

NEWSLETTER

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Kantoor-ure: Dinsdae tot Vrydae ALLEENLIK

From the Office/ Vanuit die Kantoor

As usual it is a mad dash to get everything sorted out and finalised before things come to a virtual standstill for the holiday season - definitely not the nicest time in the office!

Die 2024-kompetisieseisoen skop reeds in Februarie af met die Weskus-kompetisie in Lambertsbaai en daar is ook 'n paar nuwe plekke om te besoek. Dankie aan die gasheerklubs en organiseerders vir die beskikbaarstelling van die nodige inligting om beplanning te vergemaklik - dis prysenswaardig.

The annual Magazine is ready and will soon be sent to you via email as arranged. Those who requested hard copies will, however, have to wait a little longer for your copy to be couriered, so please bear with us?

Groot dankie aan Pippa Philip vir haar moeite en aan almal wie se bydraes die jaarblad moontlik gemaak het - dit word opreg waardeer. **GENIET DIT** en laat weet ons gerus wat u dink?

Jaarlikse fooie is in Januarie betaalbaar - u het reeds 'n kennisgewing in die verband ontvang - en ons doen 'n beroep op almal om so spoedig moontlik daaraan aandag te gee asb? Onthou - nie-betaling sal kompetisiedeelname en werpselregistrasie beïnvloed - spaar ons almal asb die verleentheid? 'n **Groot dankie** aan diegene wat reeds betaal het - u lidmaatskapkaart sal ssm verskaf word.

A new year also brings increases in fees. Please check out the new fee structure further on for changes regarding eg puppy registrations and pay the correct fees when due - it will save a lot of time and effort. Thank you.

Aan almal wat deur middel van goeie samewerking vanjaar my taak in die Kantoor ligter gemaak het, 'n hartlike dankie - ek waardeer dit en werk graag saam met u. En as ons dalk iewers skouers geskuur het, hoop ek ons trek vorentoe meer gelyk.

Due to me going on leave the Office will be closed **from 18 January - 02 February 2024**. Please relate any **URGENT** queries during this time to **Pierre Strydom at 082 575 7122 or Bridget Lloyd at 083 383 3511**. Thank you.

Dit is my wens dat elke lid en hanteerder deur die komende jaar goeie integriteit en sportmanskap aan die dag sal lê, beide op of van die baan af, en so SASDA se beeld na buite sal uitdra. Respekteer mekaar, die bedryf en ons honde.

I wish you all a peaceful, safe and happy Festive Season. Enjoy the time with family and friends, respect each other's unique individuality, and remember:

"What matters most in life is often invisible." - Duane Elgin

Tot 'n volgende keer - Martie Ferreira

FROM THE EXECUTIVE / VANAF DIE BESTUUR

PRICE INCREASE 2024: Please note an increase in all fees from January 2024 as per the Tariff Structure further on and bear that in mind when making any payments? Also please remember that we require full payment before any service is rendered. THANK YOU.

SERTIFIKAAT VAN WERKSVERMOË: As beskermheer van werkende skaaphonde in Suid Afrika, moedig die Vereniging **telers aan om hul teeldiere vir werksvermoë te laat toets**. Kontak die Kantoor by 078 439 0329 / sasda@jenny.co.za vir besonderhede rondom prosedure, toetsers ens.

POPI (Protection of Personal Information) AND PUBLICATIONS ACTS: To bring our policies in line with these acts the Association has approved a statement which has been sent to members earlier. **Please take note thereof and react as requested in order for us to continue with business as usual.** Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

AMPTELIKE (STREEKS)-KOMPETISIES: Kan regdeur die jaar deur Klubs aangebied word onder die volgende voorwaardes:

- Datums moet by die Kantoor aangevra en goedgekeur word alvorens enige reëlings getref word.
- Besonderhede moet aan alle lede /moontlike deelnemers deurgegee word.
- SASHV-beoordelaars moet gebruik word.
- Alle SASHV reëls moet toegepas word.
- 'n Minimum van 10 honde moet aantree vir deelname.
- SVM & klas-kwalifikasies is geldig.
- Uitslae en die relevante kompetisieheffing moet binne 14 dae na die Kantoor gestuur word.

