



Irish Water Spaniel Club of America News

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Remembering Marion Hopkins
July 8, 1916 - Jan. 27, 2010



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President's Message: March-April 2010

By Jim Rubin

Wow what a Westminster! Congratulations to Team-Keegan (Ch. Poole's Ide Got Water RN) for an impressive Group Two. This is a huge accomplishment and a wonderful recognition for our breed.



Your fellow IWSCA members in the Mid-Atlantic are looking forward to having you join us for the 2010 National Specialty dedicated to the memory of Marion Hopkins. Frederick, Maryland is a town north of DC steeped in the tradition of the Civil War and in proximity to battlefields and other beautiful sites. Our host hotel, The Holiday Inn, will serve as our home-away-from-home. All activities will either be at the Holiday Inn or within a short drive. The Specialty Committee, led by Linda Deckard and Marilyn Cantrell, has worked hard to make every aspect of the week truly "special." There will be all the traditional things you expect at our national specialties: conformation, obedience, agility; WC/X; parades; auctions and raffles. Additionally, there will also be seminars on handling, reproduction and first aid; dock diving, great food, and other opportunities for fun, socializing and learning.

By the time you read this Newsletter, you should have your Specialty information and registration package. If for some reason you don't, please contact the committee. The closing dates are coming up fast.

Your Board continues its efforts to formally structure the Club. Building on the committees established last summer and the responsibilities posted to our website <http://iwsca.webs.com/standingcommittees.htm> in the fall, the Board has passed the first 2010 IWSCA budget. The budget maintains all work completed in 2009 and adds or restarts several new programs. We are working with the committee chairs to get a better appreciation for how to best execute 2010. With the refinement of the chairs, we'll be able to update the budget and be ready to brief the Membership during our Annual Meeting. While the treasury has funds to support the approved budget, depending upon specialty income and donations, we may be facing a current year shortfall. Now is a good time to consider giving more to your Club.

As the Board worked through the line items of the budget, one activity, Meet the Breeds, was without a committee to steer it. (Previously, its been coordinated by the Board). Since the Breeders Education Committee's (BEC's) members are most intimately familiar with the breed and likely to be attending all-breed dog shows, we asked them to lead us. We've been very fortunate to have many excellent volunteers for Meet the Breeds in the past. Hopefully such enthusiasm will continue. Along with repeating the outstanding Club representation at the Javits Center, NYC and Long Beach, CA the BEC will need to develop a plan for Orlando, the new location for Eukanuba in 2011. It is hoped the BEC can coordinate with both Regional Reps and puppy owners so that the IWSCA is represented at every available opportunity.

The Health and Genetics Committee is putting the finishing touches on a new health survey. The goal is to identify where the Club should direct our research money. Many breed clubs ask their members to identify the health issues they have experienced. Some of you may be familiar with the Vizsla Survey of 2008. The Vizsla Club spent about \$17K for the study. Our H&G Committee, by reducing the number of questions, went to the same folks and was able to get them to agree to do a similar study for about \$5K less. Still unhappy with the price, they resolved to do the work themselves and hire an on-line survey service. They now estimate the survey will cost under \$500. When they have finalized the questions, you will be asked to go to our website and take the survey for each IWS you have owned. The Health and Genetics Committee is an



excellent source for health related issues and questions. They maintain sensitive information in the strictest of confidence, so, please be candid and comprehensive when answering the survey and support this important effort.

In addition, your Judges' Education Committee continues its work examining formal requirements for mentors and presenters along with developing presentation material and working through the various media needed to support this training. As you may have read on Rattails Only, the Constitution and By-Laws Committee continues to examine proposed changes to our By-Laws, including length of Board terms, term limits, the date of our annual election, just to name a few. They need and want your suggestions and comments.

As I write, the snow is melting and the cherry trees are contemplating whether it's safe to set their buds. But two months from now, we expect a glorious spring in Frederick, filled with Irish festivities. Please join us.



Secretaries Report - Board Business

Dec. 15, 2009 to March 1, 2010

By Deborah Bilardi

It has been a busy 2.5 months with just a few days off for the Holidays. The Nominating Committee comprised of Gregory Johnson, Kent Shaver, and Tim Ufkes with Alternates Ginny Spencer and Dorothy Line nominated the following slate for the IWSCA Board of Directors:

President	R. James Rubin
1st Vice President	Gregory Johnson
2nd Vice President	Deborah Hughes
Treasurer	Sandy Ascot
Membership	Jeremy Kezer
Delegate to the AKC	Evelyn M. Van Uden
Secretary	Deborah M. Bilardi

There have been three nominations from the membership:

President	Jack McDaniel
1st Vice President	Jill Brennan
Secretary	Ruth Bruskiwitz

For the first time in many years your Board had to define an Election Timeline. Using our By-Laws to guide us, we developed the following timeline. It was approved (affirmative: James Rubin, Gregory Johnson, Melissa McMunn, Evelyn Van Uden, Jeremy Kezer, and Deborah Bilardi; opposed: Sandy Ascot)



<p>On or before October 15, 2009 A permanent date in the election process.</p>	<p>Nominating Committee must be chosen: Tim Ufkes, Kent Shaver and Greg Johnson, Alternates Ginny Spence and Dorothy Line</p>	<p>COMPLETED ON TIME</p>														
<p>On or before January 15, 2010 A permanent date in the election process.</p>	<p>Election Day is determined by the Board. If the Annual Meeting is not held in May, the Board must determine Election Day.</p>	<p>COMPLETED ON TIME</p>														
<p>On or before February 24, 2010 ...the Nominating Committee shall submit the list of candidates to the Secretary not less than 90 days prior to the Annual Election.....</p>	<p>Nominating Committee gives Secretary a list of their nominees for Club Officers</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>R. James Rubin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st Vice President</td> <td>Gregory Johnson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd Vice President</td> <td>Deborah Hughes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Deborah Bilardi</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Sandy Ascot</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership</td> <td>Jeremy Kezer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Delegate to the AKC</td> <td>Evelyn Van Uden</td> </tr> </table>	President	R. James Rubin	1st Vice President	Gregory Johnson	2nd Vice President	Deborah Hughes	Secretary	Deborah Bilardi	Treasurer	Sandy Ascot	Membership	Jeremy Kezer	Delegate to the AKC	Evelyn Van Uden	<p>COMPLETED ON TIME</p>
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<p>On or before March 11, 2010 , at least 75 days prior to the annual election, the Secretary shall publish the list of candidates...</p>	<p>Secretary must publish the names of the Nominating Committees Nominees. The slate was published in the Jan-Feb Newsletter Posted to Rattails Jan. 5 and mailed Jan. 7, 2010</p>	<p>COMPLETED ON TIME</p>														
<p>On or before April 10, 2010 Such petitions must be received by the Secretary no later than 45 days prior to the Annual Election...</p>	<p>All Additional Nominations must be received by the Secretary to be valid. If no valid additional nominations are received, the Nominating Committees nominees are considered elected.</p>															
<p>On or before April 25, 2010 ..(not later than 30 days prior to the annual election) mail to each member in good standing a ballot...</p>	<p>Ballots mailed to IWSCA members.</p>															
<p>May 24, 2010 Ballots, to be valid, must be received by the Secretary before the date of the Election... May 25, 2010</p>	<p>Ballots due to Secretary to be valid. ELECTION DAY</p>															
<p>May 29, 2010 If the Annual Election is not held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, the ballots shall be counted by the Secretary and verified by three Inspectors of Election appointed by the Board within 15 days of the date of the Election.</p>	<p>Count Ballots and Announce Winners</p>															



As you can see from the timeline, the nominations from the membership are open until April 10, 2010.

DIRECTIONS FOR MEMBER NOMINATIONS: IWSCA BY-LAWS SECTION 4. NOMINATIONS AND BALLOTS: Additional Nominations: Additional nominations may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary. Such petitions must be received by the Secretary no later than 45 days prior to the Annual Election and be signed by 3 members of the Club in good standing. Each petition must be accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee, signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than 1 office, and the additional nominations may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination from the Nominating Committee; except that a candidate for Delegate to the American Kennel Club shall not thereby be excluded from also being a candidate for 1 of the 5 Club offices.



All Additional Nominations must be received by the Secretary on or before April 10, 2010 to be valid. There can be any number of nominees for a position. If you are willing to serve on the IWSCA Board of Directors, please complete the requirements and be sure to have the paperwork to me by April 10th. All nominations are welcome!

There were also a number of issues that came before the Board.

1. The Breeders' Education Committee voted to approve Mindy Garbarino as their Chairman and the Board approved the appointment. Unanimous
2. The Board approved the Breeders' Education Committee's Policies and Procedures as proposed by the BEC Chairman Mindy Garbarino approved (affirmative: James Rubin, Evelyn Van Uden, Jeremy Kezer, and Deborah Bilardi; abstain: Sandy Ascot)
3. Colleen McDaniel, our acting Rescue Chairman, (she has asked to be replaced and we are still looking for a volunteer to take over the job. Contact Colleen or any Board member if you wish to serve) suggested we send a gift to the Police Department that helped rescue the 2 lost IWS Girls. The motion passed (affirmative: James Rubin, Gregory Johnson, Evelyn Van Uden, Deborah Bilardi; opposed: Sandy Ascot The gift was privately funded.
4. The Board received questions about the New Awards Program and the Awards Committee Chairman addressed the issues.
5. The Board confirmed a new description of the refurbished Anne Snelling Ch Naptandy Bonnie Scarlet Trophy for BOW will be in the 2010 National Specialty Catalog. Thank you Kim Kezer for doing this for us.
6. The Board is discussing moving some lists traditionally in the catalog to the Membership List. Possibly the list will be in both places.
7. Our Northeast Representative, Tara Darling, requested approval for a supported entry on Friday October 1, 2010 at the Onondaga Kennel Association. Approved unanimous
8. The Board voted to approve listing all votes individually. (affirmative: Gregory Johnson, Evelyn Van Uden, Jeremy Kezer, Sandy Ascot; opposed: James Rubin, Missy McMunn, Deborah Bilardi)
9. The Board is discussing an Outstanding Sportsmanship Award.
10. The Board is arranging with the AKC to receive the IWS Stud Books.



11. Liz Liddle was approved as the Southwest Representative, she is not moving out of state. (affirmative: Gregory Johnson, Jeremy Kezer, Sandy Ascot, Deborah Bilardi; opposed no one)
12. A member requested the Board step in and control the thread on Rattails Only List regarding questions for the Board Nominees. Failed (affirmative: James Rubin; opposed: Gregory Johnson, Missy McMunn, Evelyn Van Uden, Jeremy Kezer, Sandy Ascot, Deborah Bilardi)
13. Jack McDaniel offered to purchase the medallions not used at the 2009 National. Approved (affirmative: Gregory Johnson, Jeremy Kezer, Sandy Ascot, Deborah Bilardi; opposed no one)
14. AKC Parent Club Conference Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. The dates are August 27- 29 2010. We approved sending Jim Rubin to the Conference (affirmative: Unanimous)
15. The Board voted to delay the newsletter deadline, with Jill's approval, to March 1 for Nominees to send in one page Biographies.
16. The Board received a letter from Allan Stern requesting the Thyroid Study Funds be reclassified from Designated Funds to Restricted Funds. Passed (affirmative: Unanimous)
17. The Board is discussing producing an IWSCA logo that can be reproduced on multiple items.
18. The American Spaniel Club invited us to link to their website. We are still discussing this.
19. The Board is discussing what to do in memory of Marion Hopkins and Sandy Loree.
20. Our Treasurer, Sandy Ascot, found a credit card company that will give us a better rate. The Board approved the change of companies. (affirmative: Unanimous)
21. Marilyn Cantrell, the 2010 IWSCA National Specialty co-chairman and treasurer, submitted their status report and preliminary budget. The Board is reviewing it.
22. The Board is discussing the creation of new committees for fundraising, new members' support and PR.
23. The Board received a letter of complaint from one IWSCA member about the actions of another IWSCA member. We are discussing the resolution.
24. The Board was notified 11 IWS incorrectly received CHIC status due to an error in CHIC programming. IWS are required to have their CERF test done after 24 months of age for CHIC recognition. These dogs were CERF before they reached 24 months. The owners of these dogs have been made aware of the problem and we requested they have the proper testing done by July 1, 2010 to maintain their CHIC status.
25. For our conference call Feb 23 the agenda items were:
 1. Thyroid Study Fund transfer, President Jim Rubin is to write a letter to Allen Stern confirming the transfer.
 2. The Board discussed the letter of complaint between two of our members.
 3. The single most important thing this Board has done to date is to go through the proposed new financial system line by line and to UNANIMOUSLY APPROVE it. This system allows us to be more fiscally responsible and to plan for our financial future.



