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## Irish Water Spaniels in the New Spaniel Hunt Tests



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Test photos.

## Proposed 2011 National Specialty Schedule

<b>Mon May 16</b>	<b>Inn Marin</b>	Wine Tour, Hospitality Room Opens, Welcome Party
<b>Tues May 17</b>	<b>Marin Humane Society</b>	Agility, Lunch on Site, IWSCA Annual Meeting
<b>Weds May 18</b>	<b>Inn Marin</b>	Committee Meetings, Obedience, Rally, Sweepstakes, Parades, Raffle, Silent Auction, Dinner Inn Marin, Presentation
<b>Thurs May 19</b>	<b>Rio Vista Field Site/Inn Marin</b>	WC/WCX, Judges' Education/Field, Bird Dog Qualifying, Lunch, Bird Dog Match/Inn Marin
<b>Friday May 20</b>	<b>Inn Marin</b>	Committee Meetings, Judges Education, National Specialty, Dinner/Inn Marin, Auction
<b>Sat May 21</b>	<b>Vallejo</b>	Regional Specialty, Group/BIS Cheering Section, Awards Banquet at Inn Marin
<b>Sun May 22</b>	<b>Vallejo</b>	Supported Entry at Coyote Hills Kennel Club

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### CLUB OBJECTIVES

- To encourage members to perfect, by selective breeding, physically and temperamentally sound Irish Water Spaniels; to do all possible to promote their natural abilities & qualities;
- To encourage the organization of independent local IWS clubs in the localities where there are sufficient IWS fanciers to meet the requirements of the American Kennel Club;
- To urge members & breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by AKC as the only standard of excellence by which IWS shall be judged;
- To do all in its power to protect and advance the interest in the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, field trials, obedience trials and tracking tests; to do all possible to further the use of the Irish Water Spaniel as a hunting dog;
- To conduct sanctioned matches, specialties, field and obedience trials and tracking tests under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.



By Jack McDaniel

## President's Message

May-June 2011



As the 2011 National Specialty is looming, and I have been busy finishing up the work I am doing on some of the trophies and getting ready for all the meetings that will be held during the specialty, I took pause to reflect on what we have accomplished this year. It is easy to look at a glass as half empty, rather than half full. So...I started making a list of items that are significant to the club as a whole.

We now have a Code of Ethics committee that is working on developing something we should have had long ago. This will put some teeth in the enforcement of civility and actions of our members. Developing a code from scratch is a time consuming, tedious job and the members of the committee are dedicated to developing something that will work now and in the future.

We have a Constitution and By-Law committee that is working on some much needed updates. Our society is changing and so must our By-Laws. The Internet has changed the way we operate and we need to keep pace. Changing By-Laws is also a very tedious job. When you make a small change in one section, you find that it forces a change in several other areas.

The Judges Education committee is developing some great handouts to go along with the new presentations. They now have representation in all regions and continue to work toward developing additional presenters.

The Awards committee has not only expanded to include more representation of all venues but, they have also increased the number of awards available to members. They work hand in hand with the Specialty committees to coordinate the awards

program.

Speaking of the Specialty committee, what a tough job!!! Thanks to all of you that have worked so hard to put it all together. If you have never worked on a specialty committee, you need to step up to the plate and volunteer. You will then have an inkling of what a tremendous effort it is. It takes a village to put on a specialty. The committee has been very innovative in offering items for sale online. What a great idea.

In calling for volunteers, we recently received an offer from a club member to take over the newsletter which could result in saving the club money. Taking on the newsletter is monumental task, especially when filling such big shoes. We are wishing the new newsletter person, Annette Mora, great success. And, I feel we all owe Jill Brennan, our present editor, a huge round of applause and thanks for all the work she has done in giving us such a quality product over the years.

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We now have the ability to run our IWS in Spaniel Upland tests. I am still amazed at how quickly we were able to get that approved through AKC. The Upland committee was able to put together a “Hunting Style” and get it approved by AKC in record time. By the time you read this, we will already have some dogs with legs toward titles. There are 8 to 10 dogs running in a test in the Northwest this month.

I look forward to the coming year. We have accomplished much, but we still have much more to do. It is an ongoing project that will never end. This is your club and it will only succeed with your input, so why not step up and volunteer to help. We have many other areas that need attention, one of them being the Public Relations committee. Let's work together to make this club the best it can be for the IWS.

See you in Novato!!!

# Solid Gold SunDancer

**A chicken-based dog food is finally here.**

Several years ago, Solid Gold decided to develop a chicken-based dog food. Then, came the bird/avian flu and chickens were contaminated and chicken-based dog foods were pulled off the market. Solid Gold waited. Then, in 2009-2010 the chicken/egg salmonella poisoning caused many chicken-based dog foods to be recalled.

Now, chickens have been given a clean bill of health, so Solid Gold introduced *SUNDANCER*. This unique dog food is an advance of all other chicken-based dog foods on the market. Peas are a good source of protein, but caused gas in many dogs. However, we researched and found that if tapioca and the grain quinoa were mixed with peas, gas doesn't form. So we used these unique ingredients.

