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- Brags
- Regional and Committee Reports
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- Pictures!

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A Word from Our President

We had a fantastic meeting this year at Rend Lake IL. Many reports and pictures are elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks to everyone for such a great meeting, especially to the members who paid for many of the expenses, including Carolyn Fry's expenses to give a breed seminar at the meeting. Also thanks to Brian Dail for proposing that the meeting be held in 2009 again at Rend Lake and his agreeing to host the meeting. With no other proposals put forth, the meeting will be held again at this site. More to come on the plans for this meeting in later newsletters.

We have a lot of issues to discuss for the future of the Spinone. A motion was made at the annual meeting to change the SCOA current health requirements to just guidelines. For something that is so important for the future of the Spinone and its health, I feel that the entire membership should become involved in our Spinone's continued well being and health. A ballot making the SCOA Code of Ethics part of the Constitution

and By Laws will be sent in the near future to the entire membership to vote on this issue. If the COE is made part of the Constitution and By Laws, future changes to the Code of Ethics will also have to be sent to the entire membership for their vote. As the Code of Ethics involves all of you and your Spinone, all of you should step forward and get involved in protecting our Code of Ethics for the Spinone. We have spent 21 years to get where we are today. Don't let 46 people decide the future of the Spinone for you. Get involved and stay involved. Research yourselves what these issues might involve or how they could set the Spinone's health back, instead of forward. Ask questions about issues and find out why SCOA has proposed these issues during the last 21 years. But most importantly vote on these issues yourself. Please don't let a few decide the future of the Spinone.

With the current financial state of the world which affects SCOA, we need to take a hard look at any proposal or plan if it will

negatively affect the financial future of SCOA. Actually finances was the reason the board voted to not have staggered elections every year, as we don't have the funds for a yearly election. Get involved in these issues and provide solutions to our financial problems. We need your help and advice. With the current vote at the meeting to put the newsletter online free to anyone whether they are SCOA members or not, we have lost one of our main incentives of being a SCOA member, that of the newsletters. This has already had a negative impact on the membership of S.C.O.A.

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Next Newsletter
Deadline is:
August
15th 2008

THIS PAWS FOR YOU!

This is in recognition of the rescue efforts made by

BECKY KOCH

Becky has been instrumental in rescuing, fostering and placing of over 9 Spinone in 2007 and 2008

A GREAT BIG THANKS GOES OUT TO BECKY FOR THIS EFFORT!
Thanks Becky!

Save the Date!

SCOA National
Specialty &
Meeting 2009
Rend Lake
Resort
Whittington,
IL
April 18-26

Mr. President Cont.

We are down about 200 members from this time last year. This amounts to about \$8,000 in dues not being available – how will we handle this new lack of funds? Will we have to raise the dues for the remainder? Solutions and suggestions are welcome for this issue.

Discussions were made at the meeting that there were several members who had difficulty accessing the newsletters, but these people stated that they had not taken advantage of the free advice offered by the administrator to try to resolve what their problem might be. Communication with the incorrect people does not solve this problem.

There is a network set up already to help people who may have trouble. Use that network, that is what it is there for! Apparently because of these difficulties in access, it was felt and proposed that free access be made for the newsletters. Not sure how this will solve the problems of these 15 people having trouble with access, but it can and will have an impact on SCOA's future funds. Discussions were also put forth that people wanted to have a notification when a new newsletter is online. That capability is al-

ready there and is being used. HOWEVER, as it is automatic to the computer address that was used to sign in to the website, this is only as good as your maintaining the updates and changes of your computer address. The computer will not know that you have changed addresses or servers as many of you have done. Again, communication with the correct people is the key here.

Hopefully SCOA will be able to host AKC hunt tests at different sites throughout the U.S. Currently, Jeff Rhodes and Alyssa Pease are putting together plans for October AKC hunt tests in Ohio. Support these SCOA events.

The SCOA calendar has continued to bring in funds to the club. Kandi and Bobbi are working hard on this year's calendar already. Support their efforts by ordering early!

The DNA test for CA is producing results already. The March & April results are posted on the AHT website. There are 63 test results posted with only 6 additional CA proven carriers. This is much better than we had anticipated. A motion was made and approved at the meeting to allow breeding of the Spinone tracing from potential or proven CA lines if those dogs were

cleared by these DNA tests and met the other SCOA breeding requirements.

A motion was also made and approved at the meeting to allow hip xrays from Canada, England and Italy be approved for breeding without additional OFA/PennHipp tests having to be made. The Health Committee is working on recommendations from comparisons of these countries' xray methods/results to OFA/PennHipp tests to determine what scores from these countries would be acceptable.

The SCOA Health Committee now has two additional members, Karen Moodie, a vet, has been a Spinone owner since 1992. She attended Hope College, Texas A&I University and the NYS College of Vet Medicine. In addition to being a vet, she is also a Research Assistant Professor of Medicine (Cardiology) at Dartmouth Medical School. Keely Ghirardelli has been a Spinone owner since 1998 and is currently our SCOA newsletter editor. Both Karen and Keely are active with Spinone rescue efforts. Welcome to both of these new Health Committee members. There are a lot of new efforts underway and both will be very instrumental in success of these efforts.

Mr. President Cont.

We need volunteers for many positions and events. Let us know what you can do or are willing to help with. Don't continue to let just a few members do all the work. Suggestions, requests and advice are great, but we need people to implement these also. Get involved with SCOA.

Jim Channon
SCOA President

The Board Votes: 04/10/08-04/29/08**4/10/08:**

Present; Jim Channon (pres.), Jeff Rhodes (v.p.), Denise Hanna-Nosko (treas.), Joseph Zawadowski (sec'y), Ed Hanna, Elizabeth Bodell, Ed Applegate (not present-attended by telephone connection with Bodell)

Vote: Approve the use of the "60 members" quorum change from 2005 as the quorum for the 2008 business meeting.

Aye-unanimous

Vote: Financial review. At the annual meeting, two members of the Board and two members in good standing chosen by the Board will review the books with the treasurer.

Aye-unanimous

Vote: The health committee will consist of John Kerr, Michael Hoffman, Susan Acquistapace, Karen Moodie and there will be an open slot to be filled

The Board Votes: 04/10/08-04/29/08 Cont.

later by the Board.
Aye-unanimous

Vote: The Board will consider bids on printing and mailing the newsletter based not only on price, but on the timely manner of the printing and mailing.

Aye-Zawadowski, Channon
Nay-Hanna, Applegate, Bodell, Rhodes, Hanna-Nosko

Vote: To approve the SCOA president's request to award AKC medallion to a person of his choosing.

Aye-Hanna, Hanna-Nosko, Rhodes, Zawadowski
Abstain-Bodell

4/29/08:

Telephone conference meeting attended by all Board members. Jim Channon (pres.), Jeff Rhodes (v.p.), Denise

Hanna-Nosko (treas.), Joseph Zawadowski (sec'y), Ed Hanna, Elizabeth Bodell, Ed Applegate

Vote: To fill the open health committee position with Keely Ghirardelli if she will accept it.

Aye-unanimous

Vote: Reinstate Karen Luckey on the awards committee since her lapsed membership has been renewed.

Aye-unanimous

Vote: To hold the 2009 annual meeting at Rend Lake again.

Aye-unanimous

Vote: To amend the by-laws to include the code of ethics.

Aye-Hanna, Zawadowski, Hanna-Nosko, Rhodes, Channon
Nay-Applegate, Bodell

Vote: To charge an annual fee of \$25 for

being placed on the Breeder Listing (fee to go to general fund). The breeder will sign an agreement that if they are reprimanded by the Board for a violation of the code of ethics, they will forfeit the fee and be removed from the Directory for a period of six months to one year, as determined by the ruling of the Board.

Aye-unanimous

Vote: To have the health committee investigate the rating systems of the foreign health registries and make a recommendation to the Board on what is equivalent to OFA, PennHip and CERF as accepted by the SCOA code of ethics.

Aye-unanimous

Vote: Add to the code of ethics that litters will be micro-

Letter To the Editor

To Fellow SCOA
Members,

We would like to thank the Board of the SCOA for voting to incorporate the code of ethics into the bylaws, thus ensuring that the largest number of members possible would be involved via vote with any issues concerning the code. In the end the real purpose of a dog club is to ensure that each dog is the best of that breed that it can be, and the code of ethics is the backbone of that effort. Were people the best they could be, and all dogs healthy, there would be no need. But with the current cost of veterinary care it is more important than ever.
Kathy Kerr &
Vic Covalleski

Guidelines vs Requirements

As breeders we are totally responsible for the health of our beloved Spinone. Most breeders are adhering to the code of ethics requirements set forth by the Spinone Club of America. Some chose to follow their own breeding program. For our dogs to stay healthy and functioning as a versatile hunting breed, it is imperative that breeders belonging to SCOA follow the requirement of the code of ethics.

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The Board Voted Board Meetings:
04/10/08-04/29/08 Cont.

chipped, tattooed or given some form of permanent identification. Starting date to be January 1, 2009. Aye-unanimous

Vote: The litter registry listings will be removed from the spinoneus.com web page four months after the stated whelping date. Aye-unanimous

Submitted by:
Joseph Zawadowski

Board E-Mail Voting 02/12/08-05/13/08

New Membership Approvals

When a membership application is received, the membership secretary sends an e-mail copied to the entire Board requesting a vote. Once a majority of the Board has voted to approve, there is no need for the rest of the Board members to cast approving votes. Any votes not to approve will be noted.

From 02-12-08 through 05-13-08 the

Board approved eight new individual memberships and four new family memberships. There were no "nay" votes.

Renewal of Lapsed Memberships

Approval to reinstate lapsed memberships follows the same pattern as voting on new memberships.

In the period above, forty-two lapsed individual memberships.

Board E-Mail Voting 02/12/08-05/13/08 Cont.

and sixty lapsed family memberships were approved for reinstatement. No reinstatement was refused and there were no "nay" votes.

Other Votes by Date

02/12/08. Approve payment of \$500 to Embroidery Design-bill submitted by Kay McLe-land for annual meeting.

Aye-Rhodes, Applegate, Zawadowski, Bodell, Hanna

02/14/08. Approve 02/07/08 Board meeting minutes.

Aye-Applegate, Hanna, Rhodes, Zawadowski
02/19/08. Approve reimbursement to Alyssa Pease for AKC Hunt Test Seminar.

\$500 of this was previously approved by the Board. Alyssa wrote a personal check at the time of the seminar.

Aye-Zawadowski, Applegate, Hanna, Bodell, Rhodes
02/22/08. Approve \$552.20 for birds used at the two February AKC hunt tests.

Aye-Zawadowski, Hanna, Rhodes, Bodell
02/27/08. Approve language for agenda deadline.

Aye-Bodell, Hanna-Nosko, Rhodes, Zawadowski, Applegate
02/28/08. Vote for reword of agenda notice.

Aye-Rhodes, Bodell, Zawadowski, Hanna, Applegate, Hanna-Nosko

03/05/08. Add Karen Moodie to the health committee.

Aye-Hanna, Rhodes, Zawadowski, Channon
03/09/08. Make payment of \$1594.56 for annual meeting booklets.

Aye-Zawadowski, Hanna, Bodell, Rhodes
03/19/08. Should we renew the "Puppies USA" ad at \$165/year? No contacts have been generated by this ad. Do not renew-Bodell, Applegate, Hanna, Hanna-Nosko, Zawadowski
04/29/08. Approve 4/10/08 Board meeting minutes.
Aye-unanimous

Compiled 05/14/08 by
Joseph Zawadowski,
SCOA secretary

Annual Meeting

National Specialty and Meeting Report By Kay McLeland, 2008 Show Chairman

The 2008 National Specialty and Annual Meeting were held this April at Rend Lake Resort in Whittington, IL. The resort, along with the Wayne Fitzgerald Park & the Corps of Engineers, made this an excellent venue to hold our National Specialty and annual gathering. With beautiful fields, ponds, and the wonderful Great Room and other meeting spaces, our only other wish would have been for NO RAIN, but besides that, what a wonderful week we had. The staff of the Rend Lake Resort was exceptional and was there to assist with all of our requests throughout the week; we cannot thank them enough.

