



Sporting Tails

October 2006



Meeting Dates

- **Oct 1 Paws-ab**
- **Nov 12 Paws-ab**
- **Dec Puyallup**
- **Jan—annual mtg**

Show and Go

The Show and Go, got it's beginning in California, I believe. Before that, a match was a long day because they were loosely run like a regular show. There were ribbons awarded and were very nice except that is not what the competing exhibitor really needed. They needed a place to train the dog to perform under show conditions without all the fuss. The Show and Go gives you an opportunity to try different warm-ups before getting into the ring, you can practice stays in a large group and work on various ways to improve and perfect your dog's performance. You can work different conditions to proof your dog on the exercises.

On Oct 1st we will be holding a club Show and Go. Bring your dogs and friends with dogs for an informal show and go at Paws-abilities. For a small fee, run your dog through obedience exercises, practice stays in a group or get some help training in

general. Let us know what you need—a judge in a hat? No problem. Practice ring set-ups and heeling patterns. There are indoor shows coming up in November, you can get you and your dog ready.

Cost is nominal \$2.00 to run your dog through.

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Next Meeting

Meet at 2:30 at Paws-Ab.

We'll just tuck ourselves into a corner or into the conference room to hold a quick meeting before getting into the show and go.

Mission Statement

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

From the Hunt Test Secretary

A great many thank you's are in order for everyone who helped put on our Hunt Test. This was the 12th Annual Labor Day Marathon, and more than ever it takes a lot of hard work by many people.

I was curious about the growth of this weekend so looked through my old catalogs. MRSSA's first sanctioned test in 1994 had 5 Junior entries, 2 Seniors, no Masters. In 1995 for the first "4-test marathon" the Saturday test had 15 Juniors, 9 Seniors, 4 Masters. In 2000 the 6th year, were 12 Junior, 10 Senior, 10 Master. This year, the Cascade test on Saturday had a phenomenal 20 Masters on top of 12 Juniors and 10 Seniors, so a good deal of growth.

So to start, thanks to those who months and months ago had already started on the organization end – Karyn Eby (grounds and dumpster), Dan Connell (judges panels and chukar coordinator), and Ruth Tabaka (test secretary and also working test chair).

Thanks to gun captain Mike Jew, and his gun team for our test – Cliff Beaver, Travis Roth, and Jack Scher (also saw Chuck Johnson over the weekend, my apologies if I missed any other gunners). Literally the clubs could not do this test weekend without having the gunning so well taken care of.

And mucho thanks to all the test helpers -- bird planters: Erich Bretschneider, Pete Evele, and Julie Wickwire powerline trailblazers: Ken Clausen, Pete & Joy Evele judges gifts, and judges and a.m. hospitality: Lynn Winchester, Joy Evele, and Carol Reeves lunch cook extraordinaire: Lisa Peters set-up, take-down, and bird/equipment truck: Jeni & Tracy Saulino, Pete & Joy Evele, Dan Connell, and Danae Steele marshals: Kathy Stermolle, Linda Fraser, Carol Reeves, Lynn Winchester, Pat Wells, and Ruth Tabaka for shaggers rather than miss a number of folks will just say thanks to all who toted a shag basket! silent auction: Pat Clausen and Tammy Hall bird cleaners: Ken Clausen, Darrell Reeves, Myles Sanchez, Dennis Wagner, Dave Skoubo potluck cooks: Ken Clausen (yay for the griddle!), Laurie Watt, Lynn Winchester

oops I'm almost out of time (the library computers kick you off after an hour) so my apologies to all who helped with something but are omitted here because I didn't realize it at the time (or have forgotten the weekend is just a blur in my poor little brain!). But do consider yourself thanked and know your contribution was appreciated!

--Karen Lee
MRSSA HT Chairman

Braggs

From Lisa Peters— Morgan went off to Wenatchee with me and we finally came home with one of those golden apples. And even better, 4 more points toward her OTCh.

**Thank You!! To our
brave men and women in
blaze orange.**



Hunt Test—Results

Friday Sept. 1 - Mt. Rainier Sporting Spaniel Association

JUNIOR - Judges: Al Defalco & Daryl Roth 10 Starters, 7 Qualified:

"Taylor" - Ramblewood Stars & Stripes - ESS

owners: Gene & Elizabeth Rivers, handler: Gene Rivers

"Duffy" - Ch. Donahan's Definitely In Style CDX - ESS

owners: Don & Carol Callahan, handler: Richard Matzke

"Mona" - Comedy's Ramona The Brave - CL.S

owners: Tracy & Jeni Saulino, handler: Tracy Saulino

"Velvet" - Ch. Creswick Cameo Red Velvet CW - CL.S

owners: Leslie Connell & Lauren Wickwire, handler: Dan Connell

"Milton" - Quail Lane's Moonstruck Madness - ESS

owners: Richard & Laura Matzke, handler: Richard Matzke

"Dilly" - Halwendan Bright Patina - ESS owner / handler: Karen Lee

"Percy" - TKB's Glimpse Of The Grail RN - ESS

owners: Bob & Keitha Unger, handler: Bob Unger

**Give that dog an orange
rosette!**

SENIORS - Judges: Barbara Defalco & Kevin Griffith 9 Starters, 2 Qualified:

