

Shep-O-Gram

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We had the sad news that our friend and member, Linda Fisher has been diagnosed with lung Cancer. Linda's wishes are that you do not call her, but rather contact her via email. fishergsd@frontiernet.net.

You may have noticed that Joan Johnson has not been present lately. She is currently in the Lutheran Home, 611 W Main St Belle Plaine, MN 56011, and might appreciate a card.

Last month I talked a lot about volunteerism. We will need a slate of officers to vote on and we also need a new training director. Bill Duffy has volunteered to head up the nomination committee (so far it is a committee of 1), so contact Bill to volunteer to run for office. Sheila Metz is retiring from the training director position in January 2011. That is coming right up. If you wonder what a training director does, ask Sheila or Verna Kubik, our last two directors.

We have our Pot Luck and pictures with Santa on Dec 10 followed by a short membership meeting. Cindy Muehbauer has volunteered to organize the pot luck see page 5 for more information. Cindy will need help with decorations for the Santa pictures so see what trees and ornaments you have available to bring in on Dec 10. Contact Cindy for suggestions on what she needs.

Be sure to get your new title information to Mada along with your write up for the Awards banquet. The due date is Dec 20. We also have the reservation form for the banquet on page 11. Jan Anderson has taken the position of Banquet Chair so please send your reservations to her.

If you have not paid your dues yet for next year, get them in to Roger Salava right away.

We have three short articles in this issue and letters from Verna Kubik, on our herding trials and from Kathy DuVall and Jan Anderson our fall match chairs. Both of these events were very successful.

Training was cancelled this week due to the weather. Please be sure that there is training before starting out on days when the weather looks potentially hazardous.

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SOG Due Date
Jan issue - Dec 21

December 10 membership meeting follows Pot Luck 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)
 Single \$66.00 Family* \$100.00
*Dues are not tax deductible * Family is defined as same household or significant other.*
Make checks payable to GSDCA (Outside the US add \$24.00)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (s) _____ Fax _____ Email _____

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

Signed _____ Signed _____

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

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

Awards Presented at Our Annual Banquet in January

Please submit the name of dog and owner for any awards earned in the calendar year 2008 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 20, 2010
 (fees made out to GSDC - MSP if applicable) to:

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

For more information refer to the November Shep-O-Gram page 9

News from the AKC on the Breeder of Merit Program

Since its founding in 1884, the American Kennel Club (AKC) has served all who are committed and dedicated not only to the sport of purebred-dogs but to all dogs. As the AKC has grown and expanded, the reach and influence of core-exhibitor breeders has expanded as well. With those breeders in mind, AKC has created the new Breeder of Merit program. It proudly honors breeder/exhibitors' dedication and hard work as they continue to produce dogs that are healthy, capable, and beautiful. The foundation of today's AKC, Breeders of Merit have the power to influence, guide, and teach future breeders, exhibitors, and all purebred dog owners.

AKC is excited to welcome all breeders interested in the program who meet the following requirements:

Has a history of at least 5 years involvement with AKC events.

Earned at least 4 Conformation, Performance or Companion event titles on dogs they bred/co-bred.
Member of an AKC club.

Certifies that applicable health screens are performed on the sire and dam as recommended by the Parent Club.

Demonstrates a commitment to ensuring 100% of the puppies they produce are AKC registered.

Breeders of Merit will enjoy a multitude of benefits, including:

Breeder of Merit registration applications and registration certificates featuring a special designation.

Complimentary access to online reports.

Access to the AKC Direct toll free number.

Online record support, to ensure that your records are accurate, complete, and easily accessible.

A frameable certificate of distinction, to signify your participation in the program.

Breed-specific web banners that participants can use to proudly promote their involvement in the Program.

Acknowledgement on a special page of the AKC website and in the AKC Gazette.

A Breeder of Merit Lapel pin.

And more!

For more information and a downloadable application, go to www.akc.org/breederofmerit, or send an e-mail to merit@akc.org. We hope you are as excited about the new Breeder of Merit Program as we are.

Braggs

GCH Ch, Can Ch. Mythical Zeus of Black Forest, OFA Ex H&E Connie Karner

Zeus is the #5 GSD in the breed rankings of the AKC and has been invited to show at the Westminster!

