



Shep-O-Gram

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Club members very successful at the nationals. I hope to have more results in the next issue. Please get your wins in. The Shep-O-Gram won the newsletter competition.

The smorgasbord classes are going very well on Friday nights. We have a number of trainers and activities. Starting in January, we will have regular obedience classes with our new trainers

We have several scent work offerings coming up. The first is with Scent work judge and trainer, Holly Bushard, on Oct 30. She will be providing two classes, the first 1 1/2 hour class will be for beginning dogs and the second class will be for dogs with some experience. On November 20, Linda Spengler, scent work judge and trainer, will offer an introduction to the Odor Recognition Test (ORT) which a dog must pass in order to compete in NACSW Nose Work Trials. It is also good practice for dogs going into the AKC Scent Work Trials. Her second session will be a mock trial for more experienced dogs to complete 4 searches including, interiors, exterior, vehicle and container searches. There is more information on this on page 11.

We have had another successful Agility trial thanks to Rhonda Meath and all the volunteers.

Our annual Herding Trial and Farm Dog Test was held September 19-20 and was also very successful thanks to the committee and other volunteers. Phyllis Clark brought her sheep at no charge and is offering one free lesson to people

who volunteered. Cynthia Curran judged one of the Farm Dog trials.

The 2020 Obedience/Rally trials went very well, thanks to Kim Morris and all the volunteers.

Contact

Laura Meyer, blcmeyer920@msn.com to throw your hat in the ring for the various positions coming up this year. We have openings for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two board positions.

Julie Swinland

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November 13 Membership Meeting at the Animal Inn or by phone

Herding Trial and Farm Dog Trial Sept 19-20



Volunteers David Mielke
and Laura Meyer

There were many problems planning our trials this year. Our main judge broke her arm and then had to cancel due to being in danger of having to evacuate all her animals due to fires in California. Fortunately, JoAnna Yund was willing to step in and we could carry on. We had Linda Spengler as our second judge and Cynthia Curran and Linda judged the Farm Dog tests.



STEFFCA'S DANCE WITH ME TONIGHT Z.
Karen Ukura,
Q HT Q Farm Dog Both trials Farm Dog New Title

Thanks to Laura Newland for the photos

Herding Trial continued



LINDENHILLS EYWA BLACK FOREST V
GRACELYNE BN RAE HT FDC ACT2 SWE
SCNE CGCA TKP qualified in PT both days and
completed her PT Title



MARQUIS CATO. Agent: David Mielke. 2nd
Herding Started A Sheep High scoring
German Shepherd Sheep Day 1

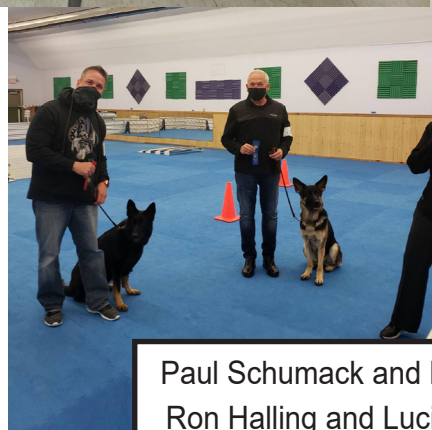
GSDCMSP Obedience/Rally Trials



Raffle table



Ginny Beck and Anneliese



Paul Schumack and Belle
Ron Halling and Lucie



Linda Koestler and Jade, 2
legs toward Rally Novice

Char Dudley and Como
High Combined.





Mary Bente and Cajun
High in Trial 3 Times!



Amber Eisfeld and Pac
took multiple High
Combined and Triple
High Combined awards.



Kathy Lamping and Brandy

There were many other
winners.



New Titles!
Tom Temple



Katie Halfen

News from the Nationals!

If people send in their Nationals results I will be able to include them in future Shep-O-Grams



