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## 2007 Meeting Schedule:

As approved at the October general meeting, to increase attendance and ensure that quorums are achieved, the number of meetings is being reduced for 2007.

WWWA is YOUR club! Please note the following dates and plan to attend:

- ⇒ March 28
- ⇒ April 21 (Awards dinner)
- ⇒ July (TBD - picnic)
- ⇒ October 24th
- ⇒ November (TBD)
- ⇒ Christmas party (TBD)

## 2007 Annual Awards Banquet

The annual awards dinner will be held Saturday, April 21st at 6:00 p.m. at Grazie Ristorante at Factoria. We will order from a menu with four (4) entrees all of which include the house salad or minestrone soup and Tuscan style peasant bread with garlic & rosemary infused olive oil. The price is \$22.95.

- ⇒ Halibut Genovese pesto marinated, grilled, and served on tomato fonduta, with parmesan risotto
- ⇒ Grilled Chicken with portobello ragu and smoked mozzarella cream, roasted potatoes
- ⇒ Grilled Sirloin Steak with chianti sauce, sauteed mushrooms and roasted potatoes
- ⇒ Grilled Salmon with caper-sundried tomato beurre blanc and lemon penne

The entree price does not include beverages, sales tax of 9.3% or the 17% gratuity. The club will pay with one check and all attendees will pay our Treasurer, which means no credit/debit cards - cash or check only. RSVPs are necessary to give the restaurant notice at least 48 hours ahead. Please RSVP by April 15th to Mary Downing, [whimsy@gte.net](mailto:whimsy@gte.net) or 360-805-5620.

## Performance Corner

Hello club members! It's time for the call to arms! Calls to arm the race meet that is! WWWA race meet in the beautiful Roy Polo field on March 24/25, 2007. We would really love to fill these positions with club members. Of course we will fill them on the day of with the folks who are entered and running dogs, as is the custom racing. But, it is nice to fill them with club members where possible. Line judging is super fun and relatively easy. It is the best seat in the house! We'll need 4 at any given time and lots of folks to fill in as people need to take breaks and run their dogs. We also need 3 experienced foul judges. If you'd like to apprentice, that can happily be arranged. Also needed; box operator, restringer and set up and take down crew. To volunteer, please contact Laurel Wilks at [jamminwhippets@comcast.net](mailto:jamminwhippets@comcast.net)! See the race flyer and entry form on pages 3-4 for more info about the race meets.

Also mark your calendars for our first ASFA trial of the year: April 14/15<sup>th</sup>, TAX weekend!!! Maybe we will give out \$\$\$\$ as prizes! HaHa! We are having Valorie Hill, Beth Levine, Albin Gersich and Anne Chamberlain to judge. Pot luck theme for the weekend: HOT!!!! NOT make your eyes water hot, warm you up on a rainy weekend kind of HOT! Premium list coming soon.

An update on the field for the Versatility Weekend: We have successfully secured fantastic fields in Centralia for Memorial Day weekend. Special thanks to Jenette who did all the legwork and paperwork! More info will be published in next month's newsletter.

## Bill's Banter

Dear Members,

Here it is March and I hope the only snow in sight is in the mountains and that we are past the last frosty night. We have had a busy month so far and much more to come. The Seattle Kennel Club show was this past weekend and congratulations to the winners. This weekend is a race meet in Oregon and next weekend is a WWWA race weekend in Roy. The race committee always puts on a great weekend and will be enjoyed by all attending. Unfortunately the Peninsula Dog Fanciers have their show the same weekend and that will be the first show Ariel is old enough to enter so that is where I will be.

Many of us are heading to Kansas City for the AWC National at the end of the month. I am excited to be participating for a change as Ariel was nominated for futurity. It is always fun to see so many whippets in one place and all the breeders and owners from around the country and the world.

Don't forget there is still time to enter your whippets in the Annual Awards. Because of the late April date the closing date is the 1st of April. Make sure all that hard work gets recognized and enter. See you at the next club meeting on the 28th at the Mayflower Chinese Restaurant.

Take Care, Bill

## Rescue Corner

I have just taken in a WRAP whippet. Her owner was elderly and was obsessed with feeding her...she is small, the size of my Cayman, she should be about 24lbs. "Fawn" weighs in at 40lbs, yes FORTY POUNDS. Sigh. Poor dear, she is THE sweetest thing ever. Only 6 years old, very playful and wonderful in every way.

