



From TCVESSA's President: Francie Nelson

Summer appears, finally, to have arrived in a gust of monsoon winds and rain, leaving water in my basement (now dry, thankfully) and a number of great TCVESSA events behind us.

Our June agility trials, thanks to Kathy Patregnani and her team, were very, very successful and I'm happy to report that our treasury stands in a much better place than it did when I reported to you several months ago.

Our May specialties, as reported in an earlier issue of the **Vox**, were great fun in spite of our wishes for a larger entry. Your board is meeting to examine opportunities to get our entries back up again; this may mean making some major decisions about how and when we do our specialties, and we will keep members well informed of our progress. If you have thoughts and ideas, please share them with Liz Pike or any member of the TCVESSA board.

Volunteer Role Available!

I've served (with the able assistance of Jon Pidde) as TCVESSA's Annual Awards Chair for several years, and I need to turn this duty over to someone who would like to take over this role. Jon keeps track of the performance results and does a terrific job. My role is to prepare the list of all TCVESSA dogs who qualify for titles and special awards and to announce the titles and awards at the banquet.

I also work with Viking Trophy to make sure that our awards are selected, ordered, and delivered on budget and on time, and to oversee the engraving of our beautiful annual award plaques.

Please contact me if you're interested in taking over this job – it's fun, and it keeps you in touch with everything that our members are doing with their dogs. The person who takes this over should live locally, because trips to Viking are needed in order to select, then pick up, the awards. I'll help out with 2013, so the new person has a chance to learn the ropes.

As the summer progresses, enjoy your dogs and remember to keep them safe from excessive heat and over-exertion.

From the Land of 10,000 Springers . . .

Francie

PS. A special thanks to Liz Pike for hosting our recent board meeting and for providing a delicious supper! It was over and above the call of duty and we really appreciated it!

PPS. I have two soft-sided crates (one large, one medium) and two "suitcase" folding crates (Springer sized) available for a reasonable price. Contact me at fanfarespringers@comcast.net if interested.



TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes: February 18, 2013

Officers present: Francie Nelson, President, Julie Roberts, Vice President, B.A Breese, Treasurer, and Kathy Raidt, Secretary

Directors present: Liz Pike, Maryevelyn Monty, Carmen Laing, Kathy Patregnani, and Jon Pidde

Members present: Courtney Hanson

The meeting via teleconference was called to order at 6:36 PM by Francie Nelson.

Secretary's report: The notes, from the January 14, 2013, Board meeting were read. A motion to accept them was made, seconded, and approved.

A second reading for a new membership application for Debbie and Dale May was heard. A motion to accept their membership application was made, seconded, and approved.

A letter from the AKC where they have approved our club for agility events was read. Kathy Patregnani will call the AKC to clarify a point.

Treasurer's report: It was reported that an amount of \$4,267.07 was in the club's account. We profited \$65.00 from the A-Agility match held in January at On the Run Canine Center in Ham Lake, MN.

Specialty: Liz Pike reported that she is still waiting on a couple of approvals from the AKC. Lori Ericson will be our photographer for the Specialty. Steve Maynard requested that he be released from his contract and perhaps move him to 2016 because he will be judging at National. It was motioned to postpone his selection, seconded, and approved. Liz has not heard from the gentleman for electrical and catering.

Banquet: Carmen Laing reported that the Annual Banquet has received reservations for 22 people so far. Francie will create a reminder for the club's members.

Agility: Kathy Patregnani reported that the A-Agility Match in January was a success. She would like to order ribbons for the June Agility trial so she will order them and bill the club. 300 Q ribbons and combined New Title and Double Q ribbons will total approximately \$500.00. There was a consensus among the board members to purchase these ribbons. We have to split the income from this trial with the AKC, 50/50, but this is the last time we have to split the profits with them.

The 2014 Agility match is scheduled for May 30, 31, and June 1, 2014.

Kathy Patregnani proposed to submit paperwork to the AKC for a trial in October 2013 which would be \$300.00. There isn't a provisional judge available, though. She knows of a local judge who would give us a discount for \$125.00 for 110 runs on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There was a consensus from the board members to accept this proposition.

Kathy Patregnani proposed another agility trial in January 2014 for the 24th, 25th, and 26th. St Paul Training Center is available and she has asked a local judge to preside.



TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes: February 18, 2013 (Continued)

Francie Nelson broached the subject of our club's budget. We have \$4267.07 before the Specialty in May and we hope to profit \$2,034 in June from the Agility trial. Liz Pike will give us a projected cost for the judging.

Kathy Patregnani will send Liz a projection cost for the trophies for the Specialty.

Trophy Fund: Maryevelyn Monty reported that this fund currently has \$480.00. Dog beds, towels, toys and dog treats will be offered as trophies. Liz Pike will bring a gift basket to be used as a raffle to support the Trophy Fund at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Kathy Patregnani will talk with Jean Dockendorf to ascertain the cost of ribbons for the Specialty.

Annual Awards: The awards total \$700.00. Francie Nelson asked the board's opinion as to when we should spend the money, before or after the Specialty. Liz Pike agreed to pay for the awards now and the club will reimburse her after the Specialty.

Francie requested that when we identify costs until the Specialty, please let her and BA Breese know.