Tear stains in some dogs are problems. It is usually an allergy to some ingredients in the dog's food. However, we found Chia seed/ AKA Salba, neutralizes this problem. People may know Chia seed as Chia Pets, that clay head that sprouts "hair" when water is added. But Chia is much more than a novelty Chia has been called the Ancient Grain of the Future. Aztecs and Mayans mixed the seeds with water to form a gel. It was taken internally not only as a cleanser to remove irritants in the intestinal tract, but was used for endurance. It was the only food used by ancient warriors and athletes during an activity. When the gel was applied topically to wounds or skin irritations, the skin healed rapidly. We also put Chia for internal healing in our Sundancer dog food.

The most fascinating ingredient in our SunDancer is curcumin, the root from the turmeric plant. It has a 4,000 year old history for curing a variety of health problems in India. Curcumin is known worldwide as the "Indian Solid Gold". That's a nice déjà vu expression. Perhaps, curcumin is most well-known for its use in cancer. The Indians say that there are 33 channels of cancer, and curcumin address all of them. The University of Maryland Medical Center found that curcumin lowered bad cholesterol to reduce the cause of stroke. It also reduced pressure on the eye. Curcumin gives mustard the yellow color and the spice flavor. See <http://www.umm.edu/altmed/articles/tumeric-000277.html>. Dr. David H Frig, MBA found turmeric/curcumin inhibited amyloid plaque from forming in the brain which contributed to Alzheimer's disease.

In 1958, the U.S. Congress wanted to fund a study for the elimination of cancer using turmeric/curcumin. But the big pharmaceutical companies put forth such a large lobby, that it was stopped. They said such a study would interfere with the revenue from their cancer drugs. One pharmaceutical person said that if this curcumin were so effective, they would synthesize it and make it into a prescription drug.

In 1971, President Nixon agreed to begin a new curcumin/cancer study. But the Watergate problem stopped that.

Look for our shiny purple bags of Solid Gold SunDancer dog food. We also use fish to support the DNA of Oriental dogs, Arctic dogs and dogs originally from England, Scotland, Ireland, and all water dogs (such as labs, poodles, terriers, retrievers, and sporting dogs). If you don't add fish to these dog's diet, they may develop allergies in the lower legs and chew or lick their feet.

Look for the two dancing dogs on the bag of our hermetically, vacuum sealed bags for freshness. Do not pour the food out into another container. Open the bag, scoop out what you need and close with bag clips or clothes pins. The act of pouring exposes the food to air. We use no chemical preservatives in our fresh Solid Gold dog foods.



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## *A Funny Story*

Sissy, the owner of Solid Gold, was recently at a dog show and it was quite warm. Someone commented that the news said that the planet, Saturn, with its rings, was heating up the galaxy. A near-by 10 year old girl standing close by said she knew what Saturn looked like. She said "that's the planet with the hula hoops". Now, don't you feel old!

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By Dorothy Line

## Specialty Spotlight

### 2011 National Specialty Update

Well, here we are all ready for the 2011 Novato, California Specialty. The ink is drying on the catalogs, motel reservations are in place, judges are lined up and ready, boxes crammed full of auction goodies are ready for their big debut, and everyone is planning their trip to the Bay Area.

The companion show, Coyote Hills, just down the road, should be a great show and will make a great final hurrah to our annual gathering of the clan.

It has been a lot of work but also a lot of fun to put together this Specialty. I have learned a lot in the process and made some new friends to boot. So many folks stepped up to donate auction items and offer a helping hand. You can never know how much we appreciated each and every one of you! Now that I know how much hard work goes into the making of each and every Specialty, I will always try and step up to lend a hand to others' as they prepare their Specialty.

For me, being in charge of the raffle/auction end of things I learned that most businesses' actually expect you to ask for free stuff! Who knew??? They all have someone called a donation co-ordinator. There have been so many businesses' that have donated neat things, I was tickled pink. As an example, we have a wonderful piece that we will be auctioning off at our live auction from a company called 14k-9 Jewelry. They were so very generous and I am so very grateful. To see their work you can go to: [www.14K-9.com](http://www.14K-9.com).

I was also equally impressed with the artists that worked with us on our note cards. The watercolor artist, Deb Waxdahl, did a wonderful job on our watercolor IWS head note cards. A little blurb about Deb:

Deb Waxdahl lives in Bakersfield, CA, with her husband Bob, their dog Bailey, their cat Becky, a California Desert tortoise Shelby and Deb's horse Scout. She is a mother of three, grandmother of three, a homemaker, gardener, appreciator of God's handiwork, and an artist who is inspired by Creation. Her happiest moments are spent with family, riding Scout with Bailey alongside, hiking in the mountains with her camera, or immersed in an art project. She has been doing pencil and ink drawings from photographs for 20 years, and watercolor portraits for two years. Deb can be contacted at [waxdahl@bak.rr.com](mailto:waxdahl@bak.rr.com) for information on commissioned portraits.



