



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear TCVESSA Members,

Welcome Spring! I know it's out there as I watch the recent snow storm melt away and leave behind our favorite – Mud Season!

Thank you to all the TCVESSA members who reached out to congratulate us on Freddie's (GCHP Telltale Bohemian Rhapsody) Westminster Sporting Group 1. Three of Freddie's owners are TCVESSA members (Susie Hatch, Gina Paulucci and me) and it was truly the thrill of a lifetime to be back "at the Garden" to see him win and to see his breeder/handler Robin Novack achieve this high honor. Your words of support meant the world to us!

While we were unable to find a new facility that could accommodate both our Obedience and Rally trials and our May Conformation show, we will still be able to offer our conformation members a great opportunity to show their dogs at TCVESSA Specialties. TCVESSA will be partnering with the Crow River Cluster in Hutchinson, Thursday to Sunday, October 2nd – 5th to offer two designated specialties, one concurrent specialty and two supported specialties. We are very pleased to be able to continue our tradition of TCVESSA Specialties and thank Michelle Berge and Cyndi Myhre for their work with the Crow River Cluster groups to make this happen.

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This will be my last VOX submission as president of TCVESSA. After over a decade on <mark>the board, I have decided to step back to focus on my responsibilities as President of</mark> <mark>the ESSFTA parent club beginning in April and as co-chair of the National Specialty with</mark> Kathy Patregnani. It has been an honor to work with this Board and the members. We are fortunate to have a club that is growing and adding members. Our members are active across a wide variety of venues and their dogs are fantastic breed ambassadors. While I won't be engaged with the management of the club, I look forward to continuing to nurture the treasured relationships I have been fortunate to form with you.

Parting words – in this sometimes harsh world, be kind to each other. Assume positive intent. Everyone is doing their best. And never forget to enjoy your dogs! Best regards,

Liz



Photo courtesy of Kathy Patregnani

With the utmost gratitude, the Board extends its best wishes to Liz as she embarks on her future endeavors.



Member Brags

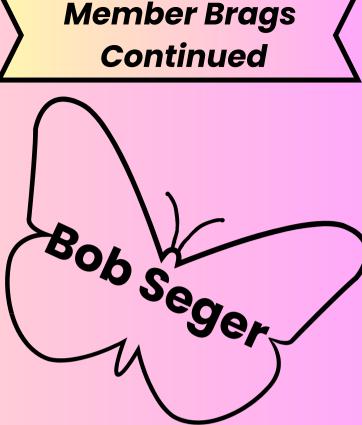


Submitted by Bonnie Maffitt

McD's Yellowstone "Jimmy"

Earned his Novice Standard Agility title at the TCVESSA trial in January!





Submitted by Kathy Patregnani

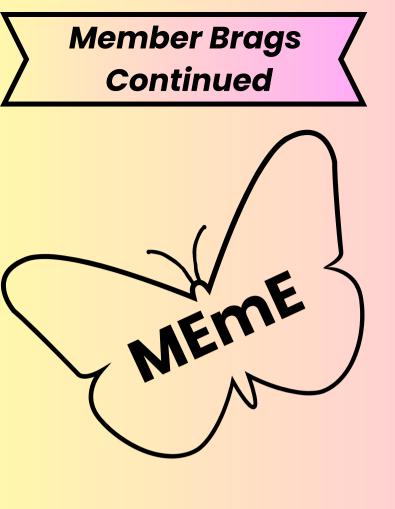
CH MACH VinEwood's Old Time Rock & Roll CD BN RI JH MXB MJB XF T2B BCAT SWN SCA SIA SEA DS DJ CGC TKN WDX

BOB SEGER

Earned his CD with 3 scores of 199. Also Earned his RI with 100.

Seger also competed at the Classic in Florida and earned one first place and one 2nd place getting beat by his momma MEmE.







Submitted by Kathy Patregnani



MACH VinEwood Me Myself & Eye CD BN RA MXS MJS MXF T2B2 RATN DS DJ CGC

MEmE

MEME earned her MACH December 27th.

MEmE also got invited to the Classic in Florida where she placed 7 out of 148 entries.





