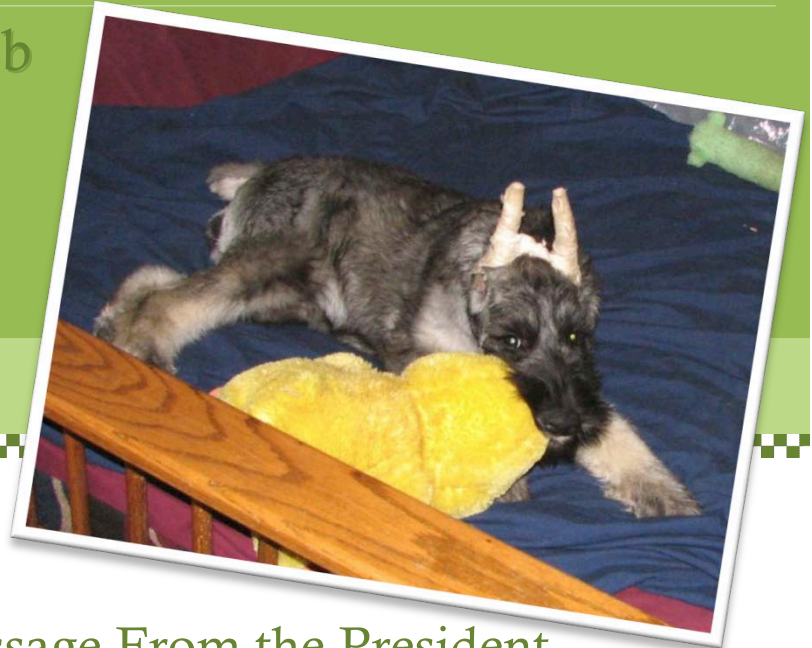


GSCA Newsletter

Giant Schnauzer Club
of America, Inc.

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Upcoming Events

- August 14, 2010 **GSCA Eastern Regional Specialty**
PA Farm Show Complex and Expo
Center
Harrisburg, PA
- August 29, 2010 **Giant Schnauzer Fun Day**
Anderson Park, Wheat Ridge, CO
- Sept. 22-26, 2010 **GSCA National Specialty**
Purina Farms, St. Louis, MO
- Oct. 16-17, 2010 **Meet the Breeds**
Jacob K. Javits Convention,
New York City, NY
- Dec. 4-5, 2010 **Meet the Breeds**
AKC Eukanuba National
Championship,
Long Beach, CA



Message From the President

For club members who do not know me I would like to introduce myself. This past March, after hearing that the position of Vice President was vacant I decided that I would offer to finish the term.

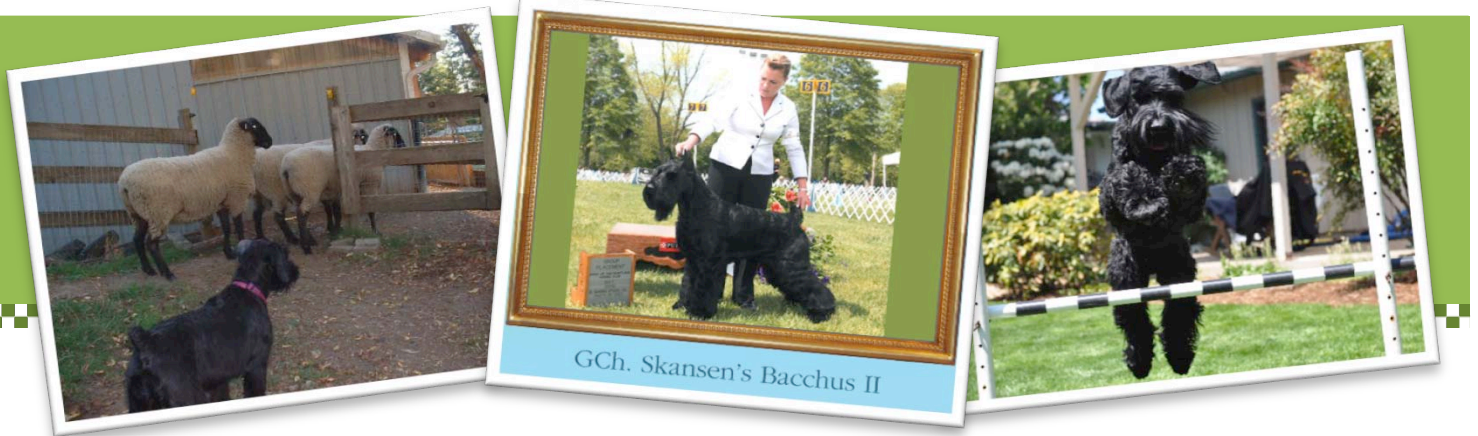
I have been involved with the club for over nine years and benefitted from the efforts of others who have chosen to be on the board.