BREEDERS CRITERIA: The Executive has made the following rulings:

- Breeders will be listed as **Stud Breeders** (people who have at least one bitch with a Certificate of Merit (COM); **Approved Breeders** (those who have at least one bitch with a Certificate of Working Ability (CWA); and **Ordinary Breeders** (owners of dogs with no official proof of working ability).
- As an incentive to promote testing for working ability, **Ordinary Breeders** will pay elevated fees with regard to puppy registrations etc from 2024 onward (see tariffs elsewhere).
- **Ordinary breeders with working dogs are, however, exempt from the higher increase for a period of one year, provided they have their breeding dogs tested for CWA.**
- **Ordinary Breeders** will in future also not be allowed to register a **Kennel Name**.
- In the new year the issue of breeders fees, facilitation of CWA's for active working dogs and various other points relating to the promotion of the working dog will be looked at as a priority.

For further information/clarification, contact Pierre Strydom on 082 575 7122

What is a Certificate of Merit (COM) and a Certificate of Working Ability (CWA)

and why should you get one with your dog: - Pippa Philip

SASDA is the custodian of the working stock dog in South Africa. Our focus is on facilitating the breeding of good healthy working stock dogs, to promote better and more economical management of stock.

When the Registration scheme was developed in the 1960's, the breeders were mostly farmers therefore the majority were breeding from stock working dogs. Many years later various dog sports evolved such as obedience, working trials, agility etc at which Border Collies & Kelpies excelled. This resulted in those breeds becoming increasingly popular for these sports and as pets too. This has led to many people with non-stock working dogs, becoming breeders with SASDA.

So, what is a Certificate of Merit?

To compete in sheepdog trials, one starts in the Beginner class (entry level course). Once the handler and dog achieve 85% in this class they qualify into the Junior class. In this class when the dog achieves a mark of 70 %, they qualify for a certificate of merit (COM). In other words when you have a dog with a COM, you know it has a certain level of working ability. This is why our breeders with COM bitches are awarded Stud Breeder status.

So, what is a Certificate of Working Ability?

Not everyone who has working stock dogs has the time or the inclination to compete in sheepdog trials. For this reason, the Certificate of Working Ability was developed, enabling such persons to have their dogs tested for working ability. The test is of a lower standard than the COM, but it still enables these dogs, that are often from good bloodlines, to be recognised as good breeding material.

All recognised judges, plus a few specifically appointed handlers are CWA testers. The test can take place at a sheepdog trial, or at a training clinic, or at a private venue. The owner is required to be or become a member of SASDA prior to the CWA test.

There are certain specific elements that the dog needs to be able to do, ie., a short outrun, a bring, a drive away and either a pen or holding sheep onto a fence. In other words, the dog needs to undergo some sort of training before it can be put to the test. It is most certainly not a once off introduction to sheep to "see what the dog can do". Breeders who make the effort to test their dogs for a CWA, and who has a breeding bitch that passes the test, are classified as Approved Breeders, since one knows that their dogs have proven working ability.

For more details on cost of tests and location of judges and CWA testers, contact the SASDA Office or go to the website: www.sasda.za.net.

LIDMAATSKAP – 2024 –

Fooie vir 2024 is betaalbaar in Januarie. Neem asb kennis van die nuwe kostestruktuur elders en maak u betaling voor die einde van Februarie 2024 om voortgesette voordele soos kompetisiedeelname, hondjieregistrasies ens te verseker. **Telers moet asb die jaarlikse telersfooï insluit.** DANKIE.

Bankbesonderhede: SA Sheepdog Association, Standard Bank Volksrust.Tak/Branch: 051 001.