"Sortie" - Perdrix's Drummer In The Woods NA JH - ECS - *new SH*

owner / handler: Tammy Hall

"Willis" - Quailmoor Quill - ECS

owners: Mark & Linda Almeida, handler: Mark Almeida

MASTERS - Judges: Barbara Defalco & Kevin Griffith 15 Starters, 5 Qualified:

"Flint" - Flintlock Perpetual Motion - ESS

owners: Pete & Joy Evele, handler: Pete Evele

"Bandit" - Bandits Fesaunt Ptch - ESS owner / handler: Ron Carver

"Cruiser" - Kelly's Cruisen Legacy UD VCD2 RN SH - ACS

owner: Gail Workman, handler: Bob Linehan

"Cisco" - Timeless Quizmaster SH WDX CGC - ECSowner / handler: Tammy Hall

"Maia" - Abitt Of Hellfire SH CGC - ESS owner / handler: Angela Monaghan

Working Dog Test — Results

Judge: Julie Wickwire

WD certificates awarded to:

Ch Bluemoon's Take Cara My Heart, CGC,JH Laurie and Roger Watt

Ch Woodsman Emma Peel, SH, CGC Darrell and Carol Reeves, Mitch Rollins

Serenade's Allure Peggy Aulgur

TKB's Glimpse of the Grail, Bob and Keitha Unger

Ramblewood Land of Hope and Dreams, Gene and Elizabeth Rivers

WDX to: Ch Donahan's Definitely in Style, CDX, Don and Carol Callahan



Spaniel Olympics

Awards for each event and overall points

2006
MRSSA SPANIEL
OLYMPICS

Date: November 12,
2006

Where: Pawsability,
Tukwila, Wa

Time: TBA

What: Different events
that show the team of
handler and dog.

Price: one dollar per
event per dog.

Why: Because it's FUN

Spaniel Olympics
Events:

1. Obstacle course
2. Cookie Catch
3. Dunkin for dogs
4. Hat trick
5. Galloping gormay
6. Scooper race
7. Hot dog retrieve
8. Best trick
9. Toy retrieve
10. Spoon race

each event \$1.00 per
dog.

Awards for 1st, 2nd,
and third in each
event, with awards for
1st, 2nd and 3rd over-
all points.

COME JOIN THE
FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!

An Obedience Lesson—training journal

“A common trap trainers fall into is to only work on the exercises a dog does well,…”

Because my time is limited, as is the time of many other folks; I try to make every training opportunity count. My biggest helper is my training journal.

I began my first journal quite by accident. A friend of mine moved to Portland and could only come to classes once a



Morgan working on a Moving Stand exercise.

month or so. I began writing down the lessons and emailing them to her each week so she could keep up. Well soon I found I was referring to this simple datebook often to make sure I had covered all the exercises the instructor was going to be doing for that week and planning my next training session to cover any errors or to progress within the exercise.

My journal has expanded to include show sites and judges as well as the day to day training. I include how my dog reacted to specific distractions and conditions—one memorable entry is about a time I was training at a school when they had an ice cream social, a boy scout meeting and bagpipe

practice all on the same night!

A common trap trainers fall into is to only work on the exercises a dog does well, the journal keeps you on track to improve the exercises which need work and maintain the exercises the dog does well.

I use a journal for each dog and include notes on any training the dog is doing—tracking, obedience, agility, field. If a problem crops up I can reference the journal to find a root cause and map out a solution.

The training journal, a well-used piece of equipment.

2006 Annual 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 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 2006. 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 !

Annual Awards Form—2006

Dog's call name: _____ Breed: _____

Dog's registered name: _____

Please CHECK all "titles" held by this dog, and CIRCLE those earned in 2006:

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: _____

**All members, regular
& associate, are
eligible for awards!**

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Directions to Paws-Abilities

- From I-405 North or Southbound, Take Exit #1, Tukwila.
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- From either exit ramp, turn right onto Interurban Blvd./ West Valley Highway.
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- Turn right onto Strander Blvd. (Just past Residence Inn and 7-11 Store.
- Turn left onto Andover Park East (Video Only intersection)
- Turn left onto Minkler Blvd.
- Turn right onto Industry Drive and
- right into Paws-Abilities Parking lot.

