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ASTI'S COMPASSION

Special points of interest:

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- *Advertisements, Pictures & General Info*



for Dog Award. He led the way for have earned the right to be

Asti's portrait head study is the miniature sculptures inset, front show him interacting with an child. The rear will feature a ing a Therapy Dog vest. This bronze mounted on a black wal-engraved name plate and a brass each year's recipient of the award.

So we encourage you to be thinking about and nominating the next recipient of Asti's Compassion. Remember YOU as a club member can nominate any of the special award trophies that are given out at each Annual Meeting. And who knows, your nomination might be the next recipient!

At this year's annual meeting it was announced that a new trophy will be awarded starting in 2009 at the Annual meeting. This trophy was graciously and lovingly donated by Diana Cannon in honor of her XXL Boy "ASTI" and will affectionately be called The Asti Therapy Dog TrophY. Officially it will be called Asti's Compassion.

Asti was one the first Spinoni to earn the Therapy Dog International Title (TDIA) and was twice nominated The AKC Ace Therapy many more Spinone that called therapy dogs.

focal point with two and back. The front will elderly man and a young tiny version of Asti sport-will be a museum quality nut pedestal base with an plaque suitable for listing



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President's Report

Plans are underway for the April 2009 meeting at Rend Lake IL.

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. Get involved in these issues and provide solutions to our financial problems. We need your help and advice. With the 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 SCOA. On the plus side over 3000 people have accessed the newsletter already! But, we are down about 200 members from this time last year, with only 5 new members since the last newsletter. 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? Still waiting and hoping for your solutions and suggestions for dealing with this issue.

Discussions were made at the meeting that there were several (15?) 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. We have not heard from any of these 15 people who stated at the meeting that they had trouble accessing the newsletter online (and apparently with over 3000 accesses to date, this is not a problem for the majority of the people!). Discussions were also put forth that people wanted to have a notification when a new newsletter is online. That capability is already 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.

The SCOA Hunt Test Committee is trying to encourage more AKC hunt tests in various locations. Currently, Jeff Rhodes and Alyssa Pease have put together plans for October 4th & 5th AKC hunt tests in Ohio. November 1st & 2nd AKC hunt tests have also been scheduled by Alyssa as well as the November 7th, 8th, & 9th NAVHDA tests, in Hustle, VA. Pat and Steve Cuzzacrea have scheduled a get together in northern NY for September 27, which will include hunt training issues. Deanna Cuchiaro is also hosting a Spinone get together in NJ on Sept. 27th. Contact information has been posted on the www.spinoneus.com calendar of events. 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! A form for ordering the calendar is included in this newsletter.

The DNA test for CA is producing results already. To date, March through June 2008, 140 tests (with 7 additional proven carriers discovered) have been posted on the AHT website. Cristiana Hill has informed us that they strongly suspect that Briccone del Podere Antico was a carrier. Because he is dead and can not be tested, it is advised that anyone who has his descendents and are planning to breed them should test for CA. A motion was made and approved at the last annual 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 x-rays 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' x-ray methods/results to OFA/PennHipp tests to determine what scores from these countries would be acceptable.

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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 follow through AND implement these also. Get involved with SCOA.

Jim

Spinoni Alive and Well in the Pacific Northwest!!



Ainsley, Aldo & Carolyn

If anyone is wondering, the Spinone Italiano is alive and well in the Pacific Northwest. Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club hosted a two day show the weekend of July 26-27 with a large entry of 12 Spinoni. There were several puppies and dogs here that were “imported” from the East Coast, as well as an import from Scotland (surely everyone by now has heard about the Group 4 for NEW Ch. Javal Tangerine Man and his owner Jamie Austad). Sue Aquistapace flew in from Alaska with her 6 month old son of Ch. Couchfield Poderi x Ch. Epithelium Beatrice” (young Da Vinci was BOW on Sunday for a major). Other kennels represented included, Busy B Spinoni, Bella Luca (WB on Sunday), Casalvieri, Thornbush (Boston!) Dolce vita, di Morghengo, Nine Gates, Sagebrush Vericool, Rhodadenrun and Da Grazia.