2009 IWSCA FINANCIAL REPORT

Core Club Income		Income	
Dues	8,850.00	Dues	8,850.00
Dues New	350.00	Dues New	350.00
Club Sales	205.00	Club Sales	205.00
Interest	803.23	Interest	803.23
Newsletter Ads	1,130.00	Newsletter Ads	1,130.00
11,338.23		Income Subtotal	

Core Club Expenses		Expenses	
Administrative Club Expenses	-25.00	AKC Dues	-25.00
Administrative Club Expenses	-13.00	Corp Fee	-13.00
Administrative Club Expenses	-36.00	Bank Charges	-36.00
Administrative Club Expenses	-379.80	Credit Card Services	-379.80
Administrative Club Expenses	-750.00	Insurance	-750.00
Administrative Club Expenses	-780.00	Accounting	-780.00
Administrative Club Expenses	-928.36	Election ballot mailing	-928.36
Administrative Club Expenses	-157.03	Secretary Expense	-157.03
Administrative Club Expenses	-44.00	Postage	-44.00
Administrative Club Expenses	-55.85	Printing	-55.85
Administrative Club Expenses	-206.63	Membership List	-206.63
Newsletter	-3,806.08	Newsletter	-3,806.08
Awards	-725.00	Eukanuba show awards	-725.00
Awards	-857.17	Awards	-857.17
Awards	-490.00	All Around IWS Awards	-490.00
IWS PR	-155	IWS PR	-155
Health donation	-1000	Rabies Challenge	-1000
Legislative	-5,000.00	NAIA contribution	-5,000.00
Historical	-118.37	Scrapbooks	-118.37
-15,527.29		Expense Subtotal	

2009 Core Club Expense

-4,189.06 Annual Net Club

2004 Spec Income	84.40	checks never cashed for sweeps
2007 Spec Expense	-2,894.54	
2008 Spec Income	845.00	
2008 Spec Expense	-48.86	
2009 Spec Income	34,958.01	
2009 Spec Expense	-26,779.71	
2010 Spec Income	3,568.23	
2010 Spec Expenses	-5,724.75	

2010 Spec Expenses

4,007.78 2009 Net Specialty income

Member contributions	2,001.34	Rescue Income
Medical expenses for 1 rescue	-166.07	Rescue Medical
Graphics cost for Ill. Standard	-595.00	Illustrated Standard
Member contributions	1,368.32	Genetics Income
CHF Membership cost	-75.00	Genetics Expense
Dr. Engel seminar	-100.00	Genetics Expense
Cost for AKC Health Conference	-200.00	Genetics Expense
Blood draw costs	-76.75	Thyroid Study Expenses
Shipping from MN to GA	-295.78	BISS Trophy Shipping
2009 Breeders Committee fees	1,550.00	Breeders fees
Breeders Ballot mailing	-67.33	BEC expenses
Member contributions	25.00	Legislative Fund

Donor accounts Net

3,368.73



Treasurer's Report

By Sandy Ascot

The previous page is a scaled down version of how the club financials are usually presented but I thought that taking out all the bells and whistles it might be easier to see how the club spent money this year and where the money came in. I also put together the following so that our account balances can be understood a little easier.

Our General Fund balance at the beginning of 1996 was	\$17,991.59	17,991.59
From 1996 to 12-31-09, the IWSCA has lost on Club activities	<\$44,026.19>	
So on Club operation, our balance was reduced to	<\$26,034.60>	
Specialty income adds to our General Fund		
Specialties from 1996 to 12-31-09 have brought in	\$66,332.79	
Difference between loss on operations against spec. income		<u>22,306.60</u>

So specialties are a very important fundraiser for the Club.
Without their input we would be scrambling for money.

Club General Fund balance 12-31-09 **\$40,298.19**

The rest of the money in our checkbook is earmarked by how they were donated to the club.

Rescue funds at the beginning of 1996 were	\$2,762.22	
Rescue <u>net</u> income from '96 to 12-31-09 has added	<u>\$21,354.14*</u>	24,116.36
Several years ago \$5000 from rescue was earmarked for Our Illustrated Standard	\$5,000.00	5,000.00
Genetics Funds at the beginning of 1996 were	\$4,250.86	
Genetics <u>net</u> income from '96 to 12-31-09	<u>\$3,439.59</u>	7,690.45
BISS Travel Fund currently is	\$373.71	373.71
Thyroid Study Funds currently is	\$2,394.50	2,394.50
Breeders Fee Fund	\$4,232.87	4,232.87
Equals Total Checkbook balance 12-31-09	\$83,535.88	<u>\$83,535.88</u>

So, it looks like we have a lot of money, but it took 15 years to get from \$18K to almost \$40K in our General Fund. That's about \$1450/year that we eked, mostly out of specialties, to add to our checkbook balance. When averaged, it has cost \$3000 a year, to operate the Club. Our dues, bank interest, newsletter ads, Club sales are short that amount, on average, every year to cover the newsletter, membership list, insurance, tax preparation, awards, supported entry trophies, administrative costs for printing, postage, bank charges, credit card processing fees, contributions, annual corporation fee. Specialty income adds to our General Fund, specialty losses cut into our General Fund. Some specialties have brought a significant amount of money, and some specialties have lost money, but on average, over the last 15 years, they have brought in about \$4,400/year. It is important to note that the Club has also saved a significant amount on newsletter costs over the last two years because the past board and this board have managed to get production costs for the newsletter donated. Our Club losses would be \$10,000 or more higher if these costs had not been donated.

In the beginning of 1996 our general fund was 78% of our total moneys on hand. At the end of 2009, our general funds had dropped to 47% of our total funds. So we have found ways to fund our earmarked funds, like rescue and genetics, etc. but the club needs to explore more fundraising ideas to fund our core operations, beyond the specialties.

Sandy Ascot, Treasurer

*This is correcting how the breeders fees were recorded from 2002 to 2006. Breeders fees were to go into the Rescue Fund but inadvertently went into our general funds. In 2007, I brought this up and the Breeders Committee decided to ask the Board if the fees from 2007 onward could be "directed" by the Breeders Committee to use for some study they would like to finance. So these are correcting entries to move Breeders fees into Rescue and into a separate line for the Breeders Committee. \$5350.87 was added to rescue and is included in the \$24K balance.



Letter to the Membership

By Allan Stern

ALAN STERN
C/O HERON EAST 2290 CATTLEMAN RD SARASOTA, FL 34232

February 12, 2010

Irish Water Spaniel Club of America
c/o R. James Rubin
PO Box 2511
Arlington, VA 22202

RE: My auction item donations to help underwrite the IWS Thyroid Study

Dear Mr. Rubin,

It has been brought to my attention that you have questioned my intentions when I donated various IWS art and memorabilia to the 2006 specialty auction.

I have maintained an ongoing friendship with Florence Blecher for many years. When she expressed to me her hope for the IWSCA to undertake a study to explore thyroid norms for IWSs and how they affect the breed, it coincided with a change in my living situation. Donating some items from my IWS collection seemed like a perfect match, and fortuitously timed. My intentions were, and have always been, for the auction proceeds from those items to be specifically designated for the purpose of supporting the IWS Thyroid Study. My donation was NOT made to underwrite the IWSCA's general fund or IWSCA specialties. I hope that this clarifies any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Alan Stern

cc: Sandy Ascot, IWSCA Treasurer
Jill Brennan, Newsletter Editor
Florence Blecher



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23 February 2010

Mr. Alan Stern
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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO:

Mr. R. James Rubin
President
PO Box 2511
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: IWS Thyroid Study

Dear Mr. Stern:

Thank you for your kind letter of 12 February. And once again thank you for your donations to the IWSCA of 2006 for our Thyroid study.

The IWSCA is developing additional rigor in its Budgeting Process. As I'm sure you understand, such changes must address year's worth of decisions conducted under a variety of methodologies. The Board is establishing three colors of money for the IWSCA: Restricted; Designated, and; General. Restricted Funds are earmarked by donors and must be formally accepted by the Board with the understanding they will only be applied as the donor wished. Designated funds are those monies committed by the Board for a particular cost objective.

We were never questioning your intent for Thyroid Study Funds. But rather, trying to ensure they were being properly categorized within the Club's Budget. Until this letter, there was no indication the board had accepted the important obligation of your donation. But at no point was the Thyroid Study Money ever being considered for anything other than supporting the Thyroid Study. As you are long standing friends with Florence, I think you will appreciate how inconceivable such action would be. Because of your letter, the Board has voted to reclassify the Thyroid Study from Designated Funds to Restricted Funds and hope that meets with your approval.

As you know, the initial goal of the Thyroid Study was to determine if IWS Thyroid Levels were naturally different from other dogs. Florence's report of the current study findings indicates they are not. We are all interested to know where Dr. Dodds and Florence take the study next.

I'm sorry you were disturbed on this matter and trust you better understand the true issue the board was working on.

Sincerely,


R. James Rubin
President

Cc: IWSCA Board
Jill Brennan (not for publication)
Florence Blecher

RJR/st

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By-Laws Committee Report

The IWSCA By-Laws Committee is Chairman Deborah Bilardi, Grattan Foy, Gregory Johnson, Kim Kezer, Jack McDaniel, and Lynn Musgrave. We want your input on the changes we would like to propose. To be sure to give all members a chance to respond, we will be adding a non binding poll to the Annual Election mailing. All that needs to be done is to fill out the poll and include it in the ballot envelope. It will be an anonymous poll to which you can add comments.

To give everyone time to think about and discuss the issues on the poll they are listed below:

1. President is required to have three years membership and attended two annual meetings.
- 2.. The entire Board should have the requirements above.
3. Add Regional Representatives to the Board.
4. Add past President with voting privileges to the Board.
5. Add a Member at Large to the Board.
6. The Board terms should be for 2 years and staggered.
7. The stagger will be: President, 2nd VP, Treasurer elected one year and 1st VP, AKC Delegate, Membership, and Secretary elected the next year.

Your input is valuable to us and we look forward to hearing from you.



Northeast Report

By Tara Darling-Lyon

Westminster was the highlight of the NE. Wow, what a showing we had this year. With Ch. Poole's Ide Got Water RN Owned by Stacy Duncan, Colleen McDaniel, and Greg Siner not only winning the breed but also taking a Group 2! Stacy showed Keegan to perfection in the group ring. What a wonderful thing to be owner handled to such a big win. Other results were BOS for Ch Poole's Ide Bonnie Brook owned by Sally Lewis and Lois Mac Donald. She is Keegan's sister. Our own Greg Siner who bred both should be very proud. AOM went to Ch Tara Water Baroness owned by Shona Ensign.

Natalie Weissmann reported that as of January 23, 2010, at the Y2K9's in Pennsylvania, Jared completed the requirements for his RL2X3 title. He also competed the last weekend of January at the Golden Rule School for Dogs, Andover, New Jersey in an APDT Rally. He triple Qued to pick up his 6th and 7th MASTERARCHEX legs. He had 2 perfect scores of 210. He had 2 first and 2 second places in 6 runs, to qualify for the RL1X2 title. Jared also received notice from St. Hubert's Obedience that he has been nationally ranked in their top 20 teams. He is ranked number 17 out of the top 20 in Open A and Ranked number 6 Nationally out of the top 20 teams in Utility A.



On a sad note, we lost one of our most beloved members, Marion Hopkins. Not only was she a wonderful breeder, exhibitor and advocate of our breed, but was a mentor to so many that I can not count. She was also a champion of legislation for all breeds, not only ours. Her mark on our breed will never fade. Some of her crowning achievements in the breed were winning the national specialty twice with Ch Mallyree Mr Muldoon, who was not only a great dog, but a great producer as well. She was also the breeder of Ch Mallyree Triple Expectation CDX JH who was 3 time national specialty winner and 2 times group 1 placer at the Garden. Her kennel, Mallyree, lives on with her daughter Pam Manus taking the reins. Marion will be missed .

Mid-Atlantic Report

by Hannah Loonsk

Congratulations to Stephanie and Scout!

Scout completed her Masters Agility Standard Preferred (MXP) title on February 27th after earning her MACH in July 2009 and competing at the preferred level. She started in Novice only last fall and is now NATCH MACH CH Madcap's Way to My Heart UD RE JH MXP AJP XF WC.

Success for Glider!

Following in her successful mother's footsteps, Glider earned her open jumpers with weaves title on January 30, her open standard title on February 13th, and her Novice Fast title on February 20th. Glider is now Cuardach Makes My Heart Soar OA OAJ NF.

The 2010 National Specialty Committee looks forward to welcoming all to Frederick, Maryland from April 28 – May 2 for a Star Spangled Specialty!

The Mid-Atlantic Region includes Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington DC. If you didn't

send news for this newsletter, don't worry, you can always send it for the next newsletter. Just email me at hannahlo@comcast.net. Please also remember to send me your show results if you would like them to be included in the Mid-Atlantic Regional report.

Northwest Report

Lorece reported that Kev'N (CH Whistlestop Bard O'Beltane CD RE JH NA NAJ SHR CGC) finished his NA and NAJ with all Q's in the ribbons and 3 for 3 Q's in a row for both titles. Lucy (UCDX Can CH UKC CH Int'l CH (IABCA) CH Mystic Sky Diamond O'Casey CD RE NA NAJ CGC) finished her UCDX with a 1st place. And they consummated their love in January too for possible St. Patricks Day puppies!





Marion Hopkins

BRADFORD -- Marion L. Hopkins, 93, died Jan. 27, 2010 at Concord Hospital.

She was born in New York City, July 8, 1916, to Joseph and Jeannette (Baradel) Lang. She graduated from Babylon High School on Long Island and attended St. John's University in Queens. In 1937 she married John LeRoy Hopkins, then settled with her growing family in Bayport, NY. The family moved to New Hampshire in 1964, when Mr. Hopkins purchased Cole's Marine Sunapee Harbor.

