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TCVESSA's Springer Roo-au



Forty-one ESS lovers attended Springer Roo-au.

By Cyndi Myhre

Question: What do you call a room filled with swaying palm trees (OK, so they were plastic), men and women dressed in grass skirts, and Hawaiian shirts adorned by flower leis, and beautiful tropical music playing in the background? Answer: TCVESSA'S Springer Roo-au, 2006 Annual Awards Banquet!



More than \$6,000 in prizes were raffled off at this year's banquet.



Many awards were given out at this year's banquet. See page one and two for a complete list of award winners.

David Fong's restaurant in Bloomington was the site of this year's banquet and was attended by 41 ESS lovers. Highlights included a costume contest won by Maryevelyn Monty and her husband Larry. Ann Sunderman and her guest Steve gave them a close run for the money. The "Match the Springer" game was great fun and attendees enjoyed matching up Springer pictures to Springer names. The prize drawing this year was the biggest ever, with over \$6,000.00 in prizes being offered. Items ranged from OFA hip x-rays, PFK and CERF exams, photo sessions, training classes, jewelry, toys, treats, leashes, you name it. Each guest also received a beautiful tropical canvas tote bag filled with goodies. A big thank you goes to Kris Radermacher for her outstanding job at collecting donations.



Maryevelyn and Larry Monty win the costume contest.

Several new awards were handed out this year, which included Rally Obedience Awards and Ambassador Awards for outstanding community service by a dog and handler team. Also new this year, was the T.O.P. (TCVESSA's Outstanding Performance) Award, which was given to the dog with the

most AKC/Parent Club titles earned in the calendar year. TCVESSA pins were given to each dog earning an AKC championship title. The awards for BOB, BOS, and Owner handled were newly designed, and members agree, they are stunning.

This year's banquet committee consisted of Cyndi Myhre, Ann Sunderman, Kris Radermacher and Shirley Harford. We hope everyone had as much fun at the banquet as we had planning it for you.

As one attendee described it, the only thing missing was the tropical breeze!

Revolving Trophies

Redcrest's Baron Memorial Award

(Best total or Average Obedience scores)

Ch Ramblewood Crystal Clear CD SH MX MXJ WDX

"Brooke," owned by Tracy and Patty Salzwedel, Average score of 198.5, Novice B

Ch Chinoe's Eminent Judge Award

(Best of Breed Springer of the Year)

BISS A/C Ch Sprucehaven Under Time RN NA NAJ NAP

NJP "Charlie," owned by B.A. Breese, Mary Frisch and Sarah Salzwedel, 202 Breed Points, Charlie had 20 Best of Breed wins, 1 Group 1 win and 1 Group 3 win

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Ch Winward's Gadabout Award

(Best of Opposite Springer of the Year)

Ch Eldamar's Evening Star "Lucy," owned by Julie Roberts and Sarah Kraft, *192 Best of Opposite Points*

Ch Salilyn's Prophet Award

(Owner Handled Springer of the Year)

BISS A/C Ch Sprucehaven Under Time RN NA NAJ NAP NJP "Charlie," owned by: B.A. Breese, Mary Frisch and Sarah Salzwedel, *381 Owner Handled Points*

TCVESSA Directors' Award for Versatility – TIE OTCH Topgun's Sweet Reward UDX2 RN MH MXP MJP WDX "Kandee," owned by Tracy and Patty Salzwedel AND

A/C/I Ch Cymbeline's Anticipation "Karli," owned by Karen Larson and Barb Ciresi

TCVESSA Agility Award

Ch Ramblewood Crystal Clear CD SH MX MXJ WDX "Brooke," owned by Tracy and Patty Salzwedel, *340 Points*

TCVESSA Rally Springer of the Year

Jake McGee II "Jake," owned by Jon and Sandy Pidde, *Average score of 98.33*

T.O.P. (TCVESSA Outstanding Performance) Award

Lakeside's Custom Made SH OA OAJ WDX "Vinny," owned by Kathy Patregnani and Barb Kroke, *Titles earned in 2005: NA NAJ SH OA OAJ WDX*

