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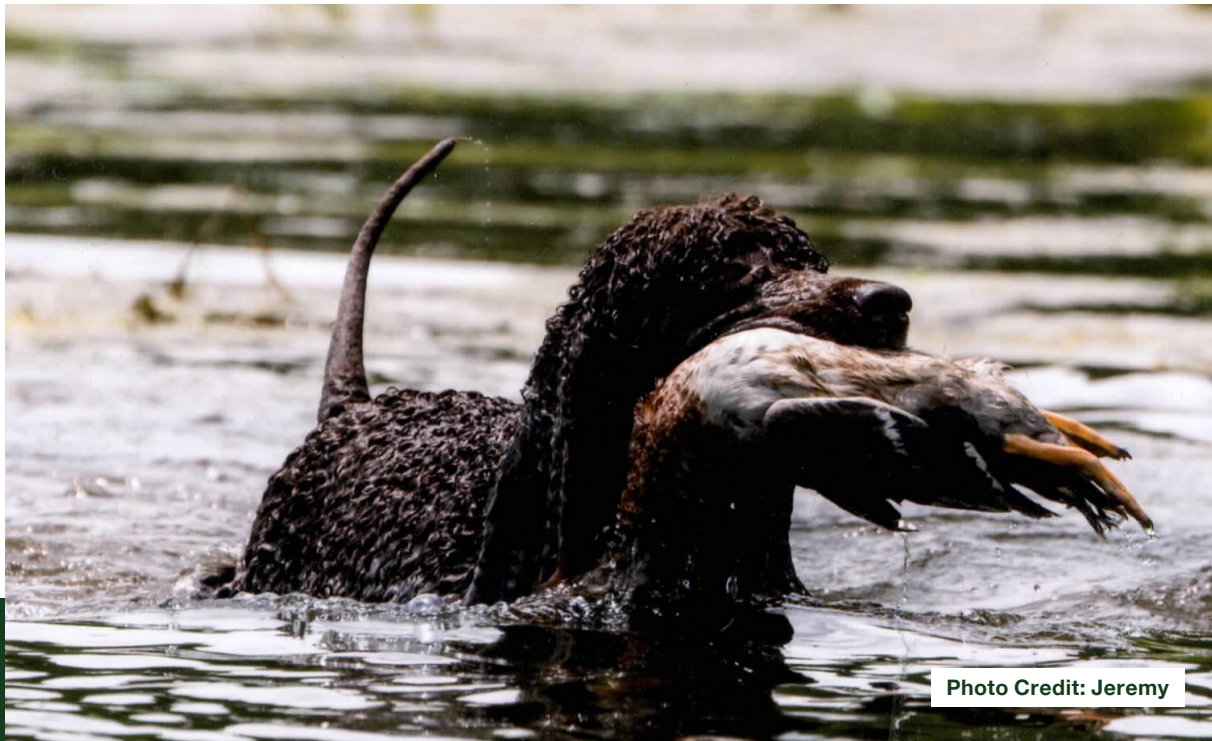


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President's Message

PAM MANUS | PRESIDENT OF IWSCA

Happy New Year! 2023 - a time for resolutions, new beginnings and opportunities. And like so many of us, I have put pen to paper and being a true IWS lover I did focus on what I'd like to accomplish with and for my dog Rock and the IWSCA. For Rock we'll aim for CD and Rally titles! I'm also excited to try upland hunting.

For the IWSCA, I'd like to be a more active member as well as being part of our dynamic IWSCA Board. The Board is focused on improving communications, upgrading our website and not only welcoming our "new members" but actively seeking opportunities for them to become involved with the club and get truly acquainted with more of us. So for me, being more active will include taking time to look at the new membership catalog and the section that shows members in states. You never know who you can find living within a few miles of you. My plan is to invite those I find to join in an event or join me having fun with our 4-legged kids! As other opportunities pop up, I hope to have enough energy to dive in!

Again - Wishing all a Happy and Healthy New Year!
Pam

Editor's Note: This issue was scheduled to be published in January. We learned in January that Laurie Mougel at Bear Associates was ill and was unable to provide publishing assistance. We were lucky to find Churchill Communications who assisted me with the production of this issue!



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Club Objectives

The IWSCA is organized and operated exclusively for the charitable, humane treatment of animals, support of scientific study and research and educational purposes within the meanings of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The specific objectives shall be:

1. To promote the public's knowledge and appreciation of dogs in general and Irish Water Spaniels in particular;
2. To produce, publish, and distribute to the general public educational materials about the proper care, treatment, breeding, health, development and training of Irish Water Spaniels;
3. To support and promote study and research on the history, character, breeding, genetics and particular health problems of the Irish Water Spaniel;
4. To establish a National Data Base of resource materials about the Irish Water Spaniel;
5. To further understanding of the disease, defects, injuries and other ailments that afflict dogs in general and Irish Water Spaniels in particular;
6. To acknowledge and advance the critical role of an AKC recognized Parent Club in providing education, health research and support of rescue for the benefit of the general public, purebred dogs and Irish Water Spaniels in particular;
7. To conduct activities including sporting events, sanctioned matches, specialty shows, hunt and working certificate tests, obedience, agility and tracking trials, and other such activities and events as may be held under the rules of the American Kennel Club, in furtherance of the above purposes;
8. To otherwise preserve and protect the Irish Water Spaniel and to do all things possible to bring its natural qualities to light, including promoting regional activities and the establishment of local clubs and/or interest/study groups;
9. To urge members and breeders to abide by the AKC's Code of Good Sportsmanship and accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the Irish Water Spaniels shall be judged.



Board Meeting Minutes, October 11, 2022

The following board members were present: Pam Manus, Dana Louttit, Laurel Baglia, Dan Sayers, Linda Deckard, Melissa Gulley, Heidi Ferris, and Bethany Urban.

Recording Secretary - Bethany

Next Board meetings will be November 8th and December 13th, 2022.

The August minutes were approved on October 3, 2022.

Treasurer Report - Melissa

Melissa provided 3rd Quarter Report

Corresponding Secretary - Laurel

Received a request from Cavell Kyser, to hold a Supported Entry at the American Spaniel Club shows in Knoxville, TN, January 13-15, 2023. Dana Louttit and Janet Manuel will be co-chairs.

Motion made by Dana to approve a Regional Specialty and Sweeps on Friday, January 13, 2023, and on Saturday, January 14, 2023, approval to have a Supported Entry and Sweeps.

Second by Laurel

Approved by all Board members

Received a request from Tiffany Schuffert to hold a Regional Specialty and Supported Entry at the Maryland Sporting Dog Association held on March 4th and 5th, 2023.

Motion made by Dana to approve a Regional Specialty with Puppy and Veteran Sweeps on Saturday, March 4, 2023, and a Supported Entry on Sunday, March 5, 2023, with Puppy and Veteran Sweeps.

Second by: Linda

Approved by all Board members

Report of Committees

Specialty - Dana

2023 - Laurel Reeves joined the meeting to give an update on the 2023 Specialty.

2024 - No bids have been received for 2024.

Delegate - Dan

Report given by Dan

Public Relations - Melissa

Report given by Melissa

Field - Heidi

Field Report provided for the IWSCA to join the Field Spaniel Society of America (FSSA) and Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club (GMPC) for 3 days of spaniel hunt tests. The 3 clubs will share expenses for the 3 hunt tests.

GMPC - Friday, June 2, 2023

IWSCA - Saturday, June 3, 2023

FSSA - Sunday, June 4, 2023

Motion to approve as requested by Heidi

Second By: Dana

Approved by all Board members

Membership-Heidi

There is one applicant for membership:

Susan Marzolf

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Endorsed by: Susan Sarracino-Deihl and Heidi Currier Ferris Motion to approve: Heidi

Second By: Pam

Approved by all Board members

Old Business

AKC Puppy Pamphlet

New Platform for our IWSCA website and membership management Melissa will continue to research various platforms.

AKC proposed Preservation Bank

Meeting Adjourned: 11:15pm



Board Meeting Minutes, December 13, 2022

The following board members were present: Pam Manus, Dana Louttit, Laurel Baglia, Dan Sayers, Linda Deckard, Melissa Gulley, Heidi Ferris, and Bethany Urban.

Recording Secretary – Bethany

Next Board meetings will be January 10, 2023 and February 7, 2023.

October minutes approved December 21, 2022.

November minutes approved December 21, 2022.

Corresponding Secretary – Laurel

Nothing to report

Treasurer Report – Melissa

4th Quarter Report will be presented at January, 2023 meeting.

Report of Committees

Membership – Heidi

Discussion of the new 2023 Membership Directory.

Motion made by Dana to authorize Heidi to print and mail the 2023 Membership Directory, domestically and to Canada at a cost of \$1,600.00.

Second by: Melissa

Approved by all Board members

A membership survey, annual dues notice and an updated 2023 Membership Directory will be mailed out this month.

Old Business

AKC Puppy Pamphlet – Laurel will determine the deadline for submission to AKC.

New Platform for our IWSCA website and membership management

Melissa will continue to research various platforms

AKC proposed Preservation Bank – further discussion will occur in 2023 after December AKC Delegate meeting.

New Business

Discussion of the need to make revisions or updates to the IWSCA By-Laws.

