



Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

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Spring is still working it's way to Minnesota. The specialty show raffles are starting to shape up. Please read Sheila's update on the back to back specialty shows on page 3. The Mating Game raffle promises to be a wonderful event on the conformation side and Eileen Varhalla, Karlyn Berg, and I have been soliciting donations for the performance side raffle. We are still looking for donations of new doggy items. Eileen is donating three agility jumps which she is having made, we have a German Shepherd hand made miniature created and donated by artist Lucy Maloney, and we have a number of other donations promised. Hopefully many more will be coming in.

We plan to have our revamped web site should be up in about a week. Parts will be under construction for awhile, but we have a good start. Gina McCuen, Dave Bissonette, Mike Metz, Cristina McColl and I have been working on this for several months.

Helen Miller-Fisher has printed her History of the Club and I will be putting that in the Shep-O-Gram as a series. It is very interesting reading and shows us how we got to where we are today with the best GSD club in the country.

Please read Ginny Altman's article on bloat and related gastro intestinal problems which our dogs may be prone to as large breed deep chested dogs. Following Ginny's article is A Tribute to Tiffany. Sadly, Kathy DuVall's dog Tiffany succumbed to bloat and torsion in March of this year. This brings this all home, it really happens to people and dogs we know. We all need to be aware of signs and symptoms. Attending a club presentation over 30 years ago helped me to save one of my dogs when she bloated. I knew the signs and got her to the emergency vet in time.

Please let Eileen Varhalla know if you are interested in participating in a herding fun day. This is an inexpensive way to find out if you and your dog may have an interest in herding. evarhalla@aol.com

I have listed a few Therapy Dog Tests on page 2 for those of you who may want to get your dog certified. for therapy work.

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SOG Due dates
June SOG - May 21

May 9 - May Membership meeting Animal Inn 8:30

JOIN THE GSDC OF AMERICA TODAY!

German Shepherd Dog Club of America Membership Application

Requirements: Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. Membership includes subscription to *The German Shepherd Dog Review*.

Membership Type: (circle one)

Single \$66.00 Family* \$100.00

*Dues are not tax deductible * Family is defined as same household or significant other.*

Make checks payable to GSDCA (Outside the US add \$24.00)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

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I (we) hereby make application to the above Club and agree, if accepted for membership, to abide by its Bylaws and the Bylaws of the AKC. Upon application I will be eligible for all privileges except the right to vote. Thirty days after my name is published in the Review, provided no objections have been filed I will be granted the right to vote

Signed _____

Signed _____

Mail to: Gail Hardcastle, 49 Lakeview Road, White Salmon, WA 98672

hardcastle@starband.net

Upcoming shows

May 17 Oshkosh Kennel Club,
Oshkosh, WI

May 24-25 Key City Kennel Club,
St. Peter, MN

June 7-8 Lake Minnetonka
Jordan, MN

June 15 Fort Dodge Kennel Club
Fort Dodge, IA

June 19-20 Anoka County Minnesota Kennel Club
Cambridge, MN

**June 21-22 German Shepherd Dog Club of
Mpls/St Paul**

**Roseville Aromory
211 N. McCarrons Blvd.
Roseville, MN**

**Go to www.akc.org for a complete list of AKC
shows**

Herding Fun Day!

**Please contact Elleen Varhalla if you
have an interest in a herding fun day.
evanhalla@aol.com.**

Therapy Dog tests

Therapy Dog Test will be held at **Total Recall** May 16
from 3 pm to 7 pm. Cost is \$35 per dog being tested.
Call 651-464-1799 or e-mail info@TRdogs.com for
available times.

Dog Works

Eden Prairie, MN

May 9, 2008

7:00 PM

Limit 8 Dogs

Pre-registration required

For more information please contact TDI Evaluator:

Deb Merritt (952) 233-2688

ARC National Specialty 2008

Lake Elmo, MN

May 20, 2008

9:00 AM

Pre-registration required

For more information please contact TDI Evaluator:

Pat Kinch (763) 497-5809 or srott@charter.net

GSDCMSP Specialty Shows will Feature New Events and Prizes

Our club's 2008 back-to-back specialty shows are coming together beautifully thanks to the generous help, donations and creative ideas of our club members, our board and friends of the GSDCMSP. Look for our premium list in the mail in the upcoming week.

Among the events taking place are entries for Brace and Team performance trials. There has been a great deal of interest in these events as several of our performance members intend to compete at the 2008 National. Linn Klingel graciously elected to serve as our second judge, as required by the AKC.

