



**Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
2016 Annual Membership Meeting
Courtyard Vallejo Napa Valley, Napa, CA
October 17, 2016, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
AGENDA**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Respectfully submitted by Kim Simons, President

Thank you so much for the faith that you have put in me over the last two years. It's been a crazy couple of years, and I'm looking forward to what the next two will bring.

I have no formal report to submit, other than to reassure you that the BOD is working hard on your behalf. I also want to reassure you that we are doing our best to listen to all of our members. Remember that you can reach out to any Board Member at any time if you have questions or concerns.

Again, thank you for the support over the last two years.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Respectfully submitted by Ann DiSilvestre, Secretary

The Nominating Committee's slate was presented to our Membership in the Summer 2016 issue of Quakers. No additional nominations were received on or before August 18, 2016 for the following positions:

PRESIDENT: Kim Simons [Second 2 year term]

VICE-PRESIDENT: Terri Krause [First 2 year term]

SECRETARY: Ann DiSilvestre [First 2 year term]

TREASURER: Carolyn Kurth [First 2 year term]

DIRECTOR: Region 3: Marcia Lyons [First 3 year term]

DIRECTOR: Region 6: Alyson Casper [First 3 year term]

It is with pleasure that I, as Interim Secretary of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) cast one vote on August 19, 2016 for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director Region 3, and Director Region 6.

President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer terms begin on November 1, 2016 and run through October 31, 2018. Regional Director terms begin on November 1, 2016 and run through October 31, 2019.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Respectfully submitted by Brad Sherlag, Treasurer

(Please see Attachment B)

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

REGION 1

Respectfully submitted by Joy Annunziato

* Region 1 reports that Marile Waterstratt, Region 1 Member, Chaired and organized a Supported Entry in Syracuse, NY on November 14, 2015 in conjunction with the Chenengo Valley Kennel Club Show. It was very successful with volunteers from the region helping out. Robyn Haskin was the Trophy Chair for the event. Also offered was 4-6 month puppy, Obedience and Rally.

Results for Conformation/Obedience:

https://app.raudogshows.com/results/?doit=search&showdate=2015-11&show_title=CHENANGO+VALLEY+KENNEL+CLUB&breed=Retrievers+%28Nova+Scotia+Duck+Tolling%29

Results for Rally:

https://app.raudogshows.com/results/?doit=search&showdate=2015-11&show_title=CHENANGO+VALLEY+KENNEL+CLUB+%28RALLY%29&breed=Retrievers+%28Nova+Scotia+Duck+Tolling%29

* Region 1 again held a Supported Entry at the New England Sporting Dog Association on May 28, 2016. There were Tollers entered with majors for both Dogs and Bitches. Also featured was 4-6 month competition, Owner Handled Series, Gundog and Sweeps. Jane Folkman, Chair for the event, did a great job coordinating all the volunteers.

List of winners:

<http://www.infodog.com/results/results.htm?evno=2016625101&bno=13400&sdt=05/27/16&edt=06/25/16>

* Joy Annunziato Chaired the Region 1 BRT/WC/WCI/WCX tests held on August 20-21, 2016 in Mexico, NY. Mother Nature did not cooperate with mid-90s to torrential rains but everyone pitched in and fun was had by all! Congratulations to all the participants! A list of qualifiers can be found on Entry Express.

* Region 1 was again able to participate in another WC/WCI/WCX test held in Dixmont, NH on September 18, 2016. Many thanks go to Test Chair, Michael Acker for organizing this event and the Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club for inviting our Tollers. Test results can be found on Entry Express.

REGION 2

Respectfully submitted by Dan Rode

Region 2 saw its highs and lows for many in the last year. One of the high points was the spectacular turnout for the Back Yard Classic in Michigan this summer. Paul Kartes and his committee put together a great event with something for everyone. There were Tollers in attendance from all corners of the country. Plans are underway for the 2017 BYC.

A low point for many in and out of our region was the passing of long time club member Jamie Como. Jamie was one of the first people I met when seeing Tollers at the BYC 15 years ago and a memorable first person to meet he was! I'm glad to have known him for so many years. Jamie will be missed by many.

