

Convener National IPO Sub Committee Report 2017

It is a great privileged for me to report on the Activities of IPO in KUSA for 2017.

Firstly I would like to thank Jenny Hubbard for her support and understanding without her we would not have had such a successful year.

Then I would like to thank the committee for the positive support I've received during the year. I know that it was a demanding year with all the work that needed to be done and a new Convener who is doing things a little bit different.

The work we had to do on our Schedules to bring them in line with international standards are progressing well. The problem was that these schedules were left for a number of years and became totally outdated.

5B IPO completed

5E (06) Meisterschaft completed

By-Laws NIPOSC completed. This will allow the committee to select a team to participate at international events.

5J IPO need to be revamp completely we are still in the 1990 and we have to keep up with the times. Most European countries do not have a Helper Qualification scheme anymore.

This year the IPO fraternity were able to host the first Selection trials one in Capetown and one in Gauteng. The Capetown trial was judged by two local Judges with an international Helper. The trial in Gauteng was Judges by an International Judge and two local Helpers. These trials were well supported and the standard of the Judging were in line with International standards.

The standard at our local competitions, were identified by the World Championship selection committee, as the main reason why our competitors are not able to reproduce their results, at local trials judge by International judges and at World Championships. The Sub-Committee is in the process to address this problem. The development of a standard Mark Sheet was the first step. We will follow it up with Judges Seminars and workshops.

The FCI introduced the new IPO Rules and Regulations which will become effective on the 01/01/2019. The new rules will allow dogs/competitors to stay longer active in the sport. The exercises is becoming increasingly more difficult as one moves through the grades. With the current Regulations a massive amount of work was required to prepare for IPO 1, this is no longer the situation.

The FCI is hosting a Judges workshop in Nova Gorica Slovenia during the weekend of the 20/21 January 2018. Five Judges from each country will be accommodated on the workshop. At the moment we have 3 judges who have indicated that they will be able to attend. The sub-committee will then have to coordinate the training of our local judges before the 01/01/2019. Judges will have to successfully attend these workshops before they will be allowed to qualify dogs with the new rules after 01/01/2019.

IPO had a very active year in 2017, seven (7) trials were hosted in the in Western Province by 4 different clubs as well as one (1) selection trial. In NAPC 8 trials were hosted by 3 different clubs including a Meisterschaft and one (1) selection trial. In Natal we had one (1) trial.

A number of IPO Seminars were hosted in WP and NA these seminars were all well attended we are starting to see the results in our Handlers and Dogs obtaining high skills levels.

In closing I can confidently say that IPO have gained a new momentum and growth in participation at club and competition levels. We are looking with much anticipation forward to 2018.

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