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### **A new chapter-**

Hi everyone, I'm Ann Sunderman, the new editor of the TCVESSA VOX Voyageur. I volunteered to take on the newsletter duties and am looking forward to this new challenge. A big thank-you goes to Joan Beck and Krista Trempe for all their hard work on the VOX.

I'm expecting there will be a learning curve that goes along with this task so please be patient with me. One of the things I plan to do is to change the publication schedule of the newsletter from quarterly to bi-monthly. Submissions are ALWAYS welcome! Also, remember this is the club's newsletter so if any of you have any suggestions for improving the Vox, please let me know.

### **President's Letter-**

Happy Holidays!

With all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, please remember to take some time and enjoy the true meaning of the season! Give those pups a big hug and smile at a stranger. You'll be amazed at the response! This VOX issue is loaded with important forms and info so please read through it carefully. There are deadlines for returning forms and your promptness is needed and appreciated.

We hope all of you will be able to make it to the banquet this year. It promises to be quite a "glamorous" affair. The location is new. The theme will be very fun (Dust off your tiaras, girls!) and the prize drawing should be marvelous. Award forms need to be in to Shirley Harford ASAP so she can start the tabulations and get trophies and awards ordered. The Pet Expo is coming up this February also. Look for details in this issue.

I hope you and your family have a pleasant and safe holiday. Happy New Year!

Cyndi Myhre  
President TCVESSA



## **2007 Board Elections**

The order of business at our upcoming awards banquet includes the election of a new TCVESSA Board of Directors for 2007.

This is the slate and some biography information, if available:

**President- Julie Roberts:** no bio available

**Vice-President- Shirley Harford:** My name is Shirley Harford. I live in Brooklyn Park and share my house with my boyfriend, Michael, and two ESS.

I spend my days as an operator on a large paper-processing machine at Holmberg Co. in Plymouth. My evenings are spent keeping my two springers busy.

Aspen is my soon-to-be 8 year old. He is now retired from performance events but finds time in his retirement to hunt pheasant in the fall and continue his therapy work all year.

Rayne is my 2 ½ year old that is my up and coming performance girl. She is working in obedience, field, agility and rally.

I have been a member of TCVESSA since 1992. I served on the Board for about seven or eight years a few years back. Now I'm back at it. I'm hoping to bring some new ideas to the board for the next year and am excited about the ideas we have in the process now.

**Secretary- Cyndi Myhre:** My name is Cyndi Myhre. My husband, Gary, and I have four children and five granddaughters. We share our home with four dogs, three Springers and one Golden. Oh and we have a cat named Minnie Mouse. I have served on the TCVESSA board for five years, most recently as Vice President for the last

two years and as President for the last four months. I have co-chaired the annual banquet and have chaired the Trophy Committee for the last three years. I love to compete in conformation and hunting. I also compete in obedience, agility and rally. I work for Elm Creek Animal Hospital as a receptionist and at Elk River K-9 as an obedience instructor.

**Treasurer- Maryevelyn Monty:** I am a Yankee from New Hampshire. I moved here 10 years ago to marry my husband and to live in Chanhassen. I am currently a project manager for Sprint, after retiring from AT&T in the same capacity. Twenty five years ago my first Springer was dropped off at my NH house as a rescue dog. At the time, I had no idea that goofy Blue would initiate my love of this breed! Four years ago, with encouragement from the folks at Dog Works I became more serious about training and handling. I still have a lot to learn and that is a good thing as I am immensely enjoying the education! My new girl, and first ever girl, is Morgan, (Hirdler Hill's Sea Born Magic). I am looking forward to another successful specialty in 2007 and to working with the club in the role of treasurer.



## **Board Members at Large-**

**B.A. Breese:** I'm glad to rejoin the Board and hopefully will be able to add to an already strong team. My involvement in Springers dates back to 12/3/92 when MacKenzie joined our household. She taught me everything I currently know about showing, grooming, obedience, agility and rally. I am fortunate to still have her with me as she now teaches me how to live with a geriatric! My other two Springers, Breezer & Charlie have brought the hunting aspect to the table for me. I live in rural Annandale with my husband. Working at home for our family business gives me the luxury of having my dogs under the desk and under foot all day. I look forward to being on the board.

