



Sporting Tails

August 2006

Meeting Dates

- Aug 13
- Sept 2
- Oct 1 Paws-ab
- Nov 12 Paws-ab
- Dec Puyallup
- Jan—annual mtg

Work Work Work...

The next meeting will be a work party to ready the Scatter Creek grounds for our Labour Day Hunt Tests.

Bring trimmers, saws, loppers and other implements of destruction and all the necessary safety gear to render the wilds of Scatter Creek habitable and hospitable for people and spaniels alike. Many hands will make for quick work because we will be doing a ...

Working Dog Test

This will be a very informative test because the judge, Al DeFalco, will offer tips to help you improve you and your dog's performance.

See more information on page 3 of this newsletter . Visit our Ya-

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled with the combined field day on Sunday, August 13nd.

Meeting will be around noon.

Directions to Scatter Creek on the back.



hoo site and locate the entry forms in the 'files' section.

Don't miss out on this chance to understand just what the judge is looking for.

Utility Trailer

We are investigating the purchase of a utility trailer to hold all the club's 'stuff'.

If you have information on good, used trailers contact Bob Unger
ESSLTD@comcast.net

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Mission Statement

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

Braggs



From Linda Fraser—Each July there is a three day Sporting Dog Spectacular held outdoors at Surrey, B.C., very near the US/Canadian border which is well attended by sporting dog fanciers from both countries.

The site, known as Hazelmere, is well grassed with bordering poplar trees, and it is hosted by Eukanuba who is very generous in their support and contribution to the prizes. Most participants camp at the adjacent field area.

Of the two hundred and ninety three entries, eight were gun dogs! We are proud to say that of that number, two were Master Hunter Clumbers, the only master hunters present. As a matter of interest there were sixty-six Golden Retrievers, one of which held a junior hunter.

We are pleased to announce that Fly-away Creswick's Saratoga (Sara) took the breed beating her brother Ty, and

two specials, and that Fly~A~Way Corey's John Glenn CGC WD WDX JH SH MH represented the breed at Gun Dog. "Hersch", entered in Veteran, conducted himself well and was not embarrassed to lose to a Flat Coated Retriever who also took second in group.

The clumbers received a lot of attention and all comported themselves as good breed ambassadors, a very pleasant "dog" for all of us,

Fooview (foo' view) n.

The ability of a dog to inflict guilt from any angle in the room while he watches his master eat.

Rich Hall, Sniglets

“By the time you get to total off-lead, the dog should understand heeling is heeling.”

An Obedience Lesson—Off Lead

If taking the lead off your dog at a trial fills your heart with fear here are a few ways to train for off lead to build your confidence.

First of all, most exhibitors take the dog off-lead way too soon. Unless I can get heeling from my dog for an entire ring routine with no correction I do not believe the dog is ready for off-lead heeling. By the time I'm ready for the ring the dog is maybe working 10% off lead in training.

Think about a progression to off-lead. First the handler holds the leash in the right hand, giving the appearance of off-lead to the dog. Then the dog is on two leashes, one is made of light material, the other the leather show lead. The show lead is snapped off and heeling is continued with the light-weight leash. The light-weight leash is replaced with a cord used as a slip lead where the dog can be taken off-lead while in motion. Then a short tab is used. Allow time for each progression to work. Train short bursts of each progression to combat boredom and work up to full length routines.

Finally the dog is taken off-lead altogether. I believe the progression teaches the dog to behave in the same manner as if they are on-lead plus you maintain control. By the time you get to total off-lead, the dog should understand heeling is heeling.

In your dog's obedience career your dog will spend the majority of the time in the ring off-lead; it is important to set your foundation and take your time to do it right so you can enjoy taking that lead off.

Photo by Petscapes Animal Photography



Working Dog Test—August 13

Mt. Rainier Sporting Spaniel Association

WORKING CERTIFICATE TEST

Sunday, Aug. 13 at Scatter Creek - South Unit (in conjunction with the MRSSA - PSESSA - WWESSC training day)

Test starts: 8:30am

Judge: Al Defalco

Birds: Chukar

Entry fee: \$25

Open to Am. Cocker, Clumber, Eng. Cocker, Eng. Springer, Field, Sussex, and Welsh Springer Spaniels

This will be a combo Working Test and Mini Field Workshop

After a dog and handler complete their land test, Judge Defalco will offer a short critique with a few training suggestions for improving the dog's field work and/or tips on how the

owner can improve their handling.

Entries: Entry in the test is on a first-come basis. Day-of-test entries will be accepted subject to bird availability. To pre-enter, contact the Test Chairman and request an entry form (if you're not familiar with your breed's WD rules request them too, as the various parent clubs have slightly different scoring/test requirements). Make entry fee checks payable to: MRSSA. There will also be some entry forms available at the July 22 training day, see Pete Evele then.

To pre-enter, mail completed entry forms to the Test Chairman:

Karen Lee, 10409 Canyon Rd. E. #211, Puyallup WA 98373 or, email the dog's entry form info (reg. name, number, sire, dam, etc.) to fetchersketcher@yahoo.com

Treasurer's Report

May Chequing :

Previous balance	1214.57
Disbursements	1000.00
Deposits	1426.00
End balance	1640.57

May Savings

Previous balance	1531.00
Deposit + Int.	1000.81
Ending balance	2531.81

June Chequing

Previous balance	1640.57
Disbursements	144.49
Deposits	237.00
Ending balance	1733.08

June Savings

Previous balance	2531.81
Deposit + Int.	1.04
Ending balance	2532.04

Silent Auction and Spaniel Boutique

We will be holding a Silent Auction during the Labour Day Hunt test Cluster.

Bring Doggie and non-Doggie items you wish to put up for bid. Bring \$\$\$ to bid on all the good loot.

The 'Spaniel Boutique' will also be open so clubs may sell any fund-raiser items they have for sale.

Performance (Other) Group

I am afraid the Eastside group as it is now will be disbanding—I have gotten a second shift job and will not be available to meet during the evening.

Feel free to talk amongst yourselves for week-night training and I will put out weekend training notices sporadically. Contact me if you wish to be notified of weekend training sessions.—lisa peters

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Boutique for all things
'Spaniel'**

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Directions to Scatter Creek

From I 5

Take exit #95 toward Littlerock

Turn LEFT on Case Road

Continue South for several miles.

There are 3 areas to meet.

1. Across from the moving highway sign.
2. Gravel parking lot w/ outhouse— On Right
3. Turn RIGHT on 180th St. continue to a T, turn RIGHT and jog Left into a parking lot

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