

Keystone Portuguese Water Dog Club

# NEWS BUOY



JANUARY 2015

## President's Message

First let me wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year. We have quite a few things planned for this year. Barb Weisman has graciously offered her home for an Open House February 15<sup>th</sup>, an Eye Clinic with Dr. Aguirre March 29, a Water Camp June 5 -7, Introduction to Water Work July 18<sup>th</sup> and our Water Trials August 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>. Please check our website [kpwdc.org](http://kpwdc.org) for more information about these events. We have many wonderful members doing many wonderful things with their dogs. Please be sure to check all the brags. I would like to bring one brag in particular to your attention. Our own Rob Moore and his amazing Mr. Darcy were invited to participate in the AKC Agility Invitational in December for the second year. I asked Rob to send a picture and

write something about his experience. Please be sure to check that out. We are so proud of Rob and Mr. Darcy as we are of all our members and their achievements.

As always if you have any suggestions, concerns or questions please feel free to contact any one of the board members.

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# Rob Moore and Mr. Darcy Go to the Agility Invitational!

It was a real thrill to make the finals at the Invitational! Looking at last year's times, even if we'd been clean we MIGHT have qualified last (10th), or not at all. This year we qualified 4th! So if you are thinking you don't have a shot at such a thing, think again. By the same token, don't make any assumptions.

At the Invitational, the first four rounds are all about being clean. I never lost sight of that this year. In fact I spent a lot of effort over the past year learning to run conservatively, shaping Darcy's turns, helping him slow down when needed, etc., all to increase the likelihood of running clean. At the Invitational we weren't even quite the fastest PWD. After Saturday's Round 1 all five PWDs were clean and within two seconds of each other—pretty amazing, it was a great group! Although we were the top PWD after that round, we only beat ZaQ by .006 second, thanks to our running A Frame. I could see that ZaQ and Darcy would be going head-to-head all weekend.

Then in Round 2 there were no A Frames to help us and ZaQ beat us by about a half second. That left us in second place (for PWDs) at the end of the day. This was a very unusual place for us to be—for the last couple of years Darcy and I have been the fastest PWD team at the trials we go to. I was a nervous wreck Saturday

night and didn't sleep well at all. To top it off, at 6am Sunday I got a migraine—more nerves I suppose.

At this point I knew that Round 3 would also have no A Frames and I also knew ZaQ and Dave were a little faster than us. So I needed a break. One advantage I had was experience and I think it paid off. Turns out, the toughest, most technical course of the weekend was Round 3. I knew I had to handle it very carefully to stay clean, not worrying about speed. Since we ran after Dave and ZaQ, I also knew that they had made an error so staying clean would get us back in the lead. I was a total bundle of exposed nerves when we ran. But we ran clean! Back in first place!

So for Round 4, that just left two PWD teams in the running for finals—Sandy and Pepin, me and Darcy—and both teams had a legit shot at finals. Team Pepin & Sandy ran before us and unfortunately made an error, leaving just us. Once again I was as nervous as I've been in years (at one point on the course I pointed Darcy to the A Frame and shouted "weave!" at him, then just decided to shut up and let him do his work), but we went out and had a nice, fast, under-control, clean run. That got us into the finals!

The finals were comparatively relaxed. I was still keyed up of course, but not nearly to the degree I was for Rounds 3 and 4. Hey, we were already in the finals.

We just went out and ran our best. The biggest deal was having such a large crowd all watching US! I'll never forget those finals.

We spent much of the time at the trial hanging with all the Team PWD folks—a really nice, fun, supportive group of people! It was great competing with and against one another, encouraging each other, even though we all wanted to be the fastest. Makes me wish we could all trial together more often.

From last year's experience, we learned about what Darcy needs during this kind of travel. Consequently we were never out of site of him—no dinners out—and no long stretches in the crate at the convention center. If there was a long break between runs, we went back to the hotel.

Another thing we did differently this year was our prep in the last couple of months leading up to the Invitational. Last year we continued trialing almost every weekend, at all AKC trials. This year we trialed a little less, and most of it was at USDAA trials. USDAA courses range from a little more challenging than AKC courses to a LOT more challenging. Between that and our advanced classes, the Invitational courses seemed comparatively easy. Great prep!

It goes without saying, but I'll say it anyway, that we've had great instruction. And then there's the most important one of all—Mr. Darcy of Pennberlee! He's the best PWD around! (At least I think so!) Fortunately he loves working and loves agility! He will do it no matter the weather, the surface, time of day, or what

I ask of him. He doesn't hold it against or lose enthusiasm when I'm grumpy with him. He's always eager to go and would do it for no treats. (He won't turn them down though.) I'm incredibly lucky to have him!

