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A Fond Farewell to Wine Country

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President's Message



Submitted by Helen Howard

I must begin my President's Message by saying an enormous "Thank You" to all of you, our friends, for your outpouring of affection and concern via phone calls, cards, emails. Since I am not on Facebook Deborah kept Dave and I updated on those supportive comments also. I'm not sure there are words to express adequate appreciation and how supported and loved we felt during Dave's recent and unexpected health crisis. Dave is doing very well, in no small part, as a result of all those prayers and positive thoughts offered in our behalf from individuals and their prayer groups all over the world—here in the US, Canada, Finland, Australia, Great Britain...on and on and on. We are very blessed to have such friends. To say we felt loved is an understatement and the support it provided gave us great strength during that rather stressful time. Thank you to one and all for your help. It meant and continues to mean so much. The last 2 months have just flown by and my Message is going to be a short one.

September/October 2013

A reminder to you all, that Lynn Musgrave, our Recording Secretary, posts the agenda on the Rattails List for the IWSCA Monthly Board meetings, as soon as possible, prior to our meeting. Please take a minute to review the agenda and always feel free to comment about the agenda items to any Board member for inclusion into the meeting. The Minutes of the IWSCA Board meetings are prepared in a very timely manner, by Lynn, subsequently approved by the Board and then published on our Yahoo list in files section. She posts the minutes to the Rattail's list to allow everyone to see them once approved. All Minutes are published in our Newsletter bi-monthly. We hope that this system of communication is keeping all of you feel informed and involved in the activities of the club and the actions taken by your Board.

Recently, the Board has spent some time assisting with, shall we say, "Differences of opinion." In the process of assisting in these situations, we've developed an increased awareness of a potential preventative action which I would like to offer as a suggestion.

Communications is an important part of almost all misunderstandings, disagreements and differences. If you find yourself having questions about what an individual means in a statement, or finding yourself displeased with some person's actions, please don't limit your inquiry to email. In fact, I would encourage you all to remember that telephonic communications is often highly superior to the typed word. The spoken word can be clearer and can be concise. Both parties can hear voice inflections, kindness can be interpreted and laughter shared when speaking to someone. Let's just add that it offers a better chance of resolution without the additional baggage of potential misinterpretation. Email is often terse, always with no emotion and actually very very impersonal. We all share our concerns about our brown curlies and in order to work together better on their behalf, we need to work on remaining friendly with one another. I encourage you all to think about calling one another and rely less on email to communicate and not to consider email as your "main" method of remaining in touch. Remember the ad which was referring to telephones when they said "Reach out and touch someone"?

I wanted to give just a quick but heartfelt acknowledgement. IWSCA members have had some awesome parties and very nice sized show circuits of late!! We've had 2 important Regional Specialty weekends—Salem, Virginia with Karen and Rick Mulkearn and the Mid-Atlantic friends hosting. Just last week, the Irish Water Spaniel Club of Puget Sound with Walter Kilmer and the IWSCOPS membership hosting their Regional Specialty at the home of Jack and Colleen McDaniel, and 2

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more shows with Supported Entries and concurrent specialty. There is a very special fundraising IWSCA agility weekend being hosted this Labor Day weekend by a hard working group of members, Deb and Joe Nezgoda, Suzanne Hogan and their crew from all over, managing an amazing 650 agility runs! Woot Woot Woot!

We are very lucky to have groups of volunteers who not only know how, but are willing, to run these events which attendees enjoy so much. This is in no way meant to adequately express the appreciation of us and to thank everyone for all the months of hard work and organizing activities, but...Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To all involved, from us all!

Other volunteers have also been busy on another front in one of the most important responsibilities we have as an AKC club. Jim Rubin in PA and Colleen McDaniel in WA have organized and presented two Judges' Education presentations. This always involves other volunteers of the 4 legged kind in order to allow the judges to put together in their mind what they have read by

actually getting the opportunity of putting their hands on some IWS. This is a vitally important part of the process and the judges LOVE this aspect of their learning. Of course, to accomplish this end, many owners also volunteer to make a trip with their dog to have them present for the judges to see. Judge's Education presentations are often hosted and organized by Judge's Education Organizations who request IWSCA to provide presenters and dogs for their events. They don't always ask us if the timing is convenient for us. So often the invitation for us to take our dogs is at the last minute and also may mean a separate trip not associated with a dog show. We always plan a JE presentation for our National and we may be asking any Supported Entry or Regional Specialty to routinely include a JE presentation in order to insure having hands on experience more easily doable. We sincerely appreciate everyone who goes the extra miles, change their schedules, and are willing to allow us to use your dog for the judges to examine and ask questions about. We couldn't do this without you.

If you are reading this and haven't become involved in helping with any of these types of events, you have truly missed out on what it means to be a part of this community. Our membership overall are some very special and dedicated folks. Besides, IWSCA Needs YOU so please feel free to stand up and come out to help. Contact any Board member or Regional Representative to volunteer. Everyone's participation is appreciated.

Fall is upon us and hunting season is coming up. Please let your Regional Representatives know about your fun activities, your test events and the stories which always come from having your friends out in the field or in the various activities in which you participate. Those stories will find their way into Area Reports and keep us all entertained and educated.

I am looking forward to hearing all of them along with some fantastic pictures to go along with them.

Helen Howard, President

2014 Nominating Committee/Recording Secretary's Report

The Board would like to thank the ten IWSCA members who stepped forward to volunteer to be appointed to the 2014 Nominating Committee.

The five members elected by the Board in its entirety, all with votes representing the majority of the Board, representing four different regions, are:

Bethany Urban (NW)

Rick Mulkearn (Mid Atlantic)

Joe Nezgoda (Midwest)

Evie VanUden (NE)

Susan Sarracino (Midwest)

The Board will be naming a chair of the committee within a couple days. Jeremy Kezer (First VP per our C&BL) will liaise with the Committee, which will forward the slate to me (as Recording Secretary) no later than December 31.

As a side note, the AKC has approved electronic balloting by approved firms for their clubs' annual elections (and other formerly "hard copy voting") in states in which this form of voting is allowed. I will be seeking a definitive answer from the Illinois Secretary of State, but the state does not allow

electronic balloting in its local/state/national elections; and unless they have made an exception for corporations, that avenue will not be available to us this year.

Again, thanks to all those who volunteered their time and talents for the Committee. This was the maiden voyage of the new Nominating Committee clause in our By-laws, and it proved to be very successful as a result of the ten volunteers.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Musgrave, Recording Secretary*

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Membership

*J*s open to all who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and subscribe to the purposes of the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America. Please submit completed application form to the Membership Chair with dues payment for the current year.

Dues: Checks payable to IWSCA (payable in U.S. funds)

Individual membership \$25 – Household membership \$40

Overseas: Same as above but please include additional \$20 to cover international shipping surcharges

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Submitted by Greg Johnson

Please welcome new members to the IWSCA

*J*n the July/August Rat Tails we welcomed new members during the months of April thru July.

