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Club Calendar

Water Workshop with Deborah Lee Miller-Riley

What a pleasure to have again as our guest and workshop instructor, Deborah Lee Miller-Riley. A truly animal-oriented woman, generous with her knowledge, Deborah believes, "The greatest gift you can give your dog is your attention." Her website is awash (pardon the pun) with water photos, philosophies, and nifty equipment.

(www.caninewatersports.com)

Deborah Lee, having shared her life with animals for over 40 years, led the effort to create noncompetitive water tests in 1989 for her regional (CT) PWD club. One of the primary developers of the first national PWD Water Trial, she's chaired, judged, instructed and served local and national trials for fifteen years.

Ms. Miller-Riley is the founder and director of Splash Camp, a watery week long training "getaway" for dogs who love the water and the people who love them. She founded Canine Water Sports (CWS), a professional organization promoting water work, fun, and a series of water work tests for titles and recognition awards.

Workshop participants will find Deborah Lee a compassionate, helpful teacher, with boundless enthusiasm for our breed and their capacity for learning.

Marge Lineweber will be joining Deborah Lee as workshop coaching staff. Raised with a family of dog lovers, Marge served as a veterinary technician for over five years before her passion for dog training changed her life and altered her career focus.

Today she co-owns and manages My Dog's Place, a day-care and training facility in Mystic, CT. She enjoys all aspects of positive reward based training with dogs, teaching obedience, family dog manners, canine tricks, therapy, agility and canine water sports.

Marge competes in agility with her beloved English and Gordon Setters, plus shares her home with 2 other dogs. She's a professional member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers and a foundation member of CWS.

Deborah Lee tells us, "Marge is a wonderful person and a



super instructor! She has a keen eye for problem solving and finds great joy in helping water work teams succeed."

Workshop dates are June 3 and 4 to be held at Horseshoe Lake in Woodland WA (just outside Portland, OR).

We are offering participant and auditor (those without dogs) spots. Auditor spots are unlimited.

To participate, your dog must have a reliable retrieve and a reliable recall. Participant slots are geared towards the teams who are actively competing in water tests.

For more information go to www.pwdnw.com or contact Amanda Ford at amanda_a_ford@hotmail.com



Suzanne and Kilo

Our Supported Entry to be held in conjunction with the June 11-12 Puyallup shows. Sweepstakes classes will be offered for both puppies and veterans. In addition to the breed and sweepstakes classes, trophies will be awarded to HIT obedience and agility PWDs. For more information contact Angela Harding at raincitypwd@msn.com.

President's Message—Suzanne Malick

In a recent e-mail to the PNWPWDC e-mail list, I jokingly referred to myself as the "volunteer nag". The task of finding volunteers is sometimes difficult in a club with a geographically dispersed membership, few meetings and the necessity for having most of our club events in the areas where our club's membership is

most population dense.

This club is fortunate that we have a dedicated membership that always "steps up" to the call for volunteers. Without these special people (you know who you are) none of the many fun events our club puts on would be possible. For all you hard workers out there, I will

leave you with this quote (thanks to Annie Herberholz): "Volunteers are not paid - not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless".

Check out our club calendar for a summer full of fun events staffed by our hard-working volunteers. We'll see you there!

Final Financial Results from 2004 Specialty— Janet Boyd-Kristensen and Barb Niemann

The 2004 specialty generated \$164,600 in income, the highest amount in the history of the PWDCA, exceeding the next highest by approximately \$8,000.

The economic impact to the host hotel was over \$202,000 in room revenue, food and beverage, etc.

\$2,680 was generated for

PWDCA Rescue and Relocation through the Basket Raffle.

There were more than 360 individual PWDs entered, representing at least 32 states and Canada.

More than 50 very talented PWD lovers within the PNW and No Cal clubs worked for almost two years planning this event.

With the books now closed on this wonderful party, the PNW and No. Cal. Clubs each take home 25% of the profit at \$5,439 for each club. 50% of the profit has gone to the PWDCA (\$13,588) to be earmarked for health issues.

