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IWSCA National Specialty Best of Breed Winner
GCH Poole's Ide Got Water RN
Our Cover Dog-GCH Poole's Ide Got Water RN

Keegan has accomplished much in the two and a half years he’s been shown as a full time special...

As a show dog:
- First AKC Irish Water Spaniel Grand Champion
- #1 Irish Water Spaniel in Breed and All Breed Points (2009, 2010 and through May 2011)
- #8 Sporting Dog – 2011 (through May) and #8 Sporting Dog – 2010
- 13 All Breed Bests in Show
- 2011 Irish Water Spaniel Club of America National Specialty Best of Breed
- 4 Bests in Specialty Show
- Group 4 – Westminster Kennel Club (2011)
- 46 Sporting Group 1 (through June 2011)
- 118 Group Placements (through June 2011)
- Best of Breed – AKC Eukanuba Tournament of Champions (2009 and 2010)
- Best of Breed – Morris and Essex Kennel Club (2010)

As a sire:
- 5 AKC Champion puppies. All from his first litter and all finished before the age of 18 months
- GCH. Whistlestop’s Fire & Ice “Annah”
- GCH. Whistle Stop’s the Wind on Fire “Claire”
- CH. Whistle Stop’s Wind on the Water “Bella”
- CH. Whistle Stop’s Elements of Magic “Merlin”
- CH. Whistlestop’s Riley on Fire “Riley”.
- 2 AKC Grand Champions puppies (Annah and Claire).
- IWSCA National Specialty Award of Merit/Multiple Group Winning/Multiple Group Placing puppy (Bella)
- IWSCA National Specialty Best of Opposite Sex/Group Placing puppy (Annah)
- Best in Show/Best in Gun Dog Show/Multiple Group Winning/Multiple Group Placing puppy in England (Merlin)
- Best in Gun Dog Show/Multiple Group Placing puppy in Sweden (Claire)

Truly, Keegan is a dog for the record books.
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Dues: Checks payable to IWSCA (payable in U.S. funds)

- Individual membership $25
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- To encourage members to perfect, by selective breeding, physically and temperamentally sound Irish Water Spaniels; to do all possible to promote their natural abilities & qualities;
- To encourage the organization of independent local IWS clubs in the localities where there are sufficient IWS fanciers to meet the requirements of the American Kennel Club;
- To urge members & breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by AKC as the only standard of excellence by which IWS shall be judged;
- To do all in its power to protect and advance the interest in the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, field trials, obedience trials and tracking tests; to do all possible to further the use of the Irish Water Spaniel as a hunting dog;
- To conduct sanctioned matches, specialties, field and obedience trials and tracking tests under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.

Deadline for submission of material for the next newsletter is 8-15-11 send submissions to Annette Mora at iwscanewsletter@gmail.com
Busy, Busy, Busy! Summer is finally here and it is time to catch up on all those things we put off until the weather got better and here in the Northwest that period of time is all too short.

If you missed this year’s Specialty you missed a “Really Good Show”. The site was beautiful, the location was easy to get to and the committee was gracious and helpful. What more can you ask for?

For those of you that did make the effort THANKS! It is only possible to have a great Specialty when our members step up to the plate and support it.

I look forward to working with our three new board members, Jim Rubin, Lois MacDonald, and Sue Anderson. I also welcome back Jeremy Kezer, Evie Van Uden and Sandy Ascot. We will all try to serve you to the best of our ability. Hopefully we can prove that being a board member is not so bad and get more members to step forward in the future. Some of you have strong thoughts on issues and being a board member would serve your purpose well. The bottom line is “this is your club”. Along with that thought, I want to encourage you to come forward with your ideas. The only way we can effectively serve you is for you to communicate with us.

This year it was a pleasure and honor to be able to award the “Personal Awards”.

Heidi Ferris was the recipient of the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Heidi stepped up last year and asked for a halt to the bitter emails on the Yahoo list. She formed a group for CIVILITY and it worked. Thanks Heidi, you really did us all a big favor.

Jim Rubin was the recipient of the Marion Hopkins Leadership Award. If ever someone deserved it, it was Jim. At a time when many would have thrown in the towel, he stepped up and worked all year supporting the club with the newsletter, website, Parent club conference and Judges Education Committee. Jim, you really set the bar high. Thanks.

Lynn Musgrave was the recipient of the President’s Award. Lynn took over the Constitution & By-Law committee that was stalled and fueled it up and made it run. This is a tough committee; so many things depend on the wording and the consequences of making a change that may seem simple on the surface, but look out down the road. Lynn worked well with her committee members and kept it going, Thanks Lynn. It was an honor to present the award to you.

There are many people in our club that deserve “personal awards”, and to all of you that work on committees, volunteer for projects and devote your time and resources to the IWSCA, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. We wouldn’t have much of a club without you.

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If you read the last three ads written about Solid Gold dry dog food, then you realize that your dog’s life depends upon what you feed them. The articles were: 1) Does GMO Mean God Move Over?, 2) Chicken and the Egg and Salmonella Poisoning, and 3) Sundancer – Our New Dog Food with Curcumin.

Solid Gold has been the leader in natural dog and cat food since 1975. We introduced the Hund-N-Flocken natural dog food with lamb and fish. Hund means dog, Flocken means flakes in German. The FDA said that there was no such thing as a natural dog food. We told them that Hund-N-Flocken had been a top seller in Germany for 20 years. They said, “Oh!”

If you import a dog from Germany, frequently the export papers say that if you don’t feed the Solid Gold Hund-N-Flocken, and the Solid Gold Sea Meal powder, they will not guarantee the health of the dog.

About six years ago, Solid Gold introduced a bison and Alaskan wild caught salmon in our “Just a Wee Bit”, for the small dog. For the large and giant breed, we introduced Wolf Cub and Wolf King. The owner of Solid Gold had flown to Alaska to interview the fisherman. Two were chosen. They were the only hook and line fishermen. So, if they caught a small fish, it was thrown back.

Soon, as usual, other dog food companies copied us. But they used big nets. Within four years, the wild Alaskan salmon was fished out. Only FARMED salmon was available. Farmed salmon is fed GMO corn. The corn is sterile and cannot reproduce. The salmon are sterile and cannot reproduce. Guess what happens to the people and dogs that are fed this salmon? Solid Gold no longer uses salmon. They are concerned that the GMO salmon may cause cancer. GMO means Genetically Modified Organism

Our Holistique Blendz dog food was introduced in 1985. Holistic does not mean natural or organic. It is fish-based and low 18% protein especially for the older dog to spare the liver and the kidneys. It is also for white dogs that are light-sensitive (photo aging). At a recent dog show, a dog food vendor was next to the Solid Gold booth. The salesman told us that his company also now had holistic dog food. We asked him what holistic meant. He said they put apples in it. Oh well!