A wide selection of club merchandise was available with a choice of an embroidered logo with either a white and orange dog or a brown roan dog. The hats in particular were wonderful, with the embroidered logo on the front and an embroidered pheasant scene on the side.

The week opened with a wine and cheese tasting Welcome Party at the Artisans' Center, with 85 people attending. The whole week saw about 125 people from 27 states plus Canada in attendance. A two-day NAVHDA test was held, as well as four days of AKC Hunt Tests. Each day offered training seminars and workshops, covering such diverse topics as the conditioned retrieve; obedience and rally practice; puppy training for the field; and a special breed seminar by Carolyn Fry.

The National Specialty, the Parent Club Specialty, the Puppy Match, Sweepstakes, and the Obedience and Rally Trials were held indoors due to the weather. We had the largest entries ever for these events, with well over 100 dogs entered.

Dinner on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights was served in the Great Room, where we also had the annual meeting, the auction, and our awards presentations. With many generous items, including State Baskets – where lucky winners got items such as a guided hunt in Iowa and Steelers tickets – we made over \$6,000 from the auction. Each person found beautiful favors at their plate every night at dinner, donated by Patti Johnson. Dinners and lunches were excellent with a nice variety of food. The ambiance was so comfortable by the fire that when the evening's events were over, people were able to hang out with each other and talk in a relaxed atmosphere.

This year, in addition to the club trophies that were presented, Alyssa Pease gave recognition awards to 25 people who are always generous with their time in putting on the hunt testing. Alyssa herself was the recipient of a special award for being Test Secretary *par excellence*. Without these folks putting on the various tests that are run by the Rappahannock Chapter and SCOA, we would not be seeing so many more dogs with success in the field.

A new trophy was donated by Liz Bodell, Karen Beyer, and Ann Bagnell in honor of all Spinoni who achieve the highest field award of NAVHDA Versatile Champion. Five dogs have their names engraved on the plate now; we expect to see more and more in the future. Everyone said that they saw some of the best running dogs in hunt tests that they have ever seen.

Thanks from the Show Chairman

This was a major undertaking for Mike and me, and there are so many people to thank. Without everyone's support and help of many, my vision would have never become a reality.

In order to ensure that we maintain the highest quality of our breeding programs it is of the utmost importance that we fairly enforce and adhere to the code of ethics of SCOA. It is my opinion that it would weaken the code of ethics if you used the word "guidelines" instead of requirements.

Breeders who are responsible and secure find no difficulty following the code of ethics the way it stands. Changing the wording from "requirements" to "guidelines" could open the door for irresponsible breeders and ruin our breed.

Sincerely,
Lena Amirian, AKC & NAVHDA Judge

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Go West Young
Men, Go West!

Bob Nelson &
Chris Sweetwood
get a Spin fix
thanks to Sue
Acquistapace,
while fishing
in Alaska.



Our 2008 National Committee: Patti Johnson, Obedience and Rally Trial Chairman; Ann Bagnell, Registrar; Mike McLeland; Bobbi Benson; Karen Beyer; Kandi Kwirant; Nancy Young; and Kay McLeland, Show Chairman.

First, thanks go to my wonderful husband, Mike. Although it was bumpy at times, he was always there to lend me support and guidance. Mike is somewhat laid back, just in case some of you haven't noticed, but he has a way of being more realistic than I and could put everything in perspective when I really needed to see the big picture. I thank him for all his help—taking care of dogs, fixing late dinners, handling many phone calls and emails, and all his help lending a hand at the National. Thanks Mike!

Second, a huge Thank You to Patti Johnson. She also spent many hours with emails and phone calls to be sure we had everything we needed. She got our Obedience and Rally Judge, and I think everyone will agree that Mrs. Hemminger was wonderful. Patti helped with everything from porta-potties to finalizing the menu. She also approached me about getting Carolyn Fry back for 2008. The expense could not be justified by the club two years in a row, but Patti took it upon herself to find a way to make it happen. I do not know all the details but I know she got it taken care of. Thank you, Patti and the others that helped bring Carolyn back. Also, thanks for all the special extras that were provided each night with our meals: SCOA labels on water bottles, Fort Wayne's finest DeBrand Chocolates with Spinone head, and delicious cookies with the club logo. These favors were awesome and a huge hit and did not go unnoticed. Patti took it upon herself to donate them all. Huge applause for you, Patti, for those special details! Oh, and do not forget the balloons that added a nice splash of Italy—Red, Green, and White.

Third, a huge Thank You to Ann Bagnell. When Ann found out we were hosting the National, she stepped up and said "Karen and I will help; I'll be the registrar". Little did she know what she just got herself in to. Ann has a wonderful business background and works in publishing so she understood deadlines and organization. She took care of making my mumbo jumbo for the newsletters flow. Ann came to my rescue in January. It was crunch time for our premium list and information needed to be sent to Arden Shaw. I was due to leave for Florida in a few days. Well, what I sent Arden was not in the right format, and needless to say, it was my first meltdown. I remember calling Ann and Karen in tears, I did not know how to put it in the right format, nor did I know how I would ever get it done before leaving for Florida. Well, Ann knew exactly what needed to be done, and though it took, a couple of days to get it all put together, she got it finished and sent to Arden to make the deadline. I also made it to Florida for a much needed vacation!! Thank you, Ann, for a superior job of being Registrar.

Also thanks to Karen Beyer and Ann Bagnell for getting the hunt seminars organized. They contacted Ed Erickson, a professional dog trainer, who flew in from Minnesota to help with the seminars, in addition to working with individuals during the week. Karen was also the impetus behind the recognition awards and some of the special trophies, which was a lot of work behind the scenes. But she felt that recognition was due, and made sure it happened.

Finally, to the rest of the committee, thank you all. Bobbi also had hours of emails and phone calls; she arranged for the wrangler and horses for the hunt tests and finalized details with the birds. Nancy assisted in helping with our welcome packs along with many other details. Kandi, who dedicated many hours for our Photo Contest, also helped with the welcome

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packs. Karen Beyer was also there to help with Registration. Without all these hands, we never could have done a National.

Thank You to all below for your gracious help. It is very much appreciated:

- Rappahannock Chapter for hosting the NAVHDA Test.
- Alyssa Pease for all the help with the hunt tests. Alyssa does this year in and year out and cannot be thanked enough.
- Deb Davenport and Heather Jenner for putting on our Obedience/Rally Seminar and Practice.
- Karen Beyer, Ed Erickson, and Ann Bagnell for organizing and presenting six well attended hunt seminars. Liz Bodell, Karen Luckey, and Alex Costello also assisted with the puppies.
- Dave Brooks for his Conformation Handling seminar, even though he was dead tired from returning from Italy the night before.
- Carolyn Fry, what more can we say... Remarkable!
- Liz Bodell for judging our Sanctioned Match, Great job, Liz – Judges Breed Seminar, ringside mentoring, and AKC Hunt Test judge.
- Ros and Ray Duda—Registration assistance. What a gift when we were very busy and they showed up to help!
- Heather Hauser, our official photographer. What a great job Heather did taking photos of all the events throughout the week.
- Nancy Zawadowski for her creativity making Spinone Olympics a blast.
- Jan Naigus—Ring Steward, CERF Clinic, Judges Breed Seminar.
- Deb Davenport—Rally Steward.
- Liz Westerhaus—Obedience/Rally.
- Polly Hineman-Obedience/Rally.
- Arden Shaw—Show Secretary.
- Kathy Humphrey—Ring Steward.
- Joe Zawadowski—Auctioneer, AKC Hunt Test Judge.
- Lauren Friedman—Auction, AKC Hunt Test Judge.
- Chris Sweetwood—Auction, AKC Hunt Test Judge.
- Wendy McIntosh—AKC Hunt Test Judge.
- Jeff Rhodes—AKC Hunt Test Judge, auction.
- Bob Nelson—Hunt Test assistance.
- John Kerr- Getting our information on the website
- Keely Ghirardelli -Newsletter
- Sue McGregor-Newsletter
- Everyone who donated to the auction and trophy fund.
- Doug Johnson—National Specialty Judge.
- Karin Ashe—Parent Club Specialty Judge.
- Suzanne Hemminger—Obedience/Rally Judge.
- JoAnn Colvin—Sweepstakes.

There were so many people that offered to help through out the week and I apologize to those of you I missed.

In closing I would like to thank everyone that attended this year's National, along with those who could not come that sent generous donations they were greatly appreciated. We look forward to next year and wish Brian Dail and Deb Davenport and their committee a great 2009 National. We hope that you all will give them your support and more!! From the entire 2008 Committee and me, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, you really did make the vision come true!!! Kay McLeland

Editors,

Kuods to the 2008 show committee headed by Kay McLeland and Patty Johnson for putting together a wonderful, classy National.

It was a great event even with the weather working against us. Fortunately, the show committee had a contingency plan in place for the show to move inside.

Accommodations were wonderful, lunches & dinners extremely tasty.

What a fine venue for our show, giving members the opportunity for fellowship by having an attendees staying on the same grounds as all the events.

This was the most well attended national specialty week ever.

Thanks again to a super Job by this years committee. Hopefully Rend Lake Resort will be the venue for many more Nationals.

Debbie Perrott
SCOA Member

Annual Meeting

National Specialty-Friday, April 11, 2008

Judge: Mr. Douglas A. Johnson

93 Total Dogs Entered

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BEST OF BREED: CH. Dolce Vita Lucrezia, JH**BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX:** Please See www.specialtydogshows.com**BEST OF WINNERS:** Please See www.specialtydogshows.com**WINNERS DOG:** Please See www.specialtydogshows.com**RESERVE WINNERS DOG:** Please See www.specialtydogshows.com**WINNERS BITCH:** Please See www.specialtydogshows.com**RESERVE WINNERS BITCH:** MOUNTAIN VALLEY IMAGINE THAT**AWARD OF MERIT:** CH NAPLANDS ISABELLA DI KALA, RN**AWARD OF MERIT:** Please See www.specialtydogshows.com**AWARD OF MERIT:** CH HOOTWIRE'S ALFA ROMEO, JH**Complete Results:****Regular Classes: 6-9 Month Puppy Dog**1- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com

2- Javal I'm Movin' On to Hootwire

3- Javal Tangerine Man

4- Kala's Alessandro Agosto

Regular Classes: 9-12 Month Puppy Dog1- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com

2- Gateway's Mile High Handsome Harry

3- Gateway's Arancione Dolici Gelate

4- Gateway's Aranciate Ragazzo Lucco

Regular Classes: 12-18 Month Junior Dog1- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com

2- Grand Bays Caseareo

3- Caccia Cane Fittiggs

Regular Classes: Bred by Exhibitor Dog

1- Couchfield's Crowd Pleaser

2- Busy B's Finneus Fogg

3- Gisa Marko-K-Y Isis

4- White Thorn's Dobby Del Mucrone

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Regular Classes: American Bred Dog

- 1- Marius Di Morghengo
- 2- Gisa Yukon K-Y Isis

Regular Classes: Open Dog

- 1- Nine Gates Giorgio Paolo
- 2- Kyjo Monte's Stitch-N-Time
- 3- Luciano Di Bella Isola
- 4- Bella Luce Bruno

Non Regular Classes: Veteran Dog

- 1- Brutis Di Morghengo

Regular Classes: 6-9 Month Puppy Bitch

- 1- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com
- 2- Kala's Qualcosa Parlare Di

Regular Classes: 9-12 Month Puppy Bitch

- 1- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com
- 2- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com

Regular Classes: 12-18 Month Junior Puppy Bitch

- 1- Mountain Valley Imagine That
- 2- Kala's Verde D'Invidia
- 3- Kala's Ripensandoci Bene

Regular Classes: Bred by Exhibitor Bitch

- 1- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com
- 2- Kala's L'Elleto Uno
- 3- Hootwire'N Mals-About Perugia
- 4- Mountain Valley Agatha

Regular Classes: American Bred Bitch

- 1- Risky Business Nerina Da Grazia
- 2- Talli Of Trollbo

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Regular Classes: Open Bitch

1- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com

2- **Stellar Point Terracina, JH**

3- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com

4- **Gateway's Camilla**

Non Regular Class: Field Bitch

1- **Siena Castellana Di Morghngo, MH, CD, RAE**

Non Regular Class: Veteran Bitch

1- **CH Naplands Isabella Di Kala, RN**

2- **Ecco Domani Mariah**

Word from the Judge

Good day all, I wanted to take some time to thank the committee for their wonderful hospitality and comment on a well run show and superb show site. The site is perfect for any sporting breed who wants to "do it all" at one venue. How wonderful to have found this site and what a great benefit to the membership. Congratulations.

