



Mount Rainier Sporting Spaniel Association

Sporting Tails

February 2009

Important Dates

- Feb 22 — breakfast @ Nancy's 8:45
- Mar 7th — noon, SKC booth
- April 26 — Gryphon Ranch
- May 2-3 — Scatter Creek, Hunt tests
- June 21 — Scatter Creek
- July 26 — Scatter Creek
- Aug 16 — Scatter Creek
- Sept 4,5,6,7 Scatter Creek Hunt tests

Next Meeting

Sunday
Feb, 22nd
8:45 am

will start with a breakfast meeting at "Nancy's Kitchen" (Karen's mom).



Come around 8:45 to 9AM with a good appetite. Bacon, eggs, toast and pancakes are on the menu.

There's plenty of parking, and grass to walk dogs. After the meeting we can caravan out to Fort Lewis.

Hopefully Area 15 will be open again, will have to post what area that Friday or Saturday.

Please email Karen how many pigeons or pheasants you'll use, fetchersketcher@yahoo.com

Directions on the back page.

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Mission Statement

Promoting the betterment of Sporting Spaniels by encouraging development of each dog to its fullest potential.

Final Dues Notice

Renew today!

Braggs

Send in those brags—we all want to hear what you and your dogs are doing!



Spaniel Fest Financials

Here's the report on finances for the 2008 Spaniel Fest.
 Entry fee income was \$182 (\$110 pre-entry, \$72 day of match).
 Sales of t-shirts and raffle tickets was \$164.
 Cash paid out to sweepstakes winners was \$115.80.
 building rental was \$300
 Gift basket cost \$586.27

SKC Booth

To sign up for a slot at
 the booth, contact
 Karen Lee

SKC Booth

We will have a 2-booth space we are sharing with 4 other groups of spaniel folks.

People and dogs to greet are needed to man the booth and generate interest.

For anyone who wonders why we do this when virtually all of us would rather be doing stuff with our dogs. Seattle Kennel Club gets a lot of foot traffic from the public. These are the people who can potentially purchase puppies, become members (read that as WORKERS!), join in our club activities and in general become responsible dog owners.

These people are also our best defense against animal legislation which affect us most because of what we do with our dogs. Manning a booth like this will promote our activities and help educate.

So, Please, sign up for a couple hours to work the booth and answer questions, it is actually one of the few things we do which is inside, under cover :-)

Rules of Seven

Pat Hastings, AKC judge and author of *The Puppy Puzzle* offers these hints for socializing very young puppies.

By the time a puppy is 7 weeks old it should have:

Been on 7 different surfaces, such as: carpet, concrete, wood, vinyl, grass, dirt, gravel, wood chips, newspaper, etc.

Played with 7 different types of objects, such as: big balls, small balls, soft fabric toys, fuzzy balls, squeaky toys, metal items, wooden items, paper/cardboard items, milk/soda jugs, etc.

Been in 7 different locations, including: front yard, backyard, basement, kitchen, car, garage, laundry room, bathroom, crate, kennel, etc.

Been exposed to 7 challenges, such as: climbed a box, climbed off a box, gone through a tunnel, climbed up steps, climbed down steps, climbed over obstacles, played hide and seek, gone in and out of a doorway with a step, etc.

Eaten from 7 different containers: metal, plastic, cardboard, paper, china, pie plate, frying pan, etc.

Eaten in 7 different locations: crate, yard, kitchen, basement, laundry room, bedroom, x-pen, etc.

Met and played with 7 new people, including children and the elderly.

Upcoming Events

Hunt tests:

May 2 +3rd—MRSSA and PSESSA hosting @ Scatter Creek

May 23 + 24 + 25th— Memorial Day Cluster WWESSA and CSCA hosting @ Gryphon Ranch

September 4, 5, 6, 7—Labor Day Cluster— MRSSA, PSESSA, CSCA, ECSCA@ Scatter Creek

<editor's note—apologies if the acronyms aren't correct>

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Treasurer's Report:

Nov/Dec chequing— 252.62,
savings 2276.94

Directions:

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Directions:

From I-5 take Exit 127 for Hwy. 512 east toward Puyallup. Go about 6 miles and take the Canyon Rd. exit. Go right on Canyon, and continue south for about a mile. Turn right on 128th St., go one block and turn right on 52nd Ave. E. Go to end of 52nd and left into the last driveway, it's the light gray house with a carport and barn.

From I-405 and Hwy. 167, go south on 167 to just past Sumner, and take the exit for Hwy. 512 east toward Olympia. Stay on 512 past Puyallup and fairgrounds, up the hill, and another couple miles. Take the Canyon Rd. exit and go left on Canyon. Continue south on Canyon for a little over a mile, then turn right on 128th St. Go one block and turn right on 52nd Ave. E. Go to end of 52nd and left into the last driveway, it's the light gray house with a carport and barn

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