The VP is responsible for submitting specialty applications to AKC, available when the president is not, and does what ever is necessary to facilitate the efficient, fair administration of the club. My past activities that I felt qualified me for this are as follows:

Owned giant schnauzers since 1995, after extensive research of which breed was suitable for our lifestyle/interests. Member of the Giant Schnauzer Club of America Inc. (GSCA) since 2001. Trial Secretary for GSCA Agility Trials; Trial Chairman for a DVG trial (schutzhund) and all breed herding trials; and committee member for many AKC agility, obedience and herding trials. Assisted in planning and putting on the first GSCA National herding trial in 2009.

Attention: Board Nominations Due!

All Board nominations are due September 1st. If you haven't already done so, please submit your nominations to Sandi Anderson as soon as possible. See 'Message From the Board' on page 3 for further information.



Message From the President, cont'd.

Owner/handler of giants in breed shows, rally, obedience and agility trials, and training in tracking and DVG events. Member of Portland Agility Club, Pacific Northwest Herding Club, and AKC all breed clubs. Have assisted in establishing two local AKC agility and herding clubs. Past member of Allgemeiner Hundesport Klub, a DVG schutzhund club.

In addition to the above events, my dogs and I have been the stock dog/handler at herding trials and herding classes, and as a therapy dog team, made weekly visits at the local Veterans Administration Hospital 2006-08. Our giants have earned titles in breed, herding, obedience, rally, tracking, agility, schutzhund and therapy work.

With the above experience and with time available, I had retired from my position as a Special Agent (criminal investigator) for an agency within the U.S. Department of Justice; I submitted my name to the board and was voted in as Vice President.

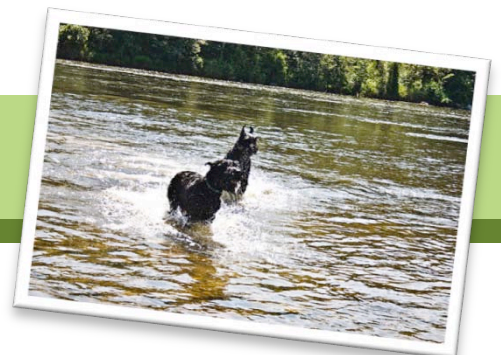
I had no intention of being president, or running for president, being quite content in the background dealing with AKC and assisting where I could contribute. My time on the board has not turned out as I had expected. There are many opinions of how/why things occurred as they did, however, the efficient/fair operation of the club should be the most important thing for all of us. This is where we can find common ground and I will continue to work together with the board and members to meet the objectives of the club as stated in our constitution.

The most pressing issue this month is that nominations for the next board close on September 1. The Secretary has not received many nominations thus far. The only predetermined position on the board is 'immediate past president' which I will fill. Please consider running or nominating someone who is interested for the board.

