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A Great Walk In Springer Wonderland

By Cyndi Myhre, photos by Kristin Radermacher

February 5th marked another great TCVESSA Annual Awards Banquet. The gathering took place at David Fong's Restaurant in Bloomington and was attended by 43 guests. From the response we have gotten from our banquet survey, everyone had good food, won fabulous prizes and had a great time. This year's award recipients are listed below.

The TCVESSA 2006 Calendar Cover Contest had 25 awesome entries. See page 5 for more information and a list winners. *A big congratulations to all of the winners, and thanks to all who made this year's banquet a success!*

Best Junior Handler: Sarah Salzwedel

CH Sprucehaven's Under Time NAP NJP "Charlie," Owned by B.A. Breese, Mary Frisch & Sarah Salzwedel
6- Best Junior Wins, 8- 1st Places, 4- 2nd Places, 12- 3rd Places, 5- 4th Places, qualified for Eukanuba Invitational, finished the year with 403 Junior Showmanship Points.

Revolving Trophies

High Scoring Novice Obedience Dog

CH Cedarwood's Laser Beam CD "Laser," owned by Jean Dockendorf & Patricia Welch; **190 Average**

High Scoring Open Open Obedience Dog

Topgun's Sweet Reward UDX MH MXP MXP WDX "Kandee," owned by Tracy & Patty Salzwedel; **198.5 Average**



What's a banquet without cake?

High Scoring Utility Obedience Dog

Topgun's Sweet Reward UDX MH MXP MJP WDX "Kandee," owned by Tracy & Patty Salzwedel; **196.6 Average**

This past year Kandee won 4 High in Trials. Her biggest win was getting HIT from the Open B class, defeating 49 dogs, with a score of 199.5. She also earned 45 Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) points and needs only 17 more to Finish her OTCH. *Congratulations Patty and Kandee!*

See page 4 for more awards.



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This summary report covers all Board of Director meetings and general membership meetings.

Treasurer's Report

The Club's year-end balance was \$9,443.00. The beginning balance was \$4,500.00. Club activities netted \$4,943.00. The only activity that didn't pay its way in 2004 was the Springer prints. It ended up being a break-even proposition because of the framing costs.

As of the end of 2004, the profits on the following items are:

Calendar sales	\$1,300.00
Banquet	100.00
Obedience Fun Matches	775.00
Specialty	1,800.00 (for both days)
Sanction match	0.00
Trophy fund– Fundraisers	1,400.00 (Including calendar raffle funds)

Nominating Committee Activities

All members nominated for 2005 club offices were voted in during the General membership meeting at the Annual Banquet in February.

Bylaws and Club Organization Discussion Update

As many of you know, the Board is working on updating the Club Bylaws and investigating a new corporate structure for the club. The changes to the Bylaws, which were voted on by the membership at the fall AKC Sanctioned Match, are designed to make the day-to-day operations of the club more flexible and to update some language that doesn't apply to the way the club functions today.

The Board is also looking into changing the official structure of the club. We are investigating the benefits of changing the club to a 501 (c)3 charitable organization. When the club was first started, the costs of operating the club were minimal compared to today. These days, the cost of our liability insurance eats up most of the dues revenue, forcing us to do a lot of fundraising to obtain operating funds for club activities. With the increase in fundraising comes the potential of having to interact with Uncle Sam during tax season—something we would like to avoid. It appears that incorporating the club into a charitable organization would allow us to keep the proceeds of our fundraising. Becoming a 501 (c)3 would allow donations to the group to be deducted on donor's taxes and it gives us a better footing for our fundraising activities. Adopting the new format would also mean that the club would need to sponsor at least one educational activity a year; something which should add value for our members.

A membership vote taken at the fall Sanctioned Match approved the following Bylaws changes:

SECTION 4. DUES:

An additional new language proposal was made from the floor suggesting a change in the date that membership dues are to be paid. Based on this suggestion, the proposed and adopted language was changed to the following:

“Membership dues shall be in the amount per year as determined from time to time by the Board of Governors, payable on or before the 1st day of December of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of September, the Membership Secretary will post a membership renewal form in the club newsletter. Members will use this form to mail in their membership fees by the December 1 due date”.

This revised language passed membership vote.