Both Conformation and Obedience entrants are automatically entered into our Specialty Show Raffle—which was donated by Canterbury Park Racetrack and Casino (the best racetrack in the United States). Canterbury has offered up three night's hotel stay and a victory dinner table for eight at our U.S. National this year. If you have never been to Canterbury during the racing season—they open on Kentucky Derby Day—Saturday, May 3 and run through Labor Day—you will love going!. If you love watching dogs, you will really love watching the Thoroughbreds. It is a great way to spend a summer day. Trust me. I spent 20 years there, and still try to get there whenever I can.

Conformation entrants are eligible to win a stud fee service from a number of top stud dogs. You will find more info about "The Mating Game" on our club website.

Obedience entrants will have raffle opportunities aplenty—beginning with agility equipment, Visa gift cards, artwork, herding and training lessons and much more.

I want to especially thank our club members for their generous trophy donations. And my gratitude to Laurie Shray and Holly Bryan for doing the solicitation. Any remaining trophy money will go into a dedicated trophy fund in the future.

I want to also thank my husband Michael Metz for his assistance in getting this show off the ground, and to Julie Swinland and Mada Parnell for their help.

As you may remember, this year's show was difficult getting started as we had judge changes, could no longer afford to hire out the show secretary position, and the Quad Cities Club changed their show dates to conflict with ours. We tried our best to resolve that problem, and unfortunately for both our clubs, members will have to choose which to attend. Instead of four Midwestern specialties, we will all have to choose between the two clubs on the same weekend.

I encourage all of you to support the Anoka/Cambridge shows on the Thursday and Friday preceding our shows.

We still need obedience stewards for our weekend. The stewarding job is very important to the judges and the event. I had no idea how important until I judged my first match and learned how hard it is in the middle of the ring without a good steward. If you are not showing that weekend, please consider doing that job for our club. I will write about the shows' progress again next month.
Ear rubs to your dogs and best regards,

Sheila Metz, show secretary

Braggs

**Int'I CH / UKC CH Jerland's Raven Valkyrie CGC, TC, TDI, RN, CD, RA, NAP, HIC, NA, CPE:
CL1-R, CL1-H, OFA H & E**

Owner Karlyn Berg
GSDCA Nationals Colorado, October 2007
Herding Instinct Certification (HIC)
2ndPlace in Agility Standard
 Fargo-Moorhead KCi March 22, 2008

received her Novice Agility (NA)
Raven's National wins were inadvertantly left out of the SOG National issue.

Bloat, also known as Gastric Dilatation Volvulus (GDV) or Gastric Torsion

By Ginny Altman

There are a number of gastrointestinal conditions in the dog that result in obstruction of the gastrointestinal (GI) tract and lead to the need for emergency treatment. The most common, for those of us with German Shepherd Dogs, is bloat, also known as acute Gastric Dilatation Volvulus (GDV), or torsion. This article will discuss GDV but first let us review the anatomy of the canine gastrointestinal tract.

The stomach lies just below the diaphragm and is an organ that can vary greatly in size. It is shaped like the letter "C" lying on its side. Its function is to store and mix food with enzymes, mucus, and hydrochloric acid, which are produced by the stomach. The stomach is situated on the left side of the dog and when empty lies in contact with the liver, but when distended extends beyond the liver in contact with the diaphragm and the abdominal wall. The inlet to the stomach from the esophagus is called the cardia. The outlet is the pylorus, which unites the stomach to the duodenum. The body of the stomach is known as the fundus and together with the pylorus and cardiac portions make up the pouch-like organ we know as the stomach.

The small intestine extends from the pylorus at the outlet of the stomach to the opening of the ascending colon. The small intestine is approximately three and-one-half times the length of the dog's body. It's made up of three parts: the duodenum, jejunum, and the ileum. The duodenum is about ten inches long and is rather fixed. The jejunum is the longest and most mobile part of the whole digestive canal. The ileum is the terminal part of the small intestine. As food enters the duodenum from the stomach it is mixed with pancreatic enzymes, bile from the liver, and secretions from intestinal glands. Food takes approximately eight hours to pass through the small intestines to the large intestines. Eighty percent of the water content of food is reabsorbed here.

The large intestine is a simple tube, only slightly larger in diameter than the small intestine. Its principal function is to complete the reabsorption of water as the food passes through the bowel. The large intestine is comprised of the cecum, colon, rectum and anus.

The bowel receives its blood supply through a fold of peritoneum called the mesentery. The mesentery varies in width from one to fourteen inches and contains blood vessels, lymph glands, nerves and fat. The length of the mesentery matches the length of the intestine to which it is attached and this attachment follows the turns and folds of the intestine.

Bloat, Gastric Dilatation Volvulus (GDV or Bloat/Gastric Torsion) is a life-threatening condition that is not uncommon in the German Shepherd Dog. In this condition the fundus of the stomach turns 180 degrees or more within the abdominal cavity and pinches off its own blood supply. Envision that it rolls over on itself and twists the opening from the esophagus and the outlet to the duodenum or small bowel. It can come on quite suddenly as a rapid enlargement of the abdomen but can also be present in a more subtle way before abdominal bloating is observed.