**Alice Musburger:** Hi! My name is Alice Musburger. I would like to tell you a little about myself. I have been married to Jim for 27 years and we have two children. Ben, our oldest is 25 and works at a nursing home in St. Anthony Village. Our daughter, Sarah, is 23 and is in graduate school in Indianapolis for psychology. Jim is the guidance counselor at Litchfield High School and coaches girls' basketball and track. My third dog was an ESS named "Brodie". Brodie began my love affair with English Springer Spaniels. She worked with me and later became OTCH Wil-Orion's Promise Keeper UDX. She was a once in a lifetime dog. She earned the ESSFTA Open Springer of the year award in 1995, the ESSFTA Utility Springer of the Year in 1998 and the ESSFTA Obedience Springer of the Year, 1996, 1997 and 1998. She also won the Redcrest's Barron Memorial Trophy offered by our club many times. We got to participate in the third AKC

Obedience Invitational in St. Louis in 1999 where she finished 18th overall by score. Unfortunately, Brodie had to be put down when she was 6 years old due to PRA.

My current dog is "Victoria". She is an ESS that many of you know as "Tori" that lived with Kathy Patregnani for a while. With each Springer, I get deeper into the dog world. Tori is my work in progress. I am now doing obedience, conformation and learning fieldwork. I think there may be a shotgun under the Christmas tree for me! I also hope to someday have a litter out of Tori, who is Hirdler Hill's Victory Promise.

I have been a member of both TCVESSA and ESSFTA since 1994? I am looking forward to learning more about our breed, helping others into our fold, and contributing to the tasks and duties our club embraces in any way that I can. It is my hope that I will be able to serve graciously as a board member at large for 2007.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

**Francie Nelson:** Francie's first Springer was acquired in 1969 and was a multiple high-in-trial obedience dog. Her first show Springer was Ch. Chinoe's Eminent Judge CDX for whom VESSA's Best of Breed annual trophy is named. She bred several litters under the Chuzzlewit/Fanfare prefixes and has finished multiple champions. Her Ch. Canarch Dark Passage was the top producing Canarch sire.

Francie has served the parent club continuously as an officer or committee member for 25 years and is a past parent club president. She has also served as president of the ESSFTA Foundation and is currently on the Foundation board. She is an AKC

licensed judge of several sporting breeds and will award her first championship "tickets" in England in 2008.

She has three Springers currently- two black and white champion bitches and the newest member of the Fanfare family, Calvdale Felon, who has traveled all the way from North Yorkshire, England. "The Baby Felon" is the FIRST liver and white boy at Fanfare!! In "real life" Francie is Director of External Relations for the Bell Museum of Natural History at the University of Minnesota.

**Kristin Radermacher:** I got my first Springer at the age of four. A backyard bred sweetheart of a dog, named Patches. I've been in love with the breed ever since. At the moment I share my home with (or, perhaps they share their home with me!) six ESS ranging in ages from 2 years to 11 years. The two year olds have their RN and are training for Obedience, Rally, Hunting and Tracking. One of the 11 year olds has her CD and RN, and is just starting Tracking!

I have no clue how long I've been a member of TCVESSA, but I've been a board member at large for 2 years. I head up the education committee, I'm your new webmistress, and I'm your raffle item collector extraordinaire!! I'm a member of the National Club, and the Anoka County MN Kennel Club. I'm a Registered Nurse specializing in mother/baby care. In my spare time (because I have so much of it) I like taking pictures of dogs. My husband of

19 years, Rick, and I live in Elk River, MN.

**Kathy Raidt:** no bio available

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### **From our webmistress...**

Please take a look at our updated website. It can be found at: <http://www.tcveffa.org>  
One of the new things you'll notice is a "photos page". I'm happy to put up photos of our members dogs. A few "rules" about the photographs;

1. No professional portraits, unless I get written permission from the photographer to do so.
2. No "win" shots, please. I'd like to keep it informal and fun and not look like advertising.
3. Pictures of your dogs "working" would be wonderful – gaing in the ring counts as working; it's what they were bred to do.
4. They must be digital files, I can resize them if necessary but I'm doing this for free so they must otherwise be ready to upload to the site. If possible size them at 800px on the longest side at 72dpi. Landscape (wider across than tall) orientation works best, I can work with a portrait orientation but I will have to crop, and can't guarantee what I'll have to crop out.
5. Please include the owner's full name (for my files only), the dog's call name and a caption if you'd like that instead of just the call name.
6. Right now there is no limit on the number of pictures. If I get inundated with pictures and we don't have enough space on the site I may have to limit the number. I'll advise everyone if I need to do that.

Send pictures to me at [TCVESSA@gmail.com](mailto:TCVESSA@gmail.com).

\*\*\* I'd also like to include links to members' websites. Please email me your website links to the above email address and I'll post them in our "Links" section.