An Ad Hoc committee will be formed with a Board member to begin the process.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:35pm



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Membership News

Please welcome the following new members and add them to your Directory:

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Farewell to dear members, who will be missed and never forgotten:

Lorraine Raleigh of Swanton, VT and **Auburndale, FL**, left this world on October 22, 2022. She is survived by member John Assid.

Richard Liebaert of **Corvallis, Oregon**, left this world on October 26, 2022. He is survived by member Cat Shelby.

Colleen Rebello of **Lake Oswego, Oregon**, left this world on January 12, 2023. She is survived by member Gary Rebello.

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Lansdale, PA 19446-5846

Change of Address:
Shelley Lesac
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Address Correction:
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Household Members Joining:

Robert Deihl (Susan Sarracion-Deihl)
Gary Rebello (Colleen Rebello)
Rick Stein (Jane Stein)

Household Members Leaving:

Dr. Marsha Findlay

Corrections to Year Joined:

Norma Heiny (1976)
Laurel Jacobs (1989)
Janet Krogh (1981)
Susan Sarracino-Deihl (1975)
Grace Wilkinson (1979)

Thank you to everyone who included greetings, notes of encouragement, and thank you's in their 2023 Membership Renewals. It was greatly appreciated!

Heidi Currier Ferris
Membership Director



IWSCA Awards Application

Awards Applications due on March 7!

As part of the 2023 Specialty, the awards committee will be presenting the annual IWSCA awards. These awards are presented only to IWSCA members for titles earned in venues recognized by the AKC. Generally, the awards are for titles earned in 2022 but for some awards like the All-Around and Quintessential Versatility award, titles are cumulative, and titles earned in previous years count for these awards.

The awards application details which awards you need to apply for and which awards we ask the AKC for information. Generally, all conformation awards are based on AKC data. Also breed awards come from AKC data. Venues where the AKC tracks top in breed (Agility and FastCAT) we rely on AKC data.

The new title name plate and title charm program is based on AKC data and does not need to be applied for. If you have not previously received a name plate, then we will need your dog's call name. Either complete an application or send your dog's registered name and call name to Edith Blackwell (edithblackwell@outlook.com) Finally, if you participate in one of the AKC Title recognition programs (NADD and Barn Hunt) and you did not submit the NADD/Barn Hunt title to the AKC, then we have no record of that title. If you want the title charm for that title, then please submit an awards application.

For all other awards the owner needs to complete the awards application and have it received by email or postmarked by March 7. If you have any questions you can contact a member of the awards committee: Kim Keezer, Sarah Zumpf, Nicole Brown or Edith Blackwell.



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AKC Invitational



Rosemary and Kim trying new delicacies in Orlando



It takes a village - Tara, Kim and Brenda confer on grooming

Orlando, FL | December 2022

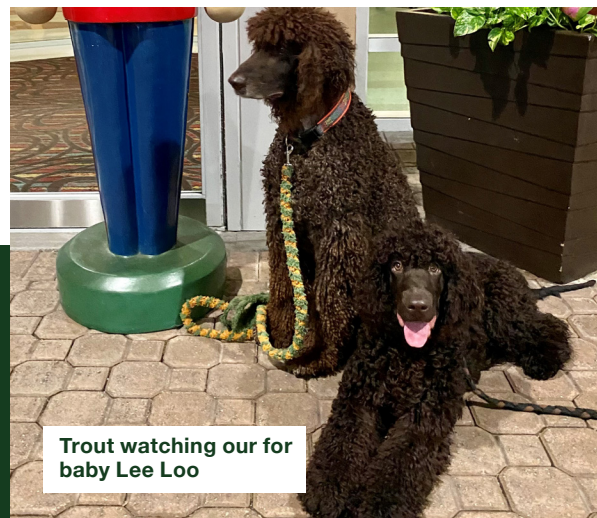
What makes more sense than to drive 3600+ miles (round-trip) to compete with dogs and see friends (& their dogs) the week before Christmas? Nothing! The dogs are all magnificent; IWS especially ... and the people with them are there because of them just as much. Rosemary Sexton (5 mo. Lee Loo tagged along for experience) joined Trout and me on the trip. We beat the snow, managed the rain, and avoided the tornado. 'Dinner with Friends' is a cliché, but a good one.

Here in the US, the IWS community is spread great distances ... but in just a few days we all

connected: Emily Pikul, Tim Gulley, Tim Ufkes, Lisa Wright, Sondra & Mark Barker, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Tara Darling-Lyon, Kim & Jeremy Kezer, Brenda Bauerlein, Mindy Garbarino, Dan Sayers, Rosemary Sexton & me. The laughter; that alone might be worth the miles (the search for ice cream is a classic). Dogs bring us so many things on all levels ... but bringing people together is at the top of their superpower list. That, and wowing all of us (in the case of IWS) with their stunning beauty, amazing athleticism, and magnificent sense of who they are!



Tim Gulley and Sarah Zumpf advertising 2023 Specialty merchandise

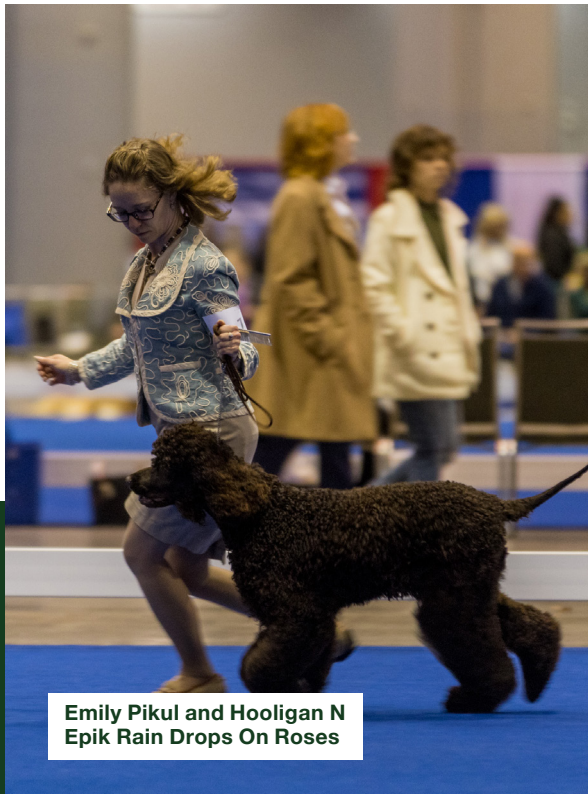


Trout watching our for baby Lee Loo

AKC Invitational



Mark Barker and GCHB CH
Realta Sycomore Spry CGC



Emily Pikul and Hooligan N
Epik Rain Drops On Roses



Tara Darling-Lyon and GCH
CH Tara's Evil Enchantress



IWSCA 2022 Membership Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Membership Survey! There was a broad range of thoughts shared in the last portion of the survey and all of those have been distributed to the Board members for review.

What activities are most popular?

- 90.5% Run, Walk or Swim
- 88.1% Play Ball
- 51.2% AKC Conformation Shows
- 46.4% AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing
- 41.7% AKC Obedience Trials
- 41.7% AKC Rally Trials
- 28.6% AKC Meet the Breeds
- 23.8% Irish Fest or St. Patrick's Day parade

Have you attended a National Specialty?

- 86.6% have attended a National Specialty
- The average number of Specialties attended is 6.5

Interest in any Regional or Local Events?

- 57.1% Performance Event Opportunities
- 56.0% Hands-On Grooming Demo
- 53.6% Pot Luck Lunch at a Beach, or Dog Friendly Park
- 50.0% Fun Match (Conformation, Obedience, or Rally)

Field Training

Several members indicated that they would like to become involved in working their dogs in the field, and some of those members would like some help getting started. Suggestions ranged from field aptitude testing, intro to birds, Field/Hunt demonstrations and more WC/WCX tests.

I will be speaking with the Regional Representatives, WC/WCX and WD/WDX Coordinators about the possibility of having more field events available regionally. In the meantime, if you would like to talk to me about getting started in field work with your dog, please contact me at hferris@charter.net.

Get-Together Without Dogs

We received several different responses reminding us that although we have become a community because of our Irish Water Spaniels, we are also friends who enjoy getting together without our canine companions. Some suggested activities to do together are group meals, potlucks with a topic of educational value, and demonstrations from Rally to Agility and Photography.

If this sparks an idea for a 'Get-Together Without Dogs' please share it with me at hferris@charter.net or with your Regional Representative.

Ink Portrait Winner

The winner of the drawing for an original pen and ink portrait of your Irish Water Spaniel, illustrated, and signed by our very own Dan Sayers is **Rosemary Sexton**. Congratulations!

Heidi Currier Ferris
IWSCA Membership Director



Flushing Spaniel Show

American Spaniel Club's Flushing Spaniel Show this year was a lovely opportunity to make new friends and renew old acquaintances. Our entry came from Tennessee near the Knoxville show site (Courtney Manrod, Janet Manuel [IWS co-chair], and Ashley Richardson) as well as Kentucky (Taylor and Jacob Jessie and their three children, June, Knox and Quincy); Georgia (Helen Howard and Deborah Hughes); North Carolina (Grattan Foy and his daughter Alessandra); Virginia (my daughter Hannah Loonsk and I); Massachusetts (Emily Pikul); Texas (Grace Stewart); and even Wisconsin (Ruth Bruskiwitz).