Now to address some of the finding I saw on my day of judging the National Specialty. The entry was large and varied in type and quality. This range of quality is to be expected in a breed such as yours. To that end, however, I would encourage all breeders to work more diligently to define proper type in their dogs as this is essential to your breed.

For me, my winners were what I would have hoped for. The 6-9 puppy who would be winner dog was well made and in a lovely state at his young age, balanced, sound and in good coat. He has many lovely breed characteristics, the proper head, a lovely ear and eye shape as well as placement all combining for a beautiful expression. He is a dog of good bone and body size, with a correct topline and tailset. He carries himself beautifully and shows to perfection. My Reserve Winners Dog is also an exciting example, with a great coat, head, topline and tailset. He is however in an awkward age... the teens... he is well up on leg, and a bit narrow in chest as would be any youngster, he was loose in movement on that day. This is a dog to watch for the future when he pulls himself together. He has a lovely way about him. He carries himself beautifully in side profile.

My winners bitch was super in type, she is the picture I hold in my head of the breed. In fact she started a trend of high quality bitch winners for me on the day. It is a pleasure to judge good bitches as they are the foundation for the future of your breed. This bitch is excellent in many ways. Super head, correct coat texture, topline and tailset, a lovely big front with proper angulation. She is well constructed behind with good thick thigh muscles. I

Dear Editors,

I am concerned about something that occurred at the Annual Meeting this year.

At the 2006 annual meeting, I submitted a proposal concerning Staggered Elections - electing part of the board in one year, and the other part the next year. Because this proposal involved an actual change to the bylaws, and therefore required a vote of the entire membership, I initially submitted it for discussion purposes. The vote in 2006 was for the proposal to be returned to the board for further work, and then presented to the membership for a vote. I was a member of the board at that time, and I worked on the proposal and re-submitted language to the board in November of 2006. After some discussion a majority of the board voted not to send the proposal to the membership for a vote because it was felt that holding annual elections would be too costly.

Since I still felt that this proposal had merit, I resubmitted it in 2007. I discussed my reasons for proposing this change: it ensures continuity on the board from year to year, meaning that some people on the board have at least a limited "history" with the board, and an understanding of why things were done the way they have been, and are able to educate and inform new board members of the board. Most parent clubs (in fact, most boards I'm familiar with) structure their elections this way, for this reason. The way SCOA's elections are structured, a completely new board could be elected every two years. While some may think this would be a good idea, I don't agree in the long term. To ensure that the club and the board run smoothly, our elections should be staggered, occurring every year, and electing a portion of the board each year.

In my 2007 proposal I asked the members to give the board clear direction on how they would like to see this proposal dealt with. The choices were:

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would prefer her to be slightly wider moving behind... her only fault in my eye. She presents a lovely outline of the breed. She was in a different class than her competitors on the day. The reserve bitch for me had some lovely qualities, good outline, well up on leg, very sound and a pleasing expression. However, she is slighter in body and bone than I would have preferred...yet my other choices were bitches that in my opinion were too low on leg and therefore lost the breed outline and make and shape that I would want to breed from. This bitch would make a good brood bitch for someone. She is free of structural faults and has a great purpose in a breeding program.

Best of breed judging proved more challenging than the class judging in that the champions were more closely related in quality than the previous class winners. The cut to the end was tight in quality with some lovely examples of the breed before me. As I sorted from least to best in my bitches and then best to least in my dogs including my winners dog and winners bitch. The bitches proved stronger than the males. The Best of Breed bitch was the best exhibit to the hand of the day. She has the strongest front, best coat and most correct movement of the day. She was also in the hardest muscle condition. She has a lovely head and expression. Her closest challenger on the day was the veteran bitch, who is out of coat but what there was of it was proper, this is also a super bitch, who at her age holds up well. She is well made and moves correctly. An impressive veteran bitch with a great head and ear/eye placement. I was very pleased to have her today. Third best bitch would go to my Winners bitch...a classic type Spinone by any account.

Best of Opposite sex went to a dog with many super Spinone characteristics. He is strong in coat quality and head shape. This dog has a lovely front piece and has the wide, thick thighs to do a days work. He is, like many of them, a bit longer in the mid-section than I prefer. This appears to be a common fault in the dogs I had on that day. What I admire about him was his breath of body. He has lovely ribs and depth of body. The final dog award of merit goes to a smaller dog, who is well balanced and very correct but lacks the size that I require. He is a total package and one that I would include in a breeding program, but I would fault him on size. Super in head, coat and topline, he is sound and could work for a dog in the field, shown in proper condition also.

Thanks for the privilege of adjudication your National Specialty.

Doug Johnson

1. Send the proposal as it is to the membership for a vote the next time other items are voted on.
2. Send the proposal back to the board for further work, to then be presented for a vote the next time other items are voted on by the membership; or
3. Decline sending the proposal to the membership for a vote entirely.

According to the minutes from the 2007 Annual Meeting, which were read aloud at the 2008 annual meeting, "a vote was taken and passed to send that proposal back to the Board for further work, to then be presented for a vote the next time other items are voted on by the membership"... BUT the minutes continue "The item was discussed by the Board on Jan. 17, 2008. The Board voted unanimously that the creation of staggered elections would be financially detrimental to the Club."

Despite the possible financial cost to SCOA in holding elections every year (which is the only argument against this proposal I've heard), I feel that this proposal has merit and would provide benefits to the club and the Board, and should be submitted to the membership because of the votes by the members at the 2006 and 2007 meetings. My impression at the 2008 meeting is that this will not happen. The board instead took it upon themselves to reject the proposal and not present it to the membership. This is not what the members voted for. In fact, they voted against this option (#3).

I would like to encourage members that would like a chance to vote on this proposal to contact the board members and let them know how you feel. Thank you!

Sue McGregor

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Lymphoma Project Update

First of all I would like to thank those of you who have helped me by participating in the Lymphoma project. Since many of you are now actually involved I would like to give you an update on the project.

About 5 years ago my company HematoLogics, Inc. was approached by a local Veterinarian (Dr. Edward Sullivan) to do the diagnosing and monitoring of his Canine Lymphoma patients. For the last 15 years HematoLogics, Inc. has done that very thing, for humans. We quickly found that although there are many similarities between Canine and Humane hematology/oncology, there are also some very big differences.

We know that in each litter there are pups that are identically matched. But what about dogs that have no match? How do we find donors for them? That is where all of you come in. By collecting your dogs' DNA we can establish a data base for Canine bone marrow transplants similar to the one that is in place for humans. To date I have received 71 DNA samples from Spinone. I know there are more of you out there with kits and I would strongly encourage you to get them back in to me. Also if any of you that have not participated and would like to do so, please let

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NATIONAL Specialty Sweepstakes: Friday, April 11, 2008

Judge: Mrs. JoAnn Colvin

Sweepstakes-Puppy Dogs, 6-9 Months

- 1- Javal Tangerine Man
- 2- Javal I'm Movin' On To Hootwire
- 3- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com
- 4- Kala's Alesandro Agosto

Sweepstakes-Puppy Dogs, 9-12 Months

- 1- CH Sweetbriar's Diamonds are Fore Ever
- 2- Gateway's Arancione Dolici Gelate
- 3- Brier Creek's Cyrus Spartagus
- 4- Gateway's Aranciate Ragazzo Lucca

Sweepstakes-Junior Dogs, 12-15 Months

- 1- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com
- 2- Grand Bays Caseareo

Sweepstake-Junior Dogs, 15-18 Months

- 1- Bella Luce Bruno

Sweepstakes-Puppy Bitches 6-9 Months

- 1-Kala's L'Elleto Uno
- 2-Please See www.specialtydogshows.com
- 3- Kala's Qualcosa Parlare Di

Sweepstakes-Puppy Bitches 9-12 Months

- 1- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com
- 2- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com

Sweepstakes-Junior Bitches 12-15 Months

- 1- Mountain Valley Imagine That

Sweepstakes-Puppy Bitches 15-18 Months

- 1-Kala's Ripensandoci Bene
- 2- Bella Luce Bianca

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BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES: CH SWEETBRIAR'S DIAMONDS ARE FORE EVER

BEST IN OPPOSITE SEX SWEEPSTAKES: KALA'S L'ELLETO UNO

Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches, 7-9 Years

1- CH Brezza Di Ghaicciaio Da Grazia

2- CH Naplands Isbella Di Kala, RN

Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches, 9 Years +

1- CH Cerebballa Del Caso, JH

2- Ecco Domani Mariah

BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES: CH CEREBEBALLA DEL CASO, JH

A Word From the Judge

My thanks for the lovely dogs, lovely site and lovely time.

Due to hand surgery Mrs. Colvin was not able to submit a full report.
We wish her a speedy recovery.

National Specialty Obedience Trial-Friday, April 11, 2008

Judge: Mrs. Suzanne Hemminger

Obedience Novice B

1- Quattro Zampe Alphosei Caponi

2- CH McPhersons Classic Patterns, CD, RA

Obedience Novice A

1- Siena Castellana Di Morghengo, MH, CD, RAE

HIGH IN TRIAL: SIENA CASTELLANA DI MORGHENGO, MH, CD, RAE

National Specialty Rally Trial-Friday, April 11, 2008

Judge: Mrs. Suzanne Hemminger

Rally Novice A

1- Gisa Marko K-Y Isis

2- CH Brezza Di Ghaicciaio Da Grazia

3- Gateway's Camilla



me know. I will get the kits right out to you.

I will continually give up dates in each newsletter about this project, but for now that is all. Really, I can't thank you all enough.

Keely

You can contact me at keelyreg@aol.com



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- 1- CH Gisa's Fantascienza of Isis
- 2- Javal I'm Movin' On To Hootwire
- 3- Quattro Zampe Alphosei Caponi
- 4- Capo Di Paura Carter, RN

Rally Advanced B

- 1- Siena Castellana Di Morghengo, MH, CD, RAE
- 2- Caccia Cane Di Angelo I, JH, RN
- 3- CH Teddy Roosevelt, SH, CD, RE

Rally Excellent B

- 1-CH Jefcu Di Periono, CDX, RA
- 2- CH Teddy Roosevelt, SH, CD, RE

A Word From The Judge

Dear Spinone Enthusiasts,

All I can say is...I had the best time judging the Spinone Italiano National Specialty that I have EVER had judging. The people were great. The dogs were great. The handlers loved their dogs and the dogs loved them. Did I say the dogs loved their owners? It would be more like "adored" or "worshiped" their owners. The expression in the eyes of these dogs told the story. Each of them endeavored to do the best that they could for their owner... even if they were being a little naughty along the way.

I will forever remember the two brace dogs who decided to take a time out on their way to their owner on the recall. They decided to play a while...after all.. All that space...a good buddy at your side...and all that fun to be had...why not???...before going all the way to their owner.

My experience at the Spinone National defined what Obedience and Rally should be. Good sportsmanship abounded. The dogs and the owners had fun and so did I. Isn't that what it is really about? Our dogs and our relationship with them.

Thank you for inviting me to judge. I will NEVER forget the experience. I admire your dedication to the breed and the support that other members showed for the people showing in Obedience and Rally. (Rare, let me tell you!)