Giant regards,
Bernie Tuerler

Giant Schnauzer Fun Day – Colorado

The folks in Colorado would like to invite you to a Giant Schnauzer Fun Day & Picnic on Sunday, August 29th starting at 11:00 a.m. For the event, they have reserved the pavilion at [Anderson Park, 4355 Field Street, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033](#) (this is between Kipling and Wadsworth off 44th – just south of I-70). It is on the Green Belt and Clear Creek runs through it with plenty of shade and parking. For those interested in learning pet grooming, Laurie Mason will be giving lessons and Barb Arkin will give tracking demos with her giant Dutchess.



To cover the expenses of the pavilion and KFC, they are asking for \$10.00 per person. Please bring a side dish, salad, dessert, or something, along with your giants with a leash and crate/x-pen, as they cannot run loose. Please RSVP to Barb Arkin at 303.431.4252 or baarkin@aol.com.

Message From the Board



Following the constitution, the board filled the vacancy of President with the Vice President, Bernie Tuerler. Carol Thordsen was nominated and elected to the Vice President position. The position of Eastern Director is now vacant; any Eastern Region member who has been a member for the past 24 months and is interested in this position should contact the board.

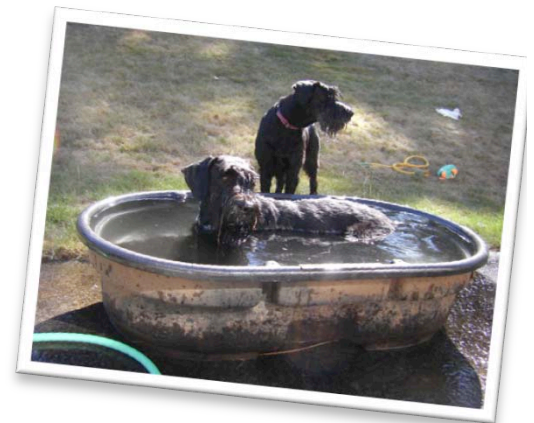
The latest issue of Giant Steps had the incorrect 2009 Award recipients. The list that was published was a very early draft compiled in May and inappropriately submitted to Steps for publication. That list had undergone numerous revisions even before being posted on the web site in May 2010, then revised in July 2010 and provided to the membership. The list that was published in July 2010 is the correct list. An explanation of the July revision is included in the July minutes included elsewhere in this newsletter. Traditionally the awards list is compiled then provided to the membership for review on line and by mail. It has not been published in Giant Steps until after the National Specialty. The board would like to apologize for any

misunderstanding this has caused. Also, a reminder to award recipients that are not attending the National Specialty in St. Louis, to make arrangements for someone to pick up the award or for \$10, the award can be mailed to you. For mailing, send you request and \$10 to Treasurer Pam Foster.

The AKC Gazette Columnist position, which has been vacant since last October, has been filled by Greg Reyna. We would like to say Giant thanks to Jeannette Gannon, for having filled that role for six years. The columnist is responsible for submitting articles to AKC for the Giant Schnauzer column in the AKC Gazette. Anyone interested in writing a column should contact Greg.

The Conformation Point Tabulator position is being filled by Marina Raukhverger. The website had some of this information available through the Canine Chronicle link but without membership designation and some of the statistics such as brood bitch, stud dog, owner handled, issues that could be identified and resolved during the year, are not discovered until a month or two before the awards need to be ordered. If you have an owner handled dog please notify Marina of your eligibility for that category.

Ed Watson has facilitated the collocation of Giant, Standard and Mini Schnauzer Meet the Breed booths at this year's AKC/Eukanuba show in Long Beach, CA, December 4 & 5. Ed has agreed to be the contact for this event, but additional volunteers and ideas are needed. If you have the time please contact Ed to assist.



This newsletter has been made possible because Lori Clark has volunteered to try out as the newsletter editor. (Obviously she is successful or you would not be reading this.) The goal is to have a newsletter available within a week of the board meetings. This provides current news to the membership, and timely posting of new member applicants. If you have items to include please submit to Lori Clark by the second Tuesday of the month.