Marion established Mallyree Kennels in 1960, raising Irish Water Spaniels and, over time, became an international authority on the breed. She was invited to judge dog shows in several European countries. In 2005, she wrote "Irish Water Spaniel: A Comprehensive Owners Guide," published by Kennel Club Books.

She served as a delegate to the American Kennel Club, attending quarterly meetings in New York. She also served as a board member of the advocacy group, Dog Owners of the Granite State, attending countless legislative hearings. Most significantly, she was appointed by Governor Steve Merrill as one of the founding members of the Pet Overpopulation Committee, which was responsible for the oversight of the spay/neuter program that has become a hallmark program across the country.

Marion loved to travel, visiting dog breeder friends across the U.S., Canada and Europe. She attended several annual World Dog Shows, most recently the 2008 show in Stockholm. She also visited the birthplace of her grandfather, Victor Baradel, in eastern France and met several distant cousins in the ancestral village. She enjoyed long walks in the woods with her dogs, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing with friends; mystery novels and crossword puzzles in her solitude.

She is survived by her daughter Pamela (Michael) Manus of Contoocook; her sons Timothy (Robin) Hopkins of Greensboro, NC, Daniel (Irene) Hopkins and Kevin Hopkins of Seattle; six grandchildren, John Allen of Medford, MA, Jeanne Gearing of Contoocook, Joseph Hopkins of Edmonds, WA, Marcelle Hopkins of Brooklyn, NY, Sarah and Julia Hopkins of Seattle; four step-grandchildren, Debra Love of Chichester, Brenda White of Hopkinton, Stephanie Carter of Jamestown, NC and James Manus of Culpepper, VA; eight great-grandchildren, and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband in 1995 and her sister, Enid Schwencke, in 1994.

Burial took place at St. Ann's Cemetery, Sayville, NY. A Celebration of Life will be held in Bradford, NH in late Spring or early Summer.

Memorial donations may be made to Dog Owners of the Granite State, PO Boston, NH 03070, or food and blankets to one's local SPCA.





Southwest Report

By Liz Liddle

Breaking News!!!

Best in Show, Superstition Kennel Club, Scottsdale Arizona, March 7, 2010

Ch BIS BISS Poole's Ide Bonnie Brook

Sh Ch, Fin Ch, DK Ch, N Ch, SCH Am Ch BIS Fynder Freethinker x Ch BISS Poole's Ide Then There's Maude



Just as I was getting ready to send off my report, I received word of Bonnie and Jen Isley taking down a Best in Show at Superstition Kennel Club in Scottsdale Arizona. In the cold, rain and wind (in Arizona?), Jen and Bonnie pulled it off beautifully! I would say that everyone is still on Cloud 9.

Congratulations to owners, Sally Lewis and Lois MacDonald and breeders, Greg Siner and Deb Patterson for this fantastic win! It just goes to show that the Irish Water Spaniel does it up right in the rain!

Thanks to the new application on Facebook (thank you Heidi Gervais). Allana Kew found this information online and spread the word before anyone had a chance to make phone calls!

Westminster

CH BISS Poole's Ide Bonnie Brook - BOS



February is all about Westminster and the bright lights at Madison Square Garden. There's just something special about getting that purple and gold envelope in the mail for the first time that says, "You're Invited".

I asked Sally Lewis to detail her experience and here it is. Keep in mind that, in reading this, you are experiencing the voice a bubbly red head that is full of excitement about her first trip with Lois Macdonald and handler, Jen Isley to Westminster with Bonnie.

Report from Sally Lewis: Westminster was fantastic! We got there around 7:00 AM and I took a moment to just walk out on the green carpet and look at the purple banner. It..was.. WESTMINSTER and we were there! All the things people had told me about how crowded it was, hot and noisy were true, but it was so special.

It's sort of a combination "Meet the Breeds" booth and dog show with hundreds of interested spectators crowding the benching area, asking questions and wanting to pet the dogs.

Bonnie showed beautifully and we were very proud of Jennifer and her. They are a fantastic team. Keegan looked fantastic and this was his day. The fact that he then went on to a Group 2 was great for the breed as well as a testament to Greg's breeding program and, of course, Stacy's fantastic handling, training and relationship with her boy.



New Champion

Announcing.....Ch Hooligans Hussy Home from Whistlestop “Jezebel”

Florence’s Jezzy has been a bizzzy girl as of late. After taking WB and BOW at Eukanuba she headed up to Washington in January and picked up three majors to finish up in the Pacific Northwest with an impressive WB/BOW/BOS @ Sammamish KC under Ken Murray, WB/BOW/BOS at Puyallup KC under Judith Goodin, WB/BOS to finish at Dog Fanciers of Oregon under Mareth Kipp. Now she’s growing up & in field training with Andy Fontenot.

Fantastic!!! (The only problem is....she’s still not home from Whistle stop!!!!)



Rally

Jody Dushkes has two new Rally titles in her family: Kerry got her UKC UR01 and Dickens his UR03, which are equivalent to the RN and RE

New California Puppies

Frances Reynolds is the new owner of Darcy, Luckpuddle’s Wild Waves, affectionally called “piranna mouth”.

Darcy was born August 12, 2009 out of Ch Cuboglach Viceroy (Templeton) and Ch Finnibone’s Stand n Deliver (Cali) . Darcy is settling in nicely with her clownish behavior with “Scrappy”, a Golden with an IWS heart. They were best buddies from the moment they met. Congratulations Frances on your new addition!



Kathy Dassel has a new baby girl, Molly, sired by BIS Ch. D’Locks St James Gate CD, JH and Ch. Castlehill’s Ode to Carey Anne CD, RA, JH. In the photo, Molly is demonstrating her fielding skills. This was not a real field event, this pigeon met it’s demise by flying into a window and Molly took it upon herself to retrieve the little fella and bring it back to her family! Great start, Molly!



Michelle Cummings is introducing Bella, Whistle Stop’s Wind on the Water, 7 months old, born July 17, 2009 to Ch BIS Poole’s Ide Got Water RN and CH Whistlestop’s the Wind Moriah CD, RA, JH, CGC. In the photo you will see Jen Isley working her grooming magic! Keegan and Moriah did a great job at putting out some beautiful puppies with fantastic temperments - I know, because I have one! Arthur, Whistlestop’s Castle on Fire!

2009 AKC Eukanuba Championship

In the February Newsletter, I neglected to mention the wins from the class dogs and bitches. My sincere apologies for the omission.

Here are the winners:

BOW: Hooligans Hussy Home from Whistlestop, Jezebel, Owner: Florence Blecher

WB: Hooligans Hussy Home from Whistlestop, Jezebel, Owner: Florence Blecher

WD: Coomara Gmadra Fliuch Siochain (Siochain), Owner: Robert Lacey

Also an Award of Excellence:

Ch Hooligan Greenhopefaerieglory CGC TT (Glory) Owner: Florence Blecher

Congratulations Florence and Robert.



2011 National Specialty California

Our Chair, Debbie Bilardi and Co-Chair, Sharon Moreland are reporting that they are working tirelessly already!

They will have a report for the club at the 2010 National. I'm excited to report that the grounds are lovely, completely surrounded by the guest rooms of the host hotel, setting the stage for a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere for this exciting event. Food, drink and a lovely swimming pool are just steps away from your door and I can't wait! Go 2011!

Delegate's Report

By Evie Van Uden

Tentative Group realignment will once again be brought up for a vote at the March 9, 2010 Delegates Meeting. As I have mentioned in previous reports, this seems to generate strong opinions on both sides of the issue. The realignment would affect the Irish Water Spaniel in that there will be GROUP 1 SPORTING which would include Pointers and Setters and GROUP 2 SPORTING will include Retrievers and Spaniels.

This realignment would increase the odds of a Group placement in that the now existing Group One has 30 breeds represented and with the new alignment there would be 12 breeds in Group 1 Sporting and 18 breeds in Group 2 Sporting. If this is approved the time line for possible implementation would be January 1, 2012.

On October 1, 2009 the AKC launched the AKC Partners Program, which allows a listing service for non purebred dogs. As of January, 2010, 1700 owners had listed their dogs. These mixed breed dogs will be eligible for competition at agility, obedience and rally trials as of April 1, 2010. At this point it is optional for clubs to accept mixed breed entries. The AKC is looking upon this as an opportunity to expand the AKC family. In addition, the revenue generated by listing and the showing of these dogs in performance events is another important factor.

The following persons are candidates for the AKC Board of Directors. By the time you get this newsletter the results will be known. Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, Dr. J Charles Garven, Steven D. Gladstone, Dr. William R. Newman and Patricia C. Scully, All are well qualified to serve and I will give you the results in the next newsletter.

The AKC began the Full Litter Registration option in July of 2006. This option is easy and saves you money this allows breeders to individually register all the puppies at the time of litter registration for a discounted price. The advantages include:

1. 29% discount on average litter fee.
2. A 40% discount on the dog registration fee for each dog registered.
3. A streamlined process to complete registration.
4. Select names and ensure kennel names are used.

For more information you can contact AKC Customer Service at 919 233 9767

If anyone has any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me iwsimist@aol.com

Hope to see you at the Specialty.



Longevity

By Ruth Bruskiewitz

Susan Sarracino and I are collecting information on Irish Water Spaniels who have lived past the age of 12 years. The idea for this data collection came as a result of an email list discussion where people were interested in a list of all IWS who have won Best in Show. From those discussions, we thought that it would be interesting to generate a list of IWS who have lived to age 12 and beyond. Although winning Best in Show is an incredible honor for the breeder and owner, long life is very important to our breed, and can impact breeding decisions. Many IWS live to be 10 or 11, but then the numbers drop off. Thus, we chose 12 years of age as the cutoff point.



We would like to collect data on ANY IWS you have EVER owned, from owners all over the world, whether or not they ever produced any offspring, or earned a title. We would like to go back 40 plus years in order to assemble this list. Please contact those who may not be Club members, and let them know that we would like information on their long-lived dogs. If you email the information to Susan (saracen@wi.rr.com) or me, (Ruth Bruskiewitz, rhbrusk@uwalumni.com) please put "Longevity" in the subject line. You can also snail mail the information to me, Ruth Bruskiewitz (IWS Longevity) at 2729 Kendall Avenue, Madison, WI 53705-3737.

In order to help us collect and assemble this information, please include the following in your email or snail mail messages:

- Registered name of the dog, call name, and whether male or female
- Sire's registered name, and call name (if known)
- Dam's registered name, and call name (if known)
- Date of birth and date of death or approximate date of death, and age at death
- Cause of death or probable cause of death (if known)

Thank you in advance for the information you provide. We will be collating this information and hope to have a preliminary list to share with the Breeder's Education Committee at the 2010 Specialty, and will post to the Rattails list after that. We would like this to be a perpetual list.

Submission Deadlines

Issue

Deadline

May – June 2010

April 17, 2010

July – August 2010 (*Nationals Results*)

June 15, 2010

September – October 2010

August 15, 2010

November –December 2010 (*Holiday Theme*)

Oct. 15, 2010

January – February 2011

Dec. 15, 2010

March – April 2011 (*Nationals Information*)

Feb. 15, 2011



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WHAT: IWSCA 2010 National Specialty -
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WHEN: April 28 – May 2, 2010
WHERE: Frederick, Maryland

More Info: www.IWSCA2010.webs.com

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

March 15 - Catalog Ads Close
March 17 - Agility Entries Close
March 27 – Last Day for Special Rates at Host Hotel
March 31 – Obedience, Rally and Conformation Entries Close
April 6 – Meal Orders Close
April 6 – WC/WCX Entries Close
April 6 – Last Day to Order Merchandise for Pick Up at Specialty
April 15 – RV Reservations Due
April 28 – Specialty Begins

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Co-Chair Marilyn Cantrell - marilyncan@verizon.net or (703)860-2096

Host Hotel Holiday Inn Conference Center, Frederick MD (301) 694-7500

Conformation & Obed Super Jim Rau Dog Shows, (610)376-1880, www.raudogshows.com

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WC/WCX Secretary Laura Wade, (410)827-7967, chesshores@rcn.com

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Wednesday, APRIL 28 – Sunday, MAY 2, 2010

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IWSCA 2010 Star-Spangled National Specialty

Wednesday, April 28th to Sunday, May 2nd (Updated 2/7/10)

All Events at Host Hotel - Holiday Inn, Frederick, Maryland, unless otherwise noted