I also was fortunate enough to attend part of the Judges' Breed Seminar and learned even more about the Spinone...It was a wonderful experience

Sincerely,

Suzanne Hemminger

**National
Specialty
Pictures can
be viewed at:
[http://
hashauser9.fo
totime.com](http://hashauser9.fo
totime.com)**

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Parent Club Specialty-Saturday, April 12, 2008

Judge: Mrs. Karin Ashe

85 Total Dogs Entered

BEST OF BREED: CH COUCHFIELDS PODERI, JH

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX: CH DOLCE VITA LUCREZIA, JH

BEST OF WINNERS: HOOTWIRE'N MALS-ABOUT PERUGIA

WINNERS DOG: KYJO MONTE'S STITCH-N-TIME

RESERVE WINNERS DOG: JAVAL TANGERINE MAN

WINNERS BITCH: HOOTWIRE'N MALS-ABOUT PERUGIA

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH: RISKY BUSINESS NERINA DA GRAZIA

Complete Results:

Regular Classes: 6-9 Month Puppy Dog

1- Javal Tangerine Man

2- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com

3- Javal I'm Movin' On To Hootwire

4- Kala's Alesandro Agosto

Regular Classes: 9-12 Month Puppy Dog

1- Gateway's Arancione Dolici Gelate

2- Brier Creek's Cyrus Spartagus

3- Gateway's Mile High Handsome Harry

4- Cassio Da Grazia

Regular Classes: Novice Dog

1- Morghengo Baleno

Regular Classes: Bred by Exhibitor Dog

1- Bela's Harry Truman Show

2- Busy B's Finneus Fogg

3- gisa Marko K-Y Isis

4- Couchfields Crowd Pleaser

Regular Classes: American Bred Dog

1- Marius Di Morghengo

2- Capo Di Paura Carter, RN



You can review all the results from the National Specialty at:
www.specialtydogshows.com



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Regular Classes: Open Dog

- 1- Kyjo Monte's Stitch-N-Time
- 2- Bella Luce Bruno
- 3- Luciano Di Bella Isola
- 4- Nine Gates Giorgio Paolo

Regular Classes: 6-9 Month Puppy Bitch

- 1- Kala's Qualcosa Parlare Di
- 2- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com

Regular Classes: 9-12 Month Puppy Bitch

- 1- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com
- 2- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com

Regular Classes: 12-18 Month Junior Puppy Bitch

- 1- Kala's Ripensandoci Bene
- 2- Mountain Valley Imagine That
- 3- Kala's Verde D'Invidia

Regular Classes: Bred by Exhibitor Bitch

- 1- Hootwire'N Mals-About Perugia
- 2- Kala's L'Elleto Uno
- 3- Mountain Valley Agatha
- 4- Bella Terra's Drea De Matteo

Regular Classes: American Bred Bitch

- 1- Risky Business Nerina Da Grazia
- 2- Talli of Trollbo

Regular Classes: Open Bitch

- 1- Stellar Point Terracina, JH
- 2- Please See www.specialtydogshows.com
- 3- Gateway's Camilla

A Word From the Judge

I have to say that I was surprised by the quality that was presented to me at the Specialty. Thank you to all that entered and allowed me to go over their exhibits! It was a wonderful experience to see so many of your breed



We all want to wish a speedy recovery to Niko & Justin.

Recently both had benign fatty tumors (lipomas) removed.



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exhibited in one place and I feel so honored that you all chose me to evaluate your wonderful breed.

Thank you,

Karin Ashe

Spring Test Results From Illinois

Congratulations to the following dogs and owners who had success at our annual meeting hunt tests:

Sunday April 6

NAVHDA
Natural Ability

Caccia Cane Fitiggs (Terry) 92 points, Prize III

Monday April 7

AKC
Master Hunter

CH Osage Caesar MH (Beyer/Bagnell)

Junior Hunter

Caccia Cane Fitiggs (Terry)
CH Caccia Cane Ragazzo Dolce (Benson)

Tuesday April 8
Master Hunter

CH Osage Caesar MH (Beyer/Bagnell)

Junior Hunter

Caccia Cane Fitiggs (Terry)
Grand Bays Caseareo JH (Azbell)
Viviana Dolce Di Belle Isola (Duda)

Saturday April 12
Junior Hunter

Caccia Cane Fitiggs (Terry)
Gateway's Arancione Dolci Gelate (Fernandez)
CH Mountain Valley Marachelle (Koch)
Quattro Zampe Giuseppe Dovi (Kavalier/Hineman)
Reggiana Amicizia Da Grazia (Weiden)
Risky Business Nerina Da Grazia (Hanna-Nosko)
Seven Pines Bellini (Passanante/Young)
CH Sweetbriar's Diamonds Are Forever (Graff/Hasley/Roberts)
Viviana Dolce Di Belle Isola (Duda)

Sunday April 13
Master Hunter

Osage Bria MH (Bagnell/Beyer)

**The Winners of
the 2009 Photo
Contest are:**

**Field and Water
and the Cover of
the 2009 Calendar**

**Ann Bagnell &
Karen Beyer's
Luchi**

**Puppies (A Tie)
Gary Azbell's**

**Casey
And**

**Rhonda Shanley's
Sofia & Pups**

**Rescue
Toni & George
Samuel's Nina**

**Just Being
Spinone
Jane Marvin's
Roman**

**Thanks to all who
entered photos.
Calendars will be
available late
fall!**

Kandi

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Junior Hunter

Bella Luce Bruno (Lucini)
 Caccia Cane Fitiggs (Terry)
 CH La Neve Sul Monte Del Subasio (Monte)
 Mountain Valley Imagine That (Forry/Koch/Hare)
 CH Mountain Valley Marachelle (Koch)
 Quattro Zampe Giuseppe Dovi (Kavalier/Hineman)
 Viviana Dolce Di Belle Isola (Duda)

Many, many thanks to the organizing committee, the staff at DNR and Rend Lake Resort, and all of the judges, field crew, owners and handlers who made six days of testing possible and enjoyable

SCOA 2008 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES APRIL 26, 2008 REND LAKE, IL

Call to order (Roll call/Sign in)

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. CST. Bob Nelson, acting as sergeant-at-arms directed the sign-in and a quorum was established (83 members).

Board members in attendance: James Channon-president Jeff Rhodes-vice president, Joseph Zawadowski-secretary, Denise Hanna-Nosko-treasurer, Ed Hanna, Elizabeth Bodeil. Ed Applegate was absent.

Before business was addressed, the president awarded a special trophy to Alyssa Pease for her continued and tireless work as hunt test secretary for both our AKC and NAVHDA tests, and an AKC outstanding sportsmanship medallion to Joseph Zawadowski for his service towards the spinone as a hunting breed. The president went on to thank the McLelands, Ann Bagnell and Karen Beyer, Patti Johnson, Nancy Young, Bobbi Benson, and Kandi Kwirant for putting on the meeting. This is our 21st year as a club and this meeting is our largest. The president thanked all in attendance for supporting our breed. He then turned the meeting over to vice president Jeff Rhodes. Jeff thanked our hosts at Rend Lake and introduced the board of directors. He asked those leaving the meeting to sign out to keep track of the quorum. The parliamentary was introduced.

Minutes of last meeting

MSP to approve the 2007 meeting minutes as read by the secretary.

Report of President James Channon

The membership as of Tuesday was 837 members, about the same as we have been maintaining. We should probably get up to about 920 members this year. The board has been working hard on the financial organization and status of the club since last year. We have received 501(c)(7) status, but did not qualify for 501(c)(3) status. We are working on other changes to improve. We need to have more dogs active in the field. The timing of the meeting did not allow people to prepare for the hunt tests this year. Presently, we do not have a site for next year's annual meeting, but hope to have some ideas by the end of this meeting.

The treasurer answered a question from the floor about the differences in the 501 classifications. She explained that the (c)(7) status does not allow for tax deduction of donations to the club, but made us tax exempt back to 1991 with a requirement to file an e-tax report for 2007 and each future year.

MSP to accept the president's report.

Report of Secretary Joseph Zawadowski

The first year in this position has been a learning experience starting with being conscripted to do the minutes at last year's meeting. The voting record of the board is now being reported in the newsletter. The planned breeding and litter registry correspondence has kept me busy. I appreciate receiving the health registry numbers by e-mail to check against the web sites. I remind our breeders that this information needs to be sent prior to all breeding, as the registries are not kept on file. When submitting a litter announcement for the litter registry on the spinoneus.com page, please submit it in a completed form, as you wish it to appear on the page. The AKC correspondences are available for the membership to examine.

The board had a meeting right before this one. We unanimously voted to have a financial review at future annual meetings where two board members and two members in good standing selected by the board review the books with the treasurer. The accountant doing the tax filings required by the 501(c)(7) status will also be reviewing the books.

MSP to accept secretary's report

Report of Treasurer Denise Hanna-Nosko

An itemized I/E for 2007 and a cash flow comparison for the last business year were included in the meeting packets distributed to the membership.

We also want to wish Ricco a speedy recovery! Ricco recently had surgery for chronic ear infections. Surgery revealed that the infection had ruptured his right ear drum allowing the infection to invade the middle ear. Cultures revealed that 3 different bacteria were growing in Ricco's ear. So now after cleaning during surgery & antibiotics the ear drum should grow back. This will take about 2 months.

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The 501(c)(7) has already been covered. Our checkbook balance is about \$23,000, which includes some of the meeting revenue. We should be in good shape to cover the meeting expenses. Going electronic with the newsletter is saving money, as we are only printing and mailing about 200 now. A full year's cycle will tell us more about this savings.

Ray Duda made a motion not to accept the treasurer's report.

MSP Not to accept the treasurer's report: Aye-43. Nay-7

Election of new members

No discussion

Reports of committees:

Awards committee: Suzanne Applegate, Chairperson

Ed Hanna reported that the awards committee had made its selections, and this year's awards would be presented on Saturday night.

MSP to accept the report

Fund raising committee: No report

Ethics committee: Jan Smith, Chairperson

There were only two complaints filed this year. Both were against former members; therefore, no actions were able to be taken.

These complaints will be on file with the possibility of addressing them pending the request for re-admittance to SCOA.

Respectfully submitted: Jan Smith, ethics committee chairperson

MSP to accept the report as read by Joseph Zawadowski

Health committee: John Kerr, Chairperson

A written report was distributed at the meeting.

Michael Hoffman reported that the response to the survey was miserably low with only 31 responses from almost 900 members. Statistics from such low numbers are not particularly valid. Some portions of the written report were highlighted.

MSP to accept the report

(The health committee report is included in the newsletter where these minutes are published.)

Hunt test committee: Alyssa Pease, Chairperson

The committee report is in the newsletter. People should be aware of the AKC Pointing Dog Hunt Test rule changes that went into effect on January 1, 2008. Those that have an interest in scheduling another hunt test 101 seminar should contact Alyssa.

MSP to accept the report

Newsletter committee: Keely Ghirardelli, Chairperson

The big change in the newsletter is that we have gone electronic. We still mail about 200 copies. One of the main problems we are having is people being able to access the newsletter on the web site. There are complaints, and we need to get the problem worked out. There are three options listed on the membership form for receiving the newsletter, by accessing the web site, by e-mail or by post. Members need to make sure they designate how they want to receive the newsletter. A new reporter for the Southwest region is needed. Anyone interested, please contact Keely.

There was a question from the floor about the possibility of receiving an e-mail alert when a new issue of the newsletter was posted on the web site.

MSP to accept report

Publicity committee: Liz Bodell, Chairperson

Anyone interested in the publicity committee should see Liz after the meeting.

MSP to accept the report

Show committee: Jim Channon, Chairperson

To date, we do not have a proposal for next year's annual meeting and specialty.

Brian Dail made an offer from the floor to chair and organize a committee/proposal to have the meeting at Rend Lake again in 2009. The offer will be accepted by the board of directors for consideration.

MSP to accept report

Supported entry committee: Lynn Grisard, Chairperson

No report

Standards Committee: Jim Channon, Chairperson

No report

Open health registry committee : Deb Brookman, Chairperson. Submitted by e-mail.