ARTICLE II. MEETINGS, SECTION 1, MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

New proposed language passed unanimously. See VOX, Issue 6, 2004 for language.

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SECTION 3 BOARD MEETINGS:

Suggestion from the floor that the language “*at such hour and place as may be designated by the President*” be changed to “*at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board members.*” This suggestion was incorporated into the proposed language and passed membership vote. However, we have since learned that the original language “*at such hour and place as may be designated by the President*” is part of Minnesota State Corporate Law and revisions to the bylaws will not be approved unless they are consistent with the State’s legal requirements for institutional bylaws. The language will remain as proposed in the VOX Newsletter.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS:

New proposed language passed unanimously, with a suggested change in language similar to SECTION 3. Once again, this is in conflict with state law and can’t be changed, so the amendment will carry with the proposed language from the VOX, Issue 6, 2004.

ARTICLE IV. YEAR, ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTIONS, SECTION 1 ORGANIZATION’S YEAR

New proposed language passed unanimously. See VOX, Issue 6, 2004 for language.

SECTION 2. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE

New proposed language passed unanimously. See VOX, Issue 6, 2004 for language.

Trophy Committee Activities

Cyndi Myhre reports that the club has enough prizes to offer two supported entries in addition to the two Specialties in 2005. The two supported entries will be the Saturday and Sunday shows following our back-to-back Specialty shows.

There was a lovely array of raffle items available at the fall Sanctioned Match. The trophy committee supplied a number of small items and Joan Beck and Cyndi Myhre sponsored a large gift basket valued at over \$50.00. The large basket featured a one-of-a-kind Springer wall clock, some lovely bath items, stainless steel dog bowls, a decorative Springer candle, dog toys and several other items. The winner of the basket was Brian Schaffer who drove all the way down from Sioux Falls, SD, to join us for the match.

The banquet committee acquired \$700.00 worth of donations of goods and services from outside source to raffle off at the Annual banquet. One of the donated items was a Lauren Howard print.

Profits from the calendar raffle and two games will once again support the trophy fund.

Profits from the general raffle will support the club’s general fund.

Calendar sales

Using the Springer rescue matching fund program, we sold an additional 12 calendars between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day. Those sales generated \$25.00 for English Springer Rescue America, \$35.00 for Mid-Atlantic English Springer Spaniel Rescue and \$72.00 for TCVESSA.

2005 and 2006 Specialties

Stephanie Bachman has once again volunteered to be the official chairperson for the 2005 Specialty, but the club desperately needs two co-chairs to help out. Maryevelyn Monty has volunteered to co-chair one of the events, but we still need someone for the other day. If you can forgo showing one of the Specialty days, please volunteer to help.

Conformation: We discussed the possibility of offering an altered dog and bitch class after veteran’s Sweeps. The Board is checking with the Sweeps judges to see if they are interested in judging these classes. Once we know their feelings, the Board will make a decision on offering the “Altered Classes”.

Obedience: We discussed the classes we are planning to offer. We decided on all the regular obedience classes, plus Graduate Novice, Veterans, Brace, Pre-novice and Rally if the judges are willing to judge these classes and there is space available at the show site. The Board is checking with the judges for willingness to judge Rally and the St. Croix club about the space considerations.

New Members

Please welcome four new members to the club. They are:

Carmen Laing
Maple Grove, MN 55369
e-mail: gclmgmt@hotmail.com
Springer(s): U-CDX Lady Saughton’s Shelby CDX (AKC & ASCA), AX, OAJ, NAP, NJP, AD, OGO, OJC, OAC, CGC, TDI, FDCH

Heather Rand
Duluth, MN 55806
e-mail: rand4duluth@aol.com
Springer(s):
Mytyme’s Venetian Tigerlily “Lily”
Mytyme’s Venetian Kissn-Claire “Claire”
Castlerock’s Northern Jazzman “Jazz”

Vicke Larson
Roseville, MN 55113
e-mail: vlarson1@msn.com
Springer(s): passed away, is looking for another dog (She owned Isacc, a brother to Sarah Kraft’s Bonnie and also owned “Sven”

Donna Goyette
Lutsen, MN 55612
e-mail: donnamae@boreal.org
Springer(s): Trapper and Dyna



Cyndi Myhre and Ann Sunderman hand out the awards.