Date	Event
Wednesday, April 28 Morning	7:30 AM Beginners Field Training (Off-Site <u>near</u> Lilypons) Pre-ordered Box Lunch Available
Afternoon	12 PM IWSCA WC/WCX (Off-Site <u>near</u> Lilypons) 2-10 PM Hospitality Room Opens at Holiday Inn
Evening	Specialty Kick-Off Social Gathering 6-7 PM Complimentary Open Bar and Appetizers at Houlihans 7 PM Sit Down Dinner at Houlihans
Thursday, April 29 Morning	9 AM Handling Seminar by Ernesto Lara (Outdoors) 7 AM – 12 PM Hospitality Room Open 11:30 AM Independent Conformation Show (Outdoors)
Afternoon	Pre-ordered Box Lunch Available 1-5 PM Hospitality Room Open 3 PM Annual IWSCA Meeting, Ballroom
Evening	6 PM Cash Bar, Buffet Dinner & Silent Auction at Dutch's Daughter
Friday, April 30 Morning	8 AM National Specialty Agility Trial (Outdoors) 7-10 AM Hospitality Room Open 9 AM Repro Seminar by Robert S Dove, DVM, Room 183 10:30 AM First Aid Seminar by Robert S Dove, DVM, Room 183 10 AM - 3 PM Chair Massage, Hospitality Room
Afternoon	1 PM National Specialty Obedience and Rally Trial (Outdoors) 10 AM – 2PM Hobby Horse Food Concession (Outdoors) 3- 4 PM Meet the Star Spangled Stud Dogs (Outdoors) 3-8 PM Hospitality Room Open 4 - 6 PM Breeders Committee Meeting, Room 183
Evening	5-7 PM Thyroid Draw, Hospitality Room 7-9 PM Meet the Nominees for the IWSCA, Room 183 Dinner - On Your Own
Saturday, May 1 Morning	8 AM Judge's Seminar, Room 183 (Limited Space) 9 AM National Specialty Puppy & Veteran Sweeps (Outdoors) 11 AM National Specialty Junior Showmanship (Outdoors) 7-10 AM Hospitality Room Open
Afternoon	12 PM National Specialty Conformation (Outdoors) National Specialty Non Regular Classes Following Conformation 10 AM – 2PM Hobby Horse Food Concession (Outdoors) Parade of IWS Following Non Regular Classes Freestyle Exhibition Following Parade 2-5 PM Hospitality Room Open
Saturday, May 1 Evening	6 PM Cash Bar & The Beaton School of Irish Dancers Perform 7 PM Sit-Down Dinner at Holiday Inn's Inside Courtyard IWSCA Awards Banquet & Live Auction
Sunday, May 2 Morning	9:00 AM Dock Diving Practice and Registration (Off-Site at Lilypons) 10:30 AM IWSCA First Dock Diving Event



***A Rare Opportunity!
Fine Selection of IWS
Merchandise and
“Doggie Stuff”***

What: **Silent Auction**

When: 6:00 – 9:00 PM, Thursday, April 29

Where: Dutch’s Daughter

Before and during the dinner you can stroll around to place a bid on these “treasured items”. We will have a Cash Bar and wonderful Buffet Dinner at the elegant Dutch’s Daughter Restaurant in Frederick.

***Going Once...
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What: **Live Auction**

When: 8:30ish PM, Saturday, May 1

Where: Holiday Inn Courtyard

Following the awards banquet, be prepared to be entertained by our very own Greg Siner’s unconventional auctioneering style and sense of humor as he has you digging deep into your pocket to purchase some prized IWS memorabilia.

HELP!

We need your donations for both the Silent and Live Auction. So please, search around for new and gently used IWS art objects, previous specialty logo items, doggie supplies and toys, catalogs from long-ago specialties, etc. All will be gratefully accepted and put on the auction block!

All proceeds are a significant source of income for the Specialty, which directly benefits the IWSCA. To donate items for the auction, please contact: Maureen “Moe” Gasperetti at lws_moe@aol.com

Thank you.

Limited Edition IWS 2010 National Specialty Plates



About the Artist: Judith Stein is a professional artist from Phoenix, AZ and a juried member of both the Arizona Watercolor Association and Arizona Artists Guild. Her paintings have won many prestigious awards, have been featured in publications and are in private collections worldwide. Influenced by contrasting lights and darks and the patterns they create, Judith's watercolors show the feeling of excitement she finds in nature.

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2010 IWSCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY MERCHANDISE (pg 1)

Men's Full Zip Fleece – C6113



\$55

Columbia 100% polyester MTR™ fleece delivers maximum thermal retention; Star Spangled logo embroidered on right chest; elastic cuffs; zippered hand-warmer pockets; open bottom with drawcord hem. Colors: Bright Blue, Beet, Charcoal, Frosted Violet and Cordovan

Women's Full Zip Fleece – M990W



\$45

Harriton 100% spun midweight polyester fleece with finished non-pill on face; front-zip pockets; front yoke; non-roll elastic cuffs; bottom hem with inside casing with drawcord and toggles; highly breathable; raglan sleeves; princess seams for feminine shape. Star Spangled logo. Colors: True Royal, Navv, Red, Charcoal

Men's Fleece Vest – C1480



\$50

Columbia 100% polyester MTR™ fleece delivers maximum thermal retention; Star Spangled logo on right chest; full-front-zip; zippered hand-warmer pockets; open bottom. Colors: Bright Blue, Beet, Charcoal, Frosted Violet and Cordovan

Women's Fleece Vest – C1470



\$50

Columbia 100% polyester MTR™ fleece delivers maximum thermal retention; Star Spangled logo on right chest; full-front-zip; zippered hand-warmer pockets; open bottom. Colors: Bright Blue, Beet, Charcoal, Frosted Violet and Cordovan

Men's Denim LS Shirt –M550



\$35

6.5oz. Long Sleeve Denim Shirt; button down collar; inside, flat-felled seams; khaki double-needle topstitching; signature twill tape at neck; fully constructed front placket; signature horn-style buttons with Star Spangled logo; left-chest pocket.

Ladies Denim LS Shirt – M550W



\$35

6.5oz. Long Sleeve Denim Shirt; inside, flat-felled seams; khaki double-needle topstitching; signature twill tape at neck; fully constructed front placket; signature horn-style buttons with Star Spangled logo.



2010 IWSCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY MERCHANDISE (pg 2)

Men's SS T- Shirt –G200



\$20

Gildan 6.1 oz. 100% preshrunk cotton; double-needle stitching; seamless topstitched collar; taped neck and shoulders; silk screen with Star Spangled Logo on back & Trotting IWS with Stars on front left chest. Colors: White, Carolina Blue, Red and Kelly Green.

Women's SS T- Shirt –G200W



\$20

Gildan 6.1 oz., 100% preshrunk cotton; double-needle stitching; seamless topstitched collar; taped neck and shoulders; feminine cut; shorter length; narrower 1/2" rib neck; shorter sleeves; silk screen with Star Spangled Logo on back & Trotting IWS with Stars on front left chest. Colors: White, Iris, Violet, Red and Candy Pink.

Men's Crew Sweatshirt – 698HBMO



\$33

Russell sweatshirt Dri-POWER 50% cotton / 50% polyester fleece; rib knit collar, V-patch, cuffs and waistband with spandex; full length set-in sleeves; fully cover-seamed; Star Spangled logo embroidered on front. Colors: Royal and True Red.

Youth's Crew Sweatshirt – 998HBB0



\$30

Russell sweatshirt Dri-POWER 50% cotton / 50% polyester fleece; rib knit collar, V-patch, cuffs and waistband with spandex; full length set-in sleeves; fully cover-seamed; Star Spangled logo embroidered on front. Colors: Royal and True Red.

Men's SS Polo Shirt –IH7001



\$32

Inner Harbor 100% Cotton Mesh/Pique, 2-Button Clean Finished Placket, Fashion Collar and Welt Cuffs, Single Needle Top Stitched Shoulders and Armholes, Extended Tail and Side Vents; Star Spangled embroidered logo. Colors: Royal, Kelly and Red.

Ladies SS Polo Shirt –IH720L



\$32

Inner Harbor 100% Cotton Mesh/Pique, 3-Button Clean Finished Placket, Narrow Placket, Collar and Cuff, Single Needle Top Stitched Shoulders and Armholes, Hemmed Bottom and Side Vents; Star Spangled embroidered logo. Colors: Royal, Violet and Red.



2010 IWSCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY MERCHANDISE (pg 3)

Tapered Mug – C6094



\$12

This 12 oz. porcelain tapered mug is great for hot mixed drinks, or it can be your everyday coffee mug. The mug measures 4.5" tall and has an ear shaped handle. Microwavable and dishwasher safe. Fired with Star Spangled Logo.



\$12

6" Round China Bowl – C6789

This plain round bowl is perfect for nuts and candies. It is also wonderful for storing and reheating leftovers because the straight sides mean that it takes up as little room as possible. It is 6" x 2" deep. Microwave and dishwasher safe. Fired with Star Spangled Logo.

Shamrock Night Light– C6414



\$15

This shamrock shaped night light is 4" across and the porcelain walls are very thin so the light will shine through with a gentle glow. The UL approved electrical parts twist on and bulb even included. Fired with Trotting IWS Logo.



\$25

IWS Mat – DM

18 x 24 mat is ideal for under the dog bowl or at the door. Edged with black binding, the white background highlights the two Irish Water Spaniels playing in the grass and getting muddy so they can then follow the writing on the mat to "Wipe Your Paws"

Absorbent Micro Towel - PMFS25



\$20

14" x 24" ultra soft, ultra light rapid drying microfiber towel. Absorbs more moisture and dries quicker than traditional cotton towels. 70% polyester and 30% polyamide with Star Spangled Logo. Colors: Forest Green, Gold, Light Blue, Red, Royal Blue, Silver Gray, and Yellow.



\$45

Insulated Cooler – SM7489

Rolling insulated cooler bag with durable wheels holds 18 cans, 11 1/2" x 16" x 8 1/2". Made of 70 denier waterproof nylon, foam insulated with waterproof lining. Collapsible with Velcro straps for easy storage and telescoping handle. Star Spangled Logo. Colors: Blue, Hunter Green, Red



2010 IWSCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY MERCHANDISE (pg 4)

Sun Visor – TM81398



\$15

Two tone brushed cotton twill sun visor with United States flag with yellow ribbon on visor, and adjustable hook and loop. Trotting IWS logo where "Pro" is in picture. Colors: Black, Red, Royal or White.

Mallard Duck Caps – UC3200



\$25

Mallard Duck series caps. 6 panel construction, structured, mid-profile, embossed leather Mallard Duck patch, sewn eyelets and adjustable Velcro strap. Trotting IWS logo Colors: Canyon, Khaki, Light Tan, Olive, Stone, Wheat

Grooming Apron - B151



\$15

7 oz. poly-cotton full length bib apron with three divisional pouch pockets and adjustable neckband. Star Spangled logo. Colors: Green, Red, Royal or White.

Mouse Pad - 9010



\$8

1/8" thick mouse pad with a lightweight rubber base and fabric. Great computer accessory! Star Spangled Logo. Colors: Blue, Red

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LIMITED EDITION IWS CHINA PLATES

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***** If order placed after April 6, must add shipping charges ***Note: Sizes 2XL - 4XL, add \$2 per item! *****
Shipping - either write in pick up (at the specialty) or include shipping costs on your form. Additional shipping charges for overseas mailing and may apply for multiple china items. email for quote.***

Item #	Description	Size	Color	Quantity	Unit Price+XL	Price
C6113	Men's Full Zip Fleece (Sizes S-3XL)				\$55	
M990W	Women's Full Zip Fleece (Sizes S-2XL)				\$45	
C1480	Men's Fleece Vest (Sizes S-3XL)				\$50	
C1470	Women's Fleece Vest (Sizes S-2XL)				\$50	
M550	Men's Denim Shirt (Sizes S-4XL)		Light Denim		\$35	
M550W	Women's Denim Shirt (Sizes S-2XL)		Light Denim		\$35	
G200	Men's SS T-Shirt (Sizes S-5XL)				\$20	
G200W	Women's SS T-Shirt (Sizes XS-3XL)				\$20	
698HBM	Men's Crew Sweatshirt (Sizes S-4XL)				\$33	
998HBB	Youth's Crew Sweatshirt (Sizes S-XL)				\$30	
IH7001	Men's SS Polo Shirt (Sizes S-4XL)				\$32	
IH720L	Women's SS Polo Shirt (Sizes S-2XL)				\$32	
C6094	Tapered Mug				\$12	
C6789	6" Round China Bowl				\$12	
C6414	Shamrock Night Light				\$15	
DM	IWS Mat				\$25	
B151	Grooming Apron				\$15	
SM7489	Rolling Cooler				\$45	
M9010	IWS Mouse Pad				\$8	
PMF525	Super Absorbent Doggy Towels				\$20	
UCC3200	Cap				\$25	
TM81398	Sunvisor				\$15	
			Sub Total			
			Shipping*			
			Total			
	Visa/MC must add 4% service charge		4%			
	Make checks payable to the "IWSCA - 2010 Specialty"		Total			

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IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA
2010 Dock Diving Entry Form
Sunday, May 2, 2010

Entries remain open until the event, Pre-Registration Recommended

____ Non-Participant Practice Jump (\$5.00 per team)
____ Wave One (\$10.00)
____ Wave Two (\$10.00)

() Practice Jump Fee \$ _____ enclosed
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Please make checks/money order payable to IWSCA
Mail to: Dede Selph, 8605 Ardfour Lane, Annandale, VA 22003

Breed _____ Sex _____
Dog's Registered Name _____
Date of Birth _____
Place of Birth ____ USA ____ Canada ____ Foreign _____
Actual owner(s) _____
Owner's address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (home) _____ (Cell) _____
Handler's Name (if different from owner) _____
I agree that the dog herein is entered in and will be in the test at my own risk and that I will hold the Dock Diving Facility, IWSCA their members and agents, free from liability for any claims arising out of the entry of the dog or its presence at the test.
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IWSCA invites you to join us for this event!

