

The Salty Dog

Newsletter of the Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club December 2016

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Events since the Last Newsletter

May 21, 2016 - **Fun Day at Canyon Lake**
May 21, 2016 - **RSPWDC Meeting**
August 6, 2016 - **Photography Workshop turned Picnic in the Park, Mt. Lemmon in the Catalina Mts., near Tucson**
October 22 and 23, **RSPWDC hosted PWDC Water Trials, Canyon Lake Marina beach**
October 22, 2016 - **RSPWDC Meeting**
December 11, 2016 - **Holiday Party and Celebration of the Golden Ones, Phoenix**
December 11, 2016 - **RSPWDC Meeting**

Upcoming Events

January 22, 2017 - **RSPWDC Annual Meeting**
February 4, 2017 - **Supported Entry, Arizona State Fairgrounds, Phoenix**

Water Fun Day

Canyon Lake Marina, May 21, 2016

We had a wonderful crowd of 27 people along with their 17 PWDs at the fun day at Canyon Lake Marina beach. Members and friends set up stations where semi-structured training took place and information about PWD water work was shared. Our PWDs swam, went for boat rides, and learned to jump from the boats. People practiced their boat rowing skills, learned how to safely bring their PWD aboard the boat from swimming depth, and taught their PWDs to bring their retrieving toys back!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make the day such a fun one!

Picnic in the Park

Mt. Lemmon in the Catalina Mountains near Tucson, August 6, 2016

We had planned to learn from photographer Bruce Haseley how to photograph our PWDs, but a last minute illness caused the plans to change. The ramada was rented and the weather was perfect, so a few members and PWDs gathered for lunch, a swim (PWDs only), and a cool hike in the beautiful mountains.



Water Trials

Canyon Lake Marina, October 29 and 30, 2016

Our annual PWDCA sanctioned Water Trials at the beautiful Canyon Lake Marina Campgrounds beach near Phoenix were a success thanks to our Water Trial Host Committee's efforts and all of the volunteers. The committee members are John Murnane- Trial Secretary, Kathy Groschupf- Marina Liaison and Chili Dinner Chef, Frank Baucom- Trial site and Chief Steward, Tina Price- Hospitality, and Lauren McDermott- Committee Chair. The volunteers

were amazing, with many club members at the lake for the whole weekend just to help out! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the event.

The air was dry and the temperatures in the 90s both days, a little warmer than our usual mid-80s, but with the help of natural and artificial shade everyone was comfortable in and out of the water. Many participants and volunteers camped in their RVs or tents at the site, just 100 feet from the beach. We had a great turn out for our club meeting and then a tasty chili dinner and a bonfire gave us all time to catch up

with our old and new friends. There were many teams who almost qualified and everyone did great!

These are the teams that qualified:

Junior Water Dog

Sidd and Carrie Dykstra (MJ IN A DAVION SUIT)

Apprentice Water Dog

Pippa and Jan Shirreffs (LEGADO ULTIMO UVA CINSULT CGCA RN)

Courier Water Dog (qualified both days)

Syn and Sue Ailsby (CH HUNTER SYNC OR SWIM AT DRAGONAIR CWD)





Holiday Party

Phoenix, AZ December 11, 2016

We held our club Holiday Party on December 11th in Phoenix, hosted by Lauren McDermott and John Murnane. 17 PWDs and their 24 people gathered for some socialization, a PWD gift exchange, and the annual Celebration of the Golden Ones.

We started with play time in the large yard. Lunch consisted of pulled pork sandwiches and salad plus a large selection of homemade sweet treats brought by attendees, and a club meeting followed. Then the PWDs participated in a gift exchange, each picking out their own favorite gift, youngest to oldest. PWDs who turned 10 years old in 2016, or are older, were honored at the Celebration of the Golden Ones. Then we had one more romp in the play yard.



Celebration of the Golden Ones

First celebrated in 2004, the RSPWDC Celebration of the Golden Ones recognizes the club's senior PWDs, aged 10 and older, with a few minutes of the spotlight at the holiday party and a special gift. Club members with PWDs who turned ten years old in 2016 or are older, were invited to participate in the 2016 Celebration of the Golden Ones. The Golden Ones received a personalized gift at the Holiday Party on December 11, 2016, in Phoenix, AZ. The celebration was planned and presented by the 2016 Golden Ones Planning Committee members: Kathy Groschupf, Sherri Horstman and John Murnane.



"Cool"

(Neocles LL Cool Jay) will be 13 in December and has two certifications: CGC and Therapy Dog. There is no sweeter dog on the Earth than Cool. He takes everything in stride and is always there with a smiling face and a wagging tail. He takes care of all, including his brother when he was sick, and Tico when he was a puppy. At the age of 13 he loves to play ball, play the "find it" game and go for a swim. He is beyond special and a true tribute to the breed. Terry and Jane Klipp

"Dazzle"

(CH Do Gato's Dazzling Diamante, CGC) was born July 22, 2003. Dazzle is one of the nicest dogs around. She earned her championship when she was 3. She also was selected for an Award of Merit at the National Specialty in 2006. After retiring from her show career, she was the proud mother of 2 litters of puppies. She was a wonderful mom and still knows that two of our dogs are her "children", cleaning their ears and eyes whenever she feels they need attention. She was a therapy dog and brought happiness to many nursing home residents. An avid swimmer, she rarely got the top of head wet. As in her youth, she will still play fetch with a tennis ball until we finally stop throwing it. We love Dazzle!

