



Sporting Tails

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Next meeting:

Saturday, October 22, 2005

Meet 8:30am - Tattoo Clinic

For our dogs :-). Bring your dogs' AKC registration number <preferred> or some other number to identify your dog. Cost is \$15.00 per dog

Clinic will be at Winstar's Bed and Biscuit <formerly Atwoods> in Puyallup.

<directions on back>



Mission Statement

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



MRSSA Outings

Oct 22- Shared Tattoo Clinic with PSESSA.

Dec 10 - Christmas Party
Karyn and Steve Eby's
Olympia, WA

MRSSA on the Web:

<http://www.new addresssoooooon>

From the President....

Hello Everyone.

The October MRSSA meeting has been set to take place in conjunction with a tattoo clinic that has been set up by Puget Sound English Springer Spaniel Association (PSESSA). The clinic will be held on Saturday, October 22 from 08:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. I have included the text of the clinic announcement that Laura Matzke is placing in the PSESSA Newsletter, which includes directions and instructions for the clinic. (BTW, Laura is President of PSESSA.)

Our meeting will start at 8:30 A.M. and PSESSA will have a meeting at 9:30 A.M. Among the things we need to accomplish will be the setting of committees for 2006. I will be sending some mail prior to the meeting to identify committee chairs. If anyone has an agenda item for this meeting, let me know.

Joy and I are planning to have our dogs tattoo'd. See the announcement below, if you are interested, and contact Laura. Our meeting will be open to all members, whether or not you elect to partake in the tattoo clinic.

Pete Evele

PSESSA OCTOBER 2005 MEETING
SATURDAY, OCT. 22, 2005
8:30am to 10:30am at Winstar Bed and Biscuit in Tacoma
TATTOO CLINIC!

Our October meeting will be a tattoo clinic, a service provided by B&B Tattoo, and operated by Diane and Mel Braunagel. If you've been meaning to get your springer identified with a tattoo, now's a convenient opportunity. The process takes approximately 5 minutes and costs \$15.00. Please bring an identification number you wish to have tattooed on your springer; Diane much prefers the AKC number, so don't forget to bring it with you.

We'll be starting at 8:30am sharp with the tattooing process, as we need to be finished by 10:30 (Winstar has obedience classes starting at 11:00.) Sorry about the early start time; coordinating various schedules for this has been an interesting adventure! We'll start the meeting as soon as the tattooing process is under way.

MRSSA members have also been invited to this meeting in order to ensure we have enough dogs for Diane to tattoo, so please expect the possibility of serial (or simultaneous) meetings occurring.

If you haven't already, please contact Laura Matzke if you're bringing dogs to tattoo, at her email, ballylynn@tds.net or by phone, 425-890-8761. Diane will have time to tattoo approximately 20 dogs, and we already have 8 springers signed up.



Braggs and Boo Boos



From Pete and Joy Evele - Mister qualified for 2 legs towards his Master Hunter this weekend leaving him 3 more to go for his title. Flint qualified for 2 legs giving him his Senior Hunter Title. The boys did good...we are proud!

From Tracy and Jeni Saulino - Please hear from all of the rooftops from here to all points across the world - today our Clumber pup, Comedy's Stلالuna CGC with her newbie novice handler, Jeni Saulino, PASSED their 4th Junior Hunter leg - thereby earning the wonderful title of JUNIOR HUNTER!

She is now Comedy's Stلالuna CGC JH !!!!! Way to go Stella! Way to go Jeni!!!

Stella is from our June '04 litter out of Jubilee (Ch. Cameo's Wild Cherry Jubilee CGC WDX(2) JH SH) and sired by Red (Ch. Creswick Cameo Simply Red WD JH SH (and now 2/5 MH)) It is the best feeling in the world to watch the little pup that we watched being born and raised up every moment of her life, training her from the very start with this as one of our goals -- and then to watch her achieve that first title so young! 14 months old!!! We have photos of the pups each playing with wings as soon as they could totter around, with clip wings flushing and retrieving as soon as they had their full set of vaccs, their first ventures into water.... And now the first of them has a hunting title!!! There is simply NOTHING better!!!

We have photos as and as soon as I am not utterly exhausted from the 4 day hunt test clusters (Briggs got a JH leg too, but was only entered 2 days - and Jubilee got her 2nd WDX title as well in the only thing she was entered in. She much preferred going out after the tests were done this evening and hunting up the "leftovers" - came home with a nice Chukar that she flushed and Tracy actually shot!) Anyhow, as soon as I get rested up and off my adrenalin "happy cloud" -- I will get photos from the weekend up on our website. Wow. I love our dogs!!!!

