

Regional Directors and Presidents Awards

Sponsored by the General Education Committee (GEC)

The GEC of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America (USA) is pleased to announce the second annual Regional Directors' and Presidents awards.

These awards were created to showcase and reward USA member clubs which show exemplary conduct with respect to its membership, the sport of Schutzhund and their canines. In addition these awards are designed to encourage every club to strive for a higher standard of excellence especially in addressing concerns of the general public. Clubs should always work towards providing greater clarity about Schutzhund and dispelling any anti-dog sentiment or breed specific resentment.

To simplify the process a worksheet replaces the previous list of questions. The point schedule has also been re-designed for a more accurate reflection of the merits of each question. However, the point values have been removed from the nomination worksheet as they may be confusing.

Clubs may nominate themselves for the awards. Alternatively they can be nominated by another club or by any officer from their respective region (Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director, Breed Warden, Training Director, etc.).

Any interpretation of the rules and criteria will be made by the GEC. In keeping with the spirit of these awards; the decision of the GEC is final and they do not expect nor will they entertain any appeals from Clubs which consider that they have not had been fairly judged.

Regional Directors Award

There will be one Regional winner from each of the ten regions. One of these winning clubs will also be awarded the President's award signifying their number one role in the USA club hierarchy. In order to be included in the 2009 awards, all nominations in the form of completed worksheets must be received by me no later than September 15, 2009. Nominations will be acknowledged upon receipt and also forwarded to the respective Regional Directors. Winning clubs will be determined by October 15, 2009 with the goal that awards might be announced in November 2009 at the USA General Board Meeting.

Recipients will receive the following:

- Plaque/trophy for club house.
- Pins for each member.
- Cash award to be used as the club sees fit (2008 award was \$250).

President's Award

A selections committee consisting of the USA President, Vice President, Secretary and two active members of the GEC will choose, by simple majority approval, one of the regional clubs as the winner of the President's Award. This nomination will also need simple majority approval of all members of the GEC. The Club so selected maybe the one having the highest score but given the regional bias or weighting; the GEC will take other aspects into consideration. Recipients of the President's award shall receive the following:

- Plaque/Trophy for Club House.
- Cash award to be used as the club sees fit (2008 award was \$350).

Winning clubs may publish their award in any media meant to promote the interests of the club, USA and the GEC awards program. Likewise, the GEC will publish such details in the Schutzhund USA Magazine, USA website and Blog and in any other media they see fit to showcase the clubs and its activity.

We are hopeful that this year all regions will participate and we ask that you share details of these awards with all clubs in your locale. We look forward to receiving your nomination and any comments about the awards program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry Fisk".

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GEC 2009 Regional Directors and Presidents Awards Nominations Work Sheet

Completed sheets may be e-mailed (scanned) and/or faxed to the 2009 AWARDS Project Leader, Terry Fisk- email firecreek@earthlink.net, FAX 760-868-3388, Phone 760-868-0676 (PST). You may handwrite your responses and/or type them, which ever is most convenient. For questions that require a yes or no answer please circle or place a check mark next to the appropriate response.

Additional comments or questions please use an additional page if necessary.

Details requested refers to the calendar year 2008 (January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008)

Submissions must be received by the project leader no later than September 15, 2009. A copy of this completed worksheet will be forwarded to the respective Regional Director and the GEC.

1-Club Information

1a-Region:	1b-Regional Director:		
1c-Name of club: Year of USA affiliation: _____	1d-Mailing address:		
1e-Club Contact (for awards purposes only):	1f-Contact Information E-Mail: Telephone Number: Time zone:		
1g-Has the club had any Board of Inquiry complaints?	Yes	No	Points for GEC Use Only
1h-If Yes and the complaint was found valid please do not proceed 1i- If deemed invalid or rejected by the BOI, please give a brief explanation below or on another page:			
1j-What are your annual membership fees? – State amount \$ _____			Points for GEC Use Only
1k-Does your club incur any annual expenses besides those to USA? (note cost of facility rental, maintenance, insurance, not equipment purchases) If yes, how much? \$ _____	Yes	No	
1l-Does the club have a website? If yes please provide URL: http://www .	Yes	No	