Entries must be received by 3:00 PM EST Tuesday April 6, 2010
by Laura Wade, WC/WCX Test Secretary
13335 Old Wye Mills Rd, Wye Mills, MD 21679
(410) 827-7967
e-mail: chesshores@rcn.com

- Open only to Irish Water Spaniels
- Each pre-entered dog will get a bumper and qualifiers in each stake will be awarded a duck band and ribbon.
- **BITCHES IN SEASON NOT ALLOWED ON THE TEST GROUNDS**
- Entry fees for bitches that come into season after the closing date will be refunded (minus \$3.00 per day administration fee) if a veterinarian's certificate is presented to the Test Secretary prior to the start of judging.
- A limited number of dogs may be entered the day of the test if space and birds are available. Additional fee of \$7.00 for dogs entered after closing.
- The training session will start at 7:30 am
- The WC will start at noon
- The WCX will start after completion of the WC.
- There is an emergency veterinary clinic just 6 miles away:

Greenbriar Veterinary Referral and Emergency Hospital
3051 Thurston Rd, Urbana MD 21704
(301) 874-8880

Directions:

From Maryland route I-270, Take Exit 26: Maryland Rt. 80 West (Fingerboard Road) Go west on Fingerboard Road. If you are coming from the south, this will be a right turn. If you are coming from the north, this will be a left turn.
Go 1.6 miles and take a left onto Park Mills Road.
Go 3.1 miles and take a right onto Monocacy Bottom Rd & follow the IWSCA signs.
(for GPS users: The house just at the corner of Park Mills Road and Monocacy Bottom road has the address of 2210 Park Mills Road)

Entries close Tuesday, April 6, 2010

IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA



Limited to Irish Water Spaniels Only

2010 WORKING CERTIFICATE & WORKING CERTIFICATE EXCELLENT

Wednesday, April 28, 2009
Monocacy Bottom Rd
(Near Lilypons Water Garden)
Adamstown, MD

Judges: Tom Lehr and Megan Baker
Birds: Ducks

WC: \$35.00 WCX: \$45.00

Test Chair:
Joe Quinn

Test Co-Chair:
Dede Selph
DedeSelph@aol.com

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Please join the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America for our annual WC and WCX Hunt Test on April 28, 2010. We are also offering a morning Training Session starting at 7:30 am. Spectators welcome – bring your chairs!



Hunt Test and Training Session are by Pre Entry. There will be a limited number of day-of-event entries with an additional \$7 fee. Priority will be given to dogs attending the training session

Please Note: We will need volunteers to work the field and will appreciate any help with both the morning Training Session and the afternoon Hunt Test. Please contact Joe Quinn to sign up for helping out: aquashores@rcn.com

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY

The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport and that their dogs are accustomed to gunshot and live birds.

It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Trial Committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. IWSCA and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children or spectators.

IWSCA reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the IWSCA or any official thereof.

All dogs must be on leash at all times when on trial grounds except the dog being tested. No pinch/prong, electric or special training collars are allowed on the show grounds.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Trial Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the grounds.

REFUNDS

No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Trial Committee.

Bitches in season are not permitted to compete in the training session or the hunt test. As such, the club will refund all but \$3 per day of the entry fee paid for bitches unable to compete for this reason upon presentation of a veterinarian certificate. This certificate must be presented to the Trial Secretary prior to the start of judging.

Handlers and dogs may arrive any time prior to start of the hunt test.

Judges are not required to wait for dogs. The Owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready when their number is called. The Club has no responsibility for providing service through a public address system or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought to the line when required.

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Mail to: Loura Wade, 13335 Old Wye Mills Rd, Wye Mills, MD 21679

Breed _____ Sex _____
Dog's Registered Name _____

____ AKC Reg. No. _____ Date of Birth _____
____ ILP No. _____
____ Foreign Reg. & Country _____ Place of Birth _____
____ Reg. applied for – will submit _____ USA _____ Canada _____ Foreign _____

Breeder _____

Sire _____

Dam _____

Actual owner(s) _____

Owner's address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (Cell) _____

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2010 IWSCA National Specialty Show

Onsite RV Parking Information

Our Host Hotel is able to accommodate 40 Motor Homes/RVs on site, in the parking lot. Reservations will be on a **first-come, first-serve basis** with the fee paid in full when the reservation form is submitted.

Persons staying in the host hotel, may park 1 Motor Home/RV per room/per night, in the lot at no additional charge, however, you must send in this form.

There is a flat fee of \$100.00 to park a Motor Home or RV in the lot from Tuesday through Saturday nights.

No hook-ups available; generators are permitted, but must be turned off between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am.

Those wishing to stay in their Motor Home/RVs at the show site must complete the below form and send it to the address provided on the form. The full fee must be included with the reservation form.

Deadline to submit reservations and fee - Tuesday, April 15th.

Last Name: _____	First Name: _____		
Address: _____			
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____	
Telephone: _____	Email: _____		
Motor Home/RV Information:			
Motor Home: _____	Trailer: _____	Truck Camper: _____	Make: _____
License Plate #: _____	State: _____	Length: _____	
All fees must be paid in full. All payments must be in U.S. funds. Make all checks payable to the IWSCA. All reservations will be confirmed via email. Credit card payments will be accepted, with a 4% surcharge to cover processing.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Payment (complete information below)		
VISA/ Master Card # _____	Expiration Date: _____ Month/Year		
Print Name (as it appears on credit card): _____			
Card Billing Address: _____			
Card Holder's Signature: _____			
Mail to: Tom Deckard; 18815 Porterfield Way; Germantown, MD 20874-1879			



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**2010 IWSCA SPECIALTY FUNDRAISER
DONATIONS - \$5 each or 5 for \$20**

*IWSCA Member, Sharon Moreland,
has designed, created and donated
a One-of-a-Kind, Handmade, IWS Quilt
for the 2010 National Specialty*

- ★ **Winning Donation will be drawn at the Specialty Awards Banquet, May 1st**
- ★ **Winner Need Not Be Present To Win**
- ★ **Additional Donations Can be Made at the National Specialty during Specialty week**

To donate via mail, complete information on the number of donations you wish to make; cut donations apart and mail with Check or Money Order (US funds only) to "IWSCA - 2010 Specialty" and mail to:

**Marilyn Cantrell
3346 Wilbury Rd
Oak Hill VA 20171**

****Mailed Donations Must Be Postmarked By April 23, 2010****



Sample of Previous Quilt

2010 IWSCA Specialty Fundraiser - \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Name: _____
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How we got here from there...

By Sandy Ascot

I know I promised \$19 hotel rooms, \$5 raffles, Pax and Bear, medallions and more! But I only got to \$19 rooms and medallions when I found hot and cold running blondes, moose and IWS, pin boxes, agony and endurance, so Pax and Bear and \$5 raffles will have to come next.

Hotels, Motels and Food

As the number of attendees grew and the number of hotels that would allow dogs shrank, the scouting committee started making the hotel arrangements by first finding a “dogs accepted” hotel, then getting the hotel to set aside a block of rooms held for out-of-town members. In 1970, a reserved room cost \$19.00! Getting a block of rooms is not as easy as it sounds. In a 1970s newsletter, Marion Hopkins, when reminiscing about past specialties, relates “the time Ruth (McAfee) and I tried so hard to find a motel with a place to have a dinner and our meeting. So pleased with ourselves, only to have our group move out the next day; it was one of those places with “hot and cold running blondes”, according to the hilarious account of that night given by Nell Kennedy and Pat Stern. The story got better with each telling. Marge Crowe consoling us with, ‘How would two nice girls like you be expected to recognize a place like that?’ Just the same, we were never put in charge of motel arrangements again.” In the April, 1984 newsletter Judy Goonyep writes of working through the whole list of local hotels for more than five months as the deadline to print the premium approached. She even tried the ruse of needing reservations for a large family reunion. When she added that they were a dog-loving family and wanted to know if dogs were allowed, the ruse was up and she got a firm “no!” Finally desperate, a friend gave her the name of a dog-owning hotel proprietor. At first it was a firm “no, they do not allow dogs,” but Judy kept talking about “how great our dogs are, and how great the people are.” Finally, he was wearing down but needed to check with his housekeepers before he committed. The final answer was “yes,” but the terms were steep -- deposit from the Club, \$100 deposit from each room with dogs, \$20 rug cleaning fee for each room. Room rate was \$75 for a double. Deposits would be returned only if there was no damage. The search for hotel rooms gets harder every year as the pool of dog-friendly hotels get smaller and smaller.

The number of people attending the banquet and annual meeting mushroomed as entries grew over the years, until banquet reservations became necessary so that restaurants would have sufficient notice of the number of meals to prepare. Eventually, meal packages expanded from the awards banquet to include lunches, dinners and hospitality so visitors wouldn't have to worry about tracking down food.

Fundraising and Logos

Goody bags most likely started with 1985 Specialty after Beth Van Doren “silk-screened a head study of an Irish Water Spaniel on canvas, which she then sewed up into totes. These bags, which were filled with goodies, were given to everyone attending the Specialty. Extras were offered for sale along with other silk-screened and appliquéd items made by Beth.”(May/June, 1985 Newsletter) These days, more specialties are providing attendees with a commemorative bag of some sort to hold catalogs, poop bags and such. That's another reason why it is important to let the specialty committee know whether you are coming, even if you don't make meal reservations. This gives them a head count of people attending, and also helps them complete nametags.



Serious fundraising started with the 1989 specialty offering sweatshirts with a specialty logo of a moose and an IWS. Elizabeth Weaver writes, “we were “scared silly that we might lose money”” so they used a method they saw other dog clubs using, and offered sweats and tees with a specialty logo. They started posting their fundraising items 2 years before their specialty, and Ruth Roes and her 1988 specialty committee picked up their fundraising idea. They offered their own fundraising sweats to support the cost of Dorothy Read designed metal medallions that every placement received commemorating the Club’s 50th Anniversary. Since the 1988 Specialty, logos have been an integral part of specialties and their themes.

Hospitality

Hospitality probably started at someone’s grooming set up. In 1984, Judy Goonyep’s home was close enough to the show site to serve “as the hospitality room, and will be open all day and evening with lunch, snacks, and buffet supper being set up with the help and able gourmet talents of Grace Patti” (Newsletter, April 1984). In 1988, the California committee was able to set up some tables alongside the hotel pool and we had snacks under the pool umbrellas. Other hospitality rooms have been hotel rooms, or sometimes we have been able to persuade a hotel into giving us a small meeting room at no cost. Some hotels have even let us use the hospitality room for dog bathing; others don’t want any dog hair going into their plumbing system. These days, more and more hotels want to charge for everything, and fewer specialties are able to negotiate a free hospitality room as part of their activities package with host hotels.

Favors at the annual dinner were an early tradition. I haven’t been able to discover just when this custom started, but Norma Heiny sent me a paperweight that she made for the 1978 Specialty to mark the Club’s 40th Anniversary. In 1987, Norma’s daughter, Karen, created lovely cross-stitched pin boxes that everyone received at the awards dinner. [See the photo to take a look at these items.] Every year the specialty committee comes up with a unique item for the award banquet attendees.

Over the years, grooming has changed from the early advice to, “just get down to the sea early and let the dog swim in the salt water and clean themselves by rolling in the fine beach sand” (can you imagine!), to providing grooming areas with electricity for all the blowers, dryers and clippers. The 1998 MN specialty was held on the host hotel property. In addition to a grooming tent outside, the committee was able to have the hotel provide a grooming area in a bedroom where the hotel had removed all the furniture, and the specialty committee completely covered the carpeting with plastic. This room even had a lovely view of the indoor pool. It also helped that the pool area was quite large, as we had a monsoon rain start up just after the tents outside were set up for dinner, and the caterer and show committee had to bunt and get tables arranged around the inside pool to serve dinner and hold the auction that night. Only the brave ventured out to try to retrieve a few items from the grooming tent to use after dinner. Rain gear was not optional that night to walk the dogs.

Travel Award

In 1978, Earl Neumann decorated a log slice to create the “agony and endurance” plaque for the Club member traveling the farthest to attend the annual specialty. Colleen McDaniel and Marsha Hampton received it that first year (Newsletter, 1978, May-June). Winners got to display it in their home for the following year, then write their names on the back and send it to the next specialty chair to be awarded at the subsequent specialty. As specialty chair in 1992, I remember receiving this item in the mail with no note as to what it was. I was turning it over and over for a couple of days trying to figure out what I was supposed to do with it. It was pretty rustic, with some Irish decals and all these signatures on the back. Finally the light bulb went off, and I figured out that it was the travel award. After a few more years, there was no



more space on the back, and Janet Krogh from Alaska, who has won it many, many times, asked if she could finally retire it. I recreated this tradition a few years ago, but the item was not forwarded back to the next specialty. This year I have offered another traveling "agony and endurance" award in honor of Earl Neumann and his Banshee Kennel for his kindness and hospitality to me when I was new to the breed. It will be offered to the IWSCA club member traveling the farthest to attend the specialty; to be held in their possession until the next specialty, when they will write their name and the year of the win on the back, then forward it to the next specialty chair. But please enclose a note so it doesn't end up in the auction!

From The Newbie Files... Have You Hugged A Newbie Today?

