



# Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

Dec 2013

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Seasons Greetings! Cold enough for you?

I am sorry to report that former long time member Walter Falk has passed on. I am sure he will be missed.

I forgot to tell you a story from the nationals where Ron Halling was a hero and demonstrated his dog training/handling ability.

"I was able to save two twin boys at the Nationals by a 100 lb male that freaked out, ran out of ring and tried to attack these defenseless boys not once but twice. Using the techniques I teach in class I was able to get the dog under control and no one was hurt. No brag, just fact, I happened to be in the right place at the right time."

The first of two nosework seminars arranged by Conni Sokolouski was last Friday and it was a great success. There is a sign up form on page 5 but contact Conni to make sure there is still space for the next session on Dec 20 before signing up.

The November match was a success. It was hard to read some of the entries names so I hope I got them close to correct. There also was no listing for the dog who won Novice B obedience and High in Trial. If the person who won that lets me know I can include it in the next Shep-O-Gram.

The Christmas Pot luck and Flea Market and membership meeting is coming up this Friday, December 13. See the information on this on page 4.

The forms for the banquet are in this issue so sign up for any awards that your dog has won and send a picture to Bobby robertamoore2@mac.com and also send any pictures from this year that you would like to include in the annual PowerPoint presentation. If you are getting an award bring an 8X10 framed picture of the dog who won it.

Rhonda is planning another day of agility seminars the day after the banquet. The information and form is on page 9.

A number of our members recieved awards from the GSDCA for length of membership this year. You can find out who by looking at the latest issue of the GSD Review. I joined the GSDCA in 1973 but I seem to have fallen off their radar for length of membership.

Julie Swinland

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**December 13 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)**

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone (s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

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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.*

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**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Gail Hardcastle, 49 Lakeview Road, White Salmon, WA 98672  
 hardcastle@starband.net

**This is the membership application for the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. For the application for our club see the club web site or pick one up at training**

#### Statistics:

Intake 131- with 71 being German Shepherds

Current rescues: 17 with 9 being German Shepherds

Adoptions 112: with 60 being Shepherds

Shepherd Adoptions:

September:

Buddy 11 1/2 yrs

Bailey 10 yrs

October

Lizzy 4 yrs

November:

Drago-3 yrs

Jack - 7 yrs

Piper - 9 months

December:

Bogey 4yrs

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we are running a fundraiser

Follow this link to place your order:

<https://www.gertens.com/cart/faerielandrescue.html>

GERTENS PLANT GIFT CARDS ARE THE PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT FOR THE GARDENERS IN YOUR LIFE OR USE THEM TO PURCHASE YOUR HOLIDAY GREENERY! If you purchase your Gertens Plant Cards through our FaerieLand Rescue link above, our organization receives 11% of the proceeds. The cards can be purchased with a \$25, \$50, or \$100 value and there is no limit on how many you can buy. Stock up for your gardening purchases for next Spring too! If you prefer to pay by check or cash, please email [faerielandrescuedogs@gmail.com](mailto:faerielandrescuedogs@gmail.com) or Kathy@[faerielandrescue.org](mailto:faerielandrescue.org) to place your order.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

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we will be at the Shepherd club Xmas party and if you have any

aluminum cans we will be happy to take them

We are collecting items: comforters, sheets, mattress pads, jeans

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FaerieLand Rescue has taken in 5 of the dogs(all shepherds) that were taken from an animal abuser in Pine City, MN. 3 of them on Oct 5th, One female was pregnant and we have 2 beautiful Shepherd puppies that were delivered by C-Section on Nov 4, 2013. We also took in a male Shepherd that is 1 1/2 years old and was found hanging from the roof of an underground kennel. His foot is still healing. The third Shepherd is a 4 1/2 yr old male that has been mistreated with abuse by banging his head into a building or a vehicle to teach him to do what she wanted him to do. The other 2 Shepherds were 9 month old puppies that were raised in a barn and never got outside.

