2019 Triple Crown Versatility Challenge

For the 9th consecutive year, we will celebrate the versatility of our breed with the Triple Crown Versatility Challenge. The 2019 NSS Committee would like to honor those handler/dog teams that successfully compete in multiple disciplines by offering a challenge meant to inspire more of us to get out there and accomplish great things with our dogs! We challenge you to start training now in order to meet our challenge to qualify and/or place in a *minimum* of three different classes across at least two different NSS disciplines.

To meet the Triple Crown Challenge, a dog might place and/or qualify in Novice B, Team Obedience and the WDX. Another dog might qualify in the WD, a sweepstakes class, and in a Bred-By Exhibitor Class.

Dogs who meet the Triple Crown Challenge will receive a special award and the dog's Triple Crown accomplishments will be published in the ACC Bulletin. All prizes will be presented at the banquet or the WD/X/ Q ribbon ceremony (depending on when the dog meets the challenge). Prizes will be presented to each dog's owner of record, if present; otherwise the awards will go to the handler.

Entering is easy and it's only $20 to play, but dogs must be pre-registered by August 14th (when entries close). To pre-register, send an email to **Mel Phillips** (melphillips@yahoo.com) by August 14th with the name of the Owner/Handler and the registered name of the dog….

Then, immediately send a check for $20 (made out to ACC) **to**:
Michelle Voss, 7117 56th Ave CT NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Dogs that meet the challenge must submit a completed Triple Crown Record Form to Mel Phillips or Lynda Barber-Wiltse at the show AFTER competing (either before the banquet or before the WD ribbon ceremony). Please download and print a copy of the record form from the ACC NSS website.

Any questions? Please contact: Mel Phillips – melphillips@yahoo.com – 571.345.5167

Qualifications for the Triple Crown Versatility Challenge
(Qualify and/or place in any three classes, across a minimum of two NSS disciplines.)
(Please note: For the purposes of this Challenge, Obedience & Rally = 1 discipline and Conformation & Sweepstakes = 1 discipline.)

Tracking: Qualifying score in tracking.
Agility: Qualifying score in any agility class offered.
Obedience/Rally: Qualifying score in any regular or optional titling obedience and/or rally class offered or placement in non-regular class.
Conformation/Sweepstakes: Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog/Bitch, a Judge's Award of Merit or by making the cut in the Best of Breed competition, Placement in any regular or non-regular conformation class. (Please note: in Stud Dog and Brood Bitch classes, placements are awarded only to the parent dog, not to any of the representative offspring.) Placement in any Puppy or Veteran Sweepstakes class also qualifies.
Field: Qualifying score in any Working Dog Stake (WD, WDX, WDQ).
Dock Diving: Any qualifying jump counts. (Limit of one leg earned in this event.)
*** New *** Barn Hunt: Any qualifying pass at the Novice level or higher counts. (Limit of one leg earned in this event.)

Example 1: "Fido" is entered in Rally Advanced B, Rally Excellent B, Open Dog in conformation, and the WD for field. Fido qualified in Rally Advanced B and placed third in Rally Excellent B. In Open Dog, he did not get a placement. Since his first two "goals" were both in Rally, and he failed to get a placement in Conformation, he does not meet the Triple Crown Challenge until the field, when he passes the WD.

Example 2: "Ripple" is entered in Veteran Obedience, 8+ Year-Old Bitch in Veteran Sweeps, Veteran Bitch 8-10 Years in Conformation, and the WD for field. She places in Veteran obedience, is second in her Sweeps class, and goes first in her Veteran conformation class. She's already met the Triple Crown Versatility Challenge before she hits the field!