



Bur Oak Hundesport News

*A Dog Sport Club in Northern Illinois Specializing
in Schutzhund and German Conformation*



Zyta and Sebastian Piotrowski's son, John, Jr., 2, and pup, Bosco Von Karlovhaus, give this Schutzhund thing a try. (Photo by the Piotrowski Family)

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This Newsletter is published for Members & Friends of Bur Oak Hundesport as its official publication. Opinions expressed in the articles are those of the writers & not necessarily that of the Club.

What We Are

Bur Oak Hundesport was formed as a non-profit organization on Jan. 12, 2003 to encourage & promote training of purebred German Shepherd dogs & other desirable breeds for the dog sport of Schutzhund.

Diverse founding members include several breeding kennels, & expert through novice proponents of all three phases of Schutzhund training & competition (tracking, obedience, & protection work). Other key interests of the Club involve conformation & ring training.

Bur Oak Hundesport is affiliated with the German Shepherd Dog Club of America-Working Dog Association, Inc., (GSDCA-WDA). As a member of the World Union of German Shepherd Dog Clubs, through its affiliation with the GSDCA, the WDA provides enthusiasts with a framework for activities in the U.S. patterned after those available to the world-wide German Shepherd dog community. All members of Bur Oak Hundesport are part of the GSDCA- WDA.

Where We Train

Bur Oak Hundesport's regular training facility is located at Gridley Field in Long Grove, IL, just east of Route 83 & Gilmer Road.

Our Officers

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Bur Oak Hundesport Training Schedule



Each Sunday, the following training is available on the field. Guest training is available, after Club members have finished working their dog, at \$20 per dog, \$10 for a second dog.

TRACKING -- 8:00 a.m.

OBEDIENCE -- 9:00 a.m.

PROTECTION -- Approximately 10:00 a.m. until all dogs are worked.

Editor Judy Braginsky's Amos, TD, BH (right). Club members are always invited to submit photos of their dogs for publication in the Club newsletter and Web site.



Club news...

Show Your Stuff

Bur Oak Hundesport has scheduled the following Club Trials in 2014 at Gridley Field: June 20-22, SV Judge Jurgen Hess and Oct. 31-Nov. 2, SV Judge Mike West, Helpers Eddie Calderon and Mike Karlov, and Trial Secretary Georgia Cawley, for both Trials.

Wash 'n Train

A belated thank-you to Club member Bob Dulay who graciously volunteered space at his Dog Wash Express, 750 S. Milwaukee Ave., in Gurnee, IL, as a training site when snow build-up was too challenging for us to train on our Field and parking lot. The folks that showed up that Sunday made good use of the facility.

Welcome New Members

Happy training and trialing for Bur Oak's newest members/probationary members and their dogs: Robert Clarke, 7467 N. Ridge Blvd.,

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(Right photo) Mike Karlov (right), Captain, and Officer Bill Russell; (top photo) Officer Russell and the late K-9 Luther/photo by T.J. Salsman/The State Journal-Register



Captain K-9

Club President Mike Karlov's Captain von Karlovhaus, SchH3, FH1, has been settling into a new career as a police dog (Badge No. 901) this past year; but Captain hasn't forgotten his Schutzhund roots.

When a demo dog was needed to pair with an entrant without an entrant partner during the obedience portion of an IPO3 at Bur Oak's recent Club Trial, Captain's new owner/handler, Bill Russell, deputy coroner for Sangamon County and head of the rescue squad, dropped by with Captain that Sunday and happily obliged.

Mike, who would handle his old partner during the obedience routine at the Trial, hadn't seen Captain for quite awhile.

The dog was being retrained by Officer Russell and later certified by the U.S. Police Canine Association as a police K-9, specializing in cadaver searches.

The process, Officer Russell says, is similar to the training that other police dogs receive.

Training includes a recall requiring the dog to chase a running decoy, and, after dog is 20 yards out, calling the dog back to a finish position without making contact with the decoy.

Besides criminal apprehension with and without gunfire, handler protection, suspect search, and other demands, Captain, renamed Apex, was specially trained to search for a body.

"They could not believe his obedience since I was not the one who trained him and had only been with him a short time," Officer Russell said. "Mike Karlov gets all the credit for the hard work in what they saw him do at the beginning of training.

"Captain is truly a great dog."

Officer Russell and his late partner, K-9 Luther, won a national award for their recovery in 2009 of a drowning victim. Luther, a 6-year-old German shepherd

trained to find human remains, picked up the scent of the drowning victim even though he was in about 12 feet under water.

But, back to Bur Oak's Trial.

Entrant Jan Gullick and Kaylee VD Olgameister took their place on the long down across the field as Mike and Captain began Schutzhund's off-leash heeling pattern for the first time in more than a year.

Focused heeling? Pshaw! Nothing to it, and done with a wagging tail.

Dumbbell toss over the flat and high jump? Easy stuff. Good fronts, too.