We set up together in reserved space, allowing for plenty of typical Irish water spaniel sharing and socializing over three days of showing. Friday was our puppy and veteran sweeps day, with Poole's Ide No Secrets (Carly) taking the puppy honors, and GCH CH Woodrock's North By Northwest (Fin) taking home the best in veteran sweeps ribbon and a pheasant Dokken. The judge for our regional specialty on Saturday was breeder judge Tara Darling-Lyon, and we were delighted to have an entry of 15 with majors in dogs and bitches. The trophies were a full set of pewter bowls with the club logo medallion. Judging was followed by an informative, hands-on judges' education session at our setup given by Tara to four eager judges.

On Saturday evening, Courtney Manrod (Marian McLeod's daughter) invited everyone to her fantastic farm house where we enjoyed a beautiful sunset and a very special southern meal. We also raised funds for next year's spaniel club show with a silent auction and were treated to moonshine favors courtesy of Janet.

Sunday was a long day, with June starting off at 8:30 AM and doing a fantastic job in Novice Junior Showmanship with Tripp (Ildanoch Triple Chocolate RI CGCA – Breeder: Ashley Richardson/ Deborah Hughes; Owner: Taylor and Jacob Jessie) The next IWS did not go into the breed ring until 6:15 PM. Hannah put together a beautiful set of vintage Johnson Brothers pheasant-themed china for trophies. The groups ran very late, with Emily and Fin representing us in the Best in Show and Best Veteran competitions, Grattan and Sol (CH D'Locks Ray of Light over Midwood) in the Owner Handled Best in Show ring, and Hannah and Poole's Ide Riptide in the Best Bred By Exhibitor group. Complete results are below, but hats off to Emily, who had a great weekend with her own dogs, Darla and Fin, taking top honors, while she also showing the winners bitch on Saturday, and winners dog/best of winners, winners bitch, and reserve winners bitch on Sunday.

Thanks to everyone who supported the show, traveled to the lovely site, and took home ribbons and memories.

Dana Louttit



Flushing Spaniel Show



Hannah Loonsk showing in American Spaniel Club Puppy Sweepstakes with Judge Hal Biermann



Dana Louttit and Courtney Manrod



Getting Ready for the Spaniel Club Competition



Emily Pikul in Flushing Spaniel Best in Show Competition



**Friday January 13, 2023 American Spaniel Club Sweepstakes –
Judge: Hal Bierman**

Best in Puppy Sweeps: Poole's Ide No Secrets (Carly) - **Breeder:** Gregory M. Siner, Hannah Loonsk, Bethany Urban; **Owner:** Gregory M. Siner/Hannah Loonsk

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes: GCH CH Woodrock's North by Northwest (Fin) - **Breeder:** Nina Kujala; **Owner:** Emily Pikul/Florence Blecher/Pam Manus

**Saturday January 14, 2023 IWSCA Regional Specialty –
Judge: Tara Darling-Lyon**

Best in Specialty Show: GCHB CH Poole's Ide That Touch of Mink (Darla) – **Breeder:** Gregory M Siner/Toni M Owens/Bethany Urban; **Owner:** Emily Pikul/Florence Blecher

Best of Winners/Best of Opposite: Starlines Now You Know (Veni) – **Breeder:** Cassandra Stewart/Grace Stewart; **Owner:** CCaribardi

Select Dog: Fin

Select Bitch: CH Poole's Ide On My Mind CD RN JH CGC (Georgia)- **Breeder:** Gregory M Siner/Toni M Owens/Bethany Urban; **Owner:** Gregory Siner, Hannah Loonsk, Bethany Urban

Award of Merit – CH D'Locks Ray of Light Over Midwood (Sol) – **Breeder:** Lynn Musgrave/Gregory Johnson; **Owner:** Grattan Foy, Enzo Marfella, Lynn Musgrave

Reserve Winners Dog – Poole's Ide Riptide (Ripley) – **Breeder:** Gregory M Siner/Hannah Loonsk/Bethany Urban; **Owner:** Gregory M Siner/Hannah Loonsk/Bethany Urban/Dana Louttit

Winners Bitch – Cat's Mary Had a Little Lamb (Clare) – **Breeder:** Barbara Benson/Marian McLeod; **Owner:** Courtney Manrod

Reserve Winners Bitch – Evora's Brandy Pot Lith BN RN FCAT SWN SCA SIA **Breeder:** Catherine Coles/Jean-Francois Cimon; **Owner:** Lisa Schaitberger

**Sunday January 15 – Flushing Spaniel Show –
Judge: Karen Patterson**

Best of Breed: Fin

Best of Winners: Cat's Jack Be Nimble: **Breeder:** Barbara Benson/Marian McLeod; **Owner:** Courtney Manrod

Best of Opposite: Darla

Select Dog: Veni

Select Bitch: Sol

Award of Merit: Georgia

Winners Bitch: Clare

Reserve Winners Bitch: Epik's Oh the Place You'll Go! TD DCAT DJ DNC GC TKN – **Breeder:** Emily Pikul; **Owner:** Emily Pikul/Ruth Bruskiewitz

Reserve Winners Dog - Ripley



Junior Corner



June Jessie and Tripp in Novice Junior Handler class with Judge Brandon Edge
Photo credit Alessandra Foy-Marfella, age 9

Knoxville, Tennessee | American Spaniel Club | Friday January 13th-15th, 2023

Bright and early, June Jessie did a brilliant job representing the breed in Novice Junior at 8:30 AM with her dog Tripp. June's mother, Taylor Jessie, who also participated in Junior showmanship when she was a young girl, is currently working towards Tripp's AKC Championship.

Nearly 12 hours later, 4 past juniors entered the breed ring to show their own IWS champions (Grace Stewart with Veni, Emily Pikul with Darla, Grattan Foy with Sol, and Hannah Loonsk with Georgia). Watch this space for further information about new IWSCA Junior programming!

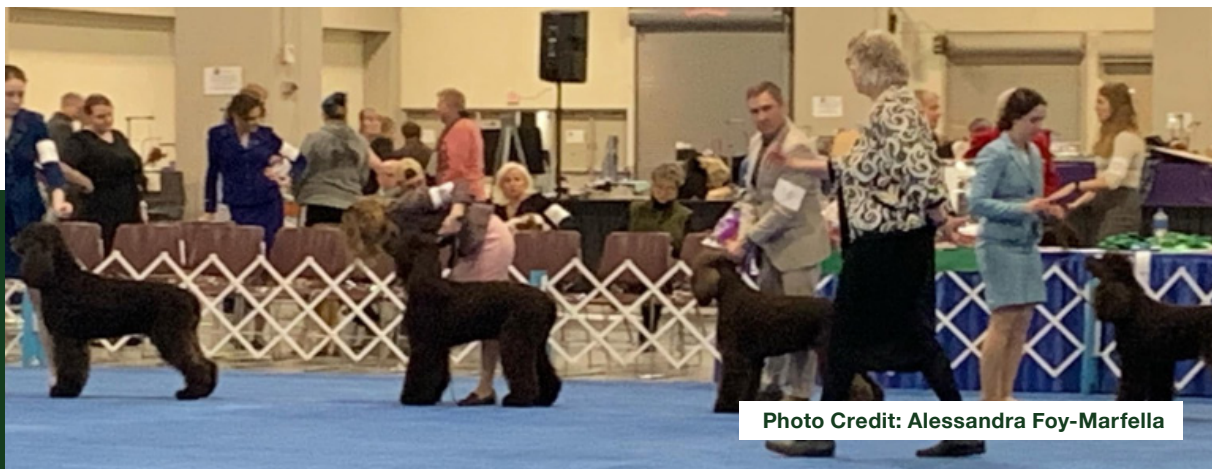


Photo Credit: Alessandra Foy-Marfella

Colleen Rebello - Memorial

When asked to write a remembrance of Colleen, I hesitated. How do you capture in words the essence of a person who touched so many lives in so many ways. But the truth is, her essence can actually be captured in one word. When people were asked what they wanted to say about her, this one word appeared in every communication. "FRIEND" She truly understood how to be a friend.

She entered the IWS community about 23 years ago. She went to the Rose City Cluster in Portland, OR to look at Porties. But came back the next day to meet an IWS. And there she met Amy Loewen and Walker. And has many say, the rest was history. Amy and she became best friends but also, as fate would have it, in-laws. Amy's daughter ended up years later married to Colleen's son. So they not only shared their love of IWS but also a very much adored grandson.

Colleen was talented in many different areas and she shared her talent with the IWS community in so many ways. She was always willing to support an entry at dog shows. Newbies found her always willing to take the time to help them learn the basics of grooming. She even would purchase shears for someone struggling to figure out how to trim. She organized many of the IWS auctions and raffles with great flare. She made stunning beaded collars many of which were donated to the auctions to raise money for the



IWS clubs. And some were just sent to people that Colleen felt needed one for a personal reason.

She not only shared her talents, she shared herself. Many, many people over the years would get the text or phone call from her to just check in and see how you were doing. And offer any help if you needed it. She was a very powerful prayer warrior. If you visited her home to partake of her generous hospitality, you would find a white board in the kitchen with the names of all the people that she was currently praying for.

And what I believe I will remember the most is her smile. Even as she battled the many health issues in the last few years of her life, that smile never faded. Rest in peace friend.



