



From TCVESSA's President by Julie Roberts/Francis Nelson

Our president, Julie Roberts, has asked if I would write to you about our annual awards. I'm happy to do that! We established a few special annual awards soon after our club was founded (1977). Members were always honored and proud to have their dogs' names engraved on these beautiful awards. Over the years, we've added many more special awards to honor TCVESSA Springer achievements.

These days, it takes two people to manage the process (I do conformation, and Patty Salzwedel does performance) – and it also takes a considerable gift of time (yours) to prepare and submit information.

But it's well worth the effort, because we will honor and recognize you and your wonderful dogs at our annual banquet in March at the Sunshine Factory. Although there is a lot of information and a bit of paperwork please take the time so we can celebrate your dog's accomplishments at the banquet. Included in the Vox you'll find:

- a form to fill out for your certificate(s) of recognition;

- a form to fill out if your dog is eligible for one of our beautiful annual awards; and
- guidelines for the various annual awards, including information about the donors who established them and the dogs for whom they are named.

If you have earned a certificate of recognition or an annual award during 2009, congratulations! We will share your accomplishments at our annual banquet in March 2010. If you are just dreaming of winning a TCVESSA annual award, come join us at the banquet and be inspired by this year's winners.

You need to submit your information to me by **February 15, 2010** in order to ensure that we can print, engrave, dust, polish, and basically work as hard as we can to give you the recognition that you have earned this year.

CONGRATULATIONS – Patty and I can't wait to start receiving your information!!

Francie Nelson
Vice President, TCVESSA



The Stars of the Silver Screen

“Our Springers”

The TCVESSA Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, March 13, 2010

The Sunshine Factory

7600 42nd Avenue N

New Hope, MN 55427

763-535-7000 www.esunshinefactory.com

Social Hour/Cash Bar: 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Program, Meeting & Awards: 8:00 p.m.

Reservations must be made by February 28, 2010

Dinner price is \$29.00 and includes a House Salad,
Potato, Vegetable, Rolls and Butter, Coffee or Tea,
and Gratuity.

Please reserve _____ places for the TCVESSA Awards Banquet. All meals are priced at \$29.00.

Please check your meal preference.

_____ Roast Garlic Rosemary Chicken	\$ _____
_____ Pan Fried Walleye	\$ _____
_____ Top Sirloin w/sautéed Mushrooms	\$ _____
Total Check Amount	\$ _____

(Please let us know if you prefer a vegetarian meal)

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Check this box if you will be donating something for the raffle

Please mail the bottom portion of this page and check payable to TCVESSA to:

Carmen Laing, 9261 Ives Lane N., Maple Grove, MN 55369 * 763-425-4603 * Carmen913@msn.com

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Raffle

This year we are bringing back the old raffle of TCVESSA. We are asking members to design, find or create and donate something for the raffle. Look through those closets, boxes and bags, new or used, or show us your non-dog creativity, bake, scrapbook, paint or build.

There is no size limit. Item does not have to be dog related.
Anyone donating a prize for the raffle will receive 5 raffle tickets.

Please let me know if you will be donating something for the raffle so we know how much room we need.
There is a check box on the RSVP form—or e-mail Carmen.

Pictures

I need pictures of members dogs, current dogs please. Please e-mail Carmen a digital picture or mail a wallet size up to 4x6 photo (will not be returned). I am looking for head/face/shoulder shots primarily. Nothing in the mouth, sunglasses are ok. Use your name and dogs call name for file name. Maximum 5 photos.

Picture Information

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Deadline: February 19, 2010

TCVESSA Annual Award Guidelines for 2009

Each year TCVESSA awards certificates of recognition to club members' Springers that complete degrees, titles, or championships during the previous calendar year. The club also awards a number of plaques and revolving trophies to the highest achieving Springers in several categories during the previous year. The awards are handed out at the annual club banquet. Club members are responsible for keeping track of their wins, which should be submitted to the awards chairperson by the deadline on the Annual Awards Form in the VOX Newsletter.

