

Dog Bytes

WVSSA Newsletter

January/February 2003

2002 Awards

Awards were given out at the Annual Awards banquet on January 18th at Saylor's Old Country Kitchen.

Springer of the Year

- Ch Salilyn's Turbulance
Owners: Art & Sharon Stewart, Thomas Mason & Kellie Fitzgerald
- Runner-up: Ch Ariel & Marcur's Sportin' Life
Owners: Jan Martin & David Brattin

Best of Opposite Sex to Springer of the Year

- Ch Ramblewood's Music of My Heart
Owners: Dave & Janee' Kemp
- Runner-up: Ch Farwell's Muse
Owners: Christy Will & Donna Yaeger

Obedience Springer of the Year

- English's December Storm, UD
Owner: Susan Carlson
- Runner-up: Melchris 'N Nickoli's Dakota
Owners: Marti Nickoli & Linda Fong

Agility Springer of the Year

- Ch English's Satin Brocade, AX, AXJ
Owners: Elaine Resner, Cathy English & Debbie English
- Runner-Up: English's High-desert Lucy, AX, AXJ
Owners: Michael & Peggy Hindahl

Best Junior Handler of the Year

- Megan Eng
- Runner-Up: Lauren Loeffler

2002 Title Winners

American Championship

- Ramblewood Windsong
Owners: Dave & Janee' Kemp
- Ramblewood Music of My Heart
Owners: Dave & Janee' Kemp
- Vanity Fair's Miracle, CD, TD
Owners: Larry & Betty Schwartz
- Vanity Fair's Stand Pattie
Owners: Larry & Betty Schwartz
- Ariel & Marcur Sportin' Life
Owners: Jan Martin & David Brattin
- Farwell's Muse
Owner: Christy Will

Companion Dog

- Shalimar's First Flight
Owner: Betty Rockstad
- Martha's Lucky Mischief, OA, JH, WD, CGC
Owner: Martha Mullis
- Janey
Owner: Cheryl Dondino

Companion Dog Excellent

- Donahan's Designer Label, CD, NA, NAJ
Owners: Don & Carol Callahan

- Vanity Fair's Miracle, CD, TD
Owners: Larry & Betty Schwartz
- Ch. English's Life's A Blitz, CD, NA
Owners: Deborah & Cathy English

Novice Agility

- Hi Jinks Jack of Hearts
Owner: Elaine Resner
- Ch. English's Spectacular Dream
Owners: Deborah & Cathy English

Novice Agility Jumper

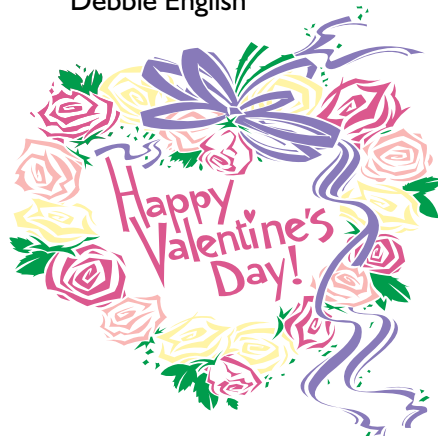
- Hi Jinks Jack of Hearts
Owner: Elaine Resner
- Ch. English's Spectacular Dream
Owners: Deborah & Cathy English

Open Agility Jumper

- Criterion's The Shining, OA, CGC
Owner: Martha Mullis

Excellent Agility Jumper

- Ch English's Satin Brocade, AX CGC, WD
Owner: Elaine Resner, Cathy & Debbie English



Future Meetings

The February meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. at Wyatt's Eatery & Brewhouse (upstairs) in Albany. The address is 211 1st Ave, West, the phone number is 541-917-3727.

Directions

Take Exit 233 off I-5 from either North or South, head west. Wyatt's is 4-5 miles down the road. This is the next exit after the Fairgrounds heading South on I-5.

March Meeting

The March meeting has not been scheduled yet. Date and place to be announced.



Over the Rainbow Bridge

CH Donahan's Documentary, CDX (CH Telltale Night Show x CH Donahan's Best Seller) 6-8-89 to 1-30-03. Best of Breed winner, group placer, High in Trial dog but most of all a sweetheart of a dog. Bred, owned and loved by Don & Carol.