REGION 3

Respectfully submitted by Terri Krause

There is nothing to report as far as any Supported Entries for the region either past or present. The Puget Sound Retriever Club offered WC & WCI's - "The Toller Extraganza" which we had some participants.

REGION 4

Respectfully submitted by Lia Raitt

In October, 2015, we held a Supported Entry at the Del Valle Cluster in CA for conformation, obedience, and agility. We had majors in the conformation ring.

On June 4th, a Field Test was put on by the NorCal Golden Retriever Club in which a WC was offered. Pat Romeiro was our Club liaison.

On September 16th-18th, the 2nd annual NSDTRC (USA) sponsored New Beginnings AKC Agility Trial was held at the Murieta Equestrian Center in Rancho Murieta, CA. Liz Armstrong has been the Chairperson the past two years for this trial which has served as the primary fundraiser for the 2016 National Specialty. \$5,619.71 was raised this year before expenses.

The 2016 NSDTRC (USA) National Specialty will be held in Napa, CA from October 16th -19th. The annual in-person BOD meeting is to be held on October 15th and the annual member meeting is to be held on October 17th.

Our region is paying tribute to member Jamie Como by holding the Jamie Como Marking Challenge at the conclusion of the Field Events on October 19th.

REGION 5

Respectfully submitted by Tish Hancy

No report submitted.

REGION 6

Respectfully submitted by Alyson Casper

Region 6 reports that Alyson Casper, Region 6 Member, Chaired and organized the 2015 AKC Eukanuba Meet the Breeds event in December 14-15. Volunteers from all parts of the country assisted this year. Literature was handed out to the public by the volunteers. The Eukanuba photographer took amazing picture again of the booth which was found at: http://live.eukanuba.com/photo-gallery/127/2015_meet_the_breeds. Thank you to all of the volunteers. Alyson has volunteered to once again Chair the event in December 2016. The event will now be called The National Dog Show by Royal Canin. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Alyson.

Region 6 again held a supported entry at the Palm Beach County Dog Fanciers Association Show on March 12-13, 2016. There were 19 tollers entered with majors for bitches. There were no class dogs entered. There was a 5 point major in bitches. The owner handled toller won Owner Handler Best In Show. There was also a good Toller entry for the Golden Retriever Club Obedience/Rally trial held on March 12th. Joy Annunziato, Chair for the event once again and did an amazing job volunteers and awards. This event once again was a big success. For a complete list of participants, please see the Quackers Spring 2016 Edition. Joy Annunziato will again be chairing this event in West Palm Beach with Obedience and Rally being held March 10, 2016 with the Everglades Golden Retriever Club and Conformation being held on Saturday, March 11, 2016 with the Palm Beach County Dog Fanciers Association.

REGION 7

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hollis

Region 7 coordinated participation in the Meet the Breeds in association with Westminster in NYC in February 2016. We expect to participate in this event again in early 2017.

Region 7 had a supported entry at Maryland Sporting Dog show in March 2016 and had a really good turn out as usual. We expect we will be doing the same in 2017.

Region 7 will have a supported entry at the Philadelphia Kennel Club Show in November 2016. This will be our first time having a supported entry at this show. We are hoping to reclaim first prize in the booth decorating contest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AKC DELEGATE

Respectfully submitted by Marile Waterstraat

Since the last NSDTRC(USA) annual meeting, I have attended four AKC Delegates' meetings, December 2015 in Orlando, FL, March 2016, June 2016 and September 2016 at the beautiful Newark, NJ airport, down the road from a New Jersey prison.

Items of interest that I have reported on to the Board and membership include: the defeat of the proposal that Delegates could charge fees in excess of expenses and the possible waiver of the fees for Delegate judges to acquire more breeds, a streamlined process for "new breed" clubs to become member clubs, a continued increase in the number and use of AKC pet disaster trailers,

information on dog legislation, the institution of multiple levels of Grand Championship titles, the failure of the vote to do away with term limits for the AKC Board, the ongoing increase in the Bred With Heart program for AKC breeders, the formation of a committee to once again study group realignment, new procedures for reinstatement of dogs who have been disqualified, new titles and programs such as Barn Dog, the importance of the AKC PAC in supporting legislators who are animal friendly, explanation of the online AKC marketplace, much discussion on the process of nominations for the AKC Board, a proposal to have the option to change closing times to 11:59PM on the day of event closing, health items including new tests and research, the definition of professional handlers being added to wording of Amateur Owner Handler class, and dog and litter registrations are up, most entries in all venues are up, and revenue to the AKC is up.