Kim and Jim Beach



"Dusty"

also known as Desert Stardust, turned thirteen years old on November 14, 2016. Dusty is from the third and last litter of twelve puppies each from our Dakota, and she is the last pup that Stephanie Yee and I shared. Dusty now has two Havanese sisters who absolutely adore her, and therefore they drive her crazy with their attention. Dusty lavishes love with a very active and wet tongue on them in return. Denise Wallentinson



"Dylan"

(Del Sur Wild West Odyssey) was born in January 2006, a rather outgoing boy who at first sight of Amy, tried to pull her skirt off. Dylan received his 1st points at his very 1st show at 6 months of age. He placed 3rd at Nationals in puppy group age 6 to 9 months. Dylan quickly became a Champion, then a Canadian Championship and a Grand Champion. He was close to Silver Championship when his best friend and owner Stace had a major subdural bleed due to a migraine. Dylan stepped down to be by Stace's side and continually worries about his best friend when Stace is in the hospital.

Cindy Jones

“Loni”

(Legado Incomparavel Lancha, CGC, NA, NAJ TT-120-PWD CWDX) was born on March 26, 2003 and will be 14 in March. She is retired from her working and sporting activities so now works at retrieving the newspaper, as well as keeping her grandpup Leonardo in line. Loni's sire was Thor, and Thor's sire was Charlie de Alvalade, which makes Loni a close descendent of a most famous ambassador of the breed! Loni is a very special kind of special PWD!

Janis Watts



Nani

“Molly”

(Legado Hilariante Moli Morena CD, RE, OA, OAJ, NJP, CWD (2), SR0M) was born January 7, 2003. The unsinkable Molly Brown is our special girl with many names, Mo Bro, Princess Summer Fall Winter Spring, Grumbles Brown, our little Muffin - to name a few. Molly accomplished lots as a performance dog but we love her the most for her uncanny ability to make us smile and laugh.

Jan Shirreffs and Pam Barnett.

The first Celebration of the Golden Ones took place in March 2004, and six RSPWDC PWDs were honored.

Do you know them?



“Nani”

(Seashell's Sitting Pretty WWD NAJ) Nani is our second Portie, but our first sports dog, introducing us to the wonderful worlds of water work and agility. She's also a champion at marathon belly rubbing, using her white paw of demand to show us just the right spots. And of course, she keeps us all in line, including that upstart Nai'a, who dares to steal the spot on the couch. Nani is our big girl, bringing smiles everyday. Barbara Fletcher and Walt Aviles



Rio

“Rio”

(Cume Do Daisy My Fair Lady) is our very smart, sweet shy girl. A spoiled only child who is happiest at home surrounded by her friends and family. Extremely fearful as a pup she has learned to accept most of the previously scary things. However, swimming was not one of them. Splashing in the shallows is as far as

she'll go. Rio has quite the sense of humor and likes to rearrange her furniture as shown in the picture. Her favorite things are car rides, “snuggle time” and chicken treats.

Bonnie and Micha Koepfel



“Whirly”

(Amarinhar Caracolar NA NAJ AXP AJP NF CWDX) turned 12 years old on 8/17/2016, and loves to keep everyone aware of dinner and play time. Whirly has always been in charge of the household of PWDs, and her daughter Reef is fine with that. Playful, demanding, a hard worker, and a great mom to her seven pups, Whirly is a very special PWD in our eyes! Lauren McDermott and John Murnane



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

for Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club's

2017 Supported Entry & Sweepstakes!

Saturday, February 4th at

Heart of the Desert Classic dog shows!

5 days of shows will be held February 2nd - 6th, 2017

Arizona State Fairgrounds, Phoenix, Arizona



Hosted by the Sahuaro State Kennel Club,

Lost Dutchman Kennel Club, and new this year,

the Working Dog Club of Arizona.

Sweepstakes Judge will be Ms. Martha Thomas



Arizona in February...it doesn't get any better!

Stay tuned for more information including details of our annual social/dinner.



Supported Entry News

The Supported Entry Sweepstakes will be held in the morning prior to our breed ring time, and the Sweepstakes Judge will be Ms. Martha Thomas.

Supported Entry Trophies will include, but are not limited to, several beautiful hand-painted pieces from famed artist, Tina Evans.

The Basket Raffle is always a favorite, and the drawings will be held during the Supported Entry at the show site. Start getting those baskets ready or, if you prefer, make a cash donation and we will put one together for you!

RSPWDC's Social & Dinner and Auction will be held Saturday, February 4th with a 5:45 pm Social Hour and a 6:30 pm Dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 1418 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix. \$28.00 Per Person Pre-Pay, Cash Bar, four Pre-Select Dinner Choices (includes salad and Spumoni dessert). Details and sign up will be available soon on our website at rspwdc.org, our Facebook page, and via email. Auction item donations are now being accepted.

The 2017 Supported Entry Committee will be meeting with the entire Host show committee in the month of November where we will obtain further details for RV and overnight parking, grooming space, wash space, food availability as well as our hospitality tent and ring locations.

If you have any questions, wish to volunteer, or wish to donate to the Trophy Fund, Raffle or Auction, please contact the Supported Entry Committee Co-Chairs:

Lynn Nelson - dlsnelson819@yahoo.com

Jim Beach - diamante.pwd@earthlink.net

It's membership renewal time....

Membership renewal deadline is February 1, 2017. Please mail your renewal form, with your dues payment, to our RSPWDC Membership Coordinator, Lynn Nelson. If you know of a potential new member, or have puppy owners in the area that you'd like to have join us, please have them submit the general RSPWDC Membership Application. Both forms are available on the club's website: <http://RSPWDC.org>

We thank you again for your continued membership and look forward to a fun year in 2017!

If you have questions, please contact Lynn at dlsnelson819@yahoo.com or at 602-301-9415.