By Maria Nation

Newbie story #1: When I entered my very first dog show, filled with the confidence born of newbie-dom, I wanted to do the handling myself. I spent hours training, grooming and practicing. (Note to newbies: that easy looking jog up and back in front of the judge? It's harder than you think). Confident I was finally "ready for prime time" I entered my first show, proudly clicking "water spaniel; 12 mos and under" on the online entry form. A few weeks later, on the weekend of the big event, my bathed and primped pup and I got up before dawn, I packed my sensible shoes and we headed for the showground many snowy miles away. For moral support I ask some friends to meet me there. This, as it turned out, was a very good call because when you do something really dumb it's nice to have a friend to laugh about it with. Sure, we might have been ready for prime time, but, alas, we were on the wrong channel: Instead of clicking Irish Water Spaniel, I had somehow entered the "American Water Spaniel." Whoops. (Another note to newbies: If you ever enter the wrong class it doesn't matter WHAT excuse you come up with or how much you plead or how cute your puppy is. The show steward won't let you change your entry on the day of the show. No way. No how. Go get a hot dog and enjoy the show. You're not going to compete.)

Newbies. We're the ones who ask the dumb questions. The ones who mistakenly groom our IWS to look like poodles. We're the well-meaning dunderheads who make the rest of you shake your head in astonishment.

We're also the future of the club.

The IWSCA is a small club and, for the most part, everyone likes it that way. In 2009 Irish Water Spaniels ranked 150th in the list of most popular breeds. (To put this into perspective, more people own Lowchens, Plotts and Norwegian Buhunds than our brown curlies.) It's okay. The gene pool is small and the long-term health of the breed requires slow and thoughtful management. Becoming the next "It Dog" like the French Bulldog (73rd most popular in 1999, 24th in 2009) would be a disaster for our rare breed. And yet pulling some new blood into the world of the IWS is essential.

Enter the newbie. There is talk in the club's leadership about how to nurture us newbies. Ideas have ranged from finding more non-competitive things for us to do at the Specialty





to giving all new IWS puppy owners a year's membership in the club. Ideas are still being knocked about so if you have a concept that would make the club more enticing for newbies or non-competitive IWS owners, let someone know about it.

Sure, it can be exasperating bringing a newbie around. We can be harder to train than a puppy in the weave poles. But you never know what you'll find with just a little patience and encouragement.

Newbie story #2: The newbie was a city dweller whose wife was afraid of dogs. He found his way to a Specialty where he was awestruck by the natural retrieving capabilities of the Irish (while his wife was touched by the barrettes in the topknots). At that Specialty, with the confidence born of newbie-dom, he corralled a top breeder and told her he wanted one of her dogs and said his goal was to have a "Group Winning Master Hunter." Inwardly, the breeder might have rolled her eyes at the newbie, but instead of turning away, she turned to help him and eventually he learned the ropes. Who was she? The late, great Marion Hopkins. And that newbie is now the IWSCA president, Jim Rubin, whose dog, Ch. D'Locks St. James's Gate CD JH "Guinness," has already been a 2010 Nationally ranked Sporting Group Dog and is one of just two All Around IWS to ever have earned an AKC All Breed Best in Show.

Which goes to show: inside every champion lives a newbie who once received a little patience and encouragement from an experienced IWSer.

Artist in Our Midst - Liz Weaver

By Cathy Shelby

Many of our members have benefited from Liz Weaver's art. Liz has been doing the painting for the Twin Cities IWS club's Christmas card fundraiser for three years, so perhaps you have bought some of her cards for giving to friends and family, or possibly, you've been the recipient of one of her cards. And if you are like me, you have framed one of her cards to add to your IWS collectibles. Who can't appreciate the character Liz captures in her paintings? Each year, we eagerly await what she has created for her next card.



I had a bit of trepidation about interviewing Liz as this newsletter's artist in the spotlight. It is tax season and Liz is an accountant. This must be the busiest time of year for her. Liz was very gracious in saying that she is pretty organized and would be happy to help.

When asked about her art background, Liz remarked that she started at the University of Minnesota with an eye towards majoring in fine arts. It was a short-lived major as she moved to accounting, knowing the two majors wouldn't mesh.

To gain a little perspective on Liz's interest in Irish Water Spaniel painting, you have to know that her artwork has always been exclusively animals. She tends to do more dogs, though, than horses and birds. Liz started in batik, only later moving to acrylic painting and painted ceramic tiles. Liz supported herself for a few years selling her batik work at art fairs and the Renaissance Fair, but had to quit when she became allergic to the dyes. Toward the end of her years of working in batik, she was



published in the Goodfellow Catalog of Wonderful Things, and even received a letter of inquiry from the Smithsonian. How difficult it must have been to quit batik at the height of her success in the medium.

So what next? Liz moved on to needlepoint, but soon discovered it was too time-consuming. I'm not sure whether this is the voice of the efficient accountant, or that of an artist stretching to find a new medium as exciting as batik.

Like many artists, Liz sometimes finds it a challenge to match the end product with her vision. The vision is always so clear, but sometimes, the application can fall short. Still, Liz enjoys painting in acrylics as well as painting unique ceramic tiles. While she does commissions, many times she does tiles as judge's gifts and models them from photos of their dogs. Liz comments that her best artistic moments are when something turns out much better than expected. Then she feels the joy of actually creating something special!



At this point in life, Liz notes that she would like a little more time to indulge both the painting and tiles more, but work and her dogs take center stage at the moment. Aside from these, she enjoys reading and gardening, and has a lovely Arab mare, but hasn't found much time for riding in several years.

Liz has been in IWS a little over thirty years. She says, "I came to the breed in a fairly circuitous way, since I actually wanted a French Bulldog. After deciding that they weren't really suitable for me, I tried for a Bedlington Terrier and then Standard Poodles. Bedlington breeders wouldn't sell to me, as I had a child, and Poodle breeders didn't want to sell me a breeding quality dog if I wasn't going to do show grooming and get a championship, so I was stymied. Then my sister called me from the International KC show and told me she just saw the ugliest dog and I would love it. She was right and after six months of searching, "Bippa", Ch. Deart's Autumn Mist CD moved in and took over my life".

Agility is Liz' biggest dog interest, although she says she isn't well suited for the sport. She says she has little athletic ability, no spatial sense, no sense of direction and compromised breathing, but clearly none of these things stops her. Even if the end result is a NQ (non-qualifying), a good run is thrilling. The relationship between handler and dog is very keen, as the dog reads the most minute signals, and the dog can know where you are going several obstacles ahead without you even saying anything.

Liz is well-known as a breeder, with the kennel name of Mole End. Mole End dogs have won the National Specialty, gone Best in Show, been #1 IWS in the country in breed, all-breed, obedience and agility, earned an OTCH and MACH and have had many other honors. As a breeder, Liz breeds only every other year because that's about as long as she can go without a puppy fix.

Currently, Liz has four dogs living with her. "Riot" Ch. Muddy Waters Instigator CD,RN,AX,AXJ,NF, "Inca" Ch. Mole End Incandescent AX,AXJ,OF, "Toro" Ch. Mole End Breaking the Waves MX,MXJ, NF and "Quasi" Mole End One and Only NAJ,NF. "Toro" just added the MXJ in early February, 2010.

Liz's treasures special moments with her dogs: Watching a brand new mother act like she's known how to care for puppies all of her life, but was just waiting for the chance to do it. Having a performance dog struggle to figure out what you are asking, and showing joy when it all comes together. In the springtime, seeing a dog actually somersault in its rush to get to the water.



Kim & Jeremy Kezer Biography - Membership

Amesbury, MA

Kim and I would like to thank the nominating committee for asking us to continue to serve as membership co-chairs (we consider ourselves as co-chairs as recognition of the work we both do in the position; since there is only one board position Jeremy is the board member of record).

It's important to Kim and myself to support and expand the membership's sense of community. Since taking on the position in 2007, we have undertaken innovations such as online payments for renewals, distributing the membership directory in a more frequently updated electronic form in addition to the annual paper mailing, adding a section that groups members by state and region, and working to formalize junior and household membership categories.

We have been involved with IWS for seven years. Fiona, our first IWS, was going to be just a pet/obedience dog, but Kim thought she'd like to try handling – and she is now an AKC all-rounder. In 2007 we bred Fiona and kept her daughter Selchie, and we are now getting ready to whelp Selchie's first litter. So I guess you can say we are now fully invested in the breed!

Jeremy is a Technical Manager & Principal Engineer at Avid Technology, the world leader in film & video editing systems for the news, film and television industry. As a Principal Engineer, I have led the technical releases of our flagship Media Composer product, coordinating the engineering & SQA efforts of over a hundred engineers on three continents. I am also a photographer, specializing in dog performance and conformation photography, in addition to wildlife and landscapes. In my spare time, I play ultimate Frisbee, kayak, and playing with the dogs.

Kim has always been involved in animal training and husbandry. After graduating from URI with a degree in Aquaculture, Kim worked at the Mystic Aquarium for many years, working with their collection of seals, sea lions, whales, dolphins, penguins, fish and invertebrates. Kim is now the Animal Training Advisor at Zoo New England, which runs the Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo in the Boston area. As the Advisor, Kim works with the keeper staff to develop and implement training programs for the animals at the zoos. Many of these programs are designed to help the keepers advance animal care through behavioral conditioning by training the animals to allow for injections, treating wounds, getting onto a scale, etc. in a safe and low-stress manner. Kim is also an instructor at the Fit-N-Trim Dog Training center, teaching classes in obedience, puppy manners, tricks, CGC, and therapy dogs. In her spare time, Kim enjoys fishing, yoga, and gardening. Kim has trained and handled our dogs to all of their titles, including Fiona's All-rounder and Selchie's specialty BOW.

While we are excited about our accomplishments so far, we look forward to working with the board to continue to strengthen and grow the club!



Ruth Bruskiwitz Biography - Secretary

Madison, WI

While the role of Secretary is clearly outlined in the IWSCA bylaws, I would like to expand on what I see as the obligations of being an IWSCA Board member. Conducting the business of the Club has become more complicated over the years, thus providing strong, forward thinking leadership is essential. Motivating and engaging interested members to help the Board realize and execute the issues that face the Club is extremely important. If elected Secretary, I commit myself to the aforementioned Board obligations, and to doing whatever possible to increase communication between the Board and the membership, including forwarding member concerns promptly to the Board and/or to the relevant committee, and responding and reporting back to the membership in a timely, unbiased manner. As a member of the Board, I would be committed to providing strong leadership in moving concepts from idea to execution. This club was created to promote and preserve the Irish Water Spaniel breed. My passion is for the Club to remain relevant to all IWSCA members, whether their IWS is a pet, performance, and/or show dog, to be a champion for our breed, to support and educate our breeders so that our gene pool stays healthy and robust, and to maintain the camaraderie that our membership desires, and cherishes.

Highlights of my credentials are as follows: as an IWS owner for 17 years and a member of the IWSCA community for 16 years, I trained and titled my Irish Water Spaniels in conformation, obedience, retriever hunt tests and tracking. My first IWS earned the AKC IWS All Around title, and she also became an IWSCA Dam of Merit. I have served the IWSCA as Midwest Representative from 2000 to 2005, Co-chair of the 2004 IWSCA National Specialty in Oshkosh, and was a member of the Genetics Concern Committee (GCC) in the late 1990s/early 2000s. During that time I organized the blood draw for the epilepsy study at the 2000 IWSCA National Specialty in California, and played a major role in drafting the GCC's mission statement. For the IWSCA Variable Surface Tracking (VST) match in 2001, I served as Test Secretary; I was a member of the 2003 IWSCA VST Test Committee and served as a tracklayer. I am a member of the IWSCA Breeders' Education Committee and have bred 2 IWS litters. In my 16 years as an IWSCA member, I have attended every national specialty except two. Annually, my Irish Water Spaniels serve as breed ambassadors by their participation in Milwaukee's Irish Fest Celtic Canine Exhibit and at the Badger Kennel Club Dog Fair. My involvement with other dog clubs includes the Pecatonica Tracking Club, where I served as newsletter editor from 2000 to 2005, and the Madison Retriever Club. I am an AKC approved retriever hunt test judge, and I have actively judged at the Junior level for the last 8 years.

A pharmacist by training, I serve on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy. Although my profession is not especially relevant to the pursuit of this position, I mention it because of the numerous leadership positions that I have held at local, regional and national levels in professional pharmacy organizations. What I can bring to the position of Secretary is this history and experience with volunteerism, and my desire to serve the IWSCA to the best of my ability.

My experience in the Club and with dogs crosses many venues. Please consider my candidacy for the position of Secretary, for the IWS breed, and for the future of the IWSCA.



Deborah M. Bilardi Biography - Secretary

Novato, CA

- 1979 to present IWSCA Member
- 1997 to present attended IWSCA National Specialty (except 2004 due to illness)
- 2000 National Specialty Committee-Vallejo, CA
- 2000 to 2004 IWSCA By-Laws Committee Chairman
- 2005 to present IWSCA Secretary
- 2006 National Specialty Committee-Claremont, CA
- 2009 to present IWSCA By-Laws Committee Chairman
- 2009 to present Breeders' Education Committee
- 2011 National Specialty Co-Chairman-Novato, CA

I have owned 4 Irish Water Spaniels in the past 30+ years. Today I am handmaiden to two 13 year old IWS Ladies. I have been active in Club activities for the last 13 years. I was the Treasurer and ran the Crufts Trip Raffle, as a fund raiser for the 2000 IWSCA National Specialty Committee. For the 2006 IWSCA National Specialty Committee I handled the commemorative items. This job included designing, ordering, selling and shipping the 2006 Commemoratives. My plans include attending the 2010 National. I have volunteered to work at most of the Nationals I have attended, so I expect to be put to work this year, too. I am presently a Co-Chairman of the 2011 IWSCA National Specialty Committee, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee and IWSCA Secretary.

