



# Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

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## **Shep-O-Gram**

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We have our specialties coming up. I hope you will all be attending and hopefully competing. It sounds like we have a good entry in all areas. We will also have a number of raffles and are still accepting donations. If you have something for the performance side in particular you can send that to me, or if you have something else, please contact Sheila Metz, (651) 489-7467. On the performance side raffle we have a designer dog miniature German Shepherd, created by the internationally known miniature artist Lucy Maloney, a tire jump, several other jumps, certificates for free lessons at various training schools, and a wonderful assortment of toys treats and equipment.

In this issue I have featured some of our May events, the Geocaching Event, and the Herding Fun Days. I also wrote an article about canine chiropractic, and Ed Presnall well known tracking judge and trainer has given me permission to reprint one of his award winning articles on tracking. Ed is also putting together some things for our raffle.

Judy Morin has taken on the job as Match Chair for our July match and may need volunteers to help with food etc. The match will be at Bo Vujovich's again. We are still considering having a temperament test in conjunction with the match but we need to know there are enough people interested to pay the expenses of the judge. Please let Mike Metz know if you would have dogs you would put through the test. We need to know this immediately in order to make plans.

We have many upcoming events in addition to the match and possible temperament test, including our herding trial, another herding fun day, another geocaching event and the State Fair demos. Start thinking about what you can do for the demos.

I have been thinking that we might want to hold our own little GSD fun fair too with chances for people to try agility, tracking, rally, obedience, conformation, etc. We could have rings set up with our in-house experts to guide people through the basics of various events, just to get a taste for it. We could also have presentations and videos running. It will take some effort, but I think it could be a lot of fun. Let me know what you think.

Julie Swinland.

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## **SOG Due Date**

July issue - June 21

**June 12 Membership Meeting 8:30 PM Animal Inn**

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)

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

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

hardcastle@starband.net

### Designer Dog donated to the performance raffle



This German Shepherd miniature was a donation to the performance raffle by internationally known miniature artist Lucy Maloney, a member of the International Guild of Miniature Artisans. Her work has been featured in *Dollhouse Miniatures* magazine and over 68 pieces are on display at the Puppenhaus Miniature Museum in Switzerland.

A Designer Dog Miniature is featured in the Rin Tin Tin Museum and the Limited Edition Rin Tin Tin miniature is available at [www.RinTinTin.com](http://www.RinTinTin.com), sales of which benefit [ARFKids](http://www.ARFKids.org), a service and search and rescue dog charitable foundation.

Lucy has a German Shepherd and three Cairn Terriers and creates her masterpieces with real animal hair.

<http://designerdogs.homestead.com/>

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### Upcoming Shows

There are many shows in MN, IA, WI and the Dakotas. See Events at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) for a complete listing or look at the calendar on the [www.gsdcm.org](http://www.gsdcm.org) web site.



## ***Mark your Calendar***

***The German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis & St. Paul Specialty Show is right around the corner.***

June 20 and 21  
Roseville Armory

***Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009***

*(Conformation – Lewis Bunch, Obedience – Sharon Hodgens-Wood, Team 2 – Linn Klingel)*

***Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009***

*(Conformation – Michel Chaloux, Junior Showmanship/Team 2 - Ginny (Virginia) Altman, Obedience – Susan Pauline Emersom)*

### ***Show start times:***

***Obedience – 9:00am, Inside Ring  
Brace, Team and Rally – Following Obedience***

***Junior Showmanship – 9:30 am, Outside Ring  
Conformation - following Junior Showmanship***

***Location: Roseville Armory  
211 North McCarrons Blvd.  
Roseville, Minnesota***

### ***Hotel Accomodations:***

***Red Roof Inn – 651-738-7160  
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***New Title Rosettes will be awarded to New Obedience Titles that are completed at our show. We have three raffles with some unbelievable donations that have been made for gifts – wait till you see what they are!!!***

Plan to attend the Scorch the Porch pot luck at Mike and Sheila Metz's on Friday night following run throughs at the Armory. See more information on the back cover of this issue

**Food will be available at the show site**



# Geocaching Day at Afton State Park by Julie Swinland

We had our first club geocaching event on May 30. Seven of us gathered at Afton State Park to hunt for the treasure. Mike Metz brought two of his older girls, Fannie and Pip. Mada Parnell handled Pip for our journey. Two of our newest members Deb and Connie Halfen, were the first to arrive with Bianca and Alaska. Sandy Heinz had Harley, Cristina McColl came with Hunter, and I had Xena.