Unfortunately, due to a clerical error on my part, I did not include the new members elected during the first three months of 2013. My apologies and please welcome the following new IWSCA members:

January 1 to March 31 2013

Michelle Gihring	Peoria, Illinois
Gretchen Post	Seminole, Florida
Laurel Reeves	Milltown, Wisconsin
Stuart Wilkie	Guilford, Connecticut
Alon and Helen Jaffe	Alexandria, Virginia
Paul and Brenda Breen	Middle Village, New York
Susan and Douglas Underland	Owatonna, Minnesota
Cathy Pote	Oakville Ontario Canada

Joseph and Wendy McCluskey

Lockhaven,

Pennsylvania

Don Schindelholz

Chardon, Ohio

Sharon Fleming

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Laurel Jacobs

Gurnee, Illinois

August 2013

Drs Mark and Marsha Findlay

Ringgold, Georgia

*****If I have missed anyone, please contact me at the email or phone listed above*****

I would like to remind everyone that membership renewal notices will be mailed to you in early November. Please watch for it in your mail box. It will have a new look and new information so please read and fill it out completely.

Thank you.



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Club Objectives

The IWSCA is organized and operated exclusively for the charitable, humane treatment of animals, support of scientific study and research and educational purposes within the meanings of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The specific objectives shall be:

1. To promote the public's knowledge and appreciation of dogs in general and Irish Water Spaniels in particular;
2. To produce, publish, and distribute to the general public educational materials about the proper care, treatment, breeding, health, development and training of Irish Water Spaniels;
3. To support and promote study and research on the history, character,

breeding, genetics and particular health problems of the Irish Water Spaniel;

4. To establish a National Data Base of resource materials about the Irish Water Spaniel;
5. To further understanding of the disease, defects, injuries and other ailments that afflict dogs in general and Irish Water Spaniels in particular;
6. To acknowledge and advance the critical role of an AKC recognized Parent Club in providing education, health research and support of rescue for the benefit of the general public, purebred dogs and Irish Water Spaniels in particular;
7. To conduct activities including sporting events, sanctioned matches, specialty shows, hunt and working certificate tests, obedience, agility

and tracking trials, and other such activities and events as may be held under the rules of the American Kennel Club, in furtherance of the above purposes;

8. To otherwise preserve and protect the Irish Water Spaniel and to do all things possible to bring its natural qualities to light, including promoting regional activities and the establishment of local clubs and/or interest/study groups;
9. To urge members and breeders to abide by the AKC's Code of Good Sportsmanship and accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the Irish Water Spaniels shall be judged.

August Board Meeting via Teleconference

Submitted by Lynn Musgrave
Recording Secretary

Minutes
Tuesday, August 13 8:00 PM EDT

alled to Order by President
Helen Howard at 8:08 EDT

Helen, Jeremy, Sandy, Linda, Lynn,
Jack, Greg, Emily (joined late)

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting
previously approved

Reports of Secretaries

- a. Emily Pikul, Corresponding (and Previous) Secretary
- b. Lynn Musgrave, Recording Secretary
 1. Meet the Breeds Guide—Board declined to purchase \$250 page at advice of Marilyn Cantrell, PR Chair
 2. Canine Chronicle Request for top winning IWS
 3. 501(c)(3) Paperwork for 2014 was submitted by Jim Rubin to appropriate Utah officials
 4. WA State Registration for Charitable Organizations paperwork was sent to Sandy for signature and fee July 18 by Jim Rubin. Discussion regarding necessity of proper filing for the 501(c)(3) and whether it is necessary to file unless fundraising is involved. Board resolved to invite Jim to a future meeting or special conference call.
 5. AKC Tracking Dog Newsletter with Info regarding Tracking Dog Urban test beginning in January 2014
 6. Release of catalogs per AKC

Report of Treasurer Sandy Ascot

Largely caught up with 2013 specialty except WC/X. Profit approximately \$5-\$6K (pending accounting for room rental and A/V charges charged to assorted committees. Hotel bill was per day rather than itemized so it's hard to break it out for accounting purposes. Helen suggested directly contacting hotel/banquet coordinators to get breakdowns. Helen moved to write a note of thank you to the 2013 specialty. Unanimously carried.

Reports of Committees (per Board liaisons to the committees)

Emily:

AKC Gazette—Jill Brennan reports they are ahead of schedule in terms of having articles written.

Merchandise—nothing as of right now, although if anyone would like to start throwing ideas out there as to what they think should be IWSCA merchandise, please email me.

Newsletter—Since Mark Mougel/Bear has taken charge of the layout, a few things have been inadvertently omitted. Jeremy also recommended adding Calendar of events regularly. Discussion regarding proofreading of final layout with Mark Mougel as well as boilerplate info that should appear on every issue including the Board list and list of current committee chairs.

Awards—(Greg will be liaising in the future) Nothing to report. Tim intends to start committee discussion on HOF, in the near future. Greg Siner wishes to sponsor a Breeders Trophy—Helen will get more details.

Linda:

Legislative/Archives: No Report

Rescue—A much quieter month. The dog at Colleen's (Donavan) is in his new home in NH, friends of Kim & Jeremy's. However, there is some concern about the financial expectations via Rescue and the breeder. Linda will follow up with Tara regarding rescue policy.

Outreach/Public Education—After sending an email out to lists asking if anyone could attend the event at the Javits Center, Marilyn Cantrell, Chair, received only responses from several who were going to the Wine Country shows, the same weekend as Javits. Final decision is to NOT have IWS at Javits; no one available.

Jeremy:

(BEC report from Mindy Garbarino, Chair shared earlier and in the Files Section.)

Conversation regarding what the BEC is doing—Jack opined that the committee is not fulfilling its role in education. Lynn cited the seminars in 2011 and 2013 which were educational and noted that the Board has not supplied any specific direction. Helen suggested Jeremy ask Mindy for regular educational articles in the newsletters. Sandy suggested puppy rearing instructions as an example.

2014 Specialty—They have a sweeps judge and are still searching for a conformation judge. They are in discussions with a host hotel and Holly and I have been talking about estimating the demand for rooms.

2015 Specialty—We have a sweeps judge. We have reached out to our first choice for a conformation judge and are waiting to hear back.

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2016 Specialty—Still waiting for an update.

CoE—No status update, everybody's been very busy!

Lynn:

JEC—Some communication/responsibility issues. Request for single chair. Lynn, Deborah and Colleen will, at Helen's suggestion, schedule a conference call to resolve the issue.

H&G—Nothing specific to report though Laurel is following a number of studies. She will be reporting to the Board on one of them soon.

NIH—The sequester drags on though they are continuing research as staffing allows.

