

# Shep-O-Gram

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St Paul

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## **Shep-O-Gram**

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Sheila Metz has written a very nice tribute to Mike Wakeling for this issue. It is on pages 4-6 and has photos provided by Dave Bissonette. We lost another long time club member in November, Edna Murto. Connie and Dave wrote a short memorial which is on page 3 of this issue and I included part of the obituary from the newspaper.

We also have an article provided by Sheila on Mushrooms and Hermangiosarcoma written by Dr Becker.

Myra Shear reported seeing an interesting feature on WCCO about pet insurance. <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2012/11/12/research-pays-when-buying-pet-insurance/> It points out that all pet insurance programs are not equal and it pays to research what you will be getting for your money. There is a link to a comparison of various policies to help in your research. [www.petinsurancereview.com](http://www.petinsurancereview.com). There is a link on that site to reviews of customers who have tried various insurance programs. I have had pet insurance on my dogs for about 10 years now and I think it is worthwhile to look in to. When I started there were only a couple to choose from and now there are quite a few options out there.

We are heading into a new year with many events, our banquet on January 19, the first weekend of agility trials in March, our specialty shows in the June, the second 3 day weekend of agility trials in July, The State Fair demos and the Herding trials in September. Of course we will also have our matches and the GSD Fun Day and possibly a geocaching day and picnic. Think about what you would like to participate in and work on. We can always use help.

As we head into the new year, try to think how we can make our club even better. Rather than complaining about what we do or don't do or how it was done, try to think of a better way to do it.

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**January 19 Annual Membership Meeting at Guldens**

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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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*Dues are not tax deductible      \* Family is defined as same household or significant other.*  
**Make checks payable to GSDCA (Outside the US add \$24.00)**

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

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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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

## Brags

### Kubistraum's Quick Pick - AKA

**Gambler** finished his CDX this weekend at the Rottweiler trial. ON Saturday he got 1<sup>st</sup> place with a score of 191 and today got 2<sup>nd</sup> place with another score of 191. I promised him that he wouldn't ever have to do Open obedience again if he finished his title. If he didn't qualify though he would have to keep doing obedience and I would make him herd DUCKS as well ( Gambler hates ducks ). I think that convinced him to try really hard and get it done. Anyway, I am very proud of him and tomorrow we will be back to herding SHEEP. He earned it.

Virginia Bailey



**Anja's Journey von Feuer, BN, CD (Anja)** earned her CD title at BOTC on November 2nd.

**Zachary von Hochsicht, RE, CDX, TDIA, TCGC, GN (Zak)** earned his 2nd leg toward GN and placed first at the same event. He received his third leg and title for Grad Novice on December 2nd at SPDTC, having placed third in that event.

**Kubistraums Quarterback RA, TC, BN (Brady)** owned by Cristina McColl, Verna Kubik and Virginia Bailey passed his TDI (Therapy Dog International) test in Bemidji, MN on 11/10/2012



**Be sure to get your photos in to Roberta Moore for the banquet. A photo of your dog that received a new title this year and photos of club events for the entire year.**

**Send to Robertamoore2@mac.com**

## Edna Alice Murto

(September 7, 1927 - November 22, 2012)

Long time GSD Trainer and competitor, Edna Murto passed away on Thanksgiving Day. Edna lived in the Duluth area (Esko) and was active in the Duluth clubs.

Above is the link to her obituary.

Edna was famous to me for her coffee, made the old fashioned way. Boiled. It would take the enamel right off your teeth.

Edna fed her dogs oatmeal every morning right along with her own.

Rest in Peace Edna. You were a great person and a blessing to German Shepherd Dogs.

Dave and Connie



### Obituary from the newspaper

Edna Murto, 85 of Esko, passed away peacefully on Thursday November 22, 2012. She was born Sept. 7, 1927 in Mahtowa to Matt and Gustava Pesonen. She graduated from Barnum High School in 1945. Edna married Rudy Murto in October of 1948. Edna worked at Diamond Match for 43 ½ years, retiring in 1992. While there, she was active in the Matchmaker's Local 970 serving as either President or Secretary for more than 30 years. She was also active in the Central Labor Body for more than 40 years and served as its Secretary for most of that time. Edna was active in the Carlton County Labor Day Celebration for more than 40 years.

Edna was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and was an active board member with Friends of Animals for many years. She was the 2012 recipient of the Big Dog Award from the Beastie

Bash for her outstanding commitment and service to Friends of Animals.

