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BY BOB BROWN

2005 will mark the twentieth year for the Tulsa Schutzhund Club. Twenty years ago several dog training enthusiasts got together to see if we could organize and train our dogs in Schutzhund. We had members that had trained obedience and tracking but no one knew about training protection. We invited several knowledgeable trainers to come in and help us. We sort of pulled ourselves up by the boot straps. We learned, we showed and we titled dogs. I was proud to have the first Schutzhund III dog, Ch Sherborne Mary Poppins UDX, Sch III, FH in the club. But many trainers were right behind us. Poppy went on to train many helpers in the club as other experienced dogs also did. If anything, the clubs creed was to help each other and root for every other club member. For the most part this creed is still in effect and the club has had many titled dogs during this time.

For most of the twenty years I have been active as Club President or Training Director. It has been an enjoyable time. But there comes a time when newer, younger members must take the lead and raise the club to new heights and new ideas. I have decided that I will not hold an office for the next year(s) but will work and help whenever possible. The nominating committee has proposed the following officers for 2005:



President Nick Reinhard

VP Kathy Watson

Secretary Craig Carter

Treasurer Mindy Friend

I think they will do a great job.

I wish to remind every member that the Tulsa Schutzhund Club is an association made up of members. The members must take an active role to make the club a success. We meet only four times a year. This meetings are important to conduct business such as; planning trials, training times, hosting other events, etc. If members do not show up at the meetings then no business can be con-



ducted and the organization fall apart. I do not think it is too much to come to a 1 1/2 hour meeting four times a year. It's your club and you should take an active interest in it.

Bob Brown

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By MIKE RICKMAN

- Welcome new TSC members Dale Pitts, Vicki Lanig, and Craig and Shawna Carter.
- Our congratulations go out to Dan and Kris Kippenberger who became the proud parents of Cody William Kippenberger on October 23. Welcome to the learning world of parenting.
- Probationary member vote, Jim Robson.
- Our condolences go out to Beau Robinson on the loss of his mother October 22.
- MWKG Championship was held on October 2 & 3 in Ashley, Ohio. The Tulsa Schutzhund Club was well represented as Akin was chosen to do the helper work at his fifth straight Regional, Nick was drafted to put in the VPG3 tracks and I was in attendance in the capacity of my position as KG Treasurer. There were 3 VPG2 entries and 9 VPG3 entries. Arkansas Schutzhund Club had 2 entries as did Mid-Ohio and Mid-Rivers. Tri-State, Allen County, Mid-Tennessee, Spirit of St. Louis, Keystone Buckeye, and East Tennessee all had 1 entry. When the weekend was done Allen Brooks and Sting were our 2004 KG Champions with a score of 99-88-95 282 and took High Tracking honors. Second went to John Mayor and Jawa with a 90-95-94 279 along with High Obedience. Jawa is 7 1/2 years old and this was probably her last event; if not for a missed article she would have finished first in the event. The third place finisher was the host club's president Ron Engstrom and his dog Ron. (Ron's first dog was named Ronnie.) Their score of 98-85-95 278 shows how close the competition was. Ann Dolan and Fantom were fourth with a 92-88-96 276 and in the case of this team a missed article was the difference in first and fourth. The other competitors in order of finish were Kip Geyer and Cuda with a 89-93-80 262, Karla Fischbach and Dame 95-87-80 262, Sandi Purdy and Balko with 95-82-84 261, Darrell Pounders and Buddy after



starting 97-93 had a very uncharacteristic protection performance and finished at 255. Jerry Azzi and Tom, (Tom and Jerry - we had a little fun with that), had a slight out problem and were dismissed. Scott White and Cala from Buckeye Keystone are our 2004 VPG2 Champions with scores of 99-89-98 286. These two are wonderful working together as they had the high score of the weekend and the high protection score. They will be an imposing team as they move on to VPG3 competition. Tony Gordon and his Malinois Ditto took second with a consistent performance of 83-90-88 261. Along with Akin's exceptional work on the fronts of the VPG3's our own OFS Clay Meadows did the catches and Thom Hunn worked the VPG2 dogs. Carole

Patterson was the Judge for this event and did her usual fair and consistent job. Start getting your dogs ready as there is good chance this event may be held close to home in 2005.

