



# VOX

## The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Voyageur English Springer Spaniel Assn.



### From TCVESSA's President

As we enter into the homestretch towards our specialty show, I confess to being wildly excited about it, yet a little bit scared. Excited because of the extra room it gives us for obedience, conformation, grooming, ring size, the grounds and location—yet scared because it's new, and it won't happen without a lot of people pulling together to make it work. When the board made the decision to move our show outside the Washington County Fairgrounds we didn't make the decision on a whim. We gave it a lot of discussion, visiting the potential new location and weighing the pros and cons of leaving our previous site. We decided, however, that the risk was worth taking. I hope you, too, will be as excited as I am about our new show grounds. If you are willing to help with any task, big or small, please e-mail our show chairman Kathy Raidt at [braidt@minn.net](mailto:braidt@minn.net) or assistant show chairman Kris Rademacher at [swedarospringers@gmail.com](mailto:swedarospringers@gmail.com). Set-up will happen on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

I welcome our new newsletter editor Kandy Bierle. Please send her your thoughts and ideas, brags and wins [[kbierle@bethel.edu](mailto:kbierle@bethel.edu)]. Finally, I'm really thankful for the hard-working board and members of TCVESSA. It's a joy and privilege to serve as your president.

Stay cool—it looks like summer is finally here. *Julie*



### "National" News

The Dallas Fort Worth English Springer Spaniel Association would like to personally invite all the members of the Twin City Voyageur club to head south this October for the 2008 National. We promise to offer warm weather and warm Texas Hospitality. After all, the average October temperature is 80 degrees in Texas.

Although the Sheraton Arlington is full, there is a waiting list at this time. If you are interested in getting a room at the host hotel, go to [www.dfwessa.com/08national](http://www.dfwessa.com/08national), click on accommodations and fill out the HOTEL FORM. We will try and accommodate as many guests as possible at the host hotel.

Don't forget to bring a little bling to wear with your best jeans as our Veteran Competition will have a Denim and Diamond theme.

So mark your calendars now and head to Texas in October for the 2008 national.

## TCVESSA Specialty Update

Additional details concerning next month's specialty have recently materialized. Please note the following, and thanks in advance for any help you can lend:

- An AKC representative may be present; all AKC rules will be observed including no unentered dogs or puppies in the show building or within the immediate area.
- This year's raffle will be much smaller but we are looking for people to donate prized items or baskets made up of smaller items that do not have to be Springer-related. Two TCVESSA annual banquet tickets will also be included in the raffle. Please e-mail Kathy Raidt at [braidt@minn.net](mailto:braidt@minn.net) with a list of items that you will bring to the specialty raffle table.
- We are looking for helpers to set up the table where coffee and rolls will be offered for everyone in the mornings. Please e-mail Kris Radermacher at [SwedaroSpringers@gmail.com](mailto:SwedaroSpringers@gmail.com) if you can help.
- Carmen Laing is looking for helpers to be available to clean up the rings, if necessary. Please e-mail her at [carmen913@msn.com](mailto:carmen913@msn.com) to sign up.
- B.A. Breese is ordering lunches for those interested, but she will need someone to help distribute them. Please e-mail B.A. at [cbiserv@kdlk.net](mailto:cbiserv@kdlk.net).
- The Spring 2008 issue of Vox incorrectly listed non-regular obedience classes as available at our specialty—including Graduate Open. This class will *not* be offered in 2008.
- A couple of people are needed on August 17 in Big Lake to help load mats onto a trailer. Contact Kris Radermacher ([SwedaroSpringers@gmail.com](mailto:SwedaroSpringers@gmail.com)) for details.

## Important Specialty Reminders

At this year's new show site, the Anoka County Fairgrounds, please note that indoor grooming space must be reserved. Complete the reserved grooming form found on page 19 of the premium, and mail it to Julie Roberts. Reservations for grooming space will close **Wednesday, August 6**. There will be no refunds after this date.

Also, please remember to order box lunches if you have not made other arrangements (see page 7 of the premium). There isn't any food service on the fairgrounds.

## TCVESSA Administrative Matter

Email correspondence has become commonly used by most businesses and clubs to communicate quickly and efficiently with their constituencies, and the same holds true for TCVESSA. Members do have a choice in how they receive club correspondence, however, and a form has been included on *page 7* of this newsletter for members to indicate their preference.