Da Vinci

Ainsley Moore and Jamie Austad helped bring this all together. Carolyn was the speaker for our seminar on Friday night at the beautiful Discovery bay Golf Club. The floor was dotted with white and brown Spinoni snoozing and snoring while Carolyn lectured on correct conformation, genetics, breeding, bloodlines type etc. We were also given an incredible grooming demonstration on a beautiful Sweetbriar bitch. By the end of the seminar, we were all panicked – wanting to hear the very end, but also seeing that we were going to be up all night trying to copy what we just saw Carolyn do, so our dogs would be even more beautiful by 8:30 a.m. the next morning when they hit the ring! The next morning, the whole bunch of bleary eyed Spinone owners walked into the ring with their dogs in tip top shape.... and we were all very proud. During the course of the three days, Carolyn evaluated everyone's dogs and Jamie Austad, who is a professional videographer, taped each session (at the owners request) so the owner could have it on a DVD for future reference. Carolyn evaluated each dog's conformation as well as movement.

Saturday evening Sue and Andy McGregor (daughter Melissa was also attending) hosted a BBQ at their beautiful home. Sue is a gracious host with a true hostess heart. She is the owner of three Spinoni, her latest is beautiful 6 month old “Elsie” from the “Poderi x Muggles” litter. I “think” the count was 14 Spinoni, 2 Belgian Sheepdogs, 1 Clumber Spaniel, a Dachshund, a Great Dane puppy, a Parson Russell Terrier and a mixed breed. We got a photo of them all together (sort of!). Carolyn was supposed to continue evaluation our dogs, however, a little too much spirits had by all



Sue & Elsie



Rhoda & Handler



Piper & Jamie Group 4!

and we decided it best to continue evaluations the next day (such a wise decision...)

What a memorable and informative weekend. What a lovely and kind group of people, not to mention those charming, goofy, sweet, gorgeous Spinoni!

Suzanne Hudson

Tail Wagg'n Bragg'n

Bella Campo Summer Sun JH AKA Cira took a Group 4 Placement at the Champaign Illinois Kennel Club on June 28, 2008.

The judge was Dana Cline

Mike and Kay McLeland Breeder, Owner, Handler



Ch. KaLa's L'Elleto Uno finished her championship in May.

Elle' is owned by Kathy Hamaker and Matt Cole. She is out of Biss Ch. Busy B's D'Artagnan and Ch. KaLa's Caramel Carmella.

Pictured here is her 1st major win at the Bucks County show going Best of Opposite to her father.

Stacie Costs has her first champion Spinone!

Ch. KaLa's Qualcosa Perlare Di who is out of Ch. Busy B's Dartagnan SH and Ch. KaLa's Caramel Carmella.

Gabi finished with 5 majors, and two Best of Breeds and now is working towards Junior Hunt, Obedience and Rally titles



Tail Wagg'n Bragg'n Cont.

Debb Brookman and Gisa K-Y Marko of Isis finished his championship at a show in June

The following day they were awarded a Group 4 placement!



On July 26th and 27th at the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club in Sequim, WA Jaime Austad and Piper had an amazing weekend

- 1) Piper took Best of Breed both days
- 2) He also completed his Championship Title
- 3) And he took a Group 4 placement.

On July 26th at the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club in Sequim, WA Sue Acquistapace and DaVinci received a BBE Group III.

DaVinci is only 6 months old!



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Reflections of a Newby

"I'm thinking of going to Spinone Only Days, but I can't bring both boys without help. Would you be able to go?"

Thus started an adventure that I had no idea of where it would begin, let alone end. Needless to say, the answer to the above question was a resounding yes. Of course, I had no idea what I was letting myself in for, but I now have no reason to regret.

It was a pretty long ride from upstate New York to Bowdoinham, ME, but pretty straightforward and Teddy and Jimmy are easy travelers and more than ready for a road trip. We've spent individual days together at conformation dog shows and a NAVHDA meeting, but certainly nothing like this. As in every first time event, one does tend to over pack in trying to prepare for anything, but its even more evident when you have NO idea of what's in store. I'd contacted others who'd been before and in addition to the orientation e-mail, I thought I was prepared. In a word? HAH!!

As expected, Mother Nature played with us day in and day out, with rain, sunshine, humidity and one storm that would have to be experienced to be believed, but more of that later. We arrived Thursday evening at the site, luckily someone was already there to give us an idea of what was what, so we settled in for the night after exercising the dogs, feeding them and ourselves and tried to get some sleep. Being the nervous Nellie that I am, there wasn't very much sleep to be had and I was itching to go way before anyone else had arrived.

Early Friday morning, the cars, vans, trucks and RVs started arriving and to my great glee, Spins galore, including some absolutely adorable puppies (as if there are any other kind in the Spin world). Not too long afterwards, name tags attached, orientation maps and schedules etc. were distributed, and the first day began with opening remarks from Lena Amirian, who graciously took me under her wing at the start of the adventure.

