

SALTY DOGS

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE RIO SALGADO PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB



President: Carol Pleskoff

Vice President: Lauren McDermott

Recording Secretary: Michele Murphy

Corres. Secretary: Pam Coffeen

Treasurer: John Murnane

Director: Stephanie Rollins

Director: Janis Watts

Dear Fellow Members;

The last quarter of 2005 was rather busy for the club. Our Water Trial at the end of October was great fun. We had contestants from as far away as Texas, and a wonderful judge, Judy Murray, from Pennsylvania. The committee, headed by Kathy Groschupf, did a wonderful job of putting on the trial. We commend them. It's the volunteers that make this club as good as it is, and we look forward to our next trial by water.

The Nominating Committee has been busy coming up with more folks who will volunteer to be our officers and directors for 2006. Our elections will be at the meeting on January 17, 2006, at Carlos O'Brien's Restaurant, 6:30 pm (On Bell road, just west of Scottsdale Rd; southwest corner in front of the Hampton Inn). We order from the menu, enjoy our dinner, and then have our meeting. We encourage everyone to attend.

Our Christmas Party was held at the Humane Society once again, and was fun for all the two and four legged members who attended. Food was good, and many went home with people bags. Each PWD present chose a gift, and not one complained. Hope more people and dogs join us next year. Janis Watts chaired our presentation of our dogs 10 years and older, the Golden Old Ones, and we thank her for her efforts.

Our next major, and this is major folks, is the Supported Entry during the Fiesta Cluster of shows at West World in Scottsdale. All of the pertinent information is on our website. This is quite an undertaking for us. Janis Watts is the chair of this event, and she needs help again this year. We really do need volunteers. This is also our major money maker for the year. We'll be contacting everyone for help, as well as for auction and raffle items. The teaser for now is a full size Dog Bath that has been donated to the club for the auction.

Last, and certainly not least, we have been honored with the task of co-hosting the 2007 Portuguese Water Dog National Specialty with the PWD Club of Southern California. The Specialty will be held in Long Beach. This is a huge undertaking, and the first time our club has been involved in something this big. Our club's liaison for this event is Pam Coffeen. She is working very closely with the folks in Southern California, and has a list of jobs that needs to be filled. Please see Pam's report elsewhere in this issue.

We look forward to the New Year, and watching our club grow with new members, more activities and fun, and more wonderful dogs to play with, show, perform, and love.

Carol Pleskoff
President, RSPWDC

Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2006

Rio Salgado
Portuguese Water Dog Club
Regular Meeting

Date: January 17, 2006

Location: Carlo's O'Brien

Present: Carol and Mike Pleskoff, Lauren McDermott, Lynn Saturno, Pam Coffeen, Janis Watts, Michele Murphy

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Carol Pleskoff with a review of the minutes of the November 5, 2005 meeting. Janis Watts moved to approve the minutes with requested revisions, Pam Coffeen seconded and the vote was unanimous for approval.

President's Report: Carol thanked the board for all their work during the year. Thanks to Kathy Groschupf for her work as chair of the water trial, Lauren McDermott for all her work on the water workshops, Janis and Dotty for the grooming seminar, holiday party, and to Janis for another successful supported entry. All of the special events were very successful. We have the 2006 supported entry to look forward to and the club participation in the 2007 National Specialty. We would like to meet in person more often and invite participation from the membership in the board meetings and the annual events. Carol is preparing the annual report.

Vice-President's Report: None
Corresponding Secretary: None
Recording Secretary: None
Treasurer's Report: Lauren McDermott reported for John Murnane that we have a balance of \$6826.62.

Committee Reports/Standing

Education: None
Membership: 2 new applications proposed for membership

Judy Weinstein - Pele
Jay & Erika Zavislak- Lula

Motion to approve By: Lauren McDermott Second: Mike Pleskoff

Rescue: No report

Website: No Report.

Supported Entry: Everything is on target. Karen Berggren has done a wonderful job collecting donations for the trophies. Carol and Mike are working on the raffle and still need items for the raffle. Pam Coffeen is still looking for auction items. Janis discussed several options for providing hospitality.

Water Trial: Kathy reported that on Saturday we had 1 Junior, 1 working, 1 courier and 1 versatility awards and Sunday we had 1 Versatility and 2 courier awards.