2020 GSDCA Agility National
Lila # 11 preferred GSD Bones # 5 GSD With Rhonda Meath.



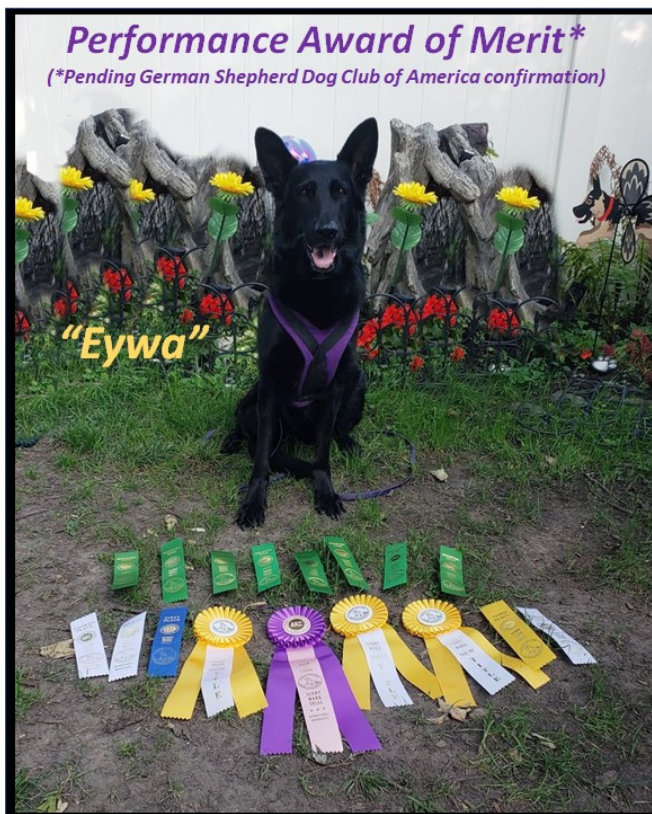
Paul Schumck and Belle at the nationals
took first place in Open A Obedience.



Dawn Ebbenga and PACH Ozzy Von
Vormundhaus MXP2 MXPB MJP3
MJPB XFP

BRAGS

If you want your brags in the Shep-O-Gram, please send them to me in a format I can use. If you put text over pictures it will not come through clearly. I do not have time to search FaceBook for your wins.



Only the standard matters

Lindenhill's Eywa Black Forest v Gracelyne

(Sire: AOE GV CH Mar Haven's Color Guard HT PT TC ROM/ROMC
Dam: Gracelyne's Miki Moto ROM)

Completed Titles & Certifications

- ACT2 (Agility Course Test 2)
- BN (Beginners Novice)
- CGCA (Canine Good Citizen Advanced)
- HT (Herding Tested)
- FDC (Farm Dog Certified)
- OFA H/E (OFA Certified Hips & Elbows)
- RAE (Rally Advanced Excellent)
- SBE (Scent Work Buried Excellent)
- SCNE (Scent Work Container Novice Elite)
- SCE (Scent Work Container Excellent)
- SEE (Scent Work Exterior Excellent)
- SIE (Scent Work Interior Excellent)
- SWE* (Scent Work Excellent)
- TC (GSDCA Temperament Certified)
- TKP (Trick Dog Performer)
- ▶ Working on Herding PT and Rally Master

(*pending AKC confirmation)

Also High in Trial Masters at the Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Scent Work trial and finished her Master Rally title at the GSDCMSP trial



Karlyn Berg and Lokki

One tired dog after three days of a Scentwork Trial. But what a trooper he is and did not want to even leave the last search but wanted to keep going even though he already passed. What a character. We got 7 qualifications and three Titles. 2 Q's were in Excellent Interiors (where you search 2 rooms to find 3 hides but you don't know which room has 2 or 1 hide. If you call room 1 wrong you don't Q and can't do room two. You need three Q's to get a title in any element. We finished our Buried Advance and got our Buried Title plus a Title for finishing all elements at the Advanced level. Sunday we moved on to start the Buried Excellent level for Q and got 4th place. We needed only 1 more Excellent Exteriors, finished that level got that title. We did our first Handler discrimination test and got 2 Q's a 2nd and 3rd place.

Brags



Bones had a perfect QQ weekend at the GSDCMSP Sept 2020 Agility Trial held at On The Run with placements in every STD & JWW class. He was awarded High In Trial German Shepherd Dog in 2020 & is the # 5 AKC ranked Agility GSD !

MACH Konas Mann Aus Stahl Vom Knochen
BN RAE MXS MJS MXF TQX T2B2 CGC TKI

Handled & owned by Rhonda Meath



GSDCMSP Agility trial
Julie Dunbar and Greta qualifying runs both Friday and Saturday with placements. Novice JWW Preferred and Novice Standard Preferred.



VonDinharts Hi Jynx went Maturity Reserve Bitch at the SW Futurity/Maturity. Owned by Nick and Sandy Dinehart

Brags



Nancy Kehoe and Cash

Cash & I attended the GTCGRC Scent Work trial last weekend at Camp Edenwood, what a great 2 days of showing! The facility was great, the judges were awesome! Organizers & volunteers did a wonderful job!!! Thank you all!