In April, 2011 the news said that in New Jersey, it is unlawful for people to plant tomato seeds. You now have to buy GMO tomato plants from the same company that developed GMO soybean and corn. The chemical company said they are doing this to protect the public. Seems that bugs will get on the tomato plants. For 20 years, I just washed off the bugs from my father’s tomato plants.

These GMO plants were found to cause two harmful strains of bacteria that damage the intestinal tract and cause leaky gut syndrome. Dogs were developing leaky gut syndrome and infected anal glands.

We use non-GMO tomatoes in our dog food. They are high in lycopene which is good for the heart and circulation. Any fruit or vegetable that is red supports the circulatory system, hormone system and thyroid system. In the recent radiation Japanese disaster, the red sea algae was rushed to Japan to build up the immune and hormone systems. Our Sea Meal contains 19 types of seaweed, including red sea algae. Always use our Sea Meal powder with our dog food. It keeps the dogs from chewing at the root of the tail and licking their feet.

Our new Solid Gold dog food is Sundancer, which contains curcumin. To find out how curcumin works with cancer, see http://www.umm.edu/altmed/articles/turmeric-000277.htm

In 1958 the US Congress wanted to fund a study for the use of curcumin and cancer. The big pharmaceutical companies objected and said it would interfere with revenues from their cancer drugs.

The new World Order says that if you control the food production, you can control the people (and dogs). Read dog food labels, don’t feed Frankenfish and other GMO products to your dogs and cats. You can depend upon Solid Gold to produce the finest and healthiest pet foods.

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Specialty Diary

When I was asked to write up a specialty report, I agreed readily. But as time has passed since then, and as I think back upon the specialties I've attended since 1985, and about the many, many members, local, regional, and national required year in and year out to achieve these annual extravaganzas, I've come to realize that there's just no way to adequately describe the experience of an IWSCA national. It's easy to say what happened, who won, what transpired at the annual meeting, who received awards. Facts are simple. But if you haven't attended a national, nothing I could write could adequately capture the essence of a national--particularly this year's, which featured such a lovely venue and host lodgings--which were one and the same.

Instead, I've opted for a little diary of sorts—in hopes of thanking the specialty committee and persuading those of you who haven't attended a national to join us in St. Louis next year.

Sunday, May 15
I arrive at SFO and take the BART to El Cerrito, where one of my favorite IWS in the world, Took, slimes me on Sharon Moreland's patio. Lots of catching up with Sharon, her husband Dan, and Denise Costley from Lincolnshire, UK. We're awaiting husband Alan's arrival—he and their new girl, Ffion, from Bridget Kvarnlov are stuck in Minneapolis.

Monday, May 16
Alan and Ffion finally arrive at 1:00 AM. Bright and early at 8:00, Sharon and I drive to Debbie Bilardi’s home in Marin County to assemble the hospitality bags. Debbie's living room, garage, and dining room are stacked halfway to the ceiling with specialty boxes. We’re joined by Jenn Lego, Michelle Cummings, Allana Kew. By 9:15, the assembly line is in high gear. There's barely time to admire the beautiful bags and goodies, but we squeeze in lots of oohs and ahs and I sneak in some time to visit with Debbie's Irishers. Just in time for loading and transporting all the specialty paraphernalia, Jim and Veronica Rubin join us, so the work goes quickly, and we're at the Inn Marin by 11:00 AM where the specialty hospitality suite awaits.

The rest of the day is a blur; assembling the hospitality suite, greeting old friends, admiring trophies (old silver trays and bowls obtained by intrepid shopper and Trophy Chair Kathy Dassel from various and sundry antique shops in the southeast), checking in with Greg Johnson, who's made it through Donner pass after a long wet, windy, and snowy drive from Minneapolis, a quick lunch with Jim and Veronica, who are celebrating the quality of Chinese food on the west coast, back to the suite with carryout for harried co-chair Sharon, and cracking the first bottle of Sauvignon Blanc promptly at four o'clock for the wine and cheese party. Oh yes...somewhere in there it's started to rain.

Tuesday, May 17
It's still raining. Buckets. It doesn't rain in the Bay Area in May. Never. But it's raining now, and it's going to be a wet agility ring. We arrive at the Marin Humane Society where hot coffee and sweets await us, and the walk throughs commence. Not many green ribbons on this day, but Jenn Lego's Curry (Chuckanut's Cashew Curry CD) qualifies in 24" Novice.
Standard and Novice Fast and Jody Dushkes’ Ria (Claddagh’s the Beat Goes on RN NA NAF NF) q’s in 20” Open Standard. I’m not an agility competitor, but my style points go to Morgan Conrad’s Boomer for his trip up and over the A frame.

After drying off and a catered lunch, we move to the auditorium at the Humane Society for the annual meeting. President Jack McDaniel called the meeting to order at 2 PM. The minutes will include the complete business, but the two highlights of the AGM for me were Jack’s presentation of beautiful wood crafted pens to outgoing Secretary Debbie Bilardi and First VP Greg Johnson--and a visually compelling slide show of the new Illustrated Standard by Dan Sayers. Every time I spend any time at all with Dan, I’m reminded anew of his over-brimming enthusiasm for the breed. The Illustrated Standard is truly a work of art.

Then it’s back to the hospitality suite--yes, in the rain--to check in more arrivals, chow down on cold Chinese food, and drink good California wine courtesy of Jim and Veronica Rubin.

Wednesday, May 18
Morning comes early sharing a room with three adolescent Irishers. But what a morning. Cloudless. The ring and grooming tent arrived yesterday and already dedicated groomers are springing into action in anticipation of this afternoon’s Sweepstakes. First, though, the obedience and rally obedience entrants are gathering as we head over to gather trophies and rosettes to deliver to ringside.

Whether it was the sunshine and California breezes or just an off day, we only have two Obedience qualifiers--Ch. Stanegate Slippery When Wet (Charlie Brown) and HIT Ch. Curlyco Arctic Storm RN (Storm), and two Rally qualifiers. First Place Rally Novice B was Realta’s One Tough Cookie CD, JH owned by Jill Raes and Rosemary Sexton. And First Place Rally Excellent B was Cuardach Way to Fly Byrd CDX, RA owned by Brenda and Mike Farmer.

A hurried lunch full of dog hair as I ready veteran Lily for Sweeps--then the youngsters head into the ring. Judge Ms. Ruby Hertz selects Jacqui Fussell's Finnibone’s in the Tickle Trunk as Best in Sweeps and his litter sister Finnibone’s She’s the Bomb as Best of Opposite. Now it's time for the veterans. Jody Dushkes’ Ch. Muddy Waters Great Expectations RAE AX AXJ XF OAP NJP takes Best in Veterans Sweeps with Greg Johnson, Shelly Potter's, and my Lily (Ch, Dreadlocks Something Wicked) as Best of Opposite.