Natalie, owned, bred & handled by Kathy DuVall

earned her JHD(Junior Herding Dog) title on 11/20/10 in the AHBA venue at Pine City, Ellysian Farm under: Tanya Wheeler and James Bergert

Tanya commented "very nice handling. Excellent"

James commented "nice dog".

KLEINE PRINZESSIN KATJA MXP5 MJP6 PAX had a pretty great weekend at the St Paul Dog Training Club Agility trial going 6 for 6 on all her runs !! She got three 1 st place & three 2 nd place ribbons adding 3 QQ's to her total , bringing her to 19 QQ's for her PAX 2 !!!!KATJA jumps 20" preferred and is owned and handled by Rhonda Meath

American, Can, & In'tl CH Oak Haven Xena of BLK Forest CD RAE NJP NAP CGC TT TC Julie Swinland

Nov 12 SPDTC 2nd Novice Standard Preferred 95

2nd Novice Jumpers with Weaves 95

Nov 13 SPDTC 2nd Novice Jumpers 100 New NJP title

Nov 14 SPDTC 2nd Novice Standard 90 New NAP title



Caring for your Senior Dog: Top 10 Tips to Help your Arthritic Dog

Dr. Debra Primovic

Dog arthritis is one of the most common diseases that affect canines, especially large breed dogs (60-90 lbs). Just as human arthritis, dog arthritis tends to get worse with age

Here are 10 tips that may help your arthritic dog:

1. **Slip-free Flooring.** Hardwood and tile floors are slippery and can be very difficult for dogs with [arthritis](#) to move around. Placing carpet or area rugs will help secure your dog's footing. This can help prevent your dog from slipping and getting injured.
2. **A Soft Bed.** Soft bedding can help support your dog's bones and joints and make your pet more comfortable. This can be especially important in thin dogs in which bony prominences are likely to rub on hard surfaces. Some beds are made especially for dogs with arthritis, such as waterbeds, hammock beds, and beds with plenty of extra cushion.
3. **Ramps or Cubes.** Stairs and furniture can become difficult obstacles for your aging companion. Ramps or specially designed cubes can help pets safely climb stairs, get into or out of bed or get in and out of your vehicle. Ramps can be made of plastic or wood and are available from many pet catalogs. A new product called "Puppy Stairs" are soft modular cubes that fit together in combinations that permit pets to climb up or down from beds or sofas. These cubes are made of soft rubber, have rounded corners and washable covers.
4. **Medication.** Various medications are available that can help your dog feel better. Medications include drugs such as Deramaxx®, Rimadyl® or Etogesic®. These drugs are classified as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and work to suppress inflammation and pain. Other medications such as Cosequin® can also be beneficial by providing your dog's body with necessary nutrients for cartilage repair and function. See your veterinarian to discuss if any of these medications could benefit your dog.
5. **Peace & Quiet.** As your dog ages, he may not be as tolerant or patient as he used to be. Sore joints make it difficult for your pet to enjoy rambunctious playful children. Supervise playtime and consider keeping your dog away from very young children. Even parties and holiday time can be distressing for an arthritic dog. Your dog may want to join in the festivities regardless of the discomfort. To reduce joint pain and [inflammation](#), you may want to limit your arthritic dog's time as the center of attention.
6. **Massage.** By massaging your dog, you can increase his or her flexibility, circulation, calmness and a general sense of wellness. Professional animal massage therapists are available to provide your pet a more thorough treatment.
7. **Weight Control and Dietary Therapy.** Arthritis is more of a problem in obese pets. Weight loss can be beneficial by reducing the workload on your dog's bones and joints. In addition to basic weight loss, there are diets formulated for dogs with arthritis that may be beneficial for your dog. Diets, such as Hills® Science Diet® j/d™ and Purina® JM Joint Mobility™ have been shown to help dogs with arthritis maintain weight, [reduce pain](#) and improve mobility.
8. **Exercise.** Modest daily exercise can help some dogs. Special care is needed, so it is important to first see your veterinarian, who can recommend an appropriate exercise program. Exercise can strengthen your dog's muscles and ligaments thus reducing your dog's injury potential and risk.
9. **Extra Time.** Don't rush a dog with arthritis. It often takes them extra time to walk, climb stairs or get in and out of the car. Support and help your arthritic dog if needed or just give your pet the extra time to get around.
10. **Grooming.** Grooming should not be neglected, especially in the older dog. Arthritic dogs have a difficult time keeping themselves clean, especially in those hard to reach areas. Help your dog stay clean by trimming the hair around the rear end. Brushing will help remove mats and tangles, which can injure delicate older skin. Follow these