“Redcrest’s Baron Memorial Award”

Best Total or Average Qualifying Obedience Scores
Linda Hirte, award donor; Topgun’s Sweet Reward UDX
MH MXP MJP WDX “Kandee,” owned by Tracy & Patty
Salzwedel; average of 198.5 in Open B

“TCVESSA Tracking Award”

TCVESSA, award donor
(No winner for 2004)

“TCVESSA Agility Award”

Vinehill Springers, award donor; **CH Ramblewood Crystal
Clear SH MX AXJ WD “Brooke,”** owned by Tracy and
Patty Salzwedel; **340 Points**

Titles earned this year: AKC-OAJ AX AXJ MX
During 2004 Brooke also earned 6 double Qs and 360
points toward her Master Agility Championship. Brooke
earned three first places, two second places, four third
places and four fourth places along the way.

“CH Salilyn’s Prophet Award”

Owner Handled Springer of the Year
In memory of “Moses,” Julie and Brion Roberts, award
donor; **CH Springbrook’s Black Magic “Carter,”** owned by
Becky Hoskins; **621 Owner Handled Points**

“Ch. Winward’s Gadabout Award”

Best of Opposite Springer of the Year
In memory of “Bardo,” Mary and Bud Davis, award donor;
CH Eldamar’s Evening Star “Lucy,” owned by Julie Roberts
and Kristi Howe; **152 Best of Opposite Points**

“Ch. Chinoe’s Eminent Judge Award”

Best of Breed Springer of the Year
In memory of “The Judge”, Francie Nelson, award donor;
CH Springbrook’s Black Magic “Carter,” owned by Becky
Hoskins; **347 Breed Points**
Carter had 11 Best of Breed Wins, one Group 2, four
Group 3s and three Group 4s

“TCVESSA Versatility Award”

TCVESSA, award donor
(No winner for 2004)

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We Need Your Help!

The obedience fun trial we are sponsoring will be held April 3rd. We can always use a helping hand at this event. We need volunteers to sign exhibitors in at the desk, as well as ring stewards. This is a good opportunity to learn about the sport of obedience competition as well as help your club.

The profits from this fun trial go to the trophy fund and is a big part of our fundraising efforts.

To volunteer call or E-mail Jon Pidde at 952-937-2931 or j5of12_pidde@visi.com.

Thank you!

TCVESSA Club Member Results



Reminder: Please be sure you get any results you wish to be published in the next newsletter to Krista Trempe by May 13.

Fox Hollow So Much to Say, “Rory,” owned by Ann Sunderman
2/11/05 – Argus K.C., Thunder Bay, ON, Canada – **Best in All Breed Sweepstakes**

CH Sprucehaven’s Under Time NAP NJP “Charlie,” owned by B.A. Breese, Mary Frisch & Sarah Salzwedel
2/11/05 – Argus K.C., Thunder Bay, ON, Canada – **WD, BOW, BOB Group 4**

**** *New Canadian Champion Title Earned* ****
2/12 & 2/13 – Argus K.C. – **BOB Group 2**
2/19/05 – CACM Agility Trial, St. Cloud, MN – **3rd leg Novice Standard, 3rd place**
**** *AKC Novice Agility Standard Title Earned* ****

CH Ramblewood Crystal Clear SH MX MXJ WD “Brooke,” owned by Tracy and Patty Salzwedel
Brooke earned her 10th leg to finish her **Master Agility** title and also earned legs nine and 10 to finish her **Master Agility Jumpers** title. Along the way, she picked up double Q number six and 91 more points toward her MACH title.

e-mail blog from the



From: B.A. Breese
Subject: We're back....

....and we are still speaking to one another!!

The trip to Eukanuba, as Julie put it, was like qualifying for the Olympics. The best of the best in the breed end, the brightest and fastest in both the agility and obedience competitions. And, of course, the most talented juniors on the planet!

Julie and Lucy did our breed proud. We were thrilled when she was awarded Best Opposite Sex. Not bad for a bitch out of coat! She moved like a dream despite the small ring. The crowds around the Springer ring were about six to eight deep.