Greg:

Needed clarification of his liaison responsibilities (Helen provided them 8/11 but Greg appears to have missed them)

New Members—Greg is researching a new database to fold in members and payment records. Sandy has concern about importing into Excel—she was reassured that it would. Sandy mentioned a new member who was concerned his name had not appeared in the newsletter. That appears to have fallen through the cracks during the changeover between Jeremy and Greg—but he is on the mailing list and is a current member.

Website—Greg will coordinate with new webmistress Sally Lewis. Helen recommended inviting her to next Board meeting, but we decided to wait a bit until Greg and Sally have had the chance to get up to speed.

PayPal Account—Needs a firm

deadline to be up and running—currently only Membership renewals and donations are available and only through Jeremy's PayPal account. Greg recommends October 1 and that was agreed to. (See unfinished business.) Board agreed to setting up a conference call among Greg, Jeremy, Sandy and Emily regarding PayPal payments into various accounts (membership, merchandise, etc).

Unfinished Business

- a. Investing club funds—any communication from club members?
No concerns addressed
- b. SE Rep replacement—Helen has contacted Brenda Bauerlein.
- c. Revised Job Descriptions or Regional Reps Helen has contacted the reps with the new descriptions. The Board agreed to add strong encouragement for offering judges' ed. as well as encouraging chairs/hosts of supported entries/regional specialties to report regularly to regional reps.
- d. Pay Pal Account—The desire is to have it available for more than Membership renewals and donations (see above). Discussion of obtaining square reader for point of sale (merchandise/auctions at nationals, etc). Jeremy, Jack will research.
- e. Quickbooks conversion—establishing a deadline was discussed. Sandy, Jack, and Shona continue to work on it. Shona has agreed to a deadline of September 30.
- f. Newsletter layout (also see above).

Election of New Members

Drs. Mark and Marsha Findlay—unanimously approved

New Business

- a. **Board Communications with Committees and vice versa**—Agreed to touch base with each committee chair to review what they perceive to be their directive. We will review that next month and draft current directives.
- b. **Membership Renewal Forms**—Greg would like to redesign them and will share his design with the Board. Sandy shared concern regarding surtax on credit card charges. Will check into legality. Fees vary from card to card. Greg will follow up as his employer is a 501(c)(3)
- c. **Elections**—The Board must name a nominating committee no later than September 15 (the solicitation for volunteers was inadvertently omitted from the newsletter but Lynn has made two solicitations on RattailsOnly). We have four volunteers to date. Lynn will make another solicitation next week and include a deadline for submissions. The Board will discuss the volunteers available on the Board list and name the committee by September 15.
- d. **JEC** (see above)
- e. **Jack's AKC Delegate report**—attending the September meeting and getting up to speed as AKC Delegate.
Unanimously agreed to reschedule September meeting to **Tuesday, September 17**. Jack moved to adjourn. Carried unanimously. Helen thanked the Board for a long but productive meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:23 EDT

BEC Update

*Submitted by Mindy Garbarino,
Chairman*

The Breeders' Education Committee is committed to the future of the Irish Water Spaniel. It exists to inform and educate IWSCA breeders on issues of health, genetics and breeding practices designed to promote the ongoing health and welfare of the Irish Water Spaniel. The ultimate goal of a responsible breeder is to breed physically and temperamentally sound Irish Water Spaniels, which conform to the Standard in type, temperament, and function.

Dear Members of the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America,

Following is an update and status report of the Breeders' Education Committee's activities over the first half of 2013.

Genetics Seminar

The BEC together with H&G organized and funded the Genetics Seminar given by Dr. Jerold Bell at the 2013 Specialty. This was a first (and definitely not a last) such endeavor of its kind to my knowledge, and was a huge success based on the feedback I've received from many of those that attended. The slide show and notes from the seminar are available via the

club's website.

Puppy Packet

The Puppy Packet went live on the IWSCA website. Originally this endeavor was to be a compilation of information that Breeders could pick and choose from to give to their puppy buyers. However, it has since morphed and expanded to cover a much broader audience. We envision it as becoming an IWS "Library". The goal is to continually add to, and update the information available. Currently we have documents covering:

- Basic Breed Information
- Health
- Vaccine Protocols
- Nutrition
- Grooming
- Training Tips

An unforeseen use and benefit of the Puppy Packet is that it is being visited by the general public that are interested in and researching our breed. I have already received several e-mails from people who happened upon the site and were so appreciative of the information contained on the Puppy Packet webpage.

Triathlete Challenge

The BEC is in the process of discussing and developing a Triathlete Challenge. The goal of the challenge is to encourage participation at our National Specialties. The premise is simple. A person and their dog enter 3 events over the course of the Specialty (eligible events will be specified based on events being offered at that particular Specialty). The team (handler and dog) need not win the event, they just need to participate. For each event they participate in they will get a "participation ribbon." Once they earn 3 ribbons, they have met the challenge and will receive a prize. We feel this will particularly appeal to first time specialty attendees, pet owners people who might not otherwise enter a competitive activity. The beauty of this is there's no pressure of winning. You are not being judged against other competitors; no pressure and no intimidation. Any costs associated with this challenge, as well as manpower will be handled by the BEC so there will be no added work to the Specialty Committee.

ALERT! Dogs Can Get The Flu

Here are links to two articles about how dogs can get the flu, what symptoms to look for and how to get the help you need if one of your dogs has a problem. Be on watch for the symptoms of vomiting, bloody diarrhea, weight loss and lethargy, and to contact your vet right away. Canine flu can be fatal.

<http://www.wjla.com/articles/2013/08/montgomery-county-dog-flu-claims-two-dogs-93143.html>
<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2013/09/10/state-probes-mysterious-dog-illness-killing-pets.html>

The Donovan Story: A Sad Tail With A Happy Ending

By Tara Darling, Lead Contact
IWSCA Rescue Team

I have been the lead contact for the Rescue Team only since March of this year. In that time, the team had only one other rescue. Prior to becoming Lead Contact for Rescue, I had worked very closely with Susanne Hogan for more than three years and had coordinated four rescues during that time. This, by far, was my most difficult rescue to date, for two reasons. First the dog was older, at least 7, and secondly, he had been mistreated.

Dateline:

Late April, Boise, Idaho –

A neutered male Irish Water Spaniel, who had been staked out in a yard for the past three years, is taken away by animal control. The owners had informed animal control that the dog was 7 years old and that his name was Donovan. He was placed in a kill shelter.

He appeared on the “Rescue Me” Website. Thanks to many alert, caring IWS members, the IWSCA Rescue Team was alerted. Rescue called the shelter to advise them that the IWSCA has an established rescue program. Once it was determined that the dog really was an IWS, the shelter was advised that the IWSCA would take the dog, so that he would not be euthanized. Rescue then set out to get him picked up from the shelter. Via the IWSCA Breeders email list, we reached out to our breeders, but no one had a 7 year old litter or dog in that area.