The day was gorgeous, sun shining, a bit of a breeze to keep the bugs away, and adventure in our hearts. We set forth on our hunt for the first of 4 caches. Along the way we met many people who asked "Are you the German Shepherd Club or something?" They seemed pleased to find out that we were. All the dogs were perfectly behaved even when passing strange dogs on the path.



The first cache was a bit tricky but Deb and Bianca found it without too much trouble. The second cache was found by Mada and Pip, the third by Mike and Fannie, and the last by Sandy and Harley. A nice distribution. The final cache had the State Park Wild Life Safari cards in it that you take to show you have completed the search. When you accumulate 10 different cards you can take them to a State Park office and get a card showing you have completed 10 searches. We have 3 years to complete all the State parks. If you are interested in the State Park program, you can look it up at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/geocaching/index.html>



After a little more than an hour of hiking we made our way back to the picnic area and discussed dogs and shows while Mike prepared the grill and made up the hot dogs and brats. We hope to schedule another geocaching event later in the year.



# Herding Fun Days May 17 and 24

Julie Swinland

Eileen Varhalla planned two more successful Herding fun days. There were 13 participants the first day and 16 the second day. I only went the first day, but I am sure the second was just as fun. We had great weather too.

Once again Kim Schneider kept the dogs and handlers on track. Zoa Rockenstein's adorable puppy showed us how it's done!



Some dogs went fast. - Michelle and Annie rounding up a stray.

And some performed at a more moderate speed,



Around noon there was a pot luck and then it was back to herding. Each dog got two runs this year. Eileen is planning another herding fun day in the fall so Keep watching the Shep-O-Gram and the web site to make sure you get registered in time.



Nancy Kehoe's dog was a little concerned that Nancy had been placed in "the box". What's a dog to do? Save mom or herd sheep?

Xena and I move the sheep.



# Tracking Fields

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Spring is coming. The air is crisp, the trees, recently barren, are sprouting new buds and the grass, covered by snow or dormant for months is turning a lush green. Gazing across the landscape, a handler watches his dog intently sniffing the frosty breeze as its long recessed instincts arouse.

Snapping on the harness, the handler attaches the long lead and watches his partner drop its muzzle towards the ground and start slowly moving along an unseen line. They are following a scent so faint that no human could recognize it, yet the dog leads on. With both amazement and admiration of his working friend, the handler follows along behind; assisting as a part of the team, sometimes questioning but always assuring his partner.

Later, perhaps after only a few yards in the beginning, or over 500 yards as their team progresses towards their goal, the dog indicates a special treasure it has found on their journey. An old glove, a sock or a wallet. The handler congratulates his dog, accepts the treasure and with a tear in his eye and joy in his heart leads his partner on an enjoyable walk through the field, back to their vehicle and awaiting friends.

This is how I try to explain what tracking is about and why I spend hours in the fields with my dogs on a weekly basis.

Tracking is a non-competitive sport. It is judged, not with a scorecard or based on a standard, but on a pass/fail basis. As stated in the AKC Tracking Regulations, "Tracking, by its nature is a vigorous non-competitive outdoor sport. Tracking Tests should demonstrate willingness and enjoyment by the dog in his work, and should always represent the best in sportsmanship and camaraderie by the people involved."

This description of tracking as a sport is, as you will quickly learn, not some "ivory tower" description of the sport, but is what the participants and their dogs live and breath. Non-competitive in the light that it is the team of the handler and dog against the track and not team against team as in most other canine sports.

The regulations further state that "The purpose of a Tracking Test is to demonstrate the dog's ability to recognize and follow human scent, a skill that is useful in the service of mankind." Yes it can be useful to mankind, but most often it is simply enjoyable to both the team and the spectators.

Tracking with Spaniels is always enjoyable and sometimes frustrating. Their natural distraction for birds and other critters will quickly convince you of the need to teach a "leave it" and a "back to work"



command. As you and your dog progress in your training, your dog will become confident in his ability to follow the scent and you, in turn, will learn to understand that the key to tracking is learning to "trust" your dog.