Committee Reports/Special

Celebration of the Golden Oldies – Janis reported that the celebration at the holiday party was very well received and she would like to combine the Golden Oldies and holiday celebration every year. We would also like to establish an award for the older dogs during this event. Janis will create a list of awards for the next meeting to discuss this issue further.

Unfinished Business

Co-Host with Southern CA 2007 National Specialty in Long Beach, CA – A memo was sent making this official. Contact Pam Coffeen to request details and volunteer.

Newsletter Update – The news letter will be sent out this quarter, we still need articles, photos, and any club or activity news.

The new by-laws say the Board must specify the amount for which the Treasurer is bonded. No new information

New Business

2006 elections: Voted on the new officials and the following members were elected:

President: Carol Pleskoff
Vice President: Lauren McDermott
Recording Secretary: Michele Murphy
Corres. Secretary: Pam Coffeen
Treasurer: John Murnane
Director: Stephanie Rollins
Director: Janis Watts

2006 Calendar:

We would like to meet 3rd Tuesday of each month, required number of meeting are 6 and we are looking for alternate locations so more members will attend.

Proposed Meeting Dates

January 17-
Meeting end of year and election of officials
February 21- La Madeline at 7pm
March 21
April 18
May 16
June 20
July 18
August 15
September 19
October 17 (national specialty week)
November 21
December 19

Events

Supported Entry - March 3-6
Agility play day and potluck - April 1 or 8
BOB match and obedience - no date
Water Trail - November 4-5 (possible date)
Ports in the Pines - no date

Meeting Adjourned Motion by:
Mike Pleskoff
Seconded: Pam Coffeen
Respectfully submitted by Michele Murphy, Recording Secretary

Holiday Party



2007 Portuguese Water Dog Club of America National Specialty.

2007 PWDCA National Specialty Hosts: SCPWDC and RSPWDC and PWDCA

As you may already know, our two clubs have been designated co-hosts of the 2007 Portuguese Water Dog Club of America's National Specialty. This is truly exciting news for our clubs. The Specialty will take place in Castaic, California for the Water Trials and Long Beach, California for the rest of the events. The dates for the 2007 Specialty are September 29th - October 5th. It will be a first for both

clubs to host a National Specialty and we are looking to show all who attend just what a great time we're capable of putting on.

In order to organize and host a National Specialty, it requires lots and lots of volunteers. Since both of our clubs are new to this, many of you may not realize the breadth of opportunities to volunteer that exist. Enclosed is a list of some of the positions available. There truly is something for everyone at every level of experience. For those who would like to Chair an event, we have a place for you. Or if you'd like to participate, but don't feel comfortable taking on a Chairmanship, there are plenty of opportunities for that too. If you aren't sure if you can attend but want to participate, there are many things that need to be done in advance. We have mentors willing to help if you would like to do a particular job but feel you need some guidance,

We hope you will consider supporting our clubs in this exciting event. Please take a look at the list enclosed and contact one of the Chairs listed at the end of this email. We're happy to discuss any positions that interest you.

Positions:

Specialty Chair: Susan Cucura

Performance Chair: Leslie Arner

Judge and Stewards Hospitality Chair:

Water Chair: Linda Otey

Water Trial Secretary:

Chief Ring Steward:

Volunteer Coordinator:

Hospitality:

(Breakfasts and Lunches)

Judges Liaison:

Specialty Chair Hospitality Chair:

Performance Chair:

2007 will be here before we all know it. Let's make this a Specialty to remember!

Sincerely,

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Last Chance Water Trial Held at Canyon Lake



The last PWDCA sanctioned Water Trial of the year 2005, on November 5 and November 6, Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club held a "Last Chance" Water Trial at Canyon Lake near Apache Junction, near Phoenix, Arizona.