Edna was active in training and showing German Shepherds since 1970. She had as many as ten American and Canadian Champion German Shepherds. She was a member of the Minneapolis Kennel Club and the Twin Ports Kennel Club. For many years she taught obedience classes through Community Ed. She was a 4-H leader with the County Dog Project and was a judge at the Carlton County Fair Dog Show. Edna also volunteered at Sunnyside Health Care Center with her canine companion and therapy dog, Manny.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband, Rudy in 1984; brothers, Leonard Pesonen in 1955 and Harold "Bill" Pesonen in 2007.



**Please take a look as we are recycling and using old items to make dog beds, dog pads and dog toys.**

**can you pass on to others and see if anyone has these items they can save for FaerieLand Rescue**

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## Big Mike - Mike Wakeling

by Sheila Williams-Metz

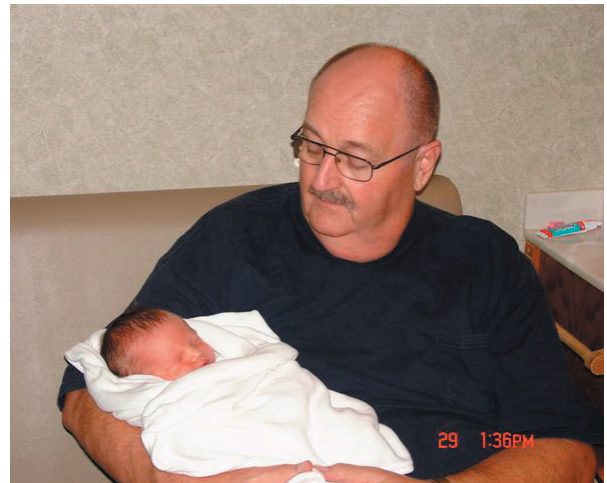
It was at a fun match last March when Christie and Clint Heimen showed two lovely puppies to our Match Judge Mike Wakeling. As most people from our club know, if you want to win a puppy match under Mike, you best bring a dark, deep coated, handsome puppy who is clean coming and going and has a showy attitude.

Out of Bill Duffy and Christie's champion stud dog, Rosewood's English Channel, the two puppies went into the ring as two little natural show dogs. "Mike put both of them up, one-two," said English Channel's breeder Bo Vujovich, an AKC judge herself. "I thought he should have reversed it, but as usual a few months later—Mike was right about who the better of the two were."

Long-time club member Mike Wakeling, lost his battle with cancer Friday, October 26, at the age of 65, and a huge piece of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis-Saint Paul, passed with him. A St. Croix County detective of 32 years, Wakeling spent as much time developing an eye and an appreciation of German Shepherds as he did investigating and protecting the children and other victims of abuse in Saint Croix County.

A giant, bear of a man, Mike is described by my husband Mike as the Jackie Gleason of our club. Mike's face, sometimes sullen, sometimes in a stoic frown, upon seeing a friend with a dog his big smile would suddenly appear. Within minutes a small audience would gather around him for a story or a joke which Mike had tucked away for his visit.

A club member for almost 40 years Mike had stopped breeding German Shepherds about 20 years ago. He never stopped evaluating and judging dogs and would drive many miles to see someone's newest litter if he was invited.



He was one club member who could explain to a German Shepherd novice the importance of conformation—that it was not a beauty show, but an evaluation of movement, structure and temperament—which provided a dog the ability to excel at any aspect of dog sports, therapy and service work or serving the military or police. He was devoted to the good companion dog.

Despite having a small kennel (Rimfire German Shepherds), Mike bred several animals of importance locally, "Bear" and with his friend Yvonne Nygaard, "Ivan", Mike was very proud of Ivan's contribution as the grandfather to our 2001 U.S. Grand Victrix BOB Lindenhill's Voodoo Lily, her brother 3x select MV Lindenhill's Hayabusa, ROM as well as two other Champions, all in the same litter. Mike understood that breeding each litter is only one stepping stone to the next generation, and then the next.

And of course, he was one of the first people we asked to come over and evaluate the "Voodoo" litter when they were 13 weeks old. We intended on keeping two of the seven—Wakeling's advice led to us keeping five of the seven, with four of the five going to the top of the game.

As generous as he was big, Wakeling would drive club members 300 miles to see a dog at Kent Boyle's kennel. He would drive club members to and from the U.S. Nationals when folks did not want to go alone, and he wanted to see if there might be "one decent dog" at the show.