Late May

Because there were no members

After many years of neglect, the dog needed retraining, grooming and a thorough medical assessment before he could be considered a candidate for placement.

located in the shelter area and based on information that the dogs temperament was questionable, Rescue asked Colleen McDaniel if she could pick the dog up and evaluate him. She graciously stepped up, retrieved him from the shelter, evaluated him and enrolled him in her Academy for Canine Behavior. After many years of neglect, the dog needed retraining, grooming and a thorough medical assessment before he could be considered a candidate for placement. Colleen assigned one of her staff Becca Graham to lead the case. Although a possible breeder was contacted, her litter would have been 10 at this time and all those in direct contact with the dog, were convinced that the dog was only 7 years old and initially no microchip could be found. As evidenced by this photo of the dog, the absence of grey hair on his muzzle led everyone to believe that he was only 7 years old, as reported by the owner at the time he was seized.

Early June

Donovan’s progress was incredible and in less than one month, Colleen notified Rescue that she felt the dog could be placed in an appropriate home. Because none of those on the West Coast rescue waiting list wanted a dog as old Donovan, Rescue began the search for a new, forever home for him. At this same time, extensive research indicated that the microchip was 10 years old, but that still did not prove

conclusively, that this handsome boy was that old.

Rescue sent out an email to the various yahoo IWS group lists, but unfortunately no one on the West Coast expressed an interest in adopting Donovan. During this same time, the East Coast was under a heat wave so Rescue could not fly him across country. The poor old boy still needed a home. Colleen again stepped up and put him on her AOCB website, and took him to a rescue fair.

Late June through July

As the summer progressed, neither Colleen nor Rescue had been able to find a home for this poor boy, so Rescue cast a wider net from coast to coast but again to no avail. It seemed no one was interested in this poor boy. For a third time, as Rescue Chair, I put out a yahoo



blast this time with success. Jeremy Kezer contacted me and said that he had friends John & Megan Fratiello who were willing to give Donovan a home. The timing couldn't have been better; the heat wave had broken and Rescue was able to fly him to New England.

Early August

Jeremy agreed to help mentor Donovan's new owners and went above and beyond by going to the airport with them to pick him up. Poor Donovan continued to have the odds go against him. Even the flight from Washington to Massachusetts didn't go smoothly. One delayed flight caused him to miss a connecting flight and he was hours late arriving in Boston, on August 9th, to begin his new life.

Early September

Everyone was on pins and needles hoping that all would work out. Often dogs that have been abused experience difficulty bonding with their new owners. In this case, our worries were for naught. In follow up conversations with the new owners, John reported that Donovan followed them everywhere and even cuddled in bed with them. This brought tears to my eyes. The only problem the new owners reported having with Donovan, was that he wanted to be in the crate when they were not home. Not having had an IWS prior to this, little did they know that this was a blessing not really a problem. The training Donovan received, while at Colleen's training facility, was incredible. Donovan is now able to go places with Megan and John and enjoys

going into town and the local parks and even goes kayaking with them.

The entire Rescue team cannot thank Colleen McDaniel enough for all the hard work, time, effort and money she put into this rescue. Without her this might not have ended so well. She is a true gem and a huge asset to our club.

So as you see this sad tail has a happy ending. Thanks to Megan and John Fratiello, Donovan now has a new loving home where he can live out the sunset years of his life!

Note: We look forward to hearing more about Donovan's new life and his adventures with his new owners. We hope they will join one of the IWS e-lists or send periodic updates through Jeremy & Kim Kezer.

Donovan with His New Family



Bianca, Won't You Please Come Home?

By Marian Mcleod

Non-fiction

Copyright July 31, 2013

On *ne* dark and rainy night in late July Bianca ran away. She must have snuck out the back door when no one was looking. At the same time there was a knock at the front door. When opened, in charged an overweight, arrogant Queen Victoria. She was carrying a heavy load and without a word she marched into the house and found the Royal Nursery. Yes, her appearance transformed everything into a sovereign state. Once into the Nursery she dropped the load which consisted of 8 squirming Princes and Princesses like brown worms. After putting them in the Royal Bassinet, she got in beside them and began to feed

Both servants were put on 24 hour call and are now are at the Queen's beck and call to deliver untold amounts of gourmet delicacies.

the hungry rascals who were very demanding of sustenance. It became very obvious at that point that the Queen had taken over and what had been a house was now "THE" Castle complete with royalty and servants.

She proceeded to lick and kiss the frightful creatures who squealed and swam in the Royal Bassinet. Creating such a hub-bub drew the attention of all in the Castle and particularly drew the interest of the two Ladies in Waiting who hovered around the entrance to the RN. Their attempts to gain admittance drew the attention of the Queen who immediately told them "NO ADMITTANCE." This only increased the curiosity of the two young ladies. Consumed with curiosity, Lady

Catherine (Kate) finally got up the nerve to peek in and see what was going on in the RN that kept the Castle staff running in and out so often. The Royal Chamber definitely became off limits temporarily and only the kitchen maid and chamber maid were allowed in. Both servants were put on 24 hour call and are now are at the Queen's beck and call to deliver untold amounts of gourmet delicacies. The Queen dines only in the Royal Bassinet. Dinner is NEVER eaten with the lesser peagee. All food must be delivered to her by hand. Often Her Royal Highness feels the service is not to her liking and rejects the bowls and Limoges plates in favor of the maid's fingers or the palm of her hand. A rare dish may be set on





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the pig-rail for the Queen’s convenience. This lady Monarch is setting up rules and regulations and forcing a new way of life on all her subjects! Her imperious ways are trying. Her Royal look of disdain sends the chamber maid scurrying back to the kitchen to scramble two more eggs but this time adding 2 cups of chicken broth instead of 1. In order to satisfy the Sovereign’s appetite which has switched from small to huge, the Royal Larder has expanded to two levels of the Castle. Day and night are insignificant as to food service and dreaming up new Royal Cuisine. The Royal Chef was instructed by Her Royal Highness that Kibble is too plebeian for a Queen. She demands

inventive and creative food for she is feeding future royalty.

Her Royal Highness not only must smell all food stuffs before consumption but must arrange in proper order. This is accomplished using the Queen’s nose. All edibles must be laid out on the floor and rearranged by pushing bowls around and around then turning them over. This Food Prep is essential to her Highness’s dining. Fortunately the Ladies in Waiting like to observe this trick in cuisine management and are pleased to help in any clean up.

Queen Victoria’s imperious mannerisms and intolerance are very difficult for the subjects to endure.

Some of the Queen’s most favorite meals are:

- One quart of Greek Yogurt with chicken broth and cooked carrot topping.
- Boiled chicken with cottage cheese crust.
- Canned puppy food with a yogurt sauce and string cheese.
- Salami and Swanson’s chicken broth with broccoli ala mode.
- Liver sausage and broccoli meatballs.