POTLUCK

December 10 at or around 7:00 pm
Bring your favorite ethnic or traditional dish to share

Pop, water, plates and utensils will be provided.

In conjunction with our Potluck we will have holiday pictures with your pooch



We will be collecting non perishable pet food donations for Second Harvest Food Shelf. Pet food is in demand during these tough times. Cash donations also welcome.

Please contact cinosamgsd@yahoo.com for more information about the potluck.



Volunteers are needed to decorate and setup.



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top 10 tips, and you'll be able to keep your arthritic dog living longer, stronger, happier and healthier.

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With her PetPlace.com columns, Dog safety and health expert, Dr. Debra Primovic has helped thousands of dog owners keep their [dogs](http://www.petplace.com) living longer and stronger. For more information, check out www.petplace.com for 8,000+ veterinarian approved articles guaranteed to keep you from compromising the care of your dog.

All Breed Judging 101

Linn Klingel Brown.

This article is meant to give you information on what it is like to be an All Breed Judge and the processes that a club goes through hiring judges. It is hoped it will give you some insight and help when you are making judge choices in the next voting process.

First some terms:

Provisional Judge: approved to judge at least one breed. Judges must have a breeding history or extensive dog show experience and education requirements of mentors, Institutes, Parent club Judges Ed, attending Nationals or Regional Specialties. Then they must pass an open book test and interview with field rep on breed specific knowledge. Also, follow the application and approval through the judging department and the AKC Board. After one is approved to judge a breed they are required to do 5 provisional judging assignments, per breed, before one can request regular status. 2 of these assignments must be watched and evaluated by different field reps. Those entries also must be large enough (usually majors) to access your knowledge of the breed. If you have any reviews that are "does not meet requirements" you may have to do 2-5 more before you can resubmit a request for regular status.

Regular Status Judge: Have completed 5 provisional assignments that at least meet or exceeds minimum requirements, with no bad reviews. Then you may start the process all over and apply for more breeds.

When you can judge all the breeds in a group, even if some are provisional, you may judge the group at the end of the day.

When you are not longer provisional for group judging, you may also do BIS. FYI- IF you start with 1 breed then get 2, then 4 etc. It is said it now takes close to 10 years to be a group judge.

Now let's talk about the lucrative side of judging and how a club hires judges.

Provisional judges get paid \$3-4 per dog entered and no expenses. If we take a job in Tulsa and only 1 dog (no Pts) is entered, we still have to be there at our own expense. Even if the dog doesn't show. However, if one dog shows it counts as one of the 5

provisionals. Akc does give education credits to clubs if they use provisionals.

Once they have a group regular status judges usually get expenses and charge a daily fee instead of a per dog fee. You may only judge 175 dogs per day (figure 25 per hour). Fees vary according to how many breeds or groups you can judge; anywhere from \$200 to \$500 per day. Most specialty clubs only pay a judge's expenses, as it is considered an honor to judge a specialty. But be aware, some GSD breeder judges don't want to deal with the field reps and double handling etc. at all breed shows.

So how does this relate to picking All Breed Judges? Here is what I know about the process they use to make their decisions. Just like us, all breed clubs use a dog show to make money to keep solvent, or pay for expenses of training etc. So they need to get the most bang for their buck. Provisional judges give them AKC credits, and are "cheap" as no expenses of travel and lodging. Regular judges need to have at least one group, 2 or best, so they can use them for 2 days on the same expenses. Also, very popular judges may be booked 2 years in advance! Others are in demand enough they can decline and outdoor show, if they don't like the uncertainty of weather. Most clubs watch other local club panels and try not to repeat judges in the same year. They are afraid of losing entries if assignments are too close.