Kristin Radermacher

### **Education Committee**

#### **Pet Expo -**

TCVESSA will be sponsoring ESRA-MN at the Twin Cities Pet Expo this year. The dates are Saturday, February 17th from 9a to 7p and Sunday February 18th from 10a to 6p at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Our two PRIMARY purposes for being there are to promote rescue adoptions and to talk to people about why an ESS may or may NOT be for them. Our secondary purpose is to promote TCVESSA and its members. We'll have a list of members available that people

can contact about puppies and other questions. We'll also be selling any remaining calendars.

We will have some of the ESSFTA "Spaniel Manuals" and AKC literature on responsible dog ownership available to hand out.

Kathy Raidt, as the MN Rescue Coordinator, Kristin Radermacher and Joan Beck will be staffing the booth both full days. We are looking for people to help staff the booth in addition to the above people. Kathy will have 1-2 rescue dogs available and we'll be able to bring ours along too. Please contact me if you are able to help staff the booth or have any further questions.

[SwedaroSpringers@gmail.com](mailto:SwedaroSpringers@gmail.com) , or 763-441-0299

### **Upcoming Clinics/Speakers**

I am looking into a reproduction seminar with Dr Peggy Root from the U of M and Myra Savant-Harris in January of 2008.

I am attempting to bring Dr Patricia McConnell in to speak in the spring of 2008.

We are possibly holding a clinic with Dr Chris Murphy of the University of Wisconsin in March of this coming year. He is studying the genetic inheritance of nearsightedness in ESS. He would like to come and do refraction tests and blood draws on our dogs. He is also happy to do CERF exams along with the refraction tests. Date, Place and Cost are yet to be decided.

We are discussing a Grooming Seminar in the spring of 2008.

If you have any requests for speakers/clinics that you'd like to see AND help with, please contact me.

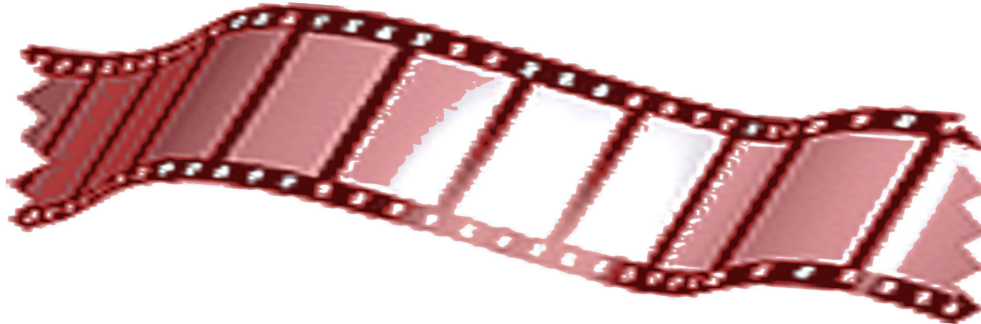
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Time is ticking... See the following pages for important information and upcoming deadlines!

And the winner is....



Come walk the red carpet and join us at  
the TCVESSA Annual Awards Banquet

*TCVESSA cordially invites you to walk the red carpet into:*

***“A night at the Oscars...Springer style”***

*Date: Saturday, February 3, 2007*

*Time: Social hour 6:00-7:00 pm*

*Dinner 7:00 pm*

*Place: Casper's Cherokee Sirloin Room  
4625 Nicols Road  
Eagan, MN 55122*

*Dress: Evening wear & tiaras optional*

*RSVP: Please return your dinner reservation with payment by January 27, 2007*

*Menu: Your choice of one of the following:*

*10 oz. Top Sirloin*

*Broiled Canadian Walleye*

*Minnesota Chicken Breast (topped with bacon, mushrooms, onion, green pepper, and hollandaise sauce, served over rice (no potato))*

*Pasta Primavera*

*\*Dinner choices include salad, baked potato, and rolls, choice of Beverage (coffee, tea, iced tea, soft drink, milk)  
Champagne cake for dessert, CASH BAR*

TCVESSA Awards Banquet

*The favour of a reply is requested before January 27, 2007(please be prompt)*

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*Number attending*\_\_\_\_\_