With a round trip exceeding 150 miles from his good friend Yvonne Nygaard, Wakeling nevertheless picked Yvonne up for puppy matches and drove her to her family events because she had never obtained a drivers' license. He would stop by club

members' houses from time to time in the way we all did back in the day—to just stop by for a cup of coffee, sit at the kitchen table, and share gossip and information.. He always seemed to arrive when the person needed an ear the most or they were struggling to put up kennels. “When we first bought our farm in Wisconsin, we came home one afternoon and saw a business card slipped between the doors,” said club member Peggy Simerson. “The card said, Mike Wakeling—St. Croix Valley Sheriff Detective. I turned it around and it said: I pissed on your silo.”

Wakeling made the time to not only stay involved with club members, but volunteer in his community, and remain a devoted husband and father. His wife Birdie (who we thought of as the “long suffering” Birdie) had little time for



the dogs, but always made the time to join her husband to visit people.

His daughter Shannon spent several years coming to the club and the shows with her father. She thinks of him as not only her father, but a man who could handle any situation—if not with his tenderness—then with his size.

“One day Dad, and mom and I were driving down the freeway,” and Dad suddenly veered to the shoulder, threw the car in park and started running from the car,” Shannon said. Birdie and Shannon looked at each other in confusion. As they watched Mike rambling down the highway they saw a squad car with an officer struggling with a man from a vehicle. A second man was running from the scene. Mike reached the other man, and with six feet, four inches of his frame and 400 pounds of himself, he flung himself onto the second man and sat squarely on top of him.

“The man did not move a finger, and Dad sat on top of him for 20 minutes,” Shannon said. Finally mom whispered in a squeaky voice. “I think he killed him.”

Mike declared his fidelity to public unions when he drove to Milwaukee to join the Wisconsin protests of last summer. He brought a baseball bat, he said, but did not have to use it.

Club member Martha Simmonet was delighted by his activism and his perplexity at today’s Americans not understanding why unions were created in the first place.

When frustrated, Mike would hold out his giant arms with his hands reached out like he was holding two invisible softballs in each of them. He would wave those giant arms around as he pleaded with his audience to understand his point of view. He had the rare ability to discuss politics and dogs while keeping his audience laughing at the same time.





Stubborn. Mike refused to go to the doctor this past summer after hurting his back on a four wheel drive. He continued to suffer the pain until he could no longer get out of his Lazy Boy. Birdie demanded that he check himself into a hospital or she was calling an ambulance

The bad back was diagnosed as cancer. Laying immobile in his hospital room a few days before he died, Mike made plans with my husband to go visit Jerland kennels after the doctors got him mobile again. His concern was for the four nurses it took to move his huge body into different positions. And he wanted to know if there was one decent dog at the U.S. National last month.

Our club will dedicate this year's show with the events to Mike. It would embarrass him, and I think we are doing it for ourselves. What we can do for Mike is give his wife Birdie a call. We can also donate money to German Shepherd health groups, the Children's Home Society, or any organization that helps police and sheriff's departments find the resources to get a working dog, bullet proof vests, or automatic door openers for k-9 squad cars.

What we can not do is replace this devoted lover of dogs and people in our club.



# Researchers Shocked by Mushroom Study Results

November 07, 2012

By Dr. Becker

In a study conducted at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine and published recently in an open-access article in the journal *Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine*, dogs with hemangiosarcoma -- an aggressive, malignant cancer that develops in the cells of blood vessels -- were given a compound derived from a type of mushroom, *Coriolus versicolor*.

According to researchers, the patients given this compound had the longest survival times ever reported for dogs with this form of cancer. This is certainly promising news, as this mushroom compound could offer an alternative to chemotherapy or a complementary treatment to traditional cancer therapies for dogs and people.

## Coriolus versicolor

*Coriolus versicolor*, which goes by a variety of names including *Trametes versicolor*, *Polyporus versicolor* and the Yunzhi mushroom, is a common mushroom found throughout the world. "Versicolor" means "of several colors." This mushroom is also commonly referred to as turkey tail because it looks a bit like the tail of a wild turkey.

### *Coriolus versicolor*

*Coriolus versicolor* has been used as a medicinal mushroom in traditional Chinese medicine for over 2,000 years. The substance in the mushroom believed to be beneficial in fighting cancer is polysaccharopeptide, or PSP.