All trophies must be returned to the Awards Chairperson at least thirty days prior to the banquet so that necessary cleaning and engraving can be done for the new winners. It is the responsibility of the previous year's winner to return the trophy to the Awards Chairperson. Trophies may be personally delivered to the Awards Chairperson or shipped, at the previous winner's expense, to the Awards Chairperson via any insured carrier (USPS, UPS, Fed EX or bonded delivery company). Trophies must be insured for their replacement cost for shipping. \$150.00 is recommended.

2008 AWARD WINNERS SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO RETURN THEIR TROPHIES BY FEBRUARY 15, 2010, TO:

**FRANCIE NELSON
3146 ARTHUR STREET NE
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55418-2211
fnelson@wolf.org or fanfarespringers@comcast.net**

763-560-7374, extension 230 (office and voice mail phone number)

NOTE: My new office is in New Hope in the western 'burbs. It may be a closer drop-off point, and it's conveniently close to Viking Trophies. E-mail me and we'll make arrangements to meet at the International Wolf Center office if this is the most convenient.

TCVESSA Trophies do not leave the state of Minnesota, even if the member winning the award resides outside the state.

For the following special awards, individuals must have been club members for the entire calendar year (2009) of the awards period. Individuals are considered to be members from the date of receipt of their written membership application.

Special Awards

Redcrest's Barron Memorial Award (Linda Hirte, award donor)

Best Total or Average Qualifying Obedience Scores

- Submit the best total or average of three qualifying scores earned during the course of the calendar year 2009. Scores do not have to be earned from the same class. They may be earned at any AKC licensed obedience competition, from any regular class, under at least two different judges.

Obtaining an additional score from each owner will break ties. If one owner does not have an additional score, a tie will be declared and both names will be inscribed. However, a fourth score cannot be withheld if it has been earned.

Ch. Chinoe's Eminent Judge Award (In memory of "The Judge," presented by Francie Nelson)

Best of Breed Springer of the Year (Note: "Chinoe" is pronounced CHIN-oh-way)

- The award is based on the total number of Springers entered and present for competition at all-breed AKC licensed

events and specialty shows. The award year is calendar year 2009.

- One point is awarded for each English Springer entered and present. AKC Show Results are used to verify owner records.

Should a tie occur, both names will be inscribed and each owner will have possession of the trophy for six-months.

Ch. Winward's Gadabout Award (In memory of "Bardo," presented by Mary and Bud Davis)

Best of Opposite Springer of the Year

- A Best of Opposite Sex winner at an AKC licensed event or specialty will receive one point for each Springer of its own sex – both class dogs and specials – entered and present. Best of Breed wins count towards this award –one point for each Springer entered and present. Points are verified through Show Results. The award period is the calendar year 2009.
- Should a tie occur, both names will be inscribed and each owner will have possession of the trophy for six-months.

Ch. Salilyn's Prophet Award (In memory of "Moses," presented by Julie and Brion Roberts)

Owner Handled Springer of the Year

- The qualifying dog must be owned by, and handled to all eligible wins by, a club member or a member of the immediate family who is also a club member. The owner of the qualifying dog must have been a club member at the time all qualifying wins occurred and a club member for the entire calendar year prior to the awards banquet. The award period is calendar year 2009.
- The winning dog will be determined through points earned, according to the following schedule. The owner should keep track of wins and submit them to the awards committee. Points are verified through Show Results.
- Should a tie occur, both names will be inscribed and each owner will have possession of the trophy for six-months.

Point System: Ch. Salilyn's Prophet Award

Best in Show:	150
Group I:	100
Group II:	75
Group III:	50
Group IV:	50
Best of Breed:	Number of Springers entered and present
Best of Opposite:	Number of Springers in that sex entered and present
Best of Winners:	50
Winners:	25
Futurity/Sweeps Best:	75
Futurity/Sweeps Opp:	50

TCVESSA Directors' Award for Versatility (Presented by the Board of Directors)

- The recipient owner or co-owner must have been a club member at the time all qualifying scores were earned, and a club member for the entire calendar year prior to the awards banquet.
- To qualify, the dog must complete the following:

1. One championship title - AKC CH, MACH, OTCH, FC, NFC or CT titles
2. ESSFTA (parent club) WD or WDX OR one of the AKC hunting titles (JH, SH, MH)

An Obedience title OR Tracking title OR Agility title

The dog's titles must be in two different areas in addition to the hunting or working title. For example if the dog has a MACH title, it must also have a hunting title and an obedience or tracking title. Since the dog's championship is in agility, the dog's other agility titles cannot be used to qualify for the award.

- The dog must be handled to at least one of these titles by the owner or co-owner or a member of either's immediate family.
- The award will be given to the owner or co-owner who handled the dog to the majority of its titles. The Board will make the final determination in case of question.
- Verification of the titles is the responsibility of the owner, who should submit information to the annual awards committee.
- The award will be inscribed with the name of the dog and the award period and presented at the annual awards banquet.
- Should two or more dogs qualify in the same year, the names of all qualifiers will be inscribed and the award will be shared.

Any individual dog may be honored only once, and will not re-qualify in subsequent years by obtaining additional degrees or titles.

TCVESSA Agility Award (Presented by VineHill Springers)

- The qualifying dog must be owned/co-owned by, and handled to all eligible points by a club member or a member of the immediate family who is also a club member. The owner/co-owner of the qualifying dog must have been a club member at the time all qualifying points occurred, and a club member for the entire calendar year prior to the awards banquet.
- Points accumulate as follows: 10 points for each clean qualifying round, 5 points for non-clean qualifying rounds, then 4 points for 1st placement, 3 points for 2nd placement, 2 points for 3rd placement, and 1 point for 4th placement.
- Only AKC standard and AKC Jumpers With Weaves will be considered in the point system.
- The owner should keep track of points and submit them to the awards committee. Points are verified through Show Results.
- The award will be inscribed with the name of the dog and the award period and presented at the annual awards banquet.
- The awards period is the calendar year preceding the banquet. In case of a close contest, the TCVESSA Board may decide to delay presentation of the trophy until all wins are verified through Show Results.

Should a tie occur, both names will be inscribed and each owner will have possession of the trophy for six-months.

Note: Immediate family refers to parent/child; husband/wife; brother/sister.

TCVESSA Rally Springer of the Year Award

Best total or average qualifying rally obedience scores

- The recipient owner or co-owner must be a club member at the time all qualifying scores were earned, and a club member for the entire calendar year prior to the awards banquet.
- The best total or average of three qualifying scores earned during the course of the calendar year (preceding the awards banquet) will be used. Scores do not have to be earned from the same class. They may be earned at any AKC licensed rally obedience competition, from any regular class, under at least two different judges.
- Scores should be submitted to the awards committee and will be verified through Show Results.
- The award will be inscribed with the name of the dog and the award period and presented at the annual awards banquet.
- The awards period is the calendar year preceding the banquet. In case of a close contest, the TCVESSA Board may decide to delay presentation of the trophy until all scores are verified through show results.

Obtaining an additional score from each owner will break ties. If one owner does not have an additional score, a tie will be declared and both names will be inscribed. However, a fourth score cannot be withheld if it has been earned.

TCVESSA Ambassador Award

This award is given for outstanding community service by a dog/handler team. Documentation of community service must be provided. Final determination will be based on number of occurrences of community service activities. For example, a signed log of community service visits to hospitals, nursing homes, schools, etc. must be provided.

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

This award is for the dog achieving the most AKC or parent club titles in one year.

Performance Championship Awards

These awards are given to the dog/handler teams who complete any of the following titles: MACH, OTCH, FTCH, AFTCH

The following conditions apply to the awards indicated below – the additional obedience awards, the additional rally obedience awards and the additional agility awards:

- The recipient owner or co-owner must have been a club member at the time all qualifying scores were earned, and a club member for the entire calendar year prior to the awards banquet.
- Scores should be submitted to the awards committee and will be verified through Show Results.
- The award will be inscribed with the name of the dog and the award period and presented at the annual awards banquet.
- The awards period is the calendar year preceding the banquet. In case of a close contest, the TCVESSA Board may decide to delay presentation of the trophy until all scores are verified through show results.

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Additional Obedience Awards

CD SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title legs will count for this award. The award year will be considered to be the year in which the degree is completed.

CDX SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores from the award year will be counted. Scores can come from the Open A or B Class or from a combination of scores from both classes.

UD SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores from the award year will be counted. Scores may come from the A or B Class or from a combination of scores from both classes.

UDX SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The average scores of any UDX legs earned during the award year will be counted.

Additional Rally Obedience Awards

RN SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores from the rally novice class for the award year will be counted.

RA SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores from the rally advanced class for the award year will be counted.

RE SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores from the rally excellent class for the award year will be counted.

RAE SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The average scores of any RAE legs earned during the award year will be counted.

Additional Agility Awards

NOVICE AGILITY SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores in any AKC novice agility class will count for this award. The award year will be considered to be the year in which the degree is completed.

OPEN AGILITY SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores in any AKC open agility class will count for this award. The award year will be considered to be the year in which the degree is completed.

EXCELLENT A AGILITY SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores in any AKC excellent A agility class will count for this award. The award year will be considered to be the year in which the degree is completed.

EXCELLENT B AGILITY SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The average scores of any AKC excellent B agility legs will count for this award.

If there is a tie for any of the additional agility awards, the winner will be the dog with the most yards per second for its qualifying scores.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR AWARDS APPLICATION, ALONG WITH DOCUMENTATION OF QUALIFYING WINS, TO FRANCIE NELSON BY FEBRUARY 15, 2010.

THE INFORMATION YOU SUBMIT DOESN'T NEED TO BE IN ANY PARTICULAR FORMAT, BUT NEEDS TO BE COMPLETE ENOUGH TO BE CHECKED AND/OR VERIFIED IN CASE OF A CLOSE CONTEST OR A TIE.

TCVESSA 2010 TROPHY FUND PLEDGE FORM

Contributor's Name(s):

Address:

Home Phone: Work or Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Name/Kennel Name/In memory of, for Specialty Catalog:

I would like to contribute to the TCVESSA Trophy fund at the following level:

_____ **PLATINUM LEVEL - \$75.00 OR ABOVE**

_____ **GOLD LEVEL - \$50.00 - 74.00**

_____ **SILVER LEVEL - \$25.00 - 49.00**

_____ **BRONZE LEVEL - \$10.00 - 24.00**

PLEDGE FORMS to:

Kristin Radermacher

9755 178th Ave NW

Elk River MN 55330

763-441-0299

SwedaroSpringers@gmail.com

Please

Save the Date!

May 15 & 16 2010
Elk River K-9 Training Center
Elk River, Minnesota

- Lots of Grooming Space
- Catered lunch
- Hospitality party
- Indoor facility
- Fun trophies

2010 TCVESSA SPECIALTY

- Sweepstakes
- Conformation
 - Rally
- Obedience



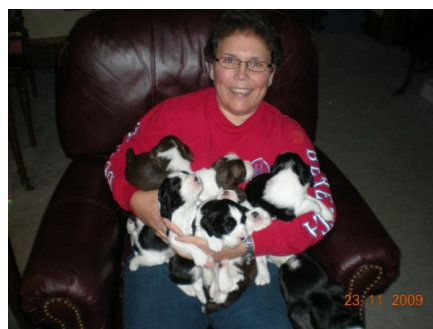
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Twin Cities Voyageur English Springer Spaniel Assn.

