

VOX

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Voyageur English Springer Spaniel Assn.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It's been nearly four years since I've had a litter of puppies. I had forgotten what a marvelous process of nature it is from the whelping, to raising them, to the now very naughty puppies! I do this because I love it, and have a great passion for our breed. However it brings to mind what a responsibility it is to raise and place these puppies as it is the same responsibility to own one. With spring here (or at least I think it is!) remember it's time for your dogs annual heartworm check, and flea and tick prevention. It's also a good time while you're at the vet to have their yearly

health checks done at the same time.

Don't forget our next general membership meeting to be held April 26th 12:00 noon at Elk River K-9. The meeting is to be followed by a pot luck and open ring time for training. Please come and hear the exciting changes happening with our specialty show in August, and take advantage of a wonderful time to train your dog.

See you there,
Julie

Francie Nelson Judging in England



On the left -- Dog Challenge Certificate Winner and Best in Show Ch. Calvdale Softly Softly (handled by his breeder, Nicola Calvert)

On the right -- Bitch Challenge Certificate Winner and Reserve Best in Show Roandew Farr Frommit (handled by her owner/breeder, John Palmer)

Francie judged 149 entries/107 springers at the Lancashire-Cheshire Championship Show on April 6 in Crewe, England.

Francie was told that she was the first American to judge English Springer Spaniels in England.



Aaron Dockendorf and his springer, Hope

Aaron showed his dog "Hope" in the junior showmanship class. It was his first weekend showing at a real AKC show.

Aaron Dockendorf, age 10, with his 9-month-old puppy "Hope" 4/13/2008, Indianhead Kennel Club, Eau Claire Novice Junior Showmanship, 2nd Place.



These two judges received the most votes by club members on the "Judges Survey" that was sent to club members interested in obedience last year.'

TCVESSA Specialty - Obedience/Rally Update

Both regular and non-regular Obedience and regular Rally classes will be offered at the TCVESSA Specialty show on Thursday August 21 and Friday August 22 at the Anoka County Fairgrounds. A couple of new things to take note of this year are that the obedience classes will be starting at 7 a.m. with Rally to follow. And, for the first time, we'll be offering the Graduate Open obedience class.

Judging both obedience and rally on Thursday will be Ms. Cynthia Rustad from Plymouth, MN. On Friday, both obedience and rally classes will be judged by Mr. Dan Herald from Duluth, MN. These two judges received the most votes by club members on the "Judges Survey" that was sent to club members interested in obedience last year, so we were very lucky to get our two top picks.

The 7 a.m. earlier start time was selected so that the obedience and rally classes would be completed before the conformation sweepstakes classes would begin. We are trying to minimize conflicts so that club members can enter

or watch as many of the classes as possible. We also wanted to offer all the regular and non-regular classes in order to give all exhibitors, regardless of level, the opportunity to participate.

Also, we are looking for a chief ring steward for Obedience and ring stewards for various times. If you can help out, we'd be glad to try to work around your schedule. Please email Jean Dockendorf.

Following is the list of classes that will be offered:

Regular Obedience Classes: Novice A & B, Open A & B, Utility A & B

Non-Regular Obedience Classes: Pre-Novice, Veterans, Brace, Graduate Novice, Graduate Open

Rally Classes: Novice A & B, Advanced A & B, Excellent A & B

What is Graduate Open?

The newer, non-regular Graduate Open



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class helps fill the gap between Open and Utility, just as Graduate Novice does between Novice and Open. It was adopted by the AKC in 2005, and is starting to be offered at more and more shows in this area. In January 2009, Graduate Open will become a titling class, and dogs who earn three qualifying scores will be awarded the GO title. The basic differences between Graduate Open and Utility are:

1. The signal exercise is done at a closer distance;
2. Scent discrimination is done with only one article retrieved from a group of four;

3. There is no center glove in the directed retrieve
4. The go back is done from the center of the ring;
5. The handler can pause on the moving stand;
6. Directed jumping is done as a separate exercise from the go back and the dog is only given one jump to perform.

Graduate Open is ideal for handlers who are looking for a "kinder & gentler" Utility class, and it's an ideal way to prepare to earn your "GO" title next year.

Jean Dockendorf

Next Three Meeting Dates and Locations

May 15th,
6:30 PM
Byerly's,
3777 Park Center Blvd.
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

June 26
Byerly's
6:30 PM
13081 Ridgedale Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305

July 24
6:30 PM
Byerly's
13081 Ridgedale Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305

Banquet 2009 Plans

Next year's banquet will be **March 14th** at the **Sunshine Factory** in New Hope. We moved the date in hopes that some of our out-state people can join us in better weather. We could still use some volunteers - primarily someone to do the raffle. Please contact Kris Radermacher to volunteer. Thank you.

Authorization

Page 5 of the VOX is an authorization to receive or not receive communication via e-mail. Please take a few minutes to read it. Then choose your selection and mail it to **Mary Dahl**. Thank you.

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Board Meeting Notes, April 26, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Julie Roberts at 10:45 AM. The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved.

A new member was approved and we welcome Dixie Sarna. The New Membership coordinator's responsibilities and processes were discussed and approved. Ordering business cards will be researched and discussed at the next meeting.

Offering the VOX via e-mail versus hardcopy was discussed and the next issue of the VOX will offer this choice to members. A signature on file is necessary.

It was proposed to help move a computer upstairs for Jill Shirley for easier access.