Also, if there is anything you would like the board to address during their monthly meeting, please submit them to the board no later than the Thursday before the second Tuesday (the board meeting) of each month.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 1. If interested get yourself nominated or nominate someone who is interested. Nomination must include the written consent of the nominee. To nominate by mail send the nomination to Sandi Anderson, 164 Evergreen Hamlet, Pittsburgh, PA 15209.

Message From the Board, cont'd.

If nominating someone from a different locality and it is not convenient to obtain written consent, the nominator and nominee can send separate letters to Sandi.

To nominate by email, the person doing the nomination should send an email with the nomination to the person they are nominating. This person then forwards the email with a notation consenting to the nomination to, sandanderson@earthlink.net.

The complete election timeline is as follows:

06.15.10: Call for Nominations

09.01.10: Nominations Close

10.01.10: Ballots sent out to membership (no later, but can be earlier)

11.15.10: Ballots must be received (postmark does not apply) by accounting firm (Cadick Williams)

11.16.10 and no later than 11.19.10: Votes counted (allows 5 business day window for ballots to be counted).

Results must be announced to the membership within 30 days of the count.

New Membership Applicants

<p>Cindy Bolin 5708 Ballentine Pike Springfield, OH 45502 bolin-c@ctcn.net Sponsors: Mike & Sandy Rutkas</p>	<p>Don Brownfield 4125 Asbury Drive Toledo, OH 43612 db4125@toast.net Sponsors: Mike Rutkus & Jennifer Duhon</p>	<p>Robert & Brenda Cejka 902 Harvey Drive Pinehurst, TX 77362 bcejka@sbcglobal.net Sponsors: Tonilyn & William Fay</p>
<p>Eric Davenport 26512 Washington Blvd. NE Kingston, WA 98346 eric.davenport@comcast.net Sponsors: Sylvia Hammarstrom & Julia Crouch</p>	<p>James & Geraldine Graham 208 Brelsford Avenue Trenton, OH 45067 jgraham78@cincyr.com Sponsors: Syndi Wilhelm & Debbie Dayton</p>	<p>Craig Myers 2784 Sun Valley Road Lisle, IL 60532 Debcraig2784@sbcglobal.net Sponsors: Mike Rutkus & Jennifer Duhon</p>

New AKC Herding Regulations

Revisions to the AKC Herding regulations have been approved and are listed at:

http://www.akc.org/pdfs/events/herding/Revisions_Herding_Rules_0710.pdf

Most changes are clarifications on the running of a herding trial. For the exhibitor the main changes are:

Instinct testing: dogs may enter an Instinct test at six months of age (it was 9 months)

A course: Stock just following a handler with dog in heal position or off contact will not qualify

A course: Exhibitor will remove the leash after closing the gate (use to be removed before entering)

C course: Wide graze is now 8-15 minutes

C course: Handler no longer needs to be on the opposite side of the dog on the re-pen

A,B and Tests: Although not specific to the handler, it may slow up runs, as now sheep need a 30 minute break between runs



Calling All Volunteers!

We need volunteers, both human and canine, at the Meet The Breeds booths in New York City, NY on Oct. 16-17, 2010 and Long Beach, CA on Dec. 4-5, 2010 to help educate the public about our breed. If you can help, please contact [Rita Mischke](#) for the NY event, and [Ed Watson](#) for the CA event.



Photos Request

In order to make this newsletter entertaining and visually appealing to look at, we need photo submissions of your Giants. Please email photos to [Lori Clark](#) for future newsletters.

The Giant Schnauzer breed has its first official Grand Champion, BIS GCh. Skansen's Bacchus II, owned by Steven A. Sansone, bred by Sylvia Hammarstrom. On behalf of the club, we would like to congratulate Steven, Bacchus, and all those involved in this wonderful achievement!



