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2009 ESAA NATIONAL SPECIALTY UPDATE

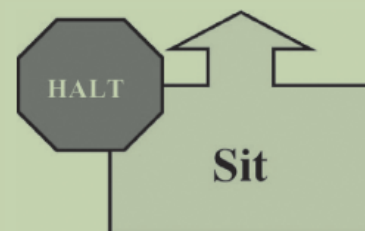
As most of you are aware, MESC presented a proposal to ESAA to host the 2009 National Specialty. While the proposal has not been officially accepted, it very likely will be accepted.

The proposed dates are September 26 through October 4, 2009. The location will be Rochester, Minnesota, with the show at Graham Arena on the Olmsted County Fairgrounds, and the host hotel being the Holiday Inn South, 1630 S. Broadway. Backup hotel would be LaQuinta Inn, 1625 S. Broadway. The hotels are across the street from the arena.

The schedule would include the following:

- Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27 - Agility Trial
- Monday, September 28 - Hunt Test
- Tuesday, September 29 - Obedience Trial, ESAA Board Meeting, Educational Seminar, Hospitality Room
- Wednesday, September 30 - Futurity, Maturity, vendor displays, Junior Costume Party, Veteran Sweepstakes, Hospitality Room
- Thursday, October 1 - ESAA Specialty (Dogs), vendor displays, educational seminar in evening, Hospitality Room
 - Friday, October 2 - ESAA Specialty (Bitches), vendor displays, ESAA awards banquet, Hospitality Room
 - Saturday, October 3 - MESC Specialty (Dogs) vendor displays
 - Sunday, October 4 - MESC Specialty (Bitches), vendor displays

MEETING NOTICE



RALLY SEMINAR AND MEETING TO FOLLOW.

Pet Junction
Saturday, March 29
11 a.m - 1 p.m.

Bring your dogs, water for your dogs, etc, and your own beverage to drink.

The seminar will begin promptly at 11 a.m. and run until 1 p.m.

Rose Miller will be teaching the rally class. This is a working meeting, please be prompt as we only have the ring for two hours.

Pet Junction is located at the NW Corner 694 & Rice St (Hwy 49) Shoreview, MN

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FROM THE EDITOR

As you can see from the look of the newsletter I am anxious for spring.

— Julie Luck, Editor

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The following are tasks that need to be done and/or events that need to be coordinated by MESC club members. Volunteers are needed for each task/event:

- **Develop a theme** with art work. Plan for items to sell, handouts, advertising. *(Julie Luck has volunteered for this committee.)*
- **Agility Trial** — Plan/coordinate Agility Trial. Obtain judge.
- **Hunt Test** — Plan/coordinate Hunt Test. *(Sandy Hudson has volunteered to chair this committee.)*
- **Obedience Trial** — Plan/coordinate Obedience Trial. Obtain judge.
- **Veteran Sweepstakes** — Plan/coordinate Veteran Sweepstakes formal event. Obtain judge.
- **Vendors** — Plan/coordinate vendor displays. This is a potential income producer for MESC, since we get 40% of income.
- **Hospitality** — Plan/coordinate Hospitality Room, including drinks and food for three nights.
- **Awards Banquet** — Plan/coordinate ESAA awards banquet.
- **Grounds Cleanup** — Plan exercise areas at hotels and arena. Obtain and place waste containers, bags, exercise pens, sawdust.
- **Babysitting Services** — Make arrangements to provide babysitting services; have an area in hotel for children to gather for meals while parents are at evening activities.
- **Junior Showmanship** — Coordinate activities of juniors: pizza party, costume party, obtain judge for competition.
- **Flowers** — Obtain flowers for trophy table and awards banquet.
- **Trophies** — Acquire trophies, collect donations. *(Judi Hunter and Jan Huppert have volunteered to chair this committee.)*
- **Transportation** — Organize and schedule transportation from and to airport (MSP and Rochester), from and to Graham Arena/hotels. ESAA does not pay for this, so services need to be donated or users need to pay.