The board approved the annual banquet to be held on March 15, 2009 at the Sunshine Factory. There will be a raffle of two Banquet tickets to the banquet at our Specialty in August.

Heather Rand has agreed to be our legislative liaison for the club with updates published in the VOX.

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Meetings of the Membership

From the February 2008 Amendment to the By-Laws of the Twin Cities Voyageur English Springer Spaniel Association:

ARTICLE III. MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION 1. MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Notification of club meetings, club correspondence related to the conducting of club business, and notification of board meetings may be sent by email, provided that:

Each member requesting receipt of email correspondence has signed an authorization agreeing to this method of communication. Such authorization, which is revocable, will also release the club from any liability should the notification be received late or not received by the member or board member due to circumstances beyond the club's control.

In accordance with the above Article III, Section 1 of the TCVESSA By-Laws, I hereby authorize The ESSFTA to notify me via email of:

- Nothing - I want all notifications and communications via U.S. Mail
- Everything - I want all notifications and communications via E-Mail
- I still want the VOX via U.S. Mail, but you can send everything else via E-Mail.

This authorization shall remain in force unless I notify the membership chair in writing.

Signed

Dated

Print Name

Signed (Family Member)

Dated

Print Name

Please mail signed authorization to:

Mary Dahl
TCVESSA Membership Secretary



Wins and Brags

03/28/08- Sioux Empire KC Agility trial
A/C Ch Fox Hollow Made to Last AX AXJ
"Grace"

Owner/handler Ann Sunderman
1st leg Novice FAST- 1st place

Fox Hollow Brand New Day WD JH OA
OAJ "Kiera"

Owner/handler Ann Sunderman
2nd leg Novice FAST- 3rd place

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*** NF title completed ***

Eastwood Vinehill Nick of Time "Niki",
owned by B.A. Breese
4/12/08 – Indianhead Kennel Club, Eau
Claire, WI – WB for 2 points from the 6
– 9 month class!!

BISS A/C Ch. Sprucehaven Under Time
RA NA NAJ NAP NJP WD "Charlie";
owned by B.A. Breese & Mary Frisch
March 22, 2008 – Dubuque Kennel Club,
Dubuque, IA – Group 4

Eastwood Vinehill Nick of Time "Niki";
owned by B.A. Breese
March 22, 2008 – Dubuque Kennel Club,

Dubuque, IA – Match BOB; Match
Group 2

DarTek's ILean Endeavor "Trevor"
3/21/08.. Dallas/FtWorth ESSA
Specialty

Winners Dog/BOW, 5 points. Breeders:
Barb DiGiovanni & Tekla Viker.
Owners: Tekla Viker and Barb
DiGiovanni

Cedarwood's Hope Diamond,
"Hope" Owned by Jean Dockendorf,
Aaron Dockendorf, & Patricia Welch
Winners Bitch, 2 points, 9 - 12 month
puppy class, 4/13/2008, Indianhead
Kennel Club, Eau Claire

Owner/Handler: Kay Esler
3/8/08: Wright County KC Rally Trial
Pine Bend Show Off, CDX, RE, NA,NAP,
OJP, CGC, TDI

" Belle"
Rally Exc. B~Qualifying Score of 98
Rally Adv. B~Qualifying Score of 99
3rd RAE leg earned!

Indianhead KC All-Breed Show Eau
Claire, WI
PinebendNBriarton Chasin DREAMS
"GIBBON"

4/12/08: Best Puppy in Breed
4/13/08: Reserve Winners Dog
(from 9-12 month class)
His 1st Show!!



Wins and Brags continued

Topgun's Field Of Dreams CD, JH, RE, NA, NAJ, WDX "Rayne"

Owner/Handler/Trainer: Shirley Harford

SEKC Show, Sioux Falls, SD

3-28-08

Qualified 1st leg Novice Fast 4th Place

3-29-08

Qualified 2nd leg Novice Fast

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Jessica Hanson won an AKC Scholarship Award. The board discussed offering a scholarship be awarded to every qualifying applicant. It was recommended that the Awards Committee should discuss and make recommendations for the board to approve.

The Newsletter Editor will publish the VOX every other month and membership renewal forms will be mailed separately from the VOX.

A seminar titled Constructional Aggressive Treatment was proposed for May of 2009 and Kris Radermacher will research the presenters' availabilities.

The VOX Guidelines and Standing Rules were given to the board members to review for the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Dockendorf

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the VOX.*

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES APRIL 26, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Julie Roberts at 12:35 PM.

Plans for the Specialty and things to do:

Hotel and car reservations for the judges were discussed. The Judges' Hospitality co-chair, evening hospitality, and lunch hospitality were discussed.

Shirley Harford and Jean Dockendorf, the Co-Chairs for Rally and Obedience, have asked for help to fulfill the number of stewards required for the Specialty. A sign up sheet will be distributed to ask for volunteers.

A 4H club will lay the mats for us on the Wednesday before the Specialty.

Grooming sites were discussed after our visit to the site. The buildings have much more room than at St. Croix Valley so everyone was pleased with the larger areas proposed for grooming.

*TCVESSA is on the Web
at:*

www.TCVESSA.ORG

Ribbons were discussed and the Trophy Committee will make the decisions.

Other subjects discussed: Veterinarian on call, Insurance, Disaster Plan, Photographer which will be Kris Radermacher, Raffle, which will be much smaller than in the past, Baskets, Online Ad, Towing Service, and ring Clean Up stations.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Raidt, Secretary