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*"Doing My Part"*

# ECSCA Field Trial Committee

2016 Field Trial Committee General Meeting

October 25, 2016

Holiday Inn; Alexandria, Minnesota

**Call to Order:** Vicky Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

**Present:** **FTC Members** - Vicky Thomas - Chair & Western Region  
Dennis Joannides - Member At Large  
Pete Rizzo - Eastern Region  
Deb Strohl - Central Region  
Sue Rose - ECSCA Representative  
General Members of the ECSCA and NCC 2016 Attendees.

**ECSCA Membership** - Vicky Thomas explained the switch from 4-represented Regions to 3 Regions was due to a lack of ECSCA Membership and that we were in need of additional ECSCA members! She encouraged NCC attendees to apply for Membership indicating we had "Sponsors and Seconders" at hand to assist in filling out the ECSCA application and as an additional bonus, she would cover the application fees (\$10.00) for anyone applying this evening! (Note: We received 25 ECSCA membership applications! It will take approximately 2-3 months for the membership process to evolve. Prospective applicants will be notified they are a pending member when they receive a notice to pay \$40.00 in dues which must be paid before their membership is granted.)

**Amateur National Championship** - Sue Rose & Rumi Schroeder Sue explained there are currently 71- dogs qualified for a National Amateur Competition. She suggested petitioning the AKC for a Trial to be held every other year until entries increase to warrant an every year event. Sue also suggested allowing dogs with Amateur placements within 5- years be eligible versus the Open eligibility requirement of three years until numbers increase to warrant a change to 3- years.

Rumi added comments indicating we have surpassed the minimum number of dogs required by the AKC as well as, the minimum number of 17- Amateur Trials per year. She encouraged Clubs to be supportive of this event and give serious consideration to adding an Amateur stake to their Open events.

There was discussion around hosting an alternating Open & Amateur Trial and the pros and cons of such, as well as, potential locations for the First Amateur National and timing of the Trial in the Fall versus Spring.

A goal was set to hold the First Amateur National in 2018.

### **2017 Judges Questionnaire Form - Dennis Joannides**

Dennis presented a questionnaire to be completed by Potential National Championship Judges. The questionnaire is to be an addition to the usual Bio written by the Nominees. The form will be available on-line.

There was discussion around voting for NCC Judges on-line. The pros and cons were discussed and it was determined that, at this time, that would be difficult due to the fact that some Members get more than one vote, making it difficult to track.

### **Breeder/Owner/Handler Award - Rumi Schroeder**

Rumi explained the specifics of eligibility for this award for a dog bred by, handled by and owned or co-owned by one individual. Eligibility will be retroactive to 2016 Trial results. Proof of Field Championship will be required. Potential award winners must submit a copy of the AKC certificate. The Owner is required to champion the dog's final points. The ECSCA will verify eligibility by assessing that the Member is in good standing. All owners of the dog MUST be ECSCA members.

### **Seed Awn Awareness - Olivia Steele-Mortimer**

Olivia explained the dangers of exposing our Spaniels to areas with seed awn grasses, like fox tail. (Seed awns have a sharp point and are barbed, like a fish hook, but are not curved.) She described how seeds gain access to the dogs thru their ears, toes, nose, or lungs. There was discussion around the medical symptoms dogs might exhibit as well as potential treatment. She cautioned against waiting for a solid diagnosis as that process might be lengthy and waste valuable treatment time. If a dog shows signs/symptoms, it would be best to transport the dog to a Specialist with the technology for diagnosis, treatment and potential surgery. There was a discussion around publishing a list of qualified Veterinarians who have experience handling these cases. It was noted that there is a web site: [meanseeds.com](http://meanseeds.com) and soon there will be a FACEBOOK group that will list information on Veterinary Specialists. This information will also be posted on [Fieldcockers.com](http://Fieldcockers.com). Finally, it was also noted that the Hall Of Fame has articles of interest on this topic.

### **Field Trial Updates - Vicky Thomas**

A 2017 Calendar was provided to all Attendees. Vicky encouraged Clubs planning Trials for the 2017 Calendar to get their dates submitted to the FTC soon so the Calendar could be finalized and then posted on [Fieldcockers.com](http://Fieldcockers.com).

### **2017 Spring FTC Approved English Cocker Field Trial Dates:**

DATE	CLUB	STAKES	EMAIL CONTACT
February 3	ECSCA License located in South Carolina	Open/Amateur	<a href="mailto:rdcgschuster@aol.com">rdcgschuster@aol.com</a>
February 4	ECSCA License located in South Carolina	Open	
February 5	ECSCA License located in South Carolina	Amateur	