I am running for reelection because I enjoy the job. I have had the pleasure of working for three Presidents and with about 10 other Board members. Each of whom has shared big a portion of my life and I am grateful for the experience and knowledge we exchanged. I am particularly proud of being on the 2009-2010 Board. We have accomplished an incredible amount work in the 9 short months we have been seated. Thanks to President Jim Rubin's guidance we have organized the Committees into IWSCA Standing Committees, IWSCA Board Appointees and IWSCA Ad Hoc Committees. This format blends into our new accounting system that we unanimously approved on Feb. 23, 2010. This accounting system will help us plan our financial future.

We are going through some turbulent times, so it is not always fun, but the chance to be a part of bring IWSCA into the 21st Century and a more professional organization makes it all worthwhile. With your approval I would like to continue serving you, the members of IWSCA.

I would appreciate your vote, but whether you vote for me or not I hope you do vote!



Sandy Ascot Biography - Treasurer

Custer Park, IL

I have been involved in doing the financials for the IWSCA since 1992. At first, it was because I had to -- I was chair of the 1992 specialty before I took over as treasurer for the Club from Liz Weaver. I was treasurer until 1996 when Judy Goonyep, then Michelle Cummings, became treasurer, but they always asked for my help putting together the year-end financials for the Club. I watched as the cost of operating the Club went up and our membership numbers went down. I've tried to present our financials to the board and the membership so they can understand where we've been and where we're going. Right now, we need some great ideas to create revenue for our core operations.

I am passionate about this breed, the Club and its history. Researching the newsletter and old catalogs for the specialty article has been wonderful. Lots more of this needs to be recaptured. Marion Hopkins' recent passing should remind us that we need to archive as much as we can. I am working with Florence to gather a collection of specialty catalogs to hold for our archives. I would like to engage interested members to help me retype old mimeographed newsletters so they are easier to read. All of our newsletters and catalogs need to be indexed so our history is more accessible. I have had to read every line in old newsletters to find those gems that make up our Club and breed history. It made my eyes hurt, but some of the pieces are SO interesting. Now the pages are loaded with post-its with notes scribbled on them. It would be much more valuable if we could index each newsletter so the next person trying to find some bit of history could just use the find button to locate it. I would love to have some help with this.

We have so much to do to preserve and generate interest in our rare breed. Many of us have been in the breed a while and there will need to be younger hands to take the reins. We need to mentor new members to encourage them to stay in the Club and get involved in the mechanics of running it. We need to mentor people who might want to breed so that we can keep bloodlines going that are essential to our small gene pool. We need to keep an eye on the health issues that can stymie owners' enjoyment of their dogs. Some of these things require money; some just take time and energy. I would like to see more member involvement in committees. Many members would like to get involved and have; others don't get any response to their offers to help. I want to see more members offered more opportunities to contribute and be involved with the Club.

I didn't start out knowing how to do financial reports -- I struggled with my first checkbook -- but over the years I have been a partner in a restaurant, a bar, a commercial real estate firm, and owned a trucking business. Seemed like I was the one that got stuck doing the numbers, so I got better at it. I worked at H&R Block for 10 years in the 70s and 80s, received training through them every year until I had enough knowledge to sit and pass the IRS test for Enrolled Agents. This allows you to represent tax clients during IRS tax audits. Currently, I am three years into owning my own garden business, Muddy Paws Nursery, which has been a lot of fun. I still work full time as an office manager for a construction management company that oversees all the renovation projects for Chicago Public Schools. With over 200 active projects at the same time and over 50 employees, we are busy, busy. Looking forward to retirement in a few years surrounded by water spaniels and plants!



Deborah Hughes Biography - Second Vice President

Dallas, GA

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for adding me to the 2010 slate as 2nd Vice President and take this time to introduce myself to you all. I have been a member of the IWSCA since I got my first Irish Water Spaniel in 1990 and I have served the IWSCA on the regional and national level since 2002. I have attended 14 National Specialties since 1990.

My dog background started in 1980 in Keeshond Rescue with a concentration in rehabbing dogs that could not be placed due to behavior and/or training issues. This brought me into Obedience. I reluctantly did Conformation when helping friends show dogs. In time I learned to appreciate and enjoy showing. When Agility was discovered I was smitten! Now if I could just get my knees to agree... I have participated in Field Work because I think it's important that our dogs remain versatile. And recently have discovered the joys of Dock Diving. But I think my favorite dog venue is the time before and after the actually ring/run time when we all sit around and chatter about the latest antics of our brown curly beasts.

My career choice is that of an Administrative Assistant – or as my previous boss of 10 years worded it “the person who works so I don't have to”. Admin Assistants are people who are perfectly happy in the background getting the job done. My job covers wide ranges from secretary, event coordinator, project management, hospitality, publisher of the company newsletter, and, my favorite, “other duties as assigned”. I have been at my current job for 4 years where I assist the Chairman of the Board, the President & Chief Operating Officer, and several other executives. Accuracy, confidentiality, and discretion are all critical.

I mention my time at my jobs because you can see a trend. I got into Keeshonden 30 years ago; IWS 20 years; married 15 years; previous employment 10 years; current employment 4 years so far. I am someone who believes in committing to what they do.

While I consider myself a creative and versatile thinker, I'm not someone who jumps into something or likes change for the sake of change. It took 17 years in purebred dogs before I was willing to breed my first litter. Sunnee became a top producer with 14 champions and numerous performance titles out of 3 litters. I was involved in IWS 10 years before I felt qualified to serve in the IWSCA. I believe if you are going to do something – do it right.

According to the Board Book, the job description for the 2nd Vice President is as follows: Second Vice President: shall be the liaison to the rescue committee and shall assume the office of the First Vice President if vacated for any reason. In 2002 the board added ...will also serve as liaison to the WC/WCX Committee. At some point during the current 2nd VP's tenure she was asked to serve as liaison to the Newsletter Editor. And of course, as with all jobs, other responsibilities as assigned (or volunteered for).

As you see from my above history, I have experience at the ground level in all these areas. This should make it much easier for me to understand the issues the committees have and work with the board.

My goals:

- Assist in providing transparency in the decision processes of the Board.
- Pursue more communication from the membership.
- Keep in mind that the IWSCA exists because of its members - and its future is only as strong as its membership.

I look forward to discussing the future of the club either privately or publicly.

Regardless as to whether or not I am elected to serve as 2nd Vice President, I will continue to use my passion and energy in my commitment towards the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America.



Gregory Johnson Biography - First Vice President

Minneapolis MN

This letter of introduction serves as my intent to stand for election to the board of the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America in the 2010-2011 club year for the position of 1st Vice President.

I have been a member of the IWSCA for 8 years. I currently live with 4 Irish Water Spaniels; two with championships, one with points and one "free spirit" that was born to bounce. I co-bred my first litter last August.

I am a member of the Twin Cities Irish Water Spaniel Club. I served as the 2007 Specialty Site and Grounds Chair. I joined the Board of the IWSCA as 1st VP in May of 2008. I am the designated Board liaison to the National Specialties and currently serve on the Constitution and By-laws revision committee.

My life building experiences include growing up on a farm in Eastern South Dakota. I have a degree in Horticulture with an emphasis on business and production. I worked for 25 years in the greenhouse/floral shop industry as a grower, designer and manager. Currently, I am the Assistant Administrator of the Oldest Theatre producing live theatre in Minneapolis, MN. I am directly responsible for the 150+ volunteers who help us produce each of the 9 productions in our season each year. My responsibilities include: daily box office and administrative staffing, dissemination of schedule information to volunteers, technical staff and patron services.

My greatest ambition for my dogs and myself is to be happy, healthy and respectful of those around us. I learn and re-learn that it is best to not take myself too seriously. My IWS are very keen on sensing when I need to be humbled and when I need to be loved. I try, but often fail to pass those lessons on in my daily life.

What do I have to offer the IWSCA? The club membership includes a wide range of interests, priorities and passions that are all important and need to be represented. I believe I am a good candidate to represent the general membership. It is my intention to work toward continued improvement in communicating with and listening to the entire membership of the club. I will serve the IWSCA to the best of my abilities, should I be elected. Thank you for the opportunity of your consideration.



Jill Brennan Biography - First Vice President

Rochester, WA

I want to thank Wayne Murray, Debra Nezgoda, and Melissa McMunn for supporting me by signing my petition, and my oldest daughter Eleesa for encouraging me to run.

Back ground

I have been a member of IWSCA for ten years, but was born into the dog community in general, as my parents dabbled in breeding Norwegian Elk Hounds and Dachshunds, as well as some obedience and conformation. While I handled our family Dachshund in Junior handling, the first dog I could call my very own was a vizsla. At 13 years old, I joined the Vizsla Club of America (the vizsla parent club) and finished her championship. Then at 14, I found a mentor, completed loads of research, and bred her. That began my love affair with sporting dogs. Since then, I have established a successful vizsla breeding program, owned and shown three Labradors, a Welsh Springer Spaniel, and several Irish Water Spaniels.

Relevant Experience

- Over ten years experience living with, training, titling, whelping and raising Irish Water Spaniels
- 30 years of experience as a breeder and exhibitor
- Five years AKC Parent club executive experience
- Served multiple times as show chairperson, show/match secretary, and various show committee positions
- Member of IWSCA since 2000
- Attended every IWSCA national specialty since 1999
- Assisted with 2009 IWSCA national specialty
- Current IWSCA newsletter layout editor
- Corresponding Secretary of the Vizsla Club of America (AKC Parent Club)
- Former Recording Secretary of the Vizsla Club of America
- Current member of Vizsla Club of America by-laws committee
- Former President, Secretary, and Vice President of the Trail's End Vizsla Club of Oregon and Puget Sound Vizsla Club
- Former Secretary of Angles-Clark Canine Club

Although I have over 30 years of experience as a breeder, exhibitor, and have worked directly with the AKC, I do not have the emotional baggage that many of the long time IWS fanciers have, therefore I can be open-minded, yet know the little things about AKC, Parent clubs, and events that are important to know when serving on the board of directors of an AKC parent club. Some examples include understanding the inner workings of the delegate systems and club relations department. I hope to use this experience to move the IWSCA Board forward into a more transparent future, where communication with the general membership is a priority. I hope you will vote for me, but either way, please vote informed.



Jim Rubin Biography - President

Arlington, VA

My name is **Jim Rubin**. I'm running for reelection as IWSCA President.

I am a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and have an MBA in Finance. As a Naval Officer I served at sea in a frigate based in the Far East. In 1985 I started Strategic Insight, Ltd, a management-consulting firm. Today, we have a staff of over 150. Our clients range from Fortune 100 companies to some of the largest, most complex efforts undertaken by the federal government. Service to community is important to me. To this end, I've served on the Vestry of my church and was on the Board and Treasurer for a private elementary school. For almost a decade, I've been the Chairman of the Kathy Hardy Gray Dance Theater (KHGDT); a Traditional Modern Dance Company. My wife, Veronica, and I have been married for twenty years. We have no children.

I have been serving as the Club President since May 2009. Nearly three decades ago, I became interested in Irish Water Spaniels because of their athleticism and innate versatility. I have put conformation, obedience and field titles on my 5 year old, "Guinness." My connection to the breed encompasses a respect for its long history and a dedication to protecting the breed's genetic future. I'm an AKC Hunt Test Judge and served on the Board of the Rappahannock River Retriever Club. (We hosted the 2007 AKC Master National). I'm on the committee hosting the 2010 IWSCA National Specialty and am a member of the IWSCA Breeders' Education Committee. My AKC Registered Kennel name is "Blackthorn." I breed for health, field drive and type. I am CoolIrishDog on the Yahoo Lists.

I'm proud of the short time I've been IWSCA President. We have accomplished a great deal: Established a defined Committee Structure and are encouraging everyone to find an area of interest and volunteer; Renamed and opened the Breeders Education Committee to all members interested in breeding IWS and have focused on important education and outreach efforts; Established CHIC as the criteria for our breed-stock; Empowered our Committee Chairs to manage as they see fit; Reestablished a robust club Website <http://iwsca.webs.com/>; Fortified our Newsletter with special columns and articles; Approved a 2010 Budget, tied to our Committees, initiatives and priorities. We are conducting a new on-line Health Survey, uniquely tailored to IWS.

For too long, our Club has relied on too few. We have become comfortable letting the same voices speak for all of us. This will not serve our rare breed. We need to: Delegate more to our Committees; Allow our Board to make and implement policy, and; Encourage each member to be involved at every level. We must: Welcome those willing to work for our Club; Listen more; Recognize the loudest voice is not the only one, and; Stifle initial criticism of new or different ideas. We need to provide a structure to allow leadership from a broad base of experience and expertise. We have only begun to put in place the tools to make this happen. To continue the important work we have started, I'm standing for reelection and ask for your vote and support.