- Laurel Wilks, [jamminwhippets@comcast.net](mailto:jamminwhippets@comcast.net)



## Whippet Tales

Newsletter of the  
Western Washington Whippet Association

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Don't hesitate to email or call if you have late info; it will be included, if possible.

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## From the Editor's Desk (top):

WOW! I'm overwhelmed by the positive response of the membership to the idea of an electronic newsletter. Thanks to all of you who've agreed to subscribe electronically. If you haven't yet switched your subscription, it isn't too late! Email Beth Levine at [serendipitywhippets@comcast.net](mailto:serendipitywhippets@comcast.net).

## Upcoming WWWA events!

- ⇒ March 24/25 NAWRA/LGRA/NOTRA, Roy Polo Field
  - ⇒ March 28 General Membership Meeting, Mayflower China Restaurant, Tukwila
  - ⇒ April 14/15 ASFA trials, Roy Polo Field
  - ⇒ April 21 Awards Banquet, Grazie Ristorante, Factoria
  - ⇒ May 26/27/28 NW Versatility Weekend, Centralia
  - ⇒ August 3/4/5 WWWA/WWHA Specialties, Argus Ranch
  - ⇒ September 29/30 NAWRA/LGRA/NOTRA, Roy Polo Field
  - ⇒ November 10/11 NAWRA/LGRA/NOTRA, Roy Polo Field
- Don't forget the comprehensive sighthound performance events calendar at <http://www.asfaregion1.com>.

## Upcoming Clinics:

- ⇒ Evergreen Basenji Club is holding an all-breed microchip clinic in conjunction with their March 17 AKC lure coursing trial in North Bend. Cost is \$20/dog. For more info, see the premium list at <http://www.asfaregion1.com/2007/EBCCCC0307.pdf>.
- ⇒ Timberland Valley Dog Fanciers All Breed Dog Show Eye/Microchip Clinic, April 7-8, 2007, Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, Centralia, WA. Saturday 10:00 - 5:00, Sunday 8:30 - 1:00. *CERF*: Dr. Paul Scherlie, \$20. *Microchip*: Dr. Paul Scherlie, \$28. Pre-registration is required, contact Joy Ritter for appointments: 360-673-3960 or [mystiwind@kalama.com](mailto:mystiwind@kalama.com).

Western Washington Whippet Association presents  
NAWRA/LGRA/NOTRA race meets at Roy Polo Field, Roy, WA  
Inspection: 9:00 a.m. each day



**Saturday, March 24, 2007 — NAWRA/LGRA**

**NAWRA:** Adults: 150 yards, 4 programs, 6 dog races  
Puppies: 150 yards, 3 programs, 4 dog races  
**LGRA:** Adults: 200 yards, 3 programs, 4 dog races

**Sunday, March 25, 2007 — all-breed NOTRA**

Whippets: 270 yard, 4 programs, 4 dog races  
Other Breeds: 270 yard, 3 program, 4 dog races

**Eligible entry:** **NAWRA:** Whippets; puppies age 8-14 months may be entered in the puppy races. **LGRA:** Open to any Afghan Hound, Azawakh, Basenji, Borzoi, Chart Polski, Cirneco dell'Etna, Greyhound, Ibizan Hound, Irish Wolfhound, Italian Greyhound, Magyar Agar, Pharaoh Hound, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Saluki, Scottish Deerhound or Sloughi that is one year of age or older on the day of the meet. **NOTRA:** Open to any Afghan Hound, Basenji, Borzoi, Greyhound, Ibizan Hound, Irish Wolfhound, Italian Greyhound, Pharaoh Hound, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Saluki, Scottish Deerhound, Sloughi, or Whippet one year or older on the day of the meet.

All racers must wear muzzles. All racers will be boxed unless the race committee deems the boxes will not accommodate a breed in attendance. Entries will only be accepted from hounds qualified to race. Hounds must be registered with NAWRA, LGRA and NOTRA to participate. To register in advance (recommended), see the appropriate website (NAWRA: <http://www.nawra.com>; LGRA: <http://www.lgra.org>; NOTRA: <http://www.notra.org>) for more information. Registration will be offered the day of the meet; for **each organization**, please bring a copy of hound's registration and the \$2 registration fee. *Phone or email the race secretary (contact info below) with any questions about registration or eligibility.*

**Pre-Entry Fees:**

Checks payable to: WWWA.  
\$12 first dog, \$11 second dog, \$10 third dog;  
\$35 kennel fee (four dogs or more).  
Puppy races: \$8 each puppy

**Day-of-Meet Fees:**

\$15.00 per dog, no kennel discount.