BIS GCh. Skansen's Bacchus II

Robin Greenslade, our AKC Delegate, has told the board she will not be running for that position this year. The club owes Robin a great deal of thanks for her past 7+ years of service as the Delegate.

At this time, the club is seeking qualified nominations to fill this position. Please see the list of qualifications on the next page, and submit your nomination if interested.



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James P. Crowley
Executive Secretary

Dear AKC Member Club Officer:

The AKC Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee has prepared a letter and an information sheet regarding the role of the AKC Delegate, which also includes suggested criteria for selecting a Delegate. At the request of the committee to the AKC Board, the letter and information sheet have both been posted on the AKC web site [here](#). (See next page for the information sheet.)

The Committee has also requested that the information be disseminated to all member club officers, and that it be given to new member clubs that apply for membership in the future.

Sincerely,

James P. Crowley

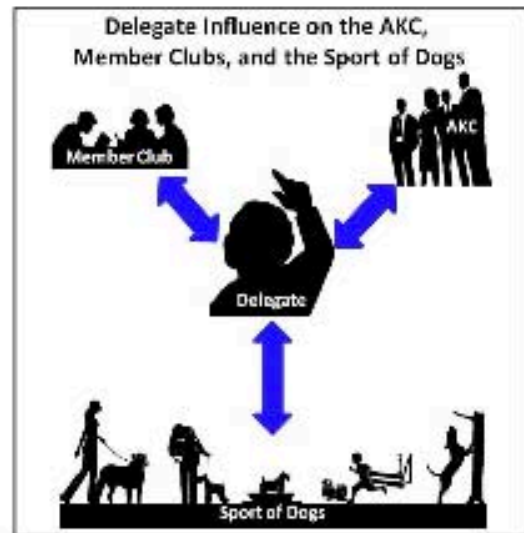
The Importance of Your AKC Delegate

What are the unique powers of a Delegate?

- Approves Rules governing dog shows and field trials
- Approves amendments to the AKC Bylaws
- Nominates and elects Delegates to serve on the AKC Board of Directors & Delegate Standing Committees
- Approves new member clubs
- Votes to uphold or overrule an AKC Board decision to disapprove a Delegate candidate or to remove a seated Delegate
- Only a Delegate may serve on the AKC Board
- Votes to discipline, and even to expel, a Member Club

How do they exercise these powers?

- Attends and votes at quarterly Delegate Meetings
- Attends and/or Participates with Delegate Standing Committees
- Brings Member Club's proposals to the Delegates and/or Delegate Standing Committees
- A Member Club, through its Delegate, may propose amendments to the AKC Bylaws or AKC Rules directly to the AKC Board
- Informs all members of their Member Club of Delegate actions
- Acts as ombudsman for Member Club members dealing with AKC



What are the qualifications for a person to become a Delegate?

Required -- Article VI of the AKC Bylaws

- Represents a Member Club
- Both Member Club and individual are in good standing with AKC
- Is a resident US citizen or has permanent resident alien status
- Meets all of the occupational eligibility criteria
- May not have been found guilty of or admitted to the theft, embezzlement or misappropriation of funds or property from an AKC Club

Suggested -- for perspective and continuity

- Ten year involvement in AKC events and/or activities
- Willingness to serve for five years or more
- Willingness to invest time, effort and expenses
- Willingness to speak up and become involved
- Willingness to engage others in crucial conversations

What should a Member Club expect from their Delegate?

- Long term (5 years or more) commitment to represent and serve the Member Club
- Commitment to attend and participate at Delegate Meetings
- A timely report on the actions taken at Delegate Meetings
- Presentation of actions/issues that will come before future Delegate Meetings
- When applicable, vote as directed by the Member Club

What should your Delegate expect from the Member Club?

