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Specialty News

There are jobs that still need volunteers during our upcoming Specialty. Any of the committee chairs would love to have helpers as well as constructive comments or advise on how to improve on what has been done in the past. If you have good ideas and/or a desire to participate please

contact one of the following individuals.

Lorene French is the Show Chair with Lynn LaBahn as her Assistant Chair. The Committee's are:
Trophy – Vicki Fagrestroetz
Art Auction/Raffle – Susan Weatherhead

Hospitality – Susan Weatherhead
Ring Stewart – Cynthia Dunahey
(Chief Ring Stewart)

Lure Trial – Vicki Fagrestroetz
Chairman
Lorene French and Lynn LaBahn
Secretaries



Crystal's Snowflake Fun Run

The Fun Run and Match this year took place on March 19th. The day was a success despite of the lack of snow.

As most of you know we dedicated this year's Run to Crystal Hanuman who died last summer after a diagnoses of Leukemia.

Crystal's family came to the Match and brought Crystal's dog "Priya" who received a new "Snowflake" patterned snood to commemorate the day for the family. Crystal's daughter Aislynn put together a video of photos of Crystal that was viewed during our lunch break.

The photos and story of Crystal's life was a wonderful way for those of us who didn't get a chance to know Crystal very well in life to see her and be able to feel a little of her wonderful sense of humor and her devotion to her family. There was hardly a dry eye in the house (I even caught several of the men with tears in their eyes).

After a wonderful potluck lunch we went outside to run our dogs. Crystal's family couldn't stay for the run but those of us who could stay had a wonderful time. Though there was a marked lack of snow and the

conditions were on the damp side the run went on as planned.

Best Puppy in Match went to Barb and Dave Strusinski's "Winston" and Best Adult went to Sandy Nelson's "Leddy"

We had a large group of Rescues that came from the Indiana rescue last year and it was wonderful to see the how healthy they have become after their ordeal.

Thanks go to Nate for letting us use King's Ranch once again for this event.

Lois took photos and they are available through her website.

<http://www.lightsource-images.com/>

John and Marco on the beach



Braggs

Lynn LaBahn tells us that Marco and Monique made the trek down to the Breeders Cup and Tidewater Specialty shows in Virginia Beach, Va. This was their first road trip and they learned all about rest stops, peeing on command on leash, long rides in the car, hotel etiquette, riding in elevators, the commotion of inside crowded shows.

They did well and carried their wild spirit throughout. They had a great time and got to run on the beach!!!

"Marco" Thaon's Mediterranean Deziere, won first in his class at the Breeders Cup, and won Best Bred by Exhibitor at Tidewater under Bob Stein.

"Monique" Thaon's

Venetian Treazure, won second in her class at the Breeders Cup, and then came into season that evening and was being weird, so she got to relax the rest of the weekend.

Congratulations Lynn and John LaBahn!!!

"We had a great time and got to run on the beach!!!"

Lynn with Marco and Monique



Lynn with Judge Bob Stein and Class winner Marco



Upcoming Lure Coursing – Volunteers needed

There are several Lure Coursing events coming up in the near future. Volunteers are needed to assist the organizers with all of the various responsibilities that come with these events. If you are interested in coursing your dogs please consider assisting the club members that put their time and energy into making sure that these activities can be held. The first activity in the schedule is the weekend of June 12th, Saturday, at the

Lake Minnetonka shows in Jordan MN. The lure coursing will be done after the judging for Afghans is completed for the day.

We will be showcasing Lure Coursing and giving demonstrations. Anyone who can offer assistance please let Vicki Fagre-Stroetz know. You do not have to have previous knowledge as there are jobs for novices to do. This is a great way to learn more about this fun activity to do with

your dogs.

The next Lure Coursing is scheduled for June 25th and 26th for all sight hound breeds and then we have the Trial on Saturday August 27th for Afghans only.

We are also hoping to host a coursing event for the new CA title sometime in September. There will be more information about this later.

Basset Hound running the lure at our Fun Match.



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Fun photos from our Fun Match & Run



Sandy Nelson with Best Adult “Leddy”



Nate with Cheyenne



Parade of Champions – From Left, Lorene with Rio, Lynn with Sophie, Louise with Chase, Meredith with Breeze, Neve with Ben



Aislynn & Priya at the Fun Match



The Hanuman family



Best Puppy "Winston"

Parade of Rescue - Meredith with afghan mix, Susan & Whisper, Meredith & JR, Nate & Joey, Lorene & Bryn, Louise & Khi, Lois & Lila and Stash





House puppy "Cheyenne"



Sandy with "Leddy"



Happy puppy "Winston"



Calendar of Upcoming events

Some of the Upcoming shows-	3, 4, & 5 Closing May 18 noon.	Duluth, MN – July 15 – 17 Closing June 29 noon.
Fond du Lac, WI – April 23 –24 Closing April 6 noon.	Lake Minnetonka, Jordan, MN June 11 – 12 Closing May 25 noon. Lure Coursing Demonstration included.	Waukesha, WI – July 30 – 31 Closing July 13 noon.
Eau Claire, WI - May 14 – 15 Closing Wednesday April 27 – noon.	Chicago Specialty – June 10	Burlington, WI – August 1 – 2 Closing July 13 noon.
Oshkosh, WI – May 21 – 22 Closing May 4 noon.	Wheaton, IL - June 11 – 12 Closing May 25 noon.	Winona, MN – August 6 – 7 Closing July 20 noon.
Key City Kennel Club, Saint Peter -May 28 – 29 Closing May 11 – noon.	Anoka and Cambridge – June 23 – 26 Closing June 8 noon. All Breed Lure Coursing during these shows.	Albert Lea, MN – August 13 – 14 Closing July 27 noon.
Fargo Moorhead – June		

PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!

Remember that Dwayne Saunders and Michael Dickensheid are having their annual party Saturday evening after the Eau Claire show. Plan on heading over to their home for a fun time.

That is Saturday evening May 14th.

Contact Dwayne at braincst@aol.com for more information.

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