## The Penn Mushroom Study

Historically, studies of humans with cancer haven't necessarily measured whether people taking PSP live longer than other patients.

So Penn faculty members Dorothy Cimino Brown and Jennifer Reetz set out to discover how long dogs with naturally occurring hemangiosarcoma lived when given the mushroom compound, brand name I'm-Yunity. [Hemangiosarcoma](#) typically affects the spleen in canines, and it is commonly seen in Golden Retrievers and German Shepherds.

The study involved 15 dogs with the disease. They were separated into three groups of five, and each group received a different dose of a formulation of PSP, either 25, 50 or 100 mg/kg/day. The dogs' owners gave the capsules daily, and once a month they brought their pets to Penn's Ryan Veterinary Hospital for bloodwork and ultrasounds to measure the progress of the cancer.

Based on the factors the researchers were assessing, which was how quickly the tumors developed and/or spread and how long the dogs lived, the study results suggested the mushroom compound was effective in fighting the cancer.

## Shocking Results

Researcher Cimino Brown had this to say:

*"We were shocked. Prior to this, the longest reported median survival time of dogs with hemangiosarcoma of the spleen that underwent no further treatment was 86 days. We had dogs that lived beyond a year with nothing other than this mushroom as treatment."*

The study showed no statistically significant differences in survival between the three dosage groups, but the median survival time was longest in the 100 mg group at 199 days.

The results were so astonishing the researchers asked their Penn Vet pathologist colleagues to reconfirm from tissue biopsies that the dogs really had hemangiosarcoma (they did).

## Preferable to Chemotherapy for Some Pet Owners

Many owners of dogs with hemangiosarcoma opt out of chemotherapy treatments. Chemo for this disease doesn't dramatically improve survival

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time, is expensive, and requires several trips back and forth to the vet, which is stressful for both pet and pet owner.

Many parents of sick dogs feel that overall, chemo treatments decrease their pet's quality of life. So an effective mushroom compound which is less expensive than chemo and also has no reported adverse side effects may help dog owners extend their pet's life without regular trips to the vet.

Cimino Brown and Reetz are planning further trials of the *Coriolus versicolor* compound in dogs with hemangiosarcoma to confirm and refine their results. These studies will compare the compound to a placebo for dogs not undergoing chemotherapy, and will also evaluate PSP treatment against traditional chemo treatment.

*"Although hemangiosarcoma is a very sad and devastating disease," Cimino Brown said, "in the long term, if we prove that this works, this treatment can be a really nice alternative for*

*owners to have increased quality time with their pet at the end of its life."*

## Story at-a-glance

- Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine conducted a study of 15 dogs with hemangiosarcoma who were given a mushroom compound known to possess immune-boosting, cancer fighting properties.
- The goal of the study was to assess how quickly the cancer progressed and how long the dogs survived taking the compound.
- Results of the study shocked the Penn Vet researchers. While the longest reported median survival time of dogs with the disease who were given no treatment was 86 days, there were dogs in the Penn study who lived over a year with no treatment other than the mushroom compound.
- Treatment with a compound derived from the *Coriolus versicolor* mushroom may be tremendously beneficial for owners of dogs with hemangiosarcoma, especially those who elect not to give chemotherapy. The compound can be given at home vs. at the vet's office, which creates less stress for the patient, is less expensive than chemotherapy, and there are no known adverse side effects.

## German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis & St. Paul

### Board Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2012

#### Officers Present:

Julie Swinland, President, Conni Sokolouski, Vice President, Roberta Moore, Secretary, Denise Gilbertson, Treasurer,

#### Board Members Present:

Linda Salava, Board Member

#### Board Members Absent:

Ginny Altman, Board Member

Lisa Lunde, Board Member

#### Members Present:

Cindy Muehlbauer

President called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

### Officers Reports:

#### President's Report - Julie Swinland

Julie reported that member Ken Jeddelloh had been hospitalized and inquired as to whether there has been a card or flowers sent yet. Conni Sokolouski stated that his wife Ann requested no flowers. The club will be sending out a card and a fruit or cookie bouquet.

#### Vice President's Report - Conni Sokolouski

No report.

#### Secretary's Report - Roberta Moore

Minutes - There was a misprint in the October minutes of the

board and last meeting. Vice President, Connie Sokoloski was present not absent. Linda Salava made a motion to accept the amended minutes, Connie Sokoloski seconded. The amended October minutes were accepted as record.