*All dinner choices are \$25.00 each. Please make your selections below:*

*10 oz Top Sirloin\** \_\_\_\_\_

*Broiled Canadian Walleye*\_\_\_\_\_

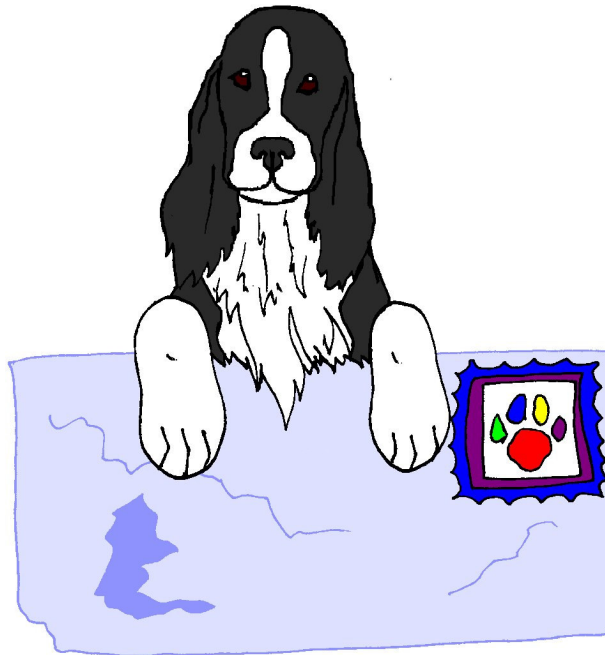
*Minnesota Chicken Breast*\_\_\_\_\_

*Pasta Primavera*\_\_\_\_\_

*\*please specify how you would like your steak done*

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TCVESSA AND MAIL TO:**

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*Questions? 763-241-9466*



**Annual Awards Form**

Each year TCVESSA awards Certificates of Recognition at the Annual Awards Banquet to club members' Springers who performed community service, completed degrees, titles or championships in the United States, Canada or elsewhere during the calendar year.

If your dog earned a degree or title in 2006, or participated in any community service activity please fill out the form below and return it no later than January 12, 2007.

Mail form to:  
Shirley Harford  
7816 66th Ave. N.  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428  
lougeelake@comcast.net

Include degrees and titles earned in 2006 in the order they were earned. You will receive a certificate for each degree/title, and we would like to keep them in chronological order.

Registered Name of Dog:

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Call Name of Dog:

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Name of Owners(s):

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Title Earned: Please list title/degree, whether bench, obedience, rally obedience, agility, working, hunting or tracking. Indicate if they are U.S. or Canadian title, etc. (List in order received):

\*\*\*Note: Please attach a separate sheet providing identical information should you own more than one degree/title earning Springer.

**Attention Junior Handlers**

We would like to do special awards for the accomplishments of our junior handlers and need for you to fill out this form and return it to Shirley Harford by January 12, 2007.

Registered Name of Dog \_\_\_\_\_ Call Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Owner \_\_\_\_\_

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Jr. Handler's Name

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Titles, Placements and Special Awards:

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If you have shown more than one dog, please list the others on another sheet of paper. Please return this form even if nothing was done this year. We would like to recognize ALL Juniors for their efforts!

## Special Awards

**\*\*\*Remember: It is your responsibility to provide this information to receive awards.** It is also your responsibility to specify which award(s) you may be eligible to receive. These results will be reviewed and tallied by the Board.

**Deadline is JANUARY 12, 2007**

**The information needed to qualify for each of these awards is detailed in the club's Awards Guidelines.**

Below are the club's special awards

- Redcrest's Barron Memorial Award for Best Total or Average Qualifying Obedience Scores
- Ch. Chinoe's Eminent Judge Award for Best of Breed Springer of the Year
- Ch. Winward's Gadabout Award for Best of Opposite Springer of the Year
- Ch. Sallyn's Prophet Award for Owner Handled Springer of the Year
- TCVESSA Directors' Award for Versatility
- TCVESSA Agility Award
- TCVESSA Rally Springer of the Year Award
- TCVESSA Ambassador Award for community service
- ***T.O.P. (TCVESSA Outstanding Performance) Award***
- Performance Championship Awards- MACH, OTCH, FC, NFC ,CT
- Additional Obedience Awards- CD, CDX, UD, UDX
- Additional Rally Obedience Awards- RN, RA, RE, RAE
- Additional Agility Awards- Novice, Open, Excellent A, Excellent B

Registered Name of Dog:

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Call Name of Dog:

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Name of Owners(s):

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Special Award(s) Applied For:

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\*\*\*Note: Please attach a separate sheet providing identical information for each Special Award applied for, even if it is for the same dog.

**Please attach applicable scores earned, dogs defeated, awards won, verification of community service, etc.**



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Our thoughts are with... Barb DiGiovanni who said goodbye to her first springer,  
“Lucy”, CH. Wil-Orion's Lucy Valentine NA CGC on December 7, 2006.

