

**Virtual Title impact on Toller Awards**  
**Francine W Kaplan**  
**Alyssa McGinnis**

**Rusty Jones**

Award's chair orders plaques and the club pays for the plaque

**Description:** Each year at the NSDTRC (USA) Annual Awards Banquet, the club recognizes our most versatile dogs by presenting them with the Rusty Jones Award. The award is named after CH Sylvan's Rusty Jones CDX WC, one of our earliest versatile Tollers.

To be eligible, a dog must have earned an NSDTRC (USA) Championship, an NSDTRC (USA) or AKC Companion Dog title and an NSDTRC (USA) Working Certificate. Titles may be earned over several years.

**This is potentially impacted by the availability of a virtual CD title. Alyson Casper make a proposal to approve the CDV title to make a dog qualify for this award. However, after she made the proposal AKC made additional changes to their virtual titling program and we now know that the Cdv is not wholly equivalent to the CD. If you get a CDV you still need to get a CD in order to progress to the CDX.**

**Whether to answer yes to the above, the undersigned spoke with Marile Waterstraat and she was inclined to allow the Cdv to be recognized because it did require a level of training in obedience, and while to quite the level of the CD, she felt the Cdv would accomplish the purpose of encouraging Toller owners to compete in both Conformation and Obedience.**

**The undersigned agree.**

## **Sylvan**

Description: Each year Lennoxlove Kennel will award the Sylvan Kennel Award to the Toller who has earned the highest average score of the first three qualifying scores towards an American Kennel Club obedience title, up through and including the UD title.

Given by Marile Waterstraat, they pay for it. It used to be a trophy but now it's a plaque. Keeper plaque. The club pays for it.

**The virtual titling program potentially impacts this award. The Cdv could be recognized for as a qualifying title toward this award. We already recognize the BN which has lessor requirements than the CDV.**

## **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.

**The virtual titling program in obedience and Rally could potentially impact this award.**

**The Cdv is a lessor title to the CD and therefore should not substitute for the CD in the ROM program.**

**However, the Rally Novice title is equivalent to the regular RN and should be accepted as a qualifying RN title within this program.**

**ACT 1 is not a title, it's a certificate so it is not included in the ROM**

## **Versatility**

**Every AKC title present and future is recognized and assigned a point value under a formula set forth in the award protocol. Therefore, all of the trick titles will be recognized in the Versatility program.**

**The virtual titling program does not potentially impact these awards.**

Roy'll Flush

Rising Star

Eddy Award

Meredith Noreen Memorial Award

Evelyn Williams

Tenderfoot

Admiral Halsey HOT Dog Teamwork Award

Parklake Award

Straun

Windy