The more subtle symptoms of bloat are that the dog may regurgitate water or foamy saliva. This may progress to repeated drinking and regurgitation or the dog may instead retch time and again without bringing up either food or water. The dog may also begin to salivate or drool copious amounts of saliva. Initially the dog may appear restless, pacing about, seeming to be unable to find a comfortable position. The dog may get up and lie down repeatedly and seek contact with his human companions. When the full-blown syndrome is manifested, the dog is in acute distress. The dog may refuse to lie down, preferring to sit or stand continuously in an effort to relieve pressure on the diaphragm. The gastric dilatation volvulus (torsion) compresses the major blood vessel to the liver (the portal vein) and the major vessel that returns blood to the heart (the vena cava). The ability of the heart to pump blood is compromised and the dog's blood pressure drops. Breathing becomes difficult because of the pressure on the diaphragm and lungs. The tongue, gums, and the inside of the lips become very pale or cyanotic (blue) and the dog may collapse within minutes.

Be suspicious of any change in your dog's behavior. If your dog is not feeling well and gives any of these signs, suspect bloat—and get your dog to the vet quickly! Once the condition is recognized, attempts to decompress

the stomach should be instituted immediately. If attempts to pass a tube down the esophagus into the stomach to relieve the air pressure fail, it may be necessary to relieve the pressure in the distressed dog by placing a needle into the stomach to evacuate the gas in order to relieve the dog's critical condition. Steps need to be taken to stabilize the dog by administering intravenous fluids, antibiotics, and steroids. Exploratory surgery is often needed to untwist the stomach. In surgery, the stomach wall will be inspected for any area that is damaged and does not regain an adequate blood supply. This area will need to be excised. Not uncommonly, the spleen, which is located in close proximity to the stomach, will also have twisted upon itself and will need to be removed. The stomach is then tacked to the abdominal wall in a procedure called gastropexy. The gastropexy is an attempt to prevent another occurrence of gastric torsion because dogs that have had GDV are prone to a reoccurrence.

Following recovery from surgery, gradual small feedings are begun. Once the dog is discharged to home, it is recommended that the dog's normal diet be divided into three or four feedings per day and that exercise be limited within the first hour or two following eating.

The onset of this condition can be so rapid that it escapes attention until it is too late. Owners have found that their dogs have died sometime during the night or while they were away during the day. It must be noted that about 20 to 40 percent of these dogs will die regardless of the treatment. The risk increases to 40 to 60 percent if it necessary to have part of the stomach removed for inadequate blood supply.

At one time it was thought that males were predisposed to this condition but this has not been supported by recent evidence. The cause of GDV remains uncertain although the greatest incidence is in deep-chested dogs. Some authorities suggest that it is associated with exercise after eating. Others suggest that a single feeding per day predisposes an animal to this condition. Research studies that have been done, however, have not correlated feeding habits or type of food with the development of GDV.

Tribute to Tiffany

By Kathy DuVall Breeder & Owner/Loving Mom

U-GRCH Mari's Tiffany OFA H/E, OFA CHIC, TC

4-21-99 - 3-29-08



How do you say goodbye to a special friend whose life tragically ends? She was in the prime of her life which found her playing, romping, jumping and behaving like a puppy, the previous afternoon. In fact Tiffany had been looking so nice I had her "primped" for the weekend of 4 dog shows.

Saturday morning found me loading 3 dogs (Tiffany, Natalie & Little John) for the local UKC dog shows. First thing in the morning Tiffany threw up and did not eat her breakfast. I debated about taking her along to the show and usually would have left the dog in question at home, but I guess fate intervened. How tragic if she had not been with me!

At the show, I discovered Tiffany had an enlarged stomach that looked like she was pregnant. It also felt extremely hard. I rushed her to the U of M Emergency Clinic. Radiographs revealed a mass in her abdomen with air in the intestinal tract. Her glucose was 30 vs 85 & heart rate was extremely fast. The vet said it could either be "a mass of tumors" or "gastric torsion/bloat".

They gave her fluids, which seemed to stabilize her and even put a wag back in her tail. I hugged & told her "*KEEP WAGGING YOUR TAIL TIF, KEEP WAGGING IT FOR ME, I WILL SEE YOU LATER*"! With that she was taken off to prep for surgery and I returned to the dog show. Unfortunately, her stomach was torsioned (twisted) a couple of times and she did not pull through. In my 40 years of breeding German Shepherd Dogs, I have never had bloat/torsion in my dogs.

Her mother, ANNIE (just celebrated her 13th birthday on 11-16-7) – Mari's TiffAnnie Rose ALee OFA H/E; TC; CGC; retired therapy dog, is still alive and doing well.

