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**From TCVESSA's President-**

As I have mentioned in earlier editions of the Vox, the TCVESSA board has been hard at work rewriting the mission statement for our organization. The final statement the board voted on and accepted is presented below.

**TCVESSA MISSION STATEMENT**

**Building Springer Enthusiasm in the Land of 10,000 Lakes.**

*The mission of the Twin Cities Voyageur English Springer Spaniel Association is to promote the breed, to honor its beauty and versatility, and to ensure its healthy future in the state of Minnesota and as part of the larger English Springer community.*

The mission is accomplished by:

- 1) Promoting every facet of English Springer conformation and performance by offering and supporting American Kennel Club and/or ESSFTA events.
- 2) Offering educational opportunities for members, English Springer enthusiasts and breeders, and the larger dog fancy.
- 3) Participating in outreach activities that represent our breed to the interested public.
- 4) Supporting appropriate, mission-consistent causes that advance English Springer health and education.
- 5) Promoting sound breeding practices and responsible English Springer ownership.
- 6) Demonstrating ethical and sportsmanlike conduct at all events and activities.
- 7) Providing enthusiastic support and encouragement for newcomers and long-time members alike.

We are now in the process of evaluating the club's strengths and weaknesses against this statement to understand how we can better serve the membership at large.

Until next time, stay relaxed in the upcoming busy months ahead!

**Julie Roberts, TCVESSA President**



### *Win, Place or Show- Minnesota Runs for the Roses*

It was a busy week at the 2007 ESSFTA national specialty show. Some of us started the week on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> with the hunt test and working dog test. Next on the agenda were two days of agility trials with the Monday trial being for ESS only. Tuesday brought us mini-seminars, the Breeders Showcase and the welcome party. Wednesday through Saturday were filled with panting springers (and handlers!) in the conformation, obedience and rally rings. The temperatures were in the 90s and unseasonably warm, especially for those of us from the North.

Once again Minnesota competitors made an impressive showing at our national specialty. The highlight of the agility trials was Patty Salzwedel and her Ch MACH Ramblewood Crystal Clear MH UD "Brooke" finishing their MACH 2 (Master Agility Championship). This means that Patty and Brooke have earned all the points and qualifying scores for their MACH two times over! Way to go, girls!

Julie Roberts and her Ch Eldamar's Wil-Orion Checkmate, "Chester", flew around the breed ring and were rewarded with Best in Veterans Sweepstakes. The veterans classes are always crowd favorites and the applause really inspired Chester to show his heart out.

In keeping with the horseracing theme of the week, the Kentucky club offered a "Triple Crown" designation for any dog and handler team qualifying or placing in three different venues. Of the thirteen Triple Crowns awarded, FOUR of them went to dog and handler teams from Minnesota. The Triple Crown winners were Fox Hollow Brand New Day JH OA NAJ WD, "Kiera" and breeder/owner/handler Ann Sunderman, Ch Fox Hollow Shamrock Front Page News WD RN, "Page" and owner/handler Cyndi Myhre, Ch MACH2 Ramblewood Crystal Clear MH UD MX MXJ, "Brooke" and owner/handler Patty Salzwedel, and Ch Topgun's Vin E Wood Makin' a Splash SH CD AX OAJ, "Splash" and owner/handler Kathy Patregnani. One "Breeder's Cup" award was presented to the breeder who had a dog entered in every venue at the national specialty. The winner of the Breeder's Cup was Becky Hoskins, Springbrook Springers.

Way to go, TCVESSA members!



**February 2-3, 2008.** Dr Patricia McConnell and Steve White will do a seminar entitled *"New Perspectives on Canine Behavior, Emotion, and Training"*. This brochure can also be found on our website, [www.tcveessa.org](http://www.tcveessa.org)  
The current member price is \$145.00. You won't want to miss this one!

TCVESSA Calendars are now for sale!!! Hurry! We've sold out more than half of them already. You may buy them via the club's website, or contact Kristin Radermacher at 763-441-0299 or SwedaroSpringers@gmail.com to get yours.

