



Shep-O-Gram

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We had a great banquet again this year. Many awards given out including the new Dog of the Year awards:

Tony and Liz Oster Conformation Dog of the Year
Linea and Melissa McIntyre Rally Dog of the Year
Cajun and Mary Bente Obedience Dog of the Year
Bella and Sarah Falk Scent Work Dog of the Year
Gaetho and David Mielke Herding Dog of the Year

President's Awards were given to:

Candace James

Kim Morris

Larry Sacevich

We had flappers and a costume contest won by Amber Danielowski. There were games and prizes and Mike had playing cards made up with pictures of our dogs.

Due to weather problems, some people could not attend and we are looking into moving the banquet to March. This will require changes to some of the club By-Laws.

As usual, we have many events coming up. On March 14 we will have an Intro to Barn Hunt and Dock Diving at For the Love of Dogs in Mendota Heights. See the information on page 17. On March 20 we have a practice for the AKC Temperament Test at 7:30 after rally class. The Spring Agility Trial is March 27-29. On May 20 we have a Herding Fun Day where you can see your dog show his or her instinct to work with sheep. Phyllis Clark will handle the dogs for you.

Our specialty weekend is May 29-31. Followed by the Scent Work Trial June 6-7 and the GSD Fun Day June 14.

Kim Morris has searched high and low for judges for a spring Obedience/Rally trial and the date is set for June 20 and 21 at Animal Inn.

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February 14 - Membership Meeting 8:00 PM - Animal Inn

Banquet



President's Awards- Candace James, Kim Morris, and Larry Sacevich.



Best Costume Amber Danielowski



**Sarah Falk and Bella
Scent Work Dog of the Year**



Dog of the Year awards

**Not pictured Melissa McIntyre
and Linea Rally Dog of the Year
and Liz Oster and Tony
Conformation Dog of the Year**



**Mary Bente and Cajun
Obedience Dog of the Year**



**David Mielke and Gaetho
Herding Dog of the Year**





Playing cards







Games!



Flappers!



More Games!

Training Tips from Ron Halling

There's a challenge going on in the dog world right now about training for ten days straight and see what your dog can do. Or, you can train your dog everyday as a way of life. If you incorporate your training with fun activities you get a dog that loves to "work" and thinks it's as much fun as playtime.

Here's Ron's Lucie out for a walk in the woods for an exercise walk. Ron stops the walk, finds a stick and "plays" fetch/jump with his dog retrieving over some brush about 24" tall. Lucie gets so excited she's jumping right out of the picture frame she's having so much fun. After enthusiastic praise for a "job" well done they continue their walk. Think how she'll feel when they move indoors in a classroom setting for formal obedience retrieve over the high jump? Fun or no fun?



This is the basis of our training. The emphasis is having fun while training! Try it if you aren't already and have a dog that thrives to work and you both walk away with smiles on your faces!

As we train our dogs we should always teach them "back". This should be done from a sit, (can do this from your couch potato position with your gentle toes to the chest move), a stand and a down.

When preparing for Open, specifically the drop on recall, it's important your dog doesn't crawl when told to drop. Each foot movement is $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 point depending on the judge. When told to drop the dog should drop right there in the judge's mind! To help accomplish this we teach our dogs to drop back into position. In the beginning we can help them by gently pushing them back into a down with a hand placed on their front shoulders when first teaching the down. Later it may help to put something in front of their legs to accomplish a drop without crawling forward.

Then, when teaching the drop on recall we say the "drop" command simultaneously followed by the "back" command, "dropback". Your dog should drop and back up a step at the same time accomplishing the beautiful drop on a dime command we're looking for.



You're a GOOD dog only at home?

by Amber Eisfeld

One of the many reasons I teach classes outside is for the exact reason listed in this title. Clients tell me all the time their dog only listens to them at home or only at obedience class that is held indoors. As soon as they hit the outdoors or somewhere else in the community, their dog does not listen. I wrote this blog to help you with this as you progress through your training.

Think about your favorite local restaurant chain. You love how the restaurant is designed, the food is great and always comes out fresh. The staff are always happy and you always have a great experience at your local restaurant. You go across town to the same restaurant chain and you find the layout to be different, the menu different, and the whole entire experience...different. Not what you expected right?

Apply this same concept to your dog when you are training!

The first thing you need to know:

Dogs are situational which means what you teach them in one environment is not directly translated to the next environment. Every new command or exercise you teach a puppy or dog has to be trained in different environments for them to learn...sometimes going back to the basics even though you may think they know the command.