What can we do?

What we need to try and do is give them many names to choose from. There are over 8 clubs within 2 hrs of the cities. We need to give them a larger list of names. You can see how the clubs prefer someone they can ideally use for a group. In this day of declining entries, economics becomes important. One thing to look for in the judges directory might be a GSD judge who is now provisional for other breeds. They might be willing to travel for their provisional breeds and do GSD too. Look for names within driving distance instead of across the country. Either per dog fee with no expenses or expenses only. This might be attractive to all breed clubs.

But with numbers down we do have to support with entries. Build majors with puppies etc. to show we appreciate the consideration. They keep track of that. Clubs are willing to help on the hopes of keeping a major entry in a major breed like GSD's.

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GSDCMSP Match Results Nov 19, 2010

Conformation Judge: Sherry K McKinnon

Puppy Dogs

3 - 6 mo

1 - Marquis' The Lightning Thief - Owner(s) Doug and Liz Oster

2 - Buck - Owner(s) Daryn & Kelly Lovdokken

3 - Portbrix Ian Klaus - Owner Anna Beltrame

4 - Emhuis Catches Your Eye v Steffca - Owner Diane Blitsuis Brown

6 - 9 mos

1 - Marquis' They Call Me Heartbreaker of Anne-Isle - Owner(s) Doug & Liz Oster and Martha Simonnett

9 - 12 mos

1 - Kubistraum's Shane - Owner(s) Verna Kubik & Jinny Bailey

2

Open

1 - Kubistraum's BMW - Owner(s) Verna Kubik and Gary Stucci

Puppy Bitches

3 - 6 mos

1 - Marquis' Take A Bow - Owner(s) Doug & Liz Oster

2 - Rosewood's Sweetness - Owner - Bo Vujovich

3 - Steffca's Magnolia Blossom - Owner - Stephanie Steigerwald

4 - Summit - Owner(s) - Jonathan & Megan Fisher

6 - 9 mos

1 - Marquis' The Party Don't Start Til I Walk In - Owner(s) Doug & Liz Oster and Paul Auckhuis

2 - RiverRock's Karla v Kenlyn - Owner(s) Zoa Rockenstein and Kent Boyles

3 - R. O.'s Dominique v Anne-Isle - Owner(s) V Dukeman and M Simonett

9 - 12 mos

1 - Eco-Lan's Forget Me Not of EJM - Owner(s) Doug & Liz Oster

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So take a look on the AKC judges directory- you can look up who does GSD, who has the herding group. Talk to your handlers that travel around. Get names of all rounders who get our breed. Plus we have all our member judges or take that chance on a newbie or unknown! If you want the list of names currently on are all breed list or a quick sample list let me know.

Finally, Gloria Zopfi from the Anoka KC, would be happy to speak to the membership and answer any remaining questions regarding GSD supported entries and judges.

Best Puppy in Match - Marquis' They Call me Heartbreaker of Anne-Isle - Owner(s) Doug & Liz Oster and Martha Simonnett

Best Opposite Sex Puppy - Marquis' Take a Bow - Owner(s) Doug & Liz Oster

Best Adult in Match - Kubistraum's BMW - Owner(s) Verna Kubik and Gary Stucci

Best in Match - Marquis' They Call me Heartbreaker of Anne-Isle - Owner(s) Doug & Liz Oster and Martha Simonnett

Best Opposite Sex in Match - Marquis' Take a Bow - Owner(s) Doug & Liz Oster

**Obedience Judge: Terry Berg
Pre-novice**

191 - Lula, Owner Becka Grathwol

190 - Kubistruum's Carmine, Owner(s) Pamela Magadance & Verna Kubik

190 - Maverick, Owner Danielle Keller

Novice A

1. 190-1/2 - Izador - Owner Trish Grieshaber

2. 189 - Anastasia Aurelius - Owner(s) Michelle Patet & Brad Patet

**High in Trial
Izador - Owner Trish Grieshaber**

Rally Judge: Donna Bonnickson

Rally Excellent

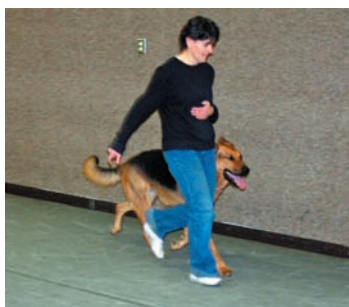
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Rally Advanced