Show Results

Willamette KC, 11/2

GP3/BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir Uprising
BOS CH Marcur's Ariel Lovely Rita
BW/WB Pawmarc's Neon Highlights
WD Donahan's Definitely In Style
RWD Gleneire's Soaring Above
RWB Ramblewood Ain't Missbehavin

Willamette KC, 11/3

BIS/GPI/BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir Uprising
BOS CH Ramblewood Music Of My Heart
BW/WB Pawmarc's Neon Highlights
WD Pawmarc's Marquee Lights
RWD Shalimar's First Flight CD
RWB Ramblewood Ain't Missbehavin

Whidbey Island KC, 11/16

GPI/BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir Uprising
BOS/WB Woodridge Colorfull Sage
BW/WD Ridgewyn N Belvoir Runabout
RWD Ramblewood Eye Of The Tiger
RWB Circle Games Surprise

Whidbey Island KC, 11/17

GP2/BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir Uprising
BOS/WB Fairhaven Woods of Autumn
BOW/WD Ramblewood Eye Of The Tiger
WB Fairhaven Woods Of Autumn
RWB Circle Games Surprise

Tacoma KC, 1/10

BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir Uprising
BOS CH Ramblewood Centerfold
BOW/WB Ramblewood Anticipation
WD Darkover Midnight Onthewater
RWD Ramblewood Get Offof My Cloud
RWB Pawmarc's Neon Highlights

Sammamish KC, 1/11

BIS/GPI/BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir Uprising
BOS/BW/WB Circle Games Surprise
WD Shalimar's First Flight CD
RWD Hijinks Jack Of Hearts NA NAJ
RWB Marlincourt Ruff Cut Diamond

Puyallup Dog Fanciers, 1/12

GPI/BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir Uprising
BOS CH. Ramblewood Centerfold
BOW/WD Majic's Good til' The Last Drop
WB Pawmarc's Night Lights
RWD Woodridges Say Hey Luke
RWB Ramblewood Ain't Misbehavin

Comfort Suites is the host hotel for our Specialty in June of 2003. A block of rooms has been reserved for June 26-27-28. Those wishing to reserve a room should indicate they are with the Willamette Valley English Springer Spaniel Association to get the special rate of \$70.00 for single or double, \$80.00 for a triple and \$85.00 for a quad. The telephone number is 541-504-8900.

Braggs & Wags

- CH Vanity Fair's Miracle, CDX, TD won her CDX and Championship on two consecutive days. Joy is owned by Betty & Larry Schwartz.
- CH Vanity Fair's Artful Dodger II, TD and Mystic's Peridigm, CD will be having two puppies. Art and Sarah are owned by Betty & Larry Schwartz.
- CH Salilyn's Turbulance was officially invited to participate at the Westminster Kennel Club show and he will be attending. He is also participating in the Eubanuka Classic in Florida. Stuey is owned by Sharon and Art Stewart.
- Lisa Loeffler's honorary springer, Bunny (Knollbrook's Like Ya Know) received an OFA good on her hips, and normal elbows.
- CH Ariel's Heart of Gold, CD gave birth to eight liver/white pups on November 10th, 6 females and 2 males, by CH Raylyn's Carved from Rock. Kimmy is owned by Jan Martin & David Brattin.
- Gretelyn's Ruby Wine received her certification from OFA with a rating of Good. Ruby is owned by Gretchen Patterson.
- CH Donahan's Designer Jeans, CD and Miko's Renaissance Man, CDX had a litter of seven puppies on November 22nd, five males and two females. Jeannie is owned by Don and Carol Callahan.

Coming Events

Conformation & Obedience

April 12-13, 2003

Ephrata-Moses Lake KC
Moses Lake, WA
Saturday: Linda M. Riedel
Sunday: Anne Katona

April 18-19, 2003

Palouse Hills Dog Fanciers
Lewiston, ID
Friday: Dr. Alvin W. Krause
Saturday: Bettie L. Krause

April 20-21, 2003

Lewis-Clark Kennel Club
Lewiston, ID
Sunday: Lawrence J. Sinclair
Monday: Merlin J Van De Kinder

April 25-26, 2003

Walla Walla Kennel Club
Walla Walla, WA
Friday: Marian Mason Hodesson
Saturday: Houston Clark