As you watch your dog "track" across your yard or down a practice track we all wonder what the dog is following. Scent as defined by Webster is "an emanation from a substance that affects the sense of smell" or "an odor left by an animal or person by which it is tracked in hunting". Several theories have evolved with most discussion being separated into two groups. The dog is tracking "broken vegetation" or the dog is tracking skin "rafts" or shed body cells. In either case, the dog has the advantage with its ability to differentiate between approximately 500,000 different scents using its 100 million or so olfactory cells versus our ability to only differentiate between several thousand scents using our 5 million olfactory cells.

As a person walks through a field, his scent is embedded into the grass, dirt and brush. The scent is a combination of body scent, individual chemical makeup of the person, the fabric and texture of their clothes and footwear, soap, perfume, deodorant, hairspray, smoke odor and their body weight. The basis of the individuality of each person's scent is thought by scientists to come from a natural skin lubricant called sebum.

Scent and its lasting effect is affected by weather conditions; dry, wet, cold, warm, snow, rain, fog, mist, sun, wind, age of the track, altitude and the type of ground cover.

On a hot, dry day in a dusty field, the scent will be harder for the dog to follow. If the wind picks up, it gets even harder. While on a damp, cool morning, with little wind, the dog will follow the track as if it were on rails. For beginner track layers trying



to define scent and its use in tracking involves lots of complications, too many variables and a great deal of frustration. So go back to the "KISS" method. The longer the grass, the stronger the scent. The lower the wind, the stronger the ground scent. And, most of all, trust your dog. He can easily determine the various scents, you can't.

When tracking your dog will follow two types of scent. The footsteps of the tracklayer and the tracklayer's scent which has been distributed by the air currents. All dogs can determine the difference between the two scent trails and most will alternate their tracking by lifting their noses from the "footsteps" to sniff the wind as they work a track. As changes in terrain or conditions occur during the track, the dog may favor one of these trails over another. In basic tracking, your object will be to try to keep your dog's nose "glued" to the ground. The easiest method of accomplishing this is to utilize short training tracks with a reasonable amount of ground cover. It will be much easier for your dog to follow the track across a field of 12" grass rather than across a football or baseball field. As your dog becomes aware of what tracking is all about, and you become more accomplished in "reading" your dog, vary your tracking site to include short grass, long grass or weeds, brush, rolling hills, etc.

To help you grasp the concept of scent, attempt to think about your track in the following manner. Pretend that the scent you are leaving as you lay a track is a heavy fog. As you walk through the field, this fog sticks to the ground, brush and grasses

you might walk on or brush with your legs. Now consider, that if a wind is blowing, the fog will drift along the ground in the direction the wind is blowing. The fog will also collect or become saturated in low spots, along fences or hedges, in and next to ditches or culverts or simply next to changes in the height of grasses or weeds. Think about this as you lay the track and again while you are watching you dog ground and air scent for the trail. It will give you a better appreciation for the working ability of your dog's nose.



After years of research by the government, scientists, enthusiasts and other trackers, I must conclude as William R. Koehler so eloquently put it "We humans cannot track by scent and know little of scent's mysteries, so obviously there is no positive way we can make a dog use his ability to track."

The object in tracking is not to force the dog to track but to learn from his body movement, traits and indications that he is tracking. A well known tracking judge once said to a group of handlers, "Be the dope at the end of the rope". Only your dog can follow the scent, so just follow along, help him when necessary and learn to trust his ability to lead you down the trail.

### Why Do We Track?

Many trackers track younger dogs, which are growing up and are not yet involved in conformation, field or obedience, to allow these dogs to mature while experiencing unpressured training. This seems to help many of the young dogs "get their head straight" before formalized competition. Tracking is also the next logical step for that dog which has its Championship. As a fellow trainer likes to say, "The best dogs are those with a title at each end."

Another reason is to allow the older or retired dog to remain active while competing in an unstressful environment. But the vast majority of trackers do it just because they love to be outside, exercising while spending time with a dog and their friends.

### Tools of the Trade

The handler is responsible for providing a large range of equipment. Most of the equipment required for this sport is easily found around your house or can be economically purchased. It is not necessary for you to spend a large sum of money to begin your tracking experience. A sample listing of some of the required items may be found in the listing accompanying this article.

So, you think that this sport might be just right for you and your Spaniel? Find an tracking instructor in your town or check the reference material listed with this article for a club near you which holds tracking tests. I would suggest to all aspiring trackers that they go to at least one or two tracking tests beforehand and have a look at what goes on.

Soon, you will be part of what you may have once considered a "sub-cult" of enthusiast, called trackers and will relish the idea of being led by your dog through brush and brambles searching for the scent of a tracklayer.