IWSCA All Breed Agility Trial

By Deb Nezgoda

Well the All Breed agility trial in Manhattan, Illinois on August 31, September 1&2 was a great success. We had approximately 642 runs in 3 days. The weather sort of held out. We had some rain on Friday but our wonderful workers kept things going. We had big winds at first so the EasyUps had to be taken down. No sooner did they all come down and the rains set in. We used umbrellas and anything else we could get our hands on to cover score sheet. The tables were flooded and chairs as well. The people were laughing and trying to do the best they could to keep the show progressing. Score sheets were still readable but pens really don't like to work on wet paper. We finished the class we were on and the rains stopped. We ran around with dry towels that I had thrown in the van and proceeded to wipe tables, chairs,

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equipment and people off. The dogs were having a great time running in the rain and wind. The day was supposed to have High 90's temps so we were thrilled to have rain instead.

On Saturday it was going to be hot around 90. Joe packed the van with hand towels. He had a 2 gallon pump sprayer and a cooler loaded with ice and water. The morning was so foggy that we missed 2 turns driving that I thought I could do with my eyes closed. So much for that. The fog lifted as the first dogs went to the start line. Joe brought out his arsenal of humidity and warm weather fighters. He took cold hand towels out to the bar setter. He would run around and collect them when he thought they needed a recooling in the

cooler with Ice and water. Then he would run around with his pump sprayer and spray the crowd especially the teams that were getting ready to run. He somehow made heat and humidity a fun thing. I can't count the number of people who said they have never been to such a great trial. In the afternoon we broke out a cooler with ice cream and popsicles for all. Many people were sharing with their canine partners. You could go back for all the cold treats you needed.

Today was a wonderful day. The front had come in and the 90's turned to 70's. No rain but clouds came in about noon giving a slight chill to the breeze. The dogs were a bit sniffy

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because the rain had brought up some great smells from the ground.

I can't say enough about our workers. Everyone had such a great time laughing and talking about some of the silly things the dogs were doing on our very user friendly courses. Because of some very swift wheeling and dealing in Michigan we were able to give pedicure dremels to our workers for just a few bucks. I think every worker came up to me personally to thank the club for the gift and a wonderful trial. They are trying to think of a way to keep Joe around for his sense of humor and his antics with cooling devices. He actually got a round of applause at the judges briefing. I hate to tell them, but he will only do this for IWSCA

My Show Committee of Pat Morton, Nancy Bogusch, Steve Churchill,

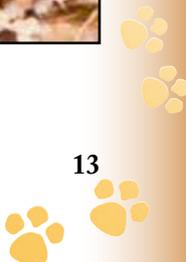
Susanne Hogan, and Joe Nezgoda were phenomenal!!!!!! They were wonderful with the people and great ambassadors of our club. They worked harder than anyone setting courses in the morning, working and filling in when workers were needed. They set coordinates to get ready for the next day's courses and they helped with the cleanup and tear down at the end of the day. They were also there in case of a problem. Fortunately, there were no problems and just smiling faces and very happy dogs. Without these wonderful committee members we would not be allowed to hold this trial. I thank them from the bottom of my heart.

As far as doggies running, Nancy's Lily had a 1st place in Novice Std, Pat's poodle had a 1st place in T2B and picked up a Ex std leg. Ba-Rock had a

1st place in T2B and another 1st place in Fast. Fizz who hasn't seen an agility ring in 5 years, took a placement in FAST, T2B, and Ex JWW. I can't express what a privilege it was to show my Fizzy again. She is no longer fearful and now has an attitude. She screamed at me on each very exciting run. Contacts weren't important to her or me, we just wanted to be together in that ring one more time.

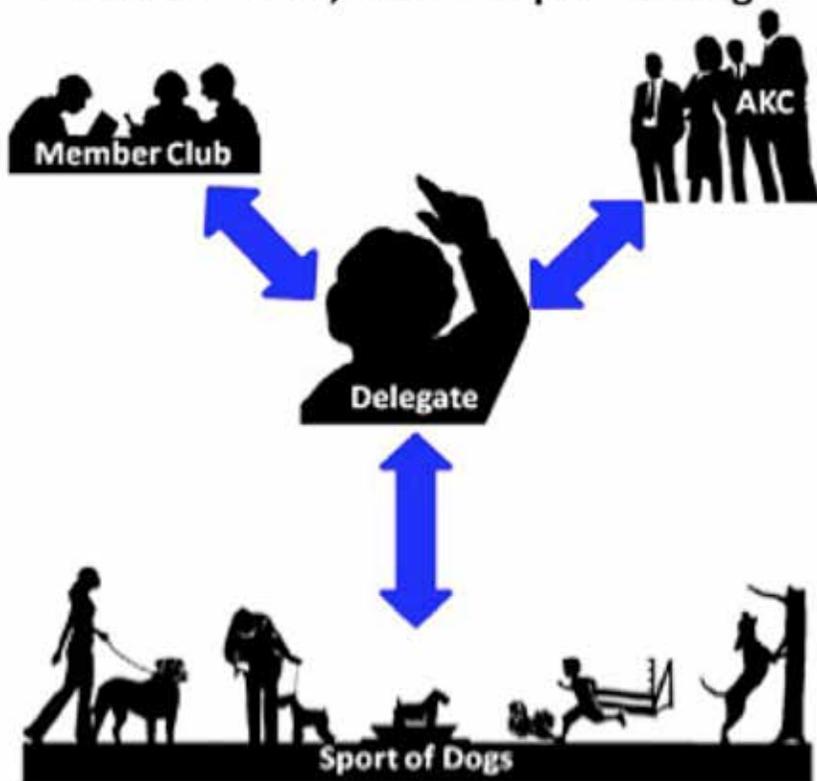
I do not have the financial report at this time but we will profit. We had about 100 less runs this year and that will cut the profit a bit.

Please consider coming out next year and see how we have a blast in Manhattan, Illinois over the Labor Day weekend.



Delegate's Report for September

Delegate Influence on the AKC, Member Clubs, and the Sport of Dogs



Submitted by Jack McDaniel, IWSCA Delegate

As I was preparing for my first Delegate meeting, I realized that many of our members are unclear of the role a Delegate plays. This diagram shows the structure we have and the relationship we have with the AKC, the IWSCA Board and members. In effect we are the liaisons.

What are the unique powers of a Delegate?

- Approves Rules governing dog shows and field trials
- Approves amendments to the AKC Bylaws
- Nominates and elects Delegates to serve on the AKC Board of Directors & Delegate Standing Committees
- Approves new member clubs

- Votes to uphold or overrule an AKC Board decision to disapprove a Delegate candidate or to remove a seated Delegate
- Only a Delegate may serve on the AKC Board
- Votes to discipline, and even to expel, a Member Club

How do they exercise these powers?