The Secretary received several pieces of correspondence via the USPS and email.

1. Letter from the AKC RE: The application for our Rally B Match event #2012199814. We have been approved for Rally Novice A & B, Rally Advanced A & B, Rally Excellent A & B.

2. Letter from Daphna Straus, Secretary, The AKC Humane Fund, Inc. to inform us of the formation of the Sandy Fund. A fund to help AKC clubs with disaster relief in their area and to offer a way to donate as a club for disaster relief.

3. Two letters from Lew Bunch, Marketing Chairman GSDCA. The German Shepherd Dog Club of America (GSDCA) is looking to get information out to German Shepherd enthusiast and owners who may not be members of a club but still interested in participating in our activities. The second part is about the Benefit Wine with German Shepherd label, the all German Shepherd calendar done by McCartney, and the Capitol One German Shepherd credit card, all these things help raise money for the club.

4. Email from Vicki Royce announcing that she will be helping Dean Wylie the GSDCA Regional Club Committee Chair. Asking us to consider what things the GSDCA might be able to do to help us with our local club....from growing the club,



to encouraging new people to our breed and sport, to making the relationship between the parent club and our regional club mutually beneficial, fun, educational, and meaningful. Anyone interested can reply to vicki.roye@yahoo.com.

5. Email from Eric Brettle, Elite H2O. This is a custom label bottled water company offering us a fund raiser / gift idea. Bottled Artesian Water with our own club logo label on it.

6. A thank you card from Barbara Duncan for the flowers the club sent her.

#### **Treasurer's Report - Denise Gilbertson**

Denise reported that we have made the final payments and closed the books on our September Herding Event. The club made \$194.10 thanks to Verna Kubik and Jinny Bailey for donating the printing and other materials.

Denise also reported that as of November 9, 2012 our club's bank balances are as follows; Money Market \$5,718.38, Checking \$16,213.50 for a total of \$21,931.88.

Dues statements have been delayed just a bit due to technical difficulties and will be out soon.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Membership Report - Linda Salava**

Reported that we have 189 members, including member applicants. Linda will be sending emails out to membership applicants to see if they are still interested in becoming members. There is a disconnect with member applicants not notifying Linda that they have finished their membership requirements, we may need to go back to attending two meetings as the prerequisite for membership. Before Linda leaves for Florida all the membership pages will be updated and given to the club for printing. Verna Kubik volunteered to print the membership book, Bobby Moore volunteered to help, a printed copy will go out to the membership at the January Banquet.

##### **2013 Specialty - WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A SHOW CHAIR!!!**

##### **Fall Match - Cristina McColl, Chair**

The match will be held December 7th at Animal Inn. The Board will ask Cristina to let us know what classes will be available. We may need to add a second judge depending on the classes offered. Our judges will be Bo Vujovich - Conformation, Deb Schneider - Obedience, and Linn Klingel-Brown, - Rally. Julie is working on a flyer for the event.

##### **Shep-O-Gram and Website - Julie Swinland**

Julie has started the November SOG and hopes to have it out soon.

##### **Training Director - Julie Swinland**

None.

##### **Herding Trial - Jinny Bailey, Chair**

Zoe Rockenstein and Kim Schneider would like to hold the 2013 herding trial at Kim's Pine City facility. It was asked if they were willing to be the Show Chair and Show Secretary? There is some controversy about the sheep. Phyllis Clark has also offered her facility. There needs to be a herding committee meeting to address the issues.

##### **Agility Trial March and July - Rhonda Meath, Chair**

There will be an agility meeting at Mary Bente's..

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Trophies**

This is an ongoing dilemma. The club has many beautiful trophies in storage at a member's house. We need to get them in one location and come up with a plan for them. Denise G. offered to check into a trophy place she knows for refurbishing prices. If anyone has any suggestion or ideas, or is interested in this project please come to the next meeting or contact one of the club officers. The club would like to be able to offer these wonderful trophies at our shows.

#### **New Business:**

Eileen Varhalla is retiring her last day will be November 30th. Julie will ask the membership about putting a little something together for her last day. A suggestion was made that the club should furnish a cake. Linda S. suggested the Bay Port Bakery. The Board decided to have cake and drinks on November 30th and authorized \$100.00 for cake and miscellaneous. Verna K. will bring the leftover cups and other supplies.