Helpful Tip #1: Train your dog in a low distracted environment so he has the opportunity to learn what you are asking him. When you have practiced at home and then go to a class and your dog does not listen it is not always because they are choosing not to. Sometimes they simply do not know what you are asking. The 7 other dogs in the class are a distraction and that distraction is real. It's also way more fun than being at home where it's just you and your dog training.

Helpful Tip #2: Move at a pace that is comfortable for you and your dog. Once your dog learns it in your house and 10 out of 10 times he does correctly...it's time to bring it out into your backyard (or another new environment).

- This is where you can help your dog be successful. Bring in those higher value treats. Check out my blog regarding higher value treats. Don't start with major distractions and always jackpot for when the dog has done something correctly in a new environment.
- Make sure your dog understands what you are asking. If you have not done an off-leash recall at home don't expect them to do that in your new environment. Remember all exercises you are working on in the new environment should be ones that he already knows and you can now take baby steps to work them in the new environment.

Helpful Hint #3: You have to have patience. Learning all of these exercises in different environments is hard. Only ask your dog what you know is achievable.



Shadowing practicing at Centennial Lakes



Zera practicing at Como Park



Mr. Darcy practicing at the State Fair

German Shepherd Fun Day

June 14

Save the Date

Lots of tests!

Therapy Dog International (TDI)

Farm Dog Certification

AKC Temperament Test

CGC/CGA Test

Trick Dog Tests

New Title and Triple Title ribbons*



Vendors!

Food!

Demos!

Try new activities with your dog!

If you are a vendor and would like to set up a booth or know someone who would be interested, please contact Julie Swinland Blackforestgsd@msn.com.

German Shepherds Only

* Triple Title ribbons will be available to dogs who complete 3 or more titles at this event. Multiple titles in one area, for instance Trick Dog Novice and Trick Dog Intermediate or CGC and CGCA, count as one title in that area.

Braggs



8 ranked GSD !!
~ Bones had a perfect weekend 9/9 at the TCVESSA Trial at Cloud Nine !!



MACH Bones !!
MACHKonas Mann Aus Stahl Vom Knochen
BN RAE MX MXB MXJ MJB XF T3B CGC TKI
Bred, owned, and trained by Rhonda Meath



Father / Daughter Duo Bones & Lila had a fabulous time running judge Mike Teh's courses at the Hungarian Pumi Club of America Agility trial !!
Both picked up some more QQ's & MACH points .



NEW Champion!
CH A-Ra-Roo's Theadorable Oops, Dora,
Land O'Lakes Kennel Club 2020
of Winners 3 point major. Lisa Lunde

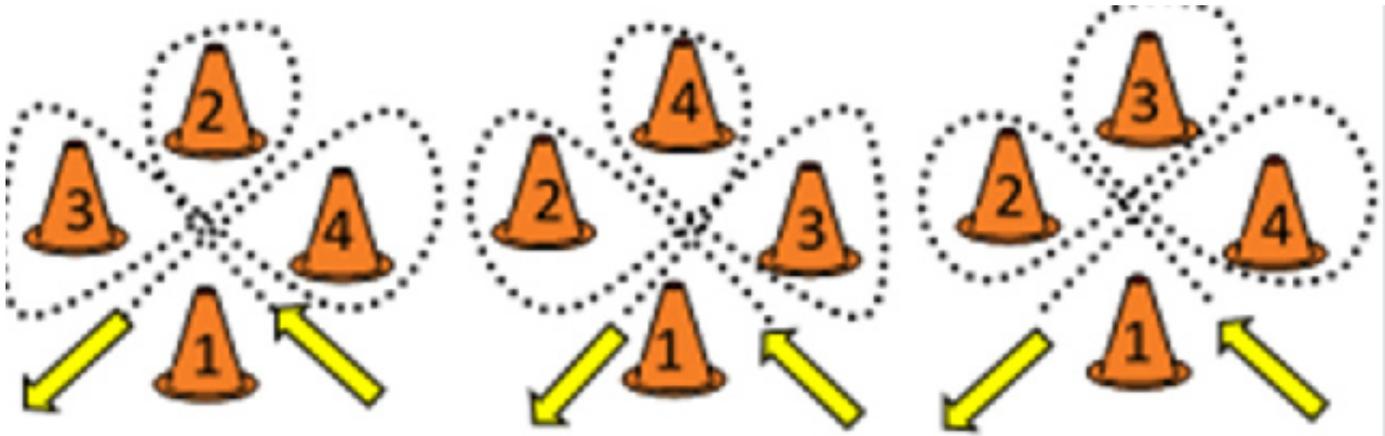


Tasha's weekend, new title in open 2, 1st place finishes, 2 high in trial finish, 1 3rd place finish because Gaetho got 1st.