Cash & I earned 2 new titles- Containers Advanced & Exterior Advanced.

2 qualifying scores in Novice Buried as well as a 1st place on Friday, & a qualifying score in Interior Excellent .



Eywa got her Master Container title this weekend at the SPDTC Scent Work trial in Jordan. Next year she will try the Detective class.



Tiri got her first Scent Work title at the SPDTC trial this weekend. Novice Containers. She has been home schooled and is going to start in real classes at the Animal Inn next week. She thinks she won't have to study so hard then. Ha Ha

Braggs



Konnie got her IGP3 last weekend which is the highest titling level of IGP (Schutzhund). IGP consists of a 3 phase trial which all phases are required to be passed the same weekend, tracking - obedience - protection!



Just got back from the St. Paul Dog Club Scentwork Trial... finish two element titles and 5 qualifications. We have moved up to the highest level "Masters" We finished our Excellent Interior title.... with a great job by Lokki so we moved up to Master level. We got one more leg toward Excellent Buried... and third place.... Masters Container title. Karlyn Berg and Lokki

In between spirited ball games, Angus and Lachlan have been working hard this last month. Angus earned his Trick Dog Performer title along with his first agility title. Lachlan (9 mos old) passed his Canine Good Citizen award and earned his Rally Novice title.

CH Riverrock's Whistle Down The Wind RI ACT1
CGCA CGCU TKP
Highland Lachlan Of Anne-Isle RN CGC TKN
Cynthia Curran.



Brags



Tasha earned 1 new title advanced exteriors along with a few excellent "Q's" at St. Paul Dog Club trial



Gaetho's high scoring GSD at GSD herding trial, he also earned his "A" course starter masters title.



Carla Scott's MoMo got her 11th double Q in agility

**Please send
your brags to
me with text
seperate from
the pictures.**

Brags from Kubistraum



Ch. Kubistraums Big Rock Candy Mountain "Skittles"

Select Bitch (5 pt)
Select Bitch (5 GCh pts) GSDC of St. Louis
GSDC of St. Louis



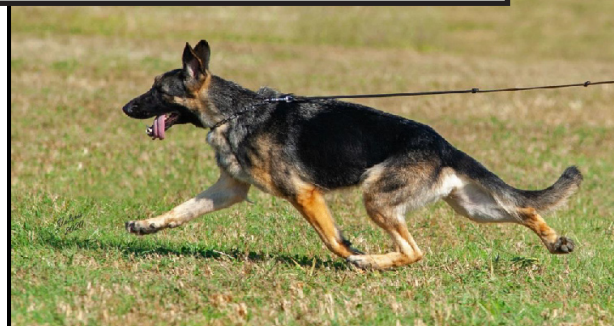
Kubistraums Power Pack "Packer"

2nd AmBr, RWD(4 pt)
GSDC of St. Louis



New Champion* Kubistraums Pollyanna "Polly"

Val Harrington Ph



Brags from Kubistraum continued



New 2020 Register of Merit Dam!*
GCh Kubistraums Vista of
Aramist Peters Elite, TC, HIC
#10 2018 & #5 2019 Redbook
Futurity/Maturity Dam; #10 AKC
2019 Point Rating Dam:

Sel. Ex. Ch. Kubistraums Rough **Rider of Rushmore, TC**

“T-Rex”

Select Dog-- GSDC of Atlanta-(4 GCh Pts) --
9/11/20- PM

Judge: Jennifer Root

Best of Breed! Augusta GSDC—(9 GCh pts!) --
9/12/20-PM

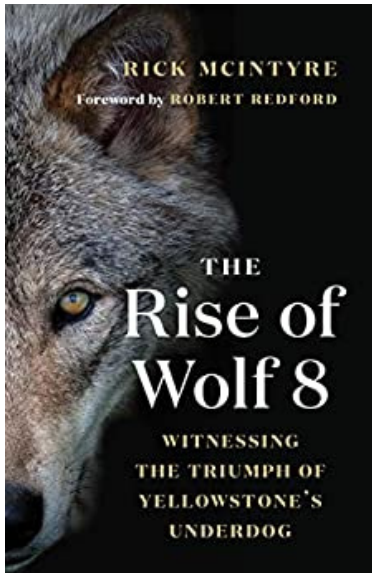
T-Rex



Kubistraums Galactic **Gaitway**

“E.T.”