**Pre-entries close:**

Friday, March 23, 2007, noon

**Day-of-Meet entries close:**

9:00 a.m. the day of the meet

**Mail entries to:**

Jenette Mackey-Gersich, Race Secretary,  
PO Box 7627, Olympia, WA 98507  
**OR** phone: 360-701-0367  
e-mail: [treasurechesthounds@comcast.net](mailto:treasurechesthounds@comcast.net)  
**(Email entries strongly encouraged!)**

**PRACTICE:**

We will offer practice runs after the meet on Saturday - time and equipment permitting - for \$5/dog. See race secretary for sign up the day of the meet.

**Veterinarian:**

**Spanaway Veterinary Clinic.** 253-537-4356. 16920 Pacific Ave S, Spanaway, WA (~8 miles from the Polo Field).

*Directions from the field:* Turn right on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Go 5 miles and turn right on WA-507. Go approximately 1 mile and turn left on WA-7. Go 1.3 miles to clinic. *Hours:* Saturday 8-6, Sunday 10-6.

**Animal Emergency Clinic.** 253-474-0791. 5608 S Durango St, Tacoma, WA (~18 miles from the Polo Field).

*Directions from the field:* Turn right on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Go 5 miles and turn right on WA-507. Go approximately 1 mile and turn left on WA-7. Go 5.2 miles and take WA-512 onramp westbound towards Tacoma. Go 2.5 miles and turn right on S. Tacoma Way. Go 2.8 miles and turn left on S. 58<sup>th</sup> St. Go .1 miles and turn right on Durango. Go .1 miles and look for clinic. *Hours:* 24 hour emergency care.

**Accommodations:**

**Camping** is allowed on the field at no charge.

**Motel 6,** 253-473-7100, I-5 at Exit #129, 1811 S 76th Street, Tacoma, WA (~17 miles from Polo Field)

**Prairie Motel,** 360-458-8300, 701 Prairie Park Ln., Yelm, WA (~13 miles from Polo Field)

**Food:** There will be a **potluck lunch** each day. Please bring a dish to share if you wish to participate. There will be an award given each day for the best dish so make it a good one!

**Directions to the field:**

**From the North:** From I-5 take exit #127 (Hwy 512 Puyallup exit) towards Puyallup. Take the Pacific Ave exit (Hwy 7) and turn right. Go south on Pacific Ave approx. 5 miles to the Roy "Y" and bear right on WA-507/Spanaway McKenna Hwy. Go 1.2 miles and turn slight left onto 8th Ave. Go 5.2 miles (just after crossing 288th St.) turn left into the entrance to the Polo Field on a dirt road marked signage. Follow dirt road to field.

**From the South:** Take I-5 exit 88A (Tenino exit) and follow to Yelm. Turn right at the stop light and follow to McKenna. Turn right at stop light in McKenna (Exxon station) on Hwy 702/352nd St. Go 5.3 miles to flashing yellow light and turn left on 8th Ave. Go approx. 3.5 miles. The Polo Field is down a dirt road in the trees on the right just before the 288th Street intersection, and will be marked with signage. Follow dirt road to field.

# Western Washington Whippet Association RACE MEET ENTRY

<b>NAWRA/LGRA</b>		
LOCATION	DATE	RACE CO-SECRETARIES
Polo Field, Roy, WA	March 24, 2007	Jenette Mackey-Gersich & Kerie Swepston

*NAWRA/ LGRA #	Call Name	Registered Name	Titles

\* Please include breed prefix (i.e. W=whippet, G=greyhound, etc.)

<b>NOTRA</b>		
LOCATION	DATE	RACE CO-SECRETARIES
Polo Field, Roy, WA	March 25, 2007	Jenette Mackey-Gersich & Kerie Swepston

* NOTRA#	Call Name	Registered Name	Titles

\* Please include breed prefix (i.e. W=whippet, G=greyhound, etc.)

Pre-entries close Friday, March 23, noon. Day-of entries close at 9:00 a.m. inspection time.  
 Pre-entry fee per day: \$12 first dog, \$11 second dog, \$10 third dog; \$35 kennel fee (four dogs or more).  
 Puppy races (Saturday only): \$8 each puppy. Day-of-meet entries \$15 per dog. Make checks payable to WWWA.

Mail to Jenette Mackey-Gersich, Race Secretary, PO Box 7627, Olympia, WA 98507  
 OR phone: 360-701-0367 / e-mail: [treasurechesthounds@comcast.net](mailto:treasurechesthounds@comcast.net) (email entries strongly encouraged!)