Gaetho's weekend at barn hunt, 1 place on his 1st run in novice, 2nd place on 2nd run, titled on his 3rd run! 1st place in 1st run in open.
David Mielke

Rally Change



Change in #314 was just adding the graphic of the 3 accepted directions for executing the Cloverleaf.

It's nice to see the 3 different directions. The judge decides which one to use at a Trial, and all exhibitors do the same one for their Master course.

A good way to not be confused is to make sure you do the following: Enter the exercise on the right side of #1. Cross the center, then look for #2. Go around #2, then cross center, then look for #3. Go around #3, then cross center, then look for #4. Go around #4, then cross center, then look for #1. You will exit to the right of #1 (as you face it when crossing center).

German Shepherd Herding Fun Day May 24

Polly Simpson's
1479 200th Ave
New Richmond WI

\$15 or \$25 for 2 dogs.

Contact Julie Swinland To register

blackforestgsd@msn.com



GSDCMSP Spring Agility Trial

March 27th, 28th and 29th at On The Run Ham Lake



Calling all JUNIOR HANDLERS !!!

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Mpls/St. Paul March Agility Trial will be all about our Junior Teams. Special discounted entry rates along with fun filled prizes and raffle items each day acknowledging those young handlers entered in our trial. We do want those "young at heart " teams to enter as well. You're only as old as you feel!

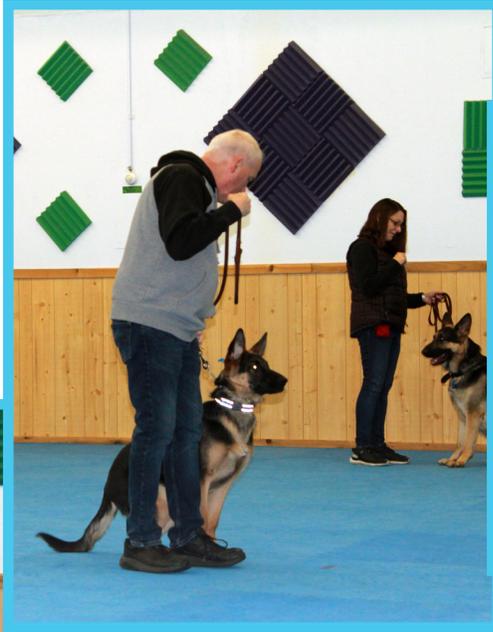
The GSDCMSP trial is still open, so get your entries in to:
 Xtreme K9 Dog Sports.
 Final closing date is March 11th, 2020.

<http://xtremek9s.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Event-Premium-List-GSDCMSP-March-2020-FINAL.pdf>

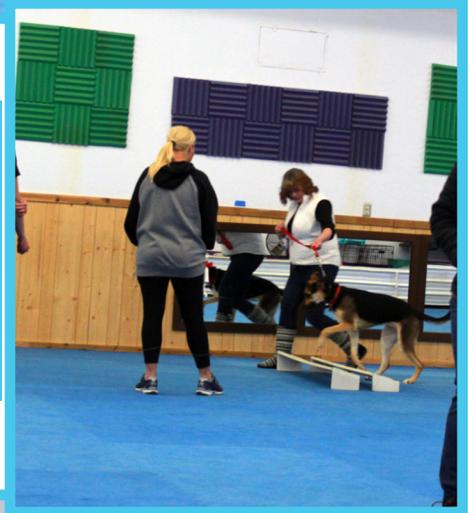
SOGGY by Julie Swinland



Socialization and Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling and Lisa Veit February 23



10 am lecture,
11 am Hands-on class
12 pm potluck lunch/social hour for
the humans
1 pm activity class



Pictures from January Workshop



The German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name (Please Print) _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate the name(s) of any other dog clubs you belong to: _____

Number of German Shepherds you own: _____ Number of litters bred in the last two years: _____

PLEASE INDICATE (X) THE AREAS IN WHICH YOU MAY BE INTERESTED:

Obedience: Rally: Conformation: Agility: Herding: Breeding: Other (please specify): _____

