



Mount Rainier Sporting Spaniel Association

Sporting Tails

August/September 2008

Meeting Dates

- **Aug 30—Hunt tests Scatter Creek**
- **Oct 19—spaniel fest ,Paws-ab**
- **Dec 13 –Christmas party**
- **Jan 2009—TBD**
- **Feb 2009 — TBD**

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the hunt tests at

Scatter Creek.

**Saturday,
August 30, 2008**

Come on Down and lend a hand at this year's tests, We need your help and we will train you on the job!

Meeting to be held either at lunchtime or after the day's tests—will kinda play it by ear to get a good time for the workers.



Mission Statement

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

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Membership Information

New Member Application Received: Teresa Marley who has 2 American Water Spaniels. She is currently living in San Rafael, CA but will be relocating to Sisters, OR.

In order to keep our bookkeeping tidy, we will also be voting to reinstate membership of some members who paid dues late:
Jean Wright
Carol Sweeney
Bill Logie



**Working
Certificates
Friday + Saturday**

Braggs



From Jeni and Tracy Saulino—Comedy's Stلالuna WD CGC JH now adds SH to her name! Stella passed BOTH days this weekend down in Gervais, Oregon handled - as always - by Jeni Saulino. It should be noted that Stella is Jeni's first dog to title! She handled her through JH and SH, and now looks - with admitted trepidation - to Master as well!

Also From Jeni and Tracy Saulino — Tracy & Jeni Saulino are delighted to announce that they are now aunts! Tracy's sister, Lisa, and bro-in-law Jason welcomed the adorable, handsome, and genius baby boy Jacob into the world on 7 July! We are already planing his first hunting trips and the dogs are hoping that he is a better shot than we are so they can retrieve a few more grouse then usual!

Am. Cockers, Boykins, Clumbers, Eng. Cockers, Eng. Springers, Field, Sussex, and Welsh Springersare invited to participate in Working Certificate Tests (WD / WDX) that MRSSA will hold in conjunction with the "Labor Day Marathon" of 4 AKC Hunt Tests, at Scatter Creek, Rochester WA. There will be one Working Test on Fri. and one on Sat., held after all (or most) of that day's HT land work is completed. An estimated time is about 2:00 p.m.

JUDGES: Bob Davis on Fri. August 29 / Gene Rivers on Sat. August 30

BIRDS: Chukar

ENTRY FEES: Pre-entered \$25. Day-of-test \$30. Checks payable to MRSSA. (NOTE:Pre-entry by emailing the required info by Weds. Aug. 27 and paying at the tests okay, see below*).

* entry info needed:

Dog's Breed

Reg. Name

Call Name

AKC Number

Sex

Date of Birth

Sire's and Dam's Reg. Names

Color / Variety (for Am. and Eng. Cockers)

Breeder (for Eng. Cockers)

Owner's Name and Address

Handler

* Send pre-entry info, by Weds. August 27, to:

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Any questions please email or call 253-531-6035 home, 253-229-3047 cell.

**Working Certificates
Labor Day Weekend**

From the AKC

July 2008

To: All Spaniel Breed Clubs

Subject: SPORTSMANSHIP

One of the great traditions of our field events is sportsmanship. Indeed it can be argued that good sportsmanship is a factor that has contributed to the sports long term strength and popularity. Recently an increasing number of participants have expressed concern about what is happening to the culture of sportsmanship. It is worthwhile to periodically re-visit the importance of sportsmanship to the future of the sport.

Sportsmanship is expressed in the nature of one's conduct while associated with a sport. Good sportsmanship includes not only abiding by the rules but also conducting oneself with proper consideration for fairness, ethics and respect for other participants, officials, and those hosting the event, as well as respect for the traditional conventions of the sport. Good sportsmanship expresses an aspiration that the sport should be enjoyed for its own sake.

Sportsmanship is closely related to character. Character refers to one's dispositions, values and habits that determine the manner in which a person responds to desires, fears, challenges, opportunities, failures and successes. A person with a strong, positive character will usually conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner.

There is an additional, more subtle side to sportsmanship. Studies refer to it as "full commitment to participation." This means more than just running your dog. It means embracing the sport in a broader sense through a willingness to contribute time and effort to the sport's success. We all know individuals who participate but never contribute. They are often the first to complain when something goes wrong. This is a subtle form of poor sportsmanship.

Good sportsmanship contributes to the pleasure one experiences at an event and helps build support for the sport in general. The lack of sportsmanship works to undermine support for the sport. The experienced participant realizes the vagaries of an event may sometimes result in a less than desired performance. Never the less, if he feels he was given a fair chance and was treated respectfully, he will leave anxious to try again another day. If a participant leaves feeling he was not treated fairly or with respect, he will question if he should enter that event again.

For the enjoyment of everyone involved and the future interest of the sport, please consider the importance of sportsmanship and demonstrate it through your actions and words. We would all do well to remember the words posted in the clubhouse at Branched Oak, Nebraska -- "To brag little, to lose well, to crow gently if in luck, to pay up, to own up, to shut up if beaten. These are the virtues of a sporting man."
Oliver Wendell Holmes

Sincerely,
Doug Ljungren
Assistant Vice President
AKC Performance Events

Sportsmanship

Western Washington Events—you are welcome to attend.

Sept 27 & 28: WWESSC Field Trial. Location TBD.

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Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 1373.59
Deposits
Disbursements
Ending balance
Savings

Directions:

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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