1st Jr. Fut. Dog, Reserve Futurity Dog
2020 GSDCA SE Futurity- 9/13/20



Rick McIntyre. The Rise of Wolf 8: The Alpha Wolves of Yellowstone. Greystone Books, 2019.

To modern Americans, wolves often symbolize independence or nobility in nature; at the same time, when wolves are sighted, they are frequently described as vicious threats to livestock and even humans. It is a puzzle to find a scientific study of wolves in the wild, not in sanctuaries, which can provide the interested reader with a reliable, lively account of the lives of these beautiful creatures. This book by biologist Rick McIntyre manages to weave scientific knowledge with real life observations of wolf behavior into a compelling story of heroism and tragedy. Unlike the predictable narratives in Disney films, for example, this book presents the detailed story of a pack of wolves facing true challenges of life, underpinned by scientific references to explain the meanings behind behavior.

In a sense, McIntyre's story begins in 1926, when Yellowstone park rangers shot the last wolf living in the national park. McIntyre then traces the various attempts to reintroduce wolves into Yellowstone and for 25 years he observed packs returning to their native lands. Think of McIntyre as a sort of Jane Goodall of wolves but with the story-telling skills of a modern Jack London. McIntyre's true talent is to see wolves as unique individuals who possess both intelligence and an extraordinary will to survive and we are the lucky recipients of his findings.

One of the strengths of this book is Rick McIntyre's unique role in the scientific project of studying wolves in Yellowstone. Scientific methods and knowledge provide the foundation but it is McIntyre's 100,000 sightings of the wolves themselves (his goal achieved on January 27, 2019), interacting with each other and reacting to the world around them, that gives the Yellowstone study its importance. The scientists involved frequently found themselves asking McIntyre for his interpretation of wolf behavior or his estimation of how typical a certain pack reaction is, based on his vast experience of observations in the wild.

No one person has spent more time observing wolves than Rick McIntyre. From June 2000 to August 2015, he spent 6,175 consecutive days out in the Yellowstone wilderness tracking wolves and observing their interactions. But it is his ability to write a compelling narrative about what he has seen that makes this book so very special. He is able to reveal the personalities of the wolves he chooses to follow here. We feel like omniscient observers of the pack as we note social challenges and the never-ending search for food.

By the end of his story, Rick McIntyre has left us to worry about the question that always hangs over any intimate study of wild animals. How can we arrange to allow these admirable creatures to live as they should when the encroaching human interests often limit or even disallow it? If we are to find some sort of solution, it is the information in books such as this one that help us understand and empathize with the wolf, instead of demonizing the animals. Surely, there can be some sort of alternative to confining these wild creatures in sanctuaries or zoos. Rick McIntyre shares his knowledge of wolves in order to prod us to find a balance.

Cynthia Curran



Sign up for Scent Work Special Classes

**Oct 30 with Holly Bushard
Nov 20 with Linda Spenglar**

Contact Kim Morris to sign up

Scent work

There are different terms for each organization offering this type of class, Scent Work. In AKC, Nose Work in NACSW, and Canine Scent Sport in CPE. There are other organizations too, but those are the most common in our area. The basic training to participate is the same for all venues, but some of the classes and rules vary.

Beginning scent work starts with containers, usually small white boxes and dogs learn to search the boxes to find the target odor. This starts with Birch. To start with the odor is paired with a treat and the dog is given rewards for finding the correct box. This is what Holly will be offering in the beginning class on Oct 30. The second class will be for slightly more advanced dogs.

On Nov 20, Linda Spengler will offer an introduction to the ORT test. This is basically for dogs with a little experience or "on odor". She will work with you if you have just had the beginning class though. The ORT is required for dogs to compete in NACSW trials. There are three odors. Boxes are laid out first with one Birch hide and then one Anise and then one Clove. This is just a practice to let you see what you would be asked to do in an actual trial.

The second class Linda will offer is a mock trial. This is patterned like a level 1 trial in NACSW with 4 searches, a container search (boxes) a search in an interior location, a search in an exterior location and a search of vehicles. The vehicle search is just a search of the exterior of a vehicle at a low level.

These searches are all fun and should be good starters for your career in scent work/nose work/ Canine Scent Sport.

Check out the AKC web site for Training and health information

You can go to www.akc.org and search for health or training and find articles and videos on many health and training issues.

You can also look up your dog's title progression under products and you can find the current regulations for various events or you can buy a copy of the regulation for your favorite dog sports. under Event Search you can find all the AKC events in your chosen sport and location.