- We mourn with Shannon Elkins on the loss of her 10 1/2 year old Doberman Ritter and share in her concern for her big male Ice who is working his way through a neck injury.
- Condolences to Jim Kostelnick and family on the loss of their German Shepherd Arek.
- The club is looking into the possibility of hosting the 2005 MWKG Regionals next Fall and the LV Championship the Summer of 2006. If you have ideas or comments please contact a member of the Board.
- Nominees for 2005 club officers are mentioned in Bob's article. Additional nominations can be made from the floor at the Jan. 5th meeting prior to the vote.
- On November 20 & 21 TSC hosted it's Fall Trial. The entries this year included 6 BH's, 2 FH's, a T2, a VPG1, 4 VPG 2's, and 3 VPG 3's. This group included 9 TSC members, 2 Arkansas members, 1 OK Metro, 1 OWDA member and 4 USA members representing the states of OK, TX, AR, KS, and MO.

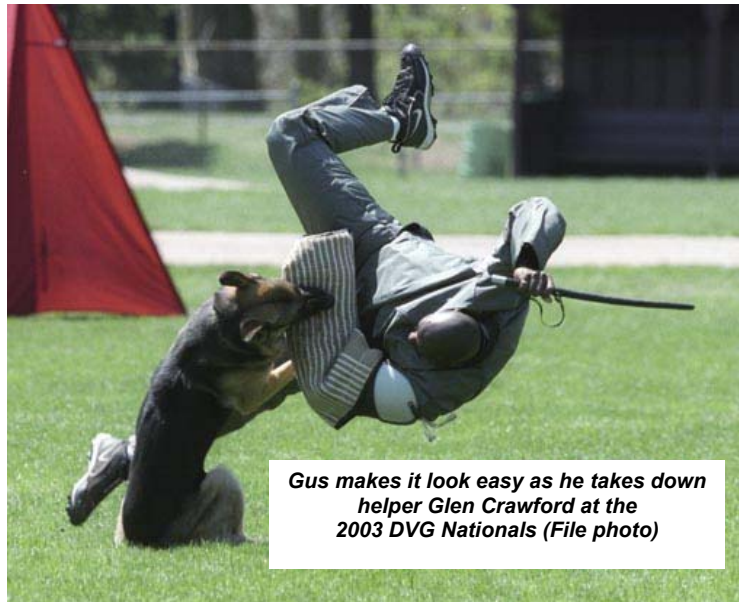
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Weather is always a topic of conversation at Schutzhund Trials and this weekend was no different as rainy weather was in the forecast. Saturday however turned out to be a virtually perfect day for Schutzhund. The day started with Beau Robinson and GSD Csado scoring a 97 on their VPG1 track and Mike Rickman and GSD Hocko scoring a 91 on their VPG3 track. The morning wasn't as kind to Henry Sowders and GSD Quinnie, Don Thayer and GSD Raider, and Gordon Kirk and DSD Kazan Who failed to achieve the 70 or above it takes to pass this phase. At the obedience field both of this day's BH dogs, Margaret Tripp and her Rottie Bo, from Baxter Springs, KS and Clement Dang and his GSD Arkan, from the Dallas area, were successful. Beau and Csado closed out their day with an 84 in obedience and a 94 in protection for a total of 97-84-94 275 which made them High 1, High Tracking, and High Protection for the weekend. Congratulations Beau, on a job well done. Mike Rickman and Hocko kept the crowd in suspense as they struggled their way to a 70 and 81 respectively in obedience and protection for a 242 total and a first time VPG3 title. Gordon Kirk and Kazan of OK Metro who have been very supportive of our trials were unable on this day to achieve their VPG2. Gordon, TSC wishes you best of luck in the future. Henry Sowders and Quinnie scored 85-84 in obedience and protection to be only a brain fart on the track away from being successful in their repeat of a VPG2.

Sunday morning brought the rain and wind and cold that had been forecast. I started laying FH tracks at 6:00 in the morning in the rain, wind, cold and dark. Tracklayers greatest rewards are passing scores and I was rewarded on this morning by 2 of them. Kevin Doherty and his Rottie Bitch Alexis scored a fantastic 90 even after walking the last article. Nick Reinhard and GSD Kali slosed their way to an awesome 95, which from all I can gather makes this dynamic duo the Highest scoring FH team in TSC history. Congratulations go out to both these teams for their achievement in a very difficult to train for phase of Schutzhund. The 2 VPG2 teams were both successful as Pam and Rott Armani scored 93 and Monty and GSD Boomer of OWDA scored 90. The VPG3 entries, both members of the Arkansas Schutzhund Club, were Sandi Purdy and GSD Balko and Darrell

