

'Be the change you wish to see in the world.' (Mahatma Gandhi)



Dear Readers,

Today I would like to welcome you to the latest issue of the SV Magazine. I hope you had a good transition into 2023 and a positive first couple months of this new year.

'Sport connects people' and 'Clubs build bridges between people.' I can't tell you which motto is more meaningful to me. What I can tell you, however, is this: our club and our togetherness have never been as important as they are at this time. Together, we have mastered great challenges. And there are more to overcome. Because as you all know, the past year has demanded a lot from us. The seemingly never-ending Covid pandemic, an unimaginable war in Europe, an animal welfare dog ordinance that pushed our harmonious cooperation to its organisational limits, and the resulting fears in our private, and professional, but also sporting lives.

We can only cope with all of this together: as a community and as a team. It doesn't help anyone to communicate negatively about others, the club and our beloved sporting activity. Can we achieve the improvement we desire by denouncing people, forming groups on Facebook and mudslinging in the media? No, this is definitely not the case. Can change be achieved? Yes, I'm sure of it. None of you are alone in this. If you have any input or feasible requests for reorganisation or change, let us know! Communicate openly with us and we will look for a solution together. There are so many possibilities to discuss. We, and I am sure I can speak for the entire National Board, are here to help and advise you. These challenges in our club and in our day-to-day cooperation can only be overcome together!

Let's look forward to a positive 2023 for our association. The first club activities have already taken place, and we are now in the active phase together with our dog athletes. The LG general meetings, where our members met with the LG board members for an exchange, are now over. Take advantage of events to exchange ideas with your LG board and also with the National Board to promote harmonious cooperation with other fellow members of the association. Participate and help usher in a creative phase for our club.

We are an excellent club with a very good structure and many outstanding personalities! I look forward to every personal interaction with each of you, and, until then, I wish you a pleasant time, harmony and health.

Yours truly,

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