Junior Showmanship

Sarah Salzwedel, *188 Junior Points; 5 - 1st placements, 3 - 2nd placements, 4 - 4th placements; Best Junior at the ESSFTA Nationals*

Agility Awards

Novice

Lakeside's Custom Made SH OA OAJ WDX "Vinny," owned by Kathy Patregnani and Barbara Kroke, *Average score of 100, YPS of 4.01*

Open

A/C Ch Nozshoni's Taylor Made VCD2 "Taylor," owned by Sheila Koon, *Average score of 100, YPS 3.93*

Excellent B

Ch Ramblewood Crystal Clear CD SH MX MXJ WDX "Brooke," owned by Tracy and Patty Salzwedel, *Average score of 100, 5.3YPS*

TCVESSA Agility Award

Ch Ramblewood Crystal Clear CD SH MX MXJ WDX "Brooke," owned by Tracy and Patty Salzwedel, *340 Points*

Obedience Awards

CD Springer of the Year

Ch Ramblewood Crystal Clear CD SH MX MXJ WDX "Brooke," owned by Tracy and Patty Salzwedel, *Average: 198.5*

CDX Springer of the Year

A/C Ch Nozshoni's Taylor Made VCD2 "Taylor," owned by Sheila Koon, *Average: 194.5*

UD Springer of the Year- not awarded

UDX Springer of the Year

OTCH Topgun's Sweet Reward UDX2 RN MH MXP MJP WDX "Kandee," owned by Tracy and Patty Salzwedel, *Average: 197.18*

Redcrest's Baron Memorial Award

(Best total or Average Obedience scores)

Ch Ramblewood Crystal Clear CD SH MX MXJ WDX "Brooke," owned by Tracy and Patty Salzwedel, *Average score 198.5, Novice B*

Tracking Award – not awarded

Rally Obedience Awards

Rally Novice

Ch Cedarwood's Laser Beam CDX RA "Laser," owned by Jean K. Dockendorf and Patricia Welch, *Average score: 98*

Rally Advanced

Jake McGee II "Jake," owned by Jon and Sandy Pidde, *Average score: 97.66*

Rally Excellent

Ch Eldamar's Vinehill MacKenzie CDX RE AX AXJ AXP AJP CGC TDIA "MacKenzie," owned by B.A. Breese, *Average score: 87*

TCVESSA Rally Springer of the Year

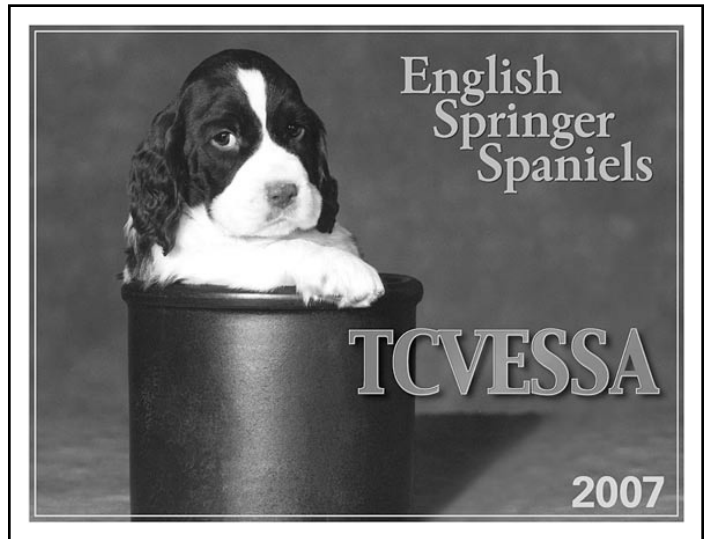
Jake McGee II "Jake," owned by Jon and Sandy Pidde, *Average score: 98.33*

TCVESSA's Calendar Update

By Joan Beck

TCVESSA members attending the 2006 Awards Banquet got a sneak peak of the completed 2007 TCVESSA calendar. As many members know, the 2006 calendar was moved to a 2007 publication date after technical difficulties delayed publication in 2006. Once again, members did an outstanding job supplying engaging photos for the calendar. The end result is wonderful and is sure to be enjoyed by anyone who loves Springers. The 2007 calendar will go to press during the second week of May and will be available for purchase in June. Copies will be available at the TCVESSA Specialty in August and order forms will be available on both the TCVESSA web site and TCVESSA Announce beginning in June.