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German Shepherd Dog Club of  
Minneapolis/St Paul  
May 08, 2009

Board Members:

Mike Metz, President, Julie Swinland, Vice President,  
Jill Myers, Secretary, Mada Parnell, Treasurer,  
Liz Oster, Board (1 year remaining), Ginny Altman,  
Board (2 year remaining)

Board Members Absent:

Lisa Marie Fortier, Board (3 year term)

President called the meeting to order at 8:45pm

President's Report:

Mike highlighted the Budget and Finance committee meeting from the previous night by noting that YTD training income was up approximately 40% from 2008, membership up around 20% and match income was up as well.

He reported that Paul's presentation last week was well attended and received and reminded us of the Dog Chiropractor presentation coming up on May 22.

Vice President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Mada reported that QuickBooks 2009 is half off right now for \$99.00 and will be required to work with newer & future PC operating systems. Julie Swinland motioned that Mada purchase QuickBooks 2009; it was seconded and carried unanimously.

Checking account balance is \$5736.98, savings \$5698.73 for a total of \$11435.71.

Specialty Show Report:

Due to an oversight the outdoor Armory show area will be under construction at the same time as our show. This generated much discussion regarding alternate sites. Mada Parnell motioned to allow Holly and her show committee to investigate alternatives and make a decision in the best interest of the club up to \$300 over the current budget if necessary; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Bo Vujovich will be in charge of Saturday night.

Linda Salava will be handling the food at the show.

Training:

Verna reported that a July/August beginner's Open

obedience class is being considered with more information to follow.

The July fun match for 2009 still needs a chair. Verna motioned that Judy Morin and Verna Kubik serve as the match chairs for the July match tentatively scheduled for the 18th; the motioned was seconded and passed unanimously.

Membership Report:

Our 3 new members were again acknowledged & welcomed; Amber Stewart, Debbie Halfen and Connie Halfen.

Shep-O-Gram Report

More kudos to the enormous amount of work Julie puts out to give us an exceptional monthly read.

Events

Geocaching & picnic is scheduled for May 30th at Afton State Park. 4 GPS park devices have been reserved for the group. Send Julie an email at blackforestgsd@msn.com to let her know you're interested in participating. Detailed information is included the May Shep-o-Gram.

MN State Fair – Verna reported that Sunday Labor Day weekend is GSD day. She suggested 3 teams be put together with the leaders to chair the event. MPDBA (MN Pure Bred Dog Breeders Association) board member would like to come to GSDC to make a presentation. To be discussed further.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40pm

Jill Myers, Secretary

**Canine Nosework - a New Sport**

The National Canine Scent Work Association (NC-SWA) sets the standards governing the sport of canine nose work. NCSWA is the only official sanctioning and organizing body for nose work titles and instructor certification in nose work.

The art and practice of nose work has now reached dogs of all shapes and sizes and has made basic search dog skills available to companion dogs, creating a new urban sport arena for dog enthusiasts.

For more information and a list of titles and requirements go to : <http://www.ncswa.net/home.html> .



## Canine Chiropractic by Julie Swinland

Several weeks ago our club had the opportunity to see a presentation by Dr Josee Gerard DC on animal chiropractic. It was both interesting and informative. Minnesota has allowed animal chiropractic since 2008 and Dr Josee was one of the people pushing for that to pass. In order to be an animal chiropractor one must first be either a doctor of chiropractic or a veterinary doctor and then complete the course of study to be certified as an animal chiropractor.

When Dr Gerard gave her presentation I was a believer in chiropractic already due to personal experience. When she told us the variety of conditions that can be helped through treatments I was quite fascinated. According to Dr Josee's brochure on chiropractic, Chiropractic adjustments are very gentle and painless, and relieve pressure and interference from the brainstem, spinal cord and nerves. In turn this allows the body to heal itself and experience optimum health.