TCVESSA has its own Yahoo email group. It is ONLY for OFFICIAL club correspondence. It's not a "chat" type list and the message volume is VERY low. Things like the club roster and the annual awards form are available via the Yahoo group's files. The list has a calendar feature that sends out reminders for club events and deadlines to the members. Membership to TCVESSA Announce is strictly by invitation. If you are not currently on the list, please contact either Ann Sunderman at [foxhollowspringers@myclearwave.net](mailto:foxhollowspringers@myclearwave.net) or Joan Beck at [beckvisuals@comcast.net](mailto:beckvisuals@comcast.net) One of us can send you an invitation to the list and help you get "in the loop"

### **Here are the 2008 TCVESSA Board Nominations.**

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**Treasurer- B.A. Breese**

**Directors:**

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## **TCVESSA Board Meeting notes from meeting on October 17, 2007**

A second reading for membership was approved for Chuck and Yvonne Bouie from Maple Grove. Welcome!

Education committee report: 31 people are signed up for the November Breeding seminar. Kris was able to save money by negotiating with the U of M the initial cost of \$8700.00 down to \$35 because the entire space will not be used.

There are 23 people signed up for the Perspectives of Behavior seminar in February. We are looking for 43 students to break even on the costs of the seminar.

### **2008 TCVESSA Specialty August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**

Possibilities for future specialty sites were discussed. The consensus was to consider the Anoka County Fairgrounds for 2009 and the work it would take for us to do the show on our own.

Due to time constraints it was decided to continue at Lake Elmo for 2008.

Dues, per our by-laws, are due in January. We'll continue with our current due date of February 1<sup>st</sup>, and then address them with our bylaw revisions..

Joan Beck has resigned from creating the calendars.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. Our next board meeting will be **Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.**





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## Club Member Brags and Results

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### **DarTek Ilean's Black Pearl of Chyna."Chyna"**

owners Barb DiGiovanni & Tekla Viker  
ESSFTA National – 15-18 months Sweeps- 4<sup>th</sup>  
place

### **Ch. DarTek's Sprucehaven Gift of Gab TD RN AX AXJ CGC**

"Gabby", owners Barb DiGiovanni & Tekla  
Viker  
08/16/07. Topeka KC. 1st leg. CD 2nd place...191  
08/17/07 Manhattan KC. 2nd leg CD 2nd  
place...190  
08/18/07 Topeka KC. 3rd leg. CD 4th  
place...185....

**\*\*\*CD Title Earned\*\*\***

09/07/07 ESSC of Greater Des Moines  
qualifying leg..CD..191.5  
ESSFTA National- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Brood Bitch

### **Pine Bend Show Off CD NA NAP OJP RE**

"Belle" Owned & Handled by Kay Esler  
10/20/07 TCOTC~ Open A Obedience~  
2nd Leg CDX~ Score 190.5  
11/10/07 T.C. Min. Schnauzer~Open A Obed.  
3rd Leg CDX~4th Place~Score 184.5

**\*\*\* CDX Title Earned\*\*\***

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### **A/C Intl Ch Cymbeline's Anticipation JH CD RN**

"Karli" Owners Karen Larson & Barb Ciresi  
ESSFTA National- 4<sup>th</sup> place veterans obedience

### **BISS A/C Ch. Sprucehaven Under Time RA NA NAJ NAP NJP "Charlie"**

Owned by B.A. Breese and Mary Frisch  
9/29/07 – ESSFTA WD Test

**\*\*\*Working Dog Title Earned\*\*\***

10/13/07 – Mason City K.C. – Group 2  
10/19/07 – Mattoon, IL K.C. – Group 4  
11/17/07- Minneapolis KC – Group 4  
11/18/07- Minneapolis KC- Group 3

### **Fox Hollow Brand New Day JH OA NAJ WD**

"Kiera" Owner/handler Ann Sunderman

09/23/07 WSSCA Hunt Test 3<sup>rd</sup> leg JH

09/29/07 ESSFTA Hunt Test 4<sup>th</sup> leg JH

**\*\*\*Junior Hunter Title Earned\*\*\***

09/30/07 ESSFTA Agility Trial

2<sup>nd</sup> Leg OA, 1<sup>st</sup> Leg OAJ

10/01/07 ESSFTA Agility Trial

3<sup>rd</sup> Leg OA, 1<sup>st</sup> Leg NF

**\*\*\*Open Agility Title Earned\*\*\***

10/05/07 ESSFTA Rally Trial

1<sup>st</sup> leg RN

10/28/07 Sioux Empire KC

WB/BOS- Major Win

### **Ch Springbrook's Last Magic Act NA NAJ CGCTDI**

"Kylee" owners Jill Shirley & Rebecca Hoskins

10/13/07 Mason City KC

Rally Nov. B 1st leg 4th place 97 pts.

