



Shep-O-Gram

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The big shows are over. Lots of great dogs and happy winners.

The club has more exciting events coming up: The Scent Work Trial in August; the Agility and Herding Trials in September; and an Obedience/Rally Trial in October.

Remember to come to the August meeting or attend by phone to let your voice be heard about Obedience/Rally Trials next year. Should they be separate from the Conformation specialty? Should we consider all breed trials? Things to think about. I have included pictures of the refurbished trailer and you can see it took quite the effort to get all the mats, the new grill and equipment loaded. If we continue to have 4 trials, 2 rings, at our specialty we may need a larger trailer. We could also consider going back to 1 Obedience/Rally Trial each day at the specialty and have other trials throughout the year. The mats that were purchased for the extra ring this year didn't work out and were returned.

You may have heard that our club is not participating in the State Fair this year. That means we will not be offering tickets, parking passes, t-shirts, etc. If you have questions, you might want to attend the next meeting to have things clarified or you may want to call our president, Mike Metz. This does not mean we will never participate, just not this year.



Skylar Finn and Marty

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August 9 Membership Meeting Animal Inn 8:00 PM

Loading the Club Trailer before the show



Refurbished by Larry Sacevich



Larry designed and created a rolling cart that the obedience mats can be rolled onto with a crank.

Mike Metz, Larry Sacevich, Holly Fitzenberger, Laurie Schray, Laura Meyer, Julie Swinland helped to get the trailers loaded



Due to the increase in what we needed (a large grill and mats for a second obedience/rally ring a second trailer was necessary



There were turkeys among us!



GSDCMSP Specialty 2019 Highlights



Candace thanks all the volunteers who made this show possible



Volker Schray manned the grill



Senior Maturity Dogs



Paul Schumack and Belle-a winning team



Melissa McIntyre and Linea!!
High Combined and High
Triple Score in all four shows
and High in Trial in Obedience
at our shows last weekend.



Mary Budd Bente two first
placements, two High in Trials
and a new CDX title with
Cajun



Mary Kendall and her dog Na'Tee
earned their CD!



Skylar Finn and Katie



Gavon Olson and Joy had
an awesome day!!! They
went select bitch at the
GSDCMSP specialty show.



FV Ch. Lindenhill's Cold Pac v
Gracelyne TC/CGCU/CGCA/CD/RE/
BN/TKP Q'd in Rally Master, Excellent
and Advanced at the June Specialty.
He also went Select Dog on Saturday
and Best of Breed on Sunday.



Ms. Britney, Kenlyn Marquis' Oops!...I Did It
Again Hoyle went Best Puppy under Mr. Jack
Kilgour and finished the day going Best Puppy
and Reserve Winners Bitch under Mr. Tony
Monk!

Anne-Isle's Good Magic Reserve Futurity
Dog from the Teenage Class. At 12
months old, Liz Oster and Team Kelly
Foehl and Maria Oster.

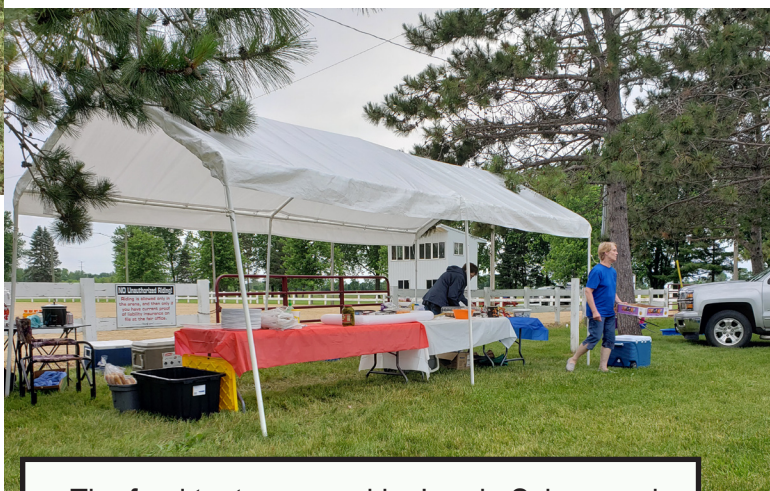


Todorhaus Black Hawk V.
Lutzhaus, takes another 4 pt major
owned by Sharon Todoroff, Lori
Neutgens Payne Mojave Gsd, and
Tifani King.