1m-Do you have a published list of club officers? If yes where is it published (list website, etc.):	Yes	No	Points for GEC Use Only
2-Club participation and promotion			
2a-Does your club encourage youth participation? If yes, note how:	Yes	No	
2b-If yes, how many youths are active in your club? ____			
2c-Does your club welcome and mentor new helpers?	Yes	No	
2d-Are your programs open to all breeds of dog? If yes, how many alternate breeds are in your club: ____ If no, explain why:	Yes	No	
2e-Are visitors allowed for observation?	Yes	No	
2f-Does the club welcome visitors for training? Comments:	Yes	No	
2g-Is there a system to encourage membership in the USA for non-club visitors and observers? If yes, explain:	Yes	No	
3-Club Demographics			
3a-Highest number of full members on January 1, 2008: ____			
3b-Highest number of full members on December 31, 2008: ____ Comments:			
3c-Number of H.O.T. dogs in the club (include titled and non-titled dogs): ____			
3d-Number of H.O.T. dogs obtaining titles in 2008: BH ____ SchH1 ____ SchH2 ____ SchH3 ____			
3e-Number of non-H.O.T dogs in the club (include titled and non-titled dogs): ____			
3f-Number of non-H.O.T. obtaining titles in 2008: BH ____ SchH1 ____ SchH2 ____ SchH3 ____			

3g-Highest number of youth members in 2008: ____			Points for GEC Use Only
3h-How many youths titled a dog to the following in 2008? BH ____ SchH1 ____ SchH2 ____ SchH3 ____ Other: ____ (designate type) _____			
3i-List other club activities performed by youth members:			
3j-Number of dogs that participated in USA conformation show/breed surveys in 2008: ____			
3k-Have the club or individual members assisted a fellow USA club at a trial, seminar, show, etc.? If yes, please provide details below or on another page:	Yes	No	
4-Participation in USA authorized trials, shows and seminars			
4a-Number of USA Trials held: Club Level ____ Regional Level ____ National Level ____			
4b-Number of USA Conformation shows held: Club Level ____ Regional Level ____ National Level ____			
4c-Has the club hosted helper training/classification seminars?	Yes	No	
4d-Are seminars (other than helper seminars) open to non-club members?	Yes	No	
4e-Has the club hosted <i>non-USA authorized</i> events? See below	Yes	No	
4f-Note number of events. Training Seminars ____ Helper Seminars ____ Practice events (not including affiliation events): Trials ____ Shows ____			

4g-Hosted other seminars or events? If yes list type and number of events below or on another page:	Yes	No	Points for GEC Use Only
5-Community Involvement			
5a-Has the Club offered education demonstrations or booths for the general public? Include those regarding the German Shepherd, Schutzhund and/or canine legislation. If yes, list type and number of events below or on another page:	Yes	No	
5b-Do you have a club member or members who are active in helping defeat Breed Specific Legislation or Anti Dog or mandatory sterilization issues?	Yes	No	
5c-Do your members volunteer at recognized rescues and/or shelters? If yes, note below or in another page:	Yes	No	
6-Club Conduct			
<p>No input needed by club (will be checked by the GEC)</p> <p>Good conduct by club members not just at their own club trial, but at other trials and shows as well. Any valid complaints or negative comments against the Club by Judges, members or public brought to the attention of any of the members of the GEC. The GEC will use its own criteria and investigation to make such a determination.</p>			
<p>7- Worksheet submitted by:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(name – please print) _____ (date)</p>			

8-Comments and improvements

Please make any comments or suggestions to streamline the application process and/or suggest changes in the criteria to make them more compelling and relevant in the current climate. You may use an additional sheet if necessary.

For GEC use only below this line

Total Points

Notes: