



TCVESSA VOX

Fall 2024

LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Happy Fall Everyone!

I hope everyone is home safe and sound from the National and getting unpacked. It took me quiet a while to unpack and get caught up on the laundry. How do we end up taking so much stuff with us to the National? Or to any dog show! IF you have not been to one you really should try to attend! An entire week to ten days of all things English Springer Spaniel. This year we had so many activities it was hard to keep track of. The festivities started with Hunting on Saturday and Sunday, then Scentwork and Dock Diving Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday evening we also had the Welcome Party and Veteran Sweeps Judging. Wednesday had Agility and Puppy Sweeps judging, Thursday was more Agility, Dog Conformation classes and Obedience and Rally trials. Friday was girl conformation classes, more Obedience and Rally and, Pee Wees. Saturday we finished off the week with Juniors, Best of Breed and the Annual Awards dinner. Other activities included a Parent club meeting, judges education, breeders education, breeders showcase, Top 20 dinner, lots of raffles and silent auctions. It is a full week.

Just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who contributed to the National baskets! They were a big hit! The "Camping" basket took up an entire table by itself and raised about \$250 and the "Hotdish" basket raised about \$100. Unfortunatley we did not win Best of Basket, CESSCGA won for the club basket.

TCVESSA members were very busy at the National and brought home some great awards and wins. A big thank you goes out to Liz Pike and Kathy Patregnani who co-chaired the National this year. Several other members of TCVESSA were part of the National show committee. Thank you to all of them as well! A lot goes into making these shows happen and you never realize how many details there are until you are apart of it. A big thank you to all of the volunteers who gave their time to help with set up, tear down, decorations, ribbons & awards, ads, activities and events at the National, vendors, RV parking and rental, grooming set up, ring stewards the list goes on and on! It truly takes a village! Please consider helping helping out your favorite Springer club(s) with a few hours of your time and talents! Now to start planning for 2025!

The Fall Membership Meeting will be in Nov 10th at Bark and Bond 11am-2pm with more details to follow! If you have ideas of activities that you would like to see the club participate in please let a club member know or join us at our monthly Zoom meetings.

Cheers!

Courtney



TCVESSA Day at Pine Shadows

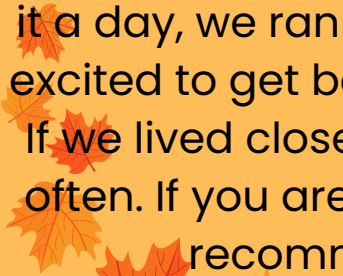
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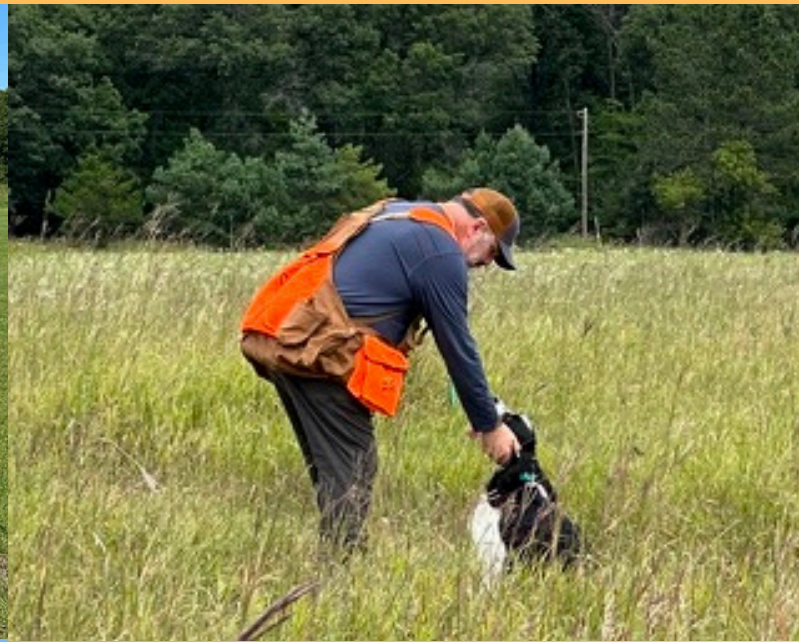
Submitted by: Deanna Henshaw

Earlier this summer Brian Schaffer organized another TCVESSA Saturday Training at Pine Shadows. On the Thursday before, Brian sent me an email asking if I could be the contact person for the Club on Saturday as he had injured his back at work and would prefer to stay home. So Ken Wohlford and TeetEr, Darwin Viker and Tela and myself and Tessa met up at Pine Shadows Saturday morning.