Tjekrekening: 031004326

TARIEWE - 2024 - TARIFFS

Effektief 01/01/2024 Effective

Lidmaatskap:

Eenmalige Aansluitingsfooi	R	175.00
Jaarlikse Enkel-ledegeld	R	300.00
Jaarlikse Familie-ledegeld	R	365.00
Jaarlikse Telersfooi	R	250.00

Membership:

Enrolment
Annual Single membership
Annual Family membership
Annual Breeders fee

Werpselregistrasies (Stoet/Goedgekeur):

** Paringsboete	R	60.00
! Geboortekennisboete	R	30.00
# Registrasie (na teler gestuur)	R	180.00
\$ Registrasie (na koper per e-pos)	R	185.00
& Laat Registrasie (na teler gestuur)	R	350.00
⊙Laat Registrasie (na koper per e-pos)	R	355.00

Litter Registrations (Stud/Approved):

** Mating Fine
! Birth Notification Fine
Registration (sent to breeder)
\$ Registration (e-mailed to buyer)
& Late Registration (sent to breeder)
⊙Late Registration (e-mailed to buyer)

Werpselregistrasies (Gewone):

** Paringsboete	R	65.00
! Geboortekennisboete	R	35.00
# Registrasie (na teler gestuur)	R	195.00
\$ Registrasie (na koper per e-pos)	R	200.00
& Laat Registrasie (na teler gestuur)	R	390.00
⊙Laat Registrasie (na koper per e-pos)	R	395.00

Litter Registrations(Ordinary):

** Mating Fine
! Birth Notification Fine
Registration (sent to breeder)
\$ Registration (e-mailed to buyer)
& Late Registration (sent to breeder)
⊙Late Registration (e-mailed to buyer)

**** Na 1 maand van paring**

! Per hondjie na 1 maand van geboorte

Prys per hondjie

\$ Prys per hondjie

& Per hondjie na 4 maande van geboorte

⊙Per hondjie na 4 maande van geboorte

**** After 1 month of mating**

! Per pup after 1 month of birth

Price per pup

\$ Price per pup

& Per pup after 4 months of birth

⊙Per pup after 4 months of birth

Ander:

Telersboekie (registrasievorms)	R	30.00
4-Geslag Stamboek	R	60.00
Oordrag van Eienaarskap	R	60.00
Oordrag vanaf ander Organisasies	R	120.00
SVW & SVM-sertifikate	R	110.00
Stoetnaam-registrasie (Stoet/Goedgekeur)	R	300.00
Web-advertensie	R	245.00
Paxi (per pakkie)	R	80.00

Other:

Breeder's Booklet (registration forms)
4-Generation Pedigree
Transfer of Ownership
Transfer from other Organizations
CWA & COM Certificates
Kennel Name Registration (Stud/Approved)
Web Advert
Paxi (per parcel)

Ontwikkelingsregister:

Lede (per hond)	R	365.00
Nie-lede (aansluiting)	R	715.00 plus
Fooi per hond	R	365.00

Development Register:

Members (per dog)
Non members (enrolment)
Fee per dog

Kompetisies:

** Heffing (per hond per lopie)	R	20.00
\$\$ Appél-fooi	R	300.00

**** Deur gasheerklub betaalbaar**

**\$\$ Betaalbaar binne 30 min
na insident (sien reëls)**

Competitions:

**** Levy (per dog per day)**

\$\$ Appeal Fee

**** Payable by hosting club**

**\$\$ Payable within 30 min after
incident (see rules)**

KOMPETISIES – 2024 – COMPETITIONS

Hiermee die beskikbare inligting vir die 2024 Kompetisie-seisoen. Please adhere to the relevant closing dates and arrangements to enable better planning and prevent unnecessary problems. Dankie vir u ondersteuning en geniet die seisoen!

WESKUS 1 HVJ:

24 – 25 Feb 2024

LAMBERTSBAAI

Sluitingsdatum: 10/02/2024

Plek: “Steenbokfontein” LAMBERTSBAAI

Rigtingaanwysings: Google Steenbokfontein, 9km vanaf Lambertsbaai op R365.

Beoordelaar/s: Later bekend

Inskrywingsfooi: R100/hond/paar/lopie

Begin tyd: Afhangend van inskrywings

Baan: Standaard vir Beginners, Juniors, Seniors. Top Honde – later bekend. Afhangend van inskrywings mini-dubbelhaal.

Inskrywings na: WA Hugo – Whatsapp – +27 82 611 4004

Akkommodasie: Steenbokfontein Gasteplaas – Herman Burger - +27 73 178 8433

Spyseniering: Daagliks by baan beskikbaar. Aandete – Muisbosskerm.