Linda Salava brought it to the Board's attention that we might want to present the membership with some options to honor Mike Weakling for his long time membership / service to the GSDC of Mpls & St. Paul, and his sportsmanship and friendship. Suggestion were dedicate our 2013 specialty show, a memorial page in the German Shepherd Review, or nomination for some other type of award.

Conni Sokolouski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Linda Salava seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Board meeting:

Friday December 14, 2012, time and location to be announced.

Roberta Moore, Secretary

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President called the meeting to order at 8:31p.m.

Jinny Bailey made a motion to dispense with the reading of last month's meeting minutes, Laurie Schray seconded the motion, the motion passed, the amended minutes were accepted.

#### **Officers Reports:**

##### **President's Report - Julie Swinland**

Julie reported that to the membership that member Ken Jeddelloh had been hospitalized and the club will be sending out a card and a fruit or cookie bouquet. Julie will bring up the nominating committee later in the meeting.

#### **Vice President's Report - Conni Sokolouski**

Connie will be making the arrangements to send something to Ken Jeddelloh. Verna Kubik thanked the club for the flowers that were sent when she was in the hospital.

#### **Secretary's Report - Roberta Moore**

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Denise reported that the club made \$194.10 on our September Herding Event. Many thanks to Verna Kubik and Jinny Bailey for donating the printing and other materials. Verna K. asked about the expenses for the 2012 Specialty Show so we could start budgeting for our next Specialty Show. Denise read the breakdown and it was decided that Denise Gilbertson, Verna

Kubik, Roger Salava, and Mike Metz will get together and have a budget and finance meeting to discuss the budget for our 2013 show. A date and time will be arranged and a notice will go out. Anyone is welcome.

Dues statements will be out soon. We are a little late getting them out this year so the board asked the membership to make a motion to delay the payment due date as stated in the standing rules. Verna Kubik made a motion that we delay the late payment deadline to December 31st. Conni Sokolouski seconded the motion. The motion passed with the stipulation that this delay is only for 2012.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Membership Report - Linda Salava**

Linda reported that we have 189 members, including member applicants. We have two new member applicants that have recently completed their membership requirements and have been introduced at this meeting. Welcome new members Elaine Matthys and Lisa Putnum. Linda suggested that we as a club should try to push for 200 members. The challenge is on!

##### **Shep-O-Gram and Website - Julie Swinland**

Working on the November issue. Wants this issue to contain all the upcoming events. Also, Animal Inn will be closed November 23rd.

##### **Training Director - Julie Swinland**

January 4th a new Beginner Obedience class will be starting. Julie believes that a new Star Puppy Class is also starting she will check with Lisa Marie Fortier. Eileen Varhalla is done training on November 30th. There will be cake, coffee, and pop, Ann Jeddelloh will be planning it.

##### **Herding Trial - Jinny Bailey, Chair**

The herding committee is talking to Kim Schneider about holding our next herding event at her Pine City farm. Kim has not committed yet and she has not resumed training at her farm yet. They are also checking into an ASCA (Australian Shepherd Club of America) facility. The reason for checking into the ASCA facility would be that the fees would be lower than renting a facility as they would just charge by the run. Polly Simpson's farm is still an option. Anyone interested in Herding should contact Jinny Bailey at 715-549-6365 or vmk4gsds@dishup.us. She would like input from everyone. The event will be in September, the date is not firm yet. Also, the Northstar Rottweiler Club has offered to hold a 2 day show with us, we have done this in the past. The problem is that this cuts the number of herding trials and titles for local herding enthusiasts. Event applications for September need to be to the AKC by March 1st. We may have the opportunity to have a herding fun day at Phyllis Clark's again this year if someone would like to organize it.

##### **Agility Trial March and July - Rhonda Meath, Chair**

The AKC has approved our 3 day agility trial scheduled for March 29, 30, & 31 and we have approval from the AKC to hold a second three day event July 19th-21st. The July event will be held at Soccer Blast. These two events will net the club a large sum of money. The Agility Committee would like some say as to how the money is used. One idea is to purchase our own Agility equipment. This would facilitate our club holding our own Agility Trials and making more money.

##### **All Breed Liaison - Linn Klingel-Brown**

Linn informed Julie Swinland that she has resigned. Bobby Moore

will take over the position.

#### **Program Committee - Martha Simonett**

Martha has resigned. For the time being we will not fill this position. Let's make this open to the membership. Anyone who would like to present an idea for a program please contact one of the club officers. Cindy Muehlbauer suggested that December 14th the night of the clubs Pot-Luck would be a good time for a program if anyone has a idea.