Please read the form, complete it, and mail it to TCVESSA secretary Mary Dahl so that your preference can be noted and honored.




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### Reminder:

*All indoor grooming space must be reserved for our August specialty...*

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## June 26 Board Minutes

Attendees: Julie Roberts, Cyndi Myhre, Kris Radermacher, Francie Nelson, Carmen Laing, B.A. Breese, and Kathy Raidt

**Previous Meeting Notes:** March 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting notes - A motion was made by Cyndi Myhre to accept the notes as corrected. B.A. Breese seconded the motion.

**New Business:** There were no new membership applications to consider this month.

**By-Laws:** Kris Radermacher reported that the AKC returned our by-laws with only a few changes. A membership vote must be taken to approve the final by-laws with AKC revisions included. Francie proposed that a short letter (outlining and highlighting the AKC recommendations) be sent to members along with a complete copy of the final version of the by-laws. An addressed, stamped postcard will be included with the mailing so that members may vote. Kris volunteered to write the letter that will be mailed with the by-laws.

### August Specialty Notes:

Kris asked if there were any corrections to the premium list, and also discussed the show catalog. The cost to print the catalog will be between \$6 and \$7 each. Pre-ordered catalogs will be sold for \$8 and on site purchases will be \$10. We will offer catalog advertising. Unreserved grooming space was discussed, and it was decided that all indoor grooming spaces must be reserved.

Cyndi Myhre proposed that the sweepstakes formula (for cash wins) be adjusted to be consistent with prior years.

Ribbons were discussed, and the board indicated its preferences.

Social Hour: A number of catering options were considered without a final decision.

**Calendar:** Kris Radermacher proposed a general membership meeting before the national specialty. We'll plan a November general membership meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> at C & E. Carmen will see if they are open either day. The board proposed beginning at noon. Carmen will be the coordinator for this general meeting and associated fun match.

**Newsletter:** Kandice Bierle has accepted the job of newsletter editor and she is requesting information from the board. It was suggested that she contact Heather Rand, our legislative liaison, for updates. Classified ads can be offered when space is available.

**Standing Rules:** There was considerable discussion concerning the need for standing rules, and what they should be. It was decided that Julie would send out the long version of the draft document for discussion at the next board meeting.

**Next Meetings:** The board will meet July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Minnetonka Byerly's. The August meeting will be August 11<sup>th</sup> to be devoted to the specialty. Our September meeting will be September 18<sup>th</sup>.

The board meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Raidt, Secretary



## July 24 Board Minutes

Attendees: Julie Roberts, B.A. Breese, Kris Radermacher, Cyndi Myhre, Carmen Laing

### Committee Reports:

Previous Meeting Notes for June 26, 2008 were reviewed. A motion was made by Julie Roberts to accept the notes. The board seconded the motion.

Treasury Report: B.A. presented a Reconciliation Summary. \$23,608.55 is the ending balance. It was accepted by the board.

New Memberships: None.

Seminar Update: Kris received positive feedback from e-mails sent to previous seminar attendees about the new seminar scheduled for next April.

### Specialty:

**Ribbons:** Ribbons were reviewed by the board. B.A. moved to approve the chosen ribbons and Kris seconded the motion. **Trophies:** Cyndi gave us an update on those received and those on order. **The Catalog** is scheduled as expected. Kim Slaybaugh will facilitate Catalog sales and the raffle. Kathy will collect items from members to raffle which will be held only on Thursday. A grooming table, two Banquet tickets, an L.L. Bean medium sized bag, and a piece of framed art will be the larger items for the raffle. **Catering:** Julie will contact a caterer for the social hour on Thursday evening. **Mats:** Setup and tear down will be accomplished by a 4-H group.

**Placement markers (Springer themed):** Kathy will research where they are stored.

**Insurance:** Cyndi proposed that the Show Chair have a certificate of insurance. **Flowers** for judges' tables and podium will be ordered. Water will be available for everyone provided by the Board. **Judges' Hospitality** will provide thank you baskets. Coffee, juice and pastries will be available in the morning. The Board is looking for someone to help set up the table. Kris will order the lunches and the Board is looking for someone to help distribute them.

