

AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Sunday 21st June, 2009

INFO ON OUR SHOW – + EXTRAS

1. Judging will start at 10h00am.
2. Every exhibit will be given a written critique
3. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the day for all exhibitors at no charge.
4. We will be offering a HOT LUNCH which will be available upon completion of judging at a cost of R35.00 per person. Please note – **lunch must be paid for with your entries**, or by the closing date on the 25th May, please make sure you book for catering purposes.
5. After lunch, all those who have entered the show are welcome to chat with our judge, Sheila Polk (USA) and our visitor Nannette Newbury (USA). This is a first for our breed to have two American Aussie Breed Specialists in our Country, one of whom is internationally acclaimed and highly respected, so don't miss out on this opportunity.
6. We will be holding an Auction and raffling/selling some lovely Aussie memorabilia – so **BRING LOTS OF CASH**.
7. The winner of the raffle for the 12000 Btu Air Conditioner will be drawn at our show – winner need not be present.
8. Advertising is available in our Catalogue (A4 full colour) –
Members: R150.00 + free catalogue
Non-members: R200.00 + free catalogue
Fees are payable with the booking and material.
Material deadline: 8th June, 2009.
9. **Grooming Workshop** to be held on **Thursday evening 18th June**, prior to our Show, will be available to **paid up Members only** and **booking is essential**. The Workshop will be given by Nannette Newbury (USA) an Aussie Breed Specialist, Chairperson and Co-ordinator of the Judges Education Committee for the United States Australian Shepherd Association (USASA). The cost will be R30.00 per member, time & venue to be advised.
10. **Breed Seminar** to be held on **Monday evening 22nd June** on the Australian Shepherd at Goldfields. Your attendance will be recorded and will go towards your KUSA judging requirements. This Seminar will be given by both of our American visitors – Sheila Polk and Nannette Newbury, and again is an opportunity not to be missed. The cost will be R35.00 per person. **All are welcome** - judges, learner judges, breeders and any interested parties, to come and learn more about our breed.

We welcome everyone who is interested in our breed to come and watch our Show and wish you all a really enjoyable day.

Our overseas visitors' profiles are attached below for your interest :

Nannette Newbury: I acquired my first Australian Shepherd in 1973, when I also joined ASCA (Australian Shepherd Club of America). I have mentored closely with Alan and Kathy McCorkle of Heatherhill Australian Shepherds since 1995. My kennel name is Stonepine Australian Shepherds, I have titled dogs in conformation, obedience, agility and herding and I remain active in performance venues, especially herding. I have now applied for status as both an AKC licensed judge and an ASCA breeder judge.

I have owned and titled multiple group placing dogs, won numerous awards at Nationals Specialties including “Winner’s Bitch”, and campaigned a dog to the Top Ten in ASCA, I have owned, trained and handled all of my dogs and won “Most Versatile” and “Reserve Most Versatile” Australian Shepherd in USASA.

I have been active in USASA since 1993 and was the editor of The Australian Shepherd Journal for many years. After my retirement as editor, I took on the duties of the Judge’s Education Coordinator, where I remain, and am also the National Education Chairperson. We have expanded the program, developed a comprehensive education program at our National Specialty and continue to make technical improvements in the delivery of our educational materials. As such I have attended every National Specialty, coordinating all aspects of not only the Judge’s Education program, but also making major contributions to the Breeder’s Education program by developing the currently adopted and highly successful Breeder’s Education panel discussion. I travel all over America to conduct our breed seminars to potential judges.

I was invited by the AKC to participate and demonstrate the Australian Shepherd at the Advanced Herding Judges Institute in 1999 in Oregon.

I am really looking forward to my first trip to South Africa and to conducting the two Aussie Breed Seminars (one in Johannesburg and one in Cape Town), in conjunction with Sheila Polk who is judging the Australian Shepherd Club of Eastern Gauteng Ch. Show in June. I will also be conducting a Grooming Workshop for A.S.C.E.G.

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**Sheila Polk** got her first purebred Australian Shepherd in 1963 and competed in obedience at many of the local matches. Since the Aussie was not a recognized breed until 1993, Sheila became a Professional Handler in the early 70’s. When the Aussie did become recognized Sheila and her late husband, Jim, stopped being Professional Handlers in 1995 so they could concentrate on showing their own dogs. Until the late 60’s Sheila and Jim bred dogs under the prefix “Farrington” when they started with the Kennel name “Tri-Ivory” and together have bred and shown over 50 Champions in Australian Shepherds and Bullmastiffs.

In 2000 Jim and Sheila started their AKC judging careers, though both had been judging Australian Shepherds for many years with ASCA (the Australian Shepherd Club of America). Her best known Aussie was BIS & BISS Ch. Tri-Ivory Roquefort of Higgins. Sheila was a founding member of the USASA (the United States Australian Shepherd Association), Northern California Herding Group and the Sierra View Australian Shepherd Club.

Sheila is currently approved for: 5 x Sporting Breeds, 1 x Hound, 7 x Working Breeds, and most of the Herding Group. She has also judged Speciality Shows for the following breeds: Bullmastiffs, St. Bernards, Newfoundlands, Bouviers and Labradors, and has judged in Switzerland, Germany, The Netherlands, Brussels, France, Korea, Taiwan, Finland and Australia. She judged the Bullmastiff National in 2008 and has judged at the AKC Aussie National twice and the ASCA National five times.

Sheila's comment: "I am extremely honoured to be invited to judge at your shows in South Africa".