The cover for the 2008 Calendar was awarded to a photo-montage by Joan Beck. The montage features candid shots of eight Springers owned by TCVESSA club members. The winning image was chosen by popular vote by attendees at the February TCVESSA Awards banquet. The second place image was also a photo by Joan Beck. This photo featured an adorable puppy bred by Barb Ciresi lying in a pile of shredded roses. The third place image was a national award-winning photo by club member Kris Radermacher of her Springer "Sweetie" in a woodland setting. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos to the contest.



The cover for the 2007 TCVESSA Calendar is a charming photo of "Page" as a puppy. "Page" aka Fox Hollow Shamrock Front Page News, is owned by Cyndi and Gary Myhre and bred and co-owned by Ann Sunderman. The photo, was taken by Carlyn Erion Photography.



The cover for the 2008 TCVESSA Calendar is a montage of eight-club members' dogs. The dogs included in the montage are:

- "Lucy" Bred and owned by Julie Roberts
- "Clover" Owned by Julie and Steve Wilson and co-bred by Lori Hilleran
- "CJ" owned by Joan Beck, Clif Brochman & Sarah Salzwedel, bred by Carol Hathaway
- "Sam" Owned by Joan Beck, Clif Brochman and co-owned/bred by Carol Hathaway
- "Splash" owned by Kathy Patregnani and bred by Patty Salzwedel
- "Cooper" owned by Carol Hathaway, Kelly Priestley and Joan Beck and bred by Kelly Priestley
- "Chief" bred by Barb Ciresi
- "Maggie" owned by Julie and Tim Damgaard and bred by Henriette Schmidt

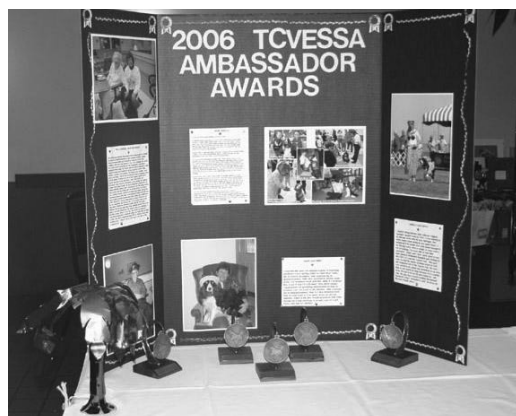
Raffle Winners

The winners of the 2008 monthly calendar page raffle are:

January	Joan Beck
February	Mary Dahl
March	Cyndi Myhre
April	Barb DiGiovanni
May	Julie Wilson
June	Julie Roberts
July	Kris Radermacher
August	Barb Ciresi
September	Jon Pidde
October	Shirley Harford
November	Tekla Viker
December	Kathy Patregnani

In case someone can't meet the January 1, 2008, submission deadline, Becky Hoskin's name was drawn as the monthly calendar page alternate.

TCVESSA Ambassador Award



This award is for outstanding community service. Any dog/handler team that achieves 50 hours or more of community service between January 1st and December 31st of the preceding year shall be recognized and receive the TCVESSA Ambassador Award. There may be multiple recipients of this award each year. Documentation of community service is required. For example, a signed log of community service visits to hospitals, nursing homes, schools, etc. must be provided. Teams applying for this award are encouraged to provide a photo depicting the dog/handler team in action. This photo will be displayed during the annual banquet. Digital prints are acceptable.