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ZIMBABWE 1 DOY:

20 – 21 Mar 2024

ENTERPRIZE

Closing date: 06/03/2024

Venue: Strathlorne Farm, ETERPRISE, Zimbabwe

Directions: Approx 50km from Harare (exact directions on request)

Judge/s: To be advised

Entry Fee: R100/dog/brace/run

Starting time: Entry dependent

Course: Standard for Beginners, Juniors, Seniors. Top Dogs – to be advised

Entries to: Rose vd Ruit – +263 712 20 8590 / rosevdr@gmail.com

CASH AT VENUE or to SASDA by arrangement if cash not possible – SA Sheepdog Association, Standard Bank Volksrust, branch 051 001, cheque account 03 100 432 6.

Accommodation: Will be organised with SAZ members and help with information on the trip/border etc will also be facilitated. Contact Rose vd Ruit – +263 712 20 8590 / rosevdr@gmail.com

Catering: Available at venue.

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ZIMBABWE 2 DOY:

23 – 24 Mar 2024

RUWA

Closing date: 06/03/2024

Venue: Bramber Farm, RUWA, Zimbabwe

Directions: 30km from Harare (exact directions on request)

Judge/s: To be advised

Entry Fee: R100/dog/brace/run

Starting time: Entry dependent

Course: Standard for Beginners, Juniors, Seniors. Top Dogs – to be advised

Entries to: Rose vd Ruit – +263 712 20 8590 / rosevdr@gmail.com

CASH AT VENUE or EFT to SASDA by arrangement if cash not possible – SA Sheepdog Association, Standard Bank Volksrust, branch 051 001, cheque account 03 100 432 6.

Catering: Available at venue.

Catering: To be advised.

* **Morning Glory Guest House** – Hetta - +27 82 492 3517

*** Smalkloof & Volksrust Guest Houses – Morné - +27 82 456 8284**
*** Gecko's Guest House – Alida – +27 82 344 1618**
*** Mon-Ae Guest House - +27 17 735 3866 / +27 79 461 7596**
Stucky's Guest House – Marisa - +27 83 452 8010
*** 3 Provinses 4x4 – Ronel – +27 82 785 8002 (whatsapp) – hutte / kampering**

GRAAFF-REINET

Inskrywings na: Klub Sekretaresse (nie SASDA) – Pippa Philip - +27 83 392 1956/ ajfp@isales.co.za

Closing date: 05/07/2024

www.lekkeslaap.com / www.travelground.com

Plekke rondom Tesselaarsdal: Lirahs Little House, Heilfontein Lodge, Blue Window Guesthouse, Otium Oasis Glamping, Kleinwatervalplaas, Klein Wolvegat Akkommodasie.

20 – 30km weg: Kleinrivier Gastehuis, Oudekraal Farm, Chavonnes Farm Cottage, Black Eagle Lodge, Klipdrif Akkommodasie.

Meeste plekke op bogenoemde webtuistes gelys. Maak seker of Troeteldier-vriendelik.

Spyseniering: Later bekend

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ZIMBABWE NATIONAL:

31 Aug – 01 Sep 2024

Harare, ZIMBABWE

Closing date: 12/08/2024

Venue: To be advised

Judges: Carol Mellin

Entry Fee: R100/dog/brace/run

Starting time: Entry dependent

Course: To be advised

Entries to: Rose vd Ruit – +263 712 20 8590 / rosevdr@gmail.com

CASH AT VENUE or EFT to SASDA by arrangement if cash not possible – SA Sheepdog Association, Standard Bank Volksrust, branch 051 001, cheque account 03 100 432 6.

Accommodation: Will be organised with SAZ members and help with information on the trip/border etc will also be facilitated. Contact Rose vd Ruit – +263 712 20 8590 / rosevdr@gmail.com

Catering: Available at venue.

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SA CHAMPIONSHIP:

26 -29 Sept 2024

WITSAND

Closing date: 26/08/2024!! NO LATE ENTRIES!!

Venue: Rhenosterfontein, Witsand

Directions: On N2, take R322 (near Heidelberg) to Witsand. At 4-way stop, turn RIGHT and travel 4.5km along gravel road (R322) to Rhenosterfontein. Follow signs to venue.

