

SCOA Newsletter



December 2011

President's Letter

We have been out hunting and spent a week hunting Grouse, Woodcock and Snipe on Drummond Island, Michigan. Wow was that a great time with good friends and great dog work. It was also a new experience for us as we had never hunted Snipe before, at least not without a pillow case and pots and wooden spoons! We have had a great time with the company we have kept and watching the dogs work.

I would like to thank all the people who showed up and helped at the NYC AKC Meet the Breeds. There was a very good turn out and the Board wishes to thank all of you who participated. Without all of you helping we could not spread the information about this great breed. I won't attempt to list individual names, as I'm sure I would overlook someone – so thanks to all!

We have the National set for 2012. Although the Board would like to see proposals come in for 2013 and 2014. 2013 is fast approaching and will be on top of us before we know it. Start discussing amongst yourselves and get busy putting together your proposal for 2013 to the board ASAP. Please submit your proposal to the Secretary.

The Board and I would like to wish all of you and yours a Happy Holiday season!!!!

Also Sue and I and the Osage Kennel gang hope you all have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!!!!

Jeff Rhodes

Report from the NYC Meet the Breeds Event



On the weekend of November 19 & 20, some of the New York area's best Spinoni could be found at the Jacob Javits Center in New York City, helping SCOA represent the breed to tens of thousands of visitors. We lined our booth with rugs, bowls, beds, chin wipes and other essentials of Spinone life, then staffed it with volunteers and their owners, from Manhattan, Brooklyn, Long Island and New Jersey. Some of us were old hands at the meet and greet, and others were new to the game.

We had a couple of real youngsters, Hunter, only 9 months, and Monk, a teenager at 15 months. After we persuaded them that they were there to play with the visitors and not each other, they did a great job. They had the excellent example of Gumby, who looks barely half her ten years and exhibited all the grace of an elder stateswoman. In between them in age and right out front working hard, we had Alfred, Denali (who also helped the AKC out on CBS News on Saturday morning), Elliot, Marconi, Mickey, Nina, Pete, Renzo and Tufo. All the dogs (and their generous owners) did a terrific job!

Thank you to all the volunteers for their help in making the Meet the Breeds such a big success. There will be another one next year if you missed this one, and don't forget that we're doing it again in Orlando, at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, on December 17 & 18.

2012 National Specialty

Come join us April 22nd thru April 28th for the 25th Anniversary National Specialty at the Rend Lake Resort & Conference Center. The committee is busy planning a fun filled week for all, there is something for everyone! Check out the national website for further information.

<http://scoaannualspecialty.com/>.

If you would be interested in volunteering to help out during the national week, we would greatly appreciate it. We still need a "Chief Ring Steward" and obedience and rally stewards, please contact Debby Forry if you are interested, sweetjetta@comcast.net.

Susie Pool would greatly appreciate any help organizing & selling merchandise, she can be contacted at susie@milehighceramics.com. We have a few sub committee positions available, Spinone Olympics, Costume Contest and Judges Hospitality; please contact Debby Forry if you are at all interested. Chuck Forry would also welcome help with the hunt test, selling merchandise, helping with hospitality to help the hunt tests run smoothly, contact Chuck at ppppp0@yahoo.com.

We look forward to seeing you all soon, it will be a party you don't want to miss!

Debby Forry

Braggs



GCH Maximus Del Mucrone Owned by Michelle Brustein, Dave Brooks & Walter Carucci-handled by Chuck Forry earned his JH October 8th at the Vizsla Club of Colorado Hunt Test.



CH Dry Grass" Jammin Marley earned his first leg of his JH on October 8th at the Vizsla Club of Colorado Hunt Test, Handled by Chuck Forry



Here is a photo of Talli from this year's Invitational. She became our newest VC with a score of 197 out of 200. We are very proud of her. Owned by Ann Bagnell and Karen Beyer.

Board meeting minutes

Minutes of SCOA Board Meeting 08-15-11 (9:00 pm EDT)

Present: Bobbi Benson, Chris Sweetwood, Deb Davenport, Don Lamoureux, Jeff Rhodes, Kim Vanderbilt, Sue McGregor.

Quorum was established.

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Rhodes at **9:09 pm**

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read: (Don/Chris, passed, unanimous)

Report of Secretary:

General correspondence only

Report of Treasurer:

Checking balance is \$6,889.69, savings balance is \$64,142.61. Tax forms submitted. Motion to accept Treasurer's report. (Chris/Kim, passed, unanimous)

Reports of Committees:

Health - working to align recommendations, CHIC and AKC requirements on website and other publications.

Judges Education - is preparing a letter for judges, continuing education.

Newsletter - next two issues will be handled by Chris Sweetwood while we seek a new editor.

Ways and Means - has purchased surplus 2010 specialty merchandise and is advertising its availability on the email lists.

Please see committee survey discussion for other committee reports.

Motion to close committee reports (Deb/Bobbi, passed, unanimous)

Election of New Members

Motion to approve memberships of Honey & Rusty Key, Alvarado, TX and Jane & Tom Hahler, Falls Church, VA (Don/Bobbi, passed, unanimous)

Unfinished Business:

By-Law Revision Recommendation Review - Separate board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 9:00 pm EDT.

Motion to close Unfinished Business (Kim/Deb, passed, unanimous)

New Business:

Motion to approve purchase of 100 calendars for future sale. (Kim/Chris, passed, unanimous)

Motion to submit contract for the development of a Judges Education program to Carolyn Fry for review (Kim/Sue, passed, Chris Sweetwood abstaining, otherwise unanimous)

Completed review of Club Committee survey

Motion to reappoint Awards Committee: Keely Ghirardelli (Chair), Debb Brookman and Sharon Reif. (Don/Kim, passed, unanimous)

Motion to add Rick Todd to Hunt Test Committee. (Chris/Kim, passed, unanimous) Motion to assign Suzanne Hudson as Chair of Judges Education Committee (Kim/Sue, passed, unanimous)

Motion to add Stacie Coates to Junior Showmanship Committee. (Chris/Deb, passed, unanimous)

Motion to assign Daina Hodges as Chair of Registry of Merit Committee. (Chris/Deb, passed, unanimous)[Chris Sweetwood leaves meeting at 11:17 pm] Motion to close new business (Don/Deb, passed, unanimous) Next Meeting: Thursday, September 8, 9:00 pm

Motion to adjourn (Deb/Kim, passed, unanimous) 11:45 pm

MINUTES FOR SCOA BOARD MEETING 08-23-11 (9:00 pm EDT)

Special Meeting to Discuss Proposed Revisions to C&BL and Other Urgent Matters

Present: Bobbi Benson, Deb Davenport, Don Lamoureux, Sue McGregor, Jeff Rhodes, Chris Sweetwood, Kim Vanderbilt. Quorum was established.

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Rhodes at **9:07 pm**

New Business:

Motion to approve the 2012 National Specialty budget of 8/15/2011. (Chris/Deb, passed, unanimous)

Proposed Changes to Constitution and By-Laws

Many of the changes proposed by the committee were made to bring the C&BL into accordance with the boilerplate provided by the AKC and were accepted by the board without further discussion. These changes included striking the part of the membership descriptions that permits the Membership Secretary to hold office at the same time as another household member, using AKC's wording for foreign memberships, changing the language about debt to the club upon resignation, deleting the requirement to hold the Annual Meeting in the month of April and moving start of the election schedule up by one month in order to allow more time for the entire nomination and election process, among others. The changes that required board discussion and vote were as follows:

- Motion to strike the Charter Membership and add an Honorary Membership as defined in the AKC boilerplate. (Don/Kim, passed, unanimous)
- Motion to accept the recommendation of the committee to change the number of sponsors for a membership application to two members in good standing. (Don/Sue, passed, with the board in favor except for Kim)
- Motion to reject the recommendation of the committee to make the Membership Secretary an elected and voting member of the board, and to add another board member at large; leave the makeup of the board unchanged. (Chris/Deb, passed, with the board in favor except for Don)
- Motion to reject the recommendation of the committee to impose a limit of three consecutive terms of office in the same position on the Officers and Board. (Don/Chris, passed, with Chris, Don and Sue in favor and Deb, Bobbi and Kim opposed. Jeff broke the tie with a vote in favor)

- Motion to reject the recommendation of the committee to stagger the terms for officers and board members, requiring annual elections rather than the current biannual elections. (Kim/Don, passed, with Deb, Don, Chris and Bobbi in favor, Kim and Sue opposed)
- Motion to change the number of continuous years of membership in good standing required before running for office to four (4) years, from five. (Don/Deb, passed, with the board in favor except for Bobbi)
- Motion to accept the recommendation of the committee to require the use of an independent professional firm to send, receive and count the ballots for the election of Officers and Directors. (Deb/Bobbi, passed, unanimous)

Next Steps:

Deb Davenport to inform the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of these decisions and direct them to start preparing these changes for review by the AKC and SCOA Membership.