Taking a "Last Chance", were 18 PWDs and their handlers on November 5, and 13 PWDs and their handlers on November 6. The teams were judged by Judy Murray of Media, Pennsylvania. Congratulations to the teams that took a chance and earned a "Pass":

November 5, Saturday's Results:

Junior

Sunnyhill Ondas De Magnificas

- handled by Terry Pavlicek

Working

Legado Graciosa Dama Mira WWD

- handled by Pam Coffeen

Courier

CH Pinehaven's Mambo King WWD

- handled by Charles White

Versatility

CH Amarinhar Benquisto OA OAJ

CWDX SROM -

handled by Lauren McDermott

CH Fairwinds Windjammer

MX MXJ CWDX

- handled by James

Brannan

November 6, Sunday's Results:

Versatility

CH Amarinhar Benquisto

OA OAJ CWDX SROM

- handled by Lauren

McDermott

Courier

CH Pinehaven's Mambo

King WWD - handled by

Charles White

CH De Lea's Dante

Rosette OA NAJ WWD

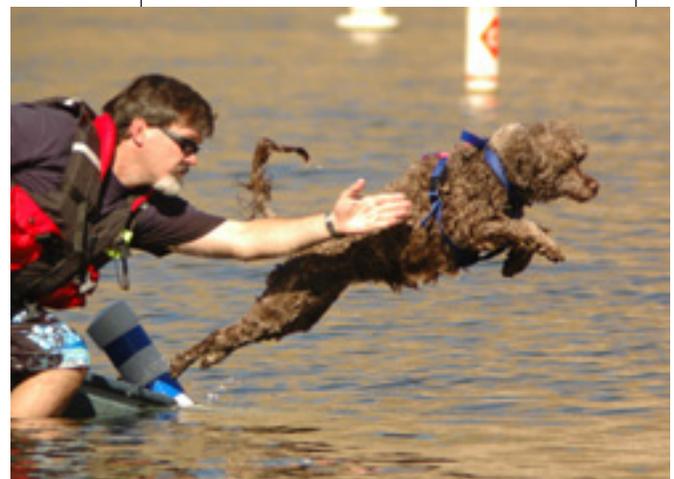
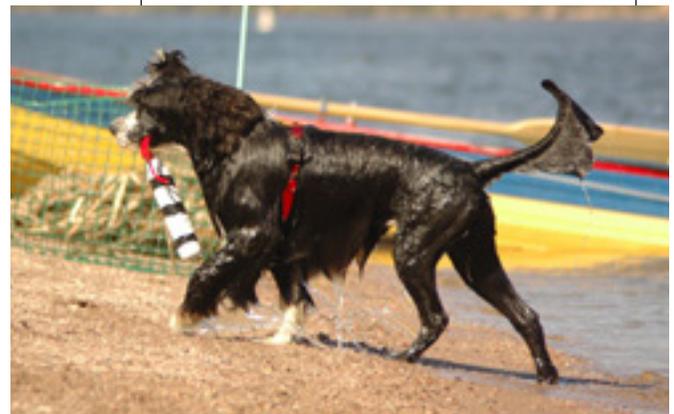
- handled by James

Brannan

We had beautiful weather and water conditions on Saturday. The lake was picture perfect with a copper glow from the cliffs at the back shore. No wetsuits were needed for any of the swims, and sunscreen was necessary. In the evening, RSPWDC provided chili and cornbread for the hungry participants, allowing people who stayed at the host hotel in Apache Junction a chance to mingle a bit with the people camping at the lake before they headed down the long and winding road. Sunday's weather was a little cooler, and the waves and current provided a little bit more of a challenge for retrieving buoy balls, dummies, and float lines. But, a few teams prevailed.

Thank you! to Judge Judy Murray, who judged us all with a professional attitude, and comfortable casualness, while offering excellent training tips (to those who may have needed it). Thank you, too, to the many volunteers who helped with the water trial. As we all know, it takes many people to put on a water trial, and every person and every person's efforts count. Please join us at the next RSPWDC Water Trial.

Kathy Groschupf
RSPWDC Water Trial Committee
Chair



Getting to Know Our Members

Susan McCullough and Fisher



I have owned dogs less than 7 years, but have always been infatuated with terriers. In fact, I own 2 Jack Russells (now called Parson Russells) and thought I would never have anything else. That mind set changed in January '05 when my obedience and agility trainer, Jo Fain, introduced me to Janis Watts. She was looking to place a "special" puppy, a Lida Rose/Baluarte cross, one who needed a performance home. I would like to add to that, an indestructible home too.

Fisher got his name because after coming home at 8 weeks, within 4 hours he went into the swimming pool on his own. He never panicked, just took to it like a duck – I mean fish. It was a convenient name because whenever there was trouble it always looked "fishy".

