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**Message from
outgoing
President,
Jonathan
Bowman**

Wow! What a year 2020 has been! As we approach the end of this unprecedented year, it is a good time to reflect on the changes that needed to be made, the challenges we've overcome, and lessons we have learned from it all. So, I've asked myself the following questions and I encourage you to think about all that you have done and the lessons that you have learned this year as well.

Have you learned anything new or surprised yourself during COVID?

Before COVID and the Governor's Stay at Home Order, I viewed technology as necessary, but it was not something I was enthusiastic about. Now, I positively embrace technology in a way I never thought I would. For example, I have examined all my software platforms and determined what works best to communicate with others and increase efficiency, via Go to Meeting & Zoom. And by using these teleconference platforms, it has made the transition to having our Club's meetings easier to set up and "meet".

Something to Brag About



Raia and Capri entertained us by working on Trick Titles virtually during the first lockdown. Raia earned her Trick Dog Champion title and Capri her Expert.

Audrey Hawthorne



PWDs.....always winners!

How do you handle work-life balance when you are working at home?

I used to be the guy that wanted a firm line between home and office. In fact, I would work in my office if needed until 9 pm at night rather than take work home. I did not want to cross that imaginary dividing line between my work and home spaces. Now that the line between office and home has completely blurred, I have a different outlook. I have relaxed that rigid thinking, and now I do not mind working remotely from home. It is possible to achieve work-life balance even when those two parts of your life share the same roof. It does take some planning and communication within your household, my partner and our three Portuguese water dogs, but it can be done with lots of jars of treats placed strategically throughout our home.

If you could identify a silver-lining of COVID and quarantine, what would it be?

All my time at home with my three PWDs! They really are the best office foot warmers you can have. But really, I now have time to walk the dogs with my partner more than I ever did since I am not commuting. I am more cognizant of being "present" at home and with what is there. Since I am now primarily working remotely from home, I feel I am more present and actively practice mindfulness. This practice is fueled by the parameters I set up to maintain a work-life balance. It has also helped tremendously during the stressful and unprecedented times in which we live.

What do you see in the future for the club next year?

I think the continued challenge will be maintaining gracious and timely engagement with each other. It is also my hope in the new year that we will be able to have effective and "fun" communication through a robust newsletter, and that we will be able to look at and streamline our Club's governing documents.

We are now a good nine months into this pandemic, and we are all getting tired. We also all have good days, bad days, and feelings of isolation; but I believe there is solace in having our dogs by our side during these strange times. And, I know that the love we give them, thankfully, they give back to us tenfold.



I am happy to report that Potchki earned his Canadian Grand Championship in February; has two qualifying scores in scent detection "distance" through SDDA (Sporting Detection Dog Association); earned his final leg for Rally Novice and earned his Rally Intermediate title through AKC's virtual program and also earned his Trick Dog Advance. We also are doing Agility...no trials, but lots of practice!!!!

Jacqueline Seigel

History

Joanne Forsythe sent the following :
Received a note that Ch Roughriders Megan of Jaisal, born in Montana, just tied for 11th place as all-time producer of champions. She was our first PWD, foundation of Helm's Alee and lived here for 2 months shy of her 15th birthday. I've never kept track of the numbers but dozens of her descendants since 1990 have earned working, water, performance and show titles here

\$\$ BREAKING NEWS \$\$

The Board of Directors has passed a motion to suspend the dues of current members for 2020. You will receive further information the first of the year and be asked to update your information if it has changed.

We felt that since we have been unable to hold our activities, this was an appropriate decision. We do hope that, as we move forward and hopefully leave the pandemic behind, you will take part in planning and executing old and new activities.



in the Northwest and across USA (including Hawaii & Alaska), Canada, Bermuda and Europe. Our own family-related dogs were upland field hunting PWDs & therapy dogs as well.

Many northwest dogs trace their heritage back to Kitty Braund's Roughrider line. She wrote the book ***The Complete Portuguese Water Dog***.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 10 PNWPWDC
Tracking Test

January 29-31 Hurricane
Ridge KC**



**Port Townsend 3
obedience/3 rally trials

www.hrkc.org

www.akc.org search events

INTRODUCING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Molly Speckhardt



Molly grew up in dogs starting in 1979 when her parents bred their first litter of show dogs. After high school and learning how to breed and show many of her family's dogs to their championships, her apprenticeship for being a professional Dog Handler began. The next 5 years, she spent learning everything she would need to know to care for, condition, and present top winning show dogs. After that and for the next 15 years, she had shown top winning show dogs throughout the US and abroad. Some of her accomplishments as a handler include Best in Show winning Portuguese Water Dogs, Yorkshire Terriers, Shih Tzu, and Australian Shepherds throughout the US and Internationally. She has also shown multiple Best In Show winning dogs in other countries as Hong Kong, Thailand, and Canada. In 1996, she was trained to become a Master Certified Professional Groomer, specializing in Portuguese Water Dogs. Some of the top winning show and performance dogs that she has groomed and shown include winners from Westminster Kennel Club, the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America and Canada Nationals, and around the world. She has also been a professional groomer for many celebrities in the Seattle area and those just visiting. Retiring from Handling in 2010 to take a break, she still maintained her Club memberships including the Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, PWD Club of America, Mt. Rainier Yorkshire Terrier Club, and is once again, a board member to the PNW PWD Club. Today, she still presents grooming seminars along with her book titled, *How To Groom Your Portuguese Water Dog*. Currently grooming in Seattle, she owns two Portuguese Water Dogs, Conrad and Zeus, and has started professionally handling again, but on a smaller level.



Juno's Musings

It's the holiday season and I hope your people are remembering you have special needs! Those having to do with food are high on my list, but walks and tracking are also very important.



Mom, Bogey and I have been busy making Pumpkin Peanut Butter Cookies to share with our neighborhood dogs as well as some tuna cookie morsels for the kitty in the neighborhood. We delivered a couple of packages today. Mom wore her mask and Bogey and I did social distancing with Dad while we watched.

Peanut Butter Pumpkin Dog Treats

Whisk together
2 ½ c whole wheat flour
2 eggs
½ c canned pumpkin
2 T peanut butter
½ t salt
1/ t ground cinnamon
350 degrees for 40 min until hard

Add water as needed to make the dough workable but stiff and dry.
Roll out the dough about ½ in thick, use a cookie cutter or place the dough on a sheet, roll and score.



Sunday I attended the general membership meeting via Zoom. We have come a long way in our ability to meet on line and it was pretty cool! We had discussions about what we wanted to do better for our members and what activities we should continue once we have survived the pandemic. Currently there is work being done on how we can support new puppy owners and help them discover all the things these dogs are capable of. If you have thoughts on this subject be sure to contact Jonathan Bowman and/or Annie Herberholz.

There was also discussion about holding scent trials in the future. If this is something you are interested in helping get this in place, contact one of the Board members.

Finally, be sure to send articles about brags or information to share. The newsletter will be published about every 6 weeks.

Have a wonderful holiday season and stay safe!

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