March, 2008

To: SCOA Board and Membership

Re: Open Health Registry Annual Report

As of this date there have been thirty-three dogs entered into the registry. Of those dogs 2 are deceased with COD being cancer, one dying from lymphoma and one of splenic and liver cancer. There are 1 with mammary cancer, 8 with ear infections, three of which are chronic ear infections, 4 allergies, 5 with hypothyroidism, 2 with eye, 1 with a fatty tumor, 1 with umbilical hernia, 2 urinary infections, 2 with renal, 1 dysplasia and 1 with sterility. There have been 2 updates submitted.

Michael Hoffman

would like to let everyone know he has received 50 more CA kits.

Also Dr. Karen

Moodie will be available to help people with the swabbing,

verifying the identity of dogs, and signing of the forms for

those who come to Spinone Only

Days, held in Bowdoinham, Maine in early July.

For more info contact Michael at:

Mkhoffman10starpo
wer.net or
5609 McLean Drive
Bethesda, MD
20814

This Paws

For You!!

I would like to
present this

PAWS UP to the

Annual

Committee

Members:

Kay McLel and

Mike McLel and

Patti Johnson

Bobbi Benson

Nancy Young

Kandi Kwi rant

Ann Bagnell

Karen Beyer

Your hard

work paid

off with a

Wonderful

Event!

Thank You

All Very

Much!

Kathy

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There are no pending for entry, and eleven submission's were not entered due to insufficient documentation.

Deb Brookman

Registry Administrator

MSP to accept the report as read by Joseph Zawadowski

Unfinished Business From Minutes:

1) Staggered Election: A proposal for staggered elections was presented by Bridget Curry for Sue McGregor, who was not present. A vote was taken and passed to send that proposal back to the Board for further work, to then be presented for a vote the next time other items are voted on by the membership.

The item was discussed by the Board on Jan. 17, 2008. The Board voted unanimously that the creation of staggered elections would be financially detrimental to the Club.

2) Proposal for 2009 annual meeting in Idaho: This proposal was presented by Debbie Perrott for a committee chaired by Rebecca Koch. None of that committee were present. The proposal was withdrawn by the committee chair.

New Business:

Item 1. Sandy Bodell opened discussion regarding the reason for having the online newsletter protected by password. After discussion regarding why the newsletter was protected from non-member access, using a simpler password system, the number of members having difficulty with accessing the newsletter and getting assistance from John Kerr, the following motion was made by Sandy Bodell.

MSP to make the online SCOA newsletter accessible to all that go to the web site. Aye-46. Nay -21

Item 2. Ray Duda submitted the following motion.

"Financial Record Keeping. Within thirty (30) days from the end of the 2008 SCOA Annual Meeting, and at all subsequent annual meetings, the Treasurer will prepare and submit to the Board, for distribution to the general membership, four basic financial statements showing the condition of the club's finances. These are: 1) a balance sheet, also referred to as statement of financial position or condition, for the most recent fiscal year and the previous fiscal year; 2) an Income Statement, also referred to as Profit and Loss statement (or a "P&L") for the most recent fiscal year; 3) a Statement of Retained Earnings for the most recent fiscal year; and 4) a Statement of Cash Flow, which reports on a company's cash flow activities, particularly its operating, investing and financing activities.

Said statements are to be prepared in accordance with any SCOA by-laws and signed and, if appropriate, annotated by the Treasurer."

Discussion included the question of a conflict with the present by-laws, the 30 day period being too short, and whether the treasurer had the software and/or accounting expertise to fulfill the charges. How this information would be made available to the membership was discussed, and Ray agreed that it would be available as the treasurer's report at future annual meetings or to those wishing to examine the books as outlined in the by-laws. Jan Naigus offered to assist the treasurer with the bookwork.

Ray made a motion to amend his motion, changing "Within thirty (30) days" to "within forty-five (45) days.

MSP to amendment to forty-five days.

MSP to adopt amended motion.

Item 3. Kandi Wirant and Bobbi Benson raised the issue of the board having voted to send money raised by the calendar and photo contest to the general fund. It was their intention and understanding when they took on these projects the money generated would go to rescue and health funds. After discussion;

MSP that all money from the calendar and photo contest will go to rescue or health funds and not into the general fund.

Item 4. Shirley Knipe had a question regarding how the motions being presented from the floor were being numbered. The secretary explained how they were being kept track of.

Item 5. Michael Hoffman announced that the AHT has developed a CA test. A CA test clinic will be held on Saturday morning. There are also test kits for a project the AHT has started on researching epilepsy.

The president mentioned that the AHT has told him they are swamped with the CA tests.

They ask that tests sent in be limited to spinoni that are going to be bred this year. The AHT expects a specific genetic test will be available in 8 to 12 months.

Discussion from the floor included getting older dogs that have been bred tested before they pass on, modification of the health survey to include test results, and the possibility of using calendar funds to help a needy spinone owner get their dog tested.

Item 6. Patti Johnson presented the following motion:

To eliminate from the SCOA Code of Ethics all health testing requirements, including OFA and CERF, and go to breeding guidelines of OFA hips or PennHip, OFA elbows, thyroid, and cardiac; and CA following the guidelines of the ISCG (Italian Spinone Club of Great Britain).

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The motion was seconded and discussed. The vote was called for. The hand vote was difficult to count and a vote in writing was called for. At 10:15 p.m. a break was taken to count the vote.

Motion failed Aye-38 Nay 40

At 10:29 the meeting was called back to order and a quorum taken.

Item 7. Dan Graff recognized the hard work of Mike Hoffman and the health committee and opined that they need more support and help. The president stated that the board had just added an additional member to the committee and created a position for a fifth member to be determined in the near future.

Dan Graff made the following motion;

To accept health clearances from the UK and Canada for hips and eyes.

MSP Aye-38 Nay-17

Discussion followed resulting in;

Item 8. Michael Hoffman made a motion to;

Accept hip and eye clearances from all European Union Counties.

Elanore Biancanello made the point of order that this is an amendment to the previous motion and cannot be voted on. After further discussion and attempts to modify this motion it was withdrawn by Michael Hoffman.

Item 10. Dan Spence made a motion to;

Rescind motion in item 7 above

MSP Aye-38 Nay-17

Motion in item number seven was rescinded.

Item 11. Michelle Brustein made the following motion;

To accept health clearances for hips and eyes from the UK, Canada and Italy

MSP

A motion was made to close new business.

MSP

Agenda Items:

1) Amend #14 of the Code of Ethics. Submitted by Ruth Estes. Change indicated by underlining.

#14. Members will not produce litters from any dog or bitch that is known to carry the lethal recessive gene for Cerebella Ataxia (CA), or any dog or bitch from known CA lines (amended 4/2001-added) unless that dog or bitch has been proven clear by genetic testing.

Motion seconded and discussed.

At 11:20 a quorum was again taken.

MSP to change #14 of the code of ethics to read as above

2) SCOA Breeders List. Agenda item submitted and read by Bobette Benson.

WEB SITE SCOA MEMBER BREEDING LIST

As the AKC recognized parent club, having a list of member breeders available on the club web site is an important service to the public and SCOA membership.

All SCOA members, in good standing as outlined in the Code of Ethics, who wish to be listed on the web site, should have the option to be listed in the Litter and Breeder Registry section.

The listing should be by state to aid the public and members in finding breeders close to them or making references to breeders close to interested persons.

A downloadable form could be provided on the web site which could be completed and mailed to the individual responsible for the entry of the information on the site.

The form would request the Kennel Name, Breeder (contact) Name, City, State, Phone number (s), and services provided (i.e. puppies, stud, visitors welcome, etc.), club membership number.

Additional information could include email and website address(s).

A breeder who is suspended from AKC or SCOA would not be eligible for listing and be removed upon written notification by the SCOA secretary to the person responsible for maintaining the listing.

See Article VI, Discipline, Section 1, Section3 and Section 4.

After discussion

MSP to put a Breeder's Directory on the spinoneus.com web site

Adjournment:

MSP to adjourn at 11:42 p.m. CST



SCOA Health Surveys (4/1/07 - 3/31/08)

Surveys Received 1999 through 4/2008 - 840 (597 initial; 243 follow-up)

2007-2008 Surveys Received 31 (23 via mail, 8 via web)

13 were Follow-up surveys

18 Initial submissions

	<u>#</u>	<u>wt (avg.)</u>
Males:	13	89.2 lb
Females:	14	66.8 lb.

Skin Problems reported: (all surveys to date - 109)

Allergy - 4 (3-food, 1- other)

Ear Infections reported in 10 (all surveys to date - 130)

Recurring - 8

Mild - 5

Severe - 2

Eyes:

Cataracts - 0 (all surveys to date- 9) (1 senile)

Cherry Eye - 1 (7 all surveys)

Loose/Dropping Eyelids - 2 (all surveys to date- 125)

Teeth: (Malocclusion or missing teeth all surveys to date - 25)

undershot - 0

overshot - 0

butt - 1

Double Incisors (x2) lower

Extra Upper molar

Musculoskeletal: (see OFA report below)

Hip Dysplasia moderate to severe - 2 (1-Total Hip replacement)

Hip Dysplasia mild - 1

Spondylosis - 1 (unspecified location)

(Spondylosis arises when vertebrae grow bone that forms a bridge between adjacent vertebra on the spinal cord. It tends to restrict an animal's movements and make it difficult for the animal to bend.)

Orthopedic Foundation for America (OFA) - Statistics updates

HIP dysplasia Statistics Year	Rank of 137 breeds	Number Tested	% Excellent	% Dysplasia
SPINONE ITALIANO 2005	48 th	610	17.2	16.4
SPINONE ITALIANO 2006	49 th	695	16.5	16.5
SPINONE ITALIANO 2007	50th	783	15.5	16.2
SPINONE ITALIANO 2008	52nd	848	15.6	15.8

SCOA Health Surveys (4/1/07 - 3/31/08) Cont.

OFA Registry Statistics - SPINONE ITALIANO 2006 - 2007 - 2008

Registry 2006	Rank	Evaluations	Percent Abnormal	Percent Normal
CARDIAC	N/A	36	0.0	100.0
ELBOW	54	105	2.9	97.1
HIPS	49	695	16.5	81.9
THYROID	N/A	1	0.0	100.0

Registry 2007	Rank	Evaluations	Percent Abnormal	Percent Normal
CARDIAC	6	51	2.0	98.0
ELBOW	41	158	5.1	94.9
HIPS	50	783	16.2	82.0
THYROID	N/A	14	7.1	85.7

Registry 2008	Rank	Evaluations	Percent Abnormal	Percent Normal
CARDIAC	9	61	1.6	98.4
ELBOW	42	212	5.2	94.8
HIPS	52	848	15.8	82.3
THYROID	N/A	24	4.2	87.5

OFA - Trends in Hip Dysplasia - by Birth Year

Breed and Year	Rating Total Dogs	Born to 1980	Born 1990-92	Born 2000-02	Change 1980 to 2000-02
SPINONE ITALIANO 2006	Excellent Dysplastic Total Dogs	0.0% 0.0% 1	20.8% 16.7% 72	16.5% 12.0% 200	
SPINONE ITALIANO 2007	Excellent Dysplastic Total Dogs	0.0% 0.0% 1	20.8% 16.7% 72	15.4% 11.7% 214	10.1% 13.1% 99
SPINONE ITALIANO 2008	Excellent Dysplastic Total Dogs	0.0% 0.0% 1	20.8% 16.7% 72	15.3% 11.6% 216	10.6% 14.6% 123

SCOA Health Surveys (4/1/07 - 3/31/08) Cont.