- Attends and votes at quarterly Delegate Meetings
- Attends and/or Participates with Delegate Standing Committees
- Brings Member Club's proposals to the Delegates and/or

Delegate Standing Committees

- A Member Club, through its Delegate, may propose amendments to the AKC Bylaws or AKC Rules

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directly to the AKC Board

- Informs all members of their Member Club of Delegate actions
- Acts as ombudsman for Member Club members dealing with AKC

We currently have four meetings per year and the current schedule is for three in Newark, New Jersey and one in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with the Eukanuba Classic. The two day event is composed of committee meetings on the first day and the actual meeting where issues are voted on the second day. Since I am representing a Parent club I attend that committee meeting, which means that I wouldn't normally be able to go to another committee meeting during that time. They always have the Parent club meeting and the All-Breed meeting at different times so that all delegates can attend both meetings. The other committees meet at the same times as these two and sometimes you can get into one of them if things go right. You quickly learn that the committee meetings are where the work is done and the meeting itself is where you vote on the issues you talked about in committee. From my experience at this session, I would say the committee meetings are at least, if not more important than, the meeting.

I was assigned a Mentor that met me Sunday night and counseled me throughout the two day session.

As a new Delegate, I attended an orientation meeting on Monday morning and another orientation on

Monday night. The morning meeting was short but very helpful and the evening session had was far more in detail and several members of the AKC staff were speakers. AKC wants us educated!!! The prevailing theme was "Parent Clubs are the Foundation."

At the Parent Club committee meeting the new CGCA (Canine Good Citizens Advanced) title was announced and the details will be forthcoming. Apparently the current CGC testers will be automatically approved for testing. We spent quite a lot of time discussing the new E-Balloting that was approved for Parent Clubs. This is meant only for votes that are now required to be done by snail mail and must be done through an agency that is setup to do it. They recommend that any firm hired be able to do both the E-Ballot and the written ballots for totaling the vote. They also said to be sure and check with the Secretary of State in the state the club is incorporated about non-profit law pertaining to E-Ballots. It is different than for-profit law. They approved the publication of a combined catalog for shows even if done with more than one Superintendent and they can be released the first day of an AKC event.

The use of Facebook and other social venues was highly encouraged as it is a great way to fight the Animal Rights faction. Fight with facts not wild statements was the theme.

The All-Breed Committee meeting

didn't have as much that pertained to Parent clubs, but one thing was the establishment of a Judging Task Force that will study 1) Judges Review Committee, 2) Invitation Moratorium, 3) Analyze Judging survey, 4) Devise method for Judges performance, 5) Investigate method for new judges, 6) Monitor Judging system, 7) Develop a communication plan. There was also a long debate on the AKC Owner Handler Series.

At the Coordinating Committee meeting we learned that the Eukanuba show will not be televised this year but they will have live streaming on the internet. This was met with some rather sharp comments disagreeing with the decision. The biggest surprise was the announcement that the PCA (Parent Club Award) that has been discussed is going to be changed to a totally different concept and that it will not be an award as first presented. They will have the final draft out at the meeting in December. The Canine Health Committee stated that the conference held in August was a great success (I believe Laurel Baglia attended this). The By-Law Committee is working on a change that would allow almost anyone to become a Delegate, including judges that charge and professional handlers. This proves to be a major fight in the future.

I attended the Legislative Committee meeting at 7:30 AM. The main discussion was on the APHIS-USDA

legislation that was actually concluded that afternoon. We will all need to take a hard look at the ramification of this new law. The main theme was get involved, meet your legislators, contribute to PAC legislative fund, identify the proper staff at the legislature. Some are far more influential in advising the legislators they work for. Also subscribe to the AKC Online Newsletter "Taking Command."

At the General Meeting the biggest news was the renaming of CAR (Companion Animal Recovery) to AKC Reunite, the way home for lost pets. Many people (including me) have had trouble remembering what CAR was. This is a huge improvement and will be highly used with the introduction of the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Fund and the push for AKC clubs to get involved in the new disaster trailer program. I will be forwarding more information on this shortly.

Overall I would say the Delegate Committee is gaining ground in making changes in the AKC. It is being run less and less by the "good old boys" and members are standing up and letting the AKC know how they feel.

Please feel comfortable to contact me about any issue you have concerning the AKC and I will do my best to represent you.

R E G I O N A L R E P O R T S N O R T H E A S T

Submitted by Jeremy Kezer

*H*ello from the Northeast! There is now a bite in the air signaling that fall and winter are not far off. By the time you read this the last Wine Country cluster at Samson State Park will be over, but right now there is lots of excitement as we look forward to the supported entry and what promises to be a very fun weekend.

I will be helping Laurel write the NE column, so please send your brags and stories to me. I know this issue's column is a bit light and if you have any recent news, send them along and we'll publish them retroactively.

Natalie Weissman had quite a bit of news to report. Joshua (Castlehill's Fynders Joshua CGC RLP RLI RN BN) went Winner's Dog and BOS at the Westchester KC to earn his championship. Joshua also competed in Beginner Novice B at the Schooley's Mountain KC on 9/2/2013 and scored a 3rd



Joshua Obedience

place finish with 192.5. Natalie writes "it rained the entire trial and Joshua lived up to his middle name Irish WATER Spaniel. He looked so cute soaking wet."

Natalie also reports that Juliette (ArchMaster CH. Castlehill's Opal Juliette CGC TDI TDIA TDIAOV TDIREV CD RAE RLVX CD-C) completed her 350 hours of community service at the nursing home for Therapy Dog International and has been awarded the TDIEVA Award. Natalie writes "Juliette is 9 1/2 years old and has been a great ambassador for the breed." Congratulations to Natalie, Joshua and Juliette!



Natalie and Joshua

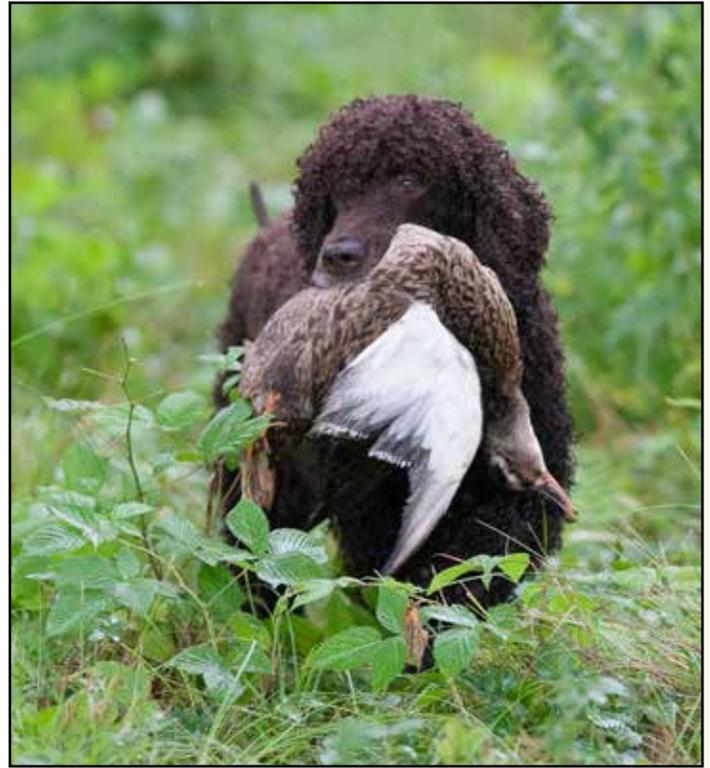
Alice Getchell is pleased to report that Kayla earned her JH title August 3rd by picking up her 4th leg at the Colonial Retriever Club hunt tests. So she is now CH SHR Mallyree Kayla A'Mhara CG JH RN. Congratulations to Alice and Kayla!