**kathy@faerielandrescue.org or Beth faerielandrescue dogs@gmail.com**

## GSDCMSP Sanctioned Match November 29, 2013

### Conformation: Judge Amy Gau

#### Males

3-6 month

1 Mythical Thor God of Thunder, Connie Karner

9-12 months

1 Teddy, Christy Heiman

2 Zeke, Mary Lee

Best Male Puppy Teddy, Christy Heiman

12-18 month Adult

1 Edison, Jim and Connie Grenmaker

2 Yilde Von Ozturk, Kana T Ozturk

#### Novice:

1 Jackson, Diane Blasius- Brown

Bred by Exhibitor:

1 Dyamgo, Stephanie Steigerwald

#### Open:

1 Kojack, Stephanie Steigerwald

Best Adult Male: Kojack, Stephanie Steigerwald

#### Female

3-6 mo

1 Lindenhills Kozy V Gracelyne, Mike and Sheila Metz

2 Mythical Luna Goddess of the Moon, Connie Karner

3 Lindenhills Eywa V Gracelyne, Julie Swinland

6-9mo

1 Zytut's Regency Mesa Verde hp, Jan and Nils Anderson and Christy Heiman

9-12 mo

1 Amethyst Vom Wennerhaus, Melissa McIntyre

1 Best Puppy Bitch: Zytut's Regency Mesa Verde hp, Jan and Nils Anderson and Christy Heiman

2-18 mo

1 Rory, ?

#### Novice

1 Envy, Diane

#### Open

1 McKenzie, Carol Przybilla

Best Female Adult: McKenzie, Carol Przybilla

1 Best Puppy: Zytut's Regency Mesa Verde hp, Jan and Nils Anderson and Christy Heiman

Best Opp Sex Puppy Teddy, Christy Heiman

Best adult: Kojack, Stephanie Steigerwald

Best Opp Sex Adult: McKenzie, Carol Przybilla

1 Best in Match: Zytut's Regency Mesa Verde hp, Jan and Nils Anderson and Christy Heiman

Best Opp Sex in Match Kojack, Stephanie Steigerwald

### Obedience Judge Mary Bente

#### Open B

1192 Ceyla Vom Gildat, Melissa McIntyre

#### Novice B

1 Score 195.5 I do not have the name of the dog or owner

2 Score: 190.5 Kubistraum's Suncatcher, Verna and Virginia

3. Score 189 Thor, Jean Melin

#### Brace

1. Addie and Riley, Ron Halling –

### Rally Judge Mary Sonnen

#### Advanced B

1 Score: 98 Kubistraum's Suncatcher, Verna and Virginia

#### Novice B

1. Score: 74 Thor, Jean Melin



# **Please join the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/Saint Paul for our Holiday Potluck**

**On Friday, December 13th at or around 7:00 pm**

**Located at the Animal Inn Training Center**

***Bring your favorite ethnic or traditional dish to share***

*Beverages, plates and utensils will be provided.*

**In conjunction with our Potluck we will having a**

## **Holiday Flea Market**

**Time to clean out your kennels, spare bedrooms garages and cupboards of all the dog related items you no longer need and offer them to sale for those of us that can never have too much doggy stuff.**

**Crates, grooming tables, blowers, leashes, dishes, toys, books, bedding, training devices, agility equipment, obedience equipment – you get the idea.**

**Setup starts at 6:00 so get there early to pick out your spot. There are some tables available at animal inn to use on a first come first serve basis (tables needed for food and dining are given first priority), or bring your own table, or set up on the floor, or just carry your stuff around with you under your trench coat like a NY street vendor.**

**You are responsible pricing your items, and for all financial transactions though we will TRY to have a small amount of cash on hand to help make change.**

**We might even have an auctioneer available to sell select items!**

**Keep the money and buy new doggy stuff or donate it to a good cause. Some ideas.**

**[www.faerielandrescue.org](http://www.faerielandrescue.org)**

**[St Paul Police Canine Foundation](http://www.stpaulpolicecaninefoundation.org)**

**[www.travis-torgerson.com](http://www.travis-torgerson.com)**

**[www.gsdcmsp.org](http://www.gsdcmsp.org)**

**At the end of the night, please clean up your area and take ALL of your unsold items back to where they came from.**

**Kathy DuVall will be available to take unsold or donated items that will work in her rescue, but please ask her what her needs are; don't just assume she wants it.**



*Note – due to lack of interest, we will not be doing holiday pictures this year.*

**Please contact Cindy Muehlbauer with questions [cjmuehlb@gmail.com](mailto:cjmuehlb@gmail.com)**



## Nosework Seminars Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> & December 20<sup>th</sup> at Animal Inn.

Both Classes start at 7:00 p.m. and will be approximately 90 minutes long.