Motion to adjourn (Chris/Bobbi, passed, unanimous) 10:42 pm

Minutes of SCOA Board Meeting 09-08-11 (9:00 pm EDT)

Present: Bobbi Benson, Chris Sweetwood, Deb Davenport, Don Lamoureux, Jeff Rhodes, Kim Vanderbilt, Sue McGregor.

Quorum was established.

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Rhodes at **9:15 pm**

Minutes of the meeting of 8/15 were approved as read (Deb/Don, passed, unanimous)

Minutes of the meeting of 8/23 were approved as read (Bobbi/Chris, passed, unanimous)

Report of Secretary:

Obtained insurance certificate for Greeley Specialty, releases from other kennel clubs for our nationals, other general correspondence.

Report of Treasurer:

Motion to pay D&O liability insurance of \$669 (Don/Deb, passed, unanimous) Financials will be submitted by email

Reports of Committees:

By-Laws – Committee has meeting scheduled for 9/12 to review board's comments on proposed C&BL
Hunt Test – Alyssa Pease writes "We're working with the Rend Lake COE folks on their proposed new hunt test area. I've had a talk with the woman who is spearheading the efforts out there to see what they needed and have a list for the committee to work on to assist them with requirements for various tests. It doesn't sound like they will be up and running by the time we are there next year but if they are able to get this done it should be great for future years."

Motion to close committee reports (Kim/Deb, passed, unanimous)

Unfinished Business:

Discussion of website functionality tabled to email Motion to close Unfinished Business (Bobbi/Don, passed, unanimous)

Election of New Members:

Motion to approve new members, 2 family, one single (Don/Kim, passed, unanimous)

New Business:

Motion to sign the Judges Education Contract with Carolyn Fry. (Kim/Sue, passed, Chris and Deb opposing)

Motion to close New Business (Deb/Kim, passed, unanimous)

Next Meetings: Monday September 25, 9:00 pm and Tuesday, October 26, 9:00 pm

Motion to adjourn (Chris/Bobbi, passed, unanimous) 10:04 pm

Minutes of SCOA Board Meeting 09-26-11 (9:00 pm EDT)

Present: Bobbi Benson, Chris Sweetwood, Deb Davenport, Don Lamoureux, Jeff Rhodes, Kim Vanderbilt, Sue McGregor.

Quorum was established.

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Rhodes at **9:09 pm**

Minutes of the meeting of 9/8 were approved as read (Chris/Deb, passed, unanimous) (Minutes of the meeting of 8/23 were corrected to clarify voting record and posted.)

Report of Secretary:

Distributed announcement of contract for judge's education program development with C. Fry to the membership, other general correspondence.

Report of Treasurer:

Approval of August 1 report (Kim/Bobbi, passed, unanimous)

Reports of Committees:

AKC Delegate – attached. Discussion of making DNA blood draw at nationals paid by SCOA to encourage participation, appointing a legislative liaison.

Awards – has started the process of recruiting additional committee members.

Judges Education: Secured Contract for Carolyn Fry to 1) proceed with a program for selection, training and testing of potential presenters/mentors for Judges in training. 2) Begin researching and compiling a list of "Breed Specialists" over seas and in the US for the SCOA members to select from and vote on for upcoming Specialties. 3) Begin formatting and moving forward with a plan for an Illustrated Standard. Have prepared a letter on Spinone type for distribution to judges and eventual publication in AKC Gazette. [presented for approval under new business]

Newsletter: Newsletter published, printed and mailed. Will pass all pertinent information on to Chris or his successor, provide tech support as needed.

Rescue: Patti Johnson reports "I am working on recruiting some additional helpers in the south and the west since that's where we're desperately lacking. Lauren Friedman will now be in charge of handling all correspondence for rescue. This will include sending thank you notes to people who donate."

Supported Entry Committee: Requests that we provide a letter of permission to the Detroit Kennel Club for the Blue Water Spinone Association to support the Spinone entry at the Detroit

Kennel Club show in Detroit, Michigan on March 3-4, 2012. They would like to have this by October 1. (Kim to send letter)

Motion to close committee reports (Don/Chris, passed, unanimous)

Unfinished Business:

Discussion of website functionality continued Motion to close Unfinished Business (Kim/Bobbi, passed, unanimous)

Election of New Members:

Motion to approve new members, one family, and one single (passed, unanimous)

New Business:

Motion to approve final text of "tails, croups and topline" letter to judges (Kim/Sue, passed unanimous)

Motion to approve statement on expected expenditures for services of C. Fry under the terms of the Judges Education Development Contract and distribute to all members. (Sue/Chris, passed unanimous)

Next Meetings: Tuesday, October 25, 9:00 pm

Motion to adjourn (Chris/Sue, passed, unanimous) 10:51 pm

Minutes for SCOA Board Meeting 10-25-11

Present: Chris Sweetwood, Deb Davenport, Don Lamoureux, Jeff Rhodes, Kim Vanderbilt, Sue McGregor; Absent: Bobbi Benson

Quorum was established.

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Rhodes at **9:12 pm**

Minutes of the meeting of 9/26 were approved as read (Chris/Don, passed, unanimous)

Report of Secretary:

Distributed details of C. Fry contract to membership; distributed request for member input on awarding points to some Winner's D/B, on behalf of Karen Luckey, AKC Delegate; sent letter permitting Blue Water Spinone Association to support the Spinone entry at the Detroit Kennel Club Show March 3 & 4, 2012; fulfilled member request for documents under "right to inspect" laws, after discussion with Mike Liosis and attorney to ensure that all obligations were met; completed correspondence re conflicts of our Specialties with all-breed shows in region, receiving last release needed for approval of Nationals; other general correspondence.

Discussion of switching SCOA to email-only notifications from AKC. We need to ensure that all event chairs and secretaries are willing and able to receive their notifications via email, as moving to the "email-only" option with the AKC affects everybody's notices.

Report of Treasurer: Treasurer Report - to be submitted.

Reports of Committees:

Awards: Proposal for revision of award criteria tabled to separate meeting Wednesday, November 2, 9:00 pm

Breed Standard: We are working to incorporate comments from Judge Ed committee, seeking to eliminate areas of confusion. We also plan to poll UK/Italy standard committees to see if further description of tails is available, but research so far

indicates that descriptions are available only of the docked tail and the second half is a mystery! Preparing article for submission to the newsletter.

Judges Education: Letter on Spinone type has been distributed to judges. Working with Jan Naigus on article for AKC Gazette; working with Jan Naigus on other articles as well; collecting and compiling comments from judges in response to letter.

Motion to add Kay McLeland and Karen Luckey to JEC (Chris/Sue passed unanimous)

Newsletter: Newsletter now with Chris Sweetwood. Kim V. will provide tech support as needed. Committees have been reminded of their obligation to submit articles, new SE reporter assigned, call for articles placed on SCOA_Members list.

Specialty Procedure Handbook: Ros Duda sent a reminder to all members of the current Specialty committee to keep notes as they work, on the template provided.

Ways and Means: "The Ways and Means committee really has no report at this time. We do however still have mouse pads, magnets, mugs, t-shirts, a few decks of cards, zipper pulls and vests left for sale."

Motion to close committee reports (Kim/Deb, passed, unanimous)

Unfinished Business:

Discussion of website functionality continued

Committee emails need to be updated (Kim)

Motion to close Unfinished Business (Kim/Sue, passed, unanimous)

Election of New Members:

Motion to approve one new family membership. (passed, unanimous)

New Business:

Discussion of moving Annual Meeting from Wednesday to closer to the weekend. Kim to draft letter to membership reaffirming original schedule. Motion to hire Chris Dickey as parliamentarian for 2012 Annual Meeting and to assist membership in formulation of motions in advance of the event, prepare the agenda. (Deb/Kim, passed, unanimous)

Motion to approve payment of \$699 liability insurance premium to Equisure. (Kim/Deb passed unanimous)

Motion to add Ed Gebelein, Seth Beckman, Heather Jenner, Diane Cannon and Dan Graff to the Awards committee. (Sue/Don, passed, unanimous)

Next Meetings:

Wednesday, November 2, 9:00 pm EDT, for discussion of Awards Committee proposal

Tuesday, November 22, 9:00 pm EST, general board meeting

Motion to adjourn (Chris/Kim, passed, unanimous) 10:25 pm

Minutes for SCOA Board Meeting 11-09-11

Special Meeting for the discussion of the Awards Committee Proposal

Present: Bobbi Benson, Deb Davenport, Don Lamoureux, Sue McGregor, Jeff Rhodes, Chris Sweetwood, Kim Vanderbilt
Quorum was established.

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Rhodes at **9:15 pm**

Minutes of the meeting of 10/25 were approved as read (Kim/Chris, passed, unanimous)

Discussion of Awards Committee Proposal

Motion to approve the establishment of a Best of Opposite Perpetual Trophy, awarded to the SCOA member owner/owners of the "Best of Opposite Sex" at the Annual National Specialty Show, to be sponsored by Debb Brookman. (Kim/Don, passed, unanimous)

Motion to reject the proposal to retire trophies to save shipping expenses, but to give the recipient the option of leaving the trophy with the club if preferred.