April 27-28, 2003

Yakima Valley KC
Yakima, WA
Sunday: Kimberly Anne Meredith
Monday: Dr. Ronald I. Spritzer

May 3-4, 2003

Olympia DFA
Elma, WA
Saturday: Elizabeth W. Matchett
Sunday: Beatrice P. Goodman

May 10-11, 2003

Klamath Dog Fanciers
Klamath Falls, OR
Saturday: Helen Miller Fisher
Sunday: D. Roy Holloway

Agility

April 5-6, 2003
AKC Agility
Sequim, WA

Apr

12-13, 2003

AKC Agility
Moses Lake, WA

April 19-20, 2003

AKC Agility
Roy, WA

April 28-29, 2003

AKC Agility
Hillsboro, OR

May 3-4, 2003

AKC Agility
Auburn, WA

May 10-11, 2003

AKC Agility
Spokane, WA

Tracking

April 13, 2003

TR
Eugene, OR

April 27, 2003

TR, TX, VST
Vancouver, WA

May 4, 2003

TR, TX
Chattaroy, WA

Miscellaneous

March 29 -30, 2003

Patricia Craig Trotter Seminar
Fife, WA

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The Making of Marcur

by Marsha Caldwell

As Curt and I were growing up, we always had dogs in our families. So, we both grew up to be animal lovers, especially dogs. In the late 70's, Curt and I decided we wanted to get a dog for "our" family.

We originally thought that we wanted a Cocker Spaniel and started searching for "our" dog. During the search, we came across a this cute little field bred 4 month old Springer Spaniel that we became very attracted to and decided she was the one. We named her Chelsea and she grew up to be a very sweet dog.

In the very early 80's we attended our first dog show in Portland and watched the Springers show. We met and talked with a few of the Willamette Valley club members and were encouraged to come to one of their meetings. I was very sold on getting a "show springer" but had terrible anxiety about showing a dog in the ring. I convinced Curt that if we got a show Springer that he could show the dog in the ring and I could do all the grooming! It worked!

We purchased our first "show bred" Springer from Dana Hopkins in Los Angeles. She was black and white and her name was already "Tally", Danaho's Tally Forth. Tally was not all that excited about being a show girl. She had kind of a ho-hum attitude in the ring and we finally decided to stop showing her at 8 points and 1 major. Although she never finished her championship, she helped us "learn the ropes" of the dog show game. She became a wonderful mother and companion to our family.

When Tally was approximately 1, we purchased a dog from Jester Kennels in Ohio. His name was J.J., Ch. Jester's Journey West. J.J. also helped us "learn the ropes" of dog showing. The first time we entered him in a

show, was in Puyallup under breeder judge Anne Pope. He was just 6 months old. He got 3rd out of 3 that day and we promptly got help from Don and Carol Callahan on grooming and a few showing tips. Also, Curt and Pat Wilaby began classes at Columbia Dog Training with Judy Davis. We still have the "graduation" video with Curt and Pat dressed up in show attire, going through the moves in class that they had learned over the preceding weeks.

It all must have helped! J.J. went on to finish his championship by the time he was 18 months of age, all owner handled. Unfortunately, J.J.'s story took a turn for the worse and he became very people aggressive and we had to make the very painful decision to euthanize him. We were now hooked on Springers, but had also took a few hard knocks along the way.

We bred Tally for our first litter to Ch. Deckhand's Port of Dalin. Out of that litter of 4 came Jan and Dave's "Rev", Ch. Marcur's Revolution, CDX. The next litter we bred we leased "Brook", Ch. Phylwayne's Justa Lil' Pawmarc from Pat Wilaby. We bred Brook to "Jackson", Ch. Springerlane's Ridgewyn. We had 13 puppies!!! Now I know that is not a record, but it sure was a record in our lives! By the time she had delivered number 10, Curt was looking for the "off switch", then 11, then 12, and then 13!! We thought she would never stop.

Curt often remembers back to that litter as the "herd" and considered ourselves "dog ranchers" We herded them in and then herded them out. It was amazing. Brook was a very good mother and fed all the puppies herself with no intervening from us.