2005 Ambassador Award Winners

BISS A/C Ch Sprucehaven Under Time RN NA NAJ NAP NJP "Charlie," owned by: B.A. Breese, Mary Frisch and Sarah Salzwedel

Ch Eldamar's Vinehill MacKenzie CDX RE AX AXJ AXP AJP CGC TDIA "MacKenzie," owned by B.A. Breese,

Ch Aspen's Midnight Serenade CGC "C.J.," owned by Joan Beck

Glenhurst's Sherwood Forest CD SH RN NA NAJ NAP NJP WD CGC TDIA "Aspen," owned by Shirley Harford

Can. Ch Bloomfield Assumption's Abby "Abby," owned by Mary Dahl

TCVESSA Keepsake Medallions and Pins

For those of you that would like to remember that past traveling award, you can now purchase a Keepsake Medallion or Past Championship (Pin). The prices are as follows:

Keepsake Medallion: \$12.00 Pin: \$5.00

Keepsake medallions may be engraved on the back of your achievements (i.e., BOB, BOS, Owner handled, etc.) from previous years. Pins are for Championships (i.e., Ch, OTCH, MACH, CT, etc.).

E-Mail Shirley Harford to purchase medallions or pins at Lougeelake@comcast.net or call 763-537-1184.

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TCVESSA Club Member Results



Reminder: Please be sure you get any results you wish to be published in the next newsletter to the VOX Editor by 15th of the month proceeding publication.

Springbrook's Last Magic Act "Kylee," owned by Jill M. Shirley and Becky Hoskins
1/8/06 – Land 'O Lakes K.C. – **WB, 3 pt. major**

Dansen's Miss Congeniality, owned by Karen Larson
2/19/06 – Keomah K.C., Des Moines, IA – **BOW/BOS, 3 pt. major**

Ch Cedarwood's Southern Exposure "Jackson," owned by Jack and Brenda Filipek
12/31/05, 1/1/06 – NADAC agility trial, Burnsville, MN
– **qualified once in jumpers and once in touch'n go**

Ch Ramblewood Kryptonite CD RN MX MXP AXJ AJP "Spinner," owned and handled by Ann Sunderman
1/5/06 – St. Paul Dog Training Club Rally Obedience Trial
– **3rd leg, Rally Novice**

****AKC Rally Novice Title Earned****

2/25/06 – Minneapolis K.C. Rally Obedience Trial –
1st leg, Rally Advanced
2/26/06 – Minneapolis K.C. Rally Obedience Trial –
2nd leg, Rally Advanced

Topgun's Field Of Dreams JH, RN, WD "Rayne," owned and handled by Shirley A. Harford
2/26/06 – Minneapolis K.C. Rally Obedience Trial –
3rd leg, Rally Novice

****AKC Rally Novice Title Earned****

Ch Fox Hollow New Kid In Town CD JH NAP NJP RN WD CGC TDI "Rookie," owned by Cyndi and Gary Myhre, Jessica Hanson, and co-owned/bred by Ann Sunderman
2/25/06 – Minneapolis K.C. Rally Obedience Trial –
1st leg, Rally Advanced B, Score: 86
2/26/06 – Minneapolis K.C. Rally Obedience Trial –
2nd leg, Rally Advanced B, Score: 97

Hirdler Hill's Clover Royale "Clover," owned by Steve and Julie Wilson (9½ months old!)
2/10/06 – DMOTC – **1st leg, Rally Novice, Score: 89**
2/25/06 – Minneapolis K.C. Rally Obedience Trial –
2nd leg, Rally Novice, Score: 100, 4th place
2/26/06 – Minneapolis K.C. Rally Obedience Trial –
3rd leg, Rally Novice, Score: 99

****AKC Rally Novice Title Earned****

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jon Pidde reported a balance of \$9,367.22 in the club's checking account.

2006 Specialty

All of our sweepstakes, regular class and obedience/rally judges are hired for the 2006 Specialties. For the Thursday show, we have Thomas Alexander judging regular classes, Liz Hansen judging sweepstakes and altered classes, and Louise Botko judging rally and obedience. Friday's judges are James Reynolds for regular classes, Jessica McMillan for sweepstakes and altered classes, and JoAnna Yund for rally and obedience. We are going to add an award for best bred by exhibitor and for best puppy each day for the specialties.