February 9	Stockton English Springer Spaniel Training Club	Open	<a href="mailto:chrokeva@yahoo.com">chrokeva@yahoo.com</a>
February 10	Stockton English Springer Spaniel Training Club	Open	
February 11	Fox Valley Cocker Spaniel Club (HOF)	Open/Amateur	<a href="mailto:fallenwings1@gmail.com">fallenwings1@gmail.com</a>
February 12	Fox Valley Cocker Spaniel Club (HOF)	Open	
February 17	ECSCA License located at Waller Texas	Open	
February 18	ECSCA License located at Waller Texas	Open	<a href="mailto:olginn1@yahoo.com">olginn1@yahoo.com</a>
February 19	ECSCA License located at Waller Texas	Amateur	
February 25	Southern California Sporting Spaniel Club	Open	<a href="mailto:suezannewilson@yahoo.com">suezannewilson@yahoo.com</a>
February 26	Southern California Sporting Spaniel Club	Open	
March 3	Stockton English Springer Spaniel Training Club	Open	<a href="mailto:rsshannon@sbcglobal.net">rsshannon@sbcglobal.net</a>
March 9	Rocky Mountain Springer Spaniel Club	Open	<a href="mailto:johnmbishop@comcast.net">johnmbishop@comcast.net</a>
March 10	Rocky Mountain Springer Spaniel Club	Open	
March 31	Fox Valley Cocker Spaniel Club	Open	<a href="mailto:debstrohl@gmail.com">debstrohl@gmail.com</a>
April 1	Fox Valley Cocker Spaniel Club	Open	
April 2	Fox Valley Cocker Spaniel Club	Amateur	
April 1	Montana Cocker Trial	Open	<a href="mailto:perdix1@msn.com">perdix1@msn.com</a>
April 2	Montana Cocker Trial	Open	
April 8	Iowa Springer Spaniel Club	Open	<a href="mailto:hbogess@netins.net">hbogess@netins.net</a>
April 9	Iowa Springer Spaniel Club	Open	
April 22	Central Wisconsin	Open/Amateur	<a href="#">Chuck Nelson</a>
April 23	Central Wisconsin	Open/Amateur	
April 28	North Dakota Sporting Spaniel Club	Open	<a href="mailto:suezannewilson@yahoo.com">suezannewilson@yahoo.com</a>
April 29	North Dakota Sporting Spaniel Club	Open	
April 30	North Dakota Sporting Spaniel Club	Amateur	
May 5	Minnesota Hunting Spaniel Assn.	Open	<a href="mailto:stonewalkercockers@yahoo.com">stonewalkercockers@yahoo.com</a>
May 6	Minnesota Hunting Spaniel Assn.	Open	
May 7	Minnesota Hunting Spaniel Assn.	Amateur	

**Yellow Highlight is pending but date is approved by FTC**

**2017 NCC** – The next National Open will be held in Kansas, with Dominique Savoie and Paul McGagh as Chairs. A projected budget was provided to all Attendees. Entry fees are \$250.00.

### Judges List - Cheryl Dooley

Cheryl discussed the generation of the current Judges list for Fieldcockers.com and thanked Dawn Shuster for laying the groundwork. This project was initiated to allow Clubs access to a complete list of eligible Judges to make the pairing of 12 points easier. For each Judge, the AKC website was checked to determine the number of Cocker Open versus Amateur Trials judged, as well as, the most recent date of Judging a Cocker Trial. Everyone was encouraged to check their record and let Cheryl know if they felt there were any discrepancies. Clubs were encouraged to use this list to select Judges for their future Trials and make an effort to invite 'newer' Judges to afford them an opportunity to judge with a more experienced Judge. The list will be updated twice a year, following both the Spring and Fall Trial Seasons. Following the completion of each Trial, Cheryl will contact the Trial Secretary for confirmation of the Judges participating.

## **FTC Regional Representatives**

The 3 Regional Representatives to the FTC are up for reappointment:

*The length of continuous appointment for the FTC committee membership should be two years with a reappointment of an additional two years (a maximum of 4 continuous years). A person may be reappointed after a year off the committee. The Regional Representatives should be changed/reappointed on the even years and the At Large Representatives on the odd years.*

The FTC is formally calling for nominations if individuals would like to serve on the FTC committee. Nominations must be received before 11-30-16. If no additional nominations are received the current Regional Representatives will be automatically reappointed for an additional two years. (Please note: At the end of 2018, all 3 Regional Reps are required to step down from the FTC.)

## **Additional Announcement**

Sue Rose announced that over the years, several Field Trial Clubs have used the ECSCA Parent Club license to stage their Trials, especially when they were new clubs in formation. She reported the North Carolina Trial to be held Sunday January 5, 2017 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> **ECSCA Licensed** Field Trial which is an amazing number! The FTC has been asked to contact Paul Mommerts to advise him of this historic moment!

**Adjournment** - Noting no further business, Vicky Thomas adjourned the meeting at 5:13 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Cheryl Dooley

**Post Script:** The General Election for ECSCA Board of Directors will be held in the near future. Kim Wiley is up for re-election and we urge all ECSCA members to vote for him. After discussion, we felt it was timely to have additional "field" representation on the ECSCA BOD. Therefore, we circulated a petition to add Tawney Crawford's name as an additional nominee. The FTC urges all current ECSCA members to vote for both of our field members!

**Post Script #2:** The 2017 NCC Judges are Pete Zugler and Richy Whelan