OFA - Elbow

Spinone Italiano Year	Rank	Number of Evaluations	Percent Normal	Percent Dysplastic	Percent Grade I	Percent Grade II	Percent Grade III
2006	54	105	97.1	2.9	1.9	1.0	0.0
2007	41	158	94.9	5.1	3.2	1.3	0.6
2008	42	212	94.8	5.2	3.8	0.9	0.5

Neurological:

Seizures - 1 (all surveys to date- 29)

Epilepsy, idiopathic - 0 (all surveys to date- 11)

Cancers:

(Benign cancers all surveys to date - 37, Malignant tumors all surveys to date - 12)

Lipomas - 0 (all surveys to date - 25)

splenic tumor (hemangiosarcoma) - 2 (7 reported to-date)

Osteosarcoma - 1 (survivor - rear leg amputation)

Lymphoma - 1 (succumbed after 4 mos. of remission)

Gastrointestinal disorders:

Inflammatory bowel disease - 0 (all surveys to date - 14)

repeated vomiting/sensitive stomach - 2

bloat - 3 did not survive (Bloat reported - all surveys to date - 18)

Intussusceptions (survived)

Endocrine:

Hypothyroidism - 1 (all surveys to date - 19)

Urinary Track infections - 1 (all surveys to date - 32)

Incontinence - 2

Cardio-Respiratory Systems

Cardiomyopathy - 0 (all surveys to date - 1)

Mitral valve regurgitation - 1 (all surveys to date - 2)

Mild Compensatory degenerative valvular disease - 1 (mitral & tricuspid regurgitation)

Mild Tricuspid valve dysplasia - 1

Leishmaniasis - 396 tests to date (92 repeat tests)

2008 - 5 tested, 2007 - 15 tested, 2006 - 5 tested

6 high titers identified since testing began, 4 were Italian Imports

Breed Health Committee
respectfully submitted
John Kerr - 4/08/08

Special Awards

Every year at the annual meeting, one of the highlights of the weeks events is the presentation of 5 very special awards. And this recipients of those awards are:

THE KEMO CUP

The Kemo Cup is given in recognition of the Top Performance in the Field by a Spinone Italiano. Named after Jim Channon's Nico del Benaco @ Risky Business (Kemo)

This year it goes to VC Osage Bria MH (Luchi) and Ann Bagnell

THE RUFUS CUP

Dedicated to the team of Lena Amirian and CH Rufus di Morghengo MH, VC. This Cup recognizes the achievement of the highest awards in both Field and confirmation ring.

This year the Rufus Cup went to CH Stella Diva Di Morghengo RN, UT Prize II and Karen Luckey

THE TY CUP

The Ty Cup is dedicated to the team of Berdell Koch and Grouse Rousters B-Ty JH, Navhda Utility, UD, TD, . Given to the Spinone that demonstrates exceptional Performance in 3 or more activities. Thus proving the Spinone is truly versatile.

This year the Ty Cup was awarded to CH. Drago Castellano of Trollbo JH, RN, NAVHDA NA PRIZE I, TDIA and Lauren Friedmand & Chrs Sweetwood.

HIGH IN TRIAL

Given to the Highest Qualifying Score in Obedience at the National Speciality.

And this year it goes to Siena Castellano Di Morghengo MH, CDX, RAE, and Chrs Sweetwood & Lauren Friedman

THE COS CUP

The final award given out at the 2008 Annual Meeting is in honor of Cosmo-The Ultimate Companion Spinone. Cosmo was Rescued by Alyssa Pease and was neither a Show nor Field Champion but will forever be a Champion in many of our hearts.

This year the Cos Cup went to Brenda Morgan's Osage Abel

Did You Know?

The Awards committee gets listings from AKC and NAVHDA of all Spinoni receiving awards during the previous year. Additionally, the Awards committee receives recommendations from members. All of this information is evaluated against the criteria for each Trophy Cup. In the case of the Cos Cup this is largely done by recommendations and by knowledge of individuals and their Spinoni who participate in SCOA events. Bottom Line, you as members can nominate potential Trophy Cup recipients. Send nominations to Ed and Suzanne Appligate at ncspinoni@belisouth.net

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Regional Reports

North West Region

By Mary Faeth

The Northwest region is comprised of Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California, Alaska and Hawaii. I welcome any news you have to pass on to me. I can be reached at 530-365-7141 or mary@bmf.com. Conformation News: In Seattle, WA on March 8th, the Faeth's Spinfandel Mariah's Storm (Mariah) went Best of Opposite. Also Jamie Austad's Javal Tangerine Man went Winner's Dog and Best of Winners. On the 9th, Javal Tangerine Man took breed, while Sue McGregor Ch. Stella Marina Da Grazia JH (Stella) went Best of Opposite. Mariah was Winner's Bitch. On March

22nd in Bremerton, WA, Stella took breed and Javal Tangerine Man went Best of Opposite and Winner's Dog. On March 23rd, Stella took breed. Ainsley Moore's Casalvieri's Aldo Poochino went Reserve Winner's Dog. A big congratulation goes out to all of them! For complete results see www.akc.org/events

Hunting News:

The Kincaid's D-O-G MH achieved three legs of her master hunt title on February 16th and 17th in California City, CA, achieving her Master hunt titles. On March 15th in Mendota, CA Mariah achieved a Prize II on her NAVHDA Natural Ability test. The Belt's Spinfandel In-A-Tizzy Ezabella achieved a Prize III on her NAVHDA Natural Ability test. On March 23 in

Rio Vista, CA, the Faeth's Royal del Subasio (Royal) and Mariah achieved legs towards their Junior Hunt titles. Also the Lucini's Bella Luca Bruno achieved a leg toward his Junior Hunt Title. On April 6th in Rio Vista, CA, Royal and Mariah achieved one more leg. And on April 27th in Rio Vista, CA Mariah received her last leg and now has her Junior Hunt Title. In the Month of May, CH Tuccio Da Grazia SH went 4 for 4 and completed the last leg of his Senior Hunt Title.

Social News:

Nothing to report in this area.

Send Northwest News to Mary at:
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Family Reunion!!

Regional Reports Cont.

South East Region

By Rita Monte

It's with great pride that the South East region of the country saw two new champions emerge from the SCOA National Specialty at Rend Lake, IL in April 2008. Both new Champions taking Winner's Dog and Winner's Bitch at the Parent Club show under judge Karin Ashe. Big congratulations to the Florida winners and our newest Champions.....

CH KyJo Monte's Stitch-N-Time "Stitch"

Owned by Nick and Rita Monte
Bred by Kyle Miller and Joe Hare

CH Hootwire N Mals-About Perugia "Gia"

Owned by D. Perrott, S. Knipe and P. Fendley
Bred by D. Perrott, S. Knipe and P. Fendley
In addition, Gia took Best of Winners!

Way to go you southern

and Shirley Knipe for taking the first place ribbon for Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 9+ years at the National Specialty with their sweet:

CH Cerebella del

Caos, JH Cerebella, your age just enhances your beauty! So lovely and a well deserved win.

At on a sadder note, our hearts go out to

GA's Gale Roberson on the loss in April of her sweet and beloved Grumpy, **CH Spinaire's the Great Grumpster**. Run free Grumpy, we will miss you.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer with your Spinoni. Rita Monte, your South East Reporter
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CH KyJo Monte's Stitch-N-Time

cuties!!

Another winner was **CH La Neve sul Monte del Subasio**, owned by Nick and Rita Monte. "Neve" earned the third leg towards his JH title at the AKC hunt tests at Rend Lake. Good job Neve!

A big bravo and congrats to Debbie Perrott

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We Need a Southwest Regional reporter!!

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Thanks Keely

Regional Reports Cont.

North East Region
By Lauren Freidman

The big news from the Northeast is the results of the National meeting. Congratulations to the Cup winners from the Northeast, VC Osage Bria (Lucchi) MH owned by Ann Bagnell and Karen Beyer who won the Kemo Cup, Ch Stella Diva DiMorphengo RN owned by Karen Lucky and Michael Ohlstein who won the Rufus Cup, Ch Drago Castellano of Trollbo JH RN TDIA owned by Chris Sweetwood and Lauren Friedman who won the Ty cup and Siena Castellana DiMorphengo MH CDX RAE TDIEVA who won the High in Trial Award for the second year in a row. On the conformation side congratulations to Ch Couchfields Poderi JH owned by Lynn Cox, Michelle Brustein and Dave Brooks who won Best in Show at the SCOA Parent Club Specialty and Ch Sweetbriar's Diamonds Are Forever (James) owned by Dan and Dana Graff, Dee Hasley and Judy Roberts who won Best in Sweepstakes.

In other news (Lily) U-CDX Furnace Hills Bacio

UD RE OA OAJ MH VBSA, VBJA earned her Master Hunter Title in 5 consecutive AKC Hunt Tests. Spinone Only Days on

go to "spinoneonly.org" on the internet or contract Maura Powell at (703) 660-6075 or e-mail her at maurapowell@hotmail.com. Re-



Berdell & Lily

July 18-20th in Bowdoinham, Maine is just around the corner, so its time to start making plans. If you have any questions about this being a worthwhile trip/expense let us tell you it will be one of the "most for your money" things you can attend. Three days in beautiful Maine, with volunteers from SCOA and the Yankee NAVHDA chapter working by your side in all areas of hunt training. There will be seminars on First-Aid, grooming, the conditioned retrieve, etc. It's also a great way to spend time with your fellow Spinone lovers. For more information

member this fills up fast so make your reservations right away so you don't get left out. Looking forward to seeing you there.

We'd love to hear some great stories from people in the Northeast. We know there are lots of interesting things that you do with your four legged companions. It doesn't have to be hunting or conformation. Let us know anything of interest so it can be shared.

Lauren

Regional Reports Cont.

Mid West Region

By Kathy Hamaker

I have to begin the report from our area with a big THANK YOU to Kay McLeland and committee for a fantastic National. Although the weather did not always cooperate (early April is supposed to rain, we all forget!!) the site was wonderful, the staff at Rend Lake was fantastic, and even though our group could not get there early in the week for all the field events etc, we did enjoy wonderful walks on the grounds, and seeing all the wildlife. Nationals are all about seeing old friends, making new, and enjoying our breed. We are looking forward to next year.

Winners Dog and Best of Winners at the National was Carol Sheridan and Sue Moen's Klondikes Fredrico Ilario from the puppy class. His sister, Klondike's Amazing Grace also won her 6-9 month puppy class the same day.

Denise Hanna-Nosko won the American Bred Bitch class both days, with her Risky Business Nerina Da Grazia. She was also the Reserve

Winners Bitch at the show on Saturday. KaLa's Ripensandoci Bene owned by Paul Gifford, & Caroline Smith & myself won her class in the puppy



match on Thursday, as well as her sweepstakes class and the 12-18 month class at the Parent Club Specialty. Carrie was very excited as this was her first Spinone National Specialty Show. She also exhibited both Dusk and Peanut in the Brace class, and got 2nd place.

Stacie Coates also attended her first National with her puppy, KaLa's Qualcosa Parlare Di (Something to talk about or Gabi) and proudly placed first in the puppy class with her at the Saturday Specialty

show. Stacie is a new handler and did a great job.

Another new handler, Gary Azbell, with Grand Bays Caseareo, won the 12-18 month Junior Dog class. Congratulations, Gary.

Gisa Yukon K-Y of Isis, owned and bred by Debb Brookman and Tedd, was the first place winner of the American Bred Dog Class at the National. Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes at the National, was KaLa's Elletto Uno or Elle' owned by Kathy Hamaker and Matt Cole. She also was 2nd in her bred by class both days. Our big winner from the KaLa kennel, was our Veteran Bitch, Ch. Naplands Isabella Di KaLa RN. Isabella was also 1st Award of Merit Winner at the National. We want to thank The Landini's and The Channon's for allowing us to have this wonderful dog, who means so much, to so many. She is not only our foundation bitch, who has produced more title holders than any other in the United States, but also our go to dog for helping train all the dogs who pass through our school, our 4h club dogs, Nursing home visitor and also tracking dog extraordinaire.

Bobbi Benson reports that her Ch. Caccia Cane Ragazzo Dolce earned the last leg of the a Junior Hunter title at the National. Also, Caccia Cane Di Angelo JH, RN earned the first leg of the Advanced Rally title. Fantastic!!