Thanks so much for all your help!

Treasurer Report (1/1/05-3/20/05)— Susan Salvin

INCOME	
2004 Specialty	5,589.32
Membership Dues	477.00
Supported Entry	100.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,166.32
EXPENSES	
Club Web Site	76.95
License	10.00
Newsletter	80.65
Picnic	47.00
Water Trials	713.55
Water Workshop	25.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 953.15
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 5,213.17
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$17,294.58

Semen Banks—Katrina Jackson

At this time I would like to pass along some information about semen banking. With an older dog, in my case Fisher who is eleven, it was a two step process.

We decided to collect a sample at our local vet to check viability. This is something that can be done in house as an office visit. Most times a teaser bitch is not needed. The local vet indicated that the sperm was motile and the quantity within the sample looked good. A very general analysis which was good enough for us to pursue banking.

The nearest bank in the northwest is ICSB, International Canine Semen Banks. The process is simpler than I imagined and cost of collecting and storing is minimal. The center is located in Sandy, Oregon, but Barb has a mobile clinic which travels throughout the region and will make an appointment for your dog when she is in your area.

The collection process takes about 15 minutes and within moments an

assessment of the sample is given. In our case we can boast of a count of 1.8 billion and with one collection will be able to save about 6 vials of material. From this Barb expects about four to five breedings would be possible.

The bank recommends surgical implant at this time since the process has improved over the years. I found picking a bank mostly by location and veterinary recommendation was acceptable to my needs.

Questions to ask might be if the AKC accepts the bank based upon record keeping and what is the success rate of the bank as far as how high a percentage of successful breedings has the bank recorded from their product.

The dogs registered name and number and some form of payment is all that is required for collection day. A copy of the registration for their files and a DNA cheek swap kit for compliance with the registries (AKC, for example) is some follow-up work that is required.

The cost is about \$300 for the first year of storage and collection and about \$60 annually for storage.

As an aside I checked with the AKC about natural breedings for older dogs. We discovered that up to and including age 12 a dog can be naturally bred as any other dog. At 12+ some letters of confirmation of the breeding and viability of the male should be sent for the AKC records. Also perhaps a letter stating that the bitch was secluded to a level of confidence of correct status of the stud may also be added.

Needless to say we are very proud of our Fisher and glad to finally have him stored.

Katrina Jackson

Editor note: Katrina is a long time member of the PWDC and PNWPWDC. Fisher was the 2004 Best Veteran in Specialty Show at the PWDC National Specialty.



Look it's the Easter Puppy!

It's not too late to sign up for the Grooming Seminar on April 2.

Judy Siebert will provide hands-on instruction for some lucky PWDs. Judy's book and video grooming guide will be available for sale.

Contact Suzie Aarts at suzieaarts@aol.com for more information.



Happy Birthday Bentley



Bella at the Tulip Festival.

**2005
Membership
Dues
deadline is
March 31!**

**Contact Jan
Curry at
sundownranchor@
aol.com**



Terry on the table.

Show Results and Brags

New Titles— earned Jan 05—Mar 05	Bella Ford earned her AKC Championship.	AX and was awarded best P1 level at the CAT US-DAA trial.
Cadie Boyd-Kristensen earned her OA, OAJ.	Trixie Kaestner earned her OA.	Nami Schaefer earned his NAJ.
Glory Herberholz earned her Canadian Championship.	Decker Malick earned his Canadian Championship.	Bella Ford earned her UKC CD title.
	Joy Schaefer earned her	

Show Results

Rose City cluster in Portland, Oregon, submitted by Suzanne Malick
Official results are on website www.onofrio.com

Friday 1/21/05

WD: Echobay's Snoop Dog, Owned by Marjorie Huk (5 pt)
RWD: Rustyco Easy Cowboy, Owned by Roland Yates/ Julie Rust
WB: Stargazer's Astrud Isabella, Owned by M Ford/ S Overton (5 pt)
RWB: Britannia's Hurricane Isabel, Owned by Connie & Craig Hansen
BOW: Stargazer's Astrud Isabella, Owned by M Ford/ Sandy Overton
BOS: CH Del Sur's Makin Front Page News, CThorson & L Woodburn
BOB: CH Sirensong Apollo's Oracle, Owned by Martha Pansa