Our other artist, Jenna Frazier, a 24 year old vet tech from Fairfield, CA has been doing pencil drawings for as long as she can remember.

Her drawing of Cal (Irish Show Champion Cahean Ingleside) was just stunning. We also have to thank Emma O'Donnel for allowing us to use Cal's likeness for our cards. Emma, he was such a



handsome boy, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

You can check out more of Jenna's work and order your own pencil drawing on her website [www.FierceZebra.com](http://www.FierceZebra.com). You won't be disappointed!



We also have been fortunate to have had Pure Paws grooming products agree to supply our bathing area with their shampoo and conditioner. I use Pure Paws myself and absolutely love their stuff! Check out their website at: [www.purepaws.net](http://www.purepaws.net).



They have a great shampoo and conditioner called Terrier Touch (don't let the name fool you) that helps maintain that tight crisp curl we love to see in the water spaniel coat. Their volumizing shampoo is the best I have ever tried. And their Oatmeal and Aloe conditioner is a favorite of mine for all coat types here in the shop. Not only will they be supplying our bathing area at the Specialty with product, but you will be happy to know there will be a little surprise in your goody bag from them as well!

Our Ebay auction was a huge success and something that I hope becomes a tradition with each new Specialty. So many folks that won't be able to join us this year were so very excited



## 2011 National Specialty Update – continued

to get to participate in a little piece of the fun. Thank you to all who supported our Ebay endeavor! Your support was much appreciated.

Also for those of you that won't be able to join us this year, don't forget to buy your raffle tickets. The Restaurant Raffle

will make one lucky participant the proud owner of five \$50.00 gift certificates to five different national chain restaurants. You don't need to be present to win. After drawing the lucky winner's name, we will continue to draw winners from the same tickets for smaller gift certificates to the same national chain restaurants.



And talk about saving the best for last...the winner of Sharon Moreland's handmade quilt will also be drawn at the Specialty. We will happily mail it to you should you be the lucky winner!

So, support your club and buy up those raffle tickets!

Thanks again to everyone for being so helpful and generous with your time. We look forward to seeing you all soon now!

## Submission Deadlines

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
July – August 2011 (Nationals Results)	June 15, 2011
September – October 2011	August 15, 2011
November –December 2011 (Holiday Theme)	Oct. 15, 2011
January – February 2012	Dec. 15, 2011
March – April 2012 (Nationals Information)	Feb. 15, 2012
May – June 2012	April 17, 2012



By By Susanne Hogan

## Water Spaniels With Experience

*Reflections*



It's approaching one year since I took over as Chair of IWSCA Rescue. On reflection, this term differs significantly from my previous rescue experience ten years ago in the Irish Water Spaniels involved. I classified our Rescues in the 1990s as two- to three-year old boys who, as they

became teenagers, became unmanageable members of their households. Mostly fine boys, if living an unstructured existence, they required attention to their behavior. That made them somewhat difficult to place because of their size, intelligence, and willfulness. The new home was faced with a definable, if difficult, issue in turning an IWS Rescue into a pleasant home companion.

As my first IWS was an 18-month-old boy of the same circumstance, I understood these boys and their needs. And, as we could define the characteristics of the new home clearly, placement was straightforward.

With the notable exception of our "big" rescue, I never ran into a female IWS during my previous tenure.

This year, I would generalize our IWS Rescue contacts as five-years or older, both male and female, and losing their homes for reasons not due to their behavior. Changing living circumstances, loss of the owner, and relocations are prevalent. While only a handful in number, they were nice dogs who ran into disadvantageous circumstances. With a single exception, each was handled either by the breeder or with significant breeder support to Rescue.

In speaking with another curly brown breed group recently, they were astounded that we solicit and actually get breeder cooperation in our rescue program. They reported it to be unheard of in their breed.

Our breeders deserve a great deal of credit for this responsibility and responsiveness.

We have lost some rescue homes to other breeds, including a Curly Coated Retriever, but continue to see our homeless dogs find new forever homes. I remain confident we will continue to identify placements where they are needed.

I continually get communication from members offering help. We take them up on it as frequently as we need it and will call on each of you in the future, as your involvement is needed. Again, our owners and fanciers are a blessing for our dogs.

We continue to work with our website coordinators to produce an informative and useful web presence for our rescue program.

**Dog Stories** - It's been a busy spring with identification of and assistance to homeless curly brown dogs. A number of dogs identified as Irish Water Spaniels have been referred to other rescue groups successfully and we've yet to find one correctly identified as our breed, outside of our own contacts.

We continue to have a home or two waiting for a rescue and are working with the breeders to coordinate where a rehome may be a viable substitution.

We had the involvement of our rescue team, as well as a number of IWSCA members, and breeders, for which we are most grateful.