Ken summed up the day:

Even with a small turnout from TCVESSA, the Pine Shadows training day was a beautiful way to spend a Saturday. Meeting and getting to know Deanna and Darwin and their dogs was a bonus. We all had dogs at different places in their field training, and it was interesting to hear about their journey with springers and meet other members. TeetEr and I have had limited field training this summer, due to my two carpal tunnel surgeries! This is our second summer of field training, and I was stoked to finally experience a training day at Pine Shadows. We watched other handlers and dogs work for part of the morning. Mark and Morgan welcomed us after we saw them working with others in the field. Morgan asked about our training needs and what our dogs can do. TeetEr and I ran a brace with Darwin, and I was happy to see that my lack of fieldwork had not hurt TeetEr. She found and trapped two birds, flushed them, and had a nice retrieve back to me. We put the dogs away and watched and listened some more. Morgan worked on the process for hold conditioning to get a solid retrieve to hand. Before we called it a day, we ran another brace with Darwin. She ran even better and got me excited to get back to field training for her Senior Hunter and the fall season. If we lived closer to Pine Shadows, we would attend the training days more often. If you are training for one of the hunt tests or are just curious, I would recommend checking out this event the next time it is held.





Ken and TeetEr





Darwin and Tela



For myself (Deanna):

I was very pleased with how the training went for my dog Tessa. Last year Tessa was pretty frightened about everything at Pine Shadows. This year she was a completely different dog. Tessa was interested in the birds, willingly retrieved the pigeons I tossed into the pond, swam in the pond, watched other dogs working the birds, and was interested in the sound of the shotguns going off. It was great to meet and talk with Ken and Darwin. Their dogs are much more advanced in their training than Tessa and it was fun to watch their dogs work.



Deanna and Tessa

When chatting with Darwin at Pine Shadows he mentioned to me how pleased he was to see the way that the fields were set up for training dogs at different levels. Darwin is planning on adding an additional mowed lane to his field at home based on what he saw they used at Pine Shadows.

I think all of us wished Pine Shadows was closer and are looking forward to another TCVESSA Training Day at Pine Shadows.

Member Brags



**GCH CH MACH VinEwood's The Fire Inside CDX* BN MXB MJB
MXF TQX* T2B3 ✨**

"Sparx"

Owned by Laura Schreiner / Bred by Kathy Patregnani

2024 ESSFTA National Specialty

- AGILITY HIGH IN TRIAL**
- AGILITY HIGH COMBINED IN TRIAL**
- Top 20 Performance Dog**
- Top 20 People's Choice - Performance Dog**
- New Titles: CDX, TQX**

Member Brags Continued

Kayla Nyvold



Fever:

Earned her first Junior Hunter leg, CGC and many placements in scent work at the ESSFTA National.

Doc:

Earned his CGCA, TKI and multiple Qs in scent work at the ESSFTA National



Member Brags Continued

**Courtney
Hansen**



Brags for TCVESSA from the Spellbound Crew!

Wil-Orin's Tri to Remember "Tatum"

**PACH and DS titles earned along with placements in agility,
scentwork, rally and obedience**

Versatility qualifier

Wil-Orion and Spellbound's Joy Unspeakable "Henrietta"
**CD, RA, DN, XF titles earned along with placements in scent
work, rally, agility and obedience**

Versatility qualifier

Member Brags Continued

Diane Slais

**My-Sun A Kind of Magic CD PCD BN
RE CGCA TKN
(Sage)**

Two new NACSW titles:

L1C - 6/22/24

L1I - 6/22/24

Owner: Diane Slais

**Bondir Josephine's Journal RN MX
MXB MXJ MJB**

**MACH finished July 28th at Northstar
working group agility trial under
judge Bonnie McDonald**

Owned by Tim and Julie Damgaard

**Julie
Damgaard**





Lots of fun at a recent TCVESSA agility trial!

Photo courtesy of Kathy Patregnani

Board Meeting Updates

Fall Membership Meeting

Bark & Bond – November 10th

Nominating Committee – Will be reporting

Upcoming Events!

November 10th, 11am-2pm
Fall Membership Meeting

Location: Bark and Bond Canine Center
690 Commerce Dr #100
Woodbury, MN 55125

December 20-22
TCVESSA Agility Trial

Location: On the Run Canine Center
13835 Aberdeen St. NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304
Show Secretary: go to xtremek9s.com

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Diane Slais, Tekla Viker

Have an update you'd like to share with the club? Please email updates, brags, and photos to **swaldhauser91@gmail.com** to be featured in the next issue of the VOX!