Education Committee

A new education committee was formed. Kristin Radermacher volunteered to chair the Education Committee. She sees the focus of the committee as being divided into areas such as public education, the dog fancy and pet owners.

Suggestions Needed

The board is looking for suggestions for possible future activities. Some suggestions made by the board are: activities for the average pet owner, a pet grooming seminar, a pet massage seminar, Obedience fun trial in conjunction with a photo day, a cardiac clinic, a photo day, a CERF clinic, a microchip clinic, a vaccination clinic. If anyone has any other suggestions for activities, please contact a board member.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Sunderman
TCVESSA Secretary

Mailing List Availability

In the process of soliciting donations for our banquet raffle, I had several requests to make our club mailing list available to vendors. I declined, as no one had a chance to opt out of such an arrangement.

The board has decided that this is a fair request for vendors to make in exchange for their donations. But, we are giving TCVESSA members the chance to opt out. (The vendors are all dog related, and I would only provide mailing and e-mail addresses, no phone numbers.)

Please contact me at SwedaroSpringers@gmail.com, or at 763-441-0299 by **May 1, 2006**, if you would like to **opt out** this year. If I don't hear from you by May 1, you will be included on the mailing list. (Next year, the option will be available on your yearly membership renewal.)

—Kris Radermacher

New Education Committee

Since I would like to see our club take deeper interest in education, I have volunteered to head up a new committee.

I am looking for volunteers to join me in this effort. I would like to start planning some seminars and put together some literature to be available to hand out to the public.

If you are interested in helping out, please give me a call or send me an e-mail.

Also, I am looking for ideas. If there are any seminars or speakers you would like to see, make sure to let me know. In the next month I would like to prepare a preliminary schedule for the next year and half.

—Kristin Radermacher
763-441-0299
SwedaroSpringers@gmail.com

Trophy Pledge Reminder

Trophy pledges are due **May 1, 2006**. A reminder of your pledge will be sent to you in April, 2006. Pledges can be mailed to the Trophy Chairperson:

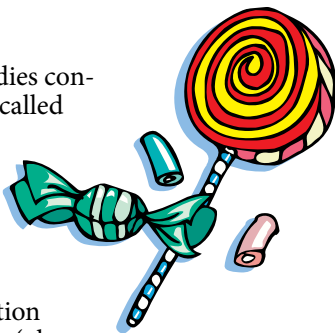
Cyndi Myhre
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Shamrockess@msn.com
763-241-9466 or 763-229-2707

Fun Match

Sugar-Free (Xylitol) Poisoning

*C.B. Chastain, DVM
Professor, University of Missouri
College of Veterinary Medicine*

Many sugar-free gums and candies contain a low-calorie sugar substitute called xylitol. It is an ingredient of many diabetic "sugar-free" candies and gums. The use of xylitol-containing gums, such as Trident, is advocated by many dentists as a deterrent to tooth decay. Xylitol is a potent stimulus for insulin secretion in dogs. Insulin lowers blood sugar (glucose) concentrations. Blood sugar is the only energy source for the brain. If blood sugar concentration gets too low, the brain does not function normally and in severe cases, death can result. If dogs are fed xylitol-containing gum, mints, or candies, they can develop life-threatening low blood sugar.



Symptoms or Signs

Signs are related to the brain not having a sufficient energy source, such as depression, loss of coordination, collapse, and convulsions. Signs can be evident within 30 minutes of the dog ingesting xylitol.

Diagnosis

The history of ingesting xylitol and a rapid recovery after being fed a source of sugar is diagnostic, but if your veterinarian is able to get a blood sample during the time signs are present, he or she can measure the blood glucose concentration and prove that it is abnormally low.



Treatment

If xylitol is known to have been ingested and the signs are consistent with low blood sugar concentration, a form of sugar should be administered immediately and then the dog should be taken to your veterinarian. Maple syrup is a ready source of sugar that can be squeezed into the mouth at the corner of the upper and lower lips.

