



# TOPLINES

*"Confidence is the hinge on the door to success"*  
—Mary O'Hare Dumas

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## 2008 MSCM Fall Specialty Show

### Officers 2008

President: Beth Santure  
VicePresident: Joanne Forster  
Secretary: Donna Giles  
Treasurer: Sue Schauer



Tabitha Giles

Once again we had beautiful weather for this year's Fall Specialty show (I'm beginning to sound like a broken record!) Not too warm and not too cold, just right for the people and the dogs. Despite our economic woes, we boasted a major entry for both sexes, 4pts. in dogs and 3pts. in bitches. Sweeps judge Judy Smith had an entry of 8 puppies to judge. Best in Sweepstakes went to Debbie Herrell's Black and Silver Senior Dog, Sercatep's Somebody Said. Best of Opposite Sex to Best In Sweepstakes went to Charlotte Stukey's Black & Silver Junior Bitch, Char N' Co I Drove All Night. Our Class Judge, Don Em-slie, had an entry of 15 Minis to make his choices from. Winners Dog went to Gale Schnetzer's black puppy, Wards Creek's Blackout from the 9-12 class. He was also best Puppy. Reserve Winners Dog went to BJ Arczynski's Open Salt & Pepper Dog, Destineez Smooth Operator. Winner's Bitch went to Sheri Lyon's Open Salt & Pepper bitch, Briar Hill's Boogie Two Shoes. Reserve Winners Bitch went to Gale Schnetzer's 9 to 12 puppy, Wards Creek's Luck Be a Lady

Tonight. This year, the Best Bred By Exhibitor and winner of the Carol Somers Trophy, went to none other than the MSCM's President, Beth Santure and her Black & Silver Bred By bitch, Loneacre's Spring Fling!



Best of Breed (and a Group 4!) was awarded to Gale Schnetzer's Black special, Ch. Ward's Creek Nightly Business. Best of Winners went to Winners Bitch, Briar Hill's Boogie Two Shoes and Best of Opposite Sex went to Kaileigh Gonzalez & Janice Ramel's bitch Ch. Rampage's Jewel Thief. This years Obedience Judge was Kenneth Buxton with a total entry of 5. First Place in Open A with a score of 187 was Joanne McCallum and R-Jo's U-R-My Sunshine Shasta.



First place in Open B was Pat Heinzelman and Ch. MACH Mythago's Moonlight Mirage UDX with a score of 195.5., which earned them High in Trial! The Pot Luck lunch that the MSCM members provide for our exhibitors, once again this year proved to be a welcomed feast! We had a great turnout for the lunch and a lot of good food to eat! Back by popular demand this year was our Bake Sale. With a tasty array of goodies, and Bill and Darlene's grandson (among others) manning the table encouraging people to help support a worthy cause, it was a wonderful success! Our Specialty wouldn't be complete without our Auction. The MSCM thanks all of the contributors for the donated items, for without, the Auction wouldn't be a continued success! Our auctioneer plays a big part in that success also!



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# Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

## Dinner Meeting

### October 18 , 2008



**Italia Gardens Restaurant**  
G-3273 Miller Road • Flint, MI 48507  
(810) 720-4112 • Fax (810) 720-4114

**Guest Speaker**  
Dr. Lyle Kowalski  
Canine Acupuncture

#### Open Menu

(Complete menu with prices at <http://www.italiagardens.com/menus/italia-gardens-flint-menu.htm>)

4:00pm Cocktails (Beer & Wine only)

4:30pm Dinner

Call Diane Gardner after 8 pm at (810-789-6605) or email ([gardnerdiane@hotmail.com](mailto:gardnerdiane@hotmail.com)) by Wednesday, October 15th and let her know that you will be attending the dinner.

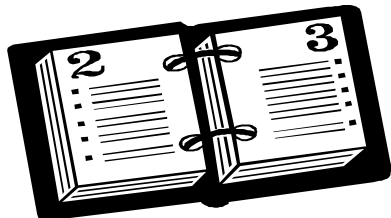
#### **From the East, West or South:**

Directions would be from I-69 (east or west) go to I-75 North and get off immediately at the first exit which is Miller Road, turn left onto Miller Road staying in the lane closest to the left turn lane. You will go through one traffic light and then you will see Bob Evans on the left side and immediately after that is the Italia Gardens restaurant. If you go past the second traffic light and the U-Haul store you have gone too far.

