

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looking back at this year as it draws to a close, I believe that it has been very successful for our club.

We entered into a new partnership with Royal Canin that has been good for both organizations. For the first time we had support not only for our National Specialty, but also for our Regional Shows right across the country. Our members also have a new resource for nutritional products and information, veterinary information, reproduction information and specialists through the company.

The membership drive put in place at the 2010 annual general meeting has been very successful, with sixty nine new members joining the club between September 2010 and September 2011. The board of directors has extended this plan, which gives people who have purchased a puppy from a current member, a free one year membership in the club.

Our Futurity/Maturity system is beginning to rebound with several new members nominating litters for the first time. In addition the 2010 Futurity show entries were up overall this year over those of 2010. Our National show was held in British Columbia and it was very successful. Many thanks to all of the hard working members of our host club, the British Columbia GSDC. It was a great show and a great trip out west.

Our new Education committee, chaired by Jack Kilgour, got off to a great start with their first annual Judge's seminar held at the National. The committee was hoping for approximately twenty five people to attend, however the early response was so good they quickly raised that number to forty. By the opening of the show there were sixty people booked for the seminar and more arrived at the show site wanting to take part which placed the final attendance at seventy people. I want to thank Jack and all of the members of the committee for the work and time they devoted to this project. I would also like to thank all of the people, judges, breeders and handlers from both Canada and the United States who offered their time and effort as mentors at the seminar.

We have endured some tough economic times over the past few years and the club has remained in a strong financial position. I hope that things are starting to get better and that we continue to see an increase at all of our shows next year and beyond.

Best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

Bob Stevenson
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