Two sessions in the field each day, plus one session in the water was the standard operating procedure, with only Sunday's schedule being mildly different. We had seminars on First Aid, Nutrition, Cerebral Ataxia, Lymphoma and other health difficulties being discussed, along with E-Collar conditioning and gun safety.

But I don't want this to be a dry recital of day-to-day occurrences. I'd rather share the feelings of myself and maybe, in a way, how the dogs may have felt.

There was definitely excitement in the air, both in human and canine as evidenced by the smiles, whimpers, Wookie type trills that surrounded me. Teddy had an immense amount of experience behind him, and I had no idea of what to expect, but it was evident that he knew we were going for BIRDS!!!

Heeling? Yeah, right. I could almost hear him: "Let's go, Aunt Ann, birds, Aunt Ann, keep UP, Aunt Ann! BIRDS, BIRDS, BIRDS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" Amazingly enough, I did remember to ask his human mom, Ellie, what his various keywords were and I did have a whistle around my neck, but did that mean I remembered to use it every time? NOT!!

When Teddy was released, it was like a puppy had taken over from the gentlemanly ambassador that I had come to know. Enthusiastic doesn't even come close to what I witnessed that morning. It was like he'd been coasting through life and he was just conserving all that energy for that

Reflections of a Newbie cont.

morning. The first point I witnessed was truly amazing! I could see him trembling just a little in his rear legs and he wanted that quail so badly. Flushing was a new trick I had to learn and I'm positive I could hear him, "Aunt Ann, get the bloody bird up and shoot it, I gotta bring it home for mom!"

But that was only the beginning. Later that day, we hit the water for the first time. I'd witnessed Spins swimming before, but not with such purpose as I did that day. Duck planted, Teddy sent, straight as an arrow and brought back pretty quickly. He wasn't sure that I was the one that needed the bird, since that was the first day that we'd worked together this way. By the end of the weekend, things had changed and we had become a better team, not perfect, but we learned how to trust each other.

The storm? I think everyone who was there would agree that it was more than anyone could have expected. I truly felt like I was in the middle of the "Wizard of Oz". Rain had been around on and off on Friday, but things had been looking up for most of Saturday, until we heard someone say, "There's a storm rolling in and its rolling in fast!" What an understatement that turned out to be!

Everyone in the area started to batten down the hatches, but no matter how quickly they tried, Mother Nature had other ideas. Seemingly out of nowhere, the wind kicked up and canopies started flying everywhere! Dan Trahan flew over to our van and helped to hold down our canopy while debris flew around us, rain came down so hard it was unbelievable. I looked off towards the direction it was coming from and it looked almost like a wave crashing into shore, that's how heavy it was and we had folks who were still at one of the water sites with trees and hail coming down upon them. Luckily, for all, no one was hurt. Sure there was some vehicle damage and items lost, but all dogs and humans were fine, other than being drenched.

There's a lot more that I could share about each days' events, but while it would make me feel better, it might bore you all and that's not what I want you to get from all of this. More than anything, I wanted to share that even if you only get to do something like this once in your life, please don't deny yourself or your dogs this wonderful opportunity. While I still don't know if I'll ever be a true hunter, there is no way that when that precious Spin puppy comes into my life, I will do whatever I can to ensure that he will get to do what those breeders from years gone by and in the present had in mind for him. "Get those birds, baby boy, get those birds."

Ann Harvers

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Afterword: Extra special thanks to Lena Amirian, Maura Powell, the members of the Yankee NAVHDA Chapter, my conformation buddies, Alex Costello, Lauren Friedman and new friends, Ann Bagnell, Karen Beyer and probably more than I can recall, so please forgive me if I've left you out. But most especially, my sincere thanks and love to Ellie Biancanello and her boys, Teddy and Jimmy, for allowing me to play and enjoy this great adventure and hopefully, many, many more!

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A Members View

I am opposed to making the Code of Ethics (COE) part of the SCOA by-laws, and want to clarify why this would be a bad decision for our club.

The COE provides guidelines for member responsibility for owning and/or breeding Spinoni. Sometimes things change -- such as the development of a test to identify carriers of the CA gene. At the 2008 meeting we were able to amend the COE to allow the breeding of dogs who test clear, but are from CA lines. If the COE were part of the by-laws, the board would have to propose the change, send it to the AKC for approval, then send it to the entire membership for a vote at much time and expense. If four members of the board did not approve of the change we would not be able to vote on it at all. I do not believe four members should have this much power.

Making the COE part of the by-laws will actually limit the rights of our membership. Our bylaws state that changes to the constitution and bylaws must be voted on by the entire membership, but items will only go to the membership for a vote if a majority of board members vote to do so.