1. Kubistraum's BMW

Verna Kubik and Gary Stucci

2. Ch Oak Haven Xena of BLK Forest CD RAE NJP NAP, Julie Swinland



by Dr Thorson, Stillwater Vet

Leptospirosis Attention Hunting dogs & dogs in rural areas

Leptospirosis is a re-emerging disease. It is seen primarily in dogs that live in rural areas or that hunt. This is because it can be found in water that these dogs may drink – that found in ponds, slews, ditches, etc. The bacteria is excreted in the urine of infected wild mammals – like opossums and raccoons – and if it is ingested by dogs, it generally causes kidney failure and may also affect the liver. There are several different types of *Leptospira* bacteria called serovars. The University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine has seen a few cases of leptospirosis this summer – so it is in the area, but doesn't seem to be in large numbers. There is a vaccine available to prevent infection, and at the current time it is recommended for those dogs with a risk of exposure.

The following article from Michigan State University will

give you an overview of the disease. If you wish to vaccinate your dog, please give us a call and if you have questions, feel free to talk to one of our veterinarians.

Leptospirosis is a disease caused by infection with one of the more than 250 types of bacteria called *Leptospira*. These bacteria can infect any mammal, including humans. *Leptospira* live in warm, wet environments like damp grass, standing water, mud, and lakes. Under ideal conditions, the bacteria can survive more than three months outside the body.

Leptospirosis is most often transmitted to dogs through mucous-membrane (mouth, nose, eye) contact with the urine of infected animals. Raccoons, skunks, opossums, rats, cows, and pigs are all known carriers of the infection. Leptospirosis can cause a

broad range of clinical signs in any combination. The most common early indicators of *Leptospira* infection are: loss of appetite, increase or decrease in urine production, uncharacteristic inactivity, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Even with prompt, exhaustive medical care, 10 to 15 percent of infected dogs may die. Left untreated, many infected die of kidney or liver failure. For most dogs, limiting exposure to the outdoors is neither practical nor desirable.

Vaccination is the best way to prevent leptospirosis. There are a number of vaccine options and vaccination schedules.

If you suspect your dog may have leptospirosis, Your veterinarian can assess your dog's condition and order any necessary diagnostic tests.

Dogs can also become infected from close contact with another infected dog. Because of the broad range of carrier species, any dog-even one briefly outdoors in an urban backyard-is vulnerable to the disease.

Early diagnosis, treatment, and supportive care are essential to giving your dog the best chance for survival.

Humans are also vulnerable to leptospirosis. If your dog is diagnosed with leptospirosis, consider medical assessment for anyone in close contact with the animal.



Pictures from the Fall match

2010 Herding Trial Report

Our September 10th and 11th, 2010, GSDC MSP Herding Tests and Trials were a great success. Entries filled with a total of 35 sheep runs both days, 15 duck runs on Saturday and 14 duck runs (no alternates) on Sunday. Thanks to the contributions of time, materials, food, entries, and a lot of hard work by everyone, the Trials appear to be a financial success, and a good time was had by all. The only complaint we heard was that the ducks had their own agenda and didn't want to leave the fences. Carol Delsman, the AKC rep, was very positive in her comments.



We can't thank our show Secretary, Sunny DeYoung enough for a GREAT JOB! Sunny handled the AKC paperwork, took the entries, and did a great job of handling the changes, move-up and alternates before & during, the shows, and preparing the reports after. Everything ran smoothly both days; our first time through paperwork came out almost perfect, and Sunny handled the few glitches with skill and good nature. Without her guidance, we would have had a lot harder time keeping everything together. Thanks also for the beautiful Stained Glass Sheep she donated for the High Combined two-day score on sheep.

Our hosts, Kim and Joe Schneider were marvelous! Kim and Joe have had a lot of experience with ASCA trials at their place, and had everything from stock handling to parking under perfect control. The stock came out quiet and smoothly. She communicated well so everyone knew what they had to do and when, and everything ran smoothly. Joe made two beautiful stained glass German Shepherds for High Scoring GSD each day, and his mom, RoseAnne, helped out by setting up, laying out and serving the potluck lunches.