A brief wrap-up of our activities follows for those interested in the details:

**Iskha** - Identified as an IWS by the shelter on Petfinder. We had seen him last fall when another (kill) shelter had him. I thought he was AWS but the shelter director had a DNA test done and he came back (essentially) as a doodle. He then turned up last month with The Milo Foundation (a no-kill shelter with extensive facilities in northern California). Sharon Moreland went to see him and is convinced he's a large AWS. A potential family was also visiting him at that time and, regardless of whether or not they adopted him, (1) he is not an IWS and (2) he is in no jeopardy for his life. He's a nice boy and will find a good home with the help of Milo.

**Rochester** - Identified as an IWS by the shelter on Petfinder. IWS and AWS Rescues agreed quickly that he was AWS. AWS Rescue worked out having the shelter neuter him, and treat his heartworm infection, after which we would provide transport. My husband drove to Martinsville and picked him up on Thursday. He seemed a very nice and sweet guy, albeit pretty sick after the heartworm meds and neuter. We turned him over to the AWS Rescue chair that evening. She will keep him through his 30-day recovery period and place him thereafter.

He's since been seen by their vet and groomed. The photos I've seen of him since the grooming show a beautiful American Water Spaniel boy, happy and ready to play. He also feeling better and reported to be a sweet boy. They will proceed with placement as soon as he's well enough.

**Benny and Billy**- We were made aware of two young "water spaniel" dogs in Virginia. Upon looking at their photos, we pretty quickly thought they were Boykins. Tara Darling took the lead for IWSCA, working with Boykin Rescue, who had them in hand

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By Laurel Baglia

## Northeast Regional Report

The Northeast region will host an IWSCA supported entry on Sept 30th at the Wine Country circuit in Romulus, NY. Please save the dates and join us in the lovely Finger Lakes region for four days of conformation, agility, rally, and obedience. The superintendant will be Rau dog shows [www.raudogshows.com/](http://www.raudogshows.com/).

We will have great trophies, a great show site, and great IWS Company so put the dates on your calendar. Here is a list of the breed judges for IWS:

Sept 29, Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Judge: Pat Trotter  
Sept 30, Elmira Kennel Club, Judge: Joy Brewster  
Oct 1, Kanadasaga Kennel Assoc., Judge: Judith Goodwin  
Oct 2, Onondaga Kennel Club, Judge: Thomas Bradley III

There is a new yahoo group for the NE Region - it is open for anyone to join. See link below

<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/NEIWS/>

By Grattan Foy

## Southeast Regional Report

In mid-February we held our supported entry at the Greenville, SC, cluster. We had a fantastic turnout with 15 Water spaniels in the classes and one that competed in Obedience and Rally. I want to give special thanks to Helen Howard for coordinating the event and supplying excellent prizes.

The group that attended included:

- Helen Howard
- Deborah Hughes
- Jodi Lamp
- Missy McMunn
- Betty Wathne
- Brad Williford
- Wayne Murray
- Karen Mulkearn
- Moe Gasperetti
- Shona Ensign
- Courtney Manrod
- Enzo Marfella
- Stacy Duncan ( right from Westminster)

And our two newest junior handlers:

- Marshall Ensign
- Lucy Foy-Marfella

The results were:

### Friday

BOB and Group 1 - "Keegan" aka GCH Poole's Got Water RN Yippee!

BOS "Luna" aka CH D'locks Lunar Eclipse NAP NJP NAJ

BOW "Arlo" aka Waterford's Emerald Baron (4pts)

WB "Molly" aka Champion Blackthorn's Molly Malone (4pts) --- NEW CHAMPION

In Rally Advanced "Rugby" aka CH WS N LA For The Love O'The Game RN --- 2nd place

### Saturday

BOB and Group 1 - "Keegan" aka GCH Poole's Got Water RN Yippee!

BOS "Luna" aka CH D'locks Lunar Eclipse NAP NJP NAJ

BOW "Reese" aka Poole's Ide Courage Under Fire (4pts)

WB "Cale" aka Champion Ildanoch Dreamer (4pts) ---NEW CHAMPION

In Rally Advanced "Rugby" aka CH WS N LA For The Love O'The Game RN --- Qualified

In Novice B Obedience "Rugby" aka CH WS N LA For The Love O'The Game RN --- Qualified

### Sunday

BOB and Group 3 - "Keegan" aka GCH Poole's Got Water RN Yippee!

BOS "Cale" aka Champion Ildanoch Dreamer

Select "Luna" aka CH D'locks Lunar Eclipse NAP NJP NAJ

BOW "Reese" aka Poole's Ide Courage under Fire (4pts)

WB "Jenny" aka Overlook's Joi De Vive (4pts) - NEW CHAMPION

On a side note, a few weeks later I lugged Luna down to an agility trial and came back with her OAJ, NF, and NA titles with a first, first, and second places, respectively.

Thank you again everyone for your support at the Greenville shows and we look forward to seeing you there next winter and, hopefully, in the summer.

### *Water Spaniels With Experience - Continued*

by the next morning. They are on their way to a new future.