Jack McDaniel Biography - President

Bothel, WA

I am herewith submitting my nomination for President of the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America.

I have been involved with IWSs for over 32 years. During that time, I have seen the IWSCA membership grow, & recently shrink. Lately, I have heard from many members who feel disenfranchised & are considering not renewing their memberships. I found that so disturbing that it motivated me to run for IWSCA President. I was also troubled to learn that in the last 10 years, IWS AKC registrations declined from 130th to 150th place. I believe that I can nurture the positive changes needed to restore this Club to serve its membership in a meaningful & useful way, & promote the IWS breed that we love. The common goal must always be the betterment of the breed & our Club. As I am retired, I have ample time to devote to whatever is necessary to make this happen.

Our members have always been willing & eager to give their time & experience, but recently, this has not been fully realized.

- We need to actively work to promote a truly open & welcoming forum for all members.
- I will listen & do my best to understand the concerns of all of our members, not just the few who are more vocal, & will give my honest response. That way, we can agree, disagree, or compromise, but I will never discount your ideas.
- The Board has an obligation to keep the membership informed. This cannot be accomplished with Board business conducted sporadically & primarily by e-mail due to its asynchronous nature & inability to clearly convey one's feelings or reservations about an issue. The following changes will result in keeping our members fully informed & understanding Board process.
- Regularly scheduled Board meetings via teleconference, brings about a true exchange of ideas so that members can hear each other's reasoning. This is the most appropriate way for business to be conducted.
- Transparency of Board discussion & action is extremely important.
- All Board actions should be reported to the membership in a timely manner: bi-monthly newsletter board reports do not provide our membership with timely or adequate information.
- I believe in finding workable solutions, & implementing them. I will do everything in my power to guide the IWSCA for the betterment of the breed, & our membership.

Colleen & I married over 27 years ago. IWSs brought us together. Together we founded The Academy of Canine Behavior. Over the years, we have owned or bred 13 All-Around IWS. Our breeding program has also produced Best in Show, MACH, Master Hunter, Utility, HIT, Tracking, as well as wonderful companion dogs & working Service Dogs. At the 1981 National Specialty in Syracuse, NY, I was the first person to title my IWS to the WCX.

I have attended the majority of IWSCA National Specialties since the late 70s, & have always attended every annual meeting at those specialties. I am a member of the IWSCA Constitution & By-Laws committee.

I am currently serving my 2nd 3-year term on the Snohomish County Animal Advisory Board, & I sat on the Board of the Grant County, WA Humane Society for several years in the 80s.



For the last 3 years, I was President of a 150-member woodworking & woodturning club. I declined to run again because I feel that new leadership with new ideas is necessary for any club to grow. I am the recipient of the second lifetime membership ever given by the Club in its 25 years.

I have a strong history of commitment & involvement with the organizations to which I belong. I enjoy working with people, & I want to be involved with people that share my common goals for the Irish Water Spaniel breed. I ask for your vote so that we can start the process together.

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Recommendations for Breeding and Pregnant Bitches

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All vaccinations should be performed at least two weeks prior to the onset of proestrus. No vaccines should be administered to the breeding bitch or the pregnant bitch. Bitches should be dewormed biannually or more frequently depending on the kennel situation using Panacur® or Drontal Plus®.



Once confirmed pregnant, bitches should be dewormed with Panacur® 2 weeks prior to their due dates, 2 – 3 days after whelping (if everything is normal with the bitch and the puppies) and 2 weeks later. Panacur® should be given orally once daily for 3 days for each course of deworming. This will decrease the parasite load transmitted to the puppies through the bitch's milk. Puppies should be dewormed with pyrantel pamoate (Strongid®) beginning at 4 weeks of age and repeating every 2 weeks until 12 weeks of age. Additional deworming protocols may be recommended based on kennel situations.

Ultrasound examination for pregnancy can be performed 19 days post-ovulation at the very earliest. In bitches with a history of conception failure or early resorption, pregnancy should be determined as early as possible. For the bitch with no history of breeding problems, ultrasound examination can be done at day 25 post-ovulation, at which time heartbeats will be evident. In bitches that have not been timed for ovulation, initial ultrasound examination can be performed 3 – 4 weeks following the last breeding, but failing a positive pregnancy exam, she should be rechecked in 7 – 10 days to ensure that she did not ovulate the week after the last breeding. Pregnancy radiographs for fetal counting is best performed during the last week of pregnancy. They can be done anytime after 45 days of pregnancy (days post-ovulation) but they are more accurate closer to term.

The bitch should be switched to a high protein diet during the last half of her pregnancy. Feeding a high quality puppy food is usually the best choice. Feeding of strict raw meat diets or raw liver diets is strongly discouraged as they do not provide balanced nutrition for the pregnant or breeding bitch. The transition to the new diet should occur over about 10 days. Initially, $\frac{1}{4}$ new diet and $\frac{3}{4}$ old diet should be fed, then $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ of each, then $\frac{1}{4}$ old diet and $\frac{3}{4}$ new diet should be fed. The litter size, breed and body condition of the bitch will dictate exactly how much extra the bitch should be fed. On average, one should double the amount fed by the time the bitch whelps, and triple the amount fed by 2 weeks post whelping (peak lactation). Maximal amounts of food should be fed for 2 weeks post peak lactation and then the bitch's diet should be tapered back to a normal amount (beginning at the time that food is first beginning to be supplemented to the puppies) and should be back to a normal amount by the time of weaning. She should be transitioned back onto her



regular adult dog food over 10 days as well, using the same type of transition schedule as described above. Exact amounts of food should be determined following discussion with the veterinarian after considering litter size and body condition of the bitch.

The bitch's temperature should be taken 3 times daily beginning 1 week before her due date. Temperatures should be taken at the same time each day with no more than 8 hours between monitoring. A drop in temperature below 98F is indicative of whelping within the next 24 – 36 hours. In some bitches the temperature drop does not reliably occur or may be more subtle and only reach 99F (small litters of 1 – 2 puppies or in bitches where progesterone does not fall below 2 ng/ml before whelping).

Bitches should be checked daily for mastitis beginning a day or two before whelping and continuing through the first 3 weeks of lactation. Any firm, painful, reddened glands should be carefully monitored. Additionally, any abnormal color or blood in the milk, should receive veterinary attention. Any change in the bitch's attitude or appetite should be considered a potential sign of post-partum disease. Temperature should be monitored twice daily the first week post-whelping, and any elevations above 102.0F require consultation with a veterinarian. Any odor to or excessive amounts of vulvar discharge, should instigate veterinary attention. Any change in the normal color of the post-whelping discharge (dark red and mucus like in consistency) to dark brown, brown, or green should be seen by a veterinarian.



Any trembling, muscle twitching, rigidity, or excessive facial itching requires immediate veterinary attention. Bitches can be very picky eaters during the first week post-whelping, but should be eating something and should remain interested in the puppies. Any signs of depression, disinterest in the puppies, or detachment should instigate an examination.

Puppies that constantly nurse or cry indicate a problem either with the puppies or with the bitch. Puppies should nurse frequently (hourly) but then have activated sleep (twitching) in between nursing. Puppies that nurse constantly are probably not getting adequate milk. Puppies should gain 10 – 15% of their body weight daily (from day 2 onward – usually lose weight the first day) for the first 2 weeks. Puppies that cry, whine, are bloated, separate themselves from the rest of the litter, do not have activated sleep, develop diarrhea or irregular respiratory problems, develop skin infections, or have red, swollen umbilical stumps should have immediate veterinary attention.



Irish Water Spaniel Club of America

AWARDS APPLICATION

*(Submit separate forms for **each** dog)*

WE will **NOT** be tabulating awards - only collecting data from members. If you believe your dog may qualify for one of the following awards or certificates (except where stated that we will be obtaining the information), please apply for it using this form **ONLY**. We will not accept e-mail, fax or phone requests. Awards will only be given to members that apply by the deadline.

Events included from January 1st, 2009 to December 31st, 2009. DEADLINE for Awards applications is:
March 31st, 2010 – NO EXCEPTIONS!

Award application must be **mailed** to:

Timothy R. Ufkes
2305 NW 100th Street
Seattle, WA 98177
(inquires **ONLY** e-mail tufkes@gmail.com)

Circle Prefix Titles (titles displayed **BEFORE the dogs' name):**

Ch, MACH, OTCH

Circle Suffix Titles (titles displayed **AFTER the dogs' name):**

Agility Titles: AJP, AX, AXJ, AXP, FTC, FTCP, MFP, MJP, MX, MXF, MXJ, MXP, NA, NAJ, NAP, NF, NFP, NJP, OA, OAJ, OAP, OF, OFP, OJP, PAX, XF, XFP

Hunt Test Titles: JH, SH, MH

Obedience Titles: CD, CDX, UD, UDX

Rally Titles: RN, RA, RE, RAE

Tracking Titles: TD, TDX, VST, CT

Versatility Titles: VCD1, VCD2, VCD3, VCD4

Dogs Registered Name (without title): _____

Dogs Call Name: _____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Owner(s): _____

IMPORTANT: You must be a current member and have renewed your dues by March 31st, 2010. All co-owners do not need to be members as long as one owner is a member on record.

Pick-up or Shipping of Awards: Awards will be available for pick-up at the Annual Awards Dinner at the National each year. Please arrange to have your award picked up by either yourself or a friend. Those not picked up will be shipped after the national but shipping charges will apply.

IWSCA Awards

Conformation Awards:

Top Five IWS by Breed points - Members DO NOT need to apply for this award. We will obtain the information from the AKC.

Top Five IWS All Breed points - Members DO NOT need to apply for this award. We will obtain the information from the AKC.

Cu'Chulain Best in Show Trophy - Presented to the IWS that wins their first Best in Show in 2009. To apply for this award you must include the following information:

Show: _____ Date won: _____

Judge: _____ Handler: _____

Winners Dog Award - Presented to the IWS dog that defeated the most dogs (males) on his way to completing his championship with all points awarded in one year. To apply for this award you must include the following information: Number of dogs (males) defeated while winning Winners Dog: _____

Winners Bitch Award - Presented to the IWS bitch that defeated the most bitches on her way to completing her championship with all points awarded in one year. To apply for this award you must include the following information: Number of bitches defeated while winning Winners Bitch: _____

Outstanding Producers - Presented to a stud dog that has 5 champion get or to a brood bitch with 3 champion get. This award is only given once when they achieve either the 5 or the 3 champions. To apply for this award you must include the following information:

Names of Champion Get: _____

Marsh Brood Bitch Trophy: The Marsh Brood Bitch Trophy is a perpetual trophy awarded to the bitch that produces the most champion offspring during the year. Members DO NOT need to apply for this award. We will obtain the information from the AKC

Obedience Awards:

Top Novice Obedience Winner for 2009 – Presented to the IWS who while achieving their Novice title (CD) earns the highest average score using their first three passes towards their CD. All passes must be in 2009.

Three Novice Passing Scores: _____

Top Open Obedience Winner for 2009 - Presented to the IWS who while achieving their Open title (CDX) earns the highest average score using their first three passes towards their CDX. All passes must be in 2009.

Three Open scores: _____

Top Utility Obedience Winner for 2009 - Presented to the IWS who while achieving their Utility title (UD) earns the highest average score using their first three passes towards their UD/UDX. All passes must be in 2009.

Three Utility scores: _____

High In Trial Award - Presented to ALL IWS's who have achieved a High in Trial in 2009. To apply for this award you must include the following information:

HIT Score (1st one awarded in 2009): _____ Club: _____

Top High in Trial Award - Presented to the IWS that achieves the highest score while being awarded High in Trial. To apply for this award you must include the following information:

HIT Score: _____ Club: _____

High Obedience Award - Presented to the IWS that defeats the most dogs in obedience while achieving passing scores. Dogs defeated: _____

Agility Awards :

Taoide Top MACH Dog Trophy – Donated by Pat Morton in memory Taoide agility dogs. This stained glass art piece, created by Deb Nezgoda, is presented to the dog that earns the most MACH points in one year. In the event of a tie, the trophy will be awarded to the dog having earned the most lifetime MACH points. Members do not need to submit results for these trophies as they will be determined by official AKC reports.

Mole End Agility Double Q Trophy – Presented to the dog who earns the most Agility double qualifying scores (qualifying in Excellent B in Standard and Jumpers on the same day) in a year. In the event of a tie, the award will be determined by the most lifetime double qualifications. If this should still result in a tie, it will then be determined by the most lifetime MACH points. Members do not need to submit results for these trophies as they will be determined by official AKC reports.

Top Agility: Presented to the dog that has the most points using the AKC system of determining the top agility dog for each breed. This system gives one point for each speed point earned and ten points for each double Q earned. Members do not need to submit results for these trophies as they will be determined by official AKC reports.

AKC All-Rounder Award:

Presented to the dog who has achieved an AKC Championship title, an AKC obedience title (CD, CDX or UD), and an AKC Hunt Test title (Junior, Senior or Master).

This dog qualifies as a **new** AKC All-Rounder: yes no

New Titles:

We will be giving certificates to all dogs that have achieved NEW AKC titles (all events) from the time period January 1st, 2009 to December 31st, 2009. Please list all NEW titles here:



*The Family of Marion Hopkins would like to thank you
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