Submitted by Laura Schreiner

HaliE (Ch VinEwood's Jalapeño Popper TD)

Owned by: Sheila Koon, Kathy Patregnani, Laura Schreiner Bred by: Jill, Grady, Cody Dunham and Kathy Patregnani Finished her Championship at Land O Lakes Cluster 1/5/25





Submitted by Laura Schreiner

WishE (Chocolat VinEwood's Wish)

Owned by: Kathy Patregnani, Kathy Hawkins, Courtney Hansen

Received 3 majors her first 2 shows

1/2/25 - Oshkosh, WI 2/15 and 2/16 - Cyclone County Kennel Club - Ames, IA







Submitted by Laura Schreiner

GCh Ch Spellbound's Trust His Timing BN RI NAP NJP BCAT SWN CGCA TKN "Faith"

Owned by: Courtney Hansen

Finished her Grand Championship 2/16/25 going BOS at Cyclone County Kennel Club in Ames, IA





GCHP Telltale Bohemian Rhapsody

Owned by: Beth Flnk, Liz Pike, Judy Vanderlip, Susan Hatch, and Gina Paulucci

Handled by: Robin Novack

Westminster Kennel Club - Best of Breed, Sporting Group 1



Submitted by Mary Dahl

In August **Grace** obtained a new title of Grand Champion Bronze.

In September she obtained her BCAT title.

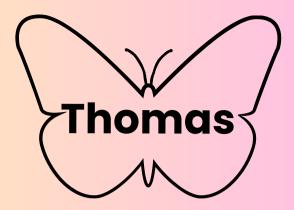




Submitted by Mary Dahl

In September Hallie obtained her BCAT title.





CH. **Tagalong's Classic Composition, Thomas**, finished his championship with 3 Specialty majors, including going Winners Dog at the 2023 National.

Bred, loved, and handled by Sarah Willms

Thanks to Rebecca Hoskins for her grooming help. (Torn rotator cuffs aren't good for grooming!)









"Sage had a true "on/off switch"; always ready for competition in the ring, yet knew when to switch to therapy mode while visiting hospitals, nursing homes and senior facilities. I could pretty much take him anywhere with me, and he would be welcome due to his sweet disposition. The last couple of years brought about his love of nose work and he earned 3 titles through NACSW.

His absence has created such a void in my life, which I intend on reclaiming when we, someday, meet again at the Rainbow Bridge."

In Loving Memory

CH Spellbound's First Thru the Looking Glass CD BN RE AX AXJ CGCA TKN FITB "Alice" aka Gator 11/6/09-2/10/25 Owned by Courtney Hansen





"I've been putting off posting because I just don't have the words. Alice let me know she was ready to go, she was the last of my first home bred litter. She gave me 15+ years of memories and a beautiful litter of puppies. She didn't love the show ring or the performance rings but did all the things because I asked her to. Her favorite was doing therapy dog work at nursing homes and assisted living. She was so good at it and knew what she was there for, she gave so much love to everyone. Our house is so very quiet without her chorttling sounds. Im still not sure how to move on without her sweet soul beside me. She helped get me through some of my darkest days with her calm, loving gentle soul. I know there were many waiting for you at Bridge. Please give everyone a kiss for me Gator and know that I will forever be grateful for every moment we had together . My heart is broken but I know you and the others are watching over us. Rest well sweet girl and until we meet again. I love you. Special thank you to Kathy Patregnani, Mary Haggerty, and Chris Hansen who came to be with me when it was time. Love you forever Gator." ~Courtney

<u>Upcoming Events!</u>

TCVESSA Agility Trial

May 30-June 1, 2025 On the Run Canine Center, 13835 Aberdeen St. NE, Ham Lake, MN Opening Date – Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 8:00AM Show Secretary: go to www.xtremek9s.com

TCVESSA Specialty Shows & Supported Entries

*Thursday October 2, 2025 supported entry *Friday October 3, 2025 designated specialty *Saturday October 4, 2025 concurrent specialty *Saturday October 4, 2025 supported entry *Sunday October 5, 2025 designated specialty

These shows are associated with the Granite City Kennel Club and the Wright County Kennel Club Crow River Fall Classic (All-Breed) October 2-5, 2025 Superintendent: BaRay Event Services, Visit www.barayevents.com McLeod County Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, MN

TCVESSA Board of Directors

President: Courtney Hansen Vice President: Mary Dahl Secretary: Carmen Laing Treasurer: Gretta Thorson Directors: Heather Rand, Michelle Berge, Kathy Patregnani, Diane Slais, Tekla Viker



TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2025

Treasurers Report - \$5578.78

Business: Kathy – 2025 Obed/Rally trial will be May 19-20 at Cloud 9 with a Fun Run on Fri night.

Fund Raisers – Large Logo'd cups \$30 each. Contact Courtney Hansen.

ESSFTA shirts – order off the National site.

Michelle - Conformation Specialty will be held in conjunction with the

Hutchinson All Breed Trial in October. Thur – Sun. Judges are set.

Slate for the Board President – Courtney Hansen

Vice President – Mary Dahl

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Rand

Voted and approved.