Rose Miller and Sherrill Neudahl have volunteered to be co-chairs. We will be asking for volunteers to cover all of these tasks, plus others that may not be mentioned in the list. Please review the list and plan to make a commitment to make this event successful. MESC and ESAA are counting on you!

Dogs —

They never talk about themselves but listen to you while you talk about yourself, and keep up an appearance of being interested in the conversation.

~Jerome K. Jerome

From the AKC website

GETTING STARTED IN RALLY

Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin, and the dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations (10 - 20, depending on the level). Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience.

The team of dog and handler moves continuously at a brisk, but normal, pace with the dog under control at the handler's left side. There should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during the numbered exercises and between the exercise signs; however, perfect "heel position" is not required. Any faults in traditional obedience that would be evaluated and scored as a one-point deduction or more should be scored the same in Rally, unless otherwise mentioned in the Rally Regulations. After the judge's "Forward" order, the team is on its own to complete the entire sequence of numbered signs correctly.

Unlimited communication from the handler to the dog is to be encouraged and not penalized. Unless otherwise specified in these Regulations, handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, clap their hands, pat their legs, or use any verbal means of encouragement. Multiple commands and/or signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. The handler may not touch the dog or make physical corrections. At any time during the performance, loud or harsh commands or intimidating signals will be penalized.

Levels of Competition

Novice — All exercises are performed with the dog on leash. There is a requirement of 10-15 stations to complete with no more than five stationary exercises. The exercises performed vary from turning 360 degrees to changing paces during the course. Exhibitors at this level may clap their hands and pat their legs through the course.

Advanced — All exercises are performed off-leash. There is a requirement of 12-17 stations with no more than seven stationary exercises. Exercises include a jump as well as calling your dog to the front of you instead of to a heel position.

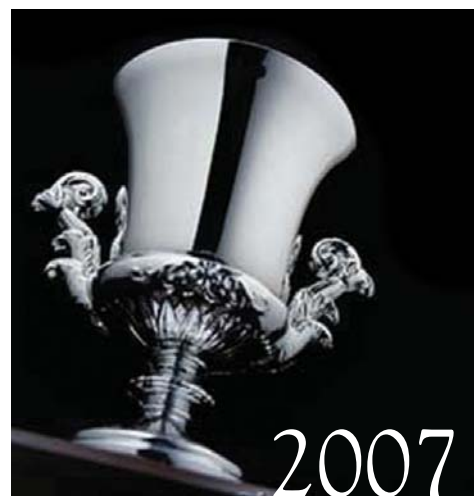
Excellent — Exercises are performed off-leash except for the honor exercise. There is a requirement of 15-20 stations, with no more than 7 stationary exercises. Handlers are only allowed to encourage their dogs verbally. Physical encouragement is not allowed at this level. The Excellent-level exercises include backing up three steps, while the dog stays in the heel position and a moving stand, while the handler walks around the dog.

Qualifying Performance

A qualifying performance indicates that the dog has performed the required exercises according to the AKC Rally Regulations. Each performance is timed, but times are only counted if two dogs earn the same score.

Qualifying Score

All dogs and handlers begin with a perfect 100. A dog and handler team is awarded a qualifying score if it retains at least 70 points after the course has been completed. Once the team has completed the course, their score will be posted ringside.



MESC ANNUAL AWARDS

The Excalibur Trophy for English Setter of the Year

INT/AM CH BENMER'S GONE WITH THE WIN

(Sue Bosshart)

Raybar Trophy for Best of Opposite

CH SERENDIPITY'S PERRY WILLIAM

(Eric Loeffler)

Marksman Trophy for Winners Dog

CH DREAMLAND'S MIDNIGHT EXPRESS

(Tammie Calvert)

Xceptionell Trophy for Winners Bitch

INT/AM CH BENMER'S GONE WITH THE WIN

(Sue Bosshart)

Janrick Trophy for Obedience

SET'R RIDGES BLACK GOLD, CD, RN

(Rose Miller)

Paul Schoenack Trophy for Best Puppy

INT/AM CH BENMER'S GONE WITH THE WIN

(Sue Bosshart)

Sunnybrae Trophy for Amateur Handler

SUE BOSSHART

Breeder of the Year

SUE BOSSHART

2008 MESC SPECIALTY UPDATE

Plans for the 2008 MESC Specialty are nearly in place; however, there are a few volunteer opportunities available for those who may be interested.