From Karyn Eby - I just wanted to say how proud I am that Sammie got her title on Monty at the Labor Day Tests. I hope that she will continue and train Monty and Calie to many other field titles. BTW that was field title #19 in our household. Way to go Sammie.

From Lynn Winchester - Spice earned her Tracking Dog title yesterday, Sept. 11.



MRSSA HUNT TEST RESULTS...



Junior Hunt Test: 14 entries, 9 qualifiers

Ch Nohea Orion, NA,NAJ (ECS)
Owners: Neil & Kelly Monroe
R-Own Freezer Jam (FS) New Title
Owners: Pam Boyer
Ballyduff Coat (ECS)
Owner: Olivia Steele-Mortimer
Comedy's Stellaluna - (CS)
Owners: Tracy & Jeni Saulino
R-own Crackers In Bed: (FS) New Title
Owners: Pam Boyer & Michael Schmitt
Ch Bluemoon's Take Cara My Heart (CS)
Owner: Laurie Tull
Ch. Game Cr. Waterway Jack of Hearts
(AWS) New Title
Owner: Pamela Boyer & Linda Hattren
Ch. Game Creek Waterway's Indy: (AWS)
New Title
Sidney Boyer, Pamela Boyer, Linda Hattren
RidgBury Red Alert, CD,NA,NAJ (ECS)
Neil & Kelly Monroe

Senior Hunt Test 13 dogs entered, 7 qualified 2 Move ups, 1 ab.

Quailmoor Quick - ECS
WR & Tawney Crawford
Golden Crove Cara - ECS
Olivia Steele-Mortimer
Flintlock Perpetual Motion, JH (ESS)
Klaus & Joy Evele
Melchris Constiitutional, JH (ESS)
Laura Burns Matzhe
Quail Lane Whoa Nellie (ess) nEW TITLE
STEVE & Kathy Stermolle
Quailmoor Quill (ECS)
Mark Almeida
Abitt of Hellfire (ESS)
Angela Monnaghan



Master Hunter Test: 13 entered, 7 qualified 1 absent

Maggies Run Take-A-Chance, SH, WDX (ESS)
Bob Davis
Crescent Mister Roscoe (ESS)
Klaus & Joy Evele
Whitewaters Powder River (ESS)
Shelley & Rob Barlow
Whitewaters Kootenay Cove (ESS)
Shelley & Rob Barlow
Onchu Cushca Macree (ESS)
Peter Killeter
Parker's Rusty Penny (ESS)
Daryl & Jan Johnson
AFC Yankee Creek Tri Don Swyfty New Title
Alfred Delfalco, M.D.

2005 MRSSA Awards

At this year's Christmas Party MRSSA will award the embroidered patches for members' dogs' accomplishments. Members will get their dog's "title patch" for titles earned in 2005, and an "Award of Merit" patch for eligible dogs. Members may order name patches, available at cost and can purchase patches for dogs/titles earned in previous years, and a full-color club logo patch is available for purchase. This is a change from previous years, so please make a note: name patches will no longer be furnished but will be available to order at cost. Most members plan to sew them on a jacket or vest "letterman style", or on a cap, a rosette streamer, or ?? **REMEMBER: YOU MUST SEND FORM BELOW TO RECEIVE ANY PATCHES YOUR DOG HAS EARNED!**

Re: Award of Merit eligibility. To earn this title dogs must have achieved recognition in at least 3 of these 4 different categories: 1. Conformation 2. Field 3. Obedience/Tracking 4. Breed Ambassador (note: these can be AM or CAN titles)

Breed Ambassador accomplishments are: Canine Good Citizen, Therapy Dog, OFA & CERF (eyes within 2 years), and being the sire/dam of offspring that have achieved AofM eligibility (offspring need not be owned by member). Dogs do not need to earn 3 AofM "legs" all in one year, but at least one must have been earned in 2005. All awards which are not able to be presented at the Christmas Party will be mailed. Attendance is not required!

Please fill out the form below and return to Ruth Tabaka. If you have more than one spaniel earning titles this year please make copies of the form to use for additional dogs. If your dog completes a title after deadline please let Ruth know ASAP. Congrats and see you at the Christmas Party !

(note: All members, regular & associate, are eligible for the above awards!)