Kayla With Ribbon

Mary Su & Rich Turner are pleased to report that Oz earned his last breed point in their home state of New Jersey in early September, and is now officially CH Castlehill's Uisce Beatha from Oz.

And last, we welcomed a rescue IWS to the northeast over the summer. Donovan is an older IWS that was being fostered in Washington State. A new home was found for him in Massachusetts, and thanks to the efforts of Tara, Colleen and the rescue network, he was transported across the country. He is settling into his new home and has happily discovered swimming in the ocean!



Kayla With Duck



REGIONAL REPORTS SOUTHWEST

Submitted by Liz Liddle

*V*ery exciting news out west! Jenn Lego's "Curry", Chuckanut Cashew Curry CGC CD MX MXJ OF (Woody/Delia), has just received his invitation as of July 30th for the Agility Invitational 2013 to be held in Orlando, Florida in December. He'll be taking his "Mom" Jenn with him,

Huge congratulations to Jenn and Curry



("Curry is very serious about his mail")

From Jody Dushkes:

Kerry earned her Coursing Ability title (CA) in June. I believe she is the first IWS in California to do so. And Ria earned a leg towards her CA (while a month pregnant!). Rowdy got to run a short practice course as he wasn't a year old yet and had a blast!

On August 21, I packed 3 adult IWS and 5 6 wk old IWS pups into my Sienna mini-van and off we went up to the IWSCOPS Regional Specialty in Seattle. I got quite good at hauling the ex-pen in and out of the car every few hours and lifting pups out of the crate and in and out of the ex-pen :-). At the IWSCOPS shows, Ria, just 7 weeks post pups, earned the 3rd leg for her Beginning Novice Obedience title as well as the 2d and 3rd legs for her Rally Advanced title. Rowdy showed in Conformation, including the Bird Dog Match, and put in credible performances. The pups spent the weekend in

their ex-pen getting lots of attention (which they loved :-). Afterwards, we drove down to Florence, Oregon to spend a week with Marion McLeod. Everybody got to spend time chasing balls around the Oregon sand dunes and the adults got to visit the beach.

Results:

Redwood Empire Kennel Club Show Sept 7 & 8

Results are the same for Sat and Sun

BOB Ch Whistle Stop's My name is Jumping Jack Flash "Jack", Owner: Priscilla A Madrid, Anaheim Hills, CA 92807. Breeder: Colleen McDaniel.

SEL Ch Cats's 'N' Cavan Tristan O'Tynan "Tristan", Owner: Deborah Bilardi & Anthony Bilardi & Marion McLeod. Breeder: Marian McLeod.

WB BOS Blackthorn's Keeva Crompton, Owner: Timothy Gully & Melissa Gully & R James Rubin, Breeder: Kathy Dassel & R James Rubin.

SW Supported Entry

Date: Saturday January 25, 2014

Where: Cow Palace, 2600 Geneva Avenue, Daly City, CA 94014

Daly City is just south of San Francisco where the food and tourist activities abound!

Show Opens: October 2013 the exact date to be announced.

Closing: Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Please note the closing date is very early. After the entries close the GGKC needs time to develop a benching plan.

Host Hotel: La Quinta Inn San Francisco Airport North, 20 Airport Blvd, South San Francisco, CA 94080-6515, Phone: 1-650-583-2223, Fax: 1-650-589-6770

The hotel is very dog friendly and a restaurant is on site.

Additional Information: The GGKC shows are two days of benched shows. These shows are two of only 6 benched shows held each year. Like Westminster Kennel Club, the entered dogs have assigned spaces they are required to be at from 10:00 to 5:00 each day. The IWS will be benched together in a row, so like a Meet the Breeds event, a benched show is a great way to introduce our breed to the general public and to get to know our fellow owners and handlers. Traditionally, we have crates on the benches for the dogs to

rest in, and a table or two in the aisle for individual dogs to be out for the public to pet. The dogs are rotated so no one is on stage too long. Owners and handlers are encouraged to share their IWS stories with the public and a good time is had by everyone who attends. Unlike Westminster, GGKC encourages exhibitors to decorate their benching area. There is a judged contest and the winner gets \$100.00! Some breeds' decorations are so imaginative and over the top they make

touring the benching area a Must Do!

There will be more information as it becomes available.

We are hoping for a good entry, but even if your dogs are not entered, all IWS owners and lovers are welcome to join us. Bring pictures and stories of your IWS to share!

Sharon and Deborah

R E G I O N A L R E P O R T S M I D W E S T

Submitted by Susan Sarracino-Deihl

Things have been hopping in the Midwest for the past 4 months. I am pleased to report that Irishers in the Midwest have been successful in venues from obedience and field to agility and conformation. The summer ended with 6 new Ch's, a Group placer, a new Grand Ch, new agility titles, a new JH, AKC All Arounder and QVA. In addition, other IWS earned much needed majors, points and legs to field titles.

Obedience: On May 18 at the Oshkosh KC trial Mary Reich's Cain, Archwave Another Cain JH UDX, finished his UDX in a record number of trials. Mary reports that Cain finished his UDX more quickly than he finished his UD. Since a dog has to qualify in both Open and Utility at the same trial 10 times to earn the UDX that is admirable. In addition Cain finished his RN at the Friday Waukesha KC show.

Field: Two Irishers have competed in field. We have a new AKC All-Arounder - Ch Whistlestop's Winds of Change VCD2 UD JH OA NA, AKC All-Arounder, QVA. In addition the completion of the JH qualified him for the new QVA title. Congratulations Ba-Rock and Deb! In addition, Susan Sarracino-Deihl & Bob Deihl's Katie, Aquahores Saracen Falling Waters SHU, started her quest for the JH by earning one JH leg before she came into season. We will definitely see her in the field next spring!

Agility: I had a lovely note from Sarah Zumpf that her talented girl Harp in her first year of competing in agility earned 4 agility titles - NAS, NAJ, NF OAJ. Congratulations to a talented team, Sarah and Cuardach Music Heard Round the World.

