

Northern Boxer Club of S A

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2009 YEAR END NEWS

To all NBC Members,

I know I say it every year, or so it seems, but 2009 really did fly. Perhaps it was all the challenges that we had to face. It has been a very peculiar year I believe for most, what with the recession which I think affected a lot of us out there. Even with funds stretched to the max, our members did not let us down and still managed to scrape together the required club fees. I would like to personally THANK ALL of you and it was the large majority who renewed their club membership. Our member numbers have actually increased from 2008. From my side I would like to thank Els Sporen for all her time spent sending out reminders and following up on members. A great job done, Els. The committee would like to welcome all new members to NBC and this includes our Complimentary members from 2008, who have chosen to renew their membership this year and are now official NBC members. NBC is still, in my mind, the best club and you have all made the right choice. Perhaps I am a bit biased but there you go, it has been said.

NBC held their AGM on 21 November 09 and we are very pleased to say that we have retained the young enthusiastic committee members, even after a year of introducing them to the ways and workings of the committee. Both Diane and Corinne have learnt a lot about the running of shows and their hobbies have not been shy with helping Willie out in the kitchen. A club is only as strong as its dedicated committee and wonderful members. Diane was very brave and took on the task of learning the ropes of the Treasurer. After 17 years of unflinching dedicated time and effort as Treasurer, Uschi Wöstmann announced her retirement from the position. Uschi you did an exceptional job as Treasurer and Di has large shoes to fill but we are all very confident in her abilities. Di, we welcome you as our new Treasurer and wish you the best. The 2010 Committee is as follows:

President:	Franz Füglistner
Vice-President:	Willie Wöstmann, Chris Levings
Chairperson:	Machiel Bosch
Vice- Chairperson:	Marinda Oosthuizen
Secretary:	Pam Zeiler
Treasurer:	Diane du Plessis
PRO:	Els Sporen
Committee:	Ute Füglistner, Franz Füglistner, Ursula Wöstmann, Willie Wöstmann, Armand Burger, Corinne Young, Johann Voges, Henk du Plessis, Adri Erasmus, Jannie van den Berg, George Young.

NBC members were once again very active in the show ring as well as participating on all levels. Congratulations to all of you who achieved Champ status and working titles with your Boxers. We also had a large number of litters born this year from NBC members. After all, what is all this about if not for

the love of our fabulous Breed, the Boxer dog, always so willing and loyal. To the members who experienced lows this year, whether it was the loss of your Boxers due to old age, illness, criminal activity or just simply disappearing, we can only imagine how you felt or are still feeling. Wenda, we are still holding thumbs that your Boxers turn up somewhere.

NBC held 3 Championship shows and 1 Match Meeting in 2009 and hosted the FBCSA Interclub. We thankfully took back the Interclub Club trophy. Well done guys, it was well deserved. We will have 3 Champ shows and two Match meetings in 2010, one of which will be a double feature. To all those who have new pups or have adult dogs never shown before, these Match meetings are ideal opportunities to experience the ring and we invite all of you to enter. Remember unregistered Boxers can also be shown in these shows so invite that neighbour down the road with a Boxer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people who do great work, some in the background:

- My hubby Geoff, thanks for creating a fabulous new data base for the club. It has made admin just so much easier. Thanks also for all your support with my Boxer involvement.
- My son, Gareth, thank you for all your assistance with more so the FBCSA than the club. It has meant a lot to many people. Gareth designed the FBCSA website and maintained it for the year, however due to his high pressure job, time has become a bit thin. Thanks to Diane du Plessis for taking over the task and after a little training is now up and running and so far so good. Talk about a duck taking to water!! I thank Gareth as well for his time spent writing articles and talking at seminars.
- To Ute, thanks so much for your continued guidance throughout the year and for taking the minutes (you know how much I hate that job). It has been a challenging year for you in more ways than one, yet you always make yourself available when needed. I believe you are a rare person in this mad world and many can take a leaf or two out of your book. We hope to see you and your Boxers back in the ring in 2010.
- Machiel Bosch, for his great leadership as Chairman. You are a winner, always so calm and relaxed.
- Johann Voges, well what can we say? Thank you so very much for all your wonderful contributions in the form of getting sponsorships. The catering department made a lovely profit this year and it's thanks to Johann and those committee members who generously donated food.
- To the outgoing committee, thanks for a good year. We all work so well as a team and it makes all our activities a pleasure. For those of you who had major disappointments this year, a new year awaits and it can only get better.
- And last but not least to all the wonderful NBC members, thanks for being who you are and thanks for the support in 2009.
- AND really last and certainly NOT least, a Christmas cheer to all our wonderful Boxers. If not for them, there would be no need to have a club. So ensure all Boxers get a really great bone or toy for the silly season.

**A very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all**



Boxer regards

Pam Zeiler
NBC Secretary

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& JACKETS**

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