Carl Johnson and the Mid Eastern Region Thank you one and all!

A special thank you to Gene England for donating a one-day seminar that was very well attended and appreciated. Gene was also instrumental in locating the tracking fields and during the event could be found at the FH fields, working in the Stadium or behind a grill in the concessions. Thank you Gene. By inviting judges from WUSV countries we acquire an international view of our training, my deepest gratitude to Mr. Zumfelde of the SV and Mr. Collins of the GSDCC for officiating at the event.

Congratulations to the FH Champion Ikke v.'T Heukske & Carlos Rojas and North American Champion Gino & Gordon Hines and to all the handlers that participated in the event your sportsmanship and camaraderie was outstanding.

These Top Ten competitors have completed a difficult qualification process for spots on the world championships and must be as proud to be the Best of the Best for 2003 as we are in them representing us. My congratulations for your hard work, the abilities of your dogs, and your success as representatives of USA at the WUSV and FCI Championships.

1. Gary Hanrahan & Bastin vom Kokeltal
2. Deb Zappia & Escobar vom Adelrik
3. Cathy Jobe & Cliff vom Wildenburger Land
4. Martin Vollrath & Racker vom Enztal
5. Thomas Vollrath & Nykos Grysycos
6. Tim Cruser & UnionJack van't Leefdaalhof
7. \*Elizabeth Bradley & Anya vom Haus Sovo
8. Greg Bennett & Troy vom Hause Welz
9. \*Kirby Hill & Riggo vom Ausland
10. Phil Safriet & Lery zur Eichenmuhle  
\* *Handler Owned & Trained*

Teamwork is the essential and dynamic factor for successful events and triumphant dogs and handlers, a parallel cooperative effort for the common good of our organization must occur for our organization to meet its potential. We must accept and adopt policies and changes required to influence our growth and prosperity. Change is often met with resistance, but by embracing the basic concept and principles that is adopted by the hosts of our National events [Teamwork] by thinking less of the ME and more of the WE our organization will certainly be successful and prosper.

Best regards,

*Jim Elder*

USA

### *Vice President's Message*

The 2003 North American and FH Championships are now history. I would like to personally congratulate Gordon Hines and Gino on their outstanding performance on the way to the top of the podium. Also I wish to extend my congratulations to Carlos Rojas and Ikke on their performance at the FH Championship that included a record twenty-three entries. Carlos and Ikke had a less than ideal draw as they had to track in the heat of the afternoon but they showed that they had the drive to be champions with an excellent 99 point performance. Western KY SchH Club proved to be excellent hosts for the event. The tracking fields, stadium, accommodations and hospitality were excellent. My congratulations and heartfelt

thanks goes out to Mo and Tammy Weldon and the entire hard working Western KY SchH Club. GREAT JOB! Thanks to the judges, helpers and track layers for their outstanding efforts and disciplined work.

Congratulations to those who will represent our United Schutzhund Clubs of America on the United States Team at this year's WUSV Championship. We are privileged to have the following teams; Gary Hanrahan and Bastin, Debra Zappia and Escobar and Cathy Jobe and Cliff representing us this year. Best of luck to each of you and your dogs! I would also be remiss not to mention the thirty three HOT teams that participated in this year's North American. It is truly a joy to see so many reach successes that start from the beginning.

***Lyle Roetmeyer, Vice-President***

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## ***Secretaries Message***

Hello Sportfans,  
The new web fill-in scoresheets are on the website and available for use. Should you have any questions regarding completion, please feel free to contact me, during normal business hours.  
Updating our "Rules and Regulations" will be my next project.  
Best Regards,

***Diane Madigan, Secretary***

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USA

## ***Treasurer's Message***

No Updated news  
***Bill Plumb, Treasurer***

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## ***Director of Judge's Message***

No Updated news  
***Mark F. Przybylski, USA Director of Judges***

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## ***National Breed Warden's Message***

***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:***

**Chris from WA says:** Greetings, I was looking at the judges list for contact information and I noticed that John Mulligan's contact info was still there. Maybe we should remove that information to save his family some grief. Thank you

**Valerie from OH says:** Someone mentioned about the SV offering agility. I personally do not think agility titles should be considered working titles such as SchH or HGH for breeding purposes. However, agility is getting huge in this country, and it could be a big money maker for USA if they began an agility program like the SV has. I would also be curious to know if USA will be following after the SV with their new SAR titles I read about? That is also something I feel USA can benefit from in the future.

**Rhonda from GA says:** Can you make the order form for trial materials(judges books) available on line? Also, you may want to change the rulebook order form to reflect the cost of the new rulebook. Lastly - I love the on line trial scoresheet form. I can't, however, save it unless I have the full version of Acrobat, not just the free reader. Can you make it available in a word document that you could e-mail on request?

*Rhonda,*

*We are working on adding a Miva account to the website that will allow online purchases. Thank you, I did change the rulebook order form to reflect the correct price. It may be possible but not practical, as the form will not work the same in word. I will research why you are not able to save the version to your hard drive.*

*Thank you,*

*Jim*

**Leon from MD says:** I was currently looking at all the organizations, that have their custom tags, but I did not see anything related to k-9, Schutzhund, or anything like that. I think, it would help the club, if it's members would be able to order tgs from MVA that carry USA or SCH on them. Members can pay additional 5-10\$ a year or so, in order to be able to obtain them, hence boosting revenues, as well as creating greater advertisement for the club, as well as sport

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

(Not available at this time)

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