

IGP Convener Report 19/09/2022

I would like to thank the Committee for supporting me for the last 6 years as National Convener. The road we travelled was not always easy and we had a lot of obstacles to overcome but, with your support, we managed to find a solution for most of our challenges.

The role of convener is not an easy one, on the one hand you have to defend the FCI Rules and Regulations as well as the KUSA Schedules, and on the other side you have to grow the sport and keep the handlers happy. That in itself is a near impossible task. I want to apologize if I have upset anybody in the process.

We have shown tremendous growth in the past year. However, this growth came with its own problems. For the first time we had the situation where a Local Judge was attacked and insulted during a trial; where an International Judge was offended, by the same people. What is of a massive concern is that these people are in fact IGP Judges, "leaders" who should be an example to Handlers. Hopefully the message that we are not going to tolerate this kind of behaviour was received loud and clear.

We hosted numerous trials in all Provinces, a very successful Western Cape Provincial trial and an outstanding Meisterschaft with International Judge and Helper. Notwithstanding the tremendous increase in the petrol price, we still had a very good entry of 21 dogs. Well done to Natal for putting up such a super event it was well organized and well supported.

IWT, Schutzhund, IPO and now IGP has given me such momentous opportunity to express myself in my sport. I have won the National event twice and been second too many times to remember. I had the opportunity to represent my country and Qualified at the WUSV on 3 different occasions. I have made many sport friends all over the world and I want to thank everyone who has been involved one way or another.

I would love to hear good things in the future from the sport I love and hope that the sport can be clean and without the constant testing of the limits.

Thank you
John Rautenbach