- Long term appointment as Delegate
- A forum to report on what transpired at Delegate meetings
- Discussion and guidance on forthcoming actions/issues
- Assistance with Delegate expenses to expand who might become Delegates and to maximize their participation

Telephonic Board Meeting, July 6, 2010

Board Members Present: Bernie Tuerler, Sandi Anderson, Pam Foster, Carol Thordsen, Mike Rutkas, Joanne Thompson, Greg Reyna. Absent: Ed Fojtik.

Call to Order: 8:36 EDT by Vice-President Bernie Tuerler.

Review & Approval of Board Minutes of Last Meeting: Bernie moved to accept the minutes from the June 9, 2010 telephonic board meeting; Motion seconded by Mike; Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Officer Reports

Report from the President: Absent

Report from the Vice President: See "Unfinished Business"

Report from the Secretary: Sandi reported she has sent hard copies dated June 10, 2010 and June 24, 2010 regarding club matters posted to the website to those members requesting same. She also referenced a letter from AKC recognizing the first ever Grand Championship in our breed, AKC Grand Champion CH Skansen's Bacchus II.

Report from the Treasurer: Financial Statements: Pam reported that she has completed 2010 financial statements through May 31 and forwarded them to the board; she is currently finishing June. She and Sandi agreed to establish a procedure for posting these reports to the website on a timely basis. Invoices sent to Treasurer for reimbursement: After a brief discussion Pam moved that any invoice over \$200 must be submitted by the treasurer to the board for approval; Mike seconded; Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Regional Director Reports

Report from the Eastern Director: Carol reported she is investigating the 2010 Eastern Specialty to be held in Harrisburg on August 14th; due to potential problems encountered with the AKC application process which took place during the vacated Vice President position. She stated that the AKC Meet the Breeds event (October, 2010) is on target.

Report from the Midwest Director: Mike reported that the 2010 National Flyer is complete and posted to the website. Bernie questioned the Midwest hosting the 2011 National for which space has been reserved at Purina Farms from October 3rd through 8th, 2011. Mike and Bernie agreed to investigate the status of this event.

Report from the Southern Director: No report.

Report from the Western Director: Joanne reported that the West is looking into having a Giant Schnauzer Fun day in August of this year. She also stated that the West is considering volunteering to host the 2013 National.

Unfinished Business

Standing Rules: Bernie presented an overview of his research on club Standing Rules as follows: The Standing Rules that had been on the website as the November 2008 revision voted on by the Board are/were not valid. At the 2009 GSCA Annual Board Meeting there was a discussion brought to the table regarding the status of the club's standing rules, particularly those made after 1997; the subject was tabled for further investigation and discussion. After joining the board as Vice President in March 2010, the Club Standing Rules were brought to his attention and he contacted AKC, a parliamentarian, and reviewed Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised 10th ed (RONR (10th ed.) In compliance with Roberts Rules, AKC and the parliamentarian both stating that "Club Standing Rules are voted on by the club, and board standing rules are voted on by the board": Bernie moved that the official Club Standing rules of the GSCA are those dated 1997 as published in the 2007 GSCA Yearbook; Sandi seconded; Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Conformation 2009 Awards: The board discussed the following: The Giant Schnauzer Club of America [GSCA] is governed by the GSCA Constitution and By-Laws, Club Standing Rules, and customs/past practices in that order of precedence. The GSCA Constitution and By-Laws do not address eligibility of awards. The change to Standing Rule #9 [dealing with Annual Awards] defining membership requirements was voted by the GSCA Board in January 2009. This modification was added to the proposed [but not approved] "Standing Rules Revision 2008". This revised Standing Rule is not valid as explained in the previous paragraph. According to customs/past practices concerning GSCA Annual Awards: a dog is eligible if the owner became a member at any time during the year. A random review of award recipients revealed that in each of the past four years, awards were presented to members who became members during the year, even as late as November. In review of that consideration, and the lack of validity of the "2008 Revision Standing Rules [Modified], and the review of financial documents provided by a member to support their claim of membership in 2009, the GSCA Board reviewed the eligible candidates for Annual Awards and made adjustments accordingly. In response to this discussion: Bernie moved that Conformation Giant Schnauzer of the Year-Bitch be awarded to CH Gallilee's Pure of Spirit, Owners: Mary Hayes, J&C Sanchez; Carol seconded; Motion passed unanimously 7-0. Bernie moved that Conformation Giant Schnauzer of the Year-Dog of be awarded to CH Skansen's Sir August Brigs, Owner: Mary Williams; Pam seconded; Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Board Nominated Awards: The following were voted on by the board: Lady Fergie, Outstanding Giant of the Year, Prinz Wilhelm (Willie), Dedicated Service and AKC Sportsmanship. The President's award has been selected by Ed Fojtik. The board agreed that the winners of these awards will remain unpublished until following the 2010 National. (Note: Any board member who was in contention for a nominated award abstained from any discussion or vote on said award).