Specialty Highlights Continued



Deacon (CH Lindenhill's Iron Throne V Gracelyne) went Reserve Maturity Dog loved & owned by Mike & Sheila, Rick & Stephanie Steigerwald .



The food tent managed by Laurie Schray and Ann Jeddelloh.



VonDineharts Major Problem went Select against a huge group of quality Specials at the Minneapolis Specialty show.



Paul Schumack and Belle earned two obedience Q's, 2 1sts, and High in Trial (and a Rally leg too!)

And... Clean up





German Shepherd Dog Club of
Minneapolis & St. Paul



GSDC of MSP
Agility Trial
Three day Trial
Friday / Saturday / Sunday

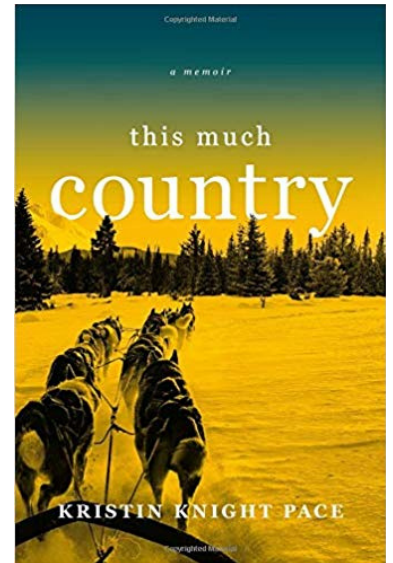
Sept 6-8 Fall Agility Trial

Kristin Knight Pace, *This Much Country: A Memoir*, Review by Cynthia Curran

Kristin Knight Pace is not yet 40 but her life certainly contains enough ups and downs to keep most readers interested. This reader was a bit impatient with the personal heartaches and triumphs; however, when Pace turns her pen to an insider's description of what it is like to run the two 1000 mile sled dog races, her story is riveting. Pace is one of only 31 women to have completed both the Yukon Quest and the Iditarod Trail races and her account of the hallucinations induced by sleeplessness and the sheer terror of mushing over untested ice with running water underneath gives us a unique insider's view.

Those of us who compete in any venue with our dogs can understand Pace when she tries to sum up the urge to undertake the inhuman stresses of these races. She writes that "hard-earned accomplishments have a way of getting under your skin and enticing you to go back and try them again." The preparations are grueling enough but they still don't equip the reader for the arduous, excruciating punishments of the races themselves.

Pace notes that she has always had a pull toward dogs, especially big powerful ones and when she moves to Alaska (to escape an unexpected divorce) she lands a job as the



kennels manager for Denali National Park. I was surprised to find that the park service dogs are big--up to 100 pounds with an independent spirit, of course. Pace details how she learns to communicate with nuzzles, growls and howls. She howls when things are especially good and she has a mournful howl when things are awful; the dogs quickly chime in. There are 20 sled dogs who have to be cared for and in the winter, these dog teams are the only way to move into and out of the interior of the park where no motorized vehicles are allowed. It is essential for Pace to know each dog from brain to pulling power in order to place them properly on lines in front of the sleds. Herein lies the true interest in this book: the wonderful bond between one person and many dogs where each living being depends on the others for survival. When something goes wrong--and many things do--it is essential that the dogs trust the handler to figure out a solution. Or, as sometimes happens, it is the dogs who save their human because they fearlessly make a trail where none exists. Their very DNA allows them to continue on when conditions are dreadful. Pace describes a typical day on the job: "I mushed 20 miles in temperatures as low as -40 F breaking trail for 10 of those miles, running alongside the sled and pushing it through three feet of snow or walking ahead of my team on snowshoes when it got deeper."