If the COE is part of the by-laws, the board will have total power over whether or not the membership is allowed the opportunity to vote on changes, which goes against the basic principles of a club. The president says that this will allow everyone to vote on important issues, but the truth is we will only get to vote on what the board decides. Proof of this is the fact that the board did not allow the entire membership to vote on the proposal for split elections, even though a large majority of the membership at an annual meeting voted for it.

Secondly, this change is not needed. Roberts Rules of Order (RR) provides rules to protect the rights of all members, whether they are of the majority or of the minority. There are provisions within RR that deal with previously passed motions or adopted rules, such as the COE. Most would take a two-thirds vote at the meeting to change (much harder than a simple majority), unless advance notice was given through a committee process that our club does not follow. RR are good enough to run all clubs, organizations, and government, so if we take the time to read and understand RR we see that more rules are not what we need. Clubs hold annual meetings because it's too expensive to send all proposals out for a membership vote, yet all members interested have the right to attend the meeting, have their say, and vote.

While changes to the COE should never be made lightly, I believe the club is protected from impulsive votes at a meeting by the protections in Roberts Rules. Additionally, I believe that the members of our club love the Spinone and are interested in protecting and working for the betterment of the breed – we need to be sure the board's power is limited and club members are ensured full participation in important decisions.

I believe this proposal is a bad decision for the club no matter which side of the issue you may be on regarding any changes to the COE.

Mike McLeland

The New Advertising Policy!!!

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What is non-commercial? An activity is considered to be non-commercial if it is not from an activity that is considered a business, is not included on the member's income tax return, and does not raise funds for any specific activity (for profit or not). A member who owns a commercial business may post a classified and for an item that is NOT related to their business (e.g. personal equipment for sale). The newsletter editors reserve the right to determine what is commercial and what is non-commercial. No ads for litters or dogs for sale will be accepted.

SCOA Member Ads: Ads or "brags" for kennels or dogs belonging to SCOA members in good standing may be accepted; however, no ads for litters or dogs for sale will be accepted. Ads will be placed throughout the newsletter as space allows. No specific placement is guaranteed. Ads must be provided to the newsletter editor in electronic form, as an attachment (not imbedded in e-mail), and photos must be in .jpg format.

SCOA Member Ad rates:

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Commercial Advertising rates:

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Full page sized ad: \$150.00 per insertion

(SCOA members receive a 50% discount on the above rates)

The New Advertising Policy Cont.!!!

Advertising Specifications: The editors reserve the right to refuse any ad for cause. Digital photos should be in .jpg format. The editors prior to the newsletter deadline must receive payment for the ad. The editors will then send the payments on to the treasurer. When space is limited, new non-commercial ads will be given priority over non-commercial ads that have been previously published. The location of placement of full or partial page ads within the newsletter is not guaranteed, and is at the discretion of the editors. The Board of Directors retains final approval on including any specific ad in the newsletter.

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Example of a Member Ad

Vito, Tuccio & Keely



Want to Wish Everyone a SAFE and Successful Hunting Season!!



So Hunt 'em Up!

Its Time to Vote!!!

The following Judges have confirmed their availability and have expressed a strong positive attitude to being included in the 2009 Speciality.

Now we need **YOU** the membership to vote for 2 (by circling your choices) to judge the 2009 National Specialty. Send your ballots to to Brian Dail: 7747 Croyle Ave. Rapid City, SD 57702

1. Sandra Goose Allen

4. Elliot More

Deadline is Sept. 30th, 2008

2. Sam Houston McDonald

5. Beth Speich

3. Patricia Leakey

6. Lena Amirian

Your Name: _____ Membership Number: _____

Guess Who is Turning 15!!!



Happy Birthday Scruffy!!

I just wanted to share the news that my Spin, Scruffy, will be turning 15 years old in October! She is doing fairly well, with the exception of arthritis in the hips, some problems with her eyes, and on-going pancreatitis. I know this sounds like a lot, but she is on some medicines to keep her pancreas and liver values down to normal. She still begs for food, plays with the cat-who is her favorite! And still loves to do most of her tricks. I truly believe that she has a good few years left ahead of her. I take her regularly-more than normal- to the vet just to keep an eye on things.

When I walk Scruffy and people come up to her, they can not believe that she is going to be 15! One guy I talked to thought I meant 15 MONTHS old!! Boy did I laugh!

Anyway, I've attached a pic of Scruffy. Just so you can see how good she looks yet. Thanks for listening.

Take care,

Julie Peterson

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Introducing Luigi!