GPS: S34.367 E20.78

Judge: Neil Gillon

Entries to: M Ferreira, SASDA/SASHV. Whatsapp – +27 78 439 0329. E-mail – sasda@jenny.co.za

Enquiries: Pippa Philip - +27 83 392 1956 / ajfp@isales.co.za

Accommodation: Own Bookings

River & Sea Properties, Witsand – <https://rsprop.co.za>

Catering: Available at field Saturday & Sunday only.

All other info to follow once finalised.

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MEMBERSHIP – 2024 –

Fees for 2024 are payable in January. Please check out the new tariff structure further on and make your payment before the end of February 2024 to ensure continued privileges such as trial participation, puppy registrations etc. **Breeders must please include the annual breeders' fee.** THANK

Banking Detail: SA Sheepdog Association, Standard Bank Volksrust.Tak/Branch: 051 001.

Current Account: 031004326

COM				
Nr	Dog	Handler	Date	Tester
629	F ZARA	A Gunter	17/12/2022	H vd Merwe
630	I COLA	J Ludick	25/03/2023	M Trollip
631	I REN	R vd Ruit	28/03/2023	M Trollip
632	AW WHISKEY	J Ludick	28/03/2023	M Trollip
633	ROGUE	V Render	29/04/2023	R vd Ruit
634	JODI	I Kilpert	29/04/2023	R vd Ruit
635	SKYE	N Bowie	30/04/2023	R vd Ruit
636	BLU	W Hundermark	30/04/2023	R vd Ruit
637	F ROY	P Strydom	10/06/2023	M Trollip
638	F NAN	P Philip	10/06/2023	M Trollip
639	SKYE	J vd Vyver	10/06/2023	M Trollip
640	MAC	WA Hugo	11/06/2023	M Trollip
641	I HEMP	M Portch	18/06/2023	E Portch
642	F CAP	J vd Vyver	19/07/2023	M Trollip
643	SF LYCA	A Lesch	20/07/2023	A Philip
644	A CAIT	G Steagemann	23/07/2023	A Philip
645	JK TITANIUM (TOMMY)	J Nel	23/08/2023	A Philip
646	A MIEKE	R Pretorius	24/08/2023	A Philip
647	PD Titch	S Harriss	24/08/2023	A Philip
648	AILA	S Harriss	24/08/2023	A Philip
649	CHEESE	J Nel	27/08/2023	A Philip
CWA				
Nr	Dog	Handler	Date	Tester
	NONE			

<u>BEHANDELING VIR SLANGBYT</u>					
	<u>BEEES</u>	<u>KALF</u>	<u>SKAAP</u>	<u>HOND</u>	<u>PERD</u>
DUPLOCILLIN 20-25ml 1ml/25kg elke 2de dag	20-25ml	10ml	2ml	1ml/25kg	DEPOCILLIN 20ml
MEPYRAMINE 20ml 4ml/100kg 2 keer p/dag	20ml	10ml	5ml	1ml/10kg	20ml
DEXA/KORTICO 20ml 1 keer p/dag (indien nie dragtig nie)	20ml	7ml	5ml	1-2ml	20ml
DOMEX	Smeer aan swelling 2 keer p/dag				

AMPTELIKE UITSLAE / OFFICIAL RESULTS

WP 3

TESSELAARSDAL

Klein Wolwegat – 23/08/2023

Beginners: / 75

1. Geen Inskrywings

<u>Juniors: / 90</u>	<i>A Philip</i>	
1. PENNIE	J Swart	82
2. TESS	R Pretorius	74
3. NAN	P Philip	68
4. TOMMY	J Nel	66 COM
5. CAP	J vd Vyver	63

<u>Seniors: / 100</u>	<i>M Trollip</i>	
1. BOURNE	J Swart	80
2. MISSY	J vd Vyver	78
3. PLAIDY	B Lloyd	75
4. ZARA	AGunter	66
5. ELKE	R Pretorius	63

<u>Top Honde: / 100</u>	<i>P Philip</i>	
1. JEM	H vd merwe	86
2. DIESEL	M Trollip	82
3. CONNIE	A Gunter	79
4. KYLA	P Strydom	71
5. FIA	R Pretorius	71