**Flynn** - I received an email from an IWSCA member about a young AWS in a shelter in New Jersey. She is an experienced IWS breeder and rescuer. Her identification and the photo confirmed his breed. I spoke with some field AWS contacts

and Flynn was on his way to a new home in a few days.

Thanks, everyone, for your help. I'm thinking the "all's well that ends well" thought works here. Been busy but not an IWS without a home to be found. And the other curly brown guys have the help they need. I'd say that's some measure of success.



By Hannah Loonsk

## Mid-Atlantic Report

### 2011 Maryland Sporting Dog Show

What a great gathering of IWS family and show of camaraderie at MDS! Our private building was even carpeted this year! We had a fun time grooming in the morning, a late morning ring time, and then a super lunch. Later most stayed to watch Steph and Ryan in Puppy Group, and Kim and Selchie in Group. Then it was off to Captain Bill's for a fun evening.



We did have a moment of excitement in Group when Kim looked up to see our crowd gone. A show steward announced two IWS were running loose so we all ran out to see what was going on. Shayla has now learned to open zippers and decided she and Mickey needed some exercise. They had a fun time running all around and then went into the superintendent's building where they willingly went along to be crated. No more soft shell for her!

Special thanks to the generosity of the following for some truly awesome trophies and prizes: Laurel Baglia, Marilyn Cantrell, Tom and Linda Deckard, Grattan Foy, Dana Louttit, Lynn Musgrave, Veronica and Jim Rubin, Dede Selph, Cat Shelby, Evie Van Uden, and Betty Wathne. Additionally, another special thanks to all the exhibitors for bringing in such a fine group of IWS for the judges and Sporting Group to see!

### Results from 2011 Maryland Sporting Dog Show Obedience and Rally:

Linda Deckard made us proud with qualifying, placing, and titling on Friday in Rally Novice with CH Kimswick's Remember When, RN; and Saturday qualifying, titling, and highest scoring Rally Advanced IWS with CH Kimswick's Sweet Memories, CD, RA.

While a few of us tried, no one qualified in obedience all weekend.

### Conformation:

#### Saturday:

##### Dogs

9-12 - 1st, Whipcord Born to Fly, Stephanie O'Reilly; 2nd, D'Locks Look to Windward, Chuck & Nancy Turner

BBE - 1st, Waterford's Emerald Baron, Shona Ensign

WD and BOW - Waterford's Emerald Baron, Shona Ensign

RWD - Whipcord Born to Fly, Stephanie O'Reilly

##### Bitches

12-18 - 1st, Chantico's Camelot, Jim Rubin

BBE - 1st, Poole's Ide First Night, Greg Siner & Sam Jenio; 2nd, Waterford's Anything You Want, Shona Ensign

AmB - 1st Folly's Candy Apple, Moe Gasperetti

Open - 1st, Mallyree's Contessa at Poole's Ide, Emily Pikul & Greg Siner

Veteran - 1st, CH Clannad's Front Seat Surprise, Moe Gasperetti & Susan Andrade

WB (3 pt major) - Mallyree's Contessa at Poole's Ide, Emily Pikul & Greg Siner

RWB - Chantico's Camelot, Jim Rubin

BOB - CH Chantico's Spirit in the Surf, JH, RN, Kim & Jeremy Kezer, & Mindy Garbarino - made the cut in Group

BOS - CH Kimswick's Remember When, RN

Select Bitch - CH Whistle Stop's The Wind on Fire, Greg Siner

Best Puppy - Whipcord Born to Fly, Stephanie O'Reilly

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RWB - Chantico's Camelot, Jim Rubin

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By Susan Sarracino-Deihl

## Midwest Report

In the past two months, several MidWest IWS owners have been out showing . The MidWest now sports two more breed Champions – Ch Poole's Ide Corteo du Tidemark owned by Debbie Patterson and Greg Siner and Ch Catanka Into the Woods owned by Ruth Bruskiwitz and Florence Blecher.

### Conformation:

Signe Holz and Carol Hess were the only two exhibitors to show at the mid-winter International Kennel Club of Chicago benched shows. Their girls traded points for the weekend.

**February 26, 2011 International KC; judge: Paula Nykiel**  
AOH 1/W/BOB Archwave A Run on the Beach (Carol Hess)  
Open 1 RWB Whistlestop Bright N Beautiful (Signe Holtz & Ron Halvorson)

**February 27, 2011 International KC; judge: Carl Liepmann**  
AOH1 RWB Archwave A Run on the Beach (Carol Hess)  
Open 1/W/BOB Whistlestop Bright N Beautiful (Signe Holtz & Ron Halvorson)

The first week of March, Bridget and Debbie trekked down from the frozen Minnesota tundra to show at the Wisconsin Kennel Club shows. There was a major in bitches thanks to Bridget graciously entering her two lovely IWS puppy lassies. Thanks to that, Cort and Seidi who needed majors to finish were able to do so, and Sarah's lovely Erin was able to get her first major.