**Introduce your German Shepherd to nose/scent work. The object of this seminar is for your dog to have fun and use his most valuable tool...his NOSE! Sharon Middendorf will also demonstrate advanced nosework with her dog. This is a great opportunity to explore a new venue for you and your dog.**

FEE is a nonrefundable \$10 and seminars are open on a first come first basis. There is a ten dog limit per seminar.

Due to the anticipated high interest in these seminars, you will not be considered registered until payment is received by Conni Sokolouski. Your payment will be returned if the seminar is full.

*We ask that anyone attending conformation or rally class or socialization with their dog be respectful of the seminar in progress and keep their dogs away from the ring being used.*

- ☐ **Only one dog per handler.**
- ☐ **Please bring a crate or be prepared to leave your dog in the car until it's your turn.**
- ☐ **Bring your dog's favorite toy and high value treats.**
- ☐ **If you would like to attend both seminars, please fill out a separate form for the second dog.**
- ☐ **Seminars are open to club members first with nonmembers filling any available openings.**

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Use the registration sheet below and send it along with your \$10 check made out to the GSDCMSP to:

**Conni Sokolouski**  
**3012 Meyer Court**  
**Maplewood MN 55109**  
**PH 651-748-9550**

**Name:**

**Contact information:** (email or phone)

**Name of Dog:**

**Any Reactive issues:**

Does your dog overreact to people or other dogs (aggression, fear, anxiety?)

**Requesting Class: December 6<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ December 20<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_**

Indicate first and second choice if either date works for you.



### Braggs

**Wabana's Nordic Thunder "Thor"**

**Title: Herding Started Course A Sheep**

**He also got highest scoring GSD at our herding trial in September (both days of the trial)**

**Would you please put that in the "brags" in the Shep O Gram? Thanks!**



# January 18, 2014 Banquet

Date :Saturday January 18 th 2014

Location Lake Elmo Inn Event Center  
Address : 3712 Layton Ave N  
Lake Elmo , MN 55042

## Menu

Entree1 Panko Breaded Walleye Pike  
Entree 2 Sliced Beef AuJus  
1/2 MN Wild Rice and 1/2 Roasted Baby Red potatoes  
Salad Festival  
Fresh Fruit  
Rolls and Butter  
Mini Dessert- Sin of the Inn  
1 per person Brought to tables after buffet service

## Cash bar

Price : \$30.00 Per person  
Checks payable to GSDCMSP

Time: 11:00 ~social hour  
Noon ~ buffet lunch  
1:30 ~ awards ,Prizes , meeting  
& etc .

Reservations , form and payment due by :  
Saturday Jan 4 th 2014

Any questions.

Contact Rhonda Meath  
651.492.8373  
gsdgsppgirlz@gmail.com

## Prizes and gifts:

Gift box of prizes to win at each table with a chance to " Let's make a deal. " !

Gift bags of home made dog treats for their great GSD. 's for each person attending .

Wall of Wine. ~ bring in a bottle , you are entered in a raffle to win the whole wall of wine.

Gift baskets ~ prizes drawings

Agility jumps to win

Grand prize. ;  
ICE sculpture of a GSD ( 30x40 )  
Everyone attending gets a raffle ticket to enter for the ICE GSD !



Banquet registration: **Due by January 4, 2014**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Send checks made out to GSDCMSP to:

**Rhonda Meath**

**5642. 226 th Ave NE**

**Bethel. MN 55005**

postmarked no later than January 4, 2013.

## Awards Presented at Our Annual Banquet in January

If you earned any awards for your dog during 2013 please fill out the attached form in order to be recognized at the banquet. Below is a description of the awards which qualify and how to determine whether you qualify for a plaque or bar.