Beste Beginner/2 dae NVT

Beste Junior/2 dae TESS R Pretorius

Tesselaarsdal -24/08/2023

Beginners: / 75

1. Geen Inskrywings

<u>Juniors: / 90</u>	<i>A Philip</i>	
1. TESS	R Pretorius	82
2. TOMMY	J Nel	79
3. ZAC	B Lloyd	76
4. NAN	P Philip	76
5. CAP	J vd Vyver	72

<u>Seniors: / 100</u>	<i>M Trollip</i>	
1. ELKE	R Pretorius	86
2. MISSY	J vd Vyver	84
3. BOURNE	J Swart	83
4. MAYA	B Greeff	81
5. ZAP	A Philip	73

<u>Top Honde: / 110</u>	<i>A Philip</i>	
1. FAFFA	A Gunter	95
2. MOLLY	A Gunter	95
3. CONNIE	A Gunter	94
4. FIA	Pretorius	93
5. DIESEL	M Trollip	93

Beste Senior/2 dae BOURNE J Swart
Beste Top Hond/2 dae DIESEL M Trollip

WP 4

CALEDON

South Western Districts – 26/08/2023

Beginners: / 75

1. No Entries

<u>Juniors: / 90</u>	<i>A Philip</i>	
1. NAN	P Philip	80 Qual
2. ROY	P Strydom	74
3. TOMMY	J Nel	69
4. ZAC	B Lloyd	59
5. KATE	J Swart	59

<u>Seniors: / 100</u>	<i>M Trollip</i>	
1. ZAP	A Philip	88
2. JILL	P Strydom	85
3. MISSY	J vd Vyver	84
4. PLAIDY	B Lloyd	81
5. MAYA	B Greeff	78

<u>Top Dogs: / 100</u>	<i>P Philip</i>	
1. DIESEL	M Trollip	94
2. MIRK	A Philip	89
3. KWAGGA	Y Fourie	86

Western Province - 27 – 29/03/2023

Beginners: / 75

1. No Entries

<u>Juniors: / 90</u>	<i>A Philip</i>	
1. ZAC	B Lloyd	70
2. AILA	S Harriss	68
3. CHEESE	J Nel	68
4. TOMMY	J Nel	65
5. CAP	J vd Vyver	64

<u>Seniors: / 100</u>	<i>M Trollip</i>	
1. TESS	R Pretorius	82
2. ELKE	R Pretorius	81
3. MAYA	B Greeff	80
4. BOURNE	J Swart	78
5. PLAIDY	B Lloyd	77

<u>Top Dogs: / 110</u>	<i>A Gunter</i>	
1. PENNY	R Pretorius	85
2. DIESEL	M Trollip	82
3. FIA	R Pretorius	81

4. MOLLY	A Gunter	85
5. JEM	H vd Merwe	84

Best Beginner/2 days N/A

Best Junior/2 days NAN P Philip

4. KYLA	P Strydom	71
5. FIA	R Pretorius	71

Beste Beginner/2 dae NVT

Beste Junior/2 dae TESS R Pretorius

ZIM REGIONAL

Zim Regional 1 – 25/11/2023

<u>Beginners: / 75</u>	<i>E Portch</i>	
1. BATU	S Martin	48
2. JODI	R Kilpert	36
3. ERNIE	A Venn	31
4. ARABELLA	J Ades	27
5. MALI	S Fennell	10

<u>Juniors: / 90</u>	<i>E Portch</i>	
1. ROGUE	V Render	70
2. SKYE	NBowie	70
3. WHISKEY	J Ludick	68
4. BLU	W Hundermark	60
2. SPOT	C Armand	56
3. HEMP	M Portch	45

<u>Seniors: / 100</u>	<i>E Portch</i>	
1. COLA	J Ludick	74
2. SPOT	C Armand	56
3. HEMP	M Portch	45

<u>Top Dogs: / 100</u>	<i>E Portch</i>	
1. HEMP	R vd Ruit	77
2. PIP	R vd Ruit	76
3. SPRITE	J Ludick	69
4. CALLA	R vd Ruit	43

BRAMBER, HARARE

Zim Regional 11 – 26/11/2023

<u>Beginners: / 75</u>	<i>E Portch</i>	
1. MALI	S Fennell	39
2. ARABELLA	J Ades	37