New Business: Jon Pidde proposed that the club apply to hold an agility trial in 2014 on January 24th, 25th, and 26th. Initially it was postponed because of the cost to apply but later, the board members agreed to apply since other clubs were applying for agility events and there were few open week-ends available in 2014. Jon offered to pay for the application fee and will be reimbursed by the club when funds become available.

Sunshine Coordinator: Maryevelyn Monty sent sympathy cards to family members of Agnes Willms, a long time TCVESSA member.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 25, 2013, at Byerly's in Maple Grove in the open area restaurant. The following meeting devoted to the Specialty will be held at Liz Pike's home on Sunday, April 28, 2013, at 2:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted by, Kathy Raidt
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THE ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF SPANIELS AND SPANIEL BREED STANDARDS

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Ancient Spaniel History: Uncertain.

How did our breed, and our breed standard, come about, once dogs of spaniel type arrived in the British Isles?

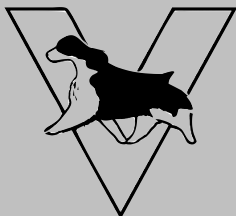
The true origin of spaniels is not known, but their ancient lineage, and their service and function as one of the finest upland game hunting breeds, is many centuries old. Some spaniel scholars claim Spain as the country responsible for spaniels, citing the breed's name as an indicator of its origin. But the domestic dog is now known to have originated in Asia, so all migration of *canis domesticus* into Europe would have come from East to West. Interestingly, dogs of spaniel type are more likely to be found in artwork of Northern Europe, *not* Spain. Equally interesting, the word "span" is of Old Germanic origin and at one time referred to a pair of animals working in tandem (a brace of hunting **span**-iels, perhaps?). That Old Germanic word migrated into Old English with the arrival of the Anglo-Saxons. Perhaps they brought their **span**-iels with them.

Spaniels from the 18th Century Forward: The British Isles.

From the late 18th century to the mid-19th century there were, essentially, three sorts of spaniels. There was the "land" spaniel, the "water" spaniel, and the "carpet spaniel." Land spaniels pursued game over land. Water spaniels retrieved game from water. Carpet spaniels were small foot-warmers that were companions to peers and royalty, though they retained some hunting instincts and abilities (and they still do). Land spaniels were bi-or-tri-colored (though there are references to solid colors as well as solids with tan, cited as evidence of terrier crosses); water spaniels were either solid or bi-colored. 19th century selection moved the water spaniels toward the solid colors we know today.



Land Spaniels





WATER SPANIELS IN THE LATE 1800's, NORTHERN EUROPE

From the author's collection

Geography: How a Rich Variety of Spaniels Developed.

Travel – whether over land or over water – was difficult and time consuming. Therefore, varieties within breeds developed regionally. The land spaniel on *your* English estate could look quite different from the land spaniel on *my* English estate. For example, spaniels developed on the estate of the Duke of Norfolk were known as “Norfolk Spaniels.” Spaniels from Sussex were known as “Sussex Spaniels.” Spaniels from the estate of the Earl of Clumber were known as Clumber Spaniels. “Springer” and “cocker” were terms that described the hunting functions of each. “Field spaniel” was a generic term that described them all.



The land, or “field,” spaniels, 1911. Hand tinted Arthur Wardle lithograph from the author's collection.

(To be continued in another VOX edition)



UPCOMING EVENT

TCVESSA AKC Agility Trial

October 18, 19, 20

On The Run Canine Center
Ham Lake, MN

Volunteers Needed

Any Club Members interested in helping out please contact Kathy Patregnani at vinewoodess@hotmail.com and put “volunteer for springer trial” in the subject line.

No experience needed to volunteer—training provided & lunch

Membership Roster

Enclosed is the most recent list of TCVESSA Members and their contact information.

Please review your information and let Maryevelyn Monty know if something has changed.

MMonty@att.net



WINS & BRAGS**Briarton Heaven Sent Rendition
“Macie”****Owned by Kay Glaeser & Cathy VanKempen**WESSA Specialty

May 5 Rally Novice B 2nd leg
 May 5 Team Obedience 2nd place

TCVESSA Specialty

May 18 Rally Trial 1 Novice B 1st place RN Title Completed
 May 18 Rally Trial 2 Novice B 1st place—extra credit :)

**Hirdler Hill’s Life in the Fast Lane CGC
“Rev”****Owned by Brian Schaffer**TCVESSA Specialty

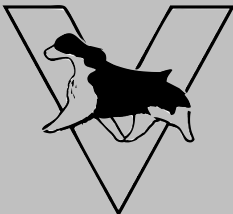
May 18 Obed Trial 1 Novice B 1st Place (193-1/2)
 May 18 Obed Trial 1 Beginner Novice B 1st place (198)
 May 19 Obed Trial 1 Beginner Novice B 1st place (198-1/2)

**CH Aspen-Lace My Husband’s Girlfriend
“Girlfriend”****Owned by Liz & Chris Pike**TCVESSA Specialty

May 18 Select Bitch
 May 19 Best of Opposite

Cambridge/Anoka Kennel Club

June 21 Select Bitch
 June 22 Best of Opposite
 June 23 Best of Opposite



WINS & BRAGS**My-Sun A Kind of Magic
“Sage”****Owned by Diane Slais**AKC S.T.A.R Puppy Medal
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