Judges have all been selected. They are:

Thursday, August 21, 2008

Sweepstakes – Mrs. Judi Hunter
Breed and Juniors – Mr. Robert Ennis
Obedience and Rally – Mrs. Sharon Hodgens-Wood

Friday, August 22, 2008

Sweepstakes – Mr. David Mates
Breed and Juniors – Mrs. Patricia Gellerman
Obedience and Rally – Mrs. Karen Anderson

The Specialty will be held inside in the building formerly used by the English Springer Spaniels on the east end of the fairgrounds. We will have our traditional picnic on Thursday, coordinated by Rick and Jan Casperson.

We will also have our traditional silent auction, coordinated again by Suzie Bosshart. Remember to be collecting items for the auction whenever you are at a dog show or a pet shop. Ask the vendors or store owners for a donation that supports our rescue program and other charitable projects. Keep track of the vendors who donate and give Suzie that information so we can add those names to our web site.

Gloria Dallum has made another beautiful quilt that will be offered in a raffle.

Trophies and prizes are being provided by Judi Hunter and Jan Huppert. Word has it that they are making some stained-glass items, which should be beautiful.

Maggie Le Febvre is Obedience Chair. We will have our own obedience competition on both Thursday and Friday this year, and we will have Rally. We would like to have a rousing obedience and rally competition, so start now to sharpen you and your dog's skills!

If you are interested in advertising in the Specialty Catalog, please contact Sherrill Neudahl. The prices for advertising are \$40 for a full page, \$25 for a half page, \$20 for a quarter page, with a \$10 fee per photo. The deadline for advertising is July 15. All proceeds (after expenses) come back to MESC.

Volunteer Opportunities

We need a Chief Ring Steward and someone to coordinate the Friday breakfast. If you are willing to perform either of these jobs, please contact Sherrill Neudahl (651) 335-6427 or sjneudahl@yahoo.com

RESCUE REPORT

George gets a new home!

A call came in early December to Maggie LeFebvre (ES Rescue) from a woman in southern Minnesota. She had rescued a stray older male setter from a local gravel pit and estimated his age to be about 6-7. Marcia was full up and wondering if Maggie could help her out and take George. George arrived in pretty rough shape. He wasn't able to eat well and very underweight due to a severe infection from bad teeth. To make it worse he also needed medication for his eyes. Maggie nursed him along until he could be offered for adoption. A senior dog (turns out George is closer to 10) with medical issues would be very difficult to place. Maggie's patience and kindness paid off and on February 1st George got his new home. Below is a recent note from George's new family.

Hello Maggie,

I've attached some pictures of George. As you can tell he's putting on weight. He's only doing a couple of pounds a week, but he looks much better than what he did. He's eating pretty good and loves his



treats, which consist of sometimes bread with peanut butter or jelly, cheese, meat or whatever I have. He loves it! We took him to the dog park on Sunday and he really enjoyed himself. He ran so much he got tired and came back to us and just sat there waiting to go home and take a nap. I've been giving him Glucosamin/chondroitin pills for his stiffness which helped our other dog. He loves to ride in the car in fact he even crawls in himself and lays down. He has been doing better with the potty training. He sleeps on the bed until 1am and then goes in his kennel and he's getting really playful and usually surprises us with something new every day. Our dog Luke really likes him, which is a good thing. They lay next to each other on the dog bed and in our bed and they actually play together. We brush his teeth daily and still give him his eye drops even though our vet said his eyes look good. I just want to make sure so I'll do it for at least a little while longer. He's a really good boy and makes us smile every day.