(Chris/Deb, passed, Don opposed)

Motion to reject the proposal to consider NAHRA titles in calculating award eligibility. (Deb/Chris, passed, unanimous)

Motion that the board instruct the awards committee to monitor title reports to identify dogs that might be worthy of recognition, inform owners of their eligibility and encourage them to apply for the appropriate awards. (Kim/Bobbi passed, unanimous)

Motion to keep the timeframe under consideration for the award of the Rufus and Kemo Cups to the calendar year (1/1-12/31) that preceded the Annual Meeting in which the award is presented. (Chris/Kim, passed, unanimous)

The description of Asti's Compassion should be revised to include a requirement that the dog should have a therapy dog credential from any recognized agency.

The proposal to consider establishing an award for the top show dog of the year has been approved in principle; the board recommends that the criteria be simplified and aligned with the existing AKC point's award system.

The proposal is to be returned to the committee with the board's thanks and recognition of the enormous amount of work and careful thought that has gone into it. We will provide notes about various adjustments and refinements we would like to see made before the proposal is resubmitted.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 22, 9:00 pm EST, general board meeting

Motion to adjourn (Chris/Kim, passed, unanimous)
10:24 pm

REFLECTIONS OF A GROUSE - WOODCOCK HUNTER ON HIS DOG

Bob Priest

For about 57 years I have remarked in my hunting journal experiences hunting grouse and woodcock, two of my favorite upland game birds. In many cases they include observations of my hunting pals as they search and sniff their way through the coverts. This is one of many of these, my spinone, my Bella.

Bella is four years old and has proven herself admirably in the AKC Master Hunt tests and we are preparing for the NAVHDA Utility test this coming spring. However it is for the grouse/woodcock coverts that I obtained her, specifically to hunt these unique birds in the woods and thickets of the north. The focus of her training has been designed around pursuit of wild birds. This addition to my journal is a reflection on how she did on a recent trip

through the northern Midwest, which tested her ability, and our training.

As this is my first spinone it would be helpful for some to understand how this hunter arrived at selecting a spinone.

In 1951, at the age of nine, I was given my first shotgun, a Sears Roebuck single barrel gun as a birthday present (up and into the early 1950s the laws on the age of youth allowed to hunt in Vermont were left to the parents). I have hunted these birds every year since except for a couple of years serving in the military in Southeast Asia. What is unusual about my experience is that when old enough to go hunting I was told by my Father and Grandfather, both avid bird hunters, that I first needed to learn to hunt without a dog. I must begin without hunting with and over our family English Setter Rowdy. This is essential to this story and ultimately how I came about selecting a spinone. My Father said, "To hunt grouse one must learn to listen, carefully approach, and observe the habitat." That became my hunting mantra for the rest of my life. I was taught to hunt slowly and quietly in the woods; ten steps forward, stop, and then count to ten before moving on. As such I could actually sneak up on grouse or woodcock, as I almost invariably did. I was only allowed three shells for my little gun as I left the house any given day back then; so they had to count! As a consequence this unique pattern of hunting these two upland birds was based on the foundation of, "Observation and Patience."

As I grew older and hunted over most of the known upland pointing and flushing breeds of the day, it ultimately evolved into the so-called "perfect" grouse dog. This "ideal" dog had been discussed over many evenings and over the years with experienced gun dog hunters and friends, usually around a large fireplace after an exhaustive day of hunting. The question always remained as to what constituted the perfect grouse and woodcock dog? The answer never matched with what we knew of the breeds. Some came close, but never perfectly answered. Each of the breeds had strong characteristics, but none met the challenge, as we defined it. However, I knew that with the years spent hunting over dogs in the fields and coverts, the hunting style instilled by my Father, fine tuned over many years hunting that I would recognize the breed when and if I ever saw it.

I wish I could say that extensive research and exhaustive analysis was done in selecting my Bella. It did not happen that way. It was purely instinctive, and to be blunt very haphazard. However as I have gotten older the best and most enduring encounters happen this way I believe. I literally ran into this white joyful dog. It occurred by chance as I was jogging, and this fuzzy faced dog owned by a young couple in Baltimore ran up to me as I was running. It wanted to run with me, and I immediately was taken by its alertness and the friendliness of its face. The couple said the name of the breed and it was a hunting dog. That was it! I researched it, read what little I could find, called some friends around the United States, some had heard of it,

but none had actually hunted with one. I became more intrigued as the little I could find about the breed started matching up with the years of my defining the sort of dog I was seeking, this so-called "ideal" dog. The journey to meet Bella took me through Patti Johnson, Dana Graff, a few others, and eventually Katherine Cooker in Fairplay, Maryland. I will not go into the process of attempting to convince Katherine over two hours that I was "worthy", but suffice it to say no lawyer has ever come close to a perfect cross examination as much as she; I know attorneys and she was thorough! Ultimately she took a "chance," as she said, and Bella who was quite unenthusiastic about this strange man during my "deposition," jumped in the car with me to go home. Have you ever instantly known your decision was spot on, and the internal joy that comes with it? It does not happen often, but when it does it is you know it is happening!

As I had trained Bella for the various hunt tests she has passed and still has to perform, I started seeing in her more of the instincts that I had sought over the years. These hunting characteristics of hers I noticed however were not always matching up with criteria used today by many trainers and handlers of upland or versatile dogs. Given my academic and professional training I took considerable time and effort to seek individuals whom I considered knowledgeable about the breed so I could learn and put together a better profile for proper handling. These inquiries were more than the specifics in training this breed. I wanted to learn about the breed as to what to expect in different conditions and situations that went beyond the test field. I needed to balance very carefully the willingness and unique desire of this dog to hunt with obedience. This I knew was going to be absolutely essential for our mutual training and working as a team. For it as a team and a unit in the field is the only way I train. I knew from my children, coaching lacrosse, and working with many other dogs that one style of coaching or rearing does not fit all; one must learn the dog first, be patient, flexible, have a great sense of humor (did I say have a sense of humor?), pick your battles, and then apply the discipline appropriately. In time my observation of Bella, and years working with grouse dogs and hunting said she was in fact representative of a superior hunting breed, but it still needed proving. Frequently with training or in tests I would hold my breath not believing what I was seeing with how this dog would react to different situations, I often looked around and asked myself if anyone else noticed this as well? Some of these characteristics were subtle and others not so, all were quite profound and

yes may I say it, "Very moving," for me. It was all this that she performed that I wanted to test, but this time it would be the crucible of wild birds in the thick northern grouse coverts. This would be our ultimate trial!

Bella and I traveled to the northern tier of Midwestern states for a couple of weeks in mid October of this year. From Michigan to Minnesota we toured as I intentionally wanted to put Bella in different types of situations where I knew there would be many birds and simultaneously learn a different sort of obedience. It would require the type of demands and stress on a relationship whereby the two of us had to be absolutely on our game; this could only come from the extensive forests and wild birds. Additionally my goal was to help her understand how to hunt grouse and woodcock in this environment that she could not learn training for a Master AKC, the rigors of preparing for her NAVHDA (North American Hunting Dog Association) utility test, or on the old farm coverts of my native New England. Was she capable of performing as well as I had hoped and observed, or did I have just another pleasant hunting companion? This is what I wanted to see.

For those not familiar the type of cover that I now hunt, it is principally the large forests of northern Maine, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota along the Canadian border that are timbered. These are interspersed with ski mobile or old logging trails frequently enclosed by seemingly impassable stands of hemlock, alders, briars, and various hardwoods. Most often the ground floor is littered with slash of prior logging creating a minefield for walking. They are available only for the most athletic, agile and willing to withstand facial and body lacerations. When I use the term impenetrable it is a word not used lightly. These forests are difficult to penetrate off trail or following a flush, and only by the most competent and experienced woodsman. This however is where the birds are, not the beautiful classic coverts I recall from my youth of the old New England farmsteads portrayed by artists such as Addison Ripley, A.B. Frost, Milton Weiler, and Ogden Pleisner to name a few.

Our first stop was in Hawks, Michigan at the Nettie Bay Lodge. I chose this location as the owners had established 1,000 acre wild preserve that is exceptionally well managed habitat for grouse and woodcock. The owners purposely do not timber the property as I wanted to ease Bella into a more difficult terrain and environment. On the first day Bella jumped out of her cage and she seemed to know what to do. She immediately ran ahead of my guide and me as she swept back and forth trotting seeking her quarry. She began to range no more than 75 to 150 feet out in front of us in the alders, conifers, and briars, always with a steady deliberate pace compared to all the other dogs I have known over the years. I noticed she continued her practice as in hunt tests of always measuring her distance by stopping to keep me in sight. Chris, our guide, was astounded at the close in working characteristic of Bella, her persistence, but more her nose. He said, "She is not missing anything and has a

nose that periodically periscopes and picks up scent like a submarine on a hunt."