Out of that litter we kept two puppies, Erik, Ch. Marcur's Norwegian Wood, CD, CGC and Ribbon, Ch. Marcur's A Taste of Honey. Ribbon went on to be a Best in Sweeps winner at the ripe old age of 6 months old at the first WVESSA Specialty show. She finished her championship with 4 majors. Not to be outdone by his sister, Erik also finished his championship with 4 majors.

Over the years we have bred several litters and have had several more Springers come into our lives and give us great enjoyment and satisfaction. We've also enjoyed the friends we have made along the way and are grateful for their help and guidance. Currently we have four Springers at home, Desi, Chloe, Michelle and Rita. Hopefully we will be adding a 5th soon.

Having had personal experiences with aggression, PRA, skin problems and hip dysplasia has made us very concerned with health and temperament issues in our breed. We strive to breed healthy dogs in mind and body. After all, no matter what a dog does in the show ring, at the end of the day, they are our pets, and must live with their family in the day-to-day routine of life.

As I write this, we are awaiting a litter out of Rita, A/C Ch. Marcur's Ariel Lovely Rita. This will be our 4th generation and we are soooo looking forward to these puppies!!

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Curt and I both belong to WVESSA and to the ESSFTA. We both work full time. Curt is a Journeyman Molder at Columbia Steel and I am a Marketing Consultant for a national financial services/planning company. We have a daughter and 2 sons. We both enjoy our family very much and are soon to be grandparents for the first time!

Curt loves just about anything that has to do with cars, especially old American cars and "little" British cars. Talk about extremes!! He also enjoys playing his 12 string guitar and singing with his friend that he has known since high school. I also like the "car thing" but not nearly to the extent that Curt does and I also like music. I am a board member for an Oregon non-profit organization, which keeps me busy, and have participated on several panels regarding adoption issues. And, as you can tell by the names of our dogs, we are *both* Beatle fans!!!



Ch. Marcur's Norwegian Wood, CD, CGC

Sporting Breed Enthusiasts

The Greater Pittsburgh English Springer Spaniel Club would like to extend an invitation to your club members to attend the International Breeders Symposium "Comparison of the Breed from Three Continents" May 31, 2003 in Toledo, Ohio.

The symposium will benefit the Canine Health Foundation research on Epilepsy and is targeted towards all flushing spaniels. Research members from the University of Missouri will be on hand to help answer questions and take information from those breeders who wish to participate in this worthy research program. Cost to attend is only \$15.00.

For further information or to make online reservations go to www.GPESSC.org, and click on the International Breeders Symposium link or call David Swank, Event Coordinator at 419-861-2557.

A Blast From the Past

The Club Name Was Oregon Trails English Springer Spaniel Association, The Date October 1981...

The summer ended with a hamburger/beer get together at the home of Fred and Jan Willer in Eugene. For once the weather cooperated and we had a beautiful, sunny Labor Day. Greg Mozzillo brought video tapes that he took at the Puget Sound Specialty. It was fun to see what you *really* look like in the ring.

Welcome to our newest members, Steve and Pat Morse of Eugene. They have a liver and while make, Briteview Journeyman (Bogie), and are interested in both conformation and obedience.

Due to unavailability of a site, our match has been postponed until Sunday, November 8th. It will be in the Portland area. Flyers will be out later. If you have any names to add to our mailing list for flyers, please send them to Jan Willer.

Our next meeting will be held at hour fun match on November 8th. Even if you don't have anything to show com and eat and drink and be merry!!

Brag Box

The rest of the newsletter involved bragging rights. The majority of which involved a certain dog owned by Don and Carol Callahan, who was a big winner in the early 80s.

- Am/Can CH Donahan's Mark Twain, CD over the summer won 10 BOB, including BOB at the PSESSA Specialty, three Group I's, one Group III, and two Group IV's.
- Also from the Callahan clan was CH Perri's Timothy Von Zuda, CD who took 1st in Veteran Dog and 2nd in Veteran's Obedience at the PSESSA Specialty.
- Fred & Jan Willer's Perri's Passionate Prudence, CDX took 1st in Veteran's Obedience at PSESSA.
- Gayle Pierce's Novel Lover Tale was 1st in Bred By at PSESSA, RWB at Sammamish KC, and WB at Southern Oregon KC. And her Allie Duchess Twist Top was 3rd in Veteran's Obedience at PSESSA.



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