Retrieve over the 6-foot A-frame.

Yes, sir! No problem here. What else ya got for me, Mike, old buddy?

Badge No. 901 multi-tasked just fine.

--- by Judy Braginsky



Hot Dogs

Judy Kavanaugh and **Axel V Kavanaugh**, BH, Bur Oak Hundesport Club Trial Nov. 22-24, SV Judge Inge Balonier.

Mike Lichtwalt and **Inka Vom Lichtwalt**, BH, Bur Oak Hundesport Club Trial Nov. 22-24, SV Judge Inge Balonier.

Jamie Elliott and **Indy Vom Lichtwalt**, BH, Bur Oak Hundesport Club Trial Nov. 22-24, SV Judge Inge Balonier.

Judy Kavanaugh and **Caila V Kavanaugh**, BH, Bur Oak Hundesport Club Trial Nov. 22-24, SV Judge Inge Balonier.

Robert Clarke and **Orion Vom Gildaf**, BH, Bur Oak Hundesport Club Trial Nov. 22-24, SV Judge Inge Balonier.

Michael Nelson and **Oslo Vom Gildaf**, BH, Bur Oak Hundesport Club Trial Nov. 22-24, SV Judge Inge Balonier.

Zyta Piotrowski and **Aly Vom Kaiser Schloss**, IPO 2, Bur Oak Hundesport Club Trial Nov. 22-24, SV Judge Inge Balonier.

Lee Marconi and **Amuk Von Karthago**, IPO3, Bur Oak Hundesport Club Trial Nov. 22-24, SV Judge Inge Balonier.

Jamie Elliott and **Hamlet De Ville**, FH1, Bur Oak Hundesport Club Trial Nov. 22-24, SV Judge Inge Balonier.

Bob Dulay and **Panzer Von Melanchthon**, AD, Bur Oak Hundesport Club Trial Nov. 22-24, SV Judge Inge Balonier.

Lee Marconi and **Amuk Von Karthago**, Club Awards High Obedience, High Protection, and High Tracking, Bur Oak Hundesport Club Trial Nov. 22-24, SV Judge Inge Balonier.

Bur Oak's Winter Trial



Bur Oak Hundesport hosted a very successful three-day Club Trial in the bitter cold, Nov. 22-24 with SV Judge Inge Balonier, braving the cold with everyone else in good humor and sportsmanship!

Our own Mike Karlov shadowed Judge Balonier the entire trial as he ventures into the GSDCA-WDA Judge Apprentice program. He received a very good report from her on his judging ability and rapport with exhibitors.

Mike and Judge Balonier's scoring and observations were almost always identical. They conferred on every single dog. She was very encouraging to Mike to continue his pursuit of becoming a judge. Our Club was honored to provide this opportunity for Mike.

Thanks to Mount St. Joseph in Lake Zurich, we were given permission to use their excellent grounds for the tracking portion of the Trial. In appreciation, Bur Oak made an unsolicited generous donation to this not-for profit care facility.

Most all the dog/handler teams were successful, even in the frigid weather. (Maybe because of the weather, for the dogs!)

Back at our Training Field, the dedicated kitchen volunteers served a delicious hot lunch and kept the coffee pot going ALL day Friday and Saturday.

Friday, we had two FH tracking dogs and many BHs. Saturday, we had all the IPO dogs (and the three BHs who could not come Friday). Sunday, we managed a successful AD at Heron Creek Forest Preserve in Long Grove for four dog/handler teams!

Once again, in Bur Oak fashion, all the volunteers in our Club made this a smooth-running event. It was a good trial.

--- by Georgia Cawley

SV Judge Inge Balonier with (top photo, down), Mike Lichtwalt and Inka, BH; Jamie Elliott and Indy, BH; and Lee Marconi and Amuk, IPO3. (Photos by Judy Braginsky)

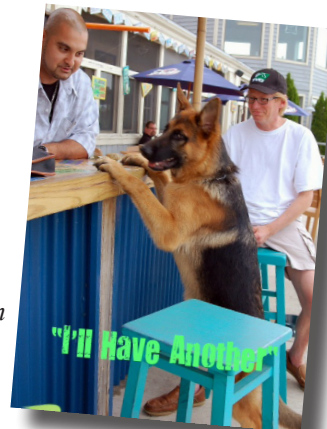


Hot Dogs

Mike Lichtwalt and Inka Vom Lichtwalt, Exemplary BH, Bur Oak Hundesport Club Trial Nov. 22-24, SV Judge Inge Balonier.

Sandy Neuschen and SG Wisp von Schneiden Fels, AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Dec. 10, 2012; AKC Coursing Ability Dog (CA), 3rd leg, Oct. 26, 2013, Cudahy Kennel Club, Judge Nora Mayfield.