Delegate's Expenses since the 2015 Annual Meeting: (includes hotel and transportation)

December 2015	\$634.01
March 2016	\$366.00
June 2016	\$384.57
<u>September 2016</u>	<u>\$390.96</u>
Total	\$1775.54

AKC GAZETTE BREED COLUMNIST

Respectfully submitted by Heather Green

I have enjoyed authoring our breed column for the AKC Gazette these past four years, but believe it is time for me to step down and let someone else take on this task. I will continue to meet the Sporting group column deadlines until the Board advises me they have found a replacement. Thank you again for this opportunity.

BREEDER REFERRAL

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Richardson

No report submitted.

EVENTS CHAIR

Respectfully submitted by Robyn Haskins

I am still waiting to hear if the first half of the manual is what the BOD wants or if it needs more condensing before proceeding with the second half.

Supported Entry shows approved this year were for Region 1, Region 2, Region 4, Region 5, Region 6 and Region 7. There were two in Region 1 and two in Region 7. Per the guidelines, we are allowed two supported entries per AKC Division.

FIELD EVENTS

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Gibson

In the last year, the National club has sponsored seven field tests and approved the entry of NSDTRs in five tests supported by other clubs who were willing to run tests according to our rules.

NSDTRC Club Sponsored Working Tests								
Shows	Date	Chair	Region	Location	BRT	WC	WCI	WCX
National 2016	10/19/16	Romeiro	4	Suisun, CA	X	X	X	X
	8/20/2016	Joy Annunziato	1	Mexico, NY	X	X	X	X
	8/21/2016	Joy Annunziato	1	Mexico, NY	X	X	X	X
	6/4/2016	Marcia Lyons	3	Dewatto, WA	X	X	X	X
BYC	7/7/2016	Paul Kartes	2	Monroe, MI	X	X	X	X
BYC	7/10/2016	Paul Kartes	2	Monroe, MI	X	X	X	X
National 2015	9/19/2015	Bauknecht, Dorscheid	2	Manitowoc, WI	X	X	X	X

Other Clubs						
Sponsoring Club Name	Date	NSDTR Member	Location	WC	WCI	WCX
Kansas City Golden Retriever Club	11/16/16	Susan Norras	Wood Oaks Farms, MO	X	X	x
Mid_Florida Golden Retriever Club	10/8/2016	Alyson Casper	Clarmont, FL	X	X	X
Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club	9/18/2016	Cindy Lindemer	Marine on St Croix, MN	X	X	X
Norcal Golden Retriever Club	6/4/16	Pat Romeiro	Suisun City, Ca	X		
Kansas City Golden Retriever Club	11/8/15	Susan Norras	Sedalia, MO	X	X	X

In addition, the field rules were updated with an effective date of September 2015.

HEALTH & GENETICS

Respectfully submitted by Karen Bauman

Our goal has been to have a committee comprised of veterinarians, researchers, breeders, performance owners and pet owners representing expertise and opinions about health and genetics of tollers from different areas in the US; we are close to reaching that goal. We continue to assist with member questions and needs via the website email account and direct contact, providing information and/or resources about diseases, gene testing, and sample requests.

This summer, Karen was invited to participate in informal discussions organized by CHF on steroid reactive meningitis arteritis (SRMA). The ad hoc group includes representatives from several other breed clubs and is designed to discuss the disease in general (what is myth and what is fact) and determine if there is any need for pursuing directed prospective research – for an individual breed, several breeds or all breeds. No decision has been made yet and at this time it is unclear if tollers will be involved beyond the informal data collection stage (on-going).

Lastly, we have been discussing our disease survey with staff from the Morris Animal Foundation and CHF. This has resulted in the needed advice on how to best distribute the survey to toller owners that are Club members and also those that are not. We plan to submit this plan to the Board before year end.

