



### From TCVESSA's President: Francie Nelson

As I'm writing this, we're suffering through a late August heat wave. All too soon, though, all the kids will be back to school and fall will be here. Hard working Springers will be bringing game to the table. Believe it or not, two important fall dates for TCVESSA are right around the corner. Write these on your calendars –

Our fall agility weekend is **October 18-19-20**. By the time you read this, entries will be filling up! We encourage all TCVESSA members to help make this, our first agility weekend "on our own," a complete and total success. To help, contact Kathy Patregnani.

TCVESSA Springer Education Day and General Membership Meeting: Our general membership meeting will be held on **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17**. We don't have our location determined yet, and the details will be in the next issue of the Vox. Possible activities include Puppy Agility and Puppy Conformation activities.

The November 17 general membership meeting will focus on a presentation of the Nominating Committee's slate of officers and directors for 2014. Maryev Monty is chairing this year's committee.

We will also have a general discussion about the future of our specialty show – we'd like to open up this important discussion to all members to find out what YOU think. Our entries – like shows all over the US – have declined dramatically and we are eager to bring our specialties back to prominence and popularity!

**Members, please note these important dates and plan to participate in all that your club has to offer you and your Springers!**

In the mean time, stay cool!  
Francie Nelson  
President, TCVESSA



**Avast, me hearties! International Talk Like a Pirate Day is September 19!**



## **TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes: June 3, 2013**

### **Officers present:**

Francie Nelson, President, Julie Roberts, Vice President, Maryevelyn Monty, Secretary, B.A. Breese, Treasurer

### **Directors present:**

Liz Pike, Carmen Laing, Jon Pidde, and Courtney Hanson

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by Francie Nelson.

### **Secretary's Report**

The notes from the March 25, 2013 Board meeting were read, accepted, seconded and approved.

A brief discussion ensued concerning the updated membership information. The club currently has 42 members. The secretary will provide the membership roster to the board. Upon review and approval this roster will be published in the next VOX.

The Secretary will continue to use email and Yahoo Groups for club announcements and communications.

The Secretary will provide the membership list to AKC as required by end of June 2013.

### **Treasurer's Report**

It was reported that an amount of \$4,840.44 was in the club's account. We have yet to receive the bill for the Specialty electrical service and catering.

### **Specialty**

Liz Westring, Show Chair, said that our shows ran smoothly and we did not lose as much as we initially thought. As we are waiting for some additional billing, the final accounting for our Specialty will be provided at our next board meeting.

A discussion ensued concerning the performance of this year's judges, and the need for judges who would draw more entries. It was agreed that we will have to spend more money on our judging panel.

A discussion ensued concerning the declining attendance at our Specialty. Professional handlers no longer come to our shows because we are not associated with an All Breed Show, and we are "off their circuits". Breeder/Owners who previously brought large strings of dogs are no longer attending our show because of expenses and/or our judging panel. The standalone show is expensive for the club, and we are not breaking even. Lake Elmo and Cambridge were discussed as possible venues, but Cambridge conflicts with the Eastern ESS Specialty. St. Peter location was also discussed, but that show is on Memorial Day weekend. Lake Minnetonka show is not a favorable venue as well. Additionally, the club must consider the impact of our performance shows vis a vis the conformation shows. Some sites are physically better than others, but all have drawbacks to be considered. We agreed that we should keep our weekend at On the Run so that we could use it for Obedience and Rally, with or without a Conformation show. If we give up that weekend slot, we may never be able to get it back. Liz Westring will confirm our reservation for 2014 while the board considers the next steps. Liz continues to work with AKC to understand the rules and regulations concerning a possible change.



**TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes: June 3, 2013 (continued)****Agility**

Courtney Hanson reported that our Agility Trial of the previous weekend went smoothly. The financial information is not yet available and will be reviewed at our next meeting. It is understood that this event was profitable and that the following events will be even more so as the club will have its own license.

The Board extended grateful appreciation to Kathy Patregnani, Agility Show Chair and Chief Cook, for making this event possible.

Our next agility show is October 19 and 20 at On the Run Agility Center. It is anticipated that the club could earn \$6-7 thousand dollars after expenses.

**New Business**

Recruiting the 2014 specialty shows' judging panels will be deferred until a later meeting after our Specialty shows.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on a yet to be determined date in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryevelyn Monty

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## THE ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF SPANIELS AND SPANIEL BREED STANDARDS

(CONTINUED)

### ***General Appearance: Size and Weight***

A land spaniel descended from the dogs on the estate of the Duke of Norfolk could be either a springing spaniel or a cocking spaniel. Size or weight determined who would be who, but because they came from the same litters, they were evaluated by the same “standards” and those standards were simply the traditions of hunting style and general appearance.

### ***Coat Texture and Color***

Anyone could manufacture a new variety of spaniel, simply by using existing knowledge about function and phenotype. Somebody in Ireland appreciated the solid, water repellent coats of the spaniels of northern Europe, and the size of the pointing breeds, so the Irish Water Spaniel took shape. And it must have been a Welsh landowner who bred red and white “starters” (spaniel breeds who “started” hare for pursuit by hounds) to other red and white “starters” who was perhaps responsible for refining the Welsh Springer Spaniel into a distinctive breed type. Although I have yet to research the development of the starter spaniel, I have my suspicions that it may be very close to the root stock – in appearance and character – for all land spaniels.