As a terrier owner, I am used to stripping a coat – always picking and plucking, but NEVER cutting. This black curly macaroni noodle of a coat was new to me, as was the 100 different types and brands of scissors. I liken the art of scissoring a pwd to hedge trimming, and Edward Scissorhands I am not. Fisher still continues to deal with Mom's slow speed in grooming, and the every 60

second "Oopsie" which requires 5 additional minutes of trimming to fix the newly gouged hole. I will say I improved greatly after the purchase of a real blower. My Clairol hairdryer just wasn't doing the job.

Fisher is known as "one of the brothers". He and two of his littermates (Beamer and Kolten) often compete together, trading placings in conformation. Fisher continues to chase the elusive first point, but we are hopeful he will earn some. He will embark on his obedience career by starting in Rally and earning his CGC. He is already quite a handsome heeler, and loves to retrieve, especially if it is something he is Not supposed to! We are training for agility as well, and there isn't one obstacle he doesn't love. In fact, I bet I have the only dog in the world that tried to do the weave poles backwards – yes, tail first!

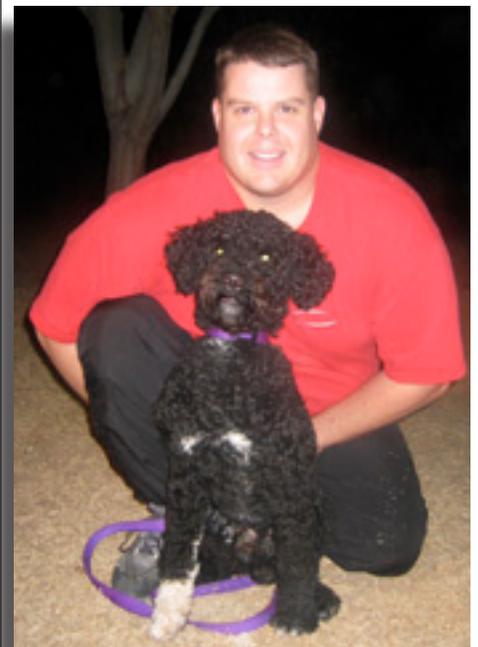
At home, Fisher is an excellent guardian (when he is not playing terrier). The others hide when hearing strange sounds at night, or look at me to go investigate. Fisher jumps up, beautiful stance, neck arched, ears pricked, ready to protect his mom and white-haired companions. As I have told Janis, he is not obnoxious or out of control or fearful – he is just right as a watch dog.

I am new to this breed, but with Janis Watts' and Jo Fain's watchful eye, I am confident Fisher and I will have a long successful career, and we already have a wonderful bond.

Brad Boekes and Kodie

I am a 31 year old engineer working in the avionics field. I have bad allergies to dogs and was turned on to PWD's do to this issue. After moving to back to Phoenix in 2004, I had the pleasure of meeting Janis Watts. She believed in me and my desire to provide a loving home and busy schedule for one of her artificially inceminated puppies. Kodie is a product of Sire is Baluarte de Alvalade and Dam is CH Legado Diabrina De Del CHE OA OAJ. I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with Kodie and would like to thank Janis for providing this opportunity.

Kodie is currently working on his CGC and therapy certifications at the Delta Pet Partners Program. He is focusing on the field of childrens therapy. We also are working on agility, rally, obedience and water work. His intelligence and ability to understand and pick things up quickly just amazes me. I could not do this alone. Kodie and I are taking direction from Jo Fain at Canine Sports Training. Her ability to read dogs is amazing. Her knowledge of humans working with dogs has allowed Kodie and I to advance at a more rapid rate than I could imagine.



Is There a Vet In the House?

The Rabies Challenge Fund

"World-renown vaccine research scientist, W. Jean Dodds, DVM and pet vaccine disclosure advocate, Kris L. Christine of Maine, have established The Rabies Challenge Fund to raise money to fund a seven year rabies vaccine challenge study in the United States.

In addition to the challenge study, the fund will finance a study of the adjuvants used in veterinary rabies vaccines and establish a rabies vaccine adverse reaction reporting system.

