NSDTRC (USA) Register of Merit Program (ROM)

Program Description: The Register of Merit Program (ROM) is designed to allow the Club to maintain an "honor roll" of outstanding dams and sires in our breed. This program recognizes those Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers that have had an impact on our breed through their progeny. By recognizing the contributions of outstanding sires and dams, the ROM Program is a resource of information for breeders and other interested persons as to the top producers in our breed and how they've influenced our dogs today.

The ROM program will provide the basis for a historical record of those dogs and bitches that have produced outstanding offspring, as evidenced by the AKC and NSDTRC (USA) titles those offspring have earned. This is a two-level program that will provide appropriate recognition for sires and dams. A sire or dam is listed on the Register of Merit (ROM) when they attain the first level of recognition, through the achievements of their offspring. The Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX) is a second, higher level of recognition for top producers.

This program is administered by the Records Chair and will begin in January 2008. Members DO NOT apply for this program, but rather at the end of the awards year (June 30th), the Records Chair will compile a list of those sires and dams that meet the eligibility criteria each year. These dogs will then be inducted into the Registry at the Annual Meeting held each fall, beginning with the 2008 Annual Meeting. Dogs will be inducted into the registry annually, but there is no time limit regarding ROM eligibility – dogs will continue to earn points for as long as their progeny continue to earn titles.

Program Criteria Overview:

1). ROM: 100 points for sires; 70 points for dams
    ROMX: 200 points for sires; 140 points for dams
2). Only AKC and NSDTRC (USA) titles are counted towards ROM calculations (Tables 1 & 2).
3). Only the highest point total earned in each category will count towards ROM calculations
4). A minimum number of progeny is required for ROM credit as follows (Table 1):
      ROM:
      Sire: 10 individual offspring
      Dam: 7 individual offspring
      ROMX:
      Sire: 20 individual offspring
      Dam: 14 individual offspring
5). In order to maintain both conformation and performance characteristics in our breed, there is a minimum and maximum number of points that can be earned from the conformation ring as follows (Table 1):
      ROM:
      Sires: 4 CH min and 6 CH max.
      Dams: 3 CH min and 4 CH max
      ROMX
      Sires: 8 CH min and 12 CH max
      Dams: 6 CH min and 8 CH max

6). There is also a minimum number of performance points that must be earned from the field with the rest earned from obedience, rally, agility or tracking (Table 2):

    <u>ROM:</u>
    Sires: 3 get awarded any field titles from Table 2.
    Dams: 2 produce awarded any field titles listed in Table 2.
    <u>ROMX</u>
    Sires: 6 get awarded any field titles from Table 2.
    Dams: 4 produce awarded any field titles from Table 2.

<u>Table 1: ROM/ROMX Criteria</u>

ROM - Requirements of Sires	For recognition in the Register of Merit, a dog must: 1) Accumulate at least **100** points from titles of his get, and 2) Have points from AKC or NSDTRC (USA) titles awarded to at least **10** individual get; and 3) Have at least **four** of his get that are awarded the title of AKC Champion, with a maximum of **60** points contributed for AKC CH; and 4) Have at minimum **three** of his get awarded Field titles listed in Table 2.
ROM - Requirements of Dams	For recognition in the Register of Merit, a bitch must: 1) Accumulate at least **70** points from titles of her produce, and 2) Have points from AKC or NSDTRC (USA) titles awarded to at least **7** individual produce; and 3) Have at least **three** of her produce that are awarded the title of AKC Champion, with a maximum of **40** points contributed for AKC CH; and 4) Have at minimum two of her produce awarded Field titles listed in Table 2.
ROMX - Requirements of Sires	For recognition in the Register of Merit Excellent, a dog must: 1) Accumulate at least **200** points from titles of his get, and 2) Have points from AKC or NSDTRC (USA) titles awarded to at least **20** individual get; and 3) Have at least **eight** of his get that are awarded the title of AKC Champion, with a maximum of **120** points contributed for AKC CH; and 4) Have at minimum **six** of his get awarded Field titles listed in Table 2.
ROMX – Requirements of Dams	For recognition in the Register of Merit Excellent, a bitch must: 1) Accumulate at least **140** points from titles of her produce, and 2) Have points from AKC or NSDTRC (USA) titles awarded to at least **14** individual produce; and 3) Have at least **6** of her produce that are awarded the title of AKC Champion, with a maximum of **80** points contributed for AKC CH; and 4) Have at minimum **four** of her produce awarded Field titles listed in Table 2.

Table 2: ROM/ROMX Point Schedule

CONFORMATION	TRACKING
10 CH Champion	5 TD Tracking Dog 10 TDX Tracking Dog Excellent 15 VST Variable Surface Tracker
FIELD 5 WC 10 JH, WCI 15 WCX, SH 20 MH, all-age Qualified 25 Derby list, FC, AFC, NFC, NAFC	**OBEDIENCE** 5 CD Companion 10 CDX 15 UD 20 UDX 25 OTCH
AGILITY 5 NA, NAJ, NJP, NAP, NF, NFP (any novice title) 10 OA, OAP, OAJ, OJP, OF, OFP (any open title) 15 AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, XF, XFP (any advanced title) 20 MX, MXJ, MXP, MJP, MXF, MXP (any master title) 25 MACH, FTC1, FTCP1	**RALLY** 2 RN 5 RA 10 RE 15 RAE
NSDTRC CHAMPIONSHIP 3 Add'l points for NSDTRC (USA) Club Champions	