**March 5, 2011 Wisconsin KC; judge: Thomas Feneis**  
**Dogs**  
Open 1/W/B/BW Poole's Ide Corteo Du TideMark (Debbie

2/RW Patterson & Greg Siner)  
Beaufield Down To The River Riley (Kent & Linda Harrison)

**Bitches**  
Puppy 1 Beaufield Fine Tuned (Bridget Kvarnlov)  
2 Beaufield First and Foremost at Axleburn (Bridget Kvarnlov)  
AOH 1/W/OS Archwave A Shot of Irish Mist (Sarah Roth)  
Open 1/RW Catanka Into the Woods (Ruth Bruskiwitz & Florence Blecher)  
2 Whistlestop Bright N Beautiful (Signe Holtz & Ron Halvorson)

**March 6, 2011 Wisconsin KC judge: Claire Steidel**

**Dogs**  
Open 1/W/OS Beaufield Down to the River Riley (Kent & Linda Harrison)

**Bitches**  
Puppy 1 Beaufield First and Foremost at Axleburn (Bridget Kvarnlov)  
2 Beaufield Fine Tuned (Bridget Kvarnlov)  
AOH 1/RW Archwave A Shot of Irish Mist (Sarah Roth)  
Open 1/W/BW Catanka Into the Woods (Ruth Bruskiwitz & Florence Blecher)  
2 Whistlestop Bright N Beautiful (Signe Holtz & Ron Halvorson)  
Best of Breed CH D'Locks Evenstar of Beaufield.

Have a good Spring!

## Mid-Atlantic Report - Continued

BOB – Waterford's Anything You Want, Shona Ensign  
BOS (1 pt) - D'Locks Look to Windward, Chuck & Nancy Turner  
Select Bitch – CH Coonmara N Tara's Gale Force, Tara Lyon & Paul Price

### Excitement in Roanoke

Shari Conley-Edwards writes: "Karen and Rick Mulhearn's move to the Southeast has brought visitors to Roanoke. The Turners, Sue Tapp, and Bronn Epperly all showed up on St. Patrick's Day. The weekend of the National Agility Championship Trials in Lexington, Virginia, and Randy and Sue Anderson were in town, and we were all met by Jim Rubin. We searched for Stephanie O'Reilly who was running,

but we didn't see her, even though we were there for about eight hours. Sue Tapp did a program for our kennel club meeting about the IWS and members asked all kinds of questions. Hey, we may grow IWS down here after all! We are planning on a big entry for the Roanoke shows (five days of air-conditioned shows the weekend of August 5th). We are putting up oodles of IWS trophies so put the dates on your calendars."

Got News?

Please send your news to hannahlo@comcast.net if you and your IWS(s) have done something fun or noteworthy recently in the Mid-Atlantic region. It can be absolutely anything IWS from show/match/trial results to stories, events, pictures, or brags.



By Colleen McDaniel

## Northwest Report

### *Community and Heroes*

In today's different world where we have instant communication we also have a backside and that is no communication. Communication used to occur when people talked to one another. Neighbors would go for walks, stop, chat with fellow neighbors, and share information. In many neighborhoods in today's world, people often do not even know their neighbor's names. But people were meant to function on a social level and many people now seek out social groups of like interests to connect to.

I feel a very strong sense of community amongst those in the IWS world but it is really strong on a local level where people can get together on occasion and "talk". That is why I feel we need to support local clubs and honor what is stated in the IWSCA's purpose about promoting local clubs. We need people to be able to feel that support and know they have a community behind them.

In our local community I have seen so much support. A few years back one of our member's IWS ran off during a mistimed thunder and lightning incident. Many people in the community rallied to help her find her lost dog. The story ended happily after a few days with the dog being found and returned. This was Mary Westlake and her dog Gibs'n. One of the people that spent a great deal of time helping Mary search for her dog was Marian McLeod.

This past few months Marian needed help from the community. She had the misfortune to have parvo invade her residence with a previous litter of pups. She had a pregnant bitch that was due, and Mary offered to take the bitch in and whelp her at their home in Seattle. Mary did not have the most ideal conditions to actually whelp a litter. They lived in the city in a house that was not designed for raising puppies. But the family pitched in and moved things out of one of the bedrooms, filled that room with a whelping box and other necessary things, and brought Rose into their home. Rose whelped ten pups but decided she was not really keen on this motherhood thing and the work really began for Mary and her family. One small little girl needed a lot of extra help and Mary and her family found out what getting up every two hours during the night was all about. Through all their hard work, the pups thrived and now have all gone off with Marian. All except the one small girl that became very special to them. Community. And Mary gets my vote for Hero of the month!

We have so many community support stories that bolster the idea of local clubs. We have the Monday night field training sessions that Christine Robertson works so hard at year, after year, from spring thru fall. We have the obedience and rally classes that Walter Kilmer offers for all the IWS folks that want to get involved. We have the handling classes that Stacy

Duncan teaches that have seen many IWS attend over the years, as they get ready to venture into the show ring. We have Kandice McClafin teaching the best agility classes and have seen so many people and dogs learn to get excited about agility through her enthusiasm and support. The parties, the get-togethers, and even the monthly club meetings where ideas are shared and stories told. There is just so much that can be done when people work together in a community of support and respect and common interest.