Sarah and Charlie were up next, and with a little bit of help from Julie, Sarah had Charlie groomed to perfection. The 103 juniors were split into two groups with different judges. I have never seen Charlie and Sarah look better in the ring. She did a remarkable job under all that pressure.

Sarah took her not making it to the finals with her normal grace and dignity and with a "Oh well...next year" attitude.

I was only able to catch one of Patty's agility runs with Brooke, and didn't see any of her obedience with Kandee...so much to do, so little time! :-)

The agility finals were held Sunday afternoon. In order to get seats, we took turns guarding our staked out territory. It got so crowded in the building that the fire marshal did not allow anymore folks into the agility area. Poor Sarah got stuck on the outside with a dead cell phone!

Once things got started, it went very fast as only about 10-12 qualifiers were allowed in each of the five jump heights. This was not live, but *Animal Planet* was there to film so it could be aired later.

It was fun to get to know each other better. Believe it or not, Sarah actually can be quiet...well at least when she has her head phones on.

Julie kept us giggling with a wonderful sense of humor I was unaware of. Patty had us refining our training programs. And I...well I kept us on the right roads. Now back to reality, snow, laundry and jobs. :-)

From: Patty Salzwedel
Subject: Re: We're back....

Well said B.A.!

I will share a little of my adventures: one thing I learned, I will not do obedience and agility together ever again! Six obedience rings and two agility courses in one day was nuts! They

were on different floors and far apart, my legs were sore at the end of the day from running place to place, not to mention my brain from having to try and concentrate that hard.

The obedience area was very large and very quite, despite over 100 dogs competing in six rings. I think everyone was holding their breath. :>))

Kandee did not do well with the new format and really stressed down. I put smile on my face and told each judge as I left the ring, "I really don't beat this dog!" :>))))

We made the best of it and finished our six rings, so we can say we got to "participate" in the National Obedience Invitational.

The agility area was the opposite, so huge and so loud. Three rings all going at once, surrounded by crating areas, staging areas and rows of bleachers and tons of people. They had an announcer blaring the whole time, giving play by plays of people's runs. I was a bit overwhelmed at first. Brooke was not phased at all by the chaos and ran like a million bucks.

She did not run clean, took down one bar on each of the three courses, but two of those were my fault, not hers. Her times were fast enough that if she would have ran clean, we would have made it into the finals. That is very encouraging to me, considering we are a very young team, competing against top MACH border collies and Assuies nationally.

I got to meet the other Springers from around the country that compete in obedience and agility. We wanted to take pictures together, but trying to get everyone in one spot was impossible to say the least. It was a fun, memorable trip, very glad I went! Now to get the laundry done.

Patty :>))

From: Julie Roberts
Subject: Re: We're back....

I echo what both B.A. and Patty said. It was a wonderful trip, fun to see the groups on Saturday live, fun to look into rings and see the best of the best, with judges running around in tuxedos and formals. My only regret was not being able to watch more of the sporting breeds, and when we could watch, it was hard to get to the rings, let alone see them, because of the crowds. Nevertheless, it was a great time, and Tampa sure beat the below zero temps that hit the Midwest. Now, back to work. I've been working since 8:00 this morning, and it's now 8:00 at night, sigh. I guess that's the price one pays for playing in January, when our year-ends in December.

Oh well.....

Julie



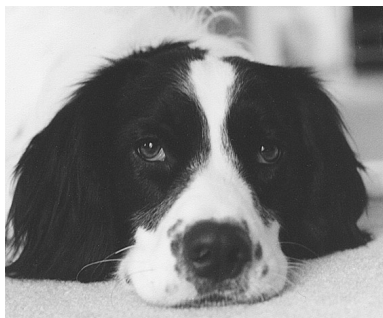
Rainbow Bridge

By Joan Beck, Cyndi Myhre and Kristin Radermacher

We would like to extend condolences to two of our members who recently lost their Springer buddies.

On January 19, Cyndi and Gary Myhre lost their seven-year-old Springer Andy. Cyndi wrote this memorial about her friend:

My buddy Andy went to the bridge today. His pals Tessy Jane and Breezer were there to greet him. Andy's life was full of fun, playing soccer, fetching balls, chasing rabbits, and kissing everyone he met. His life touched many, especially those he visited on his therapy visits. He once made a boy smile who hadn't smiled in two years, bringing tears of joy to his mother and doctor. They hadn't seen any emotion from him in those two years due to severe retardation.