Now it’s a mad dash to help set up the silent auction. Dorothy Line has a marvelous selection thanks to Kathy Dassel's scrounging, commissions, and generous donors--particularly Mary Su and Rich Turner. And this evening is our first dinner at Inn Marin. Oh, my...it’s rare that a buffet dinner at a national earns raves. I could easily have eaten nothing but the garlic mashed potatoes (the best I’ve had, truly), but everything is delicious; and from the oohs and aahs and yums! I hear coming from round the room, everyone else agrees. As we finish dessert and the final table of auction items, Fran Smith, PhD, DVM, and President of OFA readies her presentation on elbow dysplasia. To describe her report as sobering would be an understatement. Health and Genetics chairs Laurel Baglia and Sharon Moreland will be providing follow-up, but I believe everyone in the room now has a greater appreciation for the risks of ED and the very real danger it poses to our breed.

Now it’s time for the first raffle drawing: the yacht tour for three couples courtesy of Rich and Kathi Fortmann. And the winners are Colleen McDaniel, Ronnie Cloosterman, and Alan Costley. The tour is scheduled for tomorrow, but Rich and Kathi graciously offer to postpone it until Saturday as Colleen must be at the WC/X site for Judges Education.

And then I'm kidnapped. Sharon Moreland scoops me up and takes me home with her to El Cerrito so we can be at the WC/X site bright and early in the morning.

Thursday, May 19
Early it is...as the sun creeps over the Berkeley Hills, we’re headed for the Denverton salt marshes across from Travis Air Force Base. Aside from connecting with IWS friends and meeting Irishers from across the country, my favorite thing about our national specialties is the opportunity to visit areas I
wouldn't normally--and California is the perfect place for that, as its geography creates ever changing microclimates. This sweeping expanse of marsh grasses and saltwort is punctuated by small ponds and populated by bemused white pelicans who evacuate for the day once the gunners begin firing.

A number of judges join the gallery; they're here for Judges' Ed Chairman Colleen McDaniel's presentation, and they're very enthusiastic over having the opportunity to see our dogs in action--and ultimately see them wet.

Alas, most of the six WC entries aren't too enthusiastic over the cover; only Rikki (Realta's Limerick) qualifies on land, though the judges allow all the dogs to move to the water. Rikki qualifies in style, earning his WC; and most of the other dogs demonstrate that the water is more to their liking, thank you very much.

Following the WC and Judges' Ed, we move to qualifying for the Bird Dog Match. This is an exciting opportunity for owners who may not have put their IWS on birds; it's an easy mark with no cover, and the dogs only have to retrieve a bird across a short mark. Delivering to hand isn't required, and encouragement is allowed. Every dog there manages the task and qualifies for the conformation portion later this afternoon back at Inn Marin.

After lunch, Sue Sarracino and Bob Deihl provide an interesting demo on working an Irisher in the new spaniel (upland) tests. It's exciting watching the dogs quartering--our versatile breed now has a another AKC event to prove it.

Back to Inn Marin, where Rikki wins the Bird Dog Match under judge Katherine Cowsert, and the windblown, sunburned, mud spattered gallery and competitors retreat to shade and dinner.

Friday, May 20
Specialty Conformation Day. Another day of brilliant sunshine. But before we dive into grooming, we have meetings to attend. The Breeders Education Committee convenes at 8:00, followed by Judges' Education at 11:00. Then it's whirlwind grooming for conformation at 2:00.

The ring is ready, and the trophies sparkling.

What we may lack in quantity, we make up in quality in the class dogs, with Debbie Bilardi's young Tristan (Cats 'N Cavan Tristan O'Tynan) getting the nod from judge Pluis Davern for Winners Dog. Reserve went to Kathy Dassel's Duke (Cat's N Pats Luck of the Irish). How lovely for Marian McLeod seeing two young dogs out of two of her recent litters earning Winners and Reserve.

The class bitch entry is larger, and the open bitch class presents a real challenge for Ms. Davern. First in the class and Winners Bitch is Realta's One Tough Cookie (Emmy), owned by Jill Raes and Rosemary Sexton. Second and Reserve goes to Dorothy's lovely girl Poole's Ide at Last (Etta).

There are no gun dog or bitch entries this year; so after the veterans are judged, the specials, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch,
and veteran class winners take the ring. Again, I'm struck by what a an inspired choice for a national this courtyard is. There is lots of sun and the dogs look magnificent against the emerald green grass; but there's also ample shade for those waiting for judging. And again, what we may lack in numbers, we do not lack in quality.

**The Full Results:**

- BOB - GCH Poole's Ide Got Water RN (Keegan)
- BOS - GCH Whistlestop's Fire & Ice (Annah)
- BOW - Realta's One Tough Cookie
- WD - Cat's 'N' Cavan Tristan O'Tynan
- RWD - Cat N Pats Luck Of The Irish
- WB - Realta's One Tough Cookie
- RWB - Poole's Ide At Last
- Select Dog - CH Stanegate Slippery When Wet (Charlie Brown)
- Select Bitch - CH Finnibone's Cool The Engines (Hemi)
- AOM - CH Whistle Stop's Wind On The Water (Bella)
- AOM - Wasabi (#47 not listed in catalog)
- Junior Handler - CH Curlyco Arctic Storm RN (Storm) handled beautifully by Loren Ross
- Veteran Dog Ch. Muddy Waters Great Expectations CD RAE AX AXJ XF OAP NJP
- Veteran Bitch Ch. D'Locks Something Wicked
- Stud Dog: GCH Poole's Ide Got Water RN
- Brood Bitch: CH Cat's Standing Ovation RA
- Brace: Cat's Kelly O'Keefe and CH Cat's American Beauty RA
- Generations: CH The Cat's Meow RA, CH Cat's American Beauty RA, and Cat's Kelly O'Keefe

After photos, it's back to the banquet room to help Dorothy and her committee lay out the incredible auction items before dinner. Again, we're treated to delicious selections from Rickey's at Inn Marin. Ms. Daven takes the microphone to compliment us on our lovely dogs--and provides a marvelous recollection of showing the breed during her handling career and running an IWS bitch in the field who made a most memorable "commentary" on the 24+ hour dead duck she was asked to retrieve.

Now it's auction time. And auctioneer Greg takes the mic--but wait, this is not long-time auctioneer Greg Siner, who was unable to attend. This is outgoing First VP Greg Johnson, whose homespun South Dakota humor keeps us entertained and bidding throughout. Once again, our donors and bidders demonstrate their generosity and dent their pocketbooks. Bidding went up as the wine went down, and thousands were raised for the club. The culmination of the evening were the raffle draws. There were a number of happy winners of restaurant gift certificates, but the big winner of the evening was Sally Lewis, whose home will be graced by another stunning quilt created by Sharon Moreland.