#### **2013 Specialty Show - WE NEED A SHOW CHAIR!!!**

Verna has volunteered to mentor anyone who would like to learn how to put on a show. Verna reported that we have a signed contract from Cappy Pottle - Saturday Conformation and a verbal from Pam O'Dell - Sunday Conformation. She will be mailing the signed contract to us soon. Verna called all the Obedience judges on our list and not could commit to our dates. After a lot of phone calling Verna found us two judges. Cynthia Simonsen for Saturday she will charge the club hotel, mileage, and \$150. Louise Botko for Sunday she will charge the club mileage and \$150. Bobby Moore made a motion to hire the judges Verna presented. Roger Salava seconded. The motion past and Verna will send out the contracts immediately

#### **Fall Match - Cristina McColl, Chair**

December 7th at Animal Inn. Julie is putting together a flyer with match information and a list of available classes. The membership decided that we should have food at the match. The club will be ordering pizzas. Pop and coffee will also be available.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Trophies Refurbishing**

Denise G. offered to check into a trophy place she knows for refurbishing prices. The club would like to be able to offer these wonderful trophies at our shows. We do not want to be in the position where we have to throw them because we can't store them.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Pot-Luck December 14th - Cindy Muehlbauer, Chair**

In the planning stage. Cindy is looking into having a recipe contest that would result in prizes and maybe a GSDC Mpls & St. Paul Cookbook. The pot-luck dishes would be voted on and a 50/50 raffle would furnish cash prizes. Any suggestion welcome, contact Cindy at cinsamgsd@yahoo.com. There will be a photographer at the pot-luck to take holiday photos of your dogs. Bring your own zip drive or Bobby will be picking up some inexpensive zip drives for sale to load your photos on instead of a CD. Conni Sokolouski made a motion to give Cindy \$100 for incidentals. Verna Kubik seconded, the motion passed. After the match Cindy will assess what else is still needed.

##### **January Annual Meeting and Banquet - Ginny Altman**

Ginny has reserved Gulden's in White Bear Lake for January 19th 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The menu has not been decided on yet. Mada has consented to put together our Banquet book again so start getting her you information. For our new members if you have finished a champion or achieved a title this year you will receive a plaque at the banquet but you need to get the information to Mada, more information will be sent out. Bobby M. and Cindy M. will be doing the banquet decorations and will have ideas and a budget by our next meeting.

#### **Nominating Committee - Conni Sokolouski**

We have a nominating committee for next year's officers and board members. The open positions are; President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These are 1 year positions. There will be 1 Board Member position open this is a 2 year position. Conni will be calling or inquiring at club about nominees. Contact Conni if you would like to be an officer or you want to nominate someone for office.

#### **Miscellaneous**

The board asked the membership if there are any suggestions as to how we could honor longtime member and friend Mike Wakeling who recently passed away. The Board suggested that we hold our 2013 Specialty Show in his honor, that we do an ad in the GSDCA Review, and that we nominate him for the Don Cliff Sportsmanship Award. Verna Kubik made a motion that we do all three above mention activities to honor Mike. Laurie Schray seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Carol Ouhl will be taking nominations for honorary members. Honorary members do not pay annual dues unless they run for office. The nominees should be someone who has supported the club for many years. Please contact Carol at carolsusarbat1@aol.com with your nominations.

Verna Kubik stated that it has been a very full year and our club is one of the best. The parent club (GSDCA) is looking for essays or bio's about local clubs, like what we feel we do right, things that have worked for us and things that haven't. They will be published in the GSDCA Review.

A question was ask of Roger Salava concerning the clubs insurance and if it would cover us if we had a tracking event at a location other than Animal Inn. Roger will check into it. Verna suggested that we also contact Ginny Altman to find out exactly what our insurance does cover.

Verna Kubik moved to adjourn the membership meeting. Linda Salava seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Next Membership meeting:

Friday December 14th, 2012, 8:30pm at Animal Inn, Lake Elmo.