Oh, one last thing. We had really good timing to come up with one of those rare perfect weekends





## KEYSTONE PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB

**ANNUAL EYE CLINIC**  
with Dr. Gustavo Aquirre  
SUNDAY, March 29, 2015

**LOCATION:** French Creek Veterinary Hospital 1424 Ridge Road  
(Route 23), Pottstown, PA 19465

**COST:** \$31.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> dog \$29.00 for each additional dog

### DIRECTIONS:

FROM EAST & WEST - PA Turnpike to Exit 23  
(Downingtown), Route 100 North approximately 10 miles  
to Route 23  
left on Route 23 West, 1.3 miles  
to French Creek Veterinary Hospital on left.

FROM NORTH & SOUTH – take Route 100 to Route 23  
west, go 1.3 miles to French Creek Vet Hospital on your  
left

**FOR INFORMATION & TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL:**  
Mary Guziak (610) 373-4333 or e-mail: [meguziak@comcast.net](mailto:meguziak@comcast.net)  
Problems on the day of Clinic call 610-850-2159

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR DOG'S AKC NUMBER  
AND TATTOO OR MICROCHIP NUMBER FOR CERF**

## Here are some Additional Eye Clinics in our Area

### **Delaware**

2/14/15

#### **Newark, DE**

Wilmington Kennel Club Training Building, 2035 Sunset Lake Rd., Newark, DE

Eyes (Bowersox) OFA

Contact: Kim Petri, 302-738-4406 or  
zephyrweim@aol.com; webpage bit.ly/1DSGgVz

Pre-registration is required; deadline 2/2/15

### **MARYLAND:**

2/1/15

#### **Monkton, MD**

Mt. Carmel Animal Hospital, 16904 York Rd., Monkton, MD 21111

Eyes (Bromberg) \$40.00  
Chesapeake Golden Retriever Club

Contact: Linda Billings, kisamore1@gmail.com

### **NEW JERSEY:**

2/1/15

#### **Blairstown, NJ**

Blairstown Animal Hospital, 29 Cedar Lake Rd., Blairstown, NJ 07825-9641  
Heart (Sammarco) auscultation

Eyes (Ringle)  
Jersey Skylands Labrador Retriever Club

Contact: Donna Forte, brookberry@embarqmail.com or  
973-729-6211

Pre-registration is required; deadline 1/24/15

2/15/15

#### **Hillsborough, NJ**

Belle Mead Animal Hospital, 872 U.S. Hwy. 206, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

Eyes (Holmberg) CERF/ECR \$35.00  
Doberman Pinscher Club of the Tappan Zee  
Contact: Kim Somjen, ksomjen@yahoo.com; webpage  
[www.dpctz.com/DPCTZ\\_2015\\_Health\\_Fair.pdf](http://www.dpctz.com/DPCTZ_2015_Health_Fair.pdf)  
fFrom 9 AM to 5 PM

### **PENNSYLVANIA:**

1/4/15

#### **Lancaster, PA**

Dog Sense Learning Center, 809 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601

Eyes (Low) \$35.00

Mason-Dixon Bernese Mountain Dog Club

Contact: Christine Vlassis, cmvlassi@lghealth.org or  
717-293-0901

Pre-registration is required for reservations.

From 9:00am to 2:00pm

1/4/15

#### **Richboro, PA**

2015 Richboro Veterinary Hospital, 1096 Second St. Pike, Richboro, PA

Eyes (Koch) \$38.00

Lenape Golden Retriever Club

Contact: Leslie Adams, 215-538-2425 or  
boblesadams@verizon.net; Bonnie Rubin, 215-364-2425  
or bonnie.rubin@comcast.net

Pre-registration is required

1/24/15 & 1/25/15

#### **Allentown, PA**

Agricultural Hall, 302 N. 17th Street, Allentown, PA 18104

Eyes (Aquirre) CERF \$37.00

Lehigh Valley Kennel Club

Contact: Fran Jarvis from 1 PM to 8 PM, 610-867-7796

Pre-registration is required for reservations.

From 9:00am to 5:00pm

## Land Work Seminar

Keystone is pleased to be offering a two day land work seminar with Erica Etchason. Erica is a Canine Water Sports judge and has competed in both Canine Water Sports and Newfoundland trials. The workshop will be held at The Academy of Dog Training and Agility in Newark, DE on March 7 and 8, 2015. The workshop will be two days and the cost is \$175.00 for both days. There will be twelve working spots available. The deadline for registration is February 6, 2015 and reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. For more information, contact Judy Murray at [jmurray668@comcast.net](mailto:jmurray668@comcast.net) or 610-565-0724. A flyer will be emailed to the membership shortly.

KPWDC Supported Entry

Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>

In conjunction with Chester Valley KC  
Ludwigs Corner Horse Show grounds, Glenmoore, PA

Sweeps judge is CJ Favre

Reg judge is John Roland

Start thinking about that special item to donate for the  
auction.