Sandy Neuschen and Chase vom Mittelwest, VP3, 6-9 month male class, Chicago Schutzhund Verein, June 8, 2013, SV Judge Joachim Stiegler. Also, VP1, 9-12 month male class, USCA Mideast Regional Championship, O.G. Landshark, Oct. 5, 2013, SV Judge Dieter Oeser.



Chase, Fred Neuschen (right), and bartender

"I'll Have Another"



(Top photo left, clockwise) Judy Kavanaugh, Axel, BH, and SV Judge Inge Balonier; Zyta Piotrowski and Aly, IPO2; Zyta, Helper Mike Karlov, and Aly in the blind; Bob Dulay and Panzer, AD.

Mary Wijas, DVM, and mRazz Haus Juris, IPO 1 and IPO 2, Clubs SVO Vomp Nov. 8, and SVO Salzburg Nov. 10, respectively, in Austria, SV Judge Bernhard Prem; breed survey, and KKL1, Club SV Grostheim Nov. 16, in Germany, Koer SV Judge Erich Bosl.



Mary Wijas (left) and Razz (Photo by Donna Haynes)



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CELEBRATION PARTY after the Trial drew (photo above, left to right), Mike Karlov and Lee Marconi, whose Amuk earned Club awards for High Tracking, High Obedience, and High Protection; Mike Karlov and Jamie Elliott, whose Radar earned an FHI; Mike Karlov and Mike Lichtwalt, whose Inka earned an Exemplary BH Award; and Trial Secretary Georgia Cawley (from left), SV Judge Inge Balonier, and Mike Karlov with a certificate of appreciation, and a new warm parka, for Judge Balonier.



A GOOD ENDING to a cold, but very good three-day Club Trial, including this hardy and qualifying lot of entrants for Sunday morning's AD endurance test: (from left) Yvonne Xagas and Pia vom Haus Kuhn II, Bur Oak Club Trial Secretary Georgia Cawley, Mark Haddad and Priya vom Haus Kuhn, SV Judge Inge Balonier, AD guide Joe Barry, Bob Dulay and Panzer von Melanchthon, and Robert Haddad and Ulysses vom Haus Kuhn.

Bur Oak Hosts Judges' Seminar

Bur Oak Hundesport hosted a seminar for apprentice judges over the summer that was given by SV Foreign Judge Mike West with the help of SV Foreign Judge Wendell Nope.

The two-day event included an 8-hour presentation that went over scoring, how to and why's, and new rules and old.

The four seminar participants also "judged" several Club dogs in protection, and observed several Club members tracking (including Jamie Elliott, Judy Braginsky, Mary Wijas, and Joe Barry).

Seminar participants included Club President Mike Karlov, Teaching Helper Ron Gordon, Ray Blomberg, and twice-FH tracking champion Jacob Pope, Jr.

(photos, right, clockwise): Ron Gordon (left) SV Foreign Judges Mike West and Wendell Nope, Ray Blomberg, Jacob Pope, Jr., and Mike Karlov; Jamie Elliott tracking; Mary Wijas tracking.



(Photos by Teri Tognetti)

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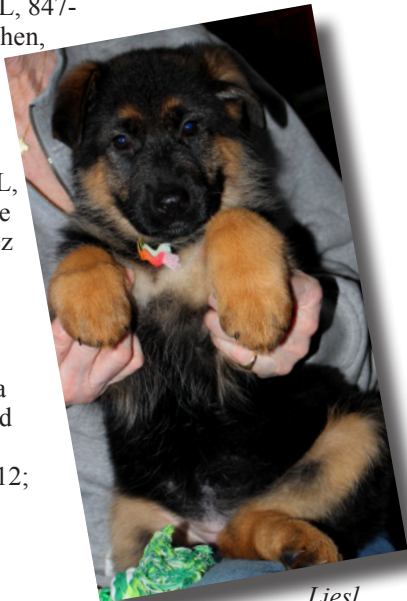
Chicago, IL, 773-426-0955; Grant Smith, 8310 Howe Rd., Wonder Lake, IL, 630-415-5177; Bob and Gina Bromberg, 5474 McKenzie Dr., Lake in the Hills, IL, 847-833-0352; Sandy Neuschen, 8702 Mason Hill Rd., Woodstock, IL, 815-206-0332; Rinaldo and Jenny Manago, 587 Capital Lane, Gurnee, IL, 847-514-1801; and Mike Nelson, 10564 W. Cortez Circle #2, Franklin, WI, 651-274-9358.

New Dogs

Ruth Black and Neda Tkalcevic, MD, recorded a new dog: Liesl vom Mittelwest, born 12/18/12;

sire: Sieger VA1 Odin vom Mittelwest, dam: V Larah von Godalis; breeders: Tessa Martinez and Julie Carroll Martinez.

Mike Karlov recorded a new dog: Whiskey von Kriegshund, born 5/28/2013; sire: V Hudson von der kalten Hardt, dam: Zena vom Kriegshund; breeder: Mark Boggs, Kriegshund Kennels.



Liesl



Whiskey





Submitted by Joe Barry

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