In fact this is one of the characteristics I wanted to test, was she able to balance in a wild habitat the sporadic slowing down enough to pick air borne scent effectively along with tracking? Remember the mantra; "Patience and observation." I was not surprised as I saw her pick her way side to side, then forward, and stop to gather up what was around her. Never in a hurry, but extraordinarily focused and carefully she went as I recall she frequently reminded me of one "Gunny" Sergeant moving his squad through the Southeast Asian rice paddies. Never a loss was his or hers as they both moved forward. This characteristic proved she was different than other dogs I have known. Her deliberate purposeful drive never over ran a scent or bumped a bird as so many other breeds do. Not a small detail to be overlooked in a gun dog I reminded myself!

I was pleased with Bella's ability to enjoy hunting woodcock and retrieving them. Was this characteristic of the breed or my dog? This I do not know, but it is not important as she shows the same focus and determination with Timberdoodles as she does with old Mr. Partridge. This trait of enjoying the retrieval of a shot woodcock is not common to many other gun dogs given their strong scent. Was it a result of the many hours retrieving those stinky dead mallards for her NAVHDA training, or just another benefit to chalk up to the breed? One wonders?

Our first foray was a success. Her "subtle" (term used by our guide), but determined drive even surprised me as she dove into a large branch and slash pile, worked her way inside, and then re-surfaced with a wounded grouse. I recall one nationally known testing judge telling me that she was, "Unimpressed," with the spinone. Next year I am inviting her to hunt with me! That was impressive! Then as we were walking back to our truck we noticed Bella tracking a bird. As we emerged on a dirt road Bella was on the edge pointing across the road. As our guide and I were looking all over the opposite edge of the road and beyond there was no bird. Walking back to her I noticed her head was pointing slightly up. To our surprise some 75 feet away and fifteen feet up in a hemlock was a big old grouse, sure enough on the other side of the road. Our limit for the day reached, we just watched, and sadly said, "No bird!" Our guide said, "You have some grouse dog." "Yes, I do," I remarked! I was pleased for Bella, but knew our true challenge lay ahead.

We got going at 4:00 am and headed across the Mackinaw Bridge and purposefully

took the northern route on route 28 across the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. It is a 315 mile trip from Sault St. Marie all the way to Ironwood, Michigan (please do not ask how we got to the Canadian border at Sault St. Marie. With a finely tuned German GPS on a dark rainy morning I incredulously and sheepishly asked the Canadian Passport officer, "Isn't this the way to Grand Rapids, Minnesota?"). The drive is across one of the longest and most humbling expanse of forest, lakes, and wild streams that is almost totally uninhabited with few gas stations and rest areas. It is a drive one needs to prepare for, not be stranded, and be very observant as very large 1,500 pound animals with huge racks come out quickly. They can do serious damage as we found in one instance. This was to be a preamble to our arriving in northern Minnesota.

The total wilderness of the top tier six counties of Minnesota have only 20% of the land settled for farms, villages and housing. The balance is Federal, State, or Paper Company owned forests or parks. We arrived at our hotel in Grand Rapids, Minnesota and met our guide for the next week. The first day out I noticed that Bella was hunting different than in Michigan and even in various hunt tests with a different brace mates; she laid back and did not push out as before. In fact hunting along the many logging or ski mobile trails Bella stayed in front of us not leaving the trail, but repeatedly checked with what our guide's dog was doing (a fourteen month Llewellyn bitch). As Tim, our guide, kept moving his dog from one side of the trail to the other in a quick pace, Bella kept in front of us, but not venturing much off the trail. Only when I would enter the woods with the Llewellyn on point would Bella precede me with an eventual backing or search if the bird flushed. It is important to note, Bella kept scenting as she had before as she moved forward on the trail, and occasionally would pick up a bird to point on or near the trail. This however was rare as the Llewellyn kept running wide in front of us.

This observation of Bella's hunting style to let a brace mate that runs big run and not compete was not new; I had seen it a couple of times before, but now I wanted to try to understand why it occurred. It took a while for me to realize that Bella's hunting style was to always let another dog that prefers to run hard to push out, and then lay back. She clearly does hunt with dogs running at her pace, when this happens she is a, "Zealot seeking out the hapless Romans!" Is this dog of mine that smart that she allows the other hard charging dog to expend energy while she lets it do all the work? Or is it a case of not desiring to run at the pace of the other dog, or both? I have spoken since coming home to a couple of smarter spinone hunter/owners than me, and they all agree that the spinone recognizes what is appropriate and when. They are that smart! A condition they assert occurs when braced with a hard running dog.

Another important affirmation of this spinone of mine is that when braced with a "big running dog that runs hard," Bella will frequently pick up the scent of birds the other dog by; she points more frequently, remains

steady further from the bird, at a safer distance so they will have less of a chance of flushing. The reason is that her pace of trotting allows her to pick up scent and then track birds most big running dogs run over. I had seen this in hunt tests, but it was clearly exhibited here in the wild. This occurred not just once or twice but several times when Bella was braced with a college friend's NAVHDA two Virtual Champion Wiemariners and the guide's Llewellyn. I had to get used to, "But my dog was just there," or, "That bird must have just dropped from a tree as it was not there a minute ago!" And so it went.

Bella's "gate" or style of hunting also surprised me. Her manner of walking and trotting I had not seen in an upland dog before, and noticed she was able to hunt or "run" longer than most grouse dogs I had been around. Not being involved with dog confirmation events I know absolutely nothing about appropriate ring "style" for a dog; however Bella paces and then trots when exploring the coverts for birds. Yet when on a "chase" or tracking a running bird she has what I would call a deliberate slow gallop. I had a close friend and spinone owner who shows her dogs walk behind Bella when I hunted recently. She indicated that her trotting and pacing would never do in a show ring, but Bella has learned to conserve energy and approach each situation differently thus allowing her to hunt longer than most dogs. "She has learned on her own how to be efficient. Don't change it," she said. However something occurred in Minnesota I was completely unprepared for and unexpected.

On our second "rest day" I took Bella out to get some exercise in a nearby forest that had a stand of hemlock and edge cover. As we proceeded into the forest I had my Garmin GPS backtracker working and Bella had her pre-requisite e-collar, Sport Dog pointing beeper, and bell. I felt comfortable that with early Outward Bound experience, and equipment I was in control of our surroundings. That is until a bird went up and Bella ran after it. The prey drive is wonderful until a dog disappears into the wilderness. As the bell became more faint until silent, and the e-collar does not respond to any transmission one becomes more than concerned. I can not begin to share what was going through my mind at the time. Some ten minutes, fifteen, twenty, thirty minutes went by and no sound! I kept using our signal of two blasts on my long range whistle and still nothing. Finally after thirty minutes I heard a faint bell and it got closer. I knew I was on the verge of hyper ventilating and had to remain calm with Bella. At that point Bella and I had a "Coming to Jesus" discussion of what she and I needed to do with a flushed bird in these forests

from then on! Her life depended on her understanding that, it was not time to play or fool around.

Every day from then on as birds flushed into the forests, I yelled, "No bird, come," she always turned on a dime, and returned to hunt with me. It was that simple. However it was two years of training that went into her turning like that and being obedient immediately. Thanks to all the AKC and NAVHDA training on the "whoa table," pinched ear, adherence to obedience commands, her trainers, and e-collars is it now easier to direct and correct a problem before it becomes fatal for my dog!

One observation I would like to make about this incident. In the north woods Bella as I mentioned hunted close, did not miss much and retrieved everything shot to hand. However hunting with two VC dogs and one Llewellyn made me realize that training in this environment must include absolute control of one's dog in a close environment such as this. Constantly the two NAVHDA VC dogs and the Llewellyn we hunted with over a two week period had to be called back or redirected with a lot of yelling and or use of the e-collar. All three dogs were used to hunting pheasants in massive tracts of prairie. This is what many of their owner's train them for. This hunting technique can be deadly for most dogs in the grouse/woodcock northern forests. Any hunter who takes a dog to this environment must clearly establish obedience as the number one priority before coming or entering these forests. While I was in Minnesota three hunting dogs were lost to dogs running and the owner not being capable of turning them. Obedience should be mandatory for any one venturing into hunting wild birds any where, not just the northern wilderness!

Learning about your dog is a wonderful shared experience between you and your dog in any venue or venture. In hunting it becomes that much more valuable as the trip brings a shared satisfaction to both the gunner and dog in the achievement of that partnership. In hunting the trophy is shared, the ribbon is clearly carried by one to be then passed off to the other. With a spinone I have found that bond is more intense due to the close relationship between owner and dog, not unlike some other breeds, but it is intense with these dogs! With Bella I learned much about spinone, I am still learning their characteristics, and a breed's grace that achieves almost an elegant manner of hunting. I once said to someone that this dog was the choice of Italian aristocrats, I was clearly wrong about its history, but not about its character. I have a respect for this breed that achieves much more than my "ideal" dog could have accomplished that grows. Most importantly my Father and Grandfather I know would have loved to have hunted over her, this spinone, my partner, this Bella of mine.