**Reminder:** everyone attending the Specialty should place their order for lunches for both days because there will not be any vendors at the fairgrounds. Kathy will supervise the **grooming space setups** on Wednesday evening. Carmen will confirm the location of the electrical outlets with the Anoka County Fairground as well as learn about the logistics. Kris will send a reminder to participants to order lunches using the ESS-L2 group and the TCVESSA Announce. **The Calendar** will be ready for the Specialty per Kris.

A confirmation and obedience Fun Match is scheduled for all day on Sunday, November 23, 2008, at the new location of C & E. Put that date on your calendars. A General Meeting will be held that day to vote on the By-Laws.

Cyndi will be creating a basket to take down to Nationals and Membership Chair duties have been approved.

Our next meeting is **August 11<sup>th</sup>** at the St. Louis Park Byerly's community room. B.A. motioned to adjourn and Cyndi seconded it at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathy Raidt  
TCVESSA Secretary



### Raffle Note:

Please send items for the raffle to Kathy Raidt, 7603 Erie Avenue, Chanhassen, MN 55317. You can contact her at 952-949-2527.

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## Proofing Your Obedience or Rally Exercises in New Locations

By Jean Dockendorf

Success in the show ring at an obedience or rally trial can never be guaranteed, but one sure way to improve your performance is to proof your dog in a variety of locations. No matter what level you're training for, your dog can benefit from learning to confidently perform each exercise in as many new locations as possible.

Having a training facility that you work with regularly is extremely beneficial when teaching new exercises and maintaining a regular training schedule. But after your dog has mastered the basics of each exercise, traveling to different training centers will allow you to see how well your dog really understands the commands. In addition, a new location will also allow you to measure whether your dog is performing each exercise correctly on the first command. And, you can also make sure your dog learns that going to new locations can be fun!

There are a number of ways to visit different facilities, some of which include run-thrus, drop-in classes, renting ring time, seminars or fun matches. All are great ways to get your dog working confidently in new locations. (See the following page for a few facilities that offer these opportunities).

When looking for facilities to proof your dog, make sure to find a variety of facilities:

- some that have pillars in the ring and some with no obstructions
- some with flat walls and some with baby gates
- some with low ceilings and some with high ones that make hearing difficult or create echoes
- some that have dim lighting or darker areas and some that are brighter

Traveling to new facilities also allows your dog to get used to other voices calling commands. It's always a good idea to have new faces and new footsteps following behind your dog after each exercise. Going to new training centers is also a great chance to work with the distraction of other breeds of dogs than you may typically work with at home.

Training at a new facility allows you to help your dog through any difficult problem areas by taking off the pressure to score well at a show. When you first visit a new facility, start with simple commands to build confidence and then work up to the level you are proofing for show. If necessary, break complex exercises down into smaller segments or do exercises from closer distances to encourage success. Remember to keep it fun for the dog.

Keep going to the same place two or three times until your dog is confidently performing all exercises and is no longer distracted. Then try a new facility to test your dog's performance.

While visiting new facilities doesn't guarantee a perfect run, if you can perform all exercises correctly on the first try in three new locations, the odds are definitely in your favor!

*Note: Jean Dockendorf enjoys training her two Springers, Laser and Hope, for conformation, obedience, agility and rally. She has agreed to write an article on some aspect of training for each issue of the VOX newsletter. If you'd like to submit an idea, please send it to [jeans77@charter.net](mailto:jeans77@charter.net).*

## A Few Training Facilities You May Want to Visit . . .

Following is a partial list of area training facilities that offer run-thrus, drop-in classes, rent ring time, or have upcoming seminars or fun matches that will allow you to proof your obedience skills before showing. This list is not intended to be a recommendation, but rather a starting place for people seeking other locations to train. Other facilities may offer opportunities for training too – if you know of one that should be included in a future update, please email me, Jean Dockendorf, at [jeans77@charter.net](mailto:jeans77@charter.net) with the web site or other contact information.