<u>Juniors: / 90</u>	<i>E Portch</i>	
1. WHISKEY	J Ludick	78 Qual
2. JODI	I Kilpert	74
3. BRYN	W Hundermark	73 COM
4. SKYE	N Bowie	70
5. BEE	V Render	70

Zim National – 26/11/2023

<u>Open: / 170</u>	<i>E Portch</i>	
1. SPRITE	J Ludick	126
2. PIP	R vd Ruit	121
3. HEMP	R vd Ruit	112
4. CALLA	R vd Ruit	75
5. SPOT	C Armand	53



Western Province Sheepdog Club
Dog of the Year Trial – 23 & 24 August 2023
Klein Wolwegat Farm, Tesselaarsdal
(Mark Trollip)

The Western Province club hosted the final set of trials for the season, the first of which was held on the farm of Bertus Greeff in the beautiful hamlet of Tesselaarsdal. The field was adjacent to the one used last year and sloped down from left to right as one looked up to the set out posts.

There were also some subtle undulations and a small dam on the right hand side. The senior and top dog classes had the same cast of 300m but the top dogs had an added challenge of a second set of gates on the away drive. Sending left would see the dogs lose sight of the sheep as they went up the hill causing a number of dogs to go very wide. The right hand cast had the dogs below the sheep but if they went behind the dam they'd be unsighted for some of the way and if they came in front of the dam they'd have to bend out again so as not to upset the sheep.

Adding to the challenge was the weather with the first day being bitterly cold and windy with intermittent rain. Fortunately for the second day the rain stayed away and the wind was down to a light breeze.

Bertus provided a mixed flock (ewes and lambs) of Dohne Merino ewes for the event. Setting out was the first challenge as they were very skittish and difficult to get settled. If they weren't pushed, the ewes worked very well but a deceptive cross drive gate caused many a good run to lose a number of points. They were also very tricky at the pen and had little respect for the handler. Despite these challenges there were a number of good scores with Johan Swart and his Kelpie Pennie qualifying out of the junior class on the first day and Ragni Pretorius and Tess qualifying on the second.

Thank you Bertus Greeff and our sponsors for a well-run challenging trial.



Pierre Strydom & Kyla

Western Province Sheepdog Club
Dog of the Year Trial – 26 & 27 August 2023
Grootvlei Farm, Caledon
(Mark Trollip)

The last trial of the 2023 season saw us return to the familiar field on the picturesque Grootvlei farm in the Caledon district. Host Andrew Philip had turned the field around so the handlers post was where the set out was last year.

The junior and senior classes would cast downhill through two contours but the sheep were clearly visible all the way. Beyond the senior cast at 300m, the field narrowed before widening out again, uphill to the top dog set out at 420m.

The top dog cast was a good test, if sent right the dogs would come in and then have to bend out again at a point where the sheep weren't visible. Sending left the dogs could either go around a dam at the 350m mark or if they came in front of the dam they'd also have to bend out again but at that point they also weren't visible.

Andrew gave us a flock of fit and healthy Dohne Merino yearlings for the trial. On the first day they were flighty but worked really well if the dogs kept off. The second was definitely more challenging with the packets taking off on the lift at speed and were heavy to the side where the exhaust pen was located. Shedding and penning was also a lot more difficult on the second day. On the first day Pippa Philip and Nan qualified out of the junior class.

Thanks to farm owner Ross Philip for the use of his wonderful venue and to hosts Andrew and Pippa Philip for their efforts in making the event a great success. Also, thank you to our sponsors for their generous support throughout the year.



Pierre Strydom & Kyla

South African National Sheepdog Championships
28 September – 1 October 2023
Kweekkraal Farm, Riversdale
(Mark Trollip)

The running of our 62nd National Championships took place on the farm Kweekkraal of member AJ van Wyk and family just outside the Western Cape town of Riversdale. The family run a very large mixed operation of crops, livestock and also a quarry producing bricks for the local building trade.

The field was mainly flat, about 800m in length with subtle undulations and a gully running diagonally through the middle. A good covering of lucerne after recent good rains softened the going under foot. For the event AJ provided a flock of 320 dry merino ewes.