*Welsh Springers are still called “starters” in their country of origin. Photo by Michael Trafford.*

This is why we have many spaniel varieties. Throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century, there were far more spaniel varieties than we know today. Some of them – like the French Spaniel – still survive in Europe today. And new varieties are still appearing, like the Russian Spaniel, a cross between (English) Cocker and (English) Springer.

Breed standards find their roots in livestock evaluation, most particularly bloodstock horses. At the time that spaniels were being selectively developed into the breeds that we know and recognize today, a few basic criteria determined who was who. Interestingly, those criteria still comprise the cornerstones of English Springer Spaniel breed type.

The first known standard for English Springer Spaniels was crafted in the country of the breed’s “official” origin, England, and some of its elements surely must be original. Phrases such as “highest on leg and raciest of all British land spaniels,” and “movement strictly his own,” are very old, created to distinguish the English Springer from numerous land spaniels in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.



As the land spaniels entered the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the elements of *type* – another horse breeder term that refers to those characteristics that *distinguish and define* a single breed – included ***function, geographic reference, general appearance (size and weight), coat texture, and coat color.*** Springers and Cockers came from the same litter until written standards distinguished them. Most breed scholars believe that the breed known as the English Springer Spaniel may derive from the Norfolk Spaniel, an athletic and enthusiastic land spaniel of medium size with a straight or slightly wavy coat that was liver and white or black and white, or either of these colors with tan points perhaps derived from terrier crosses. The written descriptions of the breed at that time, broadened later to include type elements yet to be set through selective breeding, comprised our first “breed standard.”

Many of the old spaniel “breeds” are now lost to us – sadly. For example, images (in art) of the Norfolk are rare. My research hints that the terms “Norfolk” and “field” were used interchangeably, which adds to our contemporary confusion about the origins of the English Springer, specifically.

Surviving over the centuries, though, are the Clumber, cocker (English and American), field, springer (English and Welsh), Sussex, and water (Irish and American). We now number America’s own, the Carolina-crafted Boykin, among a fine and ancient spaniel legacy that combines sporting purpose, uncommon beauty, and true companionship.

We could not ask for more; the ancient traits survive, over the centuries, reminding us of the efforts undertaken to preserve them – and challenging us to protect these ancient traits, uncompromised.



*English Springer Spaniel, Calvdale Felon, from the author’s collection.  
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UPCOMING EVENT\*\*\*ENTRIES NOW OPEN\*\*\*

TCVESSA AKC Agility Trial

October 18, 19, 20

On The Run Canine Center  
Ham Lake, MN

The Secretary is Jan Richards, and the Premium is available on her website.

<http://agilitysec.weebly.com/index.html>

**Volunteers Needed**

Any Club Members interested in helping out please contact Kathy Patregnani at [vinewoodess@hotmail.com](mailto:vinewoodess@hotmail.com) and put “volunteer for springer trial” in the subject line.

No experience needed to volunteer—training provided & lunch

UPCOMING EVENTSAVE THE DATE

2013-2014 TCVESSA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014  
6-10 PMMEDINA ENTERTAINMENT CENTER  
MEDINA, MN

MORE INFO WILL BE MAILED SEPARATELY IN JANUARY



**WINS & BRAGS**

**Briarton Heaven Sent Rendition  
“Macie”**

**Owned by Kay Glaeser & Cathy VanKempen**

Cambridge KC

Aug 19 Beg Novice B 1st leg 197-1/2 1st Place

**Hirdler Hill’s Life in the Fast Lane, CD, BN, CGC  
“Rev”**

**Owned by Brian Schaffer**

Sioux Empire KC

July 20 Novice B 2nd Leg 194/200

July 21 Novice B 3rd Leg 191/200 NEW TITLE—CD

July 21 Beg Novice B 3rd Leg 198-1/2 NEW TITLE— BN

**CH Hirdler Hill’s Sea Born Magic RN, NAJ, NA, CGC  
“Morgan”**

**Owned by Maryevelyn Monty**

GTC Golden Retriever Club

Aug 17 Novice Agility 3rd Leg 100/100 2nd Place NEW TITLE— NA

**CH Keepsake ‘n’ Sunlaine’s Special Blend  
“Bailey”**

2013 National Specialty

Bailey will be honored as the 2012’s Show Bitch of the Year

**CH Keepsake ‘n’ Sunlaine’s Premium Blend  
“Boston”**

Completed his Therapy Dog Certification

**Owned/Co-bred by Bonnie Regan & Francie Nelson**



WINS & BRAGS**Signature's Point of Grace  
"Emmy"****Owned by Mary E. Dahl**Paper City Dog Show

July 20	Winners Bitch	
July 21	Winners Bitch	NEW AKC Champion / Bred by Class

**Cedarwood's Made for Me  
"Taylor"****Bred by/Owned by Patricia & Wayne Welch & Barbara Kroke  
Handled by Kristi Howe**St. Croix Valley KC

Aug 24	Winners Bitch / Best of Winners	Major—3pts
Aug 25	Winners Bitch	Major—3pts

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October 20, 2013

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