



From TCVESSA's President: Liz Pike

Why Go to the National Specialty?

It's less than a month until the 2018 ESSFTA National Specialty at Purina Farms and I hope many of you are planning to attend! It did make me reflect on the many reasons to go to the National Specialty (and yes, there are lots of legitimate reasons people can't attend; scarcity of time and money, work and family demands, but if you can make it, there will be something for everyone).

It starts with the competitions and the opportunity to show off the many talents of our Springers. In addition to the hallmark Conformation events, there will be competitions in Agility, Obedience, Rally, Hunt Test, Dock Diving, and Scent Work. You might also be there to be entertained by the Puppy/Veterans' Sweeps Extravaganza on Tuesday (don't forget your fuzzy slippers!) or to attend or participate in the 7th Annual Top Twenty. Maybe you're certain you have a dog with the "best of the best" who's a sure winner in the "Parts Competition". On Friday, be sure to join the Breeders' Showcase, sponsored by the ESSFTA Foundation; it's a great opportunity to see and go over some of the great dogs from outstanding breeding programs. As the Breeders' Showcase winds down, you can head over to the Juniors' exhibition and grab some goodies to enjoy while watching the future of our sport.

This year also has some new fun competitions – everything from the best-decorated grooming area to best "PJs" at the Wednesday Extravaganza. Add in some great raffles and terrific hospitality every day – all in all, it promises to be a fun and memorable National Specialty.

But perhaps the most important part of attending the National Specialty, the real reason we look forward to it with such anticipation, is to see our friends, to connect with others who share the same passion for our breed. It's a very special community, bonded together in our love of Springers – enjoy reconnecting with them next month!

And, looking forward, mark your calendar for our Fall Membership meeting on Sunday, November 11. It's always one of the most fun events of our TCVESSA year!



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2018

Present: Kathy, Courtney, BA, Carmen, Tekla, Diane, Julie, Liz
Absent: Alice

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm.

The minutes from both the February and April meetings were approved – BA moved, Kathy seconded. Approved by all.

Treasurer: All bills and income have been accounted for; our current balance is \$3298.86.

Specialty Debrief

Some feedback that people wished there had been two obedience and rally trials each day. Kathy will consider for next year, two trials on Saturday, one on Sunday.

We discussed that we will include language regarding alcohol consumption during show hours. It will be published in the Premium next year.

June Agility Trial

For the first time, we lost money because we did not fill all three days. We discussed if the area has reached saturation on Agility trials. There was another trial the same weekend. We will see what happens the rest of the year and next year. One idea is to stick with local judges to reduce cost. The October trial will be at On the Run.

Member websites – It was suggested that we include member FB pages. Liz to send a note to Jean Dockendorf. and then to members. Add TCVESSA, ESS Specialties, National Specialty links as well to our website.

New Business

2019 Specialty. Need to identify Sweepstakes judges as well as Conformation judges for 2020. Julie, Tekla, Courtney will comprise the judge selection committee.

Obedience/Rally - Sharon Woods is hired for 2019.

Kathy suggested we approach Alvin Eng to judge Obedience/Rally in 2021 as that is the next time local judges will be in judges; ed. We could consider his wife to do Sweepstakes.

Fall Membership Meeting

We need to identify a facility - Total Recall or Cloud 9?

2018 National Specialty

We agreed to sponsor a Silent Auction basket. Courtney/ Liz will put it together - "relaxation" theme. Move that we spend \$150; all in favor.

TCVESSA will make a donation to the ESSFTA Foundation - \$100 - in honor of Frances Nelson. Julie moved, Courtney seconded. All in favor.

Date for next meeting Thursday, July 19th at 7:15pm.

Motion to adjourn - 8:28 pm

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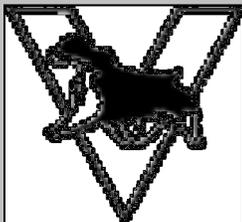
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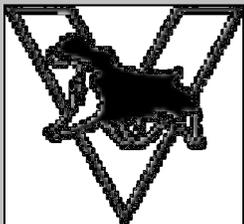
Tribute to Fran Nelson



TCVESSA lost one of its founding members with the passing of Frances Sedgwick Nelson in late May at the age of 96. Fran – “Mrs. Nelson” to so many – helped start TCVESSA in 1977 and served as its newsletter editor for many years. She was a huge fan of Springers, raising puppies and accompanying Francie to Springer specialties, all breed shows and obedience trials in the early days. She befriended some wonderful breed experts – she served tea to Bea Brown at a National Specialty, and she shared a love of antiques with Julie Gasow when we were invited to lunch at Salilyn. Mom’s copy of Bea Brown’s “The English Springer Spaniel in North America” contains personal notes and autographs from everyone she ever met at specialty shows. She kept a puppy from one of our litters, the black tri top-producer Ch. Chuzzlewit’s Courier, “Page,” whom we co-owned. She earned a CD with her very own Springer, “Prudence,” one of her proudest moments.