**Bloomington Obedience Training Club (BOTC)** allows drop-in students to join their Novice, Open and Utility obedience classes on Tuesday nights on a per class basis. They also offer obedience run-thrus on Monday nights BOTC is also offering Rally run-thrus (all levels) on select Saturday nights during the summer (Aug 3 & 10; Sept. 7, 14 & 28). Sign-ups and walk-thrus begin at 6 p.m. For more information, check their web site at [www.botcmn.org](http://www.botcmn.org).

**C&E Dog Training** in New Hope offers obedience run-thrus on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information and a map to their new facility, check their web site at [www.cedogtraining.com](http://www.cedogtraining.com).

**Dog Works** in Eden Prairie allows drop-in students to join their Novice, Open and Utility obedience classes. They also offer Rally run-thrus on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Check their web site at [www.dogworksinc.com](http://www.dogworksinc.com).

**Excel Dog Training** in St. Cloud schedules Rally and Obedience drop-ins and run-thrus for all levels of exhibitors. Check their web site at [www.excel-dogtraining.com](http://www.excel-dogtraining.com).

**Elk River Canine** will rent ring time to individuals or groups wishing to train, and periodically schedules fun matches for training. Check their web site at [www.elkrivercanine.com](http://www.elkrivercanine.com).

**Leashes & Leads** in Rochester offers open mat time for training and private lessons. Check their web site at [www.leashesandleads.com](http://www.leashesandleads.com).

**Pet Junction** in Shoreview offers open ring time when other classes aren't in session. For more information, go to [www.petjunctiononline.com](http://www.petjunctiononline.com).

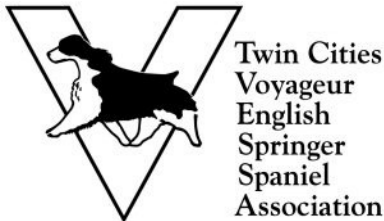
**Shall Be Training** in South Haven offers ring rental times or private lessons/run-thrus by appointment. For information, go to [www.shallbetraining.com](http://www.shallbetraining.com).

**St. Paul Dog Training Club** offers obedience run-thrus beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday nights. In addition, they will be hosting a training seminar this fall titled "*Balance Point - A competition obedience workshop with Linda Koutsky*" which will be November 15-16, 2008. For more information, check their web site at [www.spdtc.com](http://www.spdtc.com).

**Twin Cities Obedience Training Club (TCOTC)** in Minneapolis offers obedience run-thrus on Tuesday nights from 7 – 8 p.m. and will schedule some rally run-thrus during the year. For more information, check their web site at [www.tcotc.com](http://www.tcotc.com).

**Water's Edge Retrievers** in Buffalo offers drop-in classes for Novice, Open and Utility beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Ring rental is also available. Check their web site at [www.watersedgeretrievers.com](http://www.watersedgeretrievers.com).





From the February 2008 Amendment to the By-Laws of the Twin Cities Voyageur English Springer Spaniel Association:

ARTICLE III. MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION 1. MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Notification of club meetings, club correspondence related to the conducting of club business, and notification of board meetings may be sent by email, provided that:

Each member requesting receipt of email correspondence has signed an authorization agreeing to this method of communication. Such authorization, which is revocable, will also release the club from any liability should the notification be received late or not received by the member or board member due to circumstances beyond the club's control.

In accordance with the above Article III, Section 1 of the TCVESSA By-Laws, I hereby authorize TCVESSA to notify me via email of:

- Nothing - I want all notifications and communications via U.S. Mail
- Everything - I want all notifications and communications via E-Mail
- I still want the VOX via U.S. Mail, but you can send everything else via E-Mail.

This authorization shall remain in force unless I notify the membership chair in writing.

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Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed (Family Member)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

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Print Name

Please mail signed authorization to:

Mary Dahl  
TCVESSA Membership Secretary  
12478 State Hwy 1 NW  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

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## TCVESSA Wins and Brags

### Topgun's Field Of Dreams

CD,JH,RE,NA,NAJ,WDX "Rayne"

Owner/Trainer/Handler: Shirley A. Harford  
WESSA Specialty May 4, 2008  
Open A Obedience, Qualified - 2nd leg,  
3rd Place

### Topgun's Field Of Dreams

CD,JH,RE,NA,NAJ,WDX "Rayne"

Owner/Trainer/Handler: Shirley A. Harford  
MHSA Hunt Test May 10, 2008  
Senior Hunter, Qualified 1st Leg



### Topgun's Field Of Dreams

CD,JH,RE,NA,NAJ,WDX "Rayne"

Owner/Trainer/Handler: Shirley A. Harford  
BOTC Agility Trial May 24, 2008  
Novice Fast Q - 3rd Leg and 3rd Place...