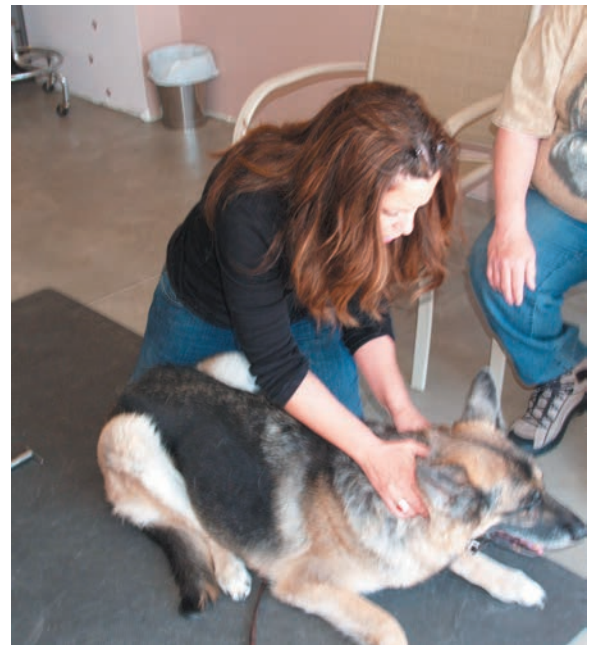
According to the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association, Chiropractic care may be an appropriate treatment for:

- Neck, back, leg and tail pain
- Muscle spasms, nerve problems
- Disc problems, joint problems, limping
- Injuries from slips, falls and accidents
- Jaw problems, difficulty chewing
- Event or sports injuries
- Post-surgical care
- Bowel, bladder, and internal disorders
- Maintenance of joint and spinal health.

**Chiropractic care does not attempt to replace traditional veterinary care.**

Josee's brochure also says, Chiropractic may help if your pet has experience..

- Hip Dysplasia
- Seizures
- Surgery with the use of anesthetic
- Trauma from fall or impact
- Recurring respiratory or urinary tract infections
- Change in behaviors or moods
- Recurrent vomiting, diarrhea or constipation
- Trouble getting up or lying down, going up or down stairs.



**Black Forest Amelia Earhart RN TC OFA H&E  
receivng her first treatment**

There are currently 9 Chiropractors certified by the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners. They can be found online at <http://www.mn-chiroboard.state.mn.us/Animal%20Chiropractic%20Interim%20List.htm> . The web site for Minnesota animal chiropractic care. is [www.MNAnimalChiro.org](http://www.MNAnimalChiro.org) There are also some veterinarians who are trained in chiropractic. You can ask your vet to help you find one.

During her presentation Dr Josee also mentioned that chiropractic could help dogs suffering from Degenerative Myelopathy. She made it clear it was NOT a cure and could not stop the disease, but might slow it down or help the dog to be more comfortable. My oldest dog, Black Forest Amelia Earhart RN TC OFA H & E, has started showing symptoms of DM. She is 14 ½, the same age that her mother died of what appeared to be that condition. I decided it was worth a try to see if this might help Amy on her way to the Rainbow Bridge to join her mother. Until her emergency spay operation in December, just before her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, Amy was jumping on and off my bed all day long. She developed pyometra and had to be spayed, an operation the vet would not normally perform on a dog of her age. Amy is a very energetic and determined dog though, and she went through the surgery. As she was recovering I saw the signs of DM. There would be no more lounging on my bed for her. Her back end would swing around on corners like a trailer out of control and her back toes knuckled under and dragged some of the time. I discussed this with my vet and she said there is still no real

help for dogs with this condition. When I was told her mother had this disease several years ago I contacted the expert, Dr. Roger M. Clemmons DVM, in Florida and he offered to examine her to determine if it truly was DM if I brought her to Florida. Well, trips to Florida with an old dog were not an option then or now, so I got an appointment for Amy with Dr Josee to see if chiropractic could help .

Amy was her charming self with Dr Josee and Dr Mark LaVallie. Josee said she had never seen a German Shepherd as old as Amy and remarked on how spunky she was. She found a lot of tension in her shoulders due to shifting her weight from the rear to the front as she was losing control of the rear. She pointed out that when Amy shook her body that she really only shook her head and neck rather than following through all the way to the tail as a dog normally would.

Amy has had two treatments now. During her second treatment Dr Josee said she could feel improvement and that Amy didn't require as much of an adjustment as she did at her first appointment. I have seen some improvement in her gait and she has regained full use of her tail which had started to just wrap around her back leg. She does enjoy a good nap on her memory foam pad though. I realize I will lose Amy eventually, but I want to maximize her golden years as we head down this path together. There are days that she comes running or trotting when I call and I think that is remarkable for any German Shepherd at her age. You may have seen her last year at our specialties where she was by far the oldest dog at the show and yet won Rally Novice one day with a 99 out of 100 and tied for first the second day losing the tie by a few seconds. She also showed in Veteran Bitch both days going second to her daughter. She will not give up easily. Don't be surprised if she makes an appearance at our July match.