Saturday 1/22/05

WD: Rustyco Easy Cowboy, Owners Roland Yates and Julie Rust (5 pt)
RWD: Echobay's Snoop Dog, Owned by Marjorie Huk
WB: Stargazer's Astrud Isabella, Owners M Ford and S Overton (5 pt)
RWB: Yaquina Bay Catarina Sereia, Owned by Louise Peterson
BOW: Stargazer's Astrud Isabella, Mandy Ford and Sandy Overton
BOS: CH Del Sur's Makin Front Page News, C Thorson & L Woodburn
BOB: CH Sete Mares Joaquin of Alto Mare, JConger/LHubbard/ L. Carver

Sunday 1/23/05

WD: Echobay's Snoop Dog, Owned by Marjorie Huk (5 pt)
RWD: Stargazer Indy on Starboard, Owners L/ S Chart / S Overton
WB: Stargazer's Astrud Isabella, Owners M Ford and S Overton (5 pt)
RWB: Yaquina Bay Catarina Sereia, Owned by Louise Peterson
BOW: Echobay's Snoop Dog, Owned by Marjorie Huk
BOS: CH Armada Lady Igraine Helm's Alee, Lyn Martin/ Jo Forsythe
BOB: CH Sirensong Apollo's Oracle, Owned by Martha Pansa

Tall Tales

Celebrating seven years of island living with their dog Sunny, member Judith Runstead writes: "We often think of that day we met him in Anacortes, He got on our boat, put his nose to the wind, jumped out on our dock, came up on the steps to the house and declared that he was home."

Chris and Heather Stockard, cruising in Mexico, write: "The 'girls' swim every day and Chuck (our Chuck-It tennis ball thrower) is their best friend. After a beach trip, Kira and Minnow swim off the stern to sluice off sand before their freshwater rinse. Minnow can climb our swim ladder back onto the boat unassisted! but Kira still needs a little help to manage. During Christmas, in the Tenacatita Biathalon, the girls took second place overall and first place in MultiSpecies Division. It's a 1/3 mile swim to the beach, a mile run followed by another 1/3 mile swim back out to the committee boat. Kira and Minnow split the swimming duties, and both did the run with Chris as their coach. A good time was had by all."

Rumor has it there's a new treadmill at the home of Cha Cha and Rhonda Maytas. Tall Tales can't discern from the letter, which of the two is using the device--perhaps both human and dog? Cha was part of the PWD fest in Arizona recently.

The April issue of Dogs in Review spotlights the wonderful Portuguese Water Dog. Breed features are always well written, with photos from past and present. The free copies at dog shows disappear fast, so check their website www.dogsinreview.com in April to order a copy.

Member Mandy Ford has joined this newsletter's staff as chief stamp-affixer and person in charge of getting NWTails to the printer...a very important job!

There are so many new puppies in the Pacific Northwest, it's impossible to keep track of them all, so we don't list them by litter. Tall Tales does want to hear about your new pup's latest escapades, of course!

One member with a new pup is Sonya Manejkowski. Sonya's "Paul", known at Seattle hospitals and long term care facilities for a decade of devoted therapy visitation, has a new pal, black wavy boy named Perry. Sonya says, "Well, they say sometimes a dog will live up to it's name. I wanted a calm, easy going dog to join Paul doing therapy work, so what could be a better role model for that than to name my puppy after Perry Como?"

Sadness came to two members' homes: Janet Boyd-Kristensen's Nemo, and Cindy Thorson's Bream both left for the Rainbow Bridge. Janet writes: "Emergency surgery gave us a couple of wonderful months with him. He enjoyed scrambled eggs, meatloaf, mashed potatoes and all sort of great times just hanging out with us. He was such a brave and strong little guy to the very end. It is so hard to not find him in all those familiar places around our house."