***Novice Fast Title Earned***



### A/C Ch Fox Hollow Made to Last AX AXJ

"Grace" Owner/handler Ann Sunderman  
BOTC Agility Trial, Bloomington, MN  
May 24, 2008  
3rd leg AKC Novice FAST title earned,  
4th place...

***Novice Fast Title Earned***

### Fox Hollow Brand New Day JH OA OAJ NF

WD, "Kiera" Owner/handler Ann Sunderman  
BOTC Agility Trial, Bloomington, MN  
May 24, 2008  
1st leg AKC Open FAST title earned, 3rd place

### Eastwood's Adeste Fidelis "Casey"

Owners Jill M. Shirley & Becky Hoskins  
Key City Kennel Club May 24, 2008  
WD/ BOW/BOS - 3 point major

### Eastwood's Adeste Fidelis "Casey"

Owners Jill M. Shirley & Becky Hoskins  
Waterloo Kennel Club April 19, 2008  
Puppy Sweepstakes: 1st Best Puppy;  
Puppy Group 3

### Eastwood's Adeste Fidelis "Casey"

Owners Jill M. Shirley & Becky Hoskins  
WESSA April 3, 2008  
BOS—Puppy Sweepstakes

### A/C/INTNL CH Cymbelines Anticipation JH

NR CD CGC Karen Larson

WESSA May 4, 2008

1st - Veteran Obedience with a score of 197  
1st - Veteran Bitch Class

### ESSpecial Casmir Moonraker "Connery"



Owners Kandy Bierle & Monica Bowers

Handled by Sarah Kraft

Fargo-Moorhead K.C. May 30-31, 2008

Both days: WD/BOW/BOS - 3 point majors...

***American CH Completed***

### Dartek's Ilean Endeavor "Trevor"



Breeders/Owners Tekla Viker &

Barb DiGiovanni

WESSA May 4, 2008

WD/BOW - 5 point major

***American CH Completed***

### Dartek's Eldamar Envision "Evvy"

Owned by Tekla Viker & Julie Roberts

Duluth Kennel Club July 11, 2008

WB/BOW - 3 point major

Duluth Kennel Club July 13, 2008

WB - 3 point major

### Dartek's Three of a Kind "Gavin"

Owned by Tracy Marsolek & Tekla Viker

Duluth Kennel Club July 12, 2008 - WD

Duluth Kennel Club July 13, 2008

WD/BOW - 3 point major

### Woodridge's Nevagard Lead Off Man JH CD

WD "Wrigley"

Owned by Julie & Tim Damgaard

South St. Paul Dog Training Club May 25, 2008

2nd leg CD 1951/2

### Woodridge's Nevagard Lead Off Man



JH CD WD "Wrigley"

Owned by Julie & Tim Damgaard

WESSA May 4, 2008

3rd leg CD 1941/2 and High in Trial...

***CD Title Earned***

### Woodridge's Nevagard Lead Off Man JH CD

WD "Wrigley"

Owned by Julie & Tim Damgaard

Cambridge Kennel Club June 16, 2008

WD (Shown by Sarah Salzwedel)

**(Wins and Brags, continued)****CH Cedarwood's Celestial "Sally"**

Owned by Barbara Kroke & Patricia Welch  
Lake Minnetonka Kennel Club June 7, 2008  
WB/BOW—3 point major  
Lake Minnetonka Kennel Club June 8, 2008  
WB—3 point major...

***American CH Completed*****Cedarwood's Escada Rockin' Rio "Escada"**

Owned by Patricia Welch & Jack Filipek  
Duluth Kennel Club July 12, 2008  
WB/BOW-3 point major

**CH Cedarwood's Southern Exposure**

**"Jackson"** Owner/Handler Brenda Filipek  
NADAC/Zumbro Falls Agility Trail  
May 24 & 25, 2008...

***Regular Standard (Novice) Earned******Chances (Novice) Earned******Jumpers (Outstanding) Earned*****Wil-Orion's Spellbound CGC TDI "Charm"**

Owner/Handler Courtney Hansen  
Duluth Kennel Club July 11-13, 2008  
Title earned in 3 straight shows...