Apparently, Pace's day job wasn't daunting enough! She decides to enter smaller races (150 miles) in preparation for an eventual Iditarod entry. In a section which will be familiar to GSD breeders, Pace details how she then had to breed her own line to fit her needs. She calls her favorite Iditarod mushers to beg for breedings. It is these pups, born into her own hands, who will propel her through the 1000 mile hardships when dogs and human depend on each other for survival. Obviously, there are no shortcuts in this world. After years of careful breeding, the training starts. The conditioning routine had me open-mouthed as Pace describes 22 dogs hooked up on the same gangline which is then tied to a Dodge Ram truck. She'd put the truck in drive and the dogs would PULL the truck along a gravel road at 10 miles an hour for longer and longer distances each day. But this is easy peasy compared to the hours spent literally running by each dog's side, teaching him or her the necessary commands. No short-cuts, no easy solution.

Pace gives a clear and interesting outline of the differences between the two important races, the Yukon Quest and the Iditarod. I loved reading how the terrain and different rules called for widely divergent strategies but it still came down to a single human and her dogs. But the grim conditions facing each musher means that humans also depend on each other for advice and tips about the conditions ahead. It is fascinating to read how highly competitive and deeply independent humans in this mushing community support each other; to neglect to do so could mean terrible injuries or even death.

I suspect most readers will respond to the descriptions of the dogs as they train and run these 1000 mile races. Pace is almost giddy when she describes the dogs after a training run pulling the truck: "no matter how long [the run] was, the dogs were so happy. Their eyes shined. Their tails wagged. Many of the veterans on our team were disappointed they couldn't keep going, and wouldn't hesitate to let us know it by jumping up and down and starting a teamwide howl." But team or not, they are dogs. Pace describes a few incidents where the team turned on one dog and the injuries were serious.

Kristin Knight Pace does a fine job of taking us inside this exclusive world. She not only gives us the nuts and bolts of daily conditioning but also describes the races in terrifying detail. I am left most stirred at her description of experiences that can only be had while undertaking these most dangerous of races. Pace takes note of the wolves who sometimes came out to run parallel to the team. "[The wolves] were playful and seemed excited to welcome their cousins into this part of their world. I felt a rare sense of privilege, not only to witness the wolves dancing in the sun but also to be allowed a primordial sense of wildness myself."

Bragg



Mannix's new CT-ATCH title.
Cathy McKeon



Angus earned the Canine Good Citizen Advanced and the Canine Good Citizen Urban titles.
Cynthia Curran



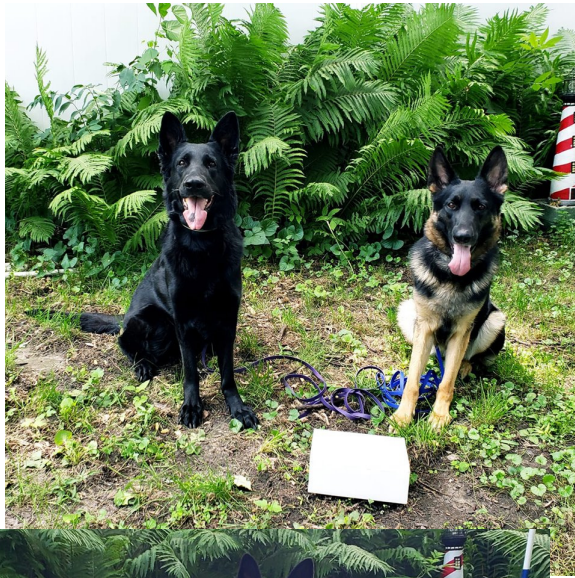
Don't look now, but this dude is in the Top 20 Agility German Shepherd Dogs 24 " ranked #20 and is the #5 ranked GSD in Rally advanced A.
Super proud of you Bones!