***"We need people to be able to feel that support and know they have a community behind them."***

And our community wishes to acknowledge all the efforts and accomplishments of many that are out there. Stacy and Keegan continue with so much success in the show world. Keegan's last weekend out in the show ring got him three Group Ones and his 13th All-Breed Best in Show. As the end of April approaches, we have seven IWS running in their first Upland Hunt Tests. We have four at the Junior level, two at the Senior level, and one running at the Master level. The total entry in the test is 13, so that makes more than half the entry running IWS. What an exciting time for IWS in the NW.

### Calling all Shutterbugs!

Celebrate the life and activities of your wonderful IWS by sharing your IWS photos. The 2012 edition of the IWS calendar is starting up with a call for photos. Capture the moments you treasure and enjoy with your Irish Water Spaniel and submit them for consideration for the calendar. The process of collecting photos and assembling the calendar takes months so submit your photos now. The usual cut off date is at the end of the summer.

Photos can be submitted electronically by attaching them to an e-mail, preferably 1MG in size. Submit to:

c.morgan.home@comcast.net, and swanlady@drizzle.com

Hard copy photos can be sent to:  
6226 Woodlawn Ave N,  
Seattle, WA 98103.

All photos will be returned in the end.

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By Liz Liddle

# Southwest Report

Hi Everyone!



The BIG NEWS in the Southwest is our National Specialty coming up in May in Novato. The weather is beautiful at this time of year, so come and join in the fun! It's always special when friends gather to share ideas and celebrate our wonderful breed.

Please come and join us, bring your Irisher, your spouse, and families, and share in the Celebration! It's not all about competition, it IS about anything IWS!

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### On to Greener Pastures!!!

May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face.  
May the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again...



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I'd like to express my sincere condolences to those who have lost their beloved companions. It is always a struggle to find the right words for families who are grieving. As an IWS family, we share a bit of emotion in knowing that one of "ours"

has passed. Sometimes we pause for a moment, look at our own dogs and wonder how we will feel when that day comes. When we lose a pet, we may watch our other pets and wonder how they are handling the loss; do they notice? Do they see an extra bowl that isn't being filled or a bed that is empty? Do they feel what we feel or do they just find that a toy they always wanted is now free for the taking? We try to evaluate what they are thinking/feeling and humanize it in a way that we can understand. Sometimes it is comforting for us to comfort them as we try to find a way to interpret their behavior. Sometimes it is helpful to see that they move on quicker than we do and find that reason to jump, play, work and enjoy life unknowing that they are giving us a much needed gift in sharing their joy.

For some, it feels good to know that they are flying high over the rainbow bridge and connecting with all of their curly friends, chasing birds, and rolling in luscious grass, tree worms, pine needles, and stickers.

However you work through these difficult times, it is still painful as we stumble through our feeling after a loss of a dear family member. Just remember, your IWS friends are there with you in spirit.

No matter where we have been or where we go – we are family! Our thoughts are with you!

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### Social Butterflies!

Have you noticed that it's really hard to take an IWS anywhere without people laughing and pointing at you?

### Bella Meets the Brownies!!!

Michelle Cummings, a Rotary Club member in Southern California, introduced Bella to her local club as part of a presentation project. Word got around and Michelle was asked to speak to the Brownies in Placentia about Pet Care and the Irish Water Spaniels as they have to work to earn their Pet Care Badges, which, by the way, have a picture of a Westie on them. Maybe they will want to change it to an IWS????



It looks like Bella had a great time socializing with the girls!

Thanks, Michelle and Bella for sharing another great story!

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*Southwests Report - Continued*

**Competition News**

**HUNTING !!!**

Florence Blecher's Jezebel picked up her first two "legs" for her UKC "started" hunting retriever title in Washington. She's entered in a few weeks for her remaining two legs to complete her AKC Junior Hunter title. Florence says she's a birdy little girl! Great thanks to Andy Fontinot, trainer!

**OBEDIENCE !!!**



Realta's All That Jazz-M-Tazz (Tazz) CGC RN, (Tazz), Holly and Joe Bauman



UKC Ch Cuardach Way To Fly Byrd CDX RA (Byrdie), Brenda and Mike Farmer

The Golden Spike Dog Obedience Club in Ogden, Utah holds an AKC Sanctioned Obedience Trial every year in March.

This year's trial was held March 25th - 27th 2011 at the Legacy Arena.

Tazz, Realta's All That Jazz-M-Tazz CGC and now RN (Rally Novice) - earned her first Rally title in 3 tries and placed each day.

Tazz is a 2 ½ year old energizing bunny always ready to play, work, and play some more. Holly had a lot of fun in the ring and says they got better each day, but still need to work on their partnership and focus.

