

Editorial



Dear Readers,

By the time you receive this issue of the SV Magazine and read the editorial, most of our major club events will have taken place and our National IGP & Agility Champions' Test will be in full swing. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to our members who volunteer their time to help organise and run our events. They devote countless hours, sacrificing free time with their families, and approach their task with great commitment. This is not something that can be taken for granted, as some might like to believe. Without our members who devote themselves to the service of our local groups and the main association, many events would not take

place because they would not be financially viable.

Volunteering is invaluable. Many local groups could not exist without volunteers. Volunteers contribute so much to the development and continuity of the club, creating an added value that goes far beyond the direct results of their work. However, they often face significant challenges: time management, lack of resources and sometimes lack of recognition make their work difficult. It is therefore important that the stakeholder community and its members recognise and support their efforts. This is the only way to ensure that this valuable commitment to our local groups and to the club continues into the future. Unfortunately, social developments show us a different trend. Clubs are finding it very difficult to attract donors. Instead, many people see them as service providers, which in turn creates difficulties. We must develop new ways to preserve the social value of volunteering, because one thing needs to be clear to all of us: We can only have a say and the opportunity to shape and determine our future if we are active in our community. Without this participation, we leave the organisation and development to others who are solely focused on profit. That would be the end clubs like ours.

I would therefore like to thank all the SV volunteers, officials and office holders who put themselves at the service of us all every day, helping us to enjoy our leisure time as a balance to our working lives.

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