Thanks to Eileen Varhalla for donating the use of her sheep, and for helping the day of the trial.

Thanks to Dr. Zoa Rockenstein for organizing the "day of Trial" helpers-stock handlers, gatekeepers, timers, scribes, runners, and "anything you need, I'm here" helpers on hand, and for donating the Special Award Rosettes.

Thanks to The Stock Handlers,--Kim Schneider Deb Conroy, Mary Hendrickson, Doreen Kurvas, Brad & Michele Patet, and Mickey Trent for hauling ducks to "B" course with her dog cart; Gatekeepers, Virginia Bailey, Marcia Kourkkoui, and Kathy Derrick, grounds & parking Edward Schneider, timers-Jackie Thulin, Laurie McDermid, Eileen Varhalla, Tom Thulin, Jackie Del Faveo, Marcia Kourkkouri, and Mary Hendrickson, Scribe-Karin Andreen, Runners-Mary Hendrickson, Zoa Rockenstein, Judy Grumdahl, and Denise McCabe

Pam Magadance did a really great job on setting up the budget and financial report, writing the contracts for Kim, Sunny and the Judges, proofing the documents, generating the mailing list and advertising the event to every AKC herding club giving trials in the last year. Pam, Jinny, and I drafted proofed and printed the premium list, judging program, 4-part worksheets, catalogs and other miscellaneous documents.

Thanks to Holly Bryan and Peggy Simerson for providing the trophies and prizes for the qualifying exhibitors. They were very well received, and several exhibitors commented on how nice they were. Thanks to Sheila Metz for coordinating the fundraising match to support the trials.

A special thanks to ; Holly Bryan, Laurie Schray, for making the trek to Pine City through horrible traffic to help us with the potluck on Saturday, to Joe's mom, Roseanne Schneider, and Kathy DuVall for helping out on Sunday, and to everyone who brought food and beverages. The food was GREAT and worth the trip, whether you were entered or not!

Thanks to our judges, for a very nice job! Twenty-two runs qualified each day, with 9 HTs, 3 PTs, 6 Started, 1 Intermediate & 1 Advanced sheep, 1 Started and 1 Advanced Duck run Qualifying on Saturday, 7 HTs and 4 PTs, 7 Started, 2 Intermediate, and 2 Advanced sheep runs Qualifying on Sunday. Sixteen new title rosettes were given out over the two days, mostly to the Test level entries-a good omen for future trials.

And last, but most important, thanks to the exhibitors, the GSDC MSP officers, board, and members for making the trials possible. I am sure I have forgotten to mention someone, but not intentionally.

We heard very positive comments from some exhibitors who came a very long way, and who said they would be back next year, and bring more dogs next time!

Verna Kubik,

Letter from Our Match Chairs

As Chair/co-chair of the Fun Match, held on Nov 19th, at Animal Inn Training Center, we would like to thank the following for their willingness to be a part of the Fun Match and Silent Auction sponsored by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis / St Paul.

First, as Chairperson I would like to extend a thank you to Jan Anderson for being my "right hand" person. Without you we could not have put this event on so flawlessly. You were so integral in securing the conformation judge, doing all the AKC paperwork, making sure the Conformation Judge had a place to stay while here, coordinating the ribbons and paperwork for the match ahead of time, and so much more. Thank you so much Jan.

Julie Swinland, thank you for designing the flyers for the match, the notices in the newsletter, notices on the yahoo group list, securing the judges for obedience, rally and the stewards. You were a very important part of this match.

A big thank you to our conformation judge, Sherry K McKinnon, who drove from Colorado to do the second match in her quest for a judge's license and did not charge us. She only requested a place to stay for the night. She is Lonestar Kennel and Sherry can boast, Select Ch Lonestar's Marguerita, a Grand Champion title and many years of successful competition in conformation, obedience and herding. Stewarding for her was Mike Wakeling...what more can we say except "Thank you."