Committee Reports

Awards

The Awards Committee has been very busy. We have added 5 new members to the committee and they are: Ed Gebelein, Seth Beckman, Heather Jenner, Diana Cannon and Dan Graff. Welcome aboard!!! We had a very good response to our plea for new committee members; unfortunately we could not accept everyone. But for those of you who want to help out, even if there are no openings on committees now or you have special skills, please give your name and contact info to the board and when something does open up they may contact you. On a sad note, I am sorry to say that Sharon Reif has resigned from the committee. Thank you Sharon for your time and help. Your efforts were most appreciated.

The Committee has also sent their new awards criteria to the board for approval. It is that time of the year again!! The committee needs your nominations for the various awards that the club gives out at the annual meeting. Especially needed are nominations for Asti's Compassion, The Cos Cup and the Award of Recognition. So do not be afraid to nominate all those special Dog/Handler teams that make life a bit more bearable for others. Fill out the nomination form and send it to:

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Kirkland, WA 98024

Debb Brookman at: dobie@wcoil.com
Or
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Lima, OH 45801

And last but not least, with the holidays just around the corner, the Awards Committee would like to wish everyone a VERY SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

Breed Standard

No article submitted

Hunt Test

In 2010 we added the water test as a requirement to earn the Senior (SH) or Master Hunter (MH) titles. According to the AKC *"the water test is open to all AKC pointing breeds six months of age and over on the day of the test. The dog shall retrieve a dead game bird from the water after a swim of about 20 yards. A blank pistol shall be fired while the bird is in the air. The handler shall stand six feet from the water, and the dog must demonstrate its willingness to enter the water, to swim, and to retrieve*

at the direction of the handler without being touched or intimidated. Style shall not be considered. The dogs shall not be placed, but shall either pass or fail." A Spinone Italiano shall not be awarded the title of SH or MH unless it has been certified to have passed an AKC Water test at a licensed or member club field trial or hunting test. The Premium for the Water Test shall specify the type of game to be utilized in the test.

It is important to remember that this is not an AKC Retriever Test, but is a test of the dog's ability to enter the water and retrieve downed game, something a Senior or Master Hunter should be capable of doing both in the field and water.

Basically the mechanics of the test are as follows: Armed with your blank pistol, you will bring your dog at least six feet from the edge of the water to a point designated by the judges. When you are ready a dead game bird will be thrown so that it lands about 20 yards away, in the water. When the bird is in the air you will fire your blank pistol. After a brief wait the dog will then be given a command to retrieve the bird. Now comes the hard part. After sending the dog to retrieve you stand there and wait for the dog to do so. You can encourage the dog at anytime during this process but it must bring the bird back to your hand and you can not move forward.

Remember nothing replaces good training before the test. If your dog will not retrieve to hand on land there is little chance it will in the water. You are allowed to encourage your dog verbally and should do that if you need to. Make sure your dog is facing the water to mark the fall of the bird. Get your dogs attention before calling for the bird to be thrown and send you dog with your normal command to retrieve. You may still encourage the dog once it has the bird and should if you need to.

The test simulates a hunting situation where you have shot a game bird and it has fallen into a nearby body of water. A Senior or Master Hunter would never leave game unrecovered in the field or water and this is simply another test that profiles the many facets of our breed's versatility. After all they don't have those big webbed feet just because they're cute.

If you have questions regarding the test please feel free to contact the Hunt Test Committee.

Judges Education

No article submitted

Junior Showmanship

No article submitted

Meet the Breed

Vacant

Regionalization

Vacant

Registry of Merit

No article submitted

Supported entry

No article submitted

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Rocky Mountain Regional Specialty Results

The Rocky Mountain Region Spinone want to thank all those who helped put on another successful Regional Specialty. Congratulations to all the winners, especially Deb Perrot and GCH Javal I'm Movin' On To Hootwire taking Best of Breed, traveling all the way from Florida certainly made the trip well worth it. High in Trial went Kim VanDeman and Stella, Congratulations! We all had a great time at the banquet and auction, Susie Pool did a great job putting together an awesome auction and raffle, nobody left empty handed. A great time was had by all, thanks to all those who supported the show, we look forward seeing you next year!
Debby Forry, Show Chair.

Best of Breed:

GCH Javal I'm Movin' On To Hootwire RN BN TT

Best of Winners- Winners Dog:
Dry Grass' Chill Winston Unclerunkus

Best of Opposite:
GCH Spinfandel Mariah's Storm JH

Select Dog- CH Dry Grass' Jammin' Marley RN

Select Bitch- CH Pochini's Classic Aria

Award of Merit- CH Mountain Valley Ave Ciamaria

Award of Merit- GCH Couchfields Maximus Del Mucrone

Winners Bitch- Dry Grass Sway Me To Memphis



Best In Sweeps- Dry Grass' Chill Winston Unclerunkus (pictured above)

Best of Opposite in sweeps- Dry Grass Sway Me To Memphis (pictured above)

High In Trial- Mountain Valley I Am Ms. Blu, Ms. Stella Blu RN

2012 SCOA Photo Contest

Please support this wonderful breed for their health and for the ones who need rescued and start taking those photos today. As you are watching your Spins, make sure your camera is close at all times, so you can capture these moments:

1. Just Being Spinone
2. Field and Water
3. Puppies (6 months and under)
4. Spinone Birthday Celebrations

There will be a winner from each category, and an overall winner will be chosen for a page and front cover of the 2013 calendar. All winners will be the main focus picture on a calendar page and will receive a complimentary 2013 calendar.

NO PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS PLEASE.....THEY WILL BE ELIMINATED.

Please use **high resolution** digital or 35 mm film. These make clearer pictures when enlarged and transferred to the calendar pages. If you win the cover, we will want you to email us the picture as large as you can.

Submit 4x6 photos only. No email photos will be accepted

Please put yours and your dogs name on the back of each photo (address labels work nicely) along with your email address, and which category you want each of your pictures entered into.

There will be no photos returned, if anyone has any questions please call me or email me privately. spinnewf@machlink.com or 563-263-8616.

Cost will be \$6.00 for the 1st photo and \$2.00 for each additional photo after that.

Deadline is: April 6, 2012

. No photos after that date will be accepted.

Mail photos and your check (made out to SCOA) to:

Kandi Kwirant
2630 Seven Oaks Park
Muscatine, IA 52761

Thank you everyone and I can't wait to see your photos!

NOT JUST ANOTHER PRETTY FACE!

We welcome Via Montagnia GEMMA to our pack.



Our older Spinone, Gus (Terremoto di Morghengo), is an experienced hunter. Showing drive and abilities very early on, at five months he became the youngest NA Prizing Spinone in NAVHDA.

For Gemma, however, hunting was brand new. At six months, her first wild bird hunt in Maine had her working hard for woodcock and grouse- 5 days straight, all day in heavy cover. She just didn't quit- pointing, tracking, retrieving and even honoring Gus' points.

More training, a NAVHDA NA test and she's on her way! Thanks Chris Chadwick and Chuck Milroy (*long* time NAVHDA members) for all your help.

And a special "Thanks" to Pat and Steve Cuzzacrea of Montagnia Via Kennels because we all know... IT STARTS WITH GOOD BREEDING!

Submitted by: Celeste DeMarco

**SCOA Newsletter Reporting
SE Region
November, 2011**

From Rita Monte, FL:

"The Jersey Boys..Niko, Justin, Neve and Stitch and their humans, Nick and Rita Monte, took a long motor home road trip vacation in early October from our home in Northwest Florida to New Jersey to visit with family and friends. We traveled through nine states on our route. The Boys love traveling and are a joy to take on the

road loving the sights, sounds and smells of new places as well as meeting new people on the way. After a long trip, we are extremely fortunate to call Phil and Deanna Cuchiaro our friends and to be their guests for a week at their incredible home in NJ. They live on over 50 beautiful, wooded and manicured acres with a magnificent spring fed pond in western NJ and have opened their generous hearts and home to rescued dogs including Irish Setters, White and Orange Setters, Italian Bracco, English Setters and four Spinone. Our four Boys get a chance to run, run and run some more as well as explore and swim in the lake. Pure heaven! Their dogs, all once abused, neglected or rejected are now all happy, much loved, well trained and people friendly who welcome us every time we come to visit. A wonderful tribute to Phil and Dee. As a token of our appreciation, we have left them a gift, a permanent gift, which has been placed at the banks of the pond.



The only downside of our trip is still Phil and Dee's missing Spinone, Gina. She has been missing since October 2010 when she slipped through the electronic fencing that surrounds the property. She has been sighted regularly, but despite the long and arduous searching by Phil and Dee, friends and search parties, she still is out there. Please come home Gina!!"



From Jack Tapscott (SC):

Hello All:

Some of you may have heard I had to put Gus down yesterday. He had osteo sarcoma with a baseball size spot growing on his sternum. It encapsulated the arteries, muscles and everything else with no chance of survival. It was not a hard decision because he was in terrible pain but it was a hard thing to do.