Introducing Luigi (Montagnia Via
Heaven Help Us)

Luigi was born on June 06, 2008. Sire Ch. Couchfield Devil Dog Delight JH and Risky Business Hustle. Helen and Stella B just love their new baby boy!



CALL FOR 2010 ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSALS

THERE HAVE BEEN NO PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR HOLDING THE 2010 SCOA ANNUAL MEETING AND NATIONAL SPECIALTY. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ASKS THAT ANYONE INTERESTED IN HOLDING THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING CONTACT THE SECRETARY TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL.

Board Voting Record

The following votes were taken during a telephone conference meeting held on June 3, 2008. The meeting was attended by Jim Channon, president; Jeff Rhodes, vice-president; Joseph Zawadowski, secretary; Denise Hanna-Nosko, treasurer and board members Elizabeth Bodell and Ed Hanna. Board member Ed Applegate was absent.

A list of proposals was submitted by the newsletter editors for consideration by the Board. They are listed below along with the decisions of the Board.

1. The deadline is the deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS! We give the board of directors, committee chairs, regional reporters and the membership ample reminders as to when each deadline is. Anything received after the deadline will be held over until the next issue. This has been loosely adhered to in the past. But with the amount of dated material received by the newsletter staff we feel this must be more strictly enforced.

Vote; The deadline is the deadline. Aye-unanimous

2. The addition of both health forms and the dues renewal form will only be in the Dec. issue with reminders printed in all other issues, including contacts, web site addresses and renewal dates in every issue.

Reasons:

- a. Dues are due in Jan. Having the renewal in the newsletter in Dec. is adequate since that is the time most members will pay their dues and fill out their health surveys.
- b. We use up 6 pages for both health surveys and the dues renewal form in every newsletter when they are available anytime on line, or by contacting the appropriate people. This costs the club unnecessarily, and we feel that space can be put to better use. See #3 below.

3. By eliminating the above forms in every issue we can initiate an advertising policy. This could be an added source of income to the club.

Vote; The health survey and membership forms will be handled as outlined above. Aye-unanimous

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Vote; To accept non-commercial ads as specified above. Aye-unanimous

SCOA Member ads: Ads or “brags” for kennels or dogs belonging to SCOA members in good standing may be accepted; however, no ads for litters or dogs for sale will be accepted. Ads will be placed throughout the newsletter as space allows. No specific placement is guaranteed. Ads must be provided to the newsletter editor in electronic form as an attachment (not imbedded in an email), and photos must be in .jpg format.

SCOA Member Ad rates:

Quarter page sized ad: \$20 per issue

Half page sized ad: \$25 per issue

Full page sized ad: \$50 per issue

Vote; To accept member ads as specified above. Aye-unanimous

Commercial advertising: Commercial ads are accepted from both members and non-members. Members receive a 50% discount off the posted rates. All commercial ads must be provided to the newsletter editor in electronic form.

Commercial advertising rates:

Quarter page sized ad: \$50 per insertion

Half page sized ad: \$75 per insertion

Full page sized ad: \$150 per insertion

(SCOA members receive a 50% discount on the above rates)

Advertising Specifications: The editors reserve the right to refuse any ad for cause. Digital photos should be in .jpg format. Payment for the ad must be received by the editors prior to the newsletter deadline. The editors will then send the payments on to the treasurer. When space is limited, new non-commercial ads will be given priority over non-commercial ads that have been previously published. The location of placement of full or partial page ads within the newsletter is not guaranteed, and is at the discretion of the editors.

Vote; To accept commercial ads as described above with the specification that the Board retains final approval on including any specific ad in the newsletter. Aye-unanimous

4. Stop sending a copy of the newsletter to every board member before it goes out to the membership.

Reasons:

a. The majority of the board does not reply

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b. It holds up the distribution, and again this involves time sensitive material in the newsletter.

c. Many members asked why we have editors if the board is editing the newsletter.

Board Voting Record Cont.

Vote; A copy of the newsletter will continue to be sent to each Board member for editing and comments before it goes out. The newsletter editors will specify a deadline for comments from the Board members. If Board members make no response by the deadline, the editors may proceed with publication. Aye-Unanimous

5. The Editors will print the needed issues and do not have to submit a bid for each issue.

Vote; A bid will be required for every issue of the newsletter. Nay-Bodell, Hanna, Zawadowski, Rhodes, (Hanna-Nosko?) Aye-0.

6. The editors will submit the newsletter to the printer when a list of the members who should receive a paper copy has been received. A complete list of members who need the newsletter mailed to them must be to the editors by the newsletter deadline.

