

# **Northern Boxer Club of S A**

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## **CHRISTMAS NEWS**

To all NBC Members,

Another year is almost behind us and most of us are getting ready to have a few days or if you are lucky a couple of weeks very well deserved rest and relaxation.

NBC recently held their AGM and we are very pleased to say that we have a wonderful new committee with a number of young enthusiastic committee members. So you can all be reassured that your club is in good hands and you can expect a rocking 2009. Your new committee is as follows:

President:	Willie Wöstman
Vice-President:	Franz Füglistner, Chris Levings
Chairperson:	Machiel Bosch
Vice- Chairperson:	Marinda Oosthuizen
Secretary:	Pam Zeiler
Treasurer:	Ursula Wöstmann
PRO:	Bridgitta Steyn
Committee:	Els Sporen, Ute Füglistner, Willie Wöstmann, Armand Burger, Renaté Burger, Diane du Plessis, Corinne Young, Gillian du Toit, Johann Voges

Congrats to Corinne, Diane, Gill and Johann on your election. We wish you a happy 2009 serving on the committee.

We have had a super 2008 in the show ring and our dogs have achieved on the working field as well. Perhaps the only surprise was NBC not winning the Interclub show this year. I must congratulate BCSA and EBC on taking the trophy but know that we will be back next year. So come on guys get into the show ring and let us show the other clubs that we will not be down for long. I regularly do pup inspections and have seen what beautiful Boxers are hiding in gardens. Bring them to shows and let all see just how great our breed is.

2008 saw the introduction by the FBCSA of Complimentary members. Basically all new owners of pups bought in 2008 were allocated to one of the clubs based on the area in which they live and awarded a year's complimentary club membership. To date this has had a positive effect with many new faces in the show ring. NBC has 93 such members and as your secretary I would like to welcome each and every one of you to the club. During the course of

2009 you will be contacted by a committee member for a chat and hopefully you will consider joining the club as a paid up member. Remember if you have any queries please feel free to give me a call.

2009 will bring the regular Championship shows, a social Match meeting and we will do our dog walk and breakfast again. This proved to be very popular this year with lots of requests to have more than one in a year. Time will tell if we have more than one in 2009 but watch out for times and dates. You never know our committee may have all sorts of surprises awaiting you.

The FBCSA revamped the website this year and we can look forward to more interesting news being loaded. Remember the FBCSA website unlike a Breeder Website is there as an "Information Centre" and not to promote breeders and their stock. So unlike a breeders site where lots of photos and details on their stock will be found, along with all the "bells and whistles", the FBCSA website should be easy to use and functional so you the visitor can quickly find relevant information on the FBCSA, affiliated clubs and of course the Boxer Breed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the recent outgoing committee for a very happy and fruitful year. It is so nice to serve on a committee where all work together for the benefit of the Boxer. Thanks guys.

We wish you and your families a very merry festive season and a wonderful New Year. Travel safely and we look forward seeing you and chatting in 2009...

...and remember the most important dog in your life, your Boxer/s also deserve a treat or two. Remember NO CHOCOLATE!!

And in closing some things to ponder on:

**If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man. Mark Twain**

**Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole. Roger Caras.**

And for those that train their dogs: **If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and the give him only two of them. Phil Pastoret.**

Boxer regards

Pam Zeiler  
NBC Secretary