10/27/07 Sioux Empire KC

Rally Nov. B 2<sup>nd</sup> leg 1st place 98

10/28/07 Sioux Empire KC

Rally Nov. B 3rd leg. 90

**\*\*\*Rally Novice Title earned\*\*\***

### **Ch. Eldamar's Wil-Orion Checkmate**

"Chester" Owner/handler Julie Roberts

ESSFTA National

**\*\*\*Best Veteran in Sweepstakes\*\*\***

### **Glenhurst's Sherwood Forest CD SH RN NA NAJ NAP NJP WD CGC TDIA**

"Aspen" Owner: Shirley A. Harford

10/06/07 ESSFTA Nationals

4-Dog Team 4th Place

### **Topgun's Field Of Dreams CD JH RE NA NAJ WDX**

"Rayne" Owner: Shirley A. Harford

10/04/07 ESSFTA Nationals

Open A Obed.. 1<sup>st</sup> leg CDX, 2nd Place

## Brags & Results Continued...

**Ch Nozshoni's Taylor Made VCD2**  
"Taylor" Owner/handler Sheila Koon  
10/21/07 Des Moines Obedience Training Club  
\*\*\***VST Title Earned**\*\*\*  
\*\*\* **NEW Tracking Champion!!!**\*\*\*

**Hirdler Hill's Clover Royale RA "Clover"**  
Owned by Julie & Steve Wilson  
10/21/07- TCOTC Rally Trial  
\*\*\***Rally Advanced Title Earned**\*\*\*

**Ch Cedarwood's Laser Beam CDX RA**  
"Laser"  
Owners Jean Dockendorf & Patricia Welch  
09/30/07 ESSFTA Agility Trial  
1<sup>st</sup> Place, Novice A Standard Agility  
1<sup>st</sup> leg NA

**Ch Cedarwood's Southern Exposure**  
"Jackson" Owner/handler Brenda Filipek  
ESSFTA Agility Trial  
\*\*\***NA Title Earned**\*\*\*  
\*\*\***NAJ Title Earned**\*\*\*

**Woodridge's Nevagard Lead Off Man**  
"Wrigley"  
Owned by Tim & Julie Damgaard  
09/29/07 ESSFTA WD Test  
\*\*\***WD Title Earned**\*\*\*  
ESSFTA National  
Novice B Obed. 1<sup>st</sup> Leg CD



**CH MACH Ramblewood Crystal Clear**  
**UD MH NF WDX "Brooke"**  
Owned by Tracy & Patty Salzwedel  
10/01/07 ESSFTA Agility Trial  
\*\*\***MACH 2 Title Earned!!!**\*\*\*  
10/05/07 ESSFTA National 1<sup>st</sup> place Shooting  
Bitches  
10/12/07 SE WI Obedience club UDX leg #3

**Ch Topguns Singin' In The Rain**  
**JH NA NAJ NF WDX "Kelly"**  
Owned by Tracy & Patty Salzwedel  
09/29/07 ESSFTA Hunt Test  
3rd Senior Hunter leg  
10/01/07 ESSFTA Agility Trial 3rd leg NA  
\*\*\***NA Title Earned**\*\*\*  
10/01/07 ESSFTA Agility Trial 3rd leg NAJ  
\*\*\***NAJ Title Earned**\*\*\*  
10/12/07 SE WI Obedience Club  
1st leg CD score 198.5 1st place  
10/20/07 Rapid City KC  
WB/BOW, 3 point major  
\*\*\* **Championship Earned**\*\*\*

**Ch Topgun's Vinewood Makin' A Splash**  
**AX OAJ SH WDX NF "Splash"**  
Owned by Kathy Patregnani & Patty Salzwedel  
09/29/07 ESSFTA Hunt Test 4<sup>th</sup> leg SH  
\*\*\***Senior Hunter Title Earned**\*\*\*  
10/01/07 ESSFTA Agility Trial  
OAJ leg #2 , 1st place  
10/04/07 ESSFTA National  
3rd place in American Bred class  
3rd place Novice B Obedience 197.5 pts.  
10/21/07 Rapid City KC WD/BOW, 3 pt. major  
10/22/07 Rapid City KC WD  
10/23/07 Rapid City KC WD/BOW, 3 pt. major  
10/28/07 Sioux Empire KC WD/BOW 3 pt.  
major  
\*\*\***Championship Earned**\*\*\*

**!!! Don't forget- All annual awards MUST be  
returned to Shirley Harford by December 31,  
2007- no exceptions!!!**

## A Dog Breeders Seminar: Solutions for Breeding and Whelping

As a breeder, there is nothing more exciting or anxiety ridden as the process of planning, conceiving and whelping of a litter.