Mary Ruth Calhoun - Memorial

Mary Ruth Calhoun April 21, 1939

Though not a recent member of the IWSCA, Mary Ruth was a long time Irish water spaniel aficionado. She passed away December 27, 2022. Dogs were Mary Ruth's family. She acquired her first IWS in the '80s and she always had a poodle and an Irish water spaniel at her side. Field titles were earned by all. Mary Ruth passed with her poodles (Jet Blue and Red) and her Irish Water Spaniel (Realta's Destiny "Annie" MH) at her side.



New Titles Reported by the AKC

AKC issued corrected Field Titles:

The New Title report is based on a monthly report generated by the AKC. In the Fall issues of Rattails, the AKC reported several Field titles that were incorrect. Susan Sarracino-Deihl spent a lot of time with the AKC to get corrected titles. Those corrections appear in the New Title Report in this issue. The error was that the AKC sent JH title certificates to the following dogs: Kirkmarsh Forester DS, Saracen Boatswain's Boogie (Murphy), Saracen Diamond Decoy (Lily). Those are incorrect as they should have been reported as JHU titles. In addition, the AKC listed Saracen Deja Blue as earning her SH. That is incorrect. She earned an SHUA.

New Titles Reported:

This list is derived from monthly reports of new titles for IWS provided by the AKC. It only includes those titles recorded by the AKC and included in the AKC's monthly report. Often there is a time lag in reporting. The newsletter will include all new titles for IWS (not limited to IWSCA members) listed in the AKC report regardless of the month earned. If you do not see your titles here, look for them in future issues of Rat Tails.

Title	Registered Name	Call Name	Owner	Date Titled
Breed				
Champion	CH Coltsfoot Walking In The Air	Aisley	Elizabeth S Trail	1-Oct-22
Champion	CH Alto's Ode To Magic		Wayne Dickson	26-Nov-22
Grand Champion	GCH CH Poole's Ide Pollywog AX AXJ OF BCAT ACT2 ACT2J	Polly	Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner	25-Nov-22
Field				
Junior Hunter Upland	Kirkmarsh Forester JHU DS	Doogan	Robert E Deihl & Susan M Sarracino-Deihl	4-Jun-22
Junior Hunter Upland	Saracen Diamond Decoy JHU	Lily	Susan Sarracino-Deihl & Robert E Deihl	4-Jun-22
Junior Hunter Upland	Saracen Irish Traveller At Madrigal JHU	Dahlia Malloy	Ms. Heidi Currier Ferris & Mr. Grafton G Teller	26-Jun-22
Junior Hunter Upland	Saracen Boatswain's Boogie JHU	Murphy	Patrick Wilson	5-Jun-22
Senior Hunter	Realta's Marvelously Wicked Irish Lad SH		Kathryn Anne Lee	17-Sep-22
Junior Hunter	CH Poole's Ide On My Mind RN JH CGC	Georgia	Gregory M Siner & Bethany Urban & Hannah Loonsk	19-Nov-22
Junior Hunter	GCHB CH Poole's Ide Say No More CD RN JH CGC	Simone	Hannah Loonsk & Gregory M Siner & Bethany Urban	22-Oct-22
Obedience				
Companion Dog	Castlehill's Xtraordinaire CD BN RE CAA FCAT SWE SCM SEM SBM RATS DJ CGC TKN	Simon	Susan Tapp & Margot Nielson	5-Nov-22
Companion Dog	CH Poole's Ide On My Mind CD RN JH CGC	Simone	Gregory M Siner & Bethany Urban & Hannah Loonsk	3-Dec-22



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Title	Registered Name	Call Name	Owner	Date Titled
Virtual Home Manners Adult	Poole's Ide Moonshine Bandit VHMA	Tate	Loren Ripley & Gregory M Siner & Hannah Loonsk	18-Nov-22
Agility				
Agility Excellent	Madcap The Earth Has Music For Those Who Listen AX OAJ	Grouse	Sarah E Zumpf & Robert L Zumpf	1-Oct-22
Excellent Agility Jumper	Madcap The Earth Has Music For Those Who Listen AX AJ	Grouse	Sarah E Zumpf & Robert L Zumpf	4-Nov-22
Master Gold Agility 2	CH MACH5 Castlehill's When Sparks Fly Of Cuardach RN MXG2 MJG2 MXF T2B DCAT	Flare	Stephanie O'Reilly & Susan Tapp	29-Oct-22
Master Agility Champion 5	CH MACH5 Castlehill's When Sparks Fly Of Cuardach RN MXS2 MJG2 MXF T2B DCAT	Flare	Stephanie O'Reilly & Susan Tapp	15-Oct-22
Master Agility Excellent Preferred 3	GCH CH Chantico's Shelter From The Storm CD RA MX AXJ MXP3 MXPB MJP3 MJPB XF MFP DS	Reef	Kim Kezer & Mindy Garbarino & Jeremy Kezer	23-Oct-22
Master Bronze Jumper	CH Chantico's Super G O'Muddy Waters RN MX MXJ MJB XF	Ghillie	Jeremy Kezer & Mindy Garbarino & Kim Kezer	26-Nov-22
Time 2 Beat	CH Chantico's Super G O'Muddy Waters RN MX MXJ MJB XF T2B	Ghillie	Jeremy Kezer & Mindy Garbarino & Kim Kezer	16-Dec-22
Novice Agility Jumper	Flintcrest Step Right Up NAJ		Sally Lewis & Lois MacDonald	22-Oct-22
Novice Agility	Flintcrest Step Right Up NA NAJ		Sally Lewis & Lois MacDonald	5-Nov-22
Excellent Agility Jumper	CH Poole's Ide Pollywog OA AXJ OF BCAT ACT2 ACT2J	Polly	Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner	28-Oct-22
Agility FAST Open	CH Poole's Ide Pollywog OA OAJ OF BCAT ACT2 ACT2J	Polly	Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner	2-Oct-22

Title	Registered Name	Call Name	Owner	Date Titled
Agility Excellent	CH Poole's Ide Pollywog AX AXJ OF BCAT ACT2 ACT2J	Polly	Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner	19-Nov-22
Agility FAST Excellent	GCH CH Poole's Ide Pollywog AX AXJ XF BCAT ACT2 ACT2J	Polly	Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner	27-Dec-22
Open Agility Jumper Preferred	CH Fynder Never Cry Wolf MH SHU OJP NFP TKN	Farley	Christine Robertson M.D.	13-Nov-22
Agility FAST Novice Preferred	CH Fynder Never Cry Wolf MH SHU OJP NFP TKN	Farley	Christine Robertson M.D.	13-Nov-22
Agility Master FAST Excellent	CH Ballyhoo's Timing Is Everything RM AX MXJ MXF CA BCAT SWM SCME	Tempo	Kathleen Fitzpatrick & Robert S Hogan	12-Nov-22
Master Bronze Agility	Crispin's Flirting With Disaster MX MXB MXJ MXF CA DCAT	Lily	Ms. Christine Bartos	10-Dec-22
Rally				
Rally Novice	Cat's Over The Rainbow RN OAP OJP NFP RATCHX5 CZ8P CGC TKN	Raine	Sheryl Krohne	8-Oct-22
Rally Intermediate	Cat's Over The Rainbow RI OAP OJP NFP BCAT RATCHX5 CZ8P CGC TKN	Raine	Sheryl Krohne	29-Oct-22
Rally Master	CH Ballyhoo's Timing Is Everything RM AX MXJ XF CA BCAT SWM SCME	Tempo	Kathleen Fitzpatrick & Robert S Hogan	6-Nov-22
Scent Work				
SW Container Excellent	CH Ballyhoo's Who's Your Paddy RN SWE RATO	Paddy	Terry Kast	2-Oct-22
SW Excellent	CH Ballyhoo's Who's Your Paddy RN SWE RATO	Paddy	Terry Kast	2-Oct-22
SW Exterior Master	CH Ballyhoo's Who's Your Paddy RN BCAT SWE SEM RATO	Paddy	Terry Kast	13-Nov-22