**Saturday, May 21**

Most are off to the Coyote Hills supported entry, though the McDaniels and Cloostermans are off for their yacht tour with the Fortmann's, some have gone sightseeing and wine tasting, and I'm helping Greg pack the van for the long drive back to Minneapolis. Rich and Mary Su Turner are already on their way--my, the parking lot looks empty without their RV. It's starting to feel as though my vacation is ending, and I get teary waving good-bye to Greg. His van is loaded to the roof (and on the roof) with dogs and material bound for next year's specialty.

But there's still plenty to do; the specialty committee has (nearly literally) a ton of material to pack, store, return, and tote to the annual awards banquet, so the day passes quickly, and in no time we're queuing at the bar for before dinner drinks. Congratulations are shared with Denise Locke and Tim Ufkes, whose Ch. Stanegate Slippery When Wet has won Best of Breed and the Sporting Group at the supported entry today.

Our awards are a true celebration of the many talents of our breed and the dedication of our owners. I hope a complete list is published; I couldn't begin to articulate each of them. I can, though, provide a list of awards earned by members (as opposed to our dogs), and those are:

- AKC Good Sportsmanship Award Heidi Ferris (AKC medallion)
- 2011 Marion Hopkins Leadership Award Jim Rubin (Jack's handcrafted and signed laser engraved wood plate)
- 2011 IWSCA President's Award Lynn Musgrave (another Jack masterpiece--a beautifully turned, signed, and engraved wood vase)

It is truly an honor to receive this award from Jack; though when it comes to the Constitution and By Laws Committee, for which I was cited, I must share it with my committee members Greg Johnson, Dana Louttit, Debbie Bilardi, and Kim Kezer. But I celebrate what it represents: that IWSCA members may disagree on issues while remaining civil to each other and devoted to the club and the breed.

Following the conclusion of the banquet, Sharon and I check out of the Inn Marin--and this time I really get teary. It has been a lovely week, filled with lovely dogs, friends old and new, lots of laughter and a few tears, and sights, sounds, and tastes to remember. On to Purina Farms in 2012. The 2011 Specialty Committee has set a high bar.
Delegate’s Report

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generated from auctioned IWS items generously donated from the personal collection of Alan Stern. The fund was $2,394.50 at the beginning of 2010. The blood draw at the 2010 specialty had expenses of $234.43 and Hemopet, who is collecting and analyzing the thyroid blood samples, was sent $2000 to reimburse them for offering a $20 discount for all IWS samples sent to them over the last 2 years. So the Thyroid Fund was reduced to $160.07 by the end of 2010. In an effort to continue this important work Florence Blecher, Paul Price and Jack McDaniel have generously donated $1000 each to replenish the Thyroid Study Fund so the fund currently stands at $3,160.07.

The Illustrated Standard Fund was established several years ago with a motion from Colleen McDaniel that $5000 would be taken out of our Rescue Funds to create funding for the Illustrated Standard. Once the Illustrated Standard is produced, copies of it will be sent out to shelters to better help them identify dogs as IWS (or not) in their shelters. Currently this fund stands at $4405. Once those funds are used up for the production and mailing of Illustrated Standard material for either rescue situations or for Judges Education, costs would either have to come out of our general funds or we would have to consider developing a funding source for this important document for our breed.

The Best in Show Travel Fund was established in 2008 by Tim Ufkes to guarantee that this beautiful trophy could be sent from past owners back to the club to be presented to new awardees. Currently the fund stands at $373.71. Since the trophy was not awarded last year there were no costs last year.

The Legislative Fund was established in 2009 with a donation of $25. In 2010 members donated an additional $823 to finish the year at $848, so far this year an additional $372.25 has been donated by members for the Legislative Fund so the fund stands at $1220.25. No disbursements were made last year or so far this year.

The Breeders Education Committee Fund is generated by the fees breeder members pay to be part of this committee. When the Breeders Committee was established with new criteria in 2002 the paid fees were earmarked for the Rescue Fund. In 2007 the Breeders Committee, seeing that the club Rescue Fund was well established, asked the Board if future Breeders fees could be segregated as a separate fund to be used for health and breeding seminars, health studies or other activities to promote the breed. Breeders fees generate about $1500 a year and at the beginning of 2010 the BEC fund was $4,232.67, with an additional $1500 in fees, and a $50 contribution. Last year $1000 of BEC funds were contributed to the Rabies Challenge to help fund this important study. At the end of 2010 BEC had a balance of $4782.67. So far this year, $1400 has been collected for BEC fees and the balance stands at $6,182.67.

Last year the 2010 Specialty netted $23,804.41 due to the hard work of the specialty chairs and committees and generous donations from members. This was one of the most well attended specialties ever and club members participated with entries, merchandise purchases, auction bids, raffle tickets and more. Members also sent $1182 on their renewal forms for the 2010 Specialty trophy fund. Last year the 2009 Specialty added an additional $450 to their tally. Expenses and prepaid deposits for the 2011 Specialty cost $2009.67 last year so the net income from Specialty activity in 2010 was $23,426.74. This net income becomes part of our general fund at the end of each fiscal year.

Our general fund at the beginning of 2010 was $40,398.19, membership renewals added $8,490, new members added $945, Newsletter ads were $820, Club merchandise added $565, Regional purchases of the pewter supported entry trophies added $300 and Support entry show rebates sent another $29 to the club coffers for income in 2010 of $11,149. Club expenses totaled $9,272.16 last year for tax preparation, club insurance, election ballot expenses, postage, printing, bank charge, credit card fees, AKC dues, AKC delegate expenses, Eukanuba trophies, postage for shipping supported entry trophies, Meet the Breed booths, newsletter editor, membership directory printing and mailing costs, membership renewal notices, purchase of club merchandise, scrapbook maintenance, scrapbook travel to the specialty. So our general fund ended up at $42,275.03 when specialty net income was added the general fund was increased to $65,701.77.

So last year our general fund was $65,701.77 and the combined restricted funds for rescue, genetics, Illustrated Standard, Thyroid Study, BIS Travel Fund, BEC and Legislative fund totaled $43,218.83 for a total of $108,920.60 in club assets.

This year we have collected $7980 in membership renewals but there are still some membership money coming in. New memberships, so far this year, has been $195. Newsletter ads have added $120, so our general income for this year so far is $8246. We have had expenses for the newsletter editor, treasurer supplies, annual awards, scanning scrapbook archive material on CD, shipping archive material, club insurance, credit card processing fees, bank charges, AKC delegate expenses for a total of $7586.36. We are still wrapping up merchandise sales for the 2010 specialty which has brought in $636 this year, net income from the 2011 specialty so far has brought in $261.11 with the bulk of income and expenses yet to be processed. $200 has been sent to hold dates for a 2012 IWSCA Agility trial.