Pounders and Malinois Buddy. Sandi and Balko's opportunity to repeat their VPG3 was eliminated on the tracking field this day. Darrell and Buddy fought through the wet and windy elements to a score of 92. Sandi and Darrell are regular entrants in our trials and we appreciate very much their support and sportsmanship. On to the obedience field where it was pretty much light mist to light downpour the entire day. We had four entrants for BH on this day and 3 of the four achieved their titles. TSC members Pam Felton and Rott Maggie, Nick Reinhard and GSD Fiasco, and Shawn Edwards and Rott Schatzie all have new BH's. Unfortunately



Gus makes it look easy as he takes down helper Glen Crawford at the 2003 DVG Nationals (File photo)

Jay Kutilek and his Doberman Amo, who drove down from Wichita, will have to try again for their title. Good luck Jay. Both VPG2 entries were successful with Monty Steele and Boomer scoring 78 in obedience and 73 in protection for a 241. Pam Felton and Armani went 85-92 in the last 2 phases to finish with a 270 and High VPG2. Congrats Pam. The 2 VPG3 dogs wrapped up our day and took the field to do obedience in the hardest rain since the tracking fields. Sandi and Balko scored 81 in obedience and then followed that with an 88 in protection. Darrell and Buddy's score in obedience was a tremendous 95 that won him High Obedience honors. When they followed up with a 89 in

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Protection the score of 92-95-89 276 garnered them High VPG3 and High in Trial. I will apologize up front for anyone I might miss in the list of thank yours but it was a fairly busy weekend for me. First the tracklayers, Beau Robinson, Bob Brown, and Nick Reinhard did a wonderful job. Track laying is not as high profile as helper work but handlers will very quickly let you know how important a knowledgeable track layer is. Akin and Nick handled the Helper chores in their usual safe and consistent manner. Both are top quality Helpers and we are fortunate to have them available to us to use at our events. Another area that people don't think a lot about is the group. Having people who know what they are doing can be a huge asset to a handler, especially one that is a little nervous. Thanks to Bob Brown for heading this group up and to Henry Sowders, Mindy Friend, Jim Robson, Shannon Elkins, Judi Detjen, and Susan Gandy, for their assistance especially those who had to stand in the rain on Sunday. Nick and Beau handled the gun fire. Also thanks to those who



Akin does the dance with Farah. (File photo)



Mike Rickman presses Kali. (File photo)

helped with set up and tear down of equipment, and the traffic portion of the BH's, those not mentioned earlier, Don Thayer, Craig Carter, Shawn & Steve Edwards, Pam Felton, Echo Friend, Jerol Skinner, Kathy Watson and Vicki Lanig and her family for the fireplace warmth after Sunday's event. Thanks to Monty Steele and Randy Smalley for their help before and during the trial and the continued support of OWDA at our events. Also a big thanks to OK Metro and their members who always come to support us. As the Baptist Preacher said, "In Closing" I need to mention Jim Kostelnick for his continued superb work as Trial Chair. His ability to handle the paperwork makes for a happy Judge and a happy Judge makes for a happy trial. Lastly our sincere thanks go out to Carole Patterson who shared with us an honest and straight forward evaluation of our performances. Carole, don't stay away so long.

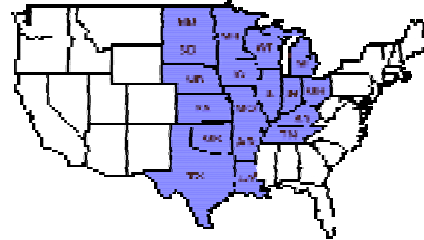
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- Training director's notes: As 2004 draws to a close I think that you should take note of our clubs success. By my count we had 15 new titles earned out of 18 tries which is a very successful year. This was accomplished by 12 different dog and handler teams. So by my count, we had 10 of the 15 members who train regularly and had dogs eligible to show achieve new titles this year. Also, be aware that all the VPG dogs that didn't pass their new titles failed tracking. With that in mind, club tracking days for the first quarter are January 8, February 5, and March 5. We will be looking for all of you.
- Remember: Club dues are due January 1. The fee for training one dog or less is \$60 and \$100 is the fee for a family or multiple dogs. The club constitution states that you must have your dues paid to vote in the January meeting.
- April 23 and 24 have been requested for our Spring Trial. Set your goals accordingly.

Mike Rickman

Midwest KG



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