HISTORIAN

Respectfully submitted by Marile Waterstraat

I continue to collect the Club history. Please make sure that copies of supported entry premiums, field tests, agility trial reports, catalogs, photos, articles, and information on all Club events are sent to me as previously. I try, but I may miss printing out a premium, and would appreciate your help. Thank you to all event secretaries who have sent me material during this past year.

JUDGE'S EDUCATION

Respectfully submitted by Deb Gibbs

The Judges Education Committee participated in several Judges Education Seminars throughout the last year. In December, the JEC participated in the AKC Judges Education Seminars for the Sporting Group Breeds in Orlando, Florida. In January, the JEC participated in Seminars in conjunction with the Portland OR cluster. The committee also participated in the Michigan Sporting Dog Seminars and field exhibits held in June.

Looking forward into the next year, we have two seminars on the calendar. The Michigan Sporting Dog Seminar in June and the Sporting Dog Seminars associated with the Raleigh NC cluster in March.

JUDGE'S SELECTION

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Parker

No report submitted.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Respectfully submitted by Eric Johnson

No report submitted.

MEMBERSHIP

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Maxe

(Please see Attachment C)

MERCHANDISING

Respectfully submitted by Delia Raitt

No report submitted.

NATIONAL TROPHY CHAIR

Respectfully submitted by Kim Simons

I have been serving as the National Trophy Chairperson for our Club for the past 10+ years. It has been a great experience being the one who has worked so closely with our membership on new awards, presenting trophies to winners, and being part of the fun at our annual banquet.

This year, we had another strong year, with over 35 Evelyn Williams Awards and 3 HOT Dog Awards that will be given out at our Annual Banquet.

Issues:

- We did have a trophy that was damaged last year that took quite a bit of work to have replaced, but it was taken care of.
- Shipping costs to mail traveling trophies are high. As well, mailing crystal and glass trophies can be bad for the trophies!
- The High in Trial obedience trophy is full. The trophy sponsors will need to be contacted and future options discussed.
- The Region 2 Tenderfoot keeper trophies will need to be reproduced for 2018 and beyond as the last keeper I have in stock is 2017. The trophy sponsors will have to be contacted.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hollis

Facebook - Facebook.com/nsdtrc

Total Page Like as of 10/5/16 = 1,384 (up from 593 as of 9/3/15)
9/28/16 – 10/4/16

Reach = 5,995

Page Views = 66

Page Likes = 10

Post Engagements = 887

Videos Views = 952

Please encourage puppy buyers to like the page. If you have any content to share particularly photos and videos send them to me.

Flyers/Handouts - Updates were made to three flyers/handouts used for public education. The history one is now available as both a two and a three column (double or tri-fold). The ringside flyer is designed to be done half sheet front and back and is made to be printed full sheet back and front and then just cut in half. The Top 10 was also updated and is full page front and back. I also created business cards which we used at the Meet the Breeds in NYC. I can have them reprinted from Vista Print for about \$20 + shipping for 500 if anyone would like to use them for anything. Anyone who needs the files for these to reproduce them for an event can contact me.

AKC Breed of the Day – On August 25 the AKC featured the Toller as their breed of the day. I assisted with content by writing the “9 Things You Didn’t Know About the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever” which was posted to the AKC website and shared on their social media that day.

AKC Canine Ambassador Program – I am now the Canine Ambassador for the club. Canine Ambassadors are listed in a directory and teachers and leaders of community youth organizations can contact the nearest ambassador to arrange a presentation. The AKC provides lesson plans for elementary and middle school with hand outs and certificates.

(Please see Attachment D)

QUACKERS EDITOR

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Marble

No report submitted.

RECORDS CHAIR

Respectfully submitted by Francine Kaplan

(Please see Attachment E)

RESCUE REPORT

Respectfully submitted by Alyson Casper

NSDTRC (USA) Rescue Report

08/01/15- 07/31/16

Overview: The NSDTRC (USA) Rescue Program is dedicated to finding new homes for purebred Tollers. The Regional Coordinators have the most critical role in the work of rescue. Our work would not be possible without the dedicated Regional Coordinators, the volunteers and donations. I would like to thank those who have volunteered to foster the dogs we received into our program.