I am including some photos of Amy during her first appointment.

There are many web sites that have information on animal chiropractic. Here are a few:

<http://www.homevet.com/petcare/chiro.html>

<http://www.dog-chiropractor.com/canine.html>

<http://www.vtsports.com/articles/canine-chiropractic-another-kind-treatment>



SOGGY by Julie Swinland





Like many other show people, I once lumped tracking, hunting and most obedience people into one group -- non-show - I am now part of that group - and proud of it. I discovered that all of my show dogs could track. Most importantly, I have found a home within this strange group who are routinely found in mud splattered bluejeans, parkas, ugly rubber boots and gaudy rain gear They have shared with me the insight that finding the glove really is better than finding the Holy Grail or even a Group placement.



Tracking is a way of becoming part of a team with your dog, and discovering more about your canine friend that you ever thought possible. There is a value in that cannot be explained -- you must experience it for yourself. Like Nike says, "Just Do It!" You and your dog will love it.

## Beginning Open Class

During the summer break from the beginning obedience class, our training Director, Verna Kubik, has announced plans for an 8 week beginning Open class with Eileen Varhalla. This will include



off leash work, dumbbells and jumping. The time for this class has not been determined. It will be offered in a block of lessons. Contact Eileen or Verna Kubik for more information

## GSDC MSP Class Schedule Obedience Classes

Class	Time
Alt weeks--Team & Run Thrus	6:00-6:45
Intermediate & Advanced Novice	6:45-7:45
Beginning Obedience	7:45-8:30
Advanced Obedience Run-Thrus	8:30-Done

## PPT & Rally Classes

S.T.A.R. Puppy	6:45-7:30
Competition Obedience	7:30-8:30
Rally-All Levels	8:30-Close

## Conformation Classes

Class	Time
Socialization Only	7:00-8:30
Litter Socialization	6:30-7:00
Novice Conformation Handlers Class	7:00-7:30
Advanced Conformation	7:30-8:30
Open Ring Conformation	8:30-Close

**NOTE: During the summer There will be a beginning Open class replacing the beginning Obedience class time to be announced.**



## Brags

**Am Can CH Mythical Zeus of Black Forest** -Connie Karner

**Badger KC Jefferson WI**  
May 3 Group 4

**Key City KC St Peter, MN**  
May 23 Best Opposite  
May 24 Zeus B.O.B. Key City KC

**Fox River KC**  
May 29 Best of Breed  
May 30 Best Opposite Sex

**Stone City KC**  
May 31 Best of Breed

**Zytut's Something to Talk About -**  
Connie Karner  
**Key City KC St Peter, MN**  
May 23 Best of Breed, Group 4  
May 24 Best Opposite Sex

**Fox River KC**  
May 29 Winner's Bitch, Best Opposite, Best Puppy,  
Group 2 in the Puppy Group

**Am Can Int'l Ch Oak Haven Xena of BLK Forest**  
**RE, TT, TC, OFA H&E - Julie Swinland**  
June 6 Temperament Tested (TT) certification from  
the ATTS

Please send in your show results



## Club Events

### June 20-21 GSDC MSP Specialty shows

Roseville Armory

Holly Bryan Secretary [Hollybryan1@aol.com](mailto:Hollybryan1@aol.com)

### July 18 Match -Conformation-Obedience-Rally

Match Chair Judy Morin

Conformation judge Sharon Todoroff

Obedience/rally judge To be announced

Temperament test? Let Mike Metz know if you are interested

### State Fair demos August

Contact Verna Kubik

### Geocaching event September

Contact Julie Swinland

### Herding Fun Day -Fall date to be announced

Contact Eileen Varhalla

### Herding Trial October 2

Polly Simpson's Farm New Richmond, WI

## Scorch the Porch!

*Fellow club members,*

*Mike and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at our potluck and bonfire party on Friday night, June 19th. It will begin following run-throughs at the Roseville armory--about four-ish. Please bring a dish to share, or pick up something from anywhere and join us. Mike and I will supply the liquids, grills, coolers, marshmallows and stix and our home and yard. We have always had a great time doing this, so come as you are--comfortable. If you need more info, email me at [sheilawm@comcast.net](mailto:sheilawm@comcast.net).*

*Thanks, Mike and Sheila Metz at Lindenhill GSD*



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