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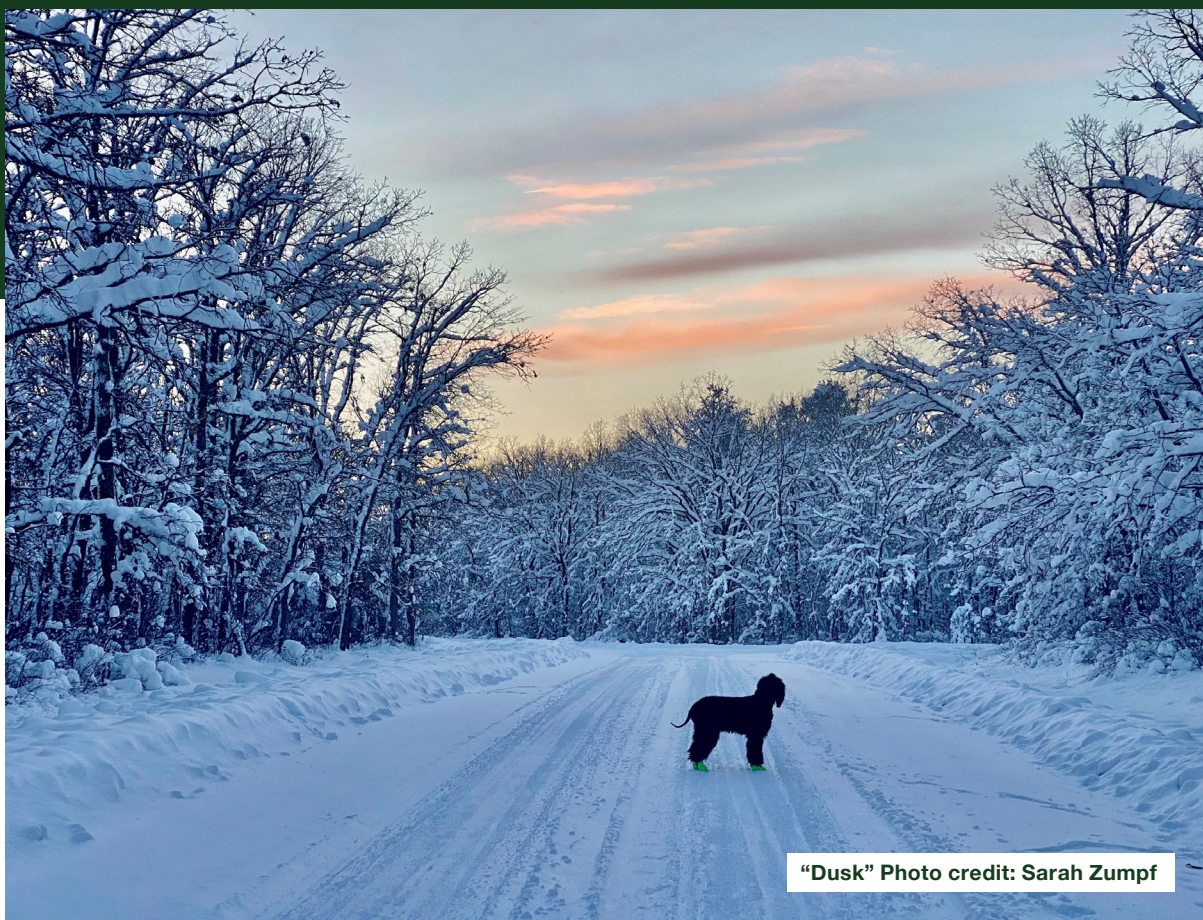
Title	Registered Name	Call Name	Owner	Date Titled
SW Interior Excellent	Castlehill's Yes Pleeze CA BCAT SWNE SWE SCAE SBAE RATN DN TKN	Pleeze	Susan Tapp & Melissa McMunn & Brenda Bauerlein	14-Oct-22
SW Exterior Excellent	Castlehill's Yes Pleeze CA BCAT SWNE SWE SCAE SBAE RATN DN TKN	Pleeze	Susan Tapp & Melissa McMunn & Brenda Bauerlein	14-Oct-22
Scent Work Excellent	Castlehill's Yes Pleeze CA BCAT SWNE SWE SCAE SBAE RATN DN TKN	Pleeze	Susan Tapp & Melissa McMunn & Brenda Bauerlein	14-Oct-22
SW Interior Advanced Elite	Castlehill's Yes Pleeze CA BCAT SWAE SWE RATN DN TKN	Pleeze	Susan Tapp & Melissa McMunn & Brenda Bauerlein	17-Dec-22
SW Exterior Advanced Elite	Castlehill's Yes Pleeze CA BCAT SWAE SWE RATN DN TKN	Pleeze	Susan Tapp & Melissa McMunn & Brenda Bauerlein	17-Dec-22
SW Container Excellent Elite	Castlehill's Yes Pleeze CA BCAT SWAE SWE RATN DN TKN	Pleeze	Susan Tapp & Melissa McMunn & Brenda Bauerlein	17-Dec-22
SW Container Excellent Elite	Castlehill's Xtraordineire CD BN RE CAA FCAT SWE SCEE SEEE SBEE SCM SEM SBM RATS DJ CGC TKN	Simon	Susan Tapp	17-Dec-22
Scent Work Interior Excellent Elite	Castlehill's Xtraordineire CD BN RE CAA FCAT SWEE SCM SEM SBM RATS DJ CGC TKN	Simon	Susan Tapp	18-Dec-22
SW Exterior Excellent Elite	Castlehill's Xtraordineire CD BN RE CAA FCAT SWE SCEE SEEE SBEE SCM SEM SBM RATS DJ CGC TKN	Simon	Susan Tapp	17-Dec-22
Scent Work Buried Excellent Elite	Castlehill's Xtraordineire CD BN RE CAA FCAT SWE SCEE SEEE SBEE SCM SEM SBM RATS DJ CGC TKN	Simon	Susan Tapp	17-Dec-22
Scent Work Excellent Elite	Castlehill's Xtraordineire CD BN RE CAA FCAT SWEE SCM SEM SBM RATS DJ CGC TKN	Simon	Susan Tapp	18-Dec-22
Scent Work Interior Master	CH Ballyhoo's Timing Is Everything RE AX MXJ XF CA BCAT SWE SCME SIM SEM	Tempo	Kathleen Fitzpatrick & Robert S Hogan	15-Oct-22

Title	Registered Name	Call Name	Owner	Date Titled
Scent Work Buried Master	CH Ballyhoo's Timing Is Everything RE AX MXJ XF CA BCAT SWM SCME	Tempo	Kathleen Fitzpatrick & Robert S Hogan	16-Oct-22
Scent Work Master	CH Ballyhoo's Timing Is Everything RE AX MXJ XF CA BCAT SWM SCME	Tempo	Kathleen Fitzpatrick & Robert S Hogan	16-Oct-22
Scent Work Detective	Realta's Carlin O'Whistlestop RN JH MHUA CA SWD SWME SHDN TKN	Carlin	Patrice Dodd & Russell Dodd	9-Oct-22
SW Exterior Advanced	Evora's Brandy Pot Light BN RN FCAT SWN SCA SIA SEA DS CGC TKN	Bran	Lisa Schaitberger	13-Nov-22
SW Exterior Novice	Poole's Ide Your A Pop-Star Chantico SEN		Nicole Geyza & Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner	6-Nov-22
SW Buried Novice	A Celtic Kerrie Rose From The Rinn OA OAJ SBN CGC	Kerrie	Nicole Geyza	6-Nov-22
SW Container Master Elite	CH Cuboglach Rosy Maple RN CAA BCAT SWM SCME RATO DJ DN CGC TKN	Maple	Susan Tapp	18-Dec-22
FastCAT				
BCAT	CH Ballyhoo's Who's Your Paddy RN BCAT SWE RATO	Paddy	Terry Kast	16-Oct-22
BCAT	Cat's Over The Rainbow RN OAP OJP NFP BCAT RATCHX5 CZ8P CGC TKN	Raine	Sheryl Krohne	23-Oct-22
FCAT	Evora's Brandy Pot Light BN RN FCAT SWN SCA SIA DS CGC TKN	Bran	Lisa Schaitberger	14-Oct-22
FCAT	Saracen Raiz My Mug To Freedom FCAT CGC TKN	Porter	Lori Espeland & Connie Timmerman	29-Oct-22
BCAT	CH Landacre's Making Music At Shanahan CD RN JH BCAT	Qorty	Sarah Shanahan & Melissa McMunn	5-Nov-22
BCAT	CH Shanahan's A Wee Bit Of Luck CD RE JH NAP NJP NF OFP BCAT TKN	Brielynn	Sarah Shanahan	6-Nov-22



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BCAT	CH Shanahan's Luck B" A Lady CD RE JH AX AXJ XF BCAT TKN"	Bryce	Sarah Shanahan	5-Nov-22
BCAT	Castlehill's P.S. Baby I'M A Star At Donnybrook BCAT TKN	Portia	Ms. Brenda Bauerlein & Susan Tapp	4-Dec-22
FCAT4	Crispin's Double Shot This Girl Is On Fire CAA FCAT4 THDN RATO DMA DSA ASA HDN CGC TKN	Jamie	Lisa Wright & Shayne Wright	2-Dec-22
FCAT4	Crispin's Whiskey Promise, East Texas Good O'Boy CAA FCAT4 THDN RATN DM DSX ASA HDN CGC TKN	Ronan	Lisa Dawn Wright & Shayne Wright	2-Dec-22
Trick				
Trick Dog Novice	Hooligan N Epik's Absurd Little Bird CGCA TKN		Emily Pikul & Florence Blecher	8-Oct-22
Canine Good Citizen				
Advanced Canine Good Citizen	Hooligan N Epik's Absurd Little Bird CGCA TKN		Emily Pikul & Florence Blecher	8-Oct-22
Canine Good Citizen	Epik Talk Of The Town At Poole's Ide CGC		Emily Pikul & Gregory M Siner & Alice Getchell	2-Jun-22
Dock Diving				
Dock Junior	Saracen Diamond Decoy JHU DJ		Susan Sarracino-Deihl & Robert E Deihl	19-Nov-22
Dock Senior	Saracen Wild Rover O Cuinn DS		Shelly Quinn & Tom Quinn	19-Nov-22
Barn Hunt				
Open Barn Hunt	CH Realta Mystics Inspiration RATO		Nancy K Wiley	26-Mar-21
Senior Barn Hunt	Castlehill's Buggy Malone O' Crispin RATS DM DS CGC TKA	Malone	Flora Deluce & Susan Tapp	1-Oct-22