(shown with a puppy that was born 6-11-2005)

German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis/St Paul
Board Minutes
April 5, 2008

Mike Metz, President, Jan Anderson, Secretary, Paul Johnson, Vice President, Mada Parnell, Treasurer, Board Members: Julie Swinland, (1 year remaining), Liz Oster, Board (2 year remaining), Ginny Altman, Board (3 year term), Board Members Absent:None, Guests: Sheila, Verna, and Nils

President called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm

1. Mike welcomed the board and guests, thanked Mada for hosting, and called for the reading of the March 8, 2008, board minutes.

Motion by Ginny to approve the minutes subject to a clarification as to the “pre-rally” statement regarding Judge Susan Emerson’s obedience/rally contract, was seconded by Mada and carried unanimously.

Motion by Mada to dispense with the reading of the membership minutes was seconded by Julie, and carried unanimously.

2 President’s Report:

- All Breed Liaison contact form has been provided to Bobby, Chair and Zoa, who is doing the research necessary for management to determine the level of engagement, reciprocity, and effectiveness with the all breed clubs.
- We have an opportunity to place an ad in the May issue of the Review highlighting the Mating Game and other pertinent information. Cost of the ad is \$125. Will be discussed under the Show Report.
- Match went extremely well. It was well attended and a lot of fun. A good and successful night. Discussed further under the Match Report.
- Training has been well attended even on snowy Good Friday.
- Our summer Match should be outdoors and will include a temperament test. Cindy will manage the Match and Sheila volunteered to chair the test and contact the temperament judge as to availability. Date will be Saturday, July 19th.
- Based on our Mating Game promotion, we have already received an exhibitor response from TX for our Specialty Show.
- Looking into ways to bring in Novice entries i.e. one idea is the possibility of handlers not charging for dogs entered in this class. A request for ideas to be sent to Mike will be put in the SOG.
- Mike requested hosts for the June and July Board meetings. Julie will host the June meeting 6:30pm, Tuesday, June 10th at Mike’s home and Ginny will host the July meeting Noon, Saturday, June 28th at Mike’s home.
- Match date of Saturday, July 19 was chosen with a temperament test to follow. The Board recommends separate chairs for each of these events and Cindy will be advised of this. Cindy will research a location, outdoors with shade if at all possible.
- Ginny is very close to being qualified to judge temperament tests and will determine what her final requirements are and bring her findings to the membership meeting.
- Calendar of desk duty – Ginny will host June and Ginny and Mada will host July.

Motion by Ginny that we not hold training on July 4th was seconded by Jan and carried unanimously.

Motion by Jan that no training be held at Animal Inn on June 20th as this is the evening we will be setting up for next day’s Specialty Show was seconded by Mada and carried unanimously.

Action Item: Sheila will check with the Armory to see if we are able to have access to the building at no charge for run-throughs for the obedience people and advise the Board via email.

Motion by Ginny that we change the board meeting to from June 10th to June 3rd with the membership meeting to follow on June 6th was seconded and carried unanimously.

3 Vice President’s Report:

- Trainer for the first conformation class will be Mike Wakeling, Paul will train the second conformation class, and Mike Metz will act as alternate in the absence of either Mike or Paul.
- Paul checked with Roger Salava as to club video rentals and discovered that only one rental had been made in the previous year. Roger will maintain the video library.
- **Motion** by Paul that we do not purchase the 2007 National video failed for lack of a second.
- It will be discussed at the membership meeting.

4 Secretary’s Report:

- Signed contracts from second choice 2009 obedience judge, Hodgens-Wood, June 20, and third choice 2009 obedience judge Susan Emerson, June 21, received. NOTE: Ms Emerson’s contract stipulates she will not judge non-regular rally classes.
- **Motion** by Ginny correcting “pre-rally” to “non-regular” in the Minutes of March 8th was seconded by Mada and carried unanimously.
- Verna received a phone call from Jan McKim, regarding the State Fair demo for Shepherd Day. It offers an opportunity for all aspects of the GSD to be presented and for our Club to be spotlighted before the

State Fair attendees. The demos will no longer be indoors, but in the outdoor area across from the building. Some type of demo will also take place all day long during the Fair hours. This will present a challenge in finding enough volunteers to man the timeframe required because the date is Sunday, August 31st of Labor Day weekend.

Action item: Because of the magnitude of this opportunity we will need a volunteer to Chair this year's Shepherd Day demonstration.

- Archival Policy tabled.

