

Newsletter Q2/2022



Dear Members,

It's difficult to believe that it's the middle of June already and half the year is gone!

We hope you are enjoying every day of your life and celebrating every happy moment!

As for the WDSF, we have something to celebrate! One month ago, we had a fantastic event – The WDSF World Championships with four terrific disciplines and 51 participants from 11 countries!

As with previous years, 2022 presented us with multiple challenges. Covid, World affairs, and rising costs made it difficult for the organizers and attendees to commit to these Championships, but with great conviction, you rose to the occasion, and removed all roadblocks that stood in the way.

This is a tribute to your commitment and dedication to our great organization.

Thank you all for your continued support!



The WDSF World Championships IGP, Mondioring, Agility & Obedience 2022 are over.

This year the event took place at Västerås, Sweden from May 5th to May 8th.

We are very grateful to Rasklubben Hollandse Herdershond (RHH) for hosting and organizing this event in very professional manner and with a fantastic atmosphere! We also would like to thank all the judges, helpers, decoys, sponsors, volunteers, the WDSF Members and everyone who made this event possible! And, of course, special thanks to the public and supporters of the teams who supported and cheered

all the participants! Thank you for coming and for your enthusiasm!

It is a pleasure to see that each year, the event draws participants from a lot of different countries, helping to develop the sports with our favorite breed and to lead a healthy lifestyle.

This year we had 51 participants and 55 dogs from 11 different countries from all around the world! 🍷

The host Country Sweden 🇸🇪, had the most entries, with a total of sixteen participants who competed in four disciplines.

Nine participants competed from Czech Republic 🇨🇪,.

Germany 🇩🇪, Netherlands 🇳🇱, and Finland 🇫🇮 were represented with five participants from each country.



USA 🇺🇸, Hungary 🇭🇺, Italy 🇮🇹, Schweiz 🇨🇭, Norway 🇳🇴, each had two participants.

And 1 participant from Denmark 🇩🇰.



Sigrid Schmidt, Vice President and Sports director of the WDSF, who made invaluable contributions to the organization of the World Championships, made an inspiring summary of the event.

Dear friends,

I would like to review the World Championship weekend.

On Thursday before the World Championship I arrived in Västerås after a 17 hour drive. Sweden is a beautiful country, which is worth the journey. In the end, I only able to see very little off the fantastic nature around us.

Västerås is a lively city and not unlike my hometown Berlin / Germany.

On Friday we went to the event area for the Intraining, Vet. control, handing in the papers, the draw, meeting and of course the opening ceremony.

The first thing I noticed was the incredibly relaxed atmosphere. Happy faces, the handlers were full of anticipation, friendly helpers and a fantastic location.

I was able to see old dear people again and made many new friends.

It was noticeable how much people have missed this event in recent years. There was a cheerfulness in the mood that you could almost touch.

Our Swedish organizers did everything to make everyone feel comfortable.

The interaction between the athletes was characterized by friendliness, helpfulness and love for our wonderful breed.

Especially in the Intraining IGP it was just great to see how the nations supported and helped each other. For example, the athletes and supporters from Germany stepped in as helpers for other nations that did not have enough helpers with them. Athletes from the Netherlands, made themselves available as protection helpers for other countries. Especially great was the moment when our Swiss starter gave up time from her training for an Italian athlete so that he could do another exercise for which there was no time in the Italian time slot.

Our starters with the furthest travel distance came from the USA and without further ado got a team leader from Sweden at their side.

This was just great and shows how uncomplicated dog sports can be, if you approach other people with respect and friendship and put our beloved hobby first.

The mutual respect shows itself above all in situations that were difficult.

Thus, some dogs had difficulties on the track on Saturday due to the very difficult weather conditions.





The chief judge, Camilla Rönqvist, was very patient with each athlete and was able to resolve all situations according to the current rule book.

Overall, I must say that the RHH made a very good choice in judges, helpers, decoys and stewards.

All the judges were highly professional, fair and even.

The helpers and decoys worked fastidiously and in the spirit of the dog sport.

Due to the great work of the helpers, decoys and stewards it was possible for the judges to critique the dogs on a high level of a World Championship, and to determine our new World Champions.

On Saturday and Sunday, the different competitions were finally held. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend all the competitions. In many conversations and feedback, which I continued to receive up to this weekend, my impression for the event was reflected. Even if not all athletes could reach their goals, it was very fair and sporty.