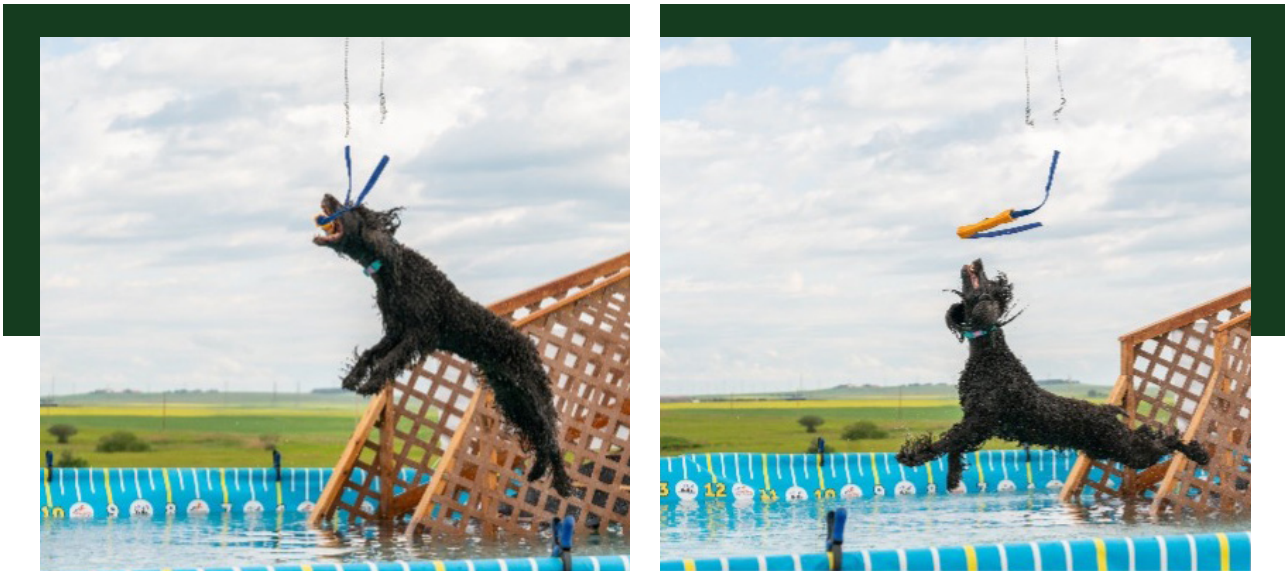
Regional Reports

International

Welcome to 2023! Not a lot to report from Canada and the IWSAC. I think everyone is recovering from our memorable National Specialty last fall!

From Charlene Schermers in Red Deer Alberta

The last update from our house was last summer shortly after Sway (Finnibone's On Your Knees Boys) came home to stay. The summer flew by with Dock Diving, Toss and Fetch. Mamacass qualified for North America Diving Dogs (NADD) Regionals in both Distance and Air Retrieve. She won first place and the qualifier for AR in her division and ended the 2022 season #1 Irish Water Spaniel in AR. This was a pretty cool accomplishment for her as it was her first season competing in the discipline!



August took us to Seattle for the IWSCOPS Regional Specialty where we met up with our friends and had a fabulous time! The best part was Jeremy and Tim's Live Auction Antics! Please guys don't ever stop!!!

Mamacass and I competed in Rally Master and Novice Obedience at IWSCOPS and quickly learned the difference between competition obedience AKC style versus CKC style (huge thanks to Tim Gulley for his coaching). We were first time participants in Team Rally and WON First Place. That was a blast and I cannot wait until next time.

The following month we travelled to Chilliwack British Columbia for the IWSAC National Specialty, and the Mount Cheam All Breed Show. Mamacass won WB and BOW at the specialty for her major and finished her Canadian Championship. She also came away with a 98 score and a Q towards her Rally Master Title.

We just got home and I was invited to Lloydminster, Alberta for a NADD event opener and to complete my NADD Judges Certification. On October 18th I was a certified NADD Judge, and I am looking forward to judging many a NADD Splash this year.



International Cont.

In November Sway and two of her littermates and I headed to Lethbridge for an all breed show and the kid's debut in the ring. They were just 6 months old and they all did fabulous for their first time out and Sway not unlike her grandsire PAX (BISS CH Whistlestop's Not Me Pax Did It), and sire Mr Steel she woo wooed her way to a BPIG on day 3 of the show!

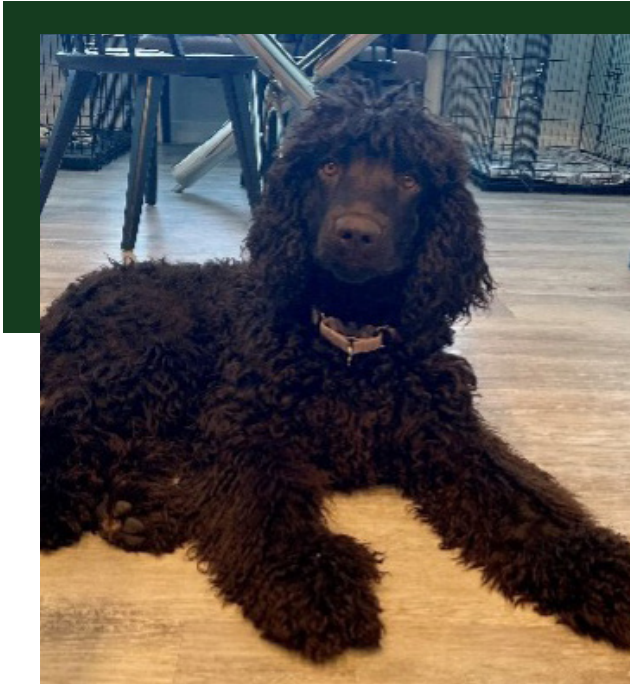


Sway and I started competition obedience classes and she is doing well. No plans for competing for awhile as she is a "Tigger" and attention is fleeting.

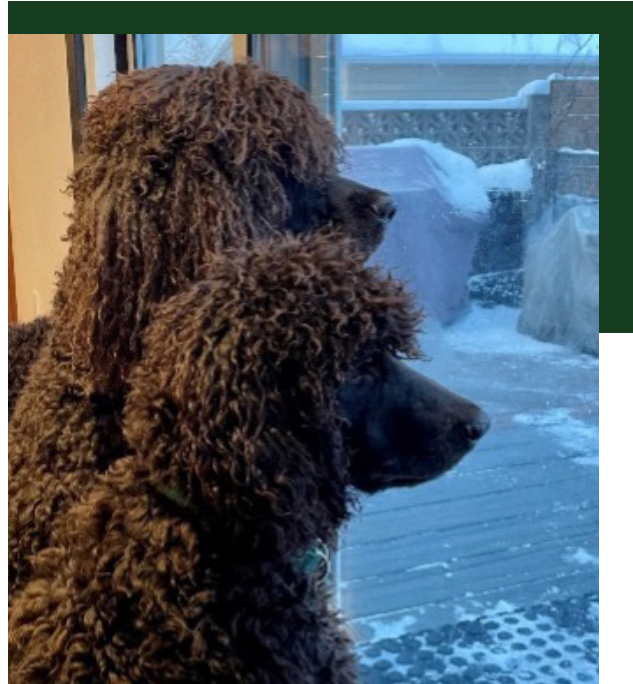
Plans for 2023 are plenty of Dock Diving, Toss and Fetch and Rally Obedience for Mamacass, and Toss and Fetch and Conformation ring time for Sway. We are hoping to get down to the IWSCA National Specialty in May and back to BC for a show in September, otherwise sticking close to home.



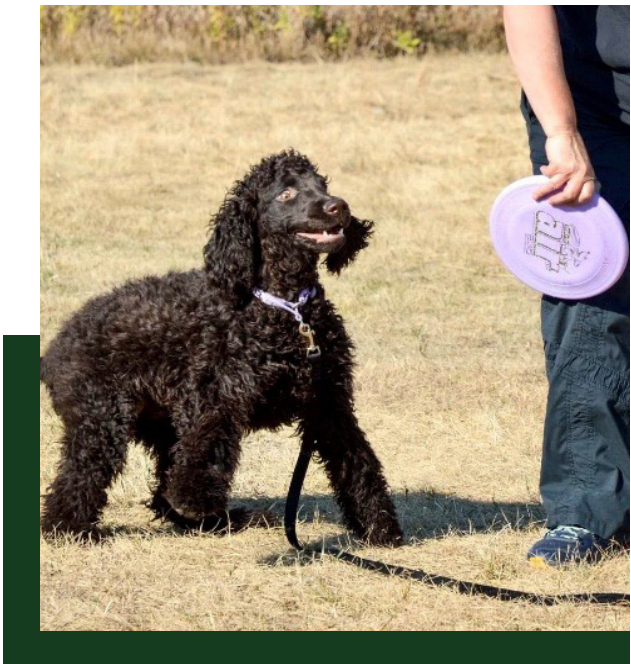
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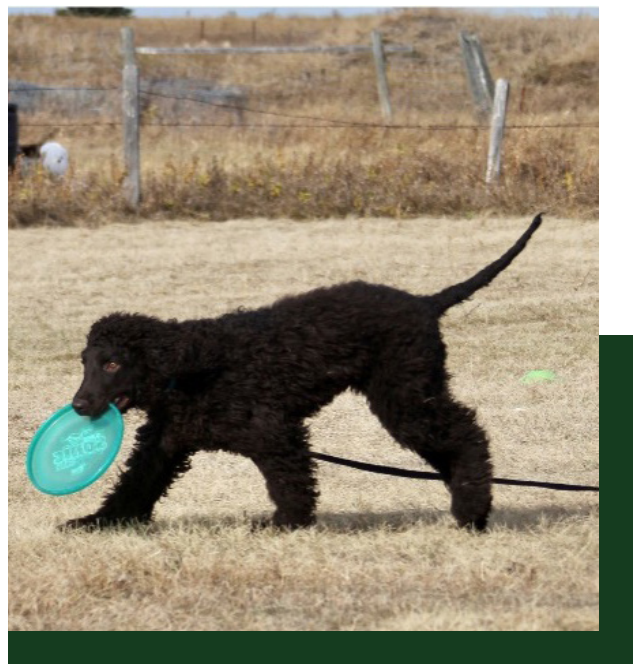
Finnibone's On Your Knees Boys (Sway) -
Chillin' at home