5 Treasurer's Report:

- S & C Bank signers have been changed. The balance is \$1,323.44 in checking and the balance in savings is zero.
- Associated Bank checking balance is \$5,261.34 (but the \$1,000 has not been transferred to the money market account) and the
- Money market balance is \$4,954.87.
- An Executive Session was requested and held.
- Mike, Mada, Roger, and Kelly Knight prepared a Treasurer's Duties document as recommended by the Budget & Finance as well as the Auditing committee providing process and structure for the treasurer as well as offering an incoming Treasurer some guidelines as to the responsibilities which the position entails. This will be an appendix to the Standing Rules. Mada requested input from the Board so it may be presented at the next membership meeting.

6 Training Report:

- Verna provided a revised schedule for training effective with the April 11th beginning obedience.

Discussion regarding definition of Puppy Free Time and rate structure followed.

Motion by Mada following discussion and amendment was adopted as follows: that the rate structure be \$2, \$4, \$6 for the first three dogs in a litter with an \$8 cap for members and be \$3, \$6, \$9 with a \$10 cap for non-members.

- The amendment that a non-member rate for Puppy Free Time of \$3 for the first three dogs (\$3, \$6, \$9), with a \$10 cap and a member rate of \$2 per dog for the first three dogs (\$2, \$4, \$6), with an \$8 cap carried unanimously.

Action item: The Board will recommend that this rate structure for Puppy Free Time be added to the Standing Rules.

7 Budget and Finance Report:

- No change. At present the committee is reviewing the training budget numbers year-to-year. Report forthcoming when the review is completed.

8 Match Report:

A great time for dogs and their humans! We took in \$243.61; \$218 in entries and \$25.61 from the donation can which Cindy donated to the Club. Sheila expressed her gratitude for all those who helped and especially to Mike Wakeling who was ring steward and made her judging easier.

9 Membership Report:

Linda is updating the membership list and it will be posted to the YahooList and sent out in an email from the Web Guy as soon as it is available.

10 Shep-O-Gram Report:

- The April issue will be sent this weekend.

11 Programs:

- Martha will look for possibilities for programs held on nights other than Friday training nights, outdoor programs in the summer, weekends that are not show weekends.
- Possibility of a Herding Fun Day event if the interest is there. A survey will appear in the April Shep-O-Gram. Please reply to Julie via email or phone.
- If you have a general suggestion, pass it on to Martha or any Board member.

12 All Breed Liaison Report:

- A new role/process is being defined to aid club management using a contact form which will track the level of engagement, reciprocity, and other pertinent information to determine our input/feedback with the clubs.
- Zoa is researching the three-year historical data to allow Bobby to assess All Breed Club interaction with our Club.
- Based on this feedback, and because of our June Specialty Show, voting on All Breed judges will occur at our July membership meeting.

13 Website Rewrite Report:

- Julie stated that Gina is working on giving our Home page a more user-friendly look streamlining information already on the site. Eventually there will be a members-only section, store, and links to various internal and external pages.
- Suggestions you have should be conveyed to Julie or a committee member.

14 2008 Show Report:

- Premium list deadline is April 20th but she anticipates it being finalized this coming week.
- Members were very responsive to the new platinum, gold, and silver categories based on the trophy donations collected at the Fun Match. Good job Holly and Laurie and members for your generosity. NOTE: Trophy donations are used for awards and no other purpose.
- Match Game raffle for conformation entrants has a counterpart raffle for obedience/rally with a set of three agility jumps and other prizes.

- We have an opportunity to place another ad in the May issue of the Review. It will highlight the Match Game and obedience/rally raffles.
- Cost of the ad is \$125.
Motion by Paul to spend the \$125 for this ad to be placed in the May issue of Review and to bring it to the membership for their approval was seconded by Mada and carried unanimously.
- Julie will price out printing necessary for the show with Kinkos, Office Max, etc and advise Sheila of the options available.
- Hospitality for judges – volunteers still needed. If you can help, call Sheila.

15 Regional Club Challenge:

- Mike noted that we are already off to a great start with two approved AOE's and with a third awaiting approval.
- Pam requests that you make sure that you advise her of all honors that are included, especially those that may not be obvious (she only receives data from the AKC anything else you need to tell her about.)
- Reminders will appear in the Shep-O-Gram.
- Ginny inquired as to interest in a health merit award and discussion followed. Look for more information from Ginny.

16 Old Business: Aggressive Dog – Paul and Lisa evaluated this issue and Myra volunteered to write an opinion on the legal aspects for the Club, Board, and/or Members.

17 New Business: None.

Next membership meeting **Friday, April 11, 2008.**

Next board meeting **Tuesday, April 29, 2008**, Jan hosting at Bankers Life & Casualty.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Jan Anderson, Secretary

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April 11, 2008**

Mike Metz, President, Jan Anderson, Secretary, Mada Parnell, Treasurer, Board Members:
Julie Swinland, (1 year remaining), Board Members Absent, Paul Johnson, Vice President,
Liz Oster, Board (2 year remaining), Ginny Altman, Board (3 year term)

President called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm

Motion by Mada to dispense with the reading of the membership minutes was seconded by Kelly S and carried unanimously.