I would be interested in helping with the following activities:

- Specialty Shows & Trials: Fun Matches: Programs: Sheep-O-Gram: Training:
- Hospitality: Fundraising: Fun Day: State Fair:
- Breeder: Club Member: Facebook: Training: Rescue: State Fair: Friend:
- Show/Trial: Fun Day: Socialization/Obedience Workshop: Vet:

PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOU HEARD ABOUT THE CLUB:

I HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION TO THE ABOVE CLUB AND AGREE TO BE GOVERNED BY ITS BY-LAWS.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

MEMBER PROPOSED BY: _____

This application must be accompanied by a check for one year's dues and signed by a current club member sponsor. Dues are \$25 for a single membership or \$30 for a couple. Please make checks payable to the GSDC of Mpls & St. Paul. Return this application at a training class or club meeting or mail with check to:

Please Note: At the next Membership Meeting following the date applied, the applicant will be announced in the Minutes, whereas any Club members that may object to membership have 30 days to raise their concern. If no concerns are raised, the applicant receives Membership status as stated in the Bylaws which are on the website at www.gsdca.org. Dues shall be assessed on a yearly basis from October 1 through September 30. Membership dues for applicants that become members between July of a given year and the December Membership Meeting date of that year will be waived for the following year.

Please direct any questions to _____

To be completed by Membership Chair:

Date Dues Paid: _____ Check: Cash: Club cash box: Online: Mailed with Application:
Applicant's name added to membership list:



German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. Application for Membership

There are two types of membership: **Regular Members:** Minimum age of 18 years. Must be in good standing with AKC. Applicant (and renewing members) agrees to abide by the GSDCA By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club. Two endorsements by current members must be provided by new applicants. Applicant's name will be published in the *German Shepherd Dog Review*. Provided no objections have been filed within 30 days of publication in the *Review*, applicant will be notified that he/she is eligible for all privileges including the right to vote. **Junior Members:** Must be 10 years of age and not more than 18 years of age and shall subscribe to the same criteria as Regular Membership with the exception of the requirement to pay dues. Junior members cannot vote, hold office, or serve on committees other than Junior committees.

To apply and pay **ONLINE** with a credit card, please go to gsdca.org/join-the-gsdca/apply-online. You can **MAIL** this form to Laura Gilbert, 557 Dunning Lane, Chesapeake, VA 23322

Circle Your Desired Membership Type:

Membership Review Category	Delivery	One year	Three year	Five year
Single	Online only	\$45	\$130	\$215
Single	Print & online	\$75	\$215	\$355
Family	Online only	\$70	\$200	\$335
Family	Print & online	\$115	\$325	\$545
		Additional delivery charges		
		Delivery in poly wrap: \$5.00		
		1st Class delivery: \$36.00		
		Outside United States: \$24.00		

Membership Information (please print)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Date of Birth: _____ (Juniors Only)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP/ Postal Code _____

County: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

For FAMILY Memberships, provide 2nd member information. (Family membership is defined as 2 people living in the same household -- principal & one other person).

Last Name _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Telephone _____ Email: _____

What activities do you enjoy with your GSD? (Circle all that apply) Agility Conformation Herding

House Pet Obedience Rally Schutzhund/Working Dog Sport Tracking Other

Endorser 1 Printed Name & Signature _____

Endorser 2 Printed Name & Signature: _____

Applicant/ Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Club Events

Feb 14 Membership Meeting

Feb 23 Ron Halling Workshop

March 13 Membership Meeting

March 14 Barn hunt/Dock Diving event

Mendota Heights*

March 20 7:30 Practice for AKC Temperament Test

March 21 Ron Halling Workshop

March 27-29 GSDCMSP Agility Trial

May 24 Herding Fun Day Polly Simpson's, New Richmond

May 29-31 Specialty shows Farmington

June 6-7 Scent Work Trial

June 14 GSD Fun Day Animal Inn

GSDC MSP Class Schedule

~~Ring 1 and 2~~

~~No Obedience or Puppy class until Further notice.~~

~~Puppy 1 & 26:00-6:45~~

~~Beginning Obedience7:00-8:00~~

~~Intermediate/Novice.....8:00-9:00~~

Ring 3

Rally Julie Swinland6:00-7:30

Conformation Ginny Altman...7:30-

***Intro to Barn Hunt/Dock Diving. There is one space left for this. Contact Julie Swinland if you would like to register. Blackforestgsd@msn.com**