Check out GSDCMSP's Socialization/Obedience Workshop with Ron Halling & Lisa Veit on FaceBook for current information on the next Socialization/Obedience Workshop and training tips and videos.

Nov 21
Dec 19
Animal Inn



What a busy, busy season due to the COVID. Many couldn't find training when the quarantine began and because of this Lisa, Tom and I ran an outdoor puppy class over the summer for puppies 8 weeks to one year old. Twenty two dogs showed up the first night and more were added as other new owners picked up their new puppies over the next eight weeks. As most of you know GSD's especially need the training to properly socialize.

During the summer we practiced safe procedures at our Workshops and attendees responded! Very nice turn outs and thanks to all for coming. It takes a lot to put these together and without you it would just go away. As many of you are realizing without training our GSD's go in the wrong direction. Come train with the GSD Club that knows GSD's!

This month we return indoors at Animal Inn. We follow their COVID procedures already in place for indoor work plus taking everyone's temperature while practicing social distancing. The Workshop is Sunday the 18th. The lecture will be at 10 am followed by the hands-on portion at 11am. The afternoon class, (for ANYONE that has been to a morning session), will follow at 12:30pm. This month we'll work further on off-leash work, hand signals, improved heeling and everyone's favorite, Directed Jumping. We'll add beginning and problem solving jumping for those working towards Open titles. The last item for the afternoon class is dominance over obedience to teach your GSD to live with cats, squirrels, bunnies and any other variety of pets in the home. It has been a popular topic for privates over the summer as families were forced to spend the days together.

We're doing a new fundraiser for Skylar's Scholarships which benefits GSD's that are in need of medical services to make them adoptable. If interested you can join the "Sky's the Limit" raffle/auction page and take chances on some exciting prizes.

Thanks and hope to see all of you!

Ron
If you're new to the workshops, please contact Ron to discuss which class is right for you and any issues ahead of time.

Ron Halling
hallings@frontiernet.net
612-720-1536

Tips From Ron

There are How-To videos on topics such as Drop on Recall, stand for Exam, and dealing with an attacking dog, on Socialization/Obedience Workshop page on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/GermanShepherdtrainers/>.

Artificial sweeteners and dogs



This list of common artificial sweeteners below will help you decipher what is dangerous and safe. Remember to always **READ THE LABELS** of the food in your home. Often times, dangerous ingredients such as Xylitol are found in products you wouldn't expect.

Xylitol

This naturally produced sweetener is found in many "sugar-free" items such as ice cream, candies, pastries, gums, yogurts, juices and more. Xylitol is **HIGHLY TOXIC** and potentially fatal if consumed. Even in small doses, it can cause seizures, liver failure, and death.

Erythritol

This non-caloric sugar alcohol is considered safe for dogs but in large quantities, gastrointestinal symptoms may occur.

Stevia (green packet)

This is a naturally produced sweetener from the stevia plant. Stevia is safe for dogs to consume, but in large quantities, it can cause diarrhea.

Aspartame (blue packet)

There are no serious health effects aside from minor gastrointestinal problems. That being said, it is in no way a healthy product for dogs to consume.

Saccharin (pink packet)

Saccharin is safe for dogs, but can cause gastrointestinal issues, and long-term effects have not yet been tested on pets.

Sucralose (yellow packet)

Sucralose is generally safe, but can cause diarrhea in dogs.

Monk fruit

Monk fruit is a newer sweetener on the market. It is similar to Stevia, and generally safe if consumed by dogs.

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



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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: ☐

PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOU HEARD ABOUT THE CLUB:

Breeder: ☐ Club Member: ☐ Facebook: ☐ Training: ☐ Rescue: ☐ State Fair: ☐ Friend: ☐
Show/Trial: ☐ Fun Day: ☐ Socialization/Obedience Workshop: ☐ Vet: ☐

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 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: _____

Country: _____ 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 Calendar

Oct 30 Scent Work with Holly Bushard

Nov 13 Membership meeting

Nov 20 Scent Work with Linda Spenglar

Nov 21 Socialization and obedience workshop

Dec 19 Socialization and obedience workshop

GSDCMSP Class Schedule

Training resumes various classes September. After we get rolling we will resume the regular obedience classes below.

Register online. <http://gsdcmisp.org/training.html>

Ring 1

.....Various 1 night classes

Ring 3

.....Rally Julie Swinland 6:00-7:20

.....Conformation Ginny Altman/Mike Metz.....7:30

Training Director:

kmorris4369@hotmail.com

Social Distancing and Masks (for humans) are required in and around the Animal Inn building.