Gus was quite the character and lived life to the fullest in his 8 1/2 years. He hunted in 4 states for quail, dove, pheasant and Hungarian partridge compiling a record of over 1,000 points, 1,000 retrieves and -0- lost birds. Gus also loved to fish and made many trips to the Clinch River for striped bass. I am sure it was luck but many times the rod he would sit next to was the next rod to catch a fish. Gus also fished 30 miles off shore with me several times and he loved to ride the waves sitting on a cooler.

Gus taught me many things about myself and also about dealing with other people. He inspired me to hunt in Mexico twice and South Dakota 3 times. Gus did not go on those trips but he would have had he lived to my retirement. Gus was responsible for the opening of 2 vintage hunting and fishing booths called "Sporting Treasures" . He motivated me

to want to share the feelings I had when following behind him in the field with others.

Training Gus was the hardest thing I have done and hunting with Gus was the most fun out of the many things I have done in my life. He learned over 50 commands and knew the meaning of over 100 words, although he never learned the difference between a Phillips head and a flat head screwdriver. !!! Gus did learn how to open and close the door and would retrieve an egg without breaking it.

He was not the best dog in the world but he was the best dog I have ever had and we loved him so much. Our family will miss him for the rest of our lives.

"A dog does not live as long as a man and this natural law is the fount of many tears. If boy and puppy might grow to manhood and doghood together, and together grow old, and in due course die, full many a heartache might be avoided. But the world is not so ordered, and dogs will die and men will weep for them so long as there are dogs and men"

"Old Tantrybogus" (March 6, 1920, *Saturday Evening Post*)

From Deb Perrott (FL):

Grand Champion Javal I'm Movin' On To Hootwire, RN, BN, TT won the National Specialty in April under highly esteemed judge Michele Billings. He also won the Regional Specialty in Colorado under Christina Hubbell. "DiOGi" is co-owned by Debbie Perrott and Shirley Knipe. He has always been owner handled until last December when Debbie's hip decided it couldn't work too well. So the April Specialty found "DiOGi" being handled by Bob Perry while Dave Slattum did the honors at the Regional and 4 Wisconsin shows gaining him 5 Best of Breeds, a Group 2 and a group 4. Then it was on to Topeka where he won two more breeds and a Group4. He came home from his summer vacation after attending a total of 11 shows as the #1 spinone in breed points and # 4 in all breed points. Needless to say we are extremely proud of our boy doing so well in very limited showing during 2011. Debbie has traded in her right hip for one that makes her airport wait even longer.

From Amy Hines (VA):

We are proud to announce that CH Sweetbriar's Ecco D'Oro JH is now GCH Sweetbriar's Ecco D'Oro JH! When not in the show ring or chasing our feathered friends in the field, Ecco is busy being the "Spokes Dog" of Nawty Dawg Big Heart, LLC. Ecco's faithful Facebook "pack" (now over 5,000 strong) has raised money for Susan G. Koman for the Cure, The Alzheimer's Association and 45 other non-profits that help animals in need. In addition to raising money for these charities, Nawty Dawg presented a lovely autistic girl with the seed money to provide gift baskets to a few hundred seriously ill children in various hospitals around the country and will

soon visit a terminally ill 12 year-old whose wish was to meet "The Big White Dog". November 15th will end Ecco's "Underwear Everywhere" drive where his insatiable appetite for being a panty bandit has resulted in collecting over a thousand pairs of new underwear from all over the world for the 300 men, women and children supported by the Union Mission Ministries in Norfolk, VA. We are very proud of how many lives Ecco touches on a daily basis and love him with all of our hearts.

From Jan Naigus (FL):

The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship show will be held in Orlando on December 17 and 18, and SCOA will have a Meet the Breeds booth. Debbie Perrott and I are organizing the booth, and we need dogs (and their people) to meet the public both days. At this point we have a few dogs that will be there most of the time, but we would like others to sign up for an hour or two (or more), if possible. We need puppies (over 4 months of age), adults of all ages, and since we have more whites than browns coming, we need brown dogs! The booth hours are 10 AM to 4 PM each day. Up to 10 volunteers will get day tickets to the event (we all have to buy the evening tickets to see the groups). If you can help, please contact me at spinone@cfl.rr.com.

The booth decorations are going to be amazing. I can't say more, but I'll be posting photos from the event! We're very excited about the upcoming Eukanuba show, to be held on Dec. 17-18th in Orlando, Florida.

Also: there are three all-breed shows (the three days immediately preceding Eukanuba) in the same Orlando venue. We hope to see lots of Spinoni folk there and will be on hand to take pictures.

From Seth Beckman (FL):

Members of the SE Region are exploring the possibility of organizing a Spinoni gathering over Labor Day Weekend, 2012, in Raleigh, NC, to be held in conjunction with the annual AKC show cluster there. Details will be forthcoming!



From Jolene Newcomer

Gio recently earned his therapy dog title from AKC and received his certificate and a Therapy dog patch from AKC. He is officially now Mals-About Prime Meridian THD. In September he also completed his Intermediate Title in the Super Size Agility Venue.

AWARDS NOMINATION TIME

Did you know that it's time to nominate/apply for dogs for the SCOA annual awards ? These awards are for SCOA members' dogs who have had major accomplishments in the last year.

Name of dog

Owner _____

Place an X beside your choice(only one nominee per form)

_____ KEMO CUP- In recognition of the top performance in the field by a Spinone Italiano: You should consider NAVHDA and AKC field performance. Performance with non-AKC field (competing registries) should not be considered.

_____ RUFUS CUP- In recognition of the Spinone demonstrating exceptional performance in the field and conformation ring: you should consider NAVHDA and AKC field and conformation performance. This should be a Spinone that had prized in a NAVHDA Utility test, is at least a SH and has excelled in the conformation ring. Consideration should not be given to titles/awards given by competing registries (ie: UKC, etc).

_____ TY CUP In recognition of the Spinone that demonstrate exceptional performance in three or more areas of activity: You should consider NAVHDA, AKC and Therapy Certifying agencies when evaluating performance for this award. Consideration should not be given for titles/awards earned with competing registries (UKC, etc). This award is not bound by the previous calendar year rule and can be awarded for a lifetime of achievement.

_____ COS CUP- In recognition of the ultimate companion dog: the Spinone that best typifies the best Spinone to "hang out" with. This award is not bound by the previous calendar year rule and can be awarded for a lifetime of achievement.

_____ ASTI'S COMPASSION- In recognition of the Spinone demonstrating superior performance as a therapy dog: The recognition of/titles received from the various therapy dog certifying organizations.

_____ AWARD OF RECOGNITION- Awarded to the Spinone that has produced offspring of significance to the breed.

Tell us in a brief description of 250 words or less what this dog has done to deserve the award:. You may attach a separate piece of paper.

Send nominations to:

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or
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or
any awards committee member

The winner will be selected based on accomplishments of record

New Titles to Date:

AXP	Hopecreek Maggioranza Fisica Sofia RA AXP OJP	Timmari Putti
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BN	Amico Peloso's Here Comes The Sun BN RN	Mattie Cobban/Jean Cobban/Matt Cobban
BN	CH Gateway's Camilla BN RN JH	Nancy Young
BN	Olivechi Rosa Mundi BN	Nancy Young
BN	Etta James Of Darby Canyon BN RE TD	Berdell K Koch
BN	Capo Di Paura Carter BN RN	Eleanore Biancanello
BN	GCH CH Javal I'M Movin On To Hootwire BN RN	Debbie Perrott & Shirley Knipe
BN	Hopecreek Maggioranza Fisica Sofia BN RE AXP AJP	Timmari Putti
CD	Mals-About River Edition CD RN	Samuel Emmons/Evan Emmons
CD	Windy City Kojack CD	Katelyn A Kane
CD	Double K Dakota CD	Katelyn Kane/Jonathan Paranjothy
CD	Etta James Of Darby Canyon CD BN RE TD	Berdell K Koch
CD	CH Gateway's Camilla CD BN RN JH	Nancy Young
CH	CH Poochini's Classic Aria	Steve Caddel/Jane Caddel
CH	CH Samuel Matteo Of Mountain Valley RN	Barbara L Ray/Pamela A Ramirez/Rebecca Koch
CH	CH Grand Bays Ricompensa Dolce	Erin Dunn/Ted Wentink
CH	CH Barba Del Mucrone	Allison Schultz
CH	CH Bella Campo Winter Solstice	Kyle Turner/Erin Horan/Kay McLeland
CH	CH Klondike's IMA Yankee Doodle Dandy	Mike Sheridan/Carol Sheridan
CH	CH Nacimiento's Threshold Of A Dream	Kirk Smith/Deborah Smith
CH	CH Mals-About Mississippi Girl JH	Patricia Fendley
CH	CH Mountain Valley Ave Cia Maria	Bridget Doyle/Micheal Doyle
CH	CH Quattro Zampe Tuaca JH	Teri Turner
CH	CH Sweetbriar's Ecco D'Oro JH	Amy Hines/Thomas Hines/Dana Graff
CH	CH Sweetbriar's Excalibur Niccolo Massimiliano	D Katherine Cooker/Dana Graff
CH	CH Dry Grass' Jammin' Marley RN	Susie Pool/Debby Forry/Chuck Forry/Ericka Dombrowsky
CH	CH Couchfields Psychic Detective RE	Sara Marshall
CH	CH Darby Canyon Marcello Mastroianni	Elizabeth Ann Palius
CH	CH Kala's Frizzante Bianco Vino	Christina Beckerman & Kathleen Hamaker & Steven Beckerman
CH	CH Tarquinia Of Trollbo	Gocki Andrews & Charles Andrews & Lena Amirian
CH	CH Couchfieldsthe Pin Up Girl	Michelle Brustein & David Brooks
CH	CH Darby Canyon Mick Jagger	Diana Cannon
CH	CH Morghengo Baleno	June Kennard & Arthur Laundon
CH	CH Mountain Valley Nytro Augustus	James Bailly & Sally Bailly
CH	CH Amico Peloso's Here Comes The Sun BN RN	Mattie Cobban & Matt Cobban & Jean Cobban
CH	CH Amico Pleoso's Chiclet	Cheryl Kay Fritts
CH	CH Gateway's Mile High Handsome Harry	Nancy Young & Leslie Kunz
CH	CH Giglio Del Caos	Allison Schultz
CH	CH Nine Gates Matilda	June Kennard
CH	CH Ti Amo Qua Del Mare JH	Keely Ghirardelli
CH	CH Bela's This Time It's Hudson	Patricia Miller & Kirk A Miller & Leslie Miller
CH	CH Mals-About Fools Rush In	Patricia Fendley
CH	CH Olivechi Rosa Mundi BN	Nancy Young
CH	CH Bela's The Rain In Spain	Patricia J Miller & Kirk A Miller & Leslie Miller
CH	CH Feriia Dianora	Teri Turner
CH	CH Adagio's Zenzero Piccante	Nicole Dodge & Timothy Dodge
CH	CH Crossroads Homeward Bound	Mary Cross
CH	CH Crossroads Incredible Journey	Mary Cross