***Rally Novice Title Earned*****Eldamar's Dartek Rising Star "Phoebe"**

Owners Julie Roberts & Tekla Viker  
WESSA May 4, 2008  
Best in Sweepstakes

**Keepsake Kaffe de Karamel "Jay"**

Proud co-breeder, Francie Nelson  
Eastern ESSC Futurity June 20, 2008  
Best Opposite Sex from 9 -12 Puppy Dog class  
*Jay placed either 1st or 2nd in all four  
9-12 puppy classes throughout the weekend, both  
in sweeps and regular classes.*


**CH Fox Hollow Brand New Day**

**JH OA OAJ NF WD "Kiera"**   
Breeder/owner/handler Ann Sunderman  
Cambridge Kennel Club June 21, 2008  
WB and Best Bred by Exhibitor...

***American CH Completed*****Hirdler Hill's Sea Born Magic "Morgan"**

Owner/Handler Maryevelyn Monty  
Key City Kennel Club May 24, 2008—WB  
Sioux Valley Kennel June 28, 2008 —WB/BOB

**Delstyl's Aspen Full Reflection "Hunter"**

Owned by Elizabeth Pike & Carol   
Hathaway, Handled by Sheryl Richardson  
Cambridge Kennel Club:  
June 21 & 22, 2008 WD/BOW Both Days...

***American CH Completed*****Aspen-Lace My Husband's Girlfriend**

**"Girlfriend"** owned by Elizabeth & Christopher  
Pike, Handled by Sheryl Richardson  
Anoka County Kennel Club:  
June 19 & 20, 2008 WB/BOW Both Days

**Congratulations Everyone!****Rainbow  
Bridge****CH Eldamar's Dartek Key'Em Up CD "Keah"  
March 1994 - July 2008**

Keah was such a special dog. She was our foundation and our bed dog. She didn't have a big exciting show career, but we shared so many first times together. She was the first dog I flew with to a national. My first dog that placed at a national. My first dog that went Best of Breed. My first bitch I bred. She never had a bad day and enjoyed life with typical Springer enthusiasm. She was confident wherever she went, and always looked forward to the next adventure or car ride. Her temperament was stellar; even in her old age and although blind, she never snapped or worried. She just handled whatever came her way. The bed is emptier now, but she lives on in my heart and in her kids, grandkids and great grandkids. Rest well, dear friend. *Tekla Viker*

**Note:**

Be sure to email your Springer news and accomplishments to Kandy Bierle at kbierle@bethel.edu for recognition in the newsletter.

The next deadline?  
**September 16, 2008**

## “Felon” Goes to Camp

Francie Nelson's Calvdale Felon, unofficial mascot of the Bell Museum, is participating (quite actively) in a Bell Summer Camp class called "Pets, Prey, and Predators," for grades 2 - 4. The class is focused on the differences and similarities between the behaviors of wild and domestic dogs. The Bell Museum's wolf diorama depicts wild pack behavior while Felon personifies and demonstrates the "domestic version" of pack behavior.



Photo by Kris Radermacher

Felon has one more "teaching session" in August.

## Important Upcoming Dates

TCVESSA board meetings: **August 11 & September 18**, Byerly's Community Room (3777 Park Center Boulevard, St. Louis Park, 55416). All are invited to attend.

**November 23rd** will be our obedience and conformation Fun Match. A general meeting will also be held to vote on by-laws. Mark your calendar now!

Also, the deadline for items to be included in the next newsletter is **September 16**. The Springer photo theme for that month will be related to autumn. Those chosen for the photo page will be correctly exposed (not too light or too dark), and well-focused.



(Fun, casual photos only, please—no show or studio shots.) Email your color photos to Kandy Bierle (kbierle@bethel.edu) by the September 16 deadline.

### Coming in September:

- Analyzing a Show Litter
- Springers and Agility
- Cognitive Disorders in Senior Dogs
- Springers in Obedience
- August Specialty Report
- Fall Springer Photos
- ...and more!

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