Andy

Despite Andy's severe hip dysplasia, he managed

to greet everyone as if he were on a pogo stick. This field-bred boy was gun shy so we did obedience instead. His last performance was this past August at the TCVESSA Specialty, where he won first place in the Veteran's class with a score of 197, his personal best.

Andy even was shown in the breed ring once at the WESSA Specialty where he placed fourth in the altered performance class. He pranced around the ring like he was Mr. Show Dog. I was so proud of him!

I will remember Andy for his unconditional love. He was always there for me – good times and bad, with that tail always wagging – and kisses galore. Andy began to change two months ago and things progressed rapidly during the last two weeks. His final diagnosis was a possible brain tumor. Andy wasn't Andy anymore and I had to make the toughest decision of my life. Thank you to all of you who have supported me during this very difficult time. Andy thanks you too. He know longer is in pain, scared or confused. My heart is broken, but Andy is at peace now.

On January 15, Kristin Radermacher lost 15-year-old Ashley's Rosie. Kris wrote a lovely tribute to Rosie, part of which follows:

Most of you have never met Rosie. Born Ashley's Rose she was my "first born" from my first litter way back in 1990. She was named by my niece Ashley, who has Cerebral Palsy, for "Ring Around the Rosie." She is the "ro" in Swedaro (my kennel name). While Rosie was a BIG girl and not a pretty dog, her heart, enthusiasm and love of everything and everyone she ever met were, in my opinion, hallmarks of the breed. She was sweet, gentle and a bit naughty. She gave me one of the greatest gifts ever...my Sweetie.

The three great loves of her life, other than my husband, were running, swimming and pizza. She loved nothing more than a rousing game of "catch-me-if-you-can." As for

swimming...this dog could give Michael Phelps a run for his money; she would literally swim for hours. After retrieving her from the other side of the lake one to many times, we hit upon a remedy; we tied a 50-foot cable to a cinder block and let her have at it. Unfortunately, she started pulling the block into the lake...solution...TWO cinder blocks. It may sound restrictive, but it worked like a dream. She would go out to the end of her cable and swim back and forth...for hours at a time. She never tired of it.

Perhaps that's why when she was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and the vets gave her three months to live...TOPS...she lived another two years and three weeks.

All that swimming surely must have strengthened that big heart of hers. As for pizza, if I could get any of my other dogs to pay attention to me with the intensity she did when pizza was around, I'd take HIT every time.

She never lost her zest for life, but when she became almost incapacitated and stopped eating, we knew it was time, made an appointment...and ordered a pizza. Though she would not eat anything else, she gobbled down 3 slices that night. Today Rosie headed to the Bridge. I know she was joyfully welcomed, but...I wonder if there's a Pizza Hut near the Bridge?



Rosie

Whoopie Ti Yi Yo...Git Along Little Dogies!

By B.A. Breese

The bad news is two were culled from the herd. The good news, Jack's old farming instincts kicked in and saved the herd.

Half way between Buffalo and Maple Lake on our way home from the banquet is where the round up began. Seems like a herd of cows decided they wanted to go for a midnight stroll right down the middle of Highway 55. The car in front of us swerved, and unfortunately hit one straight on and nicked another into our path. Linda can now pass the coveted Mario award to Jack as he managed to avoid the carnage with only spillage of our leftovers from dinner.

Jack then astutely drove very slowly with about 20 cows ahead of us about 1/4 mile down the road until there was enough room on the shoulder to slowly pass them. I kept



asking, "What the hell are you doing? They are going to stampede our car?"

He then reminded me that cows are a herd breed and will follow the lead cow so his solution was to become the lead cow. We got to the head cow and gently nudged it off the road into a lower gully. Sure enough the rest followed.

We turned around to help out at the slaughter scene. All passengers in the car that hit the cows were fine but the car was totalled. We told the cops where they could find the rest of the herd and preceded home whistling:

*Whoop-ee ti-yi-yo git along little dogies
It's your misfortune and none of my own
Whoop-ee ti-yi-yo git along little dogies*

You know that Buffalo will be your new home ...