Stellar Point Terracina, JH just received her TDIA title. She has finished her 50 visits and is working on her 100 visits now. Terricina goes to Bixford House at least one time a month, and visits the local grade school once a week participating in the reading program. She reads with the 3rd and 4th graders. Many of the teachers want her to read with her kids next year, so she will be attending school more often in the fall. Terricina has a quiet presence about her that encourages the children. She also visits the Lutheran homes once or twice a month.

Terricina also won her Open bitch class at the Parent Club Specialty and has a hunting title. This is a very well rounded dog and a great example of our breed. Kandi is very proud of her and rightly so.

Congratulations to all the winners, and participants. Hopefully we will have more info on field wins, obedience and rally wins as well as show for next time. Please email me at Kalabrits@aol.com with any information. . Until next time, kiss your Spinone!!

The Show of a Lifetime!

Questions!

Recently, at the Annual Meeting, there seemed to be more concern with health and health related issues. So this got me thinking and I came up with 3 basic questions that I asked myself. I know how I answered them but I am curious as to how all of you would answer them. So I will put them out to all of you.

1. What do you feel are the most important health concerns facing our Spinoni today?
2. Do you feel that health testing should be required or recommended before breeding?
 - a. What health-testing do you feel should be required before breeding.
 - b. What health-testing do you feel should be recommended.
3. What can you suggest we do to get more participation in filling out the health surveys?

Thank you this is no way scientific nor is it associated with the board or a committee. But it might just get us thinking about what is important. You can e-mail me your thoughts and concerns at keelyreg@aol.com Or mail them to me:
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I will let you know what the outcome is in the next newsletter.

Thanks Keely



Crufts is like no other show I have ever been to. If you take Westminster and Eukanuba and put them together you still don't have the space and amount of exhibitors that are there let alone the numbers of people that go through the show sight everyday for 4 days! The NEC (National Event Center) is huge! I think there are somewhere around 16 or 20 halls in the complex. Crufts took up 5 of them. The Discover the Breed was very interesting. There were dogs there that I had never heard of before. Almost every breed was represented. Each breed had a representative at his or her booth the whole four days. They were not fancy booths, just had a representative there in a pen for the masses to see and learn about. Each had a flier telling about their breed and information on breeders. This took up one whole side of one hall! I didn't count how many breeds. The Gundog Group alone has 32 breeds that are recognized, and a few more that are waiting to be recognized by the BKC there as well. There were several rings in some of the halls. When I say several I mean 6 - 12 per hall, totaling around 36 show rings. Along with breed judging there were educational events going on all four days. They had lots of things to watch and many, many vendors to visit! Since the dollar isn't worth much at all...43 cents on the dollar or something like that, I really didn't spend much on stuff. Eating and travel, always by train, took most of the money. So my Christmas shopping didn't happen. I'll show everyone the pictures of the things I thought about getting and call it good!

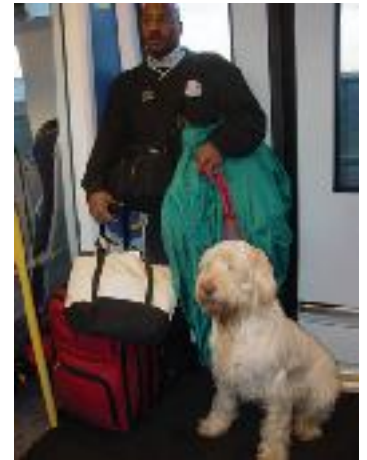
Stella has used many modes of transportation, car, big rig, planes but this show held another first for her. She had to take the train to the show sight along with us. Each day we had to check to make sure we were taking the right train to Birmingham International Airport because there were trains coming and going all day long. The day of the show while we were on the platform checking for the next train to the

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airport the conductor asked if we were going to Crufts and pointed us to the right train. The crowd was not very heavy yet as it was very early! Stella followed Daryl right onto the train like she had been riding trains all her life. She sat down, waited for her stop and got off without even a flinch.

I have learned through the many shows that Daryl has done with Stella that you always plan to be there several hours early and in most cases even one or two days early. This has proven very beneficial for us more times than not. This show was no different. Stella and Daryl were to get there on Sunday March 2. Scratch that plan as cargo, (which is where Stella would have to pass through regardless if she were allowed to fly on our plane or not) in England doesn't work on holiday, which is every Saturday and Sunday. Next plan change days to leave on Sunday arriving on Monday. OK set to go. Nope change again because of passport and quarantine issues Stella now has to travel alone. This we had never done before but we'd come this far so we weren't going to give up now! We took Stella to Northwest Cargo in Minneapolis for her flight out. Daryl would leave on a different flight. Stella had to check in four hours before her flight; Daryl had to be there two hours early. Daryl's flight was leaving before Stella needed to check in so the plan was to drop him off then take Stella to the cargo docks. I'm not that familiar with any other parts of the airport besides the commercial flights so I wasn't real comfortable with trying to get Stella to cargo by myself. It was my turn to say we need to be there early. I convinced Daryl that WE needed to go in the morning and at least get all the paper work done so that all I had to do was drop the dog off when it was time. I am so glad that we did that because when we got there Daryl had to show his ID since he would be the one that was going to pick Stella up in England. We also had to get Stella a deluxe suite for the trip, as her room was not big enough! I finally got Daryl on his plane and Stella settled in her new digs and on her way. I would leave for England myself in two days. The morning Stella arrived I received a phone call that Stella had arrived safely but her papers were fouled. Now remember this was 5:00 a.m. my first thought was so change them why are you calling me to tell me this. Then I realized that they meant her import papers were not right. We had discovered that our phones would not work once we got to England so I had no way of telling Daryl the latest. Fortunately I was able to get things cleared up from this end. Daryl was able to get a "sound" card once he got there. He reached me at the airport while I was waiting for my flight to leave and let me know that he had Stella. Sounded like all was fine at least that's what I thought. Later I found out his part of the adventure.

I arrive in London early the morning of March 5 and had to catch a train to Birmingham. No problem right...wrong! First I had to take a train to Paddington station catch the tube to the train station that would take me to Birmingham and then find the hotel. There I was with two suitcases trying to find all my connections. It really does go quite well when you enlist people's help. I was able to find the right stations and got plenty of help along the way with directions and bags. OK so now I'd arrived at New Street Station in Birmingham. No one seemed to know exactly where Bennetts Hill road was. I was literally sent from one end of the station to the other. Once I finally got out and above ground I walked a few blocks and slipped into what looked like some sort of office building and asked for directions to the right street. "No worries love we'll get you there" was the response from the security man at the desk. He looked it up, drew me a map, and walked me out the door, showed me some landmarks and sent me on my way. Finding the



Stella & Daryl
onto Crufts



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Followed by

Nov. 15th

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street turned out to be the easy part. Now I had to find the hotel. I walked to the top of the hill and noticed that the numbers were getting larger on the buildings, which meant that I had passed my spot. So I again asked directions from a newsstand vendor who told me the pub that bares the name of the hotel was where I needed to go. OK that I had seen just a few minutes ago. Got there all was well found the dog, found Daryl, everyone was safe and sound, ready for the big day. Tomorrow would be the reconnaissance mission right now I was going to shower and relax for the night...this hotel did have a pub remember!

The mission went very well. Daryl seemed to be getting all the information he needed. Everything seemed to go smoothly if you don't count the part about me becoming misplaced, which we won't!

The day of the big show again, I knew we would be there very early so we were up and moving before 6:00. Got to the benching area, Got things situated and found out that the cameras did not take a charge over night. Now this was a problem not only because we can't find any outlets but also even if we do they are not compatible with our electrical devices. So I am sent off on a hunting expedition to not only find a source of electricity also to find a converter to use. After several trips to different shops and vendors I finally found a hardware store outside the center that sold the converters. The organizers, superintendents of the show, were kind enough to let me use an outlet in their office to charge the camera. That was done now I could sit back and watch some of the classes before retrieving the camera for Stella's class! Things were looking up! With camera ready to go I sat back and enjoyed all the Spinoni that were being shown. Daryl didn't want Stella out of her show routine so he kept her under wraps until show prep time. They entered the ring and wouldn't you know it the video camera went dead! I did get some stills of them, but by the time the judge made his cut I was so nervous and excited I don't think I got much for pictures. Oh well, I would have the professional picture that was always taken. Oh, They don't do that here? They do have a club photographer that takes pictures through out the day so we arrange for her to take a picture of the judge with Stella. We had very little time to talk to people and accept congratulations because we now had to get the dog to the show vet to get her exit health certificate so we could bring her home. We had an appointment for around 4:30. Off we set to get the certificate done. Because Stella had an American chip the vet was having trouble reading it so we left to get things packed up while they went to look for an American reader. Daryl had changed his clothes and was packing up when a Magazine writer and a photographer approached him and asked if he wouldn't put his suit back on so that they could get some pictures of him with the dog for the magazine so off he went to change back. After changing again gathering all our stuff we headed back to finish with the paper work. Certificate in hand we hopped on the train back to the hotel. What a long unbelievable day!

We as Americans get so excited when we get 50 or 60 Spinoni together well here were 200 Spinoni to look at! The benching area consisted of 5 rows with dogs on both sides of the benches. Everyone was very kind to us and extremely helpful. Showing is done much differently than here in the States. It is much more relaxed and casual, yet formal in tradition. There were some men in sport coats with and without ties, the women wore skirts, nice slacks and some were very casual. They were quit impressed when Daryl walked into the ring wearing a tux! Most dogs in the UK are handled by their owners so, to have a handler show Stella was somewhat of a



Stella & Handler
Daryl Cooper

The Show of a Lifetime Cont.

novelty. Spinoni started showing around 8:30 and by the time Stella was finished it was close to 4:00. As for the rings, there are no fences to separate the rings or people from the dogs. But they do have chairs lining the area. They do not check you in before you enter the ring nor do they have a common gate with which to enter. Dogs and handlers enter from any spot around the ring and line up where ever they choose. After everyone is in the ring the ring steward checks the numbers against the book and you are good to go! The judge was very thorough with his judging. When he had gone over all the dogs the steward would follow the judge and tell each entrant either yes you move to the center or no you are excused. As I watched him pass each dog in Stella's class I kept thinking just let her make the first cut. He walked past her then sent her to the center. He moved her again where she ended with the blue or second in her class! Because the Best in Breed was the bitch from her class Stella had to go in again against all the bitch winners and received reserve winners bitch. How awesome was that!

The publicity and success that has come to Stella and me can largely be attributed to the positive handling of a professional like Daryl Cooper. Daryl and Stella have made a fantastic team in the 2 ½ years they have been together this just showed what a good team they really were!

It was a long always changing adventure from the beginning a year ago to the end when we finally got Stella and all back home! But it is also one that I will never forget nor regret. To go to Crufts with or without a dog is an experience of a life time but a lot more fun with a dog that receives one of the top breed awards while there!

Terri Turner



Stella at Crufts

Our Condolences go out to Nancy Young and her family over the loss of her Mother, Velma Krez.

Velma was a terrific lady and she loved dogs. She is greatly missed by all those that knew her.

If anyone would like to make a donation in memory of Velma it may be made to CCAC (Concerned Citizens for Animal Control of Warren County) P.O. Box 513, Warren-ton, MO 63383



Spinone Club of America static-cling Decals are available for your car, home, or office. They are the official SCOA Logo printed in gold on transparent plastic and are 4" in diameter. Since they adhere by static-cling, they are easy to apply to the inside surface of any window, and they are even easier to remove.

The price is just \$10.00/decal. Since the decals themselves have been donated, all proceeds benefit

future genetic research into Spinone Cerebellar Ataxia.

Please make your check payable in U.S. funds to the Spinone Club of America, then mail the check and a stamped, self addressed business sized envelope to:

SCOA Logo Decal
Linden Tree Spinoni
420 West Lincoln Ave.



Committee Reports

Hunt Test Committee Report by Alyssa Pease

Fall Calendar

All dates are tentative pending sanctioning body approval unless otherwise noted, watch the SCOA website for updates.

October 4 & 5
AKC JH/SH/MH tests in Wooster, OH
Volunteers needed to staff this test, please contact Alyssa Pease at spinonecos@yahoo.com or 703-765-5715 if you can help.