## What are our Four Legged Friends up to Now????

Sizzle (Windruff's Splashpoint, NA, AWD, WWD, CGC) made her debut in agility at the National and earned her first leg in Novice Standard with a first place finish. In October, at the Talbot Kennel Club agility trial, she qualified with two more legs to earn her Novice Standard title. She also qualified with two JWW legs plus an Open Standard leg. The following weekend, she took a 3 point major, owner handled by Jenny at the Misspillion Show in November, and went on to take Group 2 in the Owner Handler Group. She is owned and dearly loved by Mike & Jenny Mobley and bred by and co-owned with Carol Mattingley and Ann Bowley

**Hannah** (Windruff's Jump On Board, NA, AWD, WWD, CWD, CGC) earned two legs at the National and completed her Novice Standard agility title with a clean run and first place. In October, at the Talbot Kennel Club agility trial, she earned two legs toward her Novice JWW agility title. She is owned and adored by Mike &

Jenny Mobley, co-owned with Carol Mattingley and bred by Carol Mattingley and Ann Bowley.

John, Carol and I were honored to have Decker, Gold GCH NorthStar's Hit The

Deck Running RA, NA, OAJ, OF, CGC compete at the National Specialty in the Top 20 Event for the 2013 breed rankings in September. Decker finished his year in the show ring in November in Maryland with a Best of Opposite at the Talbot KC and a Best of Breed at Salisbury KC. He then went on to earn his AKC Agility Open Jumpers title with a first place qualifying score. He also qualified for the Multiple Achievement Certificate Level One with the PWDCA. Decker finished 2014 ranked 2nd overall in number of Lifetime Grand Championship points in Portuguese Water Dog He is owned and adored by Susan and John Soviero, bred by Carol Iraggi.

Announcing our newest AKC CH Paragon-Hytide's Artistic Impression, Boden, on October 2 ,2014, at 10 months of age! Boden is owned and loved by Dave and Carol Wichterman.

Announcing our newest AKC GCH Paragon-Hytide's Objet d'Art, Olivia, on November 16, 2014, at 11 months of age!! Olivia is owned and loved by Sarah Wooten and Dave and Carol Wichterman.

GCH Hytide-Paragon's Something To Talk About, Julia, Award of Merit at the PWD National Speciality in September 2014. Julia is owned and loved by Sarah Wooten.

Apolo (GCH. ClasSea's To The Moon And Back CGCA, RN) earned his Rally Novice title at the PWD National Specialty in September. He also passed his Birch and Anise ORT (Odor Recognition Test) for Nose Work, so now he can enter a trial. Apolo is owned and loved by Jane McEwen and Tabby Thompson.

Piper came in second Place in the Langhorne Council of The Art's Calendar 2015 competition. 80 dog's had enter. Piper is owned and loved by Joe Kennedy.

Rob Moore and Mr. Darcy have a brag. We qualified for the AKC Agility Invitational for the second year in a row. This time we made it through four clean rounds to make the finals, finishing fifth overall!

Allie has really been on an agility roll all 2014. In AKC agility she earned 5 QQs and finished her MX title on Nov 15 at the JAG trial. In USDAA she finished her Starter Snooker title on June 7 at the Lehigh Valley Dream Weaver's trial with a 1st place. Then had one phenomenal weekend at the TAG trial 8/16&17. She had two nice jumpers Q's to finish her Advanced Jumpers title, earned her first Advanced Gamblers Q and most importantly, finished her Starters Standard title to also complete her Agility Dog title! Followed by a good day at the Keystone trial on Oct 11 where she earned her second Advanced Gamblers Q, an Advanced Snooker Q, an Advanced Pairs Q and her first Master Jumpers Q. Then at the Dec 14 Keystone Trial finished her Advanced

Gamblers Title and earned her first Advanced Standard Q. She is now GCH CH Freestyle You Can Call Me Al BN CD RN AX MXJ XF SSA AJ AG SS SR AD AWD SROM. Allie is loved, handled and owned by Lisa Wilkinson and co-owned by Jane Freeman.

Flip "Freestyle Turn the Page" has started his show career. In limited showing he has 3 pts having been Winner's Dog at the West Chester Kennel Club on Sept 7 and the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club on Dec 13. He also placed 4th in his futurity class at the National Specialty in September. He made his water debut the day he turned 6 months and while he did not qualify - he had a whole lot of exuberance and came very close. Flip is loved and owned by Lisa Wilkinson and co-owned by Jane Freeman.

Ripp won his Championship at the Salisbury Supported Entry in November. He is owned and loved by Diane Keppen.

I am very proud of Cassie and Naufti who are now members of Paws for People. They have gone through training and are now in the paws reading program. They totally enjoy being read to by the children. Naufti and Cassie take Gale and Stephanie Kostas with them when they visit the children.

Ellie, Ch. Hytyd Rainha De Tudo UDX OM3, RN NA was invited to the AKC Obedience Invitational at Purina Farms in March. Ellie is owned and loved by Judy Murray.