Vote; A complete list of members who need the newsletter mailed to them will be submitted to the editors by the newsletter *article* deadline. Aye-Unanimous

The following votes were also taken during this meeting:

Approve the minutes of the April 29, 2008 Board meeting; Aye-unanimous

Vote: To use SCOA constitution Article 1 section 2 introduction as mission statement (for 501c7) with addition of public and membership education. Aye-unanimous

MSP to approve holding AKC Pointing Breed Hunt Tests in Ohio on October 4&5, 2008. Vote: Aye-unanimous.

Vote; To table discussing requiring a 2/3 vote to pass a motion at the annual meeting until the Ohio statutes can be checked and an attorney can be consulted. Aye- unanimous

Vote; Does the Board need to review each article Jan Naigus writes for the AKC Gazette? Nay-unanimous

SCOA BOARD E-MAIL VOTING RECORD

In the period since the last report and 8/14/08 the Board has approved six new memberships and three lapsed memberships. No membership applications were denied.

6/15/08, Approve \$406 for printing the newsletter; Aye-Channon, Applegate, Zawadowski, Hanna-Nosko, Rhodes, Hanna. Nay-0

6/24/08, Approve supported entry submission by Debbie Forry; Aye-Bodell,, Rhodes, Channon, Applegate, Hanna, Hanna-Nosko. Nay-0

Submitted August 15, 2008 by Joseph Zawadowski, SCOA secretary

Regional Reports

SCOA Newsletter Article- August 2008

By: Lauren Friedman LMF@OPTONLINE.NET and Chris Sweetwood CSWEET@OPTONLINE.NET

Neither Rain, nor Hail, nor Heat or High Winds shall keep a Spinone from their appointed tasks. At the July 2008 Spinone Only weekend Mother Nature demonstrated all her abilities with the exception of snow and the “committed” handlers and dogs just gritted their teeth and continued onward.

It was a hot Maine weekend with scattered showers. Saturday afternoon included a mini tornado with hail and torrential rain that terminated the short lives of many pop-up shelters and awnings. Thanks to Lena Amirian, Maura Powell, the NAVHDA Yankee Chapter and the many volunteers, too numerous to name, the event went off without a hitch. Everyone divided up into their assigned groups and went about their merry way, at Merry Meeting Bay, working with their Spinoni in the field and water. Seminars were held on dog first-aid, collar conditioning, the conditioned retrieve and gun safety.

This marked the tenth year of Spinone Only and it was a pleasure to see many of the dogs from previous years progressing into outstanding bird dogs as they gained exposure, skill and knowledge from the dedicated members of the Yankee Chapter and the many volunteers who each year give their time and energy to make this event the success it always is.

This years participants were Delita and Tom Rosenbaum; Joseph and Janice Coleman; Michael Baks; Anthony Athanason; Dan and Jean Devlin; Holly and David Forbes; Mark Kennedy; Tom and Patti Hight; Terry and Karen Moodie; Jim and Tina Summers; Lisa Primo; Sylvia Morin and Dave Beauchamp; Steve Lagasse; Maura Powell; Alex Costello; Ellie Biancanello; Ann Harvers, Jeff Fogel; Ray and Ros Duda; Maryrose Verdile; our newest gunner Doug McIntosh; Rosemary and Lee Stanley; Dorn and Sarah Cox; Carmen Alvarez and Edgar Holmes, the record holders as the shortest lived pop-up shelter owners; Mikki Davis; Ronni Pisco; Chris Sweetwood and Lauren Friedman; Ann Bagnell and Karen Beyer and Lena Amirian.

Remember to mark your calendar for July 2009 so you don't miss next years excitement and keep checking the web at www.Spinoneonly.org

In other Northeast action Rhoda Shanley reports NAT/INT BISP Rhodadenrun Perfectly Phrank, bred & owned by Rhoda Shanley in Pennsylvania, was Best in Show Puppy at two International Kennel Club



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and sent in your
Health Surveys?
It's a good time!*



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Regional Reports Cont.



Judge, Rhoda Shanley & Phrank

Awarded 11 medals, he also received the highest rankings (SG-1) that a puppy can earn for his National & International Champion titles. Phrank's dam is CH Busy B's Cherish Sofia JH owned by Rhoda Shanley. Phrank's sire is CH Couchfields Onenightstand D'Assisi JH owned by Lori Hunt.

Congratulations also to Phrank's sister Rhodadenrun My Phyllisofical Valentine (owned by Suzanne Hudson) for winning BOS her first weekend showing at just 6 months old!

We Need a SouthWest Regional Reporter! Here is a good place to get Involved!!