Our general fund to date stands at $68,329.77, Restricted funds collectively stand at $51,649.38 for a total of $119,979.15 in club assets.
## 2011 IWSCA YTD Financial Report

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**HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS**

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- Scrapbooks travel: 100.00
- Copying scrapbook material to CD: 2,832.00

**GENERAL EXPENSE SUBTOTAL**

- 636.00

**SPECIALTY TRANSACTIONS**

- 2010 Specialty Net: 636.00
- 2011 Spec Trophy donations: 2,832.00
- 2011 Specialty Net: 261.11

**SELF FUNDED ACCOUNTS**

**RESCUE**

- Rescue Donations: 1,531.25
- New Owner contribution: 100.00
- Rescue Reimburse expenses: 1272.8
- Rescue Medical: 100.00
- Rescue Transportation: 100.00
- Rescue donation to shelters: 100.00

**GENETICS**

- Genetix donations: 902.25
- Health Study: 49.00

**ILL STANDARD**

- Illustrated standard expenses: 0.00

**THYROID STUDY**

- Thyroid Study donation: 300.00
- Thyroid Study expenses: 300.00

**BISS TROPHY TRAVEL FUND**

- BISS Trophy Travel expenses: 0.00

**BREEDERS COMMITTEE**

- Breeders fees: 1,400.00
- Donation to BEC: 0.00
- BIS Challenge Committee: 0.00

**LEGISLATIVE FUND**

- Legislative Fund donations: 372.25

**2010 BALANCES**

- 17,521.11
- 5,462.56
- 119,979.15
- 66,351.41
- 1,968.15
- 26,800.98
- 9,546.70
- 4,405.90
- 3160.07
- 373.75
- 6,182.67
- 1,220.52

**PROOF**

- 2010 Beginning Checkbook Balance: 108,920.60
- 2011 Gross Income: 17,521.11
- 2011 Gross Expenses: -5,462.56
- 2011 YTD Checkbook Balance: 119,979.15

**COMMENTS**

- 68,329.77 2010 General funds balance = general funds and specialty transactions
- 51,649.38 2010 Self Funded Account Balance = Rescue/Genetics/Ill Standard/Legislative Funds
- Thyroid Study/ BISS/ Breeders Ed Committee

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ALL-AROUND MEANS ALL-AROUND

ANGUS

A PROMISING PUPPY TO ACCOMPLISHED ADULT
AM/CAN CH
SARACEN HARD SCRABBLE CD JH JHU

First IWS JHU
First Dog in AKC with Performance Titles in Two Field Divisions

Tom Meyer, Sr AKC Field Rep, Judges T Roettger & V Dehlk
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Health Statistic

**Thyroid:** OFA reports that the rate of the genetic form of thyroid disease, Autoimmune Thyroiditis, is 1% in the Irish Water Spaniel. This rate has been constant over several years and the IWS ranks in the bottom 10% of all breeds with autoimmune thyroiditis.

**Heart:** As of 2010, the Irish Water Spaniel has had 53 cardiac evaluations with a percent affected rate of 3.8%. This ranks the IWS number 2 all AKC breeds with greater than 50 evaluations. This seems alarming but 3.8% of 53 evaluations equal two Irish Water Spaniels who have had their abnormal results listed in the OFA database. Other breeds have a higher incidence of cardiac abnormalities than the IWS, but it seems that they are not being reported in the OFA database at this time, which skews the cardiac statistics.

**CERF:** No statistical information for 2009 and 2010 are available because CERF is being reorganized. We have hope that this reorganization will make the data base more useful to breeders.

**Hips:** The Irish Water Spaniel’s 11.9% non-passing rate continues to place in the middle rank of AKC breeds. While this number is larger than we would like it to be, our rate of excellent hips continues to increase. From 1985 through 1989, the rate of excellent evaluations was 8%. In the next 5 years it rose to 17%, then to 19% in the following 5 years. From January 2000 to the end of 2004 the rate was 28%, and it was 29% the following five years. This is a record of which our breeders can be very proud. The 2010 hip evaluation statistics are in the table below.

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**Elbows:** Our elbow dysplasia rate, however, is not a matter for pride. We have an average rate of 17.4% which places us 12th worst among the 104 AKC breeds evaluated. This means that 88% of breeds have a lower incidence of elbow dysplasia than the Irish Water Spaniel. The Irish Water Spaniel has the highest Elbow dysplasia rate of all the sporting breeds. The 2010 elbow statistics are in the table above.

**CHIC Compliance:** CHIC, is a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). CHIC, working with participating parent clubs, provides a resource for breeders and owners of purebred dogs to research and maintain information on the health issues prevalent in specific breeds. The essential component of CHIC is that the owner of the dog agrees to reveal all health test information no matter what the results. The more owners that agree to this the more information breeders have on which to base good breeding decisions. The IWSCA Health and Genetics Committee congratulates all owners who published non-passing results and we hope to see more published in the future.

**IWSCA Sponsored Research**

**Rabies Challenge:** For several years the club has funded the Rabies Challenge being conducted with private funding by Ron Schultz, DVM at the University of Wisconsin. The first challenge will be Sept-October of 2012. Health and Genetics committee will match funds from the Breeders Education committee up to $500.

**Thyroid Study:** Lorna Kennedy, PhD., professor at the University of Manchester, UK, is investigating a class of genes that might be responsible for autoimmune thyroiditis in dogs including the Irish Water Spaniel. Results to date on the IWS are not conclusive we believe that the research may ultimately provide tests that might be effective on our dogs to diagnosis carriers of autoimmune diseases. Therefore the Health and Genetics committee is encouraging any IWS diagnosis with autoimmune thyroiditis and non-affected relatives of dog’s diagnosis with autoimmune thyroiditis to submit blood samples for DNA analysis to Dr Kennedy’s laboratory. Blood samples with a DNA consent form can be sent to Hemopet. All information and forms can be found at: [http://iwsthyroidstudy.com/](http://iwsthyroidstudy.com/)

**Epilepsy Study:** The Health and Genetics committee continues to fund an epilepsy study headed by Gary Johnson, DVM PhD, at the University of Missouri. While it is unlikely that they will work with IWS samples in the near future, their research may result in DNA tests developed for other breeds that may also work on IWS.

**Health Survey**

**Geographic responses:** With a total of 819 valid responses, we totaled 507 from North America, 215 from the United Kingdom, and 74 from the rest of Europe. It is likely that all three areas are sufficiently well represented that we can do comparisons.
Clearly IWS share some of the same health issues no matter what the geography; but the frequency of those issues are dramatically different from area to area. Cancer is the major killer of all dogs so it is not a surprise that it was the major health issue in all geographic areas. Perhaps more surprising is that seizures were reported more often in North American dogs than in European dogs. Ideopathic alopecia, which may include follicular dysplasia that simply has not been diagnosed, seems much more prevalent in Europe than in North America. GDV, or bloat, did not even make it into the top 25 for North America, but ranked 6 for the UK.