The ceremonies are always a particularly emotional moment for me. When you stand in the front at the speaker's area and see all the wonderful people with their fantastic dogs, it is the greatest reward for all the work and effort you put into this organization.

I would like to congratulate all the winners of the different classes for their success.

The World Championship titles are always awarded in the respective highest test class.

Our World Champions 2022 are:



IGP:

1st place: Adam Holeska (CZ 🇨🇪) with One Devil von der Herdergang, total score 278

2nd place: Jack Stienstra (NL 🇳🇱) with Holland Vato Loco van le Dobry, total score 271

3rd place: Mandy Gläser (DE 🇩🇪) with Bico z Kimovy smečky, total score 270

Adam Holeska will be invited with a wildcard to the FCI WC IGP from 08 to 11 September 2022 in Roudnice nad Labem, Czech Republic.

We wish him good luck and know that he and his female will be worthy representatives of our breed at the biggest World Championship for utility dogs!





Obedience:

1st place:

Hanna Suominen (FI 🇫🇮)
with Kare-saran Ötökkä

Agility:

1st place: **Jana Zvonková (CZ 🇨🇪)** with **Breena z Vandalky**

2nd place: **Lenka Blachova (CZ 🇨🇪)** with **Heidr Nola Rún van de Graaslinies**



Mondioring:

Due to illness we unfortunately did not have a participant in the championship class (Cat 3) and therefore could not determine a new World Champion.

*I would like to thank our organizer, the Rasklubben Hollandse Herderhond, my thanks and greatest respect for the very successful organization of this event. Especially **Inga Badh**, who deserves a special thank you for her tireless efforts, kindness and perseverance.*

Together you made this World Championship an experience we will never forget.

I would also like to thank all the sponsors who made this even possible with their generous contributions.

Finally, I would like to mention the most important people for me at such an event, the dog handlers, their trainers and supporters. Without you, this would not be possible. You are the ones who lead the dogs to the event with heart, perseverance, energy, and time. You put defeats behind you and celebrate the successes and stand for everything that makes our organization great. I would like to express my respect for your commitment and thank each one of you for the many unforgettable moments that you have given me.

I hope to meet you all again soon.

Yours

Sigrid Schmidt

Vice President, Sports director





General Meeting 2022

The WDSF General meeting took place at the Clubhouse of the Brukshundklubb, Västerås, Schweden on Monday, 9th of May.

To allow all Members to join the meeting and to minimize traveling costs, the meeting was organized in a hybrid format – in person and via Zoom.

A range of topics were discussed during the meeting in very pleasant atmosphere, including the financial report for 2021, cash audit, budget 2022, elections of board members and the member of Financial Committee 2022/2023, proposals of the board and other topics.

New Members of the WDSF

We are very happy to welcome new Members of the WDSF:



HOLLANDSK
GJETERHUND
KLUBB

Hollandsk Gjeterhundklubb Norge (HGN), Norway.

HGN is small organization in Norway who are very enthusiastic and committed to the breed and are people who want to promote and develop the Dutch shepherd breed in Norway.

You can find more details about the club here: <https://hollenderklubben.com/>

Specialklubben for Hollandske Hyrdehunde (SHH), Denmark

The club located at Glostrupvej 33a, 4500 Nykøbing sj, Denmark

You can find more details about the club here: <https://www.sfh.dk/>

Specialklubben for Hollandske Hyrdehunde

Hunde med striber har mange kvaliteter

We wish our new Members every success in our common passion for sport with the Dutch shepherd breed and hope to see you soon in the WDSF events!



Congratulations

We want to congratulate **Società Italiana Pastore Olandese, Italy** for becoming full Member of the WDSF and for establishment of official breeding club in Italy.

Congratulations and good luck in future work with the breed!



New experts required

We are looking for a sport expert in Obedience who wants to join the WDSF sport commission and help us with the development of this unique sport with Dutch shepherds.

If you have relevant candidate for this role, please send an email to the board: melinda.fekken@wdsf.nl

New host required for WC in 2023 and 2024

We are looking for new host for organizing for the WDSF World Championships 2023 and 2024.

It is preferable if your organization can host multiple disciplines (IGP, Agility, Mondioring, Obedience).

Hosting the WDSF event enables you to increase the visibility of your organization and help to foster of friendship between Dutch shepherd lovers from all around the world.

Should you need additional information on hosting opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are always happy to answer all your questions and provide you with all relevant information.

We wish you to have a great time and hope to see you all soon!

With sporty greetings,

Your WDSF