Springers



Alice and James Musburger would like to announce their new kennel name "Rose Bud" as well as their first litter. The sire was BISS INT'l BIS AM INT'L Ch Aspen's Ashwyn Explorer (Apollo) owned by Carol Hathaway and Maryevelyn Monty. The dam was Hirdler Hill's Victory Promise CD (Tori) owned by Jim and Alice. This litter was born on Halloween evening. There are 7 puppies: 1 girl and 6 boys! The girl is liver and white and so are two of the boys. The remaining 4 boys are black and white. They all have nice show collars and blazes between their eyes. Spread the word as we are looking for 3 good homes for sometime after Christmas.



Member Wins and Brags

**CH Aspen's Midnight Serenade, RN
CGC AKC Award of Canine Excellence
recipient "CJ"**

Owned/handled by Joan Beck
09/11/09—ESSFTA National Specialty
Rally Advanced A
1st leg Rally Advanced "A", 1st Place

**Madam Bailey Angel VCD1 RE NAC
NJC TN-N "Bailey"**

Owned/handled by Megan Nelson
10/25/09—TCOTC Tracking Dog Test
Pass!—TD and VCD1

**CH MACH Topguns VinEwood Makin'
A Splash UD RN SH FX "Splash"**

Owned/loved/handled by Kathy
Petregnani
December's "Hounds for Holidays"
agility trials
MACH Agility Title Earned!

Selah's New Year's Resolution "Jenny"

Owned/handled by Jack and Brenda
Filipek
December '09—St. Cloud Show
WB, BOS

**Cedarwood's Chocolate Diamond
"Smudgy"**

Owned by Pat & Wayne Welch
Handled by Kristi Howe
11/21/09—Mpls. K.C.
WB/BOW/BOS—3-point major
11/22/09—Mpls. K.C.
WB,BOW,BOS—3-point major



Congratulations Everyone!

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?
December 16, 2009

Member Messages

From Sarah Kraft:

We received the sad news on Sunday, December 27th, that my Grandfather, Janice Johnson's father, Charles Willms had passed away after a long fight with bone cancer. A memorial service was held on December 31st at Benson Funeral Home in St. Cloud. He is survived by his wife, Agnes, his three children, Bruce Willms, Chad Willms and Janice (Willms) Johnson; his grandchildren, Sarah (Willms) Kraft, Daniel Willms, Mary Willms, Erica Johnson, and Ian Willms; and his great-grandchildren, Hazel and Norah Willms. My grandparents and their daughter Janice bred under the kennel name "Wil-Orion", a name behind many successful breeding programs, and top-winning dogs. My grandfather was a true lover of the breed and always enjoyed spending time at dog shows. His voice was often heard at the Granite City KC Dog Show as the show announcer. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

From Francie and Frances Nelson (and Felon, too):

Thank you all. Your cards and messages gave us so much comfort and support during Dad's last days. It was a great honor to learn that TCVESSA established a fund for Dad through donations received at our annual November match; the funds were sent to the ESSFTA Foundation. Additional gifts have been received for "The Russ Nelson Fund," which now exceeds \$500.00. Dad would have been so pleased! We'd like to say a word of appreciation to a number of dear TCVESSA friends who attended – or who wanted to attend – Dad's memorial service in December. TCVESSA is filled with caring and compassionate people; thank you so much for your expressions of thoughtfulness, sympathy, and hope.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Pet Expo will be Saturday, March 6th, through Sunday, March 7th, at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Hall A. We are looking for volunteers to work in the booth as well as for springers who can persuade people to part with their money to donate it to English Springer Rescue America, Inc.

The Schedule:

Friday Setup	Noon – 3:00 PM		
Saturday	9:00 AM – 12:00	12:00 – 3:00	3:00 – 6:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM – 12:00	12:00 – 5:00PM	5:00 – 5:30 PM Clean Up

Please e-mail me at braidt@minn.net if you would like to volunteer. Thanks so much.

Kathy Raidt

TCVESSA Secretary

English Springer Rescue America, Inc.

Coordinator for MN, ND, SD, and IA

braidt@minn.net

www.springerrescue.org



Reminder:

It's not too late to pick up your 2010 Springer calendar! Contact Kristin Radermacher for more information swedarospringers@gmail.com