Prevention

Do not give sugar-free treats to dogs.



For more information, contact your local veterinarian or the MU Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital 573-882-7821 or visit <http://www.vmeth.missouri.edu>

TCVESSA Committees

Here is an updated list of our active committees and what they are up to. As you can see, many of the same members have volunteered their time for multiple committees. We can only be as good as our members are active, so, any help on these committees would be appreciated. Please contact any of the committee chairs or board members if you are interested in volunteering.

Banquet Committee

Plans, sets up and runs yearly awards banquet.

Cyndi Myhre – Co-Chair, Kris Radermacher – Co-Chair, Ann Sunderman – Co-Chair, Julie Damgaard, Shirley Harford – In charge of collecting, tabulating, verifying and inscribing annual awards.

By-laws and Corporate Status Committee

Working on updating the club's by-laws, and looking into filing for non-profit tax status.

Joan Beck – Co-Chair, Kris Radermacher – Co-Chair, Barb Ciresi, Jon Pidde and Ann Sunderman

Education Committee

Looking into setting up yearly seminars. Putting together literature to be available to the public.

Kris Radermacher – Chair

Hunt Test/WD Test

Working on re-certifying the club to hold WD and Hunt tests.

Shirley Harford and Ann Sunderman

National Show Planning Committee

Looking into hosting the 2010 ESS-FTA National Show.

Shirley Harford, Cyndi Myhre, Francie Nelson, Kris Radermacher, Julie Roberts and Ann Sunderman

Newsletter/Communication

Keeping members updated on club news.

Krista Trempe – VOX Editor, Joan Beck – VOX Co-Editor, B.A. Breese – VOX Co-Editor, Julie Wilson – Web Site

Show Committee

In charge of planning and filing paperwork for Annual Specialty Shows.

Maryevelyn Monty – Show Chair, Jon Pidde – Obedience and Rally Chair

Specialty Trophy/Yearly Awards Committee

In charge of raising separate funds for and acquiring trophies for our annual specialty show and supported entries. In charge of updating and additions to yearly award criteria, maintains awards.

Cyndi Myhre – Chair, Shirley Harford, Becky Hoskins, Sara Kraft, Kris Radermacher and Ann Sunderman

A Great Big Thank You!

TCVESSA would like to thank all of the vendors and members who generously donated to the 2006 TCVESSA Awards Banquet Prize Drawings.

For a complete listing go to the TCVESSA Announce site.

Milestones

It's a long time ago, but there was a time when most Minnesota hunters either had a Kenyon springer or knew someone who did. When I was editing the *Vox Voyageur* for those 10 years, I started what I called *VessaSketches*. I listed Springer people who belonged to VESSA and intended to interview them according to the length of time they had been "in" Springers. I only got through Betty Kenyon and Elaine Bergquist.

Russ and I spent a most delightful afternoon with Joe and Betty Kenyon in 1986 and learned that Betty's first springer was a wedding gift from Joe, who already had a Springer. Over the years, although they had no children, they built a beautiful kennel in Chanhassen and raised, boarded and groomed Springers. Betty took beautiful care of our dogs on several occasions. They were always ready for us, freshly bathed and groomed and happy. It was not until the '70's that Betty began to think about putting

some of her dogs in the ring, and several became the foundation for other peoples' breeding.

Betty contributed mightily to the breed in Minnesota in her time. She was



committed to breeding quality gun dogs with companionable temperaments and as free from heritable defects as she could make them. She made it clear that whenever she sold a dog, she would take it back if it was not satisfactory to the buyer. She even took a dog of our breeding that was left with her by its owner when the owner moved out of town. She kept it until she could find a good home for it and was still grooming it when I called on her. We knew nothing about it until Betty told us.

It made me sad that her obituary said not a word about her commitment to the English Springer Spaniels who were a testament to her life of goodness and caring.

Perhaps you know all of this, but I thought I'd just put in my "two cents worth." It doesn't seem that over ten years have passed since I gave up writing the newsletter. Greetings to all.

— Frances S. Nelson