A thank you to Terry Berg, our obedience judge. He did an awesome job with lots of good comments for the exhibitors. Thank you to his wife, Laurie, and Mary Bente' for stewarding in obedience.

A thank you to our rally judge, Donna Bonnicksen and steward Jinny Bailey, who rounded out the fun match. We thank them for their patience they had in waiting for a ring to open up and allow them to show what fun rally can be. The Rally course was challenging and fun, per comments from exhibitors and observers

Thank you to Peggy Simerson for the gifts for all the first place winners in the classes and Best Adult In Match, Best Puppy and Best of Opposite for conformation along with prizes for Obedience and Rally. She donated a myriad of leashes, toys, bags and misc items. Thank you so much.

Thank you to our Club President Mada Skare, who once again managed the registration table.

Thank you to Eileen Varhalla for going early to open the building and help set up.

Thank you Laurie Schray, who was the take-charge-person for the myriad of yummy food which we shared. Thank you to everyone who brought food for the "Tail-Gating at the Match theme". What a variety of good food we all shared. Between registration and food donations the Club raised over \$225.00.

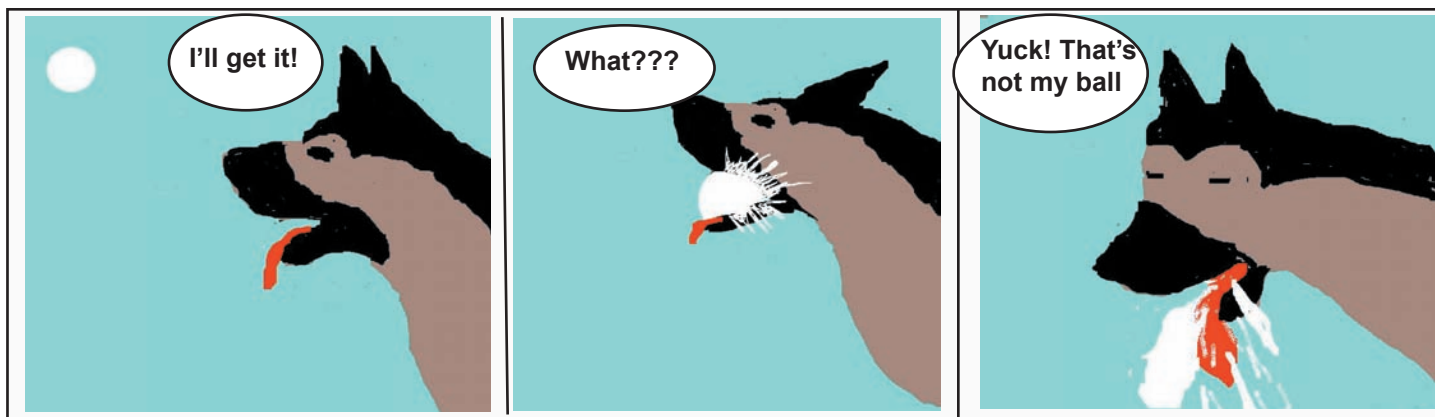
To all those who brought items for the Silent Auction thank you so much. To all those who bid on the silent auction items, FaerieLand Corgi & German Shepherd Rescue, thanks you from the bottom of our hearts. We raised \$200.00 which will help rescues. All proceeds go to the dogs.

Once again Dave Bissonnette immortalized our winners - - "Winners All" for coming out and having a good time. Thank you, Dave.

I know there are others who have not been mentioned by name, but know that your participation was a part of another successful fun match and we thank you one and all.