Election of New Members: Sandi reported that per an e-mail vote dated 05.25.10 regarding the pending applicants for membership as published in the April 2010 Giant Steps (Volume 46, Issue No. 1) who are: Seth Ganes, Trish Krause, Robin & Nathan Locklear, Jackie Mitchell, Manuel Parra, D. Jeffrey & Andy Blalack, Ivona & Roman Zuchowski have been granted full membership to the Giant Schnauzer Club of America by unanimous vote by the board.

Additionally: Sandi moved that the following applicants as published in the June 2nd 2010 Newsletter (Volume E-4) who are Susan Ballinger, Lisa Hawes, Gay Jo & Edward True Marne & Michael Tucker granted full membership to the Giant Schnauzer Club of America; Mike seconded; Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn made by Mike and seconded by Carol. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:45p.m EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Anderson, GSCA Secretary

Giant Schnauzer Club of America Committees	Adoption & Rescue	Joanne Thompson	Judges' Education	Steve Fox
	AKC Delegate	Robin Greenslade	Judges Selection	Tonilyn Fay
	AKC Legislative Liaison	Robert K. Darden II	Membership	Bill Combs
	AKC Gazette Columnist	Greg Reyna	Agility Points Tabulation	Sherri Hurm
	Archives	Enid Lagree	Breed Points Tabulation	Marina Raukhverger
	Awards/Trophies	Linda Hurst	Obedience Pts Tabulation	Bonnie Postovit
	Breed Education	Olga Gagne	Rally/Tracking/Herding Points Tabulation	Rebecca Letson
	Breeders' Education	Mary Ann Bisceglia	Performance Events	Laura Feldt
	Congratulatory	Marnie Lowe	Public Education	Lori Clark
	Giant Steps Editor	Doug Hill	Temperament Testing	Cricket Zink
	Giant Store	Karen Child	Webmaster	Aaron DeVandry
	Health/Hereditry	Carie May-Bowers	Ways & Means	Karen Child
	Information Center	Marianne Mazzenga		

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FORTY SECOND ANNUAL
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PURINA FARMS
GRAY SUMMIT, MO - SEPTEMBER 21-26, 2010

Get all your up to date GSCA national information including entry forms for all events at
<http://2010national.giantschnauzerclubofamerica.com>



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Find what you're looking for yourself or great gifts for your friends. You'll find unique merchandise with GSCA art on t-shirts, sweatshirts, mugs, posters, stickers, & more... Please note merchandise will ONLY be available online and not at the event.

[HTTP://WWW.CAFEPRESS.COM/GSCA](http://www.cafepress.com/gsc)



The premium lists for the 2010 GSCA National Specialty in St. Louis, MO, are now available. If you have not received yours, or have questions regarding entries you can go to [Onofrio's website](#) or phone them at 405.427.8181 for more information. You can also find links to the premium lists on the GSCA website under the [2010 National Specialty](#) menu button. For the performance events premium lists, please see the GSCA website.

**CLOSING DATE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS
SEPTEMBER 8, 2010.**



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