These results, with percentages and further discussion will be featured in an up-coming article in our newsletter, Rattails.

Future Work for the Health Survey: the committee will continue to examine descriptive statistics and will present them in a series of “First Look” articles in Rattails. A final summary will be produced, hopefully early next year.

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Water Spaniels With Experience

By Susanne Hogan

The Irish Water Spaniel Club of America Rescue program, while actively involved in identifying curly brown dogs in need of new homes, has spent much of its time coordinating with other breed Rescue groups over the past few months. We have seen their concern for their dogs and their willingness to help us with ours. It is heartwarming.

The single distinguishing characteristic relative to our Irish Water Spaniels and their people, however, continues to be the work our breeders put into placing and supporting the dogs they breed. Regardless of age or distance, the breeders with whom I’ve worked this year care deeply for each of their “puppies” and works hard to retrieve them when the situation calls for action.
Quite a few events occurred in the North East over the past couple of months that I would like to report.

**New Castle Shows:**
We had a large gathering of IWS owners and exhibitors at the New Castle cluster in New Castle Pennsylvania over Memorial Day weekend. We had 5 point majors in dogs for 4 days which is a rare event on the East Coast. On Friday night we had dinner at Outback Steakhouse and Saturday we all had a fantastic dinner on the patio of the House of Chen in Cranberry, PA. The food and fruity drinks were fabulous and the company even better. Attendees were: Karen & Rick Mulkearn from Roanoke, VA, Sue Anderson and Randy Byrd from Dayton, Jim Rubin from Arlington, VA, Dede Selph from Annandale, VA, Cindy Rathburn from Hamburg, NY, Evie VanUden from Ransomville, NY, Jodi Lamp and Michael Lamp (Jodi’s brother) from Vincent Ohio, Chuck Turner from Baltimore, MD, Peggy & Scott Chapman, Pa, Susan Rickwood and Marg Schneider from Ontario and myself.

On Sunday Dublin (D’locks Look to Windward) became a new champion. These are the results:

**Friday-Trumbull County KC. Judge: Mrs. Robert Smith**
- W/B/W (5pt major) ILDANOCH ANNA LIVIA ON BLOOMSDAY. Owned by Eleanor & Steve Shultz & Deb Hughes. Bred by Deborah & Ken Hughes.
- BOB (5 Grand Cham pts) CH ILDANOCH DREAMER. Owned by Jodi Lamp & Deborah Hughes. Bred by Deborah & Ken Hughes.

**Sunday-Trumbull County KC. Judge: Mr. Robert Smith**
- RWB ILDANOCH ANNA LIVIA ON BLOOMSDAY. Owned by Eleanor & Steve Shultz & Deb Hughes. Bred by Deborah & Ken Hughes.
- BOB (5 Grand Cham pts) CH ILDANOCH DREAMER. Owned by Jodi Lamp & Deborah Hughes. Bred by Deborah & Ken Hughes.

**Monday-New Castle KC. Judge: Walter Sommerfelt**

**On another note:** Sully (CH Irish Mist Fistful O Dollars VCD2 UDx OM1 VER RE MX MXJ NAP NJP Can. TD) earned 5 more OTCH points bringing his total to 82 points.

By Laurel Baglia.

Northeast Regional Report
Northeast Regional Report—Continued

Wrentham, Mass shows held June 4 & 5th  
Saturday- Ladies Dog Club. Judge: Beth Sweigart  
WD (2pt) MALLYREE TOP O’ THE MORNIN. Owned by Pam Manus. Bred by Marion Hopkins and Pam Manus  
RWD MALLYREE HERE COMES THE SON RN. Owned by Alice Gretchell, Pam Manus & Paul Gretchell. Bred by Marion Hopkins and Pam Manus  
BBWB MALLYREE’S CONTESSA AT POOLES IDE. Owned by Greg Siner & Emily Pikul. Bred by Marion Hopkins and Pam Manus  
OS CH D’LOCKS LOOK TO WINDWARD. Owned by Chuck & Nancy Turner. Bred by Grattan Foy & Lynn Musgrave & Enzo Marfella  

Sunday- Framingham District KC. Judge: Ann Savory Bolus  
WD (2pt) BLACKTHORN’S LILT O’ GUINNESS owned by Eileen Forsyth & R James Rubin. Bred by R James Rubin & Lynn Musgrave  
RWD MALLYREE HERE COMES THE SON RN. Owned by Alice Gretchell, Pam Manus & Paul Gretchell. Bred by Marion Hopkins and Pam Manus  
WWBBOS (2pt) MALLYREE’S CONTESSA AT POOLES IDE. Owned by Greg Siner & Emily Pikul. Bred by Marion Hopkins and Pam Manus  
BOB CH D’LOCKS LOOK TO WINDWARD. Owned by Chuck & Nancy Turner. Bred by Grattan Foy & Lynn Musgrave & Enzo Marfella  
Sel CH CHANTICO’S SPIRIT IN THE SURF JH RN. Owned by Kim & Jeremy Kezer & Mindy Garbarino. Bred by Kim Kezer & Mindy Garbarino  

News From Cindy Rathbun:  
On May 7th at the Haboc agility trial, Sully (CH Irish Mist Fistful O Dollars VCD2 UDX OM1 VER RE MX MXJ NAP NJP Can. TD) earned his Novice Jumpers Preferred title. On June 11th at the Western Lakes trial, Sully had three 1st place runs and earned his Novice Standard Preferred title. Sully was bred by Evie Van Uden  

News From Natalie Weissman:  
Hi I am happy to report that today 6/12/2011, Ch Castlehill’s Knight Sir Jared competed at Portchester Training Club in APDT Rally. Jared completed legs 5 and 6 for the Rally Veteran Excellent 2 title. He scored a 208 and first place in Trial 1 and 210 (perfect score) and first place in the second trial. Jared was also awarded a special ribbon for the WIGGLIEST dog at the competition. Jared was 11 in April but he still loves to compete and bring smiles to his audience. He is now Ch. Castlehill’s Knight Sir Jared CGC TDI UD RAE CD- H CDX-H RL1X3 RL2X4 RL3X3 ARCHMASTER RLVX2 He refuses to stop!  
Ch. Castlehill’s Knight Sir Jared CGC TDI UD RAE RL1X3 RL2X3 RL3X3 ARCHMASTER CD- H CDX-H competed Sunday June 26 at the GOOD U Dog Trial at White Plains New York for CDSP picking up Utility Leg number 2 and a first place finish. Jared is 11 years old and enjoys competing. He also won the award for happiest and waggiest dog at the trial.  