Kathy DuVall, Chair and
Jan Anderson, Co-Chair

SOGGY by Julie Swinland



Annual Awards Banquet January 29, 2011

Joseph's Grill
140 South Wabasha
Saint Paul, MN 55107

1-2 Social Hour (Cash bar)
2 - 3:15 Buffet Lunch
3:15 Awards Program

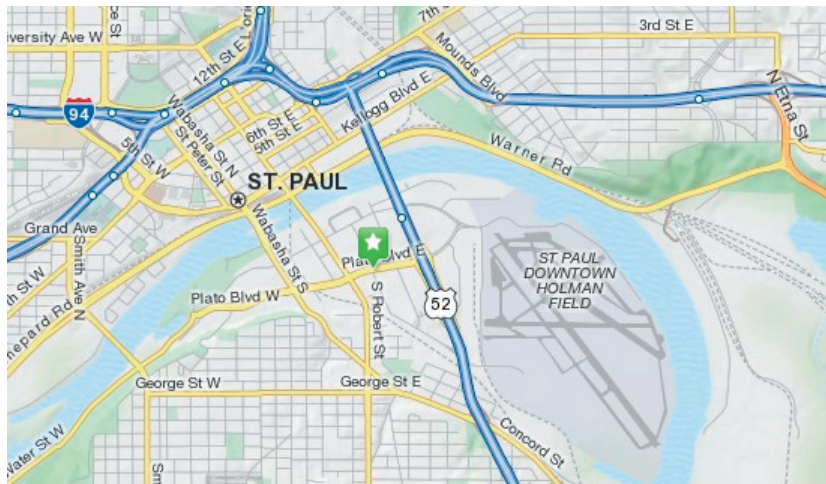
Celebrate the national wins

1st place Regional Challenge
1st Place Large club monthly newsletter
3rd place Web site
Helen Miller Fisher Received the Connie Beckhardt Award

Pricing - \$19.00 per person includes tax and gratuity; Children under 12 \$10

Buffet Menu

**House Salad - Mixed Field Greens,
Sliced Red Onion, Sliced Tomato,
Choice of Dressing**
Sliced Roast Beef
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Mushroom Gravy
Campers Walleye
Calico Rice
Dried Cranberry-Pecan Butter
Joseph's choice of vegetable
Rolls and butter
Coffee and Cake



Directions

from north

**35 E to 52 south take Plato exit go right (west)
on Plato to Wabasha. Awada's is on the right.
There is an entrance into the parking lot from
Plato just before Wabasha**

From South

**Take 52 north to Plato take plato exit, go left on
Plato to Wabasha. There is an entrance into the
parking lot from Plato just before Wabasha**

From East

**Take 94 west to 52 go south on 52 to Plato take
Plato exit go right (west) on Plato to Wabasha.
There is an entrance into the parking lot from
Plato just before Wabasha**

From West

**Take 94 east to 52 south take Plato exit. Go
right (west) on Plato to Wabasha. There is
an entrance into the parking lot from Plato just
before Wabasha**

Banquet Registration due by January 20th, 2011, Adults \$19 per person (includes tax and gratuity; Children under 12 \$10.

Number of attendees _____

Names of attendees _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

**Mail Banquet Registration form and check to: Jan Anderson, 910 Kingsview Ln N, Plymouth
MN 55447-4332 by January 20th, 2011. E-mail any questions to K9TaxiJan@msn.com or
phone 763 473 8977.**

Club Events

Dec 10 Membership meeting follows the pot luck at the Animal Inn. The pot luck starts at 7 PM . Bring your sogs for Santa pictures

Dec 18 Obedience Workshop at St Paul Dog Training - the flyer is on the club web site

Annual Banquet January 29, 2011 at Joseph's in St Paul, reservation form and map on page 11. Jan Anderson is the chair this year

Contact Bill Duffy about running for office
651-762-0205

Get nominations in for the Don Cliff Good Sportsmanship Award to Mada Skare -
wildfanz@comcast.net

If you know someone who deserves to be an honorary member let Carol Ouhl know - 651-769-2578

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GSDC MSP Class Schedule

Obedience Classes effective July 1. 2010

Ring 1

Eileen Varhalla	
Run throughs	6:00-6:45
Intermediate Novice	7:00-7:45
Beginning Ob or Advanced Puppy	8:00-8:45
Advanced Puppy will be offered between	
Beginning Obedience blocks	

Ring 2

Lisa Marie Fortier	
S.T.A.R. Puppy Class	7:00-8:00
Jinny Bailey	
Rally Class	8:00-8:45

Ring 3

Jinny Bailey	
Competition Obedience	6:45-7:30
Various Trainers	
Jr Handlers/Puppy Conformation	7:30-8:00
Adult Conformation	8:00--8:30
Puppy Socialization -designed for breeders and owners to chat	8:30-9:00

Training Director: Sheila Metz

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