

Awards and Recognition:

The present awards criteria are:

The Kemo Cup- In recognition of the top performance in the field by a Spinone Italiano: The committee should consider NAVHDA and AKC field performance. Performance with non-AKC field (competing registries) should not be considered.

The Rufus Cup- In recognition of the Spinone demonstrating exceptional performance in the field and conformation ring: The committee 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).

The Ty Cup- In recognition to Spinone that demonstrate exceptional performance in three or more areas of activity: The committee 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 committee should rely upon nominations to determine 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.

High in Trial Trophy- Awarded to the highest scoring dog in the Regular Classes at the SCOA National Obedience Match, held at the Annual National meeting.

Asti's Compassion Trophy-In recognition of the Spinone demonstrating superior performance as a therapy dog: The committee should rely upon nominations and recognition/titles received from the various therapy dog certifying organizations. This award does not constitute permission from SCOA for the owners or Spinone to participate in therapy activities and we encourage owners to certify their dogs with the numerous therapy agencies to obtain the proper insurance coverage to safely participate in therapy dog activities.

Junior Handler Trophy-Awarded to the top performing Junior Handler at the Annual National Specialty Show.

Best of Breed Perpetual Trophy- Awarded to the SCOA member owner of the "Best of Breed" at the Annual National Specialty Show.

Winners Dog Perpetual Trophy- Awarded to the SCOA member owner of the "Winners Dog" at the Annual National Specialty Show.

Winners Bitch Perpetual Trophy-Awarded to the SCOA member owner of the "Winners Bitch" at the Annual National Specialty Show.

Annual Best Junior Handler Award- Awarded to the SCOA member Best Junior Handler for the year as determined by "bestjuniorhandler.com" This certificate still needs to be designed as it was created at the last national meeting.

Award of Recognition- Awarded to the Spinone that has produced offspring of significance to the breed.

GOLD Medallions For the National Specialty- Medallions will be awarded for all qualifying legs in hunt tests or Prizes in NAVHDA, all qualifying scores in obedience (regular and non-regular) and rally classes, all first through fourth place class winners in junior handling, All first through fourth place class winners in regular and non-regular conformation classes (includes Brood Bitch, Stud Dog, and Veterans), and Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, and all Awards of Merit in conformation. (The WD/WB/BOW would already have them from their class wins.)

SILVER Medallions for the Parent Club Specialty- medallions will be awarded for all first through fourth place class winners in regular conformation classes, *(there are no non-regular classes at this specialty)* and Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, and all Awards of Merit in conformation.

On several entries we limited consideration to NAVHDA and AKC awards. We did this as we are an AKC parent club and AKC has a partnership agreement with NAVHDA. We specifically excluded registries that compete with the AKC, such as UKC and the other 30 that are to numerous to mention.