Hennie Ferreira judged the novice event on the first day with Elaine Portch and Pippa Philip in the hot seat for the main event.

Proceedings got underway on Thursday with the novice championship. This event is open to any beginner dog capable of doing a 200m outrun or any dog currently in the junior class.

The course consists of a 200m outrun, full drive and a pen, total 90 points. The handler may leave the post on the drive but is penalised the more assistance they provide. Time limit was 10mins.

We had hot and humid weather for the event. The top scores were very close but Johan Nel and his Kelpie Tommy eventually came out as champions.

Results for the novice championship as follows:

1. J Nel	Tommy	64 – SA Novice Champion
2. J vd Vyver	Skye	63 – Reserve Novice Champion
3. P Strydom	Roy	58
4. AJ van Wyk	Roxy	57
5. J Nel	Cheese	56

On Thursday evening the society held its AGM. Pierre Strydom was elected as the new President with Bridget Lloyd being re-elected as vice-president.

Friday saw the running of the qualifying round which incorporates the junior championship. Dogs which started the season in the junior class are in the running for this award. The course was lengthened to a 300m outrun, full drive, shed any 2 sheep and a pen, total 200 points and a time limit of 12 minutes.

The day was predominately overcast with a light breeze and some light rain. The top 30 dogs qualify for the semi-finals.

The top five placings were as follows:

1. H vd Merwe	Jem	186
2. A Philip	Mirk	180
3. M Trollip	Diesel	172
4. R Pretorius	Fia	172

WA Hugo and Sally won the junior championship and WA was also runner up here with his young dog Mac.

On Saturday this course was lengthened to a full international qualifying course for the semi-finals. A 400m outrun, full drive and a marked shed, pen and single with a time limit 15 minutes, total score 220 points.

The weather worsened from the previous day with intermittent heavy showers but fortunately the wind was at the handlers back so sound wasn't a problem. The top 15 dogs progressed to the finals on the Sunday.

Top placings for the semi-finals as follows:

1. Y Fourie	Kwagga	193
2. P Strydom	Mac	188
3. WA Hugo	Mac	187
4. A Philip	Mirk	186
5. H vd Merwe	Jem	184

Saturday evening was our annual gala dinner and prize-giving. The event was held at the wonderful Kweekkraal conference facilities and we were treated to a superb 3 course meal.

Major awards for the season were as follows:

Best Beginner	N Bowie and Skye
Junior Dog of the Year	A Philip and Zap
Senior Dog of the Year	P Strydom and Jill
Reserve Dog of the Year	H vd Merwe and Jem
SA Dog of the Year	M Trollip and Diesel
Most consistent dog over 2 years	M Trollip and Diesel

For the finals on the Sunday, the course was once again lengthened to 550m for the first outrun which was to the left. Casting left, the dogs could go wide until the 350m mark where the boundary fence threw them in slightly, they would then need to widen out again and for a time the sheep would be unsighted.

The turn back to the right was 450m with the sheep being unsighted to the dog but once on their way the sheep came into view. Once gathered the two packets of ten were combined and a full drive was completed before the fifteen un-collared ewes were drafted off and the 5 remaining collared ones penned, a time limit of 25 minutes was set.

The rain had fortunately stopped but we had a cool breeze blowing into the handler's face which got progressively stronger and blew intermittently throughout the day. When the breeze was up the dogs simply couldn't hear at any sort of distance leading to a couple of retirements.

Also, a handful of dogs did not take the turn-back leading to more retirements. Nonetheless there were some good runs but Pierre Strydom with Mac, fresh from their trip to the World Trial in Northern Ireland, were the clear winners on the day, with an exceptional run.

The top 5 scores were as follows:

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| 1. P Strydom | Mac | 275 – SA Champion 2023 |
| 2. R Pretorius | Tess | 230 – Reserve SA Champion |
| 3. A Philip | Mirk | 216 |
| 4. P Strydom | Kyla | 215 |
| 5. H vd Merwe Lisa | | 211 |

Our sincere thanks to AJ van Wyk and family for a well run and testing event. Also to all our sponsors - we are truly indebted to you.



Henry vd Merwe & Jem in the ring