Mr. Steel and Ira "Father and Son"



Sway First UpDog Disc Game



Mid-Atlantic

Submitted by Tiffany Schuffert

The shortest days of the year are behind us, thankfully, though winter is still hanging around with its rain, snow, and cold weather. But that doesn't mean that we're not out an about enjoying what daylight we have with our IWS. In fact, at least one Mid-Atlanticer is picking up a new sport! Tim Fleming and his boy Koffi are beginning to train for field work! There's a lot to learn and practice, but I'm confident this duo can manage it. Koffi certainly looks interested!



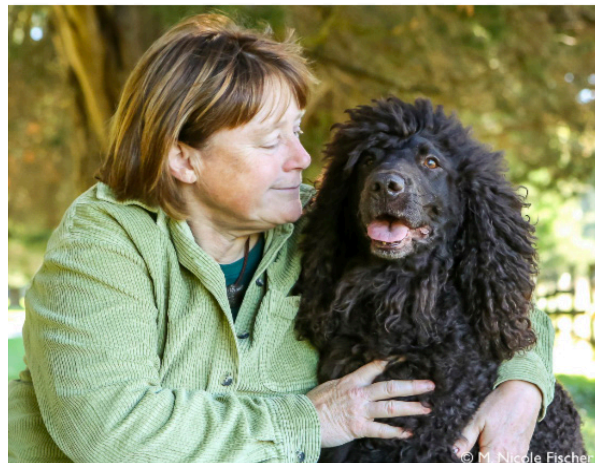
My own pups are eagerly awaiting our move this summer into our forever home once construction is complete. The 2-acre back yard is immensely larger than their current play area with plenty of room for frisbee and ball throwing, which was of the utmost importance for Patsy.

We also welcomed a singleton in early January and are having fun watching him grow. Still searching for the perfect name, but I do appreciate his cheekiness at having his photo taken early on a Monday morning.



Sending our love to Melissa McMunn

GCh. all Green Wi' Envy v Alpha Nordic CD RE DS AJA RATS
"Jade"
IWSCA Quintessential Award Winner
IWSCA Winner Bitch 2013
NADD Regional Qualifier
IWSCA Top Producer
NOHS Invitation
3x IWSCA Best Puppy In Sweepstakes
BOS Veteran Sweepstakes
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Midwest

Late fall/early winter has been slow for IWS activities in the Midwest.

Performance:

Several Irishers have been having fun this fall in Dock Diving and FastCat.

Lori Espeland and Porter have been busy tearing up the courses in FastCat. Porter started by earning his BCAT in April, the DCAT in June and then went on to finish his FCAT the last weekend of October at the Fort Dodge Kennel Club Fast Cat trials. He also ended up #1 IWS in FastCat for 2022. Congratulations Lori and Porter, Saracen Raiz My Mug To Freedom FCAT CGC TKN!

In November Shelly and Tom Quinn took their young boy Ozzy to the dock diving trials in Plymouth, WI. This was the first AKC event in which their IWS have competed. They were thrilled when Ozzy came home with a DS! He certainly loves to dock dive! That same weekend Ozzy's litter sister Lily earned her DJ. And on Sunday, Murphy took home 2nd in the jump-off competition. Congratulations to Shelly and Tom's Ozzy, Saracen Wild Rover O'Cuinn DS and to our girl Lily, Saracen Diamond Decoy JHU DJ!

Last year Trout qualified for the AKC Agility Invitational (AGI). Sarah Zumpf, Rosemary Sexton, Trout and LeeLoo made the trek to the AGI in Orlando, FL Dec. 18-19. Sarah reported, "What fun we had! He was a very good boy and had a fabulous time. He had a minion along to tutor (Rosemary's 5 mo. old LeeLoo), 2 humans to dote on him and great courses to run. Not much could be better if you are Trout. No Qualifying runs, but so much fun! Congratulations Sarah and Trout, Realta's Breac Eitilt NA NAJ MXP MJP OF MFPB T2BP DS TKN, on his qualification to be invited to the AGI!

Save the Dates:

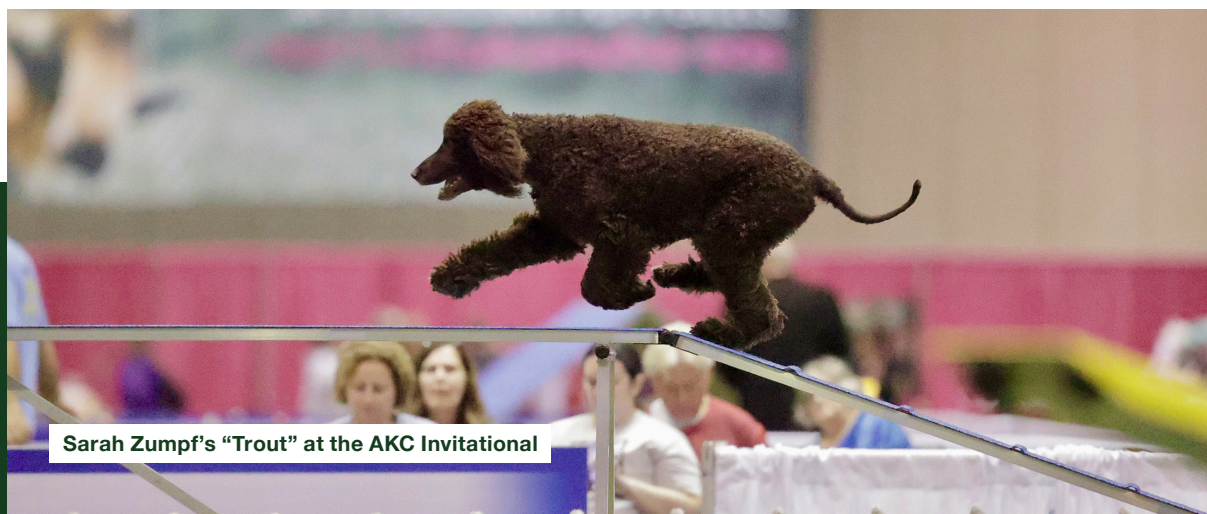
The Midwest has an exciting week planned in May for the 2023 IWSCA National Specialty in Lake Elmo and Stillwater, MN. Accompanying the National will be a Regional Specialty and a Supported entry in St Peters, MN. In June the 2nd IWSCA Spaniel Hunt Test will be held at Beaver Dam, WI.

May 20 – 24, 2023 – IWSCA National Specialty, Lake Elmo, MN and Stillwater, MN

May 26 - 28, 2023 – IWSCA Regional Specialty May 26, IWSCA Supported entry May 27 both in conjunction with the Key City Kennel Club shows, St Peters, MN May 26 – 28.

June 3, 2023 – IWSCA Spaniel Hunt Test at Beaver Dam, WI

Everyone have a safe and wonderful winter!
Susan



Midwest cont.



Trout on the go!

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Lily Dock Diving



Ozzy and Tom



Midwest cont.



Trout doing what he loves



Porter FastCAT -- personal best!



Rosemary Sexton greeted by her crew after trip to AKC Invitational



Northeast

Stephanie O'Reilly writes about Sloane's amazing 2022:

"Sloane (MBIS MRBIS MBISS NBIS GCHS Poole's Ide Sargeant Sloane RN MX MXJ MXF) had a fantastic year. He finished the year:

- #1 Sporting Dog
- #8 All-Breeds
- #1 IWS All-breed
- #1 IWS Breed

He is now the top grand championship point winner in the history of the breed."

Kim and I traveled to Florida before Christmas for the AKC National Dog show as Reef and Ghillie were invitees to the AKC Agility Invitational. We had a blast running agility and Ghillie was the highest scoring IWS participating at the event. We also had a great time hanging out with friends and enjoyed some fun dinners with IWS folks. Reef also earned his PAX agility title last weekend - our first "big" agility ribbon! Arrow (Chantico's A Slice And a Pint) also got into the breed ring, going Winner's Dog on Saturday.

Pam Manus also shared with us that "My IWS, Green Socks Rock With You, aka Rock, has adapted to city and apartment life with his usual quiet confidence. He has accepted the fact that he no longer has a backyard but will be taken on 3 or 4 short walks around the city and 1 or 2 longer walk/runs each day, depending on the weather. He does not react to the Fire and Police sirens and is sure everyone he meets just loves him. He continues to go to his hunt lessons and is starting his advanced obedience lessons in 2 weeks with plans for CD and Rally titles this year. I am so blessed to be able to have Rock with me as I make this transition from country to city, he is my mainstay, showering me with continual unconditional love!"