Nice to see "Rufus" de Oki walking ringside at the Seattle show. Was he walking R.J. and Shiori, or were they walking Rufus?

Does anyone know this dog, or this vessel? We need to interview the dog for a true Tall Tale!



Have you heard the news?

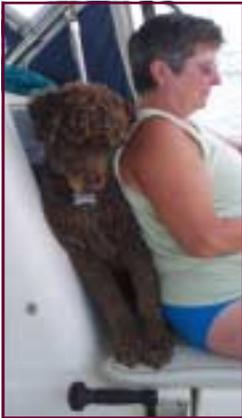
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PNW boating! Any-
one know whose
boat this might be?



Heather and Kira compete for seating on the Legacy

For more exciting training make sure you have exciting treats! Try Tuna Brownies to shake things up!



Courtesy:
Katrina Jackson

H2O Etiquette — by Suzanne Malick

With water training season in the wings, what better way to network to form your own local training group than the club email list? Here are some valuable tips we have used to insure training sessions are successful.

You are responsible for your dog's behavior and safety at all times. If you are away from your dog helping someone else, please enlist another training group member to supervise your dog or be prepared to break away yourself to do so.

Dogs who are not actively being trained should be confined

(by being tethered, penned or crated), or should be on leash or under verbal control at your side. At the water site, seek trees or shelter that provide both shade and a place to tether dogs.

Dogs that are actively being trained should be encouraged not to interfere with other dogs working in the same area. If one dog steals training equipment out from under another dog's nose, it is demoralizing to the slower/less driven dog. We have many young and inexperienced dogs in our group and need to be careful to give each other enough space that

the dogs are not overwhelmed by distractions.

Dogs should not create disruptive noises such as continuous howling, whining or barking. We have found citronella bark collars to be an effective way to control barking in our worst offenders.

Please be sure to bring adequate potty bags and clean up after your dog.

We need to work together to make sure we continue to be welcomed at our training locations.

Tuna Brownie Recipe— tasted tested in Cadie's Kitchen

2 cans tuna packed in water, drained

2 eggs

1 tsp garlic powder

1 and a half cups flour (or as needed to make a stiff dough)

Mix together. Use a food proc-

essor if you have it, saves you much time and effort.

Press (or roll) flat on a cookie sheet to about a 1/4" thickness.

Bake at 250 F for 30 minutes.

Cut into 1/4" cubes and refrigerate or freeze. Hint: spray sheet

and hands with Pam.

Cadie would like to thank her wiener-dog friend, Bart for this recipe. Bart's mom, Carla sometimes uses canned salmon or sardines instead of tuna. Bart says all versions are dreamy!

Row, Row, Row your boat— by Hallie Howe

Last summer we needed a boat to start training for Working Water dog.

We hadn't needed a boat up until then; we just did land and dock training. So we bought a used 8 foot Livingston row boat (fiberglass, double V hull). I am lucky to have a very handy man around the house and told him what I needed-- a platform for the dogs.

Bruce devised a 3/4 inch plywood platform the width of the boat an about 3 1/2 feet deep. He glued some carpeting on it,

and added some 2x2s to the bottom to keep it in place both at the back edge and on the sides beneath the platform. (It is fiberglass, so we couldn't screw it to the boat).

The whole boat fits into the back of our truck and is easy for two people to haul around.

He also made some platforms for the inside bottom of the boat since the hull is so deep. The whole getup comes apart into three pieces, plus the boat.

It works just fine. After work we can load it into the truck

and head for the nearest lake. Pilot earned his WWD on the first try last fall at our local water trial. It would probably work better to get an aluminum boat that you could screw or hinge the platform onto but we didn't have a trailer to haul it around on.

Our next endeavor is to build a courier net!

I have most of the parts- 100 feet of line, netting and floats, just need to start putting it together.

Editorial—Joanne Forsythe

It's nostalgia time ! Come with us down memory lane (with a few editorial comments entwined.)

Postmark : June, 1991. A newsletter with blue cover called PWD Tales, sports our familiar Club logo. Inside, news of a successful membership drive and promo for the supported entry on that hot, dry meadow near the Oregon border, Brush Prairie.

