

Sporting Tails - Mount Rainier Sporting Spaniel Association

September 2005

Next Meeting:

Officers:

Pete Evele - President
Karen Lee - Vice President
Beth McKinney - Secretary
Karyn Eby - Treasurer

Saturday, Sept 3, 2005
at the evening potluck dinner

Directors:

Tracy Saulino
Barbara Rettig
Lynn Winchester

Mission Statement

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

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MRSSA OUTINGS:

September 2-5 Hunt test cluster
September 2 - Clumber hosted hunt test
September 3rd - MRSSA hosted hunt test
MRSSA Working Dog Test
Potluck Dinner - evening
September 4th - English Cocker hosted hunt test
September 5th - English Springer hosted hunt test

October/November Meeting - Stay tuned - to be determined

December - Christmas Party at Karyn and Steve Eby's in Olympia

A volunteer is needed to organize the October/November meeting.

Help Wanted:

At a hunt test and working dog test there are many jobs to fill. Below is a list of people who have volunteered to help. If you see a job which intrigues, just step right up...

Field Marshals (2 or 3 needed): Linda F., Julie W., ?

Parking Lot Marshal (1 or 2): Ruth T., Keitha U.

Bird Planters (3 or 4 min.): Ken C., Karen L., Bob U., Bob W.

Bird Shaggers (2 or 3): Ken C., Tracy S., ?

Bird Cleaners (1 from ea. club please) Fri.: Pat F., Karen L., Jeni S., ?

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Hospitality AM (coffee, muffins or fruit etc.): Linda F., Lynn W.

Hospitality Judges/Gunners (get them water etc. as needed): Lynn W.

From the President:

I want to report that we had a super training and practice day at Scatter Creek Yesterday. We had a good turn out from MRSSA, PSESSA and WWESSC. Some folks came from as far north as Orcas Island and as far south as White Salmon, Washington. Thanks to our guests from WWESSC, we were able to run two courses, and give everyone who came as much time in the field as they needed.

The weather started off cool, and turned warm & sunny mid day. The water in the creek was high and cold. The birds were generally flying, and the gunners did a very good job. All the hallmarks of a good day in the field.

MRSSA had a good discussion and planning session for the upcoming Labor Day Hunt Test Cluster. For lunch we road-tested several pizzas from Figaro's Pizza just outside of Rochester. Really Good!

I want to add a special note of thanks for the folks who helped clean up the grown-over trail to the far spot on the creek, near the power lines. Al Defalco, Barb Deluca, Karen Lee and Paul Young not only cleared the trail, they cleared a wide spot for handlers and judges, and even opened up a new spot that looks pretty good. If you don't recognize these names, it is because they are all members of Western Washington ESSC.

Our next adventure will be Labor Day weekend. I am looking forward to the events, and would like to ask everyone who is available to come out, participate, and help. This is our big event of the year, and more people means more time for all to enjoy the action.

Pete Evele
President, MRSSA

Silent Auction:

This year we will again be doing a Silent auction. Bring your items for auction and designate the club you wish the proceeds to go to. Winners can bid, at their leisure on the accompanying paper and if they win, the cheque may be written to the designated club.

Bring your STUFF! It doesn't have to be doggie - other things have been successful - so pack it up and bring it out!

Saturday evening potluck:

Join us for our traditional potluck dinner on Saturday evening. The food is ALWAYS good and we get to eat the fruits of our dogs' labour. Plan to attend, this is a fun gathering of great folks!

Informal Training Sessions:

For Northend Field Training - contact Ken Clausen via email

Eastside Obedience/Rally Training - contact Lisa Peters via email

<Editor's note - I'm very sorry this newsletter is kinda cobbled together, my computer is on the fritz and I may actually be drop-kicking it out the door and replacing it with a new jazzy model.>