CH	CH Vericool's Quicksilver Express	Ms. Susan Acquistapace
GCH	GCH CH Javal Tangerine Man	Jamie Austad/Kim Norton
GCH	GCH CH Collina D'Oro Deal Mia Diamond	Stacey A Belt/Kathleen Tener
GCH	GCH CH Boxlock Florence	Mary Faeth
GCH	GCH CH Quattro Zampe Fiamme JH	Teri Turner
GCH	GCH CH Amico Peloso's Tea For Two	Riki Aulgur/Diana Aulgur
GCH	GCH CH Bella Lucianna Di Morghengo MH	Daniel Spence/Barbara Spence
GCH	GCH CH Quietwood Tiramisu	Danny E Baisey/Bonnie Blink
GCH	GCH CH Caccia Cane Fonzie JH	Shirley Bauer/Fred Bauer
GCH	GCH CH Couchfields Sheldon JH	Carol Levine/Debra T Forry/Dave Brooks/Michelle Brustein
GCH	GCH CH Darby Canyon Milly Vitale	Stuart R Campbell/Mary E Campbell
GCH	GCH CH Netis Feelin Groovy	Patricia Fendley
GCH	GCH CH Standfast Maverick Queen	Daina B. Hodges & Gregory Sponseller
GCH	GCH CH Darby Canyon Mick Jagger	Diana Cannon
GCH	GCH CH Italix MIlena Olivia	Suzanne Hudson & Carolyn Fry
GCH	GCH CH Klondikes Orso Bianco Di Lara	Tammara Morgan & Carol Sheridan
GCH	GCH CH Vericool L'Arte Della Leggenda	Susan Acquistapace
GCH	GCH CH Amico Peloso's Diamond World	Cheryl Kay Fritts & Joyce Ann Standish & Regina D Maxwell
GCH	GCH CH Bellaebravo Bruno SH	Daniel Spence & Barbara Spence
GCH	GCH CH Standfast The Outlaw Josey Wales	Mary Faeth & Colleen Schorr & Daina B. Hodges
GCH	GCH CH Macho Amegos Di Morghengo JH	Cary Marmis & Fern Marmis & Margaret Coe
GCH	GCH CH Klondikes Freedom Rocket	Susan Dean & Carol Sheridan
JH	CH Sweetbriar's Ecco D'Oro JH	Amy Hines/Thomas Hines/Dana Graff
JH	Mountain Valley Acadian Ecco JH	Lisa Meaux
JH	Osage Fennel JH	Brenda Morgan/Michael Morgan
JH	Osage Gaetana Fabia Seconda JH	Jeffrey Hines/Maryann Herklotz
JH	Bella Terra's Ernesto Moneta JH	Deborah F Wright
JH	Spinfandel Torquato Tasso JH	Henry DiGiovanni & Mary Faeth
JH	Couchfields Bella Bianca JH	John J Manfredi
JH	CH Grand Bays Ricompensa Dolce JH	Erin Dunn & Ted Wentink
JH	CH Sunny Skies Li'L Rufid Braveheart JH	Shannon Barchalk
JH	Barba Bagnata Compimento Del Sogno RN JH	Ms. Ann C. Harvers & Ms. Tammara Morgan
JH	Busy B's Iroquois JH	Diane Diffenderfer & Randi Axelrod
JH	GCH CH Couchfields Maximus Del Mucrone JH	Michelle Brustein & Walter Carucci & Dave Brooks
JH	Etta James Of Darby Canyon CD BN RE TD JH	Berdell K Koch
JHR	CH Drago Castellano Of Trollbo CD RE SH JHR THD	Mr. Christopher L Sweetwood & Ms. Lauren M Friedman
MH	CH Drago Castellano Of Trollbo CD RE MH JHR THD	Mr. Christopher L Sweetwood & Ms. Lauren M Friedman
MXP	Hopecreek Maggioranza Fisica Sofia BN RE MXP AJP	Timmari Putti
NAJ	CH Darby Canyon Gracie's Fellini CD RE TD NAJ NF	Susan Palius
NAJ	Little Sure Shot Annie NAJ	Mae Kleinheksel
NAP	Quid Nunc NAP NJP	Jane Mamer/Steve Mamer
NAP	Hopecreek Maggioranza Fisica Sofia RA OAP OJP	Timmari Putti
NF	CH Darby Canyon Gracie's Fellini CD RE TD NF	Susan Palius
NJP	Quid Nunc NAP NJP	Jane Mamer/Steve Mamer
NJP	Hopecreek Maggioranza Fisica Sofia RA OAP OJP	Timmari Putti
OAP	Hopecreek Maggioranza Fisica Sofia RA OAP OJP	Timmari Putti
OJP	Hopecreek Maggioranza Fisica Sofia RA OAP OJP	Timmari Putti
RA	Hopecreek Maggioranza Fisica Sofia RA OAP OJP	Timmari Putti
RE	Couchfields Psychic Detective RE	Sara Marshall
RE	Osage Duxun Limited CD RE JH	Jeff Rhodes/Sue Rhodes

RE	CH Drago Castellano Of Trollbo CD RE SH	Mr. Christopher L Sweetwood/Ms. Lauren M Friedman
RE	CH Couchfields Here For The Party CD RE	Debbie J Davenport/Brian Dail
RE	Hopecreek Maggioranza Fisica Sofia BN RE AXP AJP	Timmari Putti
RE	Caccia Cane Diangelo RE JH	Bobette Benson
RE	CH Sweetbriar Anna Francesca RE JH	Benjamin Ritchey & Lori Ritchey
RN	Hopecreek Maggioranza Fisica Sofia RA OAP OJP	Timmari Putti
RN	Amico Peloso's Hey Jude RN	Evelyn Sullivan
RN	CH Poochini's Classic Sophia Donata RN	Barbara Ray/Pamela Ramirez
RN	CH Dry Grass' Jammin' Marley RN	Susie Pool/Debby Forry/Chuck Forry/Ericka Dombrowsky
RN	Barba Bagnata Compimento Del Sogno RN	Ms. Ann C. Harvers & Ms. Tammara Morgan
RN	Bogwalker's Boulder CD RN SH	Joseph Zawadowski
RN	Dee Tia's Duncan RN	Cheryl J Walters & Denna L Gern
SH	Penny Lane's Rocco Di Morghengo SH	Karen D Thompson
SH	Brier Creek's Felice Furba Fontana SH	Mrs. Karen D Thompson & Mr. Veron Thompson
SH	Osage Grosvenor SH	Bill Revercomb

Please fill in this form for your trophy pledges and attach to the donation form that follows:

Please legibly print exactly how you would like your name and/or kennel name printed in the catalog for trophy donations:

Offered by:

Thank You for your Donation!!!



Spinone Club of America

2012 National & Parent Club Specialty Trophy Pledges

Deadline for Trophy Pledges is Wednesday, February 29, 2012 !!!