Byrdie, UKC Ch Cuardach Way to Fly Byrd CDX RA was handled by owner, Brenda Farmer and earned her UD leg. Byrdie is a lovely girl with a fabulous temperament and loves to work! She absolutely adores Brenda and Mike and her handler in the conformation ring, Erin.

**AGILITY !!!**



Chuckanut's Cashew Curry CD NAJ (Curry), Jennifer Lego

April 8th and 9th at the Dixon May Fairgrounds Curry competed in the Two Rivers Agility

USDAA trial. There were 4 runs each day and he Q'd in in 7 out of 8 of them, including 2 standards, 2 jumpers, 1 gamblers, and 2 snookers. From the photo, it looks like they brought home quite a bag of loot! Congratulations to Jenn Lego and Curry!!!!

Curry will be the official greeter/host for Agility at the National in May. Thanks, Man!!!!

**CONFORMATION !!!**

Bakersfield, CA - Kern County Kennel Club, and Home to some beloved IWS

Poole's Ide at Last (Etta), Dorothy Line

Waybar's Never Rainie In So Calif CD RN (Rainie), Hazel and John Reynolds

As Dorothy Line puts it, this is a sweet little show held every year right in her backyard, as well as





*Southwests Report - Continued*

John and Hazel Reynolds' and Frances Reynold's (no relation to John and Hazel).

The Kern County Kennel Club is 75 years strong and still going.

I've been trying to make it to this show for years and suddenly this year I happened upon it quite by accident.

Bakersfield sits about 100 miles north of Los Angeles in the California Heartland of the Southern San Joaquin Valley.

It is known for gold and oil in mid-1800's and was also a safe haven for those migrating to California during the Dust Bowl of the 1930's. "B-Town", as Dorothy calls it, has developed into one of the largest cities in California, but with that small town feeling.

As I arrived through the front gates, I was afraid that I might not make the ring time. I instantly noticed a speeding golf cart with Dorothy hailing me down to jump in and "get a move on!".

Dorothy, Hazel, and Frances are well connected to the dog community. Dorothy owns a fabulous grooming shop in the heart of town and Hazel is a long time obedience trainer and groomer. Frances Reynolds is a retired obedience trainer and owns a kennel facility. All three ladies were proud owners of Irish Water Spaniels in 1980's and all three have returned to the breed. Dorothy also own Jaxon, a five year old Champion out of Woody (Fynder) and Maggie Mae (Jaybren) and Etta (Irishocrat X Eve). Frances owns Darcy out of Templeton (Cuboglach) and Cali (Finnibone)

At the grounds, I could feel the community spirit as it seemed that many of the locals knew each other. Surprisingly enough, many of the well-known vendors were also there in full force. As I chatted with some of them, I found they were fighting the high price set-ups at the 4 day Vallejo shows just 4 hours north, but mostly loved the home town feel of this event.

I quickly met up with Dorothy's Etta, and John and Hazel with Rainey, and their handlers. John and Hazel bring their motorhome every year and set up house, leaving an open invitation for anyone to come and relax. It's not hard to figure out which one is theirs as you can see the "waterheads" in the front window giving you the once-over.

Only the two class bitches were entered each day, Etta winning the breed both days. I must say that both girls were on their game and both looked lovely!

Thanks to Dorothy, Hazel, and John for a great afternoon.

What a treat it was to share in your local event and your home town hospitality!



**Solano County Fairgrounds  
Kennel Club of Salinas, Santa Cruz Kennel Club, San Mateo Kennel Club, Oakland Kennel Club**

March 24th thru March March 27th

- Cat N Pats Luck Of The Irish (Duke), Kathy Dassel (all 4 days)
- Cat's 'N' Cavan Tristan O'Tynan (Tristan), Deborah and Tony Bilardi, Marion McLeod (all 4 days)
- Ch Whistle Stop's Wind on the Water (Bella), Michelle Cummings (Thu, Fri, Sat)
- GCH Ch Poole's Ide Freewater (Wasabi), Allana Kew and Michelle Rickmond (Fri, Sat, Sun)

This show is a favorite for Northern California and also the site for our companion shows on Saturday and Sunday after the National. It is also where our latest cluster of dog shows takes place the first week of June. "Woofstock" will be in its third year in June, sporting not only dogs, but rock and roll. It's probably the only place you will see an elderly judge dancing in the Best in Show ring to the tune of "Calendar Girl", love beads given out with the Best of Breed prizes, "hippie day", where handlers dress in costume, and more tie dyed shirts than you can count! If you are in the west, it's well worth coming!

**RESULTS:**

March 24, Thursday

BOB: Bella  
BOS: Tristan  
WD: Tristan  
RWD: Duke

March 25, Friday

BOB: Bella  
BOS: Wasabi  
WD: Duke  
RWD: Tristan

March 26, Saturday

BOB: Bella  
BOS: Wasabi  
WD: Tristan  
RWD: Duke

March 27, Sunday

BOB: Wasabi  
BOS: N/A - no girls today!  
WD: Duke  
RWD: Tristan



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