The Northwest region is comprised of Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California, Alaska and Hawaii. If you have any news to pass on to me, Mary Faeth, I can be reached at 530-365-7141 or mary@bmf.com.

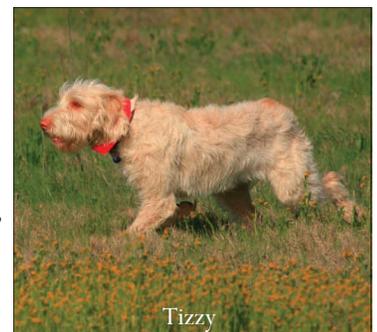
Conformation News: In Klamath Falls, Or on May 8th the Belt's Spinfandel In a Tizzy Ezabella JH (Tizzy) went Best Of Breed. On May 17th and 18th in Lynden, WA Ainsley Moore's Casalvieri's Aldo Poochino (Aldo) went Winner's Dog. On the 18th Sue McGregor's Ch. Stella Marina Da Grazia JH (Stella) went Best of Opposite. In Placerville, CA on May 24th and 25th, Todd Teresi's Double K Nina Grandi Piedi (Nina) went Best of Breed. On May 24th in Spokane, WA the Grace Lucini's Bella Luce Bruno JH went Best of Breed. On May 31 and June 1, the Luchetti's Busy B's Desperado Genovese Rudi went Best of Breed. On June 7th and 8th in Puyallup, WA Jamie Austad's Javal Tangerine Man went Best of Breed. On June 12th and 14th, the Belt's Tizzy went Best of Breed. On June 28th and 29th in Mt. Vernon, WA, Stella went Best of Breed, while Javal Tangerine Man went Best of Opposite. On July 12th in Carmel, CA the Faeth's Spinfandel Mariah's Storm (Mariah) went Best of Breed achieving her championship. On July 13th, the Faeth's Royal del Subasio went Best of Breed for a major and Tizzy went Winner's Bitch for a major. On July 26th at Sequim, WA Javal Tangerine Man went Best of Breed achieving his championship. Aldo went Reserve. On July 27th Ch. Javal Tangerine Man took breed again and achieved a Group 4 placement. Stella went Best of Opposite. Sue Acquistapace's Vericoool L'Arte Della Leggenda went Best of Winner's for a major. Aldo went reserve. Grace Lucini's Bella Luce Bianca JH went Winner's Bitch to achieve her championship. On August 2nd, in Dixon, CA Mariah went Best of Breed, Royal went best of Opposite and Nina went Winner's bitch. On the 3rd, Mariah took Breed again, Royal went Best of Winner's to achieve his championship and Tizzy went Winner's bitch. A big congratulation goes out to all of them! For complete results see www.akc.org/events

Hunting News: Nothing to report in this area.

Social News: Just a little social activity to report. After the Carmel, CA show in July, a group of Spinoni connoisseurs got together to run our dogs on the beautiful Carmel coastline. It is a leash free beach and it was a fun time for all.



Royal



Tizzy

Regional Reports cont.

Midwest Regional Report

Submitted by Kathy Hamaker

Summer is almost over and that means hunting season is around the corner!! Even though we hate to see the year fly by-the idea of getting back out in the field is enticing. I asked for reports from people this time as I had no time to go through and look for wins, etc. and this is what was reported to me. Please feel free to contact me anytime, as we would like all members to be included.

Kay McLeland reports several Best of Breed wins for Ch. Bella Campo Summer Sun JH. They include Marion, Kokomo Kennel clubs, (Kokomo both days), Michigan and Berrien Kennel Clubs, Ann Arbor, Holland, Jaxon (both days), Berrien Kennel clubs. Cira also was Best of Breed at Champaign, Illinois and got a Group 4 placement. Big Congratulations to you!!!

Denise Hanna-Nosko says that her Risky business Orianna MH (aka Maria) got her CGC title at age 12! Risky Business Nerina Da Grazia (Silvia) also received her CGC title this summer.

There is a new champion in our area. Ch. K-Y Marko of Isis who belongs to Debb Brookman finished his championship in June and got a Group 4 the following day. He also completed his rally novice title.

Gary Azbell reports that his dog, Grand Bays Caseareo has accumulated 6 points towards his show championship. He is also working towards his Rally Novice title and getting ready for the fall hunting season here in Michigan.

Caroline Smith reports that Ch. KaLa's Circondati Dai Giganti (Peanut) was Best of Breed at Valparaiso Kennel Club and that same weekend KaLa's Ripensandoci (DD) was first in her Open Bitch class on three occasions.