### **Corrections to the Nationals Winners posted in the November Issue**

#### **Conformation**

**Veteran Class 7 to 9, Bitches.**

**4 CH Todorhaus-Chablis Betty Boop RN Owner: Ann Jeddelloh.**

#### **Obedience**

**Open B**

**3rd Zepher's Adelaide Princess UDX Ron and Melissa Halling**

**2nd Hallingdahl's Man on Fire UD Ron and Ann Halling**

**Utility B**

**1st Zepher's Adelaide Princess UDX Ron and Melissa Halling**

**Brace**

**1st Zepher's Adelaide Princess UDX & Hallingdahl's Man on Fire UD**



# German Shepherd Dog Club of Mpls/St Paul Annual Awards Banquet

January 19, 2013

Place: Gulden's 2999 Hwy 61,  
Maplewood, MN 55109

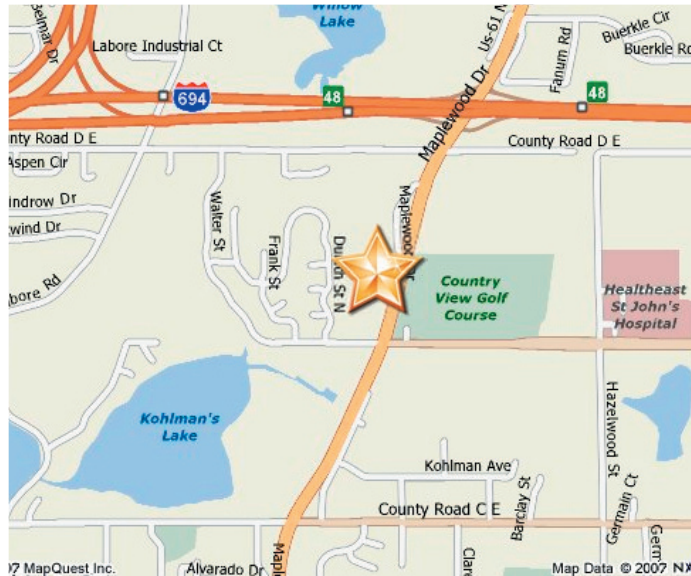
Time: 11:00 Cocktails (cash bar)  
12:30 Buffet

Awards and general meeting

Cost per person: \$19.00 (Includes  
Coffee, Tax & Gratuity)

Children Under 12: \$10.00

Registration due by January 14, 2013



**Directions:** 1. **From Wisconsin:** I-94 west, take Ramp towards I494/I694, take Ramp onto I-694. At exit 48 turn right onto Ramp then stay left towards US-61. Keep left to go south on US-61. Bear left (West) onto Local roads. Turn left (South) onto US-61 (Maplewood Drive).

2. **From St. Paul or Minneapolis east of 61:** Go north on 35 E then right to 694 east exit on 61 south.

3. **From Stillwater:** Take Hwy 36 West to HWY US-61. Go right (North). Restaurant is on the left.

## Buffet Menu:

Fried Chicken  
Sliced Prime Rib  
Fish  
served with Broccoli,  
Cauliflower,  
Carrot Vegetable,  
Mashed Potatoes,  
Salad and Coleslaw.  
Coffee and Tea.

## Celebrate our national awards

**Winner of the Regional Challenge large club division**

**Winner of the Large Club Monthly division of the  
GSDCA newsletter competition**

## Cake

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Banquet registration: **Due by January 14 2013** Cost per person: \$19.00 (Includes Coffee, Tax & Gratuity) Children Under 12: \$10.00

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

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

Send checks made out to GSDCMSP to:

Ginny Altman

771 Gramsie Road

Shoreview, MN 55126 postmarked no later than January 14, 2013.

## Awards Presented at Our Annual Banquet in January

If you earned any awards for your dog during 2012, please fill out the attached form in order to be recognized at the banquet. Below is a description of the awards which qualify and how to determine whether you qualify for a plaque or bar.

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

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

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

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

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

Please submit the name of dog and owner for any awards earned in the calendar year 2012 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 1, 2012**  
(fees made out to GSDC - MSP if applicable) to:

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

## Club Events

January 4 New Beginning Obedience  
class with Virginia Bailey

January 19 Annual Awards  
banquet Guldens

January 26 Obedience Workshop  
with Ron Halling St Paul Dog  
Training



Shep-O-Gram  
1087 Allen Avenue  
W. St Paul, MN 55118



German Shepherd Dog Club  
of Minneapolis & St Paul

## GSDC MSP Class Schedule

Obedience Classes effective July 1, 2010

### Ring 1

Eileen Varhalla - Starting Jan 4 Jinny Bailey

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:

Julie Swinland 651-457-5459