1 President's Report:

- All Breed Liaison contact form has been provided to Bobby, Chair and Zoa, who is doing the research necessary for management to determine the level of engagement, reciprocity, and effectiveness with the all breed clubs. Additionally, we hope to utilize our members who are members of all breed clubs to strengthen these relationships.
- We have an opportunity to place an ad in the May issue of the Review highlighting the Mating Game and other raffle information. The cost of the ad is \$125 and this will be discussed under the Show Report.
- Match was well attended and went extremely well. It was a good and successful night.
- Training turnout has been good, even on snowy Good Friday.
- Date for our summer Match is July 19th. It should be outdoors and will include a temperament test. Cindy will manage the Match and Sheila volunteered to chair the temperament test.
- Based on our Mating Game promotion, we already have received an exhibitor response from TX for our Specialty Show.
- In order to increase Novice entries we are exploring possible ideas, one is that handlers not charge for dogs entered in this class. The SOG will request that ideas to be sent to Mike and/or Sheila.
- Calendar of desk duty – Ginny will host June and Ginny and Mada will host July.
- Response for volunteers to help with the Specialty Show has been terrific! We are about 50% of what we need. Please make your availability known to Sheila.
- Certificates of recognition were presented: to Holly and Laurie for their exemplary trophy donation efforts, to Julie for her communication expertise on the SOG, and to Cindy for her excellent organization skills with our Match.

2 Vice President's Report:

- No report.

3 Secretary's Report:

- Correspondence: AKC approval for holding a Plan "A" Sanctioned Herding Test/Trial. Thank you note from Pat Peterson. Solicitation from Leader of the Pack. Signed contracts from second choice 2009 obedience judge, Hodgens-Wood, June 20, and third choice 2009 obedience judge Susan Emerson, June 21, received. NOTE: Ms Emerson's contract stipulates she will not judge non-regular rally classes.
Motion by Nils that we not hold training on July 4th and June 20th was seconded by Verna and carried unanimously.
Motion by Mada that we move the June membership meeting to June 6th was seconded by Verna and carried unanimously.
- Archival Policy tabled.

4 Treasurer's Report:

- Mada discussed the Treasurer's Duties document which Mike, Mada, Roger, and Kelly Knight prepared as recommended by the Budget & Finance as well as the Auditing committee providing process and structure for the treasurer as well as offering an incoming Treasurer some guidelines as to the responsibilities which the position entails. This will be an appendix to the Standing Rules.
- S & C Bank signers have been changed and pending final check(s) clearing the account will be closed.
- Associated Bank checking balance is \$4,752.16 (the \$1,000 has not been transferred to the money market account yet) and the
- Money market balance is \$4,954.87.
Motion by Helen to accept and file the Treasurer's Report was seconded by Jinny and carried unanimously.

5 Training Report:

- New beginning obedience started this evening.
- Verna provided a revised schedule for training which basically rearranged the ring assignments effective April 11th.
- Litter socialization without a trainer will take place from 6:30 to 7:00 or 8:30 to close (whenever the last confirmation class is finished.) NOTE: This is on an "as needed" basis.
Motion by Verna to add this litter socialization class to the training schedule and that the rate structure for members be \$2, \$4, \$6 for the first three dogs in a litter with an \$8 cap and for non-members be \$3, \$6, \$9 with a \$10 cap was seconded by Nils and carried unanimously.
Action item: This rate structure and time frame for litter socialization will be added to the Standing Rules.
- Verna will provide a new training calendar for the next six months for distribution to membership via web.

6 Budget and Finance Report:

- Quarterly report review and recommendations will be presented at the May membership meeting.

7 Show Report:

- Premium list deadline is April 30th but she anticipates it being finalized this coming week.
Motion by Sheila after discussion to authorize a mailing budget of \$300 was seconded by Mada and carried unanimously.
- In order to provide brace and team obedience classes a second obedience judge is needed. If you have any names, please let Sheila know asap!
- Volunteers still needed for various duties. Let Sheila know how you can help.
- The Armory is hosting returning National Guard personnel and families in the basement on the same day as our Show and we will have a donation can for family support at the raffle table.
- Members were very responsive to the new platinum, gold, and silver categories based on the trophy donations collected at the Fun Match. Good job Holly and Laurie and members for your generosity... just under \$2,400 was pledged! NOTE: Trophy donations are used for awards and no other purpose.
- Match Game raffle for conformation entrants has a counterpart raffle for obedience/rally with a set of three agility jumps and other prizes.
- We have an opportunity to place another ad in the May issue of the Review. It will highlight the Match Game and obedience/rally raffles. Cost of the ad is \$125.
Motion by Nils to spend the \$125 for this ad to be placed in the May issue of the Review was seconded by Mada and carried unanimously.
- Armband and ribbon expense was discussed.
Motion by Jinny to set a budget of up to \$200 to cover the cost of armbands and ribbons was seconded by Kelly S and carried unanimously.
- Thank you to Nils for donating flowers for pictures.
- Repair of placing silhouettes, and other maintenance issues discussed.
- Hotel reservations for judges confirmed but 50s Car show in town will make it harder for our exhibitor

needs to be met.