Researchers believe the rabies vaccine causes the most and worst adverse reactions in animals. The Rabies Challenge Fund has been founded to improve the safety of rabies vaccine and determine, by challenge, if they confer immunity for five, six or seven years.

Despite overwhelming moral support from pet owners, only a trickle of financial donations has been received.

Let's get this funded so the work can start.

Donations can be sent to:
The Rabies Challenge Fund
c/o Hemopet
11330 Markon Dr.
Garden Grove, CA 92841"
The Whole Dog Journal- Dec 2005

RSPWDC Annual Supported Entry 2006

Friday, March 3 Results

Judge: Miss Joan E. Luna

WB Questar's Vortex, Owned by:
Clayton Churchill

WD & BOW: Questar's Rising Star Of Orion, Owned by: Sharon Gasho

BOS: CH Legado Indomado Iara Karma, Owned by: Janis Watts and Kathleen Rapp & James Brannan

BOB: CH Del Sur's Makin All The Right Moves, Owned by:
Lana Woodburn & Chay Woodburn

Sweepstakes Saturday, March 4 Results

Puppy and Veteran

Judge: Mrs. Christie Smith

Puppy

Best In Sweeps: Legado Morena Com Melena, Owned by: JanisWatts

Best Opposite: Del Surs Scylia New Years Fireworks, Owned by: Leila Vale

Veteran

Best Veteran In Sweeps: Tradewind's Lunar Eclipse (5/27/1997), Owned by: Sue Zgol & Mike Ihrig

Best Opposite Veteran: Piedelai Giro-sol de Legado, (6/2/1995), Owned by: Janis Watts

Note: Both Veteran winners had Double Qs in agility this same day!

Regular Classes

Judge: Dr. Roger S Pritchard

WD: Planalto Drako Vom Sonnenhof, Owned by:
Geizela Liden and Karen Berggren

WB & BOW: Keepsake's Reese Lightning, Owned by:
Barbara Floch and Shari Robinson

BOS: CH Armada Lady Igraine Helm's Alee, Owned by:
J'Nevelyn Martin and Joanne Forsythe

BOB: CH Del Sur's Makin All The Right Moves, Owned by:
Lana Woodburn & Chay Woodburn

RSPWDC Supported Entry Performance Events Saturday, March 4

High in Agility Trial

"Yeager" CH Tradewind's Lunar Eclipse, MXJ, MX, Owned by:
Sue Zgol & Mike Ihrig

High in Trial Obedience

"Sarah" Legado Faladora de Fenix, CD, OA, OAJ, Owned by:
Jan Shirreffs & Pam Barnett

Sunday, March 5 Results

Judge: Mr. George E Marquis

WD: Pinehaven Legend Of Zorro, Owned by:
Mary Ellen and David Kinnaman

WB & BOW: Sete Mare Savana D'Alto Mare, Owned by:
Lorraine Carver

BOS: CH Odyseas Sea of Love, Owned by:
Martha J Thomas and Mary Oldham

BOB: CH Del Sur's Makin All The Right Moves, Owned by:
Lana Woodburn & Chay Woodburn

Monday, March 6 Results

Judge: Mrs. Christina Hubbell

WD: Aviators Full Steam Ahead, Owned by:
Cathy Dugan & C&A Mettler

WB & BOW: Keepsake's Reese Lightning, Owned by:
Barbara Floch & Shari Robinson

BOS: CH Driftwoods Venus At Fish-bay, Owned by: Linda Adams

BOB: CH Del Sur's Makin All The Right Moves, Owned by:
Lana Woodburn & Chay Woodburn

Newsletter Columnists Needed!

The Salty Dog Dispatch is looking for reporters for our newsletter columns. The newsletter will be produced quarterly, October, January, April, July. Columns do not have to be lengthy... just fun, informative, interesting. New members, this is a great way to get involved. If you are interested please contact:

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Websites Of Interest

American Kennel Club
www.akc.org

Phoenix Field and Obedience Club
www.pfoc.org

Portuguese Water Dog Club of America
www.pwdca.org

Arizona Dog Clubs
www.azdogs.com

Jumping Chollas Agility Club
www.jumpingchollas.com

Stephen Huneck's Dog Chapel
www.dogchapel.com

Jack Onofrio Dog Shows
www.onofrio.com

Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows
www.jbradshaw.com

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