News from Margot Nielson:  
What a weekend! Libby finished her Canadian Master Hunter title in fine style making her - as far as I know - the first CKC IWS Master Hunter. I am so proud of her and her work in the field! Thanks to everyone who has supported us along the way, especially, Susie Bell, Sandie Bond and the Thursday afternoon training group. Also this weekend, Nuala, Lib’s daughter, finished her CKC JH and her WCI. The champagne was flowing last night!  
So Libby will now be known as:  
Can/Am CH Castlehill’s Playing The Field, Can/Am CD, Can RA, Am RE, Can/WC, Can MH, Am SH  
Margot and Nuala (Castlehill’s Upon Fields of Gold, Can JH, WCI)  

News from Evie:  
Evie Van Uden’s Jaybren’s Politically Correct RN BN (“Reagan”) earned his Beginner Novice title at the Olean Kennel Club show yesterday. Despite some major distractions outside the ring and unfavorable ring conditions, Reagan shrugged them off and heeled like a champ. Thanks everyone for doing all these great events with your Rat tails. Hope to see everyone at the IWSCA supported entry in September-Romulus, NY.
Congratulations to Clark and Stephanie!
Clark (Ch MACH Cuardach Blaze the Trail CD RA MXF) earned his MACH2 on April 24, 2011, only 7 months after his first MACH. He is the youngest dog to have ever earned a MACH and only the 2nd to earn a MACH2.

Litter Announcement from Liz Sherman
On June 11, 2011, Liz Sherman and I welcomed 5 new IWS to the world. Seeker (Ch Cuadach Seeks New Shores) had 2 girls and 2 boys. The sire is Paul Price’s Danny (Am Grand Ch/Can Ch Coomara’s Emerald Isle Warrior). Both parents are CHIC dogs.

Ch. Realta’s Galileo CD TD SH SHU QAA WCX CGC, the first IWS Senior Hunter Upland Dog
Gali has once again done me (Elissa) proud (and I hope the breed) when on Saturday, June 11, 2011, he became the first IWS to acquire a Senior Hunter Upland title. This title became available to our breed in March of this year which, coincidentally, was about the same time Gali and I were finishing up “picking up” at local pheasant shoots. Gali is eight and has been doing this type of upland work since he was a pup. I have seen him grow from an inexperienced dog to an observant partner in the field. He knows how to handle cripples, he knows when a bird has been hit and is coming down and his nose has led him to many birds that were invisible to me.

So it seemed natural to try to run him at these upland tests.

We have a very active group of spaniel people who host a number of tests in this area. They were very kind in including us for training, test information and making us feel welcome.

We ran our first test on May 14 and Gali quickly picked up four legs. His water entry has become legendary and everyone gathers around when it is his turn. I guess that comes from dock diving and spending his life bouncing up and down.

“Gali did a beautiful job ... He quartered like a pro ...”

The first test in a spaniel test is the flushing and field work. It really does require more control than one would think. Although the dog is brought to line on lead, at the senior level, the handler is given a shot gun and the dog is set free to quarter the field and flush game. But the dog cannot hunt for himself, he has to understand that it is a team effort so he has to keep one eye on the handler and take cues from her/him, one eye on the guns to see where they are shooting and mark a downed bird plus keep his nose and third eye on the ground to locate the birds. Ideally, he should flush a bird, and sit on a whistle or a shot until sent to retrieve. If the bird is missed (flyaway) he should return to his hunting and forget about the last bird.

Gali did a beautiful job for his last leg. He quartered like a pro and was very aware of where I was and where his birds were. It was like a dance - with the dog working in front of the two guns and handler and weaving back and forth, the dog doing his job, the handler watching and believing in the dog and the guns bringing down the bird. And when it was all done, we were awarded the last leg with the warmth and support of our spaniel friends.
Midwest Report

Field
Spring has been slow to come to the Midwest, but several Irishers have been heating things up with their outstanding work in the field.

On May 14 at the Airedale Terrier Club of America hunt test, Angus, Am/Can Ch Saracen Hard Scrabble CD JH JHU owned by Susan Sarracino and Robert Deihl stepped into history by earning his JHU. Angus is the first IWS to earn a hunt test title in the spaniel hunt test venue and, as Tom Meyer AKC Senior Field Rep pointed out at the award ceremony, the first dog in the history of the AKC to earn field titles in two field venues, retriever and spaniel.

Right on the heels of that accomplishment, on May 21 at the Southern Michigan Springer Spaniel Training Club hunt test, Wily, Power’s Ide Hallmark TD JH JHU NAP NJP owned by Susanne Hogan, became the second Irisher to earn the JHU title. And again, Willy is also titled in the retriever venue.

Lastly, not to be outdone, Cain, Archwave Another Cain owned by Mary Reich, has been ‘doing it all’ in obedience and field. On June 11 at the Milwaukee Dog Training Club obedience trial Cain earned his first Open A leg with a score of 195.5 and first place. The following day Cain earned his second JH leg at the Madison Retriever Club hunt test.

WAY TO GO Angus, Wily and Cain!! And congratulations to their owners Susan, Bob, Susanne and Mary.
They say everything is in timing! A few weeks ago the local Vizsla club and the local IWS club had their second annual combined conformation and obedience match. It happened to fall on the same weekend that the Joey and Journey pups were turning eight weeks old and so many people were coming into town to get their puppy. One of the people that came to see the pups was Joey’s co-owner, Deborah Hughes. Not wishing to miss an opportunity, Deborah was asked if she would judge the conformation for both breeds at the match as she is a long time IWS person and a former Vizsla “person”. I was not able to attend as I was dealing with puppy matters but Deborah returned to the house unscathed so I guess she must have done a decent job. Actually, I heard that she did a very nice job.

Right now the NW seems to be all about puppies! Numerous people have new pups that they are busy socializing and training.

Rod and Renae Peterson have a new puppy, Kasen, which is a grandson of their boy Rio. Although they were not particularly looking for a show IWS, the did take Kasen to the recent match and he ended up taking Best of Breed over all the other IWS including his grandfather.

Martha Jordon now has Moss to pal around with her and Gromit. And I understand he is doing a great job of that! He has been out on many of the swan adventures that Martha is noted for and seems to be taking everything in stride.

Many of you met Harry and Finnegan at this year’s National. Cathy Shelby brought Finnegan up for the match but Harry missed the adventure. But both boys are delighting us.

Jack has his new puppy, Java. She was too young for the match but she is keeping him busy with her sparkling personality and love of retrieving.