M.R.S.S.A. 2005 Annual Awards Form

Dog's call name: _____ Breed: _____

Dog's registered name: _____

Please CHECK all "titles" held by this dog, and CIRCLE those earned in 2000:

Conformation: ___ Ch.
 Field: ___ WD ___ WDX ___ JH ___ SH ___ MH ___ FTCh ___ AFTCh ___ (other)
 Obedience/Tracking: ___ CD ___ CDX ___ UD ___ UDX ___ OTCH ___ TD ___ TDX
 Rally ___ novice ___ advanced ___ excellent ___ advanced excellent
 Breed Ambassador: ___ CGC ___ Therapy Dog ___ OFA & CERF ___ Sire/dam of A. of M. offspring,

please list: _____

___ I am also interested in ordering additional embroidered patches:

___ Club Logo patches at \$6.00 each.....\$ _____
 ___ Dog Name patches at \$7.00 each.....\$ _____
 ___ Title patches (list title below) at \$3.00 each.....\$ _____
 (make checks payable to MRSSA) TOTAL: \$ _____

Additional names/titles: _____

Member's name & phone: _____

Mail to: Ruth Tabaka
 217 SW 142nd.
 Seattle, WA 98166-15232

phone: 206/244-8219

From the Internet....

Here's a new way to train. This poem was written by Ken Nagler, an Obedience Judge and Director of the Canine Training Association in Maryland. For those of you who do not know Ken, he's 86 years old and just started agility last year! :-) I think this may be how he's getting around his courses at agility trials! LOL! :-)

A New Way to Train

Now clicker training's quite the fad.
Results for some are not too bad.
The concept stemmed from Pavlov's hound
Responding to some special sound.
The dog would start to salivate
Before he got the food he ate.
The modern click does much the same.
Enhancing our dog-training game
By causing Fido's hopes to raise--
Anticipating treats or praise.
Sometimes you click to no avail,
And other methods also fail.
No matter how you plead or shout,
Sometimes the dog just won't put out
When asked to sit or heel or stay,
Thus giving you a rotten day.
It makes you feel quite like a fool,
And then you start to lose your cool.
But if other methods fail for you,
There's something else that you can do.
Try "liquor training," that's its name,
To help you with your dog-sport game.
"How does this method work?" you ask.
Well, first you get a little flask,
Containing gin or other booze
Of any kind that you may choose.
Each time your dog decides to goof,
You take a sip of 80 proof.
It helps the handler to relax
And minimize the stress attacks.
When the handler's mood is more at ease,
The dog may sometimes try to please,
Or, then again may still refuse
To mind his training P's and Q's.
But whether foul results or fair
When you liquor train -- you just don't care!
Written by
~Ken Nagler



Minutes of the MRSSA meeting, Saturday, September 3, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 PM at Scatter Creek Area 1, following our very successful Hunting Test, by President, Pete Evele.

The following members signed the attendance sheet: Ruth Tabaka, Pete and Joy Evele, Tracy Saulino, Jeni Saulino, Julie Wickwire, Bob Wickwire, P. A. Fraser, Linda Fraser, Lynn Winchester, Lisa Peters, Kathy and Steve Stermolle, Neil and Kelly Monroe, Ken Clausen, Eric Bretschneider, Karyn and Steve Eby, Debbie Mendonhall, Michelle Huckins, Danae Steele, Roger Watt, Laurie Tull, Keith Lindsey, Maggie Lindsey, Beth McKinney.

The following guest signed the attendance sheet: Angela Monaghan.

Report of President: Thank you all for coming and helping today! Special thanks to those who put this event together – Dan Connell, Karen Lee and the Hunt Test Committee.

Report of Secretary: 1 postcard advertising Dr. Pets Health Products

Report of Treasurer: "We have money" \$2000 in savings. A lot in checking. A complete report will be available later. The Silent Auction is underway, please check to see if you have won something.

Committee Reports:

Hunt Test – We had 41 dogs entered today. (Results have been posted on the MRSSA site).

Thank you Dan Connell for taking care of the birds

October meeting – Date and time will be determined

Christmas Party – At Karyn and Steve Eby's in Olympia, December 10.

Fun Field Event: The committee established to look into a fun field event reported that they have selected a preliminary format for the event. A more detailed report is expected at the October meeting.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: will be appointed later (October per ByLaws)

Cocker Field Trial: There has been a positive response to the proposal to look into hosting a

field trial for English and American Cockers. We will try to set up a committee later with a goal of holding a "fun" Trial in 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Beth McKinney, Secretary

Directions to Winstar's Bed and Biscuit....

Address is 3602 112th
St. SE and phone is 253-531-0779.

From I-5 or HW 167 heading southbound
Take the HW 512 exit heading to Puyallup
Take the Canyon Rd. exit toward Summit
Take a left on Canyon Rd.
Take a right on 112th.
watch for the Bed and Biscuit on the Left.



MRSSA Newsletter
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