The Club shall present an award for all titles for Agility, Conformation, Herding, Obedience, Rally, and Tracking Titles issued by the American and Canadian Kennel Clubs. Awards will also be given by the Club for titles earned at the American National & Titles earned from the GSDCA including Conformation, Obedience, Herding and Agility Grand Victor and Victrix, Select or Select Excellent, Maturity Victor/Victrix, Futurity Victor/Victrix, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Best Junior Handler, Best Puppy, Top Ten Stud Dog/Brood Bitch, ROM, Highest Scoring German Shepherd Dog in Regular Obedience Classes, Highest Scoring Champion in Obedience, High in Herding Trial, High in Agility Trial, Performance Award of Merit, Award of Excellence (AOE), High in Trial-Tracking. In addition, awards will be given for appearances in the annual Redbook Top 10 living ROM Sires & Dams, and the Top 10 sires & dams of AKC major point winning progeny.

For certificates honored at the AKC and American National level. the club will acknowledge the certificate in the banquet program in a "Honorable Mention" section. Such certificates include: Canine Good Citizen, Herding Instinct and other such certificates.

These awards will be presented to members of the Club in good standing. This requirement may be met by:

- ◆ Being a member in good standing at either the time the award is earned or at the date of the Annual Banquet at which the award is to be given or
- ◆ By becoming a member applicant by the date of the Annual Banquet at which the award is presented.

The Club will present one plaque award per member's dog. Any additional awards presented to that dog will be in the form of a bar, which will affix to the plaque. A member may purchase a plaque instead of a bar for the difference in cost to the Club. Members and co-owners may purchase their own plaques for awards not recognized by the GSDC – MSP at the cost equal to the amount billed to the Club.

Please submit the name of dog and owner for any awards earned in the calendar year 2013 in order to have your plaque or bar ordered and ready to be given out at the Annual Awards Banquet (First awards are free).

### Complete one form for each dog

#### Bring a framed photo to the Awards Banquet.

Full Name of Dog \_\_\_\_\_  
Call Name \_\_\_\_\_

Owner (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Award  
Please circle one      Bar                      or                      Plaque

**Submit information about you and your dog on a separate paper (must fit on one page of our booklet) for the Awards Program booklet.**

_____	Upgrade from bar to plaque	\$20.00
_____	Purchase additional Bar	\$15.00
_____	Purchase additional Plaque	\$30.00

Check must be enclosed for Upgrades and Purchases  
**Mail or E-mail this form**, Check (if applicable) and narrative

**By: December 17 2013**  
(fees made out to GSDC - MSP if applicable) to:

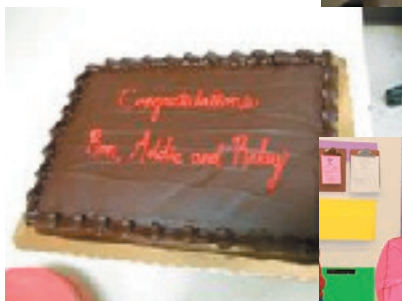
Mada Skare, 106 Twinkle Terrace, Circle Pines. MN 55014, wildfanz@comcast.net



**GSDCMSP Match Nov 29, 2013**



**Ron Halling  
Riley and  
Addie with their prizes  
from the nationals**



**It was great to see Travis  
recovering from the hit and run**



# Beginning & Advanced Agility Seminars Sunday January 19, 2014

This is a seminar class of hands on instruction to learn how to play the FUN game of Agility with your GSD ! You & your dog will learn how to use the equipment correctly , the correct body positions , language & tools using positive reinforcement training methods. It is a very Fun way to interact with your GSD & learn confidence building skills for you & your dog .

Classes sizes are limited to 10 dog / handler teams per time slot ~ morning & afternoon.

Come learn the fun game of agility play with your GSD !

The facility requires a recent negative fecal and verification of shots Please include those with your payment. You will have to sign a waiver also. Dogs who attended the June Seminar do not need to provide a new fecal.

Times :        9-noon. ~ Beginners  
                 Noon-1 pot luck lunch  
                 1 - 4 pm. ~ Advanced dogs

( Advanced for those GSD's / handlers that attended the beginner seminar in June or September )

Please include a recent (within 3 months) negative fecal and verification of shots - exemption for dogs who attended the June or September seminar.