8 Match Report:

- A great time for dogs and their humans!
- We took in \$243.61; \$218 in entries and \$25.61 from the donation can which Cindy donated to the Club.
- Sheila expressed her gratitude for all those who helped and her personal thanks to Mike Wakeling who was her ring steward and made her job easier.

Motion by Mada to hold our Summer Match on July 19th at a location to be determined by Cindy and with a Temperament Test to be chaired by Sheila was seconded by Jan and carried unanimously.

9 Membership Report:

- Membership list update has been completed.
- Two new members, Judy Grumdaahl and Karlyn Berg, and one new member applicant, Jennifer B, were reported to the membership.

10 Shep-O-Gram Report:

- The April issue is out.
- Need for expenses noted.

Motion by Verna to authorize Shep-O-Gram editor ongoing expenses as long as appropriate receipts are turned in to the Treasurer was seconded by Mada and carried unanimously.

11 Programs:

- Martha will look for possibilities for programs held on nights other than Friday training nights, outdoor programs in the summer, weekends that are not show weekends.
- Possibility of a Herding Fun Day event if the interest is there. A survey appeared in the April Shep-O-Gram. Eileen will check with Kim and Polly as to available dates. Watch for further information.
- If you have a general suggestion, pass it on to Martha or any Board member.

12 All Breed Liaison Report:

- A new role/process is being defined to aid club management using a contact form which will track the level of engagement, reciprocity, and other pertinent information to determine our input/feedback with the clubs.
- Zoa is researching the three-year historical data to allow Bobby to assess All Breed Club interaction with our Club.
- Based on this feedback, and because of our June Specialty Show, voting on All Breed judges will occur at our July membership meeting.

13 Website Rewrite Report:

- Julie noted work is continuing and they will be meeting again shortly.
- Eventually there will be a members-only section, store, and links to various internal and external pages.
- Suggestions you have should be conveyed to Julie or a committee member.

14 Regional Club Challenge:

- Mike noted that we are already off to a great start with two approved AOE's and with a third awaiting approval.
- Pam requests that and items that do not come from the AKC need to come from you as member to make sure that it is counted in our total.

15 Old Business: None.

16 New Business: None.

Next membership meeting **Friday, May 9, 2008.**

Next board meeting **Tuesday, April 29, 2008,** Jan hosting at Bankers Life & Casualty.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

Jan Anderson, Secretary

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



Spring 2008 Match Results

Conformation Placings

Best Puppy - Rosewood's Ginger Punch *** Owner/Breeder Bo Vujovich
Sire: CH Rosewood's Maestro Dam: Tonor's Divine Ms M

Best Opposite Puppy - HiCliff Mason Newcastle *** Owner - Darlene Cliff, Brian O'Blanquet, Pat Cliff
Breeder - Darlene, Randy, Pat Cliff
Sire: CH Kenlyn's Aries v HiCliff Dam: CH Newcastles Future Quest

Best Adult - HiCliff Jenna V Zytut *****Owner John & Kathy Kasper
Breeder - none listed
Sire: unknown Dam: unknown

Best Opposite Adult - Marquis Anything Goes ***** Owner Tessa Farrell & Liz Oster
Breeder - Liz Oster
Sire: CH Marquis Stealing the Show Dam Marquis Bianca

Best in Match - Rosewood's Ginger Punch

Junior Handlers

Best PeeWee - Maria Oster
Best Open Intermediate - Shannon Weiss
Best Open Senior - Tessa Ferrell
Best Junior in Match - Tessa Ferrell

3 to 6 puppy Dog

1st - Rosewood's English Channel Breeder/Owner: Bo Vujovich
Sire: CH Rosewood's Maestro Dam: Tonor's Divine MS M

2nd - Kubistraum's Quest Breeder/Owner: Verna Kubik & Virginia Bailey
Sire: CH Witmer's Jamiroquai Dam: Kubistraum's Ramblin' Rose CD RE PT

3rd - Steffcas Monroe Owner: Stephanie Stugerwood

4th - Kubistraum's Quick Pick Breeder/Owner: Verna Kubik & Virginia Bailey
Sire: CH Witmer's Jamiroquai Dam: Kubistraum's Ramblin' Rose CD RE PT