All pledges must be in writing and accompanied by payment. Any trophy pledged, but not used or claimed, becomes the property of the Spinone Club of America, to be used at their discretion. Please indicate on the back of this form how you want your name and/or kennel listed in the event catalog. Indicate the show and trophy you wish to pledge. For classes, circle dog/bitch and the placement you desire. Please mark a second and third choice if desired, in the event your first choice(s) has been pledged.

		National Specialty	Parent Club Specialty
Name	Best of Breed	\$ 90.00	\$ 80.00
	Best of Opposite Sex	\$ 90.00	\$ 80.00
Kennel Name	Select Dog	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
	Select Bitch	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
Email Address	Award of Merit (3)	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
	Winners Dog	\$ 65.00	\$ 40.00
	Winners Bitch	\$ 65.00	\$ 40.00
	Best of Winners	\$ 45.00	\$ 40.00
Mailing Address	Reserve Winners Dog	\$ 45.00	\$ 40.00
	Reserve Winners Bitch	\$ 45.00	\$ 40.00

Phone			\$22				\$15				
CLASSES:											
6-9 Puppy	Dog	Bitch	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any				
9-12 Puppy	Dog	Bitch	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any				
12-18 Month	Dog	Bitch	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any				
Amateur Owner Handler	Dog	Bitch	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any				
American Bred	Dog	Bitch	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any				
Bred By Exhibitor	Dog	Bitch	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any				
Open	Dog	Bitch	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any				

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS ARE OFFERED ONLY AT THE NATIONAL SPECIALTY. PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE. ALL CLASSES: First Place: \$22 each 2nd thru 4th Place: \$15 each Please circle your class placement preference, or circle "Any" to allow for use where needed.

CLASSES: Field: Dog Bitch 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Any Veteran: Dog Bitch 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Any
 Best Bred By Exhibitor \$ 15.00 _____ Best Veteran \$ 15.00 _____ Best Field \$ 15.00 _____

HIGHEST SCORING VETERAN IN EXHIBITION VETERAN HUNT TEST \$ 35.00

O OBEDIENCE and RALLY CLASSES: HIGH IN TRIAL \$50.00 (Obedience Only)

		\$22				\$15					\$22				\$15			
B	Obedience Novice A	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any				R								
E	Obedience Novice B	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any				A	Rally Novice A	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any		
D	Obedience Open A	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any				L	Rally Novice B	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any		
I	Obedience Open B	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any				L	Rally Advanced A	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any		
E	Obedience Utility A	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any				L	Rally Advanced B	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any		
N	Obedience Utility B	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any				L	Rally Excellent A	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any		
C	Beginner Novice	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any				L	Rally Excellent B	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any		
E	Graduate Novice	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any												
E	Graduate Open	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any				Y								
	Veterans Obed	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any												
	Versatility	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Any												

BEST JUNIOR HANDLER: \$25 _____ JUNIOR HANDLER PLACEMENTS: \$5 each _____

GENERAL TROPHY FUND: Amount: \$ _____ (this helps cover shipping costs, plaques, engraving, etc.)

MAIL ALL TROPHY PLEDGES TO: Sue Acquistapace, P.O. Box 60886, Fairbanks, AK 99706-0886. Make checks or money orders payable to: SCOA. There will be a \$25.00 NSF charge on returned checks. Pledges must be paid in full at time of pledge. In the event your choices are 'taken,' we request to use your donation where needed within the event specified. Pledges are reserved on a first come, first served basis, with prior years' winners having first choice. Print name/kennel on back of pledge sheet for publication.

Questions? Email Sue at: VeriCool@acsalaska.net

Net Worth - As of 9/30/2011

As of 9/30/2011

10/24/2011

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Account	9/30/2011 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
BofA Checking	0.00
BofASavings	0.00
Scoa Checking	0.00
SCOA Savings	0.00
WellsFargoChecking	5,844.93
WellsFargoSavings	64,158.69
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	70,003.62
Other Assets	
Deposits Prepays	0.00
TOTAL Other Assets	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	70,003.62
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue	0.00
TOTAL Other Liabilities	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	70,003.62

SCOA YTD 2011 Vs2010 - Last month

9/1/2010 through 9/30/2011

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Category	9/1/2010- 9/30/2010	9/1/2011- 9/30/2011	Amount Difference
INCOME			
Annual Meeting Income			
AnMeetingMerchandiseSales	74.00	0.00	-74.00
TOTAL Annual Meeting Income	74.00	0.00	-74.00
Donation			
Rescue Donations	100.00	279.43	179.43
TOTAL Donation	100.00	279.43	179.43
General Merch Sales	0.00	125.00	125.00
Invest Inc	6.44	7.90	1.46
Membership dues	385.00	165.00	-220.00
TOTAL INCOME	565.44	577.33	11.89
EXPENSES			
Annual Meeting			
AM Merchandise Expenses	91.93	102.00	-10.07
TOTAL Annual Meeting	91.93	102.00	-10.07
Club Expenses			
Donation Expense	1,000.00	200.00	800.00
Gen Liab- Accident-D&O Ins	635.00	669.00	-34.00
TOTAL Club Expenses	1,635.00	869.00	766.00
Merchandise Expense	899.00	18.00	881.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,625.93	989.00	1,636.93
OVERALL TOTAL	-2,060.49	-411.67	1,648.82

SCOA YTD 2011 Vs2010

1/15/2010 through 9/30/2011

10/30/2011

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Category	1/15/2010- 9/30/2010	1/15/2011- 9/30/2011	Amount Difference
INCOME			
AKC Hunt Test Income	0.00	3,255.50	3,255.50
Annual Meeting Income			
An Mtg Regis-Food-Catalog	20,103.00	14,420.25	-5,682.75
An Mtg Trophy Fund	2,369.00	4,228.00	1,859.00
AnMeetingMerchandiseSales	8,068.75	6,133.50	-1,935.25
AnMtg Hunt Test & NAVHDA	3,861.00	3,065.50	-795.50
AnMtgCERF-Microchip-CGC-TDI	3,932.01	350.00	-3,582.01
Annual Meeting Auctions	9,178.00	6,927.00	-2,251.00
Annual Meeting Show Entry Inc	8,354.00	5,384.00	-2,970.00
TOTAL Annual Meeting Income	55,865.76	40,508.25	-15,357.51
Breed Info & Breeder Ads	100.00	720.00	620.00
Calendar Sales & Photo Contest	2,033.00	1,480.00	-553.00
Donation			
General Fund Donations	186.08	315.38	129.30
Health	80.00	123.00	43.00
Rescue Donations	1,531.00	719.43	-811.57
TOTAL Donation	1,797.08	1,157.81	-639.27
General Merch Sales	1,842.00	333.00	-1,509.00
Invest Inc	48.39	65.02	16.63
Membership dues	15,095.00	14,490.00	-605.00
Miscellaneous Club Income-Other	0.00	50.00	50.00
TOTAL INCOME	76,781.23	62,059.58	-14,721.65
EXPENSES			
Uncategorized	0.00	0.00	0.00
AKC Hunt Test Expenses	0.00	3,125.82	-3,125.82
Annual Meeting			
AM Catalog,Reg,Show Sec'y	5,972.80	5,178.16	794.64
AM CERF&Microchip Expense	2,580.00	500.00	2,080.00
AM Equipment and Decor	3,171.62	3,463.23	-291.61
AM Food Expenses	18,346.26	11,431.43	6,914.83
AM Hotel-Lodging-Grounds	1,060.00	3,735.94	-2,675.94
AM Hunt Test&NAVHDA Exp	4,604.15	3,273.52	1,330.63
AM Judge Expense	4,137.56	2,362.64	1,774.92
AM Merchandise Expenses	7,044.82	4,226.04	2,818.78
AM Seminar & Photo Exp	1,417.00	2,916.10	-1,499.10
AM Trophies Awards Ribbons	3,904.27	4,163.95	-259.68
TOTAL Annual Meeting	52,238.48	41,251.01	10,987.47
Calendar Printing & Exp	234.30	0.00	234.30
Club Expenses			
Ballot & Voting Expenses	1,950.00	0.00	1,950.00
Bank charge	238.25	294.50	-56.25
Club Expenses-Other	1,449.43	2,238.81	-789.38
Donation Expense	1,000.00	200.00	800.00
Gen Liab- Accident-D&O Ins	1,235.00	669.00	566.00
Legal-Prof Fees	268.34	521.40	-253.06
Postage	5.60	185.56	-179.96
Regional Sp& Supp Entry Exp	506.37	150.00	356.37
TOTAL Club Expenses	6,652.99	4,259.27	2,393.72
Insurance-Accident&Liab	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Merchandise Expense	920.47	318.26	602.21
Newsletter-MemberPack-Print			
Newsletter Printing And Postage	1,571.53	471.10	1,100.43
TOTAL Newsletter-MemberPack-Print	1,571.53	471.10	1,100.43
TOTAL EXPENSES	61,617.77	50,025.46	11,592.31
OVERALL TOTAL	15,163.46	12,034.12	-3,129.34

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