"Look for flying blue windsocks and Portuguese flags !" editor Veryl Ann Grace writes. Following our first Splash Day on Vashon Island, Susan Helsel chaired the first ever Junior Water Certification in the northwest, held on Silver Lake in September, 1991.

June 1992: Water trial entries would be limited to 10 Junior Certificate, 6 apprentice and 4 working titles. We have come a long way! Supported entry at Brush Prairie--remember that hot sun? People brought wading pools and the dogs wallowed right after ring time. Many of our "pet" owners joined for lunch and annual meeting, after the Puyallup shows.

Autumn 1992: New editor, same name. In the news, Kitty Braund presented our breed at a Judges Education Seminar, with many club members' dogs and photos as demos. Roster showed members in MT, ID, AK, WA, OR and BC. We debated whether to hold a national specialty. Bank balance was \$2705.31.

Winter 1993: Full recognition by Canadian Kennel Club of the Portuguese Water Dog. PWD Tales speculates how judges will treat the retriever clip: it's not listed in the Standard, yet is not a disqualification. Local girl Ch. Helm's Alee Summertime became the first PWD across Canada, and first female PWD in North America, to win an all breed Best in Show there in January. (Six months later the CKC Standard was amended to allow both clips.) A lending library for books and videos was proposed. PNWPWDC won "best breed information booth" at the Seattle dog show.

Summer 1994: Now called "Soundings", we advertised the latest Ship's Locker items: silk scarves with cavorting pups, and thick Pendleton blankets picturing PWDs. We held a Canine Good Citizen test at the picnic, had a splash party and a herding day. A history of area rescue notes some members belong to Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue, others informally visit shelters on both sides of the border. Both President Laurie and Editor Jo note the necessity of a firm plan for our Club. That was over ten years ago. Sad to say, not much progress has ensued since then for our Club to take responsibility. Dogs are rescued and re-homed informally by caring PNWPWDC members, which is good, but we can do better.

Jump to May, 1996: We're back to the name NW Tails. News items were about changing the by-laws, incorporating our Club, planning the annual picnic, and whether to have a local breeder's list. Editor Carol notes the grooming seminar's hint: "to get your dog to shake after a bath, blow in it's ear!"

Spring, 2000: President Ted brings us up to date on Club activities, including our new website. Another herding day was planned, with the goal being dogs learning to "go around and bring the handler to the sheep." ? Certificates were issued.

We dropped snail-mailed newsletters for a few years while on-line publication sufficed. Back in print by January 2003, NW Tails was still in black and white to keep expenses low. As the technology expands and most members have e-mail, now a combination of print and electronic is the wave of the future for our Club. More contributors make for better communication, as you can see by this issue. So many new people and dogs NW Tails lives!



Summertime in the San Juans!

*Our club
website
can be
reached at
www.pwdnw.com
or
www.pwdnw.org*



PNW Water Trials circa 1993—Judge Judy Adler. Can you name the members and dogs pictured?



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Club Calendar—2005

April 2—Grooming Seminar. Contact Suzie Aarts at suzieaarts@aol.com

June 3-5—Two-day Water Workshop/ one-day water trial with Deborah Lee Miller-Riley at Horsehoe Lake, Woodland, WA. For more information, contact Mandy Ford at amanda_a_ford@hotmail.com

June 11-12 —Supported Entry (Puyallup shows www.rogersdogshows.com) Contact Angela Harding at raincitypwd@msn.com for more information on



Willy having a great romp.

events associated with the Supported Entry

June 19—Agility Fun Day/Potluck Contact Alex Scott at

alexmscott@shaw.ca

July 31—Club Picnic and General Membership Meeting. Contact Olaf and Johanna Kaestner.

September 9-11—Match and Water Trial at Flowing Lake. Charles Robinson to judge. Contact Mandy Ford at amanda_a_ford@hotmail.com

December—Holiday Party and General Membership Meeting. Contact Cindy Thorson at c.thorson@verizon.net