#### **From the North:**

Take I-75 South to Miller Road. Turn right onto Miller Road moving quickly over to the far left lane. You will see Bob Evans restaurant on the left side of the road and Italia Gardens is immediately after that. If you go through the next traffic light or pass the U-Haul store you have gone too far.

# 2008 Calendar of Important Events



## OCTOBER 1

MSCM Membership Dues—Time to RENEW—\$10 per person/\$15 per Family ~Send to:

Diana Schauer, Treasurer  
19870 Welch Rd., Milan, MI 48160

## OCTOBER 18

MSCM Dinner Meeting held at Italia Gardens, Flint Mi. 4:00pm

## NOVEMBER 10

MSCM Year-End Awards Information Deadline!

## November 30

MSCM Membership **EXPIRES TODAY** if dues are unpaid!

## DECEMBER 8

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing 4:00 p.m.

## 2008 MSCM Fall Specialty Show Continued from Page 1

The MSCM would like to thank all of it's exhibitors for coming and making our Specialty a continued success! As always, the MSCM Specialty show is a success with good dogs, good friends, good food and most of all GOOD FUN!!! See you next year!!!



*“Stride forward with a firm, steady step knowing with a deep, certain inner knowing that you will reach every goal you set yourselves, that you will achieve every aim.”*

—Eileen Caddy



## Whelping Box

Born on July 28th at Sercatep were 4 girls 3 boys. All are black and silver.  
Sire: Am. & Can. Ch Sercatep's Simon Says ("Simon")  
Dam: Morris's Simply Daring ("Ushi")

## 2008 MSCM Annual Awards

If you have a new 2008 AKC Champion or Obedience title winner, please send the following information to our Diane Gardner :

1. The complete name of the dog with all of it's titles exactly as they are to be engraved
2. The name and date of the show that the dog finished at
3. The name (s) of all of the dog's owners

Please send all of the information by Nov. 10th to:

Diane Gardner  
1155 Temple Ave.  
Mt. Morris, MI 48458  
810-789-6605

## THANK-YOU!!!!

A huge thank-you goes out to the members that gave of their time, donations, and presence at this year's Specialty Show!!! Without the hard work and strong dedication of a portion of the membership, our Specialties would not be the success that they are!



### **MSCM Nominations for 2009**

President—Beth Santure  
Vice-President—Joanne Forster  
Secretary—Donna Giles  
Treasurer—Diana (Sue) Schauer  
Board—Debbie Herrell

The duty of this committee is to prepare a slate of candidates for Club officers for the following year. At least three months (September) prior to the Annual Meeting, the Committee shall mail to each member a list of names they have placed in nomination for each Club office. Any member may make nominations, which must be seconded by another member. All nominators shall incur the consent of each nominee before placing their name on the slate. All nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary by the regular October meeting. The election shall take place during the Annual Meeting in December.

### **Submitted by the Nominating Committee:**

Debbie Herrell—Chair  
Lynn Baitinger  
Mark Jaeger

## Performance Corner—by Lynn Baitinger

### *Instructors ..... Students*

Most of us who compete in performance events take classes in their chosen venue. I think most of us train in a class situation throughout our dog's career. Only a very few have the knowledge and willpower to train completely alone. A funny thing happens on the way to class though .....one day you become the INSTRUCTOR!!!!

Instructing is a wonderfully rewarding job – but it is a mentally tiring job, as well as physically tiring. If you look at it honestly, most would think that instructing is a lose, lose situation. You are not training your own dog; your time is not your own; students often don't listen; and the dogs can be very hard to control or motivate. If you instruct at a club you are not paid, except perhaps with free floor time.

But I'd venture to say most Instructors view teaching as a WIN situation. The rewards are outstanding in that you make new friends, you learn much from your students, you get to see dogs progress from a non-emotional perspective - because when it's not your dog, it is very easy to see what's wrong! (In obedience training, when we hit a wall, we would often step back, and decide what we'd tell a friend if she had the same problem – in other words, we'd take the emotion out of it.)

What makes a good instructor? I feel that a good instructor needs to give each student the time they deserve. It is not fair to only help the talented teams, or conversely, the ones having trouble. Every handler is in class because they love their dog. To them they have the "best dog in the world". We *all* feel like that, don't we? Instructors need to keep that in mind when teaching. I remember a dog that was so afraid of even being in a class situation that I wrote it off. Thank heavens I wasn't the instructor - this dog today is a great agility dog and his confidence brings a smile to my face every time I see him! I conjure up an image of that dog when I'm challenged in a teaching situation and it always helps.