Conformation: The summer has been very busy in the

show ring. Ruth Crocker took on the enormous task this summer to organize shows for us. This is a difficult and thankless task. From my heart, Ruth, a BIG THANK YOU! In addition to the 'old hands' it was gratifying to see some 'Newbie' faces. Mary Daly showed her lovely boy Linus - Kulana It's Raining Again- and Susan and Douglas Underland and her family debuted a lovely youngster Izzie - Chantico's Stormy Water. In addition to the adult IWS showing, I want to thank the owners of the puppies who made their debuts - Diane Wacker and Eugenie - Chantico's Storm Born O'Muddy Waters, Ruth Bruskiwitz and Luna - Hooligan's Cloud Nine at Kendall, Sarah Shanahan and her puppy - Shanahan's All About the Aftermath and Susan and Doug Underland with their youngster. We hope to see the promising youngsters in the ring in the future.

The summer started out with a bang. On Memorial Day weekend Shelley Lesac and Nicole Geyza finished Ch's on their two girls - now Ch Realta 0 to 60 in a Red Hot Second and now Ch Realta Zoom Zoom Zoom, respectively. Shelly reported that these were the first Ch's for each of them. Way to go Ladies! What a nice way to start your IWS show experience!

In early June at the MN shows, Bridget, Debbie and Greg's Lake - Beaufield Boundary Waters at Poole's Ide picked up a point.

At the end of June at the Kettle Moraine KC show June 29 under Dr. Richard Hilderman, Sarah Shanahan had a very good day. Her boy Rommel - now Ch Muddy Waters Risky Business - finished his Ch with a 3 pt major by going WD/BW/BOB while Erin - Archwave a Shot of Irish Mist - picked up her second major. The next day June 30 under Mr. Clay Coady, Laurel Reeves' lovely girl Molly - Muddy Waters Ring Leader - picked up her first major while Rommel pick

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up GC pts by going BOB. Reserve on Saturday was Diane's lovely girl Eugenie while reserve on Sunday was Sarah's Erin.

The end of July saw a 5 pt major entry on Saturday July 27 at the Waukesha KC show and a 4 pt major on July 28 Waukesha KC show. On Saturday, July 27 under Thai judge Mr. Ekarat Sangkunakup Mary Reich's Cain – Archwave Another Cain JH UDX – was WD while Sarah's Erin finished her Ch - now Ch Archwave A Shot of Irish Mist - with the 5 pt major by going WB/BW/BOB. What a nice way to finish! Reserve WB on Saturday was Laurel's Molly. On Sunday July 28 under Mr. Jamie Hubbard, Cain picked up his first major by going BW while Eugenie picked up her first major from the Puppy, 6-9 class. Nice 4 pt majors for everyone. Erin went BOB to pick up 5 pts towards her GC. The weekend was uncharacteristically cold, but the potluck at the show on Saturday was warm and friendly. In addition, we had a 'mini seminar' for a judge wishing to apply for his provisional judging for IWS. He wanted to have a 'hands on' as many IWS as possible. Everyone brought out their dogs. There was a very nice variety of IWS for the prospective judge.

At the Burlington WI KC shows on Monday and Tuesday, July 29 and 30, Mary Reich's two boys Joey – Muddy Waters Mama's Boy – and Cain split the points with each other with each picking up 1 pt.

The weekend of Aug. 10 & 11 saw IWS entries in MN and WI. In MN at the KC of Freeborn County MN show, Susan Underland's Izzie had her debut. She took BPy and had a very creditable showing in the Puppy Group! On Saturday Aug 10 under Mr. Brian Meyer WD/BW/BOB was Lake – now Ch Beaufield Boundary Waters at Poole's Ide – to finish his Ch. RWD was Mary Daly's Linus – Kulana It's Raining Again.. WB/OS was Ruth's Gaia – Chantico Rising Tide – for 1 pt while Susan's puppy was RWB. In the Group under Mr. Meyer, it was exciting to see Lake take a Group 3 for his owners Bridget Kvarnlov, Debbie Patterson and Greg Siner. On Sunday Aug. 11, WD/BW was Linus while WB/OS Gaia. Lake again took BOB and again placed in the group under Mr. Michael Dachel. What a lovely weekend for Lake – a Group 3 and a Group 2! And again after the show on Saturday, everyone had a lovely dinner and good camaraderie.

In WI, at the Cudahy KC shows and Greater Racine shows, on Aug. 9, 10 and 11 Susan and Bob's Katie – Aquashores Saracen Falling Waters SHU – went WB/BOB

for majors under judges Mr. Dale Simmons, Mrs. Wendy Willhauck and Mrs. Terry DePietro, respectively. RWB on Friday was Briar – Saracen Diamond on the Snow – making her show debut. RWB on Saturday and Sunday was Maddie – Realta Saracen Forevermore JHU.

The following weekend at the Marshfield Area KC shows Aug. 16, Diva – Saracen Fire and Ice – earned her first major and picked up an additional point on Aug 17 under judges Mr. Arley Hussin and Mrs. Pat Trotter, respectively. At the Saturday show, Susan and Bob's Paddy – now GCh Saracen Blue Thunder on the Marsh CD JH MHU WC WDX – finished his GC title.

The last show weekend of the summer was in MN – the St Croix Valley KC shows. While I was tied up with work in the 'south', Irish owners were having a lovely time 'up north'. On Saturday Aug. 24 under Mrs. Eva Berg, Mary's Cain picked up his second major by going WD/BW. In the girls, Sarah Zumpf's Harp – Cuardach Music Heard Round the World NA OAJ – picked up her second major by going WB. RWB was Diane's Eugenie. Sarah's Erin went BOB picking up much needed GC points (5 GC pts) while Lake went BOS. On Sunday Aug 25 under Mr. T. Feneis, Mary's Cain again went WD/BW/OS for his third major while Laurel's Molly went WB and picked up her much needed second major. Cain now has 11 pts towards his Ch with his majors so I expect to see him finish his All Arounder Title soon! RWB was again Diane's Eugenie. Eugenie has had quite an impressive start to her show career this summer with a 4 pt major and three RWB awards in 6 shows. BOB was Sarah's Erin again picking up 5 GC points. Again on Saturday there was a potluck at the show and everyone had a congenial dinner that night.

Whew! All in all a very productive summer. And I haven't even mentioned the very successful 650+ entry agility trials on Labor Day weekend hosted by Deb and Joe Nezgoda for the IWSCA. Deb has written an account of that.

Summer is over. In addition to the results mentioned above, it is very exciting to see new faces in the ring. And it was very nice for 'oldsters' to bring out their puppies making the points possible. Lastly, the future is bright, for hanging in the wings are several promising puppies! Looking forward to seeing these youngsters in the future.

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