For more information contact :

Rhonda 651-492-8373 gsdgspgirlz@gmail.com

Julie Swinland 651-457-5459 blackforestgsd@msn.com

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's name \_\_\_\_\_

Age of dog \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Seminar GSD's only

Sign up starts now along with payment . No refunds will be given after Jan 10 2014

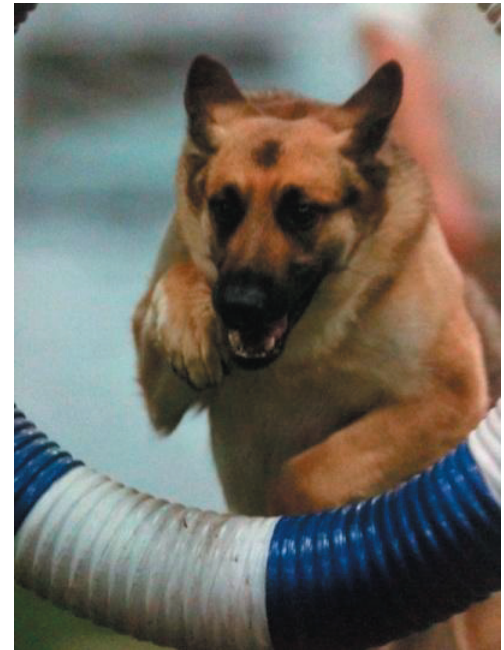
Send your reservation to Rhonda Meath 5642 226th Ave NE Bethel, MN 55005-9222

Make out your check for \$25 to GSDCMSP.

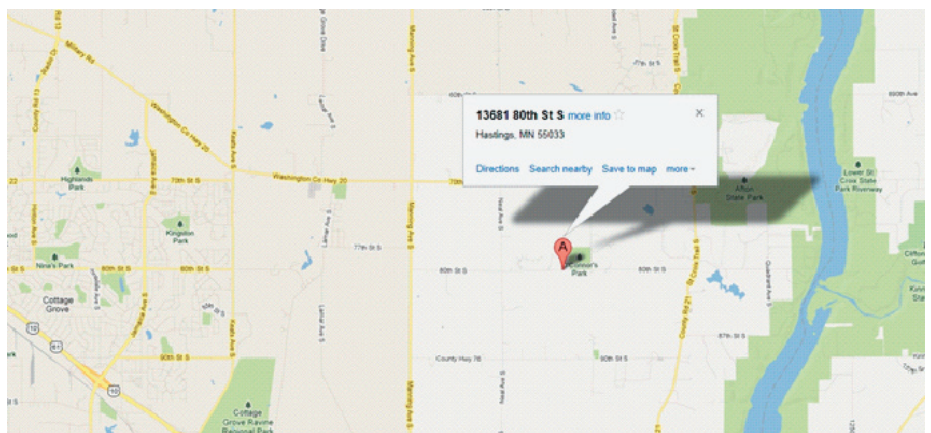
select the class you are signing up for:

Beginning \_\_\_\_

Advanced \_\_\_\_



Location: Northern Stars K9 Resort and Spa, 13681 80th St So, Hastings. It is south of 94 just a little east from Manning on 80th St.



## Club Events

Dec 13 Pot Luck Flea Market and membership meeting

Jan 11 (Tentative) Socialization/ Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling, St Paul Dog Training, South St Paul

January 18 Annual Banquet Lake Elmo Inn event Center

January 19 Tentative Agility Seminar

March 28-30 GSDCMSP Agility Trials

June 21-22 GSDCMSP Specialty Shows and Obedience and Rally Trials



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1087 Allen Avenue  
W. St Paul, MN 55118



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## GSDC MSP Class Schedule

Obedience Classes effective May. 2013

### Ring 1 (tentative)

Intermediate Obedience 7:00-8:00

Beginning Ob or Advanced Puppy 8:00-8:45

### Ring 2

Mary Sorcic & Lisa Marie Fortier

S.T.A.R. Puppy Class

7:00-8:00

### Ring 3

Conformation 6:30-7:45

Rally Class Julie Swinland

7:45-8:30

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