Misalyn Armstrong has Nessa who is already showing great promise for the field work that Misalyn wants to do with her. Misalyn has been the backbone of the local specialty for years but her passion is field work and she is an AKC Hunt Test Judge. We are wishing that team great success.

Colleen Rebello was not really prepared for another IWS just yet after recently losing her beloved girl, Guinness. Bailey, Guinness’s daughter was comfortable reigning as sole princess. That all changed when Colleen met Ivy. Ivy has moved in and Bailey says that is just fine! We hope to see Colleen and Ivy out and about at future IWS gatherings.

Mary Westlake has added a young girl to her household, Josie. Mary will tell you that Josie is Gary's dog but I happen to know that the whole family adores her. And she is such a cutie! How could you not?

I did see that Rebecca Brooks was towing around a young girl pup that she had just gotten from Greg Siner out of Bridget’s litter. I am not sure if she had a name yet and my understanding is Rebecca’s mother will be raising and showing this lovely young girl.

Russell Nelson also has two new pups that he is working with out of his boy, Orion. I have not seen them yet but am looking forward to it.

We have a new person to our breed from Oregon, Jill Roman. She has been in Bull Mastiffs but has watched the IWS for years and finally got her new little boy. I am sure we will be seeing them ringside in the future and I also know that Jill likes Rally and other venues. And Jill also seems to have an “in” for art work of IWS from England.

Most of these pups will not be old enough to actually participate in any AKC event until this fall at the earliest. It is a shame they will all be too young for the specialty show the end of August. It should make for a very fun pee-wee puppy match, though. But next year looks bright for the IWS in the NW. In the mean time, everyone is having a good time with their puppies and we are having some great “get-togethers”.

This coming Monday on the 4th of July many of us will be gathering together to do field work with Christine and the others at their normal Monday training sessions. This will not be a normal session though. I believe we have at least six of the pups making their field debut. There are so many people scheduled to show up it has been turned into a picnic!

Also, IWSCOPS is supporting the January Sammamish Kennel Club show in Puyallup, WA. Along with supporting the entry of IWS we will also be having a Sweepstakes. IWSCOPS is paying the entry fee for ANY IWS that enters the Sweeps. So, if you have a puppy, please plan on joining all of our pups as we would love to have you.
I’m thrilled to report that **Bella, CH Whistle Stop’s Wind on the Water** won the Sporting Group at the Rio Hondo Kennel Club on May 8th under Judge Doug Johnson. He was very complimentary of Bella’s breeders for producing a very sound and stable bitch. Congratulations to owner, Michelle Cummings and breeders, Colleen McDaniel and Stacy Duncan. Congratulations also to Bella and Michelle for their Award of Merit at the National!

**New Title!!!**

**Jezzy-SHR CH Hooligan’s Hussy Home from Whistlestp JH**

Florence Blecher’s Jezebel completed her third and fourth UKC Started Hunting Retriever legs the weekend of June 8th. She’s now working on doubles with trainer Andy Fontenot and doing well in preparation to hopefully run in a WC later this summer. Congratulations Florence and Jezzy!

**Another New Champion !!!**

**Duke, CH Cat N Pats Luck of the Irish**, owned by Kathy Dassel took a 5 pt major the day after the National at the Coyote Hills Kennel Club in Vallejo making him an 8 month old Champion! Duke, who has been training in the field since he was a little guy, is looking forward to more titles just around the corner. Congratulations Kathy and Duke!

On June 11th, Duke took his very first BOB under Judge Gene Liepmann at the Woofstock Cluster in Vallejo. Nice job for this pup!

**Tristan, Cat ‘N’ Cavan Tristan O’Tynan**, owned by Deborah and Tony Bilardi and Marian McLeod took a very special honor at the National as Winner’s Dog. Tristan also won a WD/BOS at the Woofstock Cluster on June 12th. Congratulations Tristan and Debbie!

**Wasabi, GCH Poole’s Ide Freewater**, owned by Allana Kew and Michelle Rickmond, took an AOM at the National Specialty. Allana and Wasabi had a great time and loved the beautiful trophy. Mr Wasabi is now cut down for summer and enjoying being poolside at home with the Newfies!!!!

**Etta, Poole’s Ide At Last**, owned by Dorothy Line and Greg Siner, achieved a Reserve Winners Bitch at the National. As well, Miss Etta took BOB three out of the four days at the Woofstock Cluster in June! Etta is rounding the corner to her Championship any moment so we are cheering her on from the Southwest! Congratulations to Dorothy and Etta!!

**Agility**

**Curry, Chuckanuts Cashew Curry CD NAJ**, owned by Jenn
Lego took home a bit of bling from the National. Jenn and Curry are still entering local Agility events and working hard for those multiple titles!

Boomer, Whistletop Buckaroo Boomer OF, owned and loved by Jenna Kinghorn and Morgan Conrad ran in 3 Agility events at the National. The reports I get from Jenna and Morgan always keep me in stitches so I’ll let her tell the story and she sent it off to “Boomer’s Fan Club”:

“...Alas, Boomer went 0-3. His most spectacular move, which drew gasps from everybody—even the judge and the course officials—was to leap from about the halfway mark going UP the A-Frame, going right over the 5 foot high peak, without touching it, and land at the foot on the other side, just barely touching the landing zone—very dramatic!! The move was actually legal, but other faults—mainly dropped jump bars—kept him from Q-ing in that and two other events.

Boomer’s exuberance on the course had people laughing and cheering in spite of his mistakes, and over the course of the show we got lots of compliments on his sweet nature”.

Boomer doing therapy work......more from Jenna

“As far as general news about Boomer goes, I would say his biggest contribution to our family this year has been as an informal/untrained therapy dog. Morgan’s 95-year-old father, who has been blind for several years from macular degeneration, had a stroke at the beginning of March that paralyzed his left leg and compromised his left arm. He spent about a month in the hospital and rehab, and his days were definitely brightened by Boomer’s visits. Boomer was a champ, waiting quietly in the car during our long hospital visits, giving us good stress-relief walks when we needed a change of pace, and making us laugh over his antics at home. In good weather we would take Dad out in his wheelchair to the courtyard, where Boomer would give him a “hug”, get some pats and treats, and drop a ball into Dad’s lap for him to throw! Through a lot of diligent physical therapy Dad has regained use of his left leg and is able to walk with a walker, and Boomer is a regular visitor at his new assisted living home, where Boomer has been a great ice-breaker with Dad’s new neighbors and the staff taking care of him. Having seen how well he does at Dad’s new place, I think Boomer is a candidate to become a certified visiting therapy dog in the future, so we may start training for that when the Agility circuit slows down over the winter”.

I’m so happy to hear stories like Jenna’s story of Boomer. Such stories are truly the “bling” that we live with in the world of brown and curly. So, for the Southwesterners....please send in some of your stories to share!!! Thanks so much!
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