

My name is Albert (Al) J. Govednik.

I was born on 17 January 1958, in Joliet, Illinois. (This is a suburb of Chicago, Illinois.) I became involved with my first dogs as a boy, working with my father & his hunting breeds. My real passion has been Schutzhund, now called IGP work. My breed of choice since 1984 has been the German Shepherd Dog. I worked as an electronic technician for the BNSF (Burlington Northern Santa Fe) railway company since 1984, and have been employed in the railroad industry since 1977. I retired in July of 2022, after 45 years of injury free service with no missed days.

I have been very active with the working side of dog training. From 2004-2014 I was the AWDF president and kept a regular dialog with the FCI working commission. This included personally attending several FCI meetings every year. I felt this was an important part of our growth in our sport here in America.

United Schutzhund Clubs of America (GSD club) training accomplishments:

- 2 time master gold sports medal winner (qualify for a few more) Over 1000 sport medal points earned.
- 2 time Mid-Central regional handler of the year & regional sports friend of the year
- SchH/IGP 3 club 7 times (Bullet, Jack, Gita, Gonzo, Lea, Hex, & Armor)
- Many time national competitor in multiple organizations events.
- HOT (handler owned & trained) competitor, 5 dogs trained from youngster to FH2 level or higher (3 of the 1st 12 FH2's, now called FH3's, in America)
- As a competitor, I have participated in over 225 SchH/IGP trials. I have also passed over 85 FH competitions. Numerous high in trials, high tracking, high protection, high obedience awards. Several "V" scores. I actively support all working dog organizations, as I have either shown, judged, or attended the majority of AWDF club events at one time or another.
- Won North Central Regional Schutzhund championship with Gita & Mid Central Regional Schutzhund championship with Jack
- Had not been beaten in a Mid-Central Regional FH championship from '87 until '03 (didn't enter) with 5 different dogs (Bullet, Dixi, Jack, Gita, & Gonzo)
- Mid-Central Regional FH champion again in '04, '05, & '08 (Gonzo & Hex)
- Won the USCA's FH championship in 2010, finished 2nd three times, 4th three times, & 5th once. Won the USCA IPO-FH championship in '09
- AWDF FCI IPO-FH '06 world championship team member (Gonzo) Austria
- AWDF FCI IPO-FH '07 world championship team captain, Switzerland
- AWDF FCI IPO-FH '08 world championship team member, Slovakia.
- (Hex) placed 25th in the world tracking championship. (IPOFH)
- AWDF FCI IPO-FH '09 world championship team member, France (Hex)
- AWDF FCI IPO-FH '10 world championship team member, Slovenia (Hex)
- FCI IPO world championship team captain '08 Warve, Belgium
- FCI IPO world championship team captain '09 Schwanstadt, Austria
- FCI IPO world championship team captain '10, Finland

Never have I failed a SchH/IGP track in a competition with a dog I have raised & trained from a youngster or pup

Track layer at every major event, hosted in America, including the WUSV championships in Boston, Cincinnati, as well as our WUSV team selection trial.

6 GSD's to SG in conformation, (Bullet, Jack, Deli, Bingo, Dixi, Cody) 2 others G (Gita & Gonzo)

USCA Teaching helper '02-'20

- Helper in two WPO championships (police dog) '92 & '93
- Many time Mid-Central & North Central regional championship helper.
- As a helper, I worked at least 2 local club trials every year since '88 until my hips were replaced in 2019

Judging events

- USCA - USCA Nationals '02, '04, '06, '11, '21 Tracking, & '10 Obedience. Protection & Obedience judge '04 HOT (handler owner trained) tournament, '00', GSD championship '99 Tracking,
- AWDF championship '01, '05, & '11 Tracking,

USCA Teaching judge '06-

USCA Teaching track layer '25-

USCA/position(s)

- United SchH Clubs of America '86-
- USA Executive Board Member '96-'12
- USA Executive Board Member at large '00-'12
- Mid-Central Regional Director '96-'00
- Assistant Mid-Central R.D. '93-'96
- USA Judge #23 '96-
- FCI approved judge Dec.'06
- USCA liaison to the AWDF '97-'00
- AWDF President '04-'14

Regarding local and national events, I have found tracking fields, laid tracks, set up obedience and protection fields. I found trial and training fields, including working with professional baseball teams and soccer clubs, I have also dealt with insurance companies, been involved with various legal issues including anti working dog legislation, acted as trial secretary, treasurer, found sponsorship, uniforms, and helped form several new clubs with multiple breed involvement. I have also given many tracking, helper, and general judging seminars.

GSD Dogs/titles

- SG Sir Bullet vom Govednik SchH3,IPO3,FH2, FH*
- SG Bingo of Nachez Trace SchH1**
- SG Deli Cerny Obelisk SchH1**

- SG Dixi vom Hackhauserweg SchH3,IPO3,FH**
- SG Jack vom Hildeshiemer Land SchH3,IPO3,FH2**
- G Gonzo z Ceska SchH3,IPO3,IPO-FH, FH2**
- G Gita z Lipin SchH3,IPO3,FH2***
- Lea Bohemia Vek SchH3,IPO3**
- Armor vom Govednik SchH3,IPO3,FH2, RH1***
- Hex Aites Bohemia SchH3,VPG3,IPO3,IPOFH,RH1**
- Ava vom Holtgrew IPO2, FH, RH1***
- SG Cody z Antolovej Luke FH2,BH-VT, AD**

*=raised & trained from puppy

**=raised & trained from young/untitled dogs

***=bred, raised & trained from puppy