November 1 & 2
AKC JH/SH/MH tests in Hustle, VA

November 7, 8 & 9
NAVHDA NA/UPT/UT tests in Hustle, VA
This test is confirmed and already published by NAVHDA, at this writing there are still some openings available.

Notes

Reminder to AKC hunt test judges that if you have not taken a seminar this year since the new rules came into effect you need to do so to maintain your eligibility. There are seminars scheduled in South Carolina, New York, Massachusetts, Texas, Kansas, Virginia, New Mexico and Illinois between June and Janu-

ary 2009 at this time. The seminar is now mandatory for anyone wishing to become a new AKC judge and can also be very helpful for handlers trying to learn more about the standards that their dogs are being judged against. For the most up to date calendar go to:

<http://www.akc.org/clubs/seminars/seminars.cfm?page=5> and select seminar type Hunt Test: Pointing Breed

Anyone with questions, concerns, or suggestions should feel free to contact me at spinonecos@yahoo.com or 703-765-5715.



Drago & Duck



They are out there,
I know they are

Health Committee Report by Michael Hoffman

Cerebellar Ataxia Test Developed by the AHT and the ISCGB – SCOA Breed Health Committee Recommendations Suggest That All Breeding Stock Be Tested. Breeding Guidelines for CA-Carriers Suggested(1).

From the Breed Health Committee (Sue Acquistapace: veri-cool@acsalaska.net; Michael Hoffman: mkhoffman1@starpower.net; John Kerr: john@spinoneus.org; Karen Moodie: KMINNH@AOL.COM; and Keely Ghirardelli: Keelyreg@aol.com)]

In mid-March at the Crufts Dog Show in Birmingham, England, The Animal Health Trust (AHT) and the Italian Spinone Club of Great Britain (ISCGB) announced that a DNA-based test for Cerebellar Ataxia (CA) has been developed.

The test identifies 2 markers closely linked to the gene responsible for CA. It is not a gene identification-based test, rather it is a DNA linkage-based test. Dogs that have a pair of both markers are identified as CA carriers; those without the markers are non-carriers. Because the test is not specific for the mutant gene, it is not 100% accurate. Rather, the current test has an accuracy of about 95-98% for a negative finding (not a CA-carrier). The positives rate includes both real positives (CA carriers) as well as false positives has a similar accuracy of 95-98%. What that means is that some tested Spinoni will incorrectly be identified as being CA-carriers when they are not actually CA carriers. Thus far the test does not appear to have detected any false negatives.

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The AHT believes that it will have developed a gene-specific test with 100% accuracy within the next 12 - 18 months. Because the more accurate test will be available shortly, the AHT recommends that all dogs and bitches intended for breeding before the gene-specific test is available be tested using the current test. Owners who have young dogs who do not intend to breed during that period should wait until the gene-specific test becomes available. A condition of having the test performed by the AHT is that owners agree to the test result being published.

More complete information is available on the AHT website at: http://www.aht.org.uk/genetics_spinone.html. Results from testing are likewise posted on the AHT website, one month in arrears, at: http://www.aht.org.uk/spinone_results.html

The ISCGB has recently adopted a CA Control Scheme and has also posted CA test results for dogs whose swabs were submitted prior to 2006, during the research and development of the AHT test. The Control scheme may be found at: http://www.italianspinone.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=99&Itemid=62. The testing results, which also includes dogs previously known as carriers, may be found at: http://www.italianspinone.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=287&Itemid=62

At the SCOA Annual Business Meeting in April 2008, there was much discussion regarding what policies SCOA should adopt for both testing and breeding of Spinoni now that a test is available.

The SCOA Breed Health Committee has discussed the AHT and ISCGB control scheme and presents the following recommendations:

1. That all dogs and bitches that are expected to be bred within the next year should be tested using the currently available Cerebellar Ataxia linkage test. At such time as the direct genetic test becomes available, use of that test will supplant usage of the linkage test. It is anticipated that the direct test will be available in approximately 12-18 months.
2. That all dogs and bitches that have been bred in recent years be tested whether or not they are now part of breeding stock because it is important to have an idea of the true prevalence of CA in the spinone population.

It would be particularly useful for older breeding stock that may not be alive much longer be tested, as knowing their CA status has the potential of clearing much of the current breeding stock.

Further, because of the uncertainties and the possibility of limited information, especially for older pedigrees, CA testing **should not be** limited only to those dogs that can be traced back to Umago del Breton, Baldo, Trusco dell'Angelo del Summano, Rex Del Biancospino or Deanna.

3. Because the gene pool for the breed is so small, it is suggested that CA-carriers not be excluded from breeding **solely** on the basis of a positive CA carrier test because the loss of their traits to the gene pool cannot be reversed. Conversely, breeders should not consider breeding from inferior stock **just** because it is CA-free. All lines carry both good and not so good traits. With the availability of the CA test, that problem can be tracked. There are other diseases, such as epilepsy for which no test available. Because of its more complicated mode of inheritance, epilepsy will probably take a lot longer to understand and in that sense presents a greater risk to the breed than does CA.

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Health Committee Report Cont.

The above recommendations and suggestions were agreed to by 4 of the 5 members of the Breed Health Committee.

Some information about the test kits and usage.

A. The test kits and the accompanying form are numbered, as is the envelope that the swabs are returned in.

B. The form requires the following information:

- a. Dog's AKC name and number
- b. Microchip/tattoo Number
- c. Color, sex, date of birth
- d. Owner's name, address and contact information
- e. Owner's (or agent's) signature

C. The form should be signed by a Veterinarian or non-interested third party to verify the AKC and microchip information.

D. The cost of testing is about \$92.00.

E. Test kits can be obtained either from the AHT or from Michael Hoffman.

(1). We would like to acknowledge helpful discussions with Dr. Cristiana Hill, Veterinary Advisor to the ISCGB and Dr. Cathryn Mellersh, Canine Molecular Geneticist at the AHT.

SCOA Member Breeder List on the Web Site

The following proposal was presented by Bobbi Benson at the 2008 SCOA annual meeting and passed with a majority vote of the members in attendance. Following the annual meeting the SCOA Board voted to implement an annual fee for the service. The fee is \$25.00 payable to SCOA and should be sent along with the listing application to Bobbi Benson, list administrator. The board also voted to require the breeder to sign an agreement that if they are reprimanded by the Board for a violation of the Code of Ethics, they will forfeit the fee and be removed from the directory for a period of six months to one year, as determined by the ruling of the board.

You will find the application, address and instructions in the newsletter and at www.spinoneus.com under the Breeders & Litters section.

Spinone Club of America Agenda Item - 2008 Proposal Web Site SCOA Member Breeder List

As the AKC recognized parent club, having a list of member breeders available on the club web site is an important service to the public and SCOA membership.

All SCOA members, in good standing as outlined in the Code of Ethics, who wish to be listed on the web site, should have the option to be listed in the Litter and Breeder Registry section.

The listing should be by state to aid the public and members in finding breeders close to them or making references to breeders close to interested persons.

A downloadable form could be provided on the web site which could be completed and mailed to the individual responsible for the entry of the information on the site.

SCOA Member Breeder List on the Web Site Cont.

The form would request the Kennel Name, Breeder (contact) Name, City, State, Phone number(s), and services provided (i.e. puppies, stud, visitors welcome, etc.), club membership number.

Additional information could include email and website address(s).

A breeder who is suspended from AKC or SCOA would not be eligible for listing and be removed upon written notification by the SCOA secretary to the person responsible for maintaining the listing.

See Article VI, Discipline, Section 1, Section 3, and Section 4.

SCOA Breeder

Web Site Listing

Application

Kennel Name: _____

Contact Name(s): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

SCOA Membership Number(s): _____

Services Provided: ___ Puppies ___ Stud ___ Mentoring ___ Visitors Welcome ___

Other Services (list): _____

Email Address: _____

Web Site Address: _____

Additional Information (25 words or less): _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please type or print clearly.

Enclose a check for \$25.00 payable to SCOA.

Mail to: Bobbi Benson, 10447 - 55th Street, Wapello, IA 52653

Highlighted fields are required.

Listing runs for one (1) year from date of entry.

By my signature above, I hereby agree suspension from AKC or SCOA or reprimand by the SCOA Board for COE violations will cause the breeder listing to be suspended for a period of 6 to 12 months, in the case of COE violations or a like period of time, in the case of suspensions, and the listing fee will be forfeited during that time.

Committee Reports Cont.

Awards Committee Report
By Ed Applegate

General Information: The Spinone News reserves the right to edit all material (including advertising) submitted for publication. The Spinone News editor, and the Spinone News Committee (which is the Spinone Club of America Board of Directors) also reserve the right to reject material (including advertising) submitted based on its content when believed to be detrimental to the club in general, club members, club directors, the editor, contributors, etc. Opinions expressed herein and facts stated may not express or reflect the opinion of The Spinone Club of America, its Board of Directors, and its editor or its members.

The Awards Committee is pleased to announce that there will be a new trophy to be awarded at Rend Lake in 2009. Diana Cannon is donating a trophy to honor Spinone Therapy Dogs. The trophy will be called the Asti Therapy Dog Trophy, and honors Diana's multi talented Asti, a therapy dog for the last nine years. Diana writes, that "Asti has been there for patients that just wanted to hug a dog for the last time, carried baskets of treats to the dying ...and was twice nominated for THE AKC ACE THERAPY DOG AWARD. Asti was the first Spinone to earn The Therapy Dog International TDIA title. Now many Spins have earned this title and gone beyond. So to honor MY XXL BOY and all the Spins following in his giant paw prints, I would like to donate the trophy."

This is not just a trophy it is also a work of art. "The Asti Therapy Trophy is officially titled "Asti's Compassion" as it is a sculpture and a work of fine art. This is a lost wax process, bronze collage sculpture. Asti's portrait head study is the focal point with two miniature sculptures inset, front and back. The front will show him interacting with an elderly man and a young child. The rear will feature a tiny version of Asti sporting a Therapy Dog vest. This will be a museum quality bronze mounted on a black walnut pedestal base with an engraved name plate and a brass plaque suitable for listing each year's recipient of the award.

It is estimated that the sculpture will take approximately 80 hours to complete in clay before it is sent to the foundry for casting. The lost wax process will take at least 12 weeks to complete, 12 steps of production. Up to 14 skilled artisans will be doing this work by hand to ensure the museum quality and artistic integrity of the sculpture. It will finally be fit with a carrying case for travel.

The Awards Committee is sure that every future winner will display this trophy with honor in their homes. Their Spinone will have richly deserved this honor for easing the pain and suffering of others.

Tail Waggin Braggin

Announcing another Champion from the Sweetbriar Kennels.



CH Sweetbriar's Diamante D'Italia, best known as "Luigi" His owners Gwen and Tony Sciallo couldn't be more excited by his accomplishments. He also has passed his NAHVDA Natural Ability Test and has 2 legs of his Junior Hunter. Luigi is handled in the ring by Coleen McGee and in the field by Gwen.

Tai I Waggin Braggi n

Alex Costello's CH Busy B's Elliott Ess JH finished his championship on Sunday April 6th at the Chesapeake Kennel club of Maryland with a 3 point major and his third major. A special thanks to Bob and Birdie Nelson for giving me this beautiful dog.



After bombing on our first 2 Senior Hunt Tests in IL CH Tuccio Da Grazia SH went 4 for 4 in the month of May to finish the final leg of his Senior Hunt Title. Special Thanks to Denise Hanna-Nosko, Da Grazia Kennels, Jim & Maxine Channon, Risky Business Kennels, and to Heather Hauser for taking such great pictures of Tuccio at Rend Lake! But a very Special Thanks To Richard Matzke of Tuxedo Kennels and Mr. Bill Jackson Tuccio's Gunner.

Keely

CH KaLa's NVS Turin finished his championship at 7 months old on April 13th at the Harrisburg Kennel Club. Turin is owned by Ernie Conover and Bonnie Baxter.





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