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## - SECRETARY'S REPORT -

In this issue of the German Shepherd News, I would like to give to you, the Members of this Club, an account of what has been accomplished during the past three months.

Your committee with a few exceptions have attended to their duties in a very praise-worthy manner and I have received full support from your President, Mr. Colin Mitchell, your Treasurer Mr. J. McCormack and your Supervisor of Training - Mr. Colin Kitchmaster.

I would like to thank the Members who have attended the two recent demonstrations, namely at Winchelsea and Cressey but I would like to see more members attending these demonstrations in the future, especially in these country areas where our dogs are regarded as untrustworthy and treacherous. The public watching those two demonstrations were amazed at the skill and gentleness of our dogs and went home feeling as much respect for them as their handlers.

The improvement of our financial position is largely in the hands of the individual member.

If each member would make an effort we could carry out more extensive work and provide more amenities to the members - "So what about it, this is a job for many and not the few".

Your Committee has at all times looked after your interests and if you feel there is room for improvement we would appreciate any suggestions to be put forward at Meetings.

The relations between your Club and all other affiliated clubs has been most cordial, we have exchanged visits and you have been represented at most functions either by myself or appointed delegates.

It is very gratifying to see more of our members doing so well at the recent Obedience Trials and I would like to take this opportunity of wishing them well in the future.

Arrangements have commenced for the training of a squad in the Inter-Club Obedience Competitions.

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Secretary's Report (Cont'd).

These Inter-Club competitions should prove very interesting and good fun, so if you have a good dog - "BE IN IT - Come along and train!"

Finally, to the News Editor Miss Shirlee McCormack, I would like to say thanks for the good work she is doing and for passing on my message to you.

W.J. Stephens.  
Secretary. G.G.S.D.C.

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" DOGS IN THE NEWS "

Sarki and Wolf made their radio debut at 3GL recently with their respective owners Miss Lorraine Cooper and Mr. Karl Heyne.

During their interview both dogs backed up their owners comments with resounding "Whoofs" - No 3GL wasn't blasted off the air!

This was on the occasion of the Radio Appeal for Red Cross, Sarki and Wolf participated once more in street collecting which is an annual feature of the Club during the appeal.

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" BRAVERY AWARD "

The highest award for bravery ever given was awarded to a Queensland German Shepherd recently.

He repeatedly risked his life by dashing into the path of oncoming cars on a busy highway, barking frantically to attract attention and help for his master who had been the victim of an accident.

He richly deserved his reward.

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" SCENE AT TRAINING "

LEFT - RIGHT - LEFT - RIGHT - ABOUT TURN -  
1 - 2 - 3 - 4

No, this is not a new training scheme for dogs, they don't care which is their left foot or their right.

This is the G.G.S.D.C. Demo team practicing their squad drill. Look out Marching Girls! You have rivals! The dogs are all very happy about the situation too, for they have time off to laze in the sun while the squad pace out their measured beat -

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SEND OFF TO KENNEL CLUB TREASURER

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Stephens represented our Club at a Sendoff to Mr. Allgood, Kennel Club Treasurer at Aberdeen House recently, Mrs. Reid was elected as the new Treasurer and all wish her well. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

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## " DEMONSTRATIONS "

### 'Back to Winchelsea'

The celebrations on Saturday March 12th went off with a swing and a really large crowd thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon's entertainment, particularly the dog's demonstration, which was very capably compered by Kevin Krygger.

The team work and jumping display were really first class and the applause was self evident of the enjoyment and appreciation.

### Cressy Gymkhana

For some of the spectators at this event it was the first time they had seen a German Shepherd - they were really thrilled.

Although tempted with tit bits and patted by the strangers, the dogs only had eyes for their masters.

From the last two demos. we have had requests for advice on training from country folk and several new members have been gained - this speaks well of Shepherds in the country areas.

A sidelight of the demo. was when Lorraine Cooper was forcibly entered in the Gymkhana Girl Contest - being literally hurled onto the platform, and loudly supported by the dogs (barking) and her fellow members cheering.

Lorraine didn't win, but she says "Wait until next time, I'm going to bring a suit case of clothes with me!" - just in case.

### Rokewood

A verbal invitation to present a demo. at Rokewood on Easter Saturday has been received - pending confirmation in writing - further details will be advised at the Training Ground.

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## "DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!"

The old saying is "If you play with fire you get your fingers burnt!"

If you ask Jim McCormack and Reg Bosely they will agree.

A very nasty accident was averted at the Back to Winchelsea Demo, by the quick action of Fred Lehrman and Reg, in smothering the flames when a bottle of Kero and Metho mixture ignited and exploded over Jim McCormack.

Reg and Jim both had their hands burnt but we all agree it could have been much worse.

Colin Kitchenmaster and family had some very nasty moments on their way to Cressy - when his brakes failed as he was about to take a turn overlooking Queen's Park.

We all know Col would have needed wings to be able to land down in that valley. But all was well with Col working furiously at his gears.