Thanks for saving George. We really love him. He's so funny and cute and every day he looks better and better.

*Take Care!
Brenda*



SHOW RESULTS

— from Norma Helmeke.

At the American Belgian Tervuren Club agility trials, held locally in St. Paul in early January, Whip started out his AKC agility year in a grand way by earning the last two legs for his MX title. Whip is now known as: Ch. StonyGreen's AllStar MVP, MX, MXJ! Whip is Breeder/Owner/Handled by Norma's daughter Deborah Greenstone and sired by Ch. Wyndswept Reflection, out of Ch. Oakley's Tierza, AX, AXJ, OAP, AJP. Whip is only the second English Setter bench champion who has earned his MX and MXJ titles.

At the TCOTC agility trials held Feb. 29 - Mar.2, Ch. Oakley's Tierza, running in Excellent A Standard Preferred, picked up her last leg for her AXP title with a perfect run of 100 and a first place! Tierza now has all 4 Excellent titles - Regular and Preferred - both Standard and Jumpers - and is now officially retired. Tierza is now known as: Ch. Oakley's Tierza, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP. Her brother Ice, running in Excellent B Preferred, went 6 for 6 for the three days, picking up three more Double-Q's toward his PAX title. Ice now has 5 DQ's of the necessary 20 to earn that Preferred title. On Friday night, Ice also got his 10th Jumpers leg and so earned his MJP title and on Sunday he picked up this 10th Standard leg for his MXP title, so it was quite a weekend for him as well. Ice is officially known as: Oakley's IceStorm, AX, AXP, MXP, MJP.

Both Ice and Tierza are also owned by Norma's daughter.

— from Jane Burrows

Half-brothers Luke and Jake went to the Land O' Lakes shows and came home with Rally titles.

Luke is now CH Benmer's Newsflash RA (Rally Advanced) He is shown in Rally by Jane Burrows, but had a significant amount of "home-schooling" from co-owner Charlotte Anderson. Luke's first qualifying score in Rally occurred at the TCOTC trial in October. Jake is Holyoke Jake O'Benmer RN (Rally Novice). He is owned by Jim and Bobbi Hedman and is shown by Bobbi. His first qualifying score at the St.Paul Dog Training Club also earned him a first place. He placed fourth for his second leg at Land O'Lakes.

Both dogs were bred by Sue Bosshart. Luke was co-bred with Pam and Kayla Kozak.



UPCOMING SHOWS

■ INDIANHEAD KENNEL CLUB, INC.

Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center
3456 Craig Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701

April 12 - April 13, 2008

Closing Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Shows held indoors and are limited to 1200 dogs each day

For additional information contact:
Roy Jones Dog Shows, Inc., Superintendent

■ KEY CITY KENNEL CLUB, INC.

Nicollet County Fairgrounds • St. Peter, MN
Web Site:<http://www.keycitykennelclub.org>

May 24 - May 25, 2008

Closing Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2008

For additional information contact:
Onofrio Dog Shows, L.L.C., Superintendent

■ LAKE MINNETONKA KENNEL CLUB

Scott County Fairgrounds
7151 West 190th St • Jordan, MN

June 7 - June 8, 2008

Closing Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2008

For additional information contact:
Onofrio Dog Shows, L.L.C., Superintendent

■ ANOKA COUNTY MINNESOTA KENNEL CLUB

Isanti County Fairgrounds
Mn Highway 95 • Cambridge, MN

June 19 - June 20, 2008

Closing Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2008

For additional information contact:
Onofrio Dog Shows, L.L.C., Superintendent

■ CAMBRIDGE MINNESOTA KENNEL CLUB

Isanti County Fairgrounds
Mn Highway 95 • Cambridge, MN
Web Site:<http://www.cmkc.org/>

June 21 - June 22, 2008

Closing Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2008

For additional information contact:
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■ KETTLE MORAINÉ ENGLISH SETTER CLUB

Camp Bandy Pet Resort
9376 Lake Emily • Amherst Junction, WI

June 21 - June 22, 2008

Closing Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2008

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