Region 1 – Vacant

Region 2 – Jane Billman

Region 3 – Linda Gallacher

Region 4 – Shelley Bakalis

Region 5 – Max Hamilton

Region 6 - Ann DiSilvestre

Region 7 – Janis Dibert

Regions 1 remains vacant and has been vacant for 3 years. We are in need of a volunteer in this region to move into this Regional Coordinator position. It is once again requested that the regional director in that region send an e-mail to her members to see if we can find a current member interested in working with Toller Rescue.

The Process: Our procedures continue the same. Potential dogs are identified through various mechanisms. These include screening websites, through the club, AKC websites, club members, and from other rescue organizations. Still, most of the inquiries to Rescue are screened as “Not A Toller”. The new website information “[Do you think you have a Toller in your Shelter?](#)” has helped in the identification process. Once a potential Toller is identified the Regional Rescue Coordinator obtains additional information and arranges for a screening visit to determine if the dog is in fact a Toller. At the same time, the coordinators are arranging for a temporary foster home. The dogs are then evaluated in their foster homes and the process of reviewing applications, phone interviews, and arranging for home assessments is started. Once a new home is identified the coordinators make arrangements to deliver the dog to their new home. Efforts

are made to place the dog in the region of origin but due to special needs of some dogs several have been placed in distant regions. This requires a significant amount of coordination and teamwork.

An on-line application process has been operational for 6 years and is working well. I have not received any paper application. We received 163 applications this year. Applications expire after 6 months. We currently have 44 active applications on file. The following forms remain available on-line for completion and review to aide in the entire process:

[Do you think you have a Toller in your Shelter?](#)

[Owner Surrender Form](#)

[Owner Surrender Guidelines](#)

[Shelter Visit Guidelines](#)

[Checklist for Home Visit](#)

[Dog Received into Rescue Form](#)

The Numbers:

Adoption Applications Received	163
Total Dogs in Program*	8
Dogs verified as purebred	8
Dogs by Region:	R1 (1) R2 (0) R3 (0) R4 (1) R5 (0) R6 (6) R7 (0)
Dogs placed with Breeder	0
Breeder Assisted**	0

Dogs surrendered by owners – 5

For the first time during my tenure, we had to euthanize a dog that was deemed to be aggressive and attacked the trainer. This dog had been left in the yard since received by the owner and was believed to have neurological issues.

We continued efforts to work with TRI (Toller Rescue, Inc.) an organization made up of several of our members that works to help rescue toller crosses or dogs that cannot be confirmed as being pure bred. These efforts with TRI has been with manpower, communication and coordination. No finances have been shared between either organizations.

We received one donation this year from Terry Miller in memorial for Dana Smith.

I am willing to continue in my role for the next year.

RESCUE MERCHANDISE

Respectfully submitted Janis Dibert

No report submitted.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Respectfully submitted by the Standards Committee

The Standard Committee members and chair were approved this summer. The members are: Marile Waterstraat, Danika Bannasch and Sue Dorscheid. Laura White, committee chair. Kim Simons is our BOD liaison.

We decided that rather working in a void with no member input for a period of time, spending time and effort on revisions that the membership might not be interested in approving, that we wanted to do a survey of the membership first.

We plan to use Survey Monkey, anonymous, one member one survey.

We have discussed utilizing both open ended questions (3-5) for direct member input on what that member feels needs to be revised, and direct questions to respond to what the committee has previously discussed.

Survey Monkey is not expensive, costing about 25.00 per month. We were considering a two month comment period.

Reminders will be sent out via the regional newsletters, and an announcement in Quackers. We want to elicit as many and as much comment as possible. We want to hear from All members.

VERSATILITY COMMITTEE

Respectfully submitted by the Versatility Committee

No report submitted. **Please see Proposal #5.**

WEBSITE

Respectfully submitted by Ann DiSilvestre

(Please see Attachment F)

AGENDA ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS – If we have a Quorum

ADJOURNMENT