He didn't get to Cressy though - probably his knees were knocking to much to enable him to drive!

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For the Members interest and information there will be a series of articles each month - extracted from a book entitled

### "KEEPING A DOG"

written by Major R.F. Wall T.D., MRCVS.

These articles will cover various aspects - Training and Care in Health and Sickness.

This first article, I think may be of value to newcomers to the world of dogs - maybe even to some of our old hands at the game.

### Administering Liquids :-

The administration of liquids should be undertaken with more care than is customary with the average person. First and foremost, do not open the dog's mouth when you are giving the medicine, for it not only makes him offer great resistance but there is a risk of some of the fluid going down the wrong way and gaining access to the lungs.

The bronchial tubes and lungs may tolerate some non-irritating liquids with no more ill effect than a fit of coughing, but others, acting as an irritant and foreign body, set up acute bronchitis or broncho-pneumonia, followed by gangrene of the part most effected and the death of the patient.

This may all be avoided by putting the tip of the index finger inside the cheek, gently pulling it out to form a pouch and then slowly pouring the fluid into it whilst the dog's head is slightly raised and kept as steady as possible.

Should he refuse to swallow the throat may be rubbed for a moment or so - not pinched, lest this also allows the fluid to reach the lungs, and if this is unsuccessful the nostrils may be closed until he opens his mouth to breathe.

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### " TRIAL SUCCESS "

Geelong Members were to the fore at the recent Trial held at Box Hill.

The trophy for Novice Bitch was won by Mr. Dave Carnegie with Lady Gay Beauty after a deciding exercise to break the tie with Joe Siminitsch's Asta Princess both having scored 91 points.

Mr. Paxman took the trophy for Novice Dogs with his Boxer Reinzucht Challenge and Mr. McKercher took the honors in U.D. with his Tyshe Hyrd Karl.

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### " TREASURERS REPORT "

During the first 3 months of 1960, the Club has improved its financial position considerably, as against the last 3 months of 1959.

Entries for Trials has been very good, but I would like to see a greater number of Geelong dogs entered in the forthcoming events.

Raffles : The raffle for a Travelling Rug brought in a total of £16.2.6 and a Foul raised £2.10.0.

It is pleasing to see a number of new members joining up and it is hoped that they will take a great interest in the Club - at Sunday morning training and any social events to aid club funds.

I would appreciate Members, when receiving their Notice of subscriptions due, to pay same promptly, and so keep funds up and thus avoiding any unnecessary book work.

Members, remember this is your Club - so come along and give it your fullest support.

It is worthy of note the really wonderful effort by Members of helping a fellow-member in trouble, when the Club raised £30.0.0. in a fortnight to aid the Len Broom appeal last year - we all stick together and help each other - let's all help the Club.

J.F. McCormack,  
Treasurer. G.G.S.D.C.



## DOG TRAINING BOOKS

(Compiled by Col. Mitchell)

Learn With Your Dog!

This booklet helps you to project the teaching you receive at Training Classes and covers all aspects of your dog's education.

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" DATES TO NOTE "

April 12 : Committee Meeting - to be held in Four Square Club Rooms.

April 16 : (Easter Saturday)  
Demonstration at Rokewood.  
Details to be advised.

C/Ship Shows - Parades - Trials

April 2 : C/Ship Central Gippsland Kennel Club.

April 3 : Trial Southern Obedience Dog Club.

April 9 : Parade Castlemaine Dist. Kennel Club.

April 9 : C/Ship Wangaratta Kennel Club.

April 9 : Warrnambool & Dist Kennel C.

April 16 : Maffra, Sale & Dist Kennel C

April 17 : Coburg & Dist. Obed Dog C. Trial.

April 18 : C/Ship Hamilton Kennel Club

April 30 : C/Ship Vic. Poultry & Kennel Club.

" TRAINING "

Classes will be held on each Sunday morning from 10.00 am - 12.00 am at the Norlane Training Ground.

Classes will be held on each Sunday afternoon from 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm at the Belmont Training Ground - until further notice.

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- NOTICE -

To cut down overhead expenses incurred in the postage and delivery of the monthly issue of our Club magazine, we would request local members to collect future copies at the Training Ground at Sunday morning Classes.

Issues are made as near as possible to the first Sunday in each month so it is advisable to collect as early as possible to avoid missing any important notice or function.

It is hoped that this request will meet with your approval and will not inconvenience you unduly.

As this paper is compiled and circulated for your interest and enjoyment we would like each and every member to share in its news - If you have any little item of news - pass it on - any article of interest you may see in local or overseas papers which you think may appeal to us doggy clan - hand it over. I'm always glad of any items of doggy news at all - Believe me, five pages get very hard to fill at times, so how about you all giving me a hand.

You may also notice that there are various advertisements appearing in your magazine - have you any puppies to advertise, 5/- per ad. per month is all it will cost you. These funds go toward the running cost of this magazine, so it is in yours and the Club's interest if you would care to advertise.

Shirlee McCormack,  
News Editor. G.G.S.D.C.

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