Instructors must make it a priority to ensure that their student is comfortable in class. A nervous student will not be able to learn, let alone train her dog. It does "go down the leash" and will affect how the dog learns. This can be hard as people's personalities are so different. My style is to tell every new student that I teach in agility is that they must be able to laugh at themselves – agility IS a funny sport and if the dog's don't do something funny every night, then at least one human will.

Instructors need to keep the class moving, and be open to new ideas as well as different methods and styles of training. Not every trainer wants their dog to heel with their head up or do a running A-frame.

Instructors need to remember to repeat information every once in a while. (I've heard that people in general only remember 40% of what they hear orally!)

Instructors need to remember to NEVER "covet" their students. All students will and SHOULD outgrow their instructors. It really is a compliment for a student to outgrow your classes and seek advancement through seminars or other advanced instructors.

What makes a good student? From an instructor's viewpoint, I'd say a student who trains outside of the classroom is the best student you could have! In other words, this team does their homework.

Students also need to remember to be on time for class. That means arriving early enough to exercise and warm up their dog before class begins. Often at the beginning of class the format for the night will be explained as well as a critical sequence. (In deference to road construction and unexpected delays, I do try to start the class with fun play, brags, tricks, etc. so that a latecomer can slide in to class without missing an important component of that night's lesson.)

A student who listens in a class situation is an instructor's dream team. It gets very redundant when an instructor repeats the same sequence, method or reason more than three times in a session!

Students should not be afraid to ask questions, request clarification of a skill, or ask for a demonstration. Chances are most of the other students will be glad you did!

Students should never feel that they must stay with an instructor if she is not learning, progressing or is made to feel inferior in the class. I think too, that not all instructors are made for all students; and, likewise, not all students are a match for every instructor.

Hopefully these tips and suggestions will help both sides of the training "triangle", but most importantly, I hope that the DOG – who is the recipient of all that is good or bad in training or teaching - will benefit. Bark! Bark!

## BRAGS



First Handling Win (no help from Mom) 1 point BOS Battle Creek KC July 13, 2008  
Nic Giles (13 yrs) with Jacqueminot J'Escarlet Pour Donnella owned By Donna Giles and Cheryl Coffman  
Judge: Ms. Linda C. More

*Congratulations!*

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**R-Jo's Diamond In The  
Ruff AKC CGC, UD,RE,  
OA, OAJ, UCDX, ACDX,  
CCD**

September 25, 2008

Diamond always had excellent health, until May 19th when she started to have seizures. Dr. Engelhart's bloodwork on her showed all bloodwork tests were normal. After many more tests she was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Given Phenobarbital, twice a day, she lived about 6 months longer, but the damage was too great.

Diamond was a Mini little girl with big dog dreams of possibilities. For 13 years she always waited near the front door for family members to return home. We will miss her royal cheerleader bark when the door opened. She was the best "Go Out" Utility dog I enjoyed training. Just 3 years ago the Foremost Front and Finish Magazine gave her an honorable mention, announcing that in the whole 50 United States, Diamond was ranked 4th in the Terrier Group and in the Miniature Schnauzer Utility A Group she ranked

2nd in the United States. As a team we competed in Agility Trials. She earned many 1st placements. In Rally she reached our new title, Rally Excellent. As a team we traveled many exciting journeys.

"Now my best friend, we must sadly part at the Rainbow Bridge. Here you will have no more pain. You may run with your Mom Schatzi and Grandmother Lacy. Catch pink tennis balls and jump over clouds. Always loved, never to be forgotten. We will miss you, my girl.

Joanne  
McCallum



The objective of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan is to advance the principals and scientific practices in the breeding of purebred Miniature Schnauzers: foster co-operation between breeder, owner, and veterinarian; encourage the exchange of information and experience among the club members and between show-giving clubs; to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and matches; and to encourage the adherence to the high standards of conduct and to the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.



*Treasured Friend*

*I lost a treasured friend today*

*The little dog who used to lay*

*Her gentle head upon my knee*

*And shared her silent thoughts with me.*

*She'll come no longer to my call*

*Retrieve no more her favourite ball*

*A voice far greater than my own*

*Has called her to his golden throne.*

*Although my eyes are filled with tears*

*I thank him for the happy years*

*He let her spend down here with me*

*And for her love and loyalty.*

*When it is time for me to go*

*And join her there, this much I know*

*I shall not fear the transient dark*

*For she will greet me with a bark.*

*Author Unknown*