When all goes well, you have a natural breeding, easy whelping, and healthy, beautiful puppies as a result of your efforts. However, there are any number of roadblocks along the way that can impede the success of a breeding.

On November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> a group of almost 70 breeders of various experience levels, veterinary technicians, and licensed veterinarians from as far away as Arkansas and California, gathered for two intense days of information on solutions for breeding and whelping challenges.

On Saturday, Dr Peggy Root-Kustritz DMV PhD DACT from the University of Minnesota presented a wealth of information a topics ranging from reproductive physiology and embryology to causes of pregnancy loss, and infertility in the dog and bitch. Dr Root provided factual information in breeders' terms, with a good dose of humor, and was able to debunk many myths that circulate in the breeding community. A good saying to remember: "Many normal dogs/bitches are not average. Timing is the number one reason that a breeding fails." For more information I highly recommend Dr. Root's book: Successful Dog Breeding and Management. It's a must have for anyone breeding dogs.

Sunday's speaker, Myra Savant-Harris R.N., related her life-long experience as a breeder, combined with her career experience as a Registered Nurse to share her valuable experiences with the group. Her topics included how pack behaviors impact breeding, diet for a pregnant bitch and setting up a puppy ICU. She showed "live" demos on her plush toy collie (no, this is not a new "designer" breed). She also discussed how we circumvent nature on a number of levels and how it can be detrimental to our puppies.

Myra brought various whelping supplies and books with her that were eagerly purchased by attendees.

Feedback on the seminar was overwhelmingly positive. Thanks to the team of Sarah Kraft, Kristin Radermacher, Julie Roberts and Kathy Raidt for their planning and implementing; and to Tekla Viker, Cyndi Myhre, B.A. Breese and Becky Hoskins for their help in the set-up and check-in at the seminar, and for Kathy Raidt's emergency stand-in as the hotel shuttle.





# Hey all you Dancin' Queens and Disco Ducks-



## Boogie on down to the TCVESSA Awards Banquet!

February 9, 2008  
Dangerfield's Restaurant  
Shakopee, MN



The play list includes-

Veggies and Dip  
Cheese and Crackers

Caesar Salad  
Wild Rice Salad

Chicken Scampi  
Beef Tips & Mushrooms

Lemon Pepper Orange  
Roughy

Green Beans Almandine  
Parmesan Potatoes

Assorted dessert tray



Served buffet style

Cost is 28.00 per person

Social Hour at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

**One guest**

**per member**

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**\*Reservation deadline is January 25, 2008\***

***Return form to: Carmen Laing, 9101 Rosewood Lane N, Maple Grove, MN 55369***

Club Member's Name- \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Name- \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Phone Number- \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Email Address- \_\_\_\_\_

**\$28 per dinner with checks payable to TCVESSA**

Total enclosed- \_\_\_\_\_

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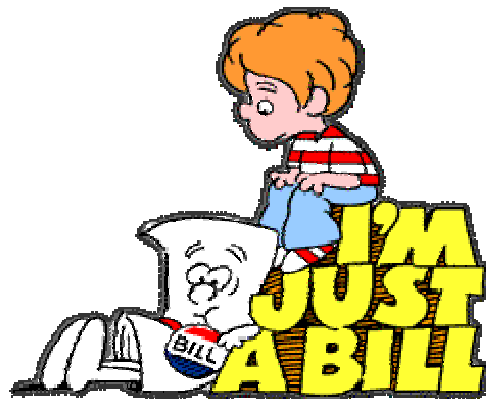
*Chairperson(s) for the  
2008 TCVESSA  
Specialty Shows and  
Obedience/Rally Trials  
on August 21 & 22, 2008*

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*“The dog-owning public must protect their rights to own and control their own destiny and begin to hold accountable those officials who continue to support legislation adverse to dog ownership. In a democracy, the will of the people is not irrelevant.”*

*Carmen L. Battaglia*



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