Thanks,
Jeremy & Laurel



Northeast cont.



Ghillie at the AKC Invitational in Orlando



Pam Manus's Rock



Sloane Wine County Best in Show



Southwest

The passing of Colleen Rebello is a reminder of how precious life is and how sudden death can be. I only knew Colleen for a few years and she didn't hesitate to make you feel like it had been longer. Such a giving, loving woman. When she contacted me to buy a small bronze piece for her grandson and could I mail it to Oregon, we struck up a conversation about my daughter going to the University of Oregon. Colleen without hesitation said "your Duck is welcome here anytime, free food, free room, and free laundry "she meant it. We talked on the phone a few times and I got to meet her in person at IWSCOPS in 2021 that was the last time I would ever see her.

Colleen's kindness and likeability will stay with me always. She was a perfect example of how tight knit our IWS community really is.

Errata -- Omission from SW Report for the Fall 2022 Issue

Lisa Wright | Ronan ended the 2022 dock diving season by earning a Dock Master Advanced title with North American Diving Dogs. He is the third IWS to earn this title. We haven't been able to train or compete very much this past year so I was quite pleasantly surprised to find out that Ronan was ranked number one IWS at dock diving for NADD's 2022 season! I am so proud of my good steady boy!

Jamie, on the other hand, was overheard telling him to live it up while he can, she's feeling better every day and will soon be putting him back in his place!

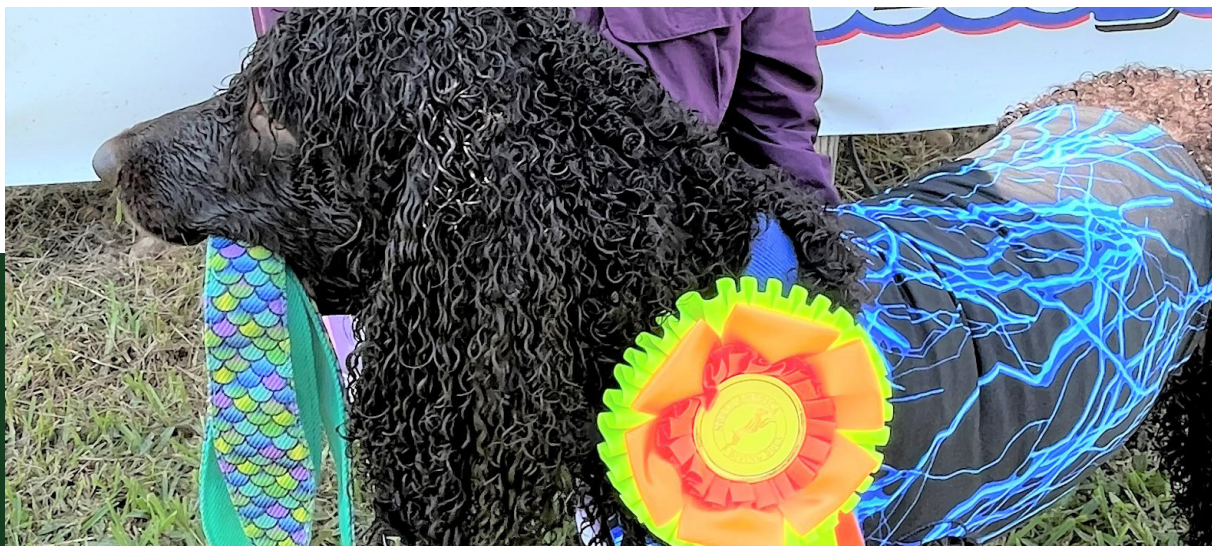


Southwest cont.



Photo by: Julia Bri

“Ronan” Crispin’s Whiskey Promise, East Texas Good O’Boy CAA FCAT3 THDN RATN DMA DSX
ASA HDN CGC TKN



IWSCA 2023 National Specialty



Only three months until the 2023 IWSCA National Specialty which will be held May 20 – 24, 2023 near Lake Elmo, Minnesota, USA!

“Woods and Water” planning is moving forward at an ever-quickening pace. We hope you’ll join us for the week! The Specialty Committee is planning fun filled activities plus educational talks and demonstrations. These include: a conformation handling clinic, a presentation on pet protection agreements & pet trusts, a presentation on photographing your dog, and a scent work seminar. In addition, IWSCA is planning a cardiac clinic. These all will be great opportunities to learn more about activities with your dog, securing your dog’s future and about their health. Plus you’ll meet new and old friends and see our amazing IWS in action!

Updates and special activities will continue to be posted on the Facebook group, “2023 IWSCA National Specialty”; the website, <https://www.iwsca2023.com/> and through the email list, “membersiwsca@groups.io”. Please watch for frequent messages on these sites.

The 2023 IWSCA National Specialty has reserved a block of rooms at the La Quinta Inn & Suites St. Paul – Woodbury. Here is the reservation link... [LaQuinta Inn & Suites Website](#). Guests are welcome to make reservations immediately or call the front desk at any time at 651-264-0144. The group block name is “IRISH WATER SPANIEL”. The link is set to open with all dates set in the booking window. Guests can manually change to the correct dates for their stay. If you are traveling without a dog, please be sure to indicate that you do not have a pet when checking in or booking by phone. Making your reservation should be quite easy but make them as soon as possible since the available pet-friendly rooms are filling quickly. Information on additional hotels in the area is posted on the website, <https://www.iwsca2023.com/hotels> and on the Facebook group, “2023 IWSCA National Specialty”.

On-site camping is available at the Washington County Fairgrounds with plenty of spaces available. A reservation form may be found on the website, <https://www.iwsca2023.com/camp-grounds>. If you don’t have an RV, you may want to look into renting a pet-friendly RV to be set up on site. Staying on-site will be so convenient. Special activities for those camping is likely.

And we’ve not forgotten to include meals and entertainment with a Woods and Water flair. Watch the above referenced locations for upcoming information.

Thank you to everyone who purchased the holiday merchandise. Merchandise that remains unsold is available through on the merchandise store at “<https://iwsca2023.fwscart.com/>”. New IWS items that you’re sure to enjoy will soon be added. Watch for the announcements!

Questions should be addressed to: Laurel Reeves, Specialty Chair, firecrk@lakeland.ws. Please indicate 2023 IWSCA National Specialty in the subject line.



2023 IWSCA National Specialty schedule basics are:

Saturday, May 20 - Animal Inn - Obedience and Rally, Conformation Handling Clinic;

Sunday, May 21 - Animal Inn - Agility, CGC, Tricks;

Sunday, May 21 - evening - Washington County Fairgrounds (WCF) Welcome Party;

Monday, May 22 - WCF - Annual General Membership Meeting, Legal Presentation; Parades, Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes, Photography Presentation, Silent Auction, On-Site dinner;

Tuesday, May 23 - WCF - Scent Work Seminar, Judges' Education, Breed Judging, Fun & Games, On-site dinner;

Wednesday, May 24 - Kelly Farms near Scandia, MN, Event: WC/WCX;

Wednesday, May 24 - evening - Lake Elmo Inn Event Center - Awards Dinner, Live Auction;

Thursday, May 25 - open date for shopping, sightseeing and relocating.

2023 IWSCA Regional Specialty and Supported Entry: Key City Kennel Club shows, St Peter, MN,

Friday, May 26 - Regional Specialty, Conformation, Obedience, Rally

Saturday, May 27 - Supported Entry at Key City KC show - Conformation, Obedience, Rally

Sunday, May 28 - Key City KC All-Breed show - Conformation, Obedience, Rally.

Lake Elmo is located just east of Minneapolis/St. Paul, commonly referred to as the Twin Cities. The Twin Cities and thus the show sites are easily accessed by road via Interstate Highways 35, 90 & 94. The Minneapolis/Saint Paul International Airport is less than 30 freeway miles from the show sites. When you're making your plans, please note that this event is at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Minnesota, not to be confused with the similarly named Fairgrounds in Wisconsin where dog shows are also held. Also note that the field event is at the Kelly Farms near Scandia, MN, not at the Oliver Kelley Historical Site near Anoka, MN.



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A curated collection of the finest IWS photographs in the world <https://www.facebook.com/IrishWaterSpanielPhotography/>

Irish Water Spaniel Conversations Facebook Group

Start a conversation about most anything IWS, brag or even vent. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/587531408082300/>

Irish Water Spaniel Instagram @IWSAmerica <https://www.instagram.com/iwsamerica/>

Irish Water Spaniel Twitter @IWSAmerica <https://twitter.com/IWSAmerica>

Irish Water Spaniel Pinterest

A place for snapshots - send us your photos to be included <https://www.pinterest.com/IrishWaterSpaniel/>

Irish Water Spaniel Club of America You Tube Channel

A place to view amazing videos of IWS around the world
Coming Summer 2023

Groups.IO

A Members Only email group for club announcements and communications from the Board. If you are a member and not receiving emails please contact us.

Contact Laurie Jacobs for more information at MysticCaribou@sbcglobal.net or on FB Messenger.





Breeder's Education Committee

Happy 2023!

As the BEC gears up for this year,
we would like to open with a key question.....

What can the BEC do for you?

Please send your submissions by email to
mgcurlydog@gmail.com

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