I’d like to thank TCVESSA and club members who made generous gifts to the English Springer Foundation in her memory. I’d also like to thank so many TCVESSA friends who sent cards, notes, and e-mails. Your thoughtfulness and support has been so deeply appreciated.

Mom’s memorial celebration will be held on Friday, October 12 at 2 PM at Judson Church, 4101 Harriet Avenue South, Minneapolis.

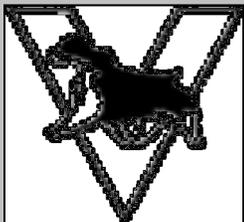
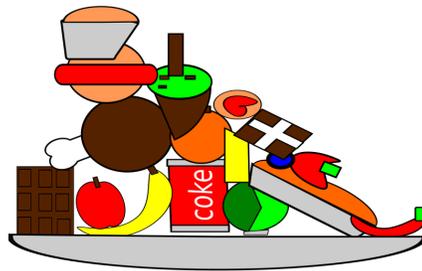




FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW



VOX EDITOR

Five Years ago when the VOX editor resigned I stepped up to fill in until a new Editor could be found.

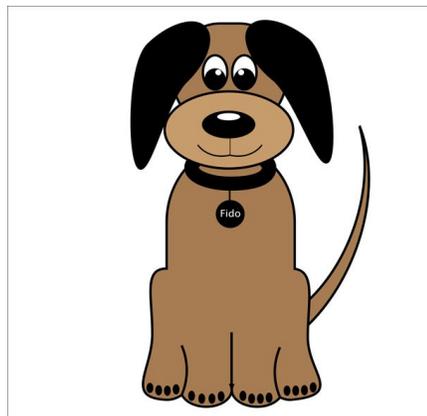
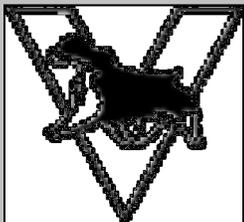
Over the last five years I have posted this position a few times and yet nobody has offered to take on this position.

I am again Posting this opportunity.

After 5 years I really need this off of my plate of responsibilities.

The VOX is a quarterly newsletter that is emailed to all of the members.

If you would like to be more involved in Your Club consider this a way to participate.



UPCOMING EVENTS

TCVESSA SPECIALTY SHOW

MAY 18-19, 2019

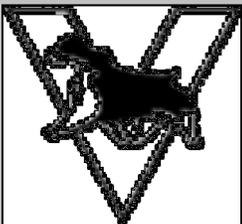
ON THE RUN CANINE CENTER
HAM LAKE, MNPREMIUM AVAILABLE AT
DOGSHOWSBYDESIGN.COM

AKC AGILITY TRIAL

OCTOBER

PLEASE CONTACT COURTNEY HANSON ABOUT
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET PUNCHES ON
YOUR VOLUNTEER CARDPREMIUM AVAILABLE AT
<http://agilitysec.weebly.com>

WINS & BRAGS**Hirdler Hill's Life in the Fast Lane OA, OAJ, CDX, RA, BN, GN, CGCU
"Rev"****Owned by Brian Schaffer****ECCA National Specialty Hunt Test—Princeton, MN**

May 19 Junior Hunter Pass #2

May 20 Junior Hunter Pass #3

MHSA Working Dog—Princeton, MN

June 3 Working Dog Pass

WD Title**DHRC Hunt Test Henry, SD**

July 28 Started Hunting Retriever Pass #1

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LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**CH VinEwood's Truth In Action AXP, AXJP, CGC
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MACH VinEwood Once Upon A Thyme BN, RN, T2B, OF, CGC****4 Males (1 B/W and 3 L/W)****Born June 30****Call Kathy Patregnani for available pups**NEXT VOX DEADLINE

November 25, 2018

please send all wins & brags, litterbox announcements, upcoming events and articles.

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