Stacie Coats says Gabi is a new Champion. She received a major and was Best of Breed at Kalamazoo Kennel Club, and then won 4 majors at the Valparaiso Cluster shows finishing her title on the last day. She also was shown at the UKC Premier shows where there were other Spinone entered as well and was the Best of Breed both days. She is now ranked #1 Spinone in the UKC. Gabi's name is Ch. KaLa's Qualcosa Pariare Di which translates to Something to talk about. Gabi is Stacie's first owner/handled show champion.

Elle' (Ch. KaLa's L'Elleto Uno) finished her championship at Grand Rapids Kennel Club. The day before she had received Best Bred By Exhibitor and was awarded a Group 4 at the Bred by Extravaganza. Since that time, being shown occasionally, she has won Best of Breed at Valparaiso Kennel Club, Dan Emmet Kennel Club, Mt. Pleasant Kennel Club and Cudahy Kennel Club. Elle' is owned by Kathy Hamaker and Matt Cole.

Thank you to everyone who provided information for this column. Until next time, Kiss your Spinone!!!

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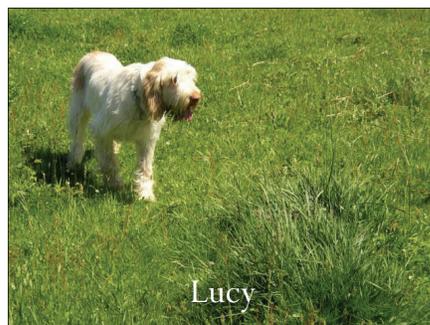
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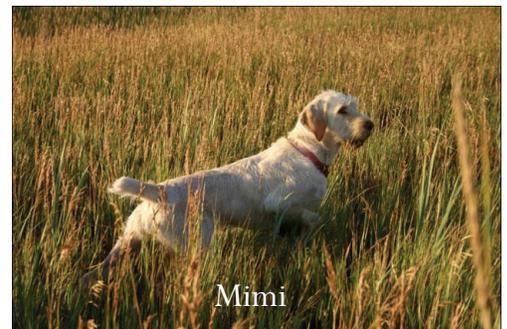


Liz Bodell



Lucy

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Your
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Mimi

Corrections to the Last Newsletter

In the last issue of the Spinone News, there were several mistakes and I am apologizing for these: To Lauren Friedman under HIT and Ty Cup for misspelling her name and to Chris Sweetwood for the misspelling of his name under the cup section. Also pg 25 and pg 27 Lauren's correct email address is LMF@OPTONLINE.NET

There were also mistakes in the listing of winners in Obedience and Rally the correct results are listed below. Again I apologize.

Keely

OBEDIENCE

High in Trial - Siena Castellana DiMorghengo, MH, CD, RAE

She was first place in OPEN A

She also completed her CDX title at the National.

Novice B:

1st Place – Quattro Zampe Alphosei Caponi

2nd Place – CH McPhersons Classic Patterns, CD, RA

Open A:

1st Place - Siena Castellana DiMorghengo, MH, CD, RAE

Pre-Novice:

1st Place – CH Gisa's Fantascienza of Isis

Veteran:

1st Place – Risky Business Raisuli's Ransom, CDX, RN

Brace:

1st Place - Risky Business Raisuli's Ransom, CDX, RN and

CH McPhersons Classic Patterns, CD, RA

2nd Place - CH Gisa's Fantascienza of Isis and

CH Jefcu Di Periono, CDX, RA

RALLY

Rally Novice A:

1st Place – Gisa Marko K-Y of Isis

2nd Place – CH Brezza Di Ghiaccio Da Grazia

3rd Place – Gateway's Camilla

4th Place – Grand Bays Caseareo

Rally Novice B:

1st Place - CH Gisa's Fantascienza of Isis

2nd Place – Javal I'm Movin' on to Hootwire

3rd Place – Quattro Zampe Alphosei Caponi

4th Place – Capo Di Paura Carter, RN

Rally Advanced B:

1st Place - Siena Castellana DiMorghengo, MH, CD, RAE

2nd Place – Caccia Cane Di Angelo, RN, JH

3rd Place – CH Teddy Roosevelt, SH, CD, RE

Rally Excellent B:

1st Place - Siena Castellana DiMorghengo, MH, CD, RAE

2nd Place - CH Jefcu Di Periono, CDX, RA

3rd Place - CH Teddy Roosevelt, SH, CD, RE

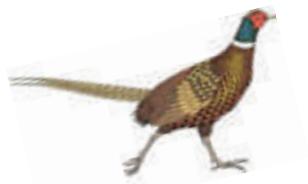
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