Duluth Kennel Club show. Bloomsberrys V VonDineharts The Ice-Man went Group 2 and 4 . Thanks, Sandy Dinehart

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Konnie and I earned our BH !
She is now U-CH UR01 Zuza von
der Staatsmacht BH TKI TC



Eywa and
Tiri finished
their ORT's
(Odor
Recognition
Test) Titles



Melissa McIntyre
and her girl
Arya for earning
two new titles
recently- CGCA
and TKN



Eywa completed
all her Advanced
Scent Work Titles
and received 2
Q's in Excellent.
Containers and 1 in
Excellent Interiors.
at the Golden
Retriever Scent
Work Trial.



Big Congratulations to club member Dawn
Ebbenga and Ozzy for earning High In Trial
German Shepherd Dog at the AKC agility trial
hosted by the GSDCMSP!!



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

Applicant Name (Please Print) _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

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

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

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

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

I would be interested in helping with the following activities:

Specialty Shows & Trials: ☐ Fun Matches: ☐ Programs: ☐ Sheep-O-Grass: ☐ Training: ☐
Hospitality: ☐ Fundraising: ☐ Fun Day: ☐ State Fair: ☐

PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOU HEARD ABOUT THE CLUB:

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

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

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

MEMBER PROPOSED BY: _____

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

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

Please direct any questions to _____

To be completed by Membership Chair:

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



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

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

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

Circle Your Desired Membership Type:

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

Membership Information (please print)

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

Date of Birth: _____ (Juniors Only)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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

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

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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

House Pet ☐ Obedience ☐ Rally ☐ Schutzhund/Working Dog Sport ☐ Tracking ☐ Other ☐

Endorser 1 Printed Name & Signature: _____

Endorser 2 Printed Name & Signature: _____

Applicant/Member Signature: _____ Date: _____



Herding Test & Trials – 10th Annual

(Preference given to German Shepherd entries)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2019

Started, Intermediate, Advanced – Course A – Sheep & Ducks

Started, Intermediate – Course B – Sheep

Started, Intermediate, Advanced – Course B – Ducks

Herding Instinct Certificate, Herding Test, Pre-Trial Test – Sheep

These events will be held outdoors regardless of weather.

Polly Simpson Farm, 1479 200th Ave, New Richmond, WI 54017

Event Hours: 7:00 am to 6:00 pm (or 1 hour after last run)

Trial Secretary: Deanna Levenhagen

850 114th Ave NE; Blaine, MN 55434

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MNStockdogClub@comcast.net

Closing Date – September 4, 2019

SHEP-O-GRAM **DEADLINES and** **ADVERTISING RATES**

Deadline for inclusions/ads and articles.

20th day of previous month

Advertising rates*

**Advertising available for members only
and for dog related items.**

Business card size\$10.00

¼ page (8 ½ in X 11 in page) \$35.00

½ page \$50.00

Full page \$75.00

***Call or email for special rates for multiple
issues.**

Make checks out to GSDCMSP

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Club Events

Aug 3-4 Scent Work Trials
Aug 9 Membership Meeting
Aug 17 Ron Halling Workshop

Sept 6 Fall block of training starts
Sept 6-8 Fall Agility Trial
Sept 13 Membership Meeting
Sept 28 Ron Halling Workshop
Sept 21-22 Herding Trial

Oct 26-27 Obedience/Rally Trials

GSDC MSP Class Schedule

Ring 1 and 2

Amber Eisfeld & Kelly McDuff

Puppy 1 & 26:00-6:45

Beginning Obedience7:00-8:00

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

Ring 3

Rally Julie Swinland6:00-7:30

Conformation Ginny Altman...7:30-

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