6 to 9 puppy Dog

BOP 1st - HiCliff Mason Newcastle Breeders: Darlene & Pat Cliff & Bryan O'Blanquet Owners: Darlene Randy Pat Cliff Sire: Kenlyn's Aries v HiCliff
Dam: Newcastle's Future Quest

2nd - Blackwood's Lone Ranger Owner/Breeder Diane Mehra

American Bred Dog

BOP Adult 1st - Marquis Anything Goes Breeder: Liz Oster
Owner: Tessa Farrell & Liz Oster
Sire: CH Marquis Stealing the Show Dam: Marquis Blanca

3 to 6 puppy Bitch

Best in Match/Best Puppy 1st - Rosewood's Ginger Punch
Owner/Breeder: Bo Vujovich Sire: CH Rosewood's Maestro
Dam: Tonor's Divine Ms M

2nd - SimCar's Dirty Deeds Breeder/Owner: Peg Simerson & Craig Carson

CH Marquis Stealing the Show Dam CH SimCar's Hell's Bells

3rd - Steffca's Cica's Magig v Woodridge Owner: Karen Kilbers

4th - SimCar's Little Loner Owner/Breeder: Peg Simerson & Craig Carson
CH Marquis Stealing the Show Dam: CH SimCar's Hell's Bells

6 to 9 puppy Bitch

1st - HiCliff's Marisa Newcastle Breeder:Darlene Cliff, Pat Cliff
Bryan O'Blanquet
Owner: Bo Vujovich

2nd - TRRO's Evita v Anne-Isle Owner: Martha Simonett, L Norderstrum, V Dukeman

3rd - Kubistraum-Safice Nova Scotia Breeder: Verna Kubik & Tracy Jones
Owner: Verna Kubik Sire: Hellwig's Wishmaster Dam: Kubistraum's pecan Sandie

9 to 12 puppy bitches

1st - Kota's Bets on Zytut Breeder: Sarah Gunlicks William Burggraf
Christy & Clint Heiman Owner: Christy heiman
Sire: Kenlyn's Aries v HiCliff Dam: Eve

2nd - Ann-Isle's Unbuttoned Breeder/Owner: Martha Simonett

12 to 18 bitches

Best Adult 1st - HiCliff Jenna v Zytut Owner: John & Kathy Kasper

2nd - Marquis CoCo Chanel Owner: Doug, Liz & Maria Oster

Obedience Placings

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High Score in Rally -
Novice B - Score 97
Black Forest Amelia Earhart RN
Owner: Julie Swinland

High Score in Obedience
Novice B - Score 194
Spyder
Owner: Elaine Matthys

High Score Member Dog - GSDCMSP Trained
Novice B - Score 192
Zachary von Huchsicht
Breeder: Mike O'Malley
Owner: Judy Morin

Class Placings

Rally
Novice B
1st (SCORE 97)– Black Forest Amelia Earhart RN – Owner: Julie Swinland (High Score in Rally)
Advanced A/B
1st (SCORE 83) – Zachary von Hochsicht – Owner: Judy Morin
SCORE

Results continued on back page

2nd (SCORE 80)-CH Kubistraum's Georgia Peach RN
– Owner: Pamela magadance & Verna Kubik
3rd (SCORE 79)-Kubistraum' s Mastermind RN – Owner:
Verna Kubik & Virginia Bailey
4th (SCORE 72)-CH Kubistraum's Code Red CD, PT, RN
– Owner: Verna Kubik & Virginia Bailey
Excellent A/B
1st (SCORE 93)-Jerland's Raven Valkyrie – Owner: Karlyn
Berg

Obedience
Pre-Novice

1st (SCORE 197)-Riley Owner: Jeff Gilbert
2nd (SCORE 195)-Kubistraum' s Othello HT RA Owner:
Pamela Magadance
3rd (SCORE 189)-My Jake Owner:Michelle Patet
4th (SCORE 187.5)-Chiara' s Rumor Has It RN Owner:
Jennifer Barfknecht
Novice A
1st (SCORE 183)-Kubistraum'
s Mastermind RN TC Owner: Cristina McColl, Verna Kubik,
Virginia Bailey
Novice B
1st (SCORE 194)-Spyder Owner: Elaine Matthys (High
Score in Trial)
2nd (SCORE 192)-Zachary von Hochsicht Owner: Judy
Morin (High Score GSDCMSP trained)

Do you want to try HERDING?

Eileen Varhalla is planning a herding fun day. We need commitment from at least 10-15 people. Please contact Eileen to let her know you are interested.



The club is also have been approved for an AKC sanctioned herding match to be held later in the summer. We will need participants and volunteers to help

Contact Eileen Varhalla at evaharlla@aol.com 651-462-1220 or Virginia Bailey vmk4gsds@dishup.us (715) 549-6365 or (651) 436-6982 to let them know you are interested.

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