I and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns shall hold harmless and defend from any claim for personal injury, illness or property damage arising out of my participation in this event, the officials of this race meet, the WWWW, their officers, directors, committees, agents and members, NAWRA, LGRA, NOTRA and their officers, directors, committees, agents and members. I agree to abide by the Official Rules and Regulations of the North American Whippet Racing Association, the Large Gazehound Racing Association, and the National Oval Track Racing Association in effect at the time of this event.

Signature of Owner/Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Annual Awards for 2006**

## **Western Washington Whippet Association**

The Western Washington Whippet Association offers an Annual Award for each of the following titles achieved during the year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending December 31<sup>st</sup>.

You may apply for as many awards as you qualify for, but you cannot win an award, if you do NOT apply.

AKC Bench Champion

AKC Field Champion

AKC Obedience title

Agility Titles

ASFA Field Champion or LCM

Racing Titles (CWA, NAWRA, WRA)

Foreign Bench Champion

Foreign Field Title

Foreign Obedience Title

NOFCA Title

NOTRA Title

### **Rules governing Annual Award Competition:**

To be eligible for an award, a member must be in good standing at the time the win is acquired.

Persons joining the club during the year, will be credited with wins made only during actual membership. Except for breeder awards, dogs must be owned or co-owned by a member at the time the title is achieved. For breeder awards, the owner of the dog does not have to be a club member, but the breeder must be a club member in order to receive the award.

Dogs must be owned, co-owned or bred by the member making the application for club awards. Awards may be claimed for deceased dogs.

All titles must be verified by presentation of a copy of the certificate or proof of title issued by the kennel club or appropriate organization. This copy shall be attached to the application form. In the case of AKC awards, verification may be provided by the AKC Gazette (please include month & pg. number). Member sponsored awards will be verified by the donor of the award.

A separate form must be filed for each award, whether for the same or different dogs.

The Awards committee assumes no responsibility for distribution of the awards other than the official presentation. All club sponsored awards not claimed after 6 months, will become the property of the club. Individually sponsored awards will be returned to the donor if not claimed.

For breeder awards, the owner of the dog does not have to be a club member, but the breeder must be a club member in order to receive the award.

Dogs must be owned, co-owned or bred by the member making the application for club awards.

# WWWA Member Sponsored Awards

**Mary & Chris Downing (Whimsy Whippets)** offers an award to the breeder of the whippets (at least 2) who acquire the most bench points, lure coursing points and obedience points during the calendar year. The dogs need not be owned by the breeder. They must take points in at least two of the three areas of competition. Points from AKC and CKC events to be compiled separately. Obedience points to be determined by the average of the 3 highest scores.

**Susan & Chris Manthou (Bzantium Hounds)** will offer an award for the club member-owned dog shown by the owner that acquires the most Best of Breed wins during the calendar year. At least half of the wins must be AKC wins. Ties to be determined by the number of dogs defeated during the year.

**Doris Ringer (Ringo Whippets)** offers an award to the club member-owned puppy who acquires the most AKC points before reaching 1 year of age. Ties to be determined first by major wins, then by the number defeated, then by age (younger over older).

**Christine Hopperstad (Alcyon Whippets)** offers two awards to the Sire and /or Dam whose get and progeny acquire the most cumulative total AKC show points during the calendar year.

**Helen Brettell (Lost Creek)** offers an award for the top winning conformation Veteran whippet. This competition is open to all whippets 7 years and older. Point score is based on the number of whippets defeated by the veteran dog or bitch. Points must be gained by winning Veteran Dog or Veteran Bitch class, Best Veteran at a specialty, BOB or BOS. Only those whippets actually present and defeated shall be counted. Wins from licensed conformation shows in any country may be counted. Whippet must be owned and reside with a club member. If a whippet turns 7 during the course of the year, only those points gained after the birthday count toward this award. In the unlikely case of a tie, winner will be the oldest whippet.

**Jeannette Dorsey (Treadway Whippets) in Memory of Loughren Snow Spot CD FCh FCHX** offers an award to the club member owned dog who acquires the most Best of Breeds in the coursing field during the calendar year. Ties to be determined by the number of dogs defeated.

**Charles Roberts (Strebor Kennel)** offers a perpetual trophy to the club member owned dog who acquires the most ASFA points during the calendar year at **DRAG TRIALS ONLY**. The award is to be returned to the awards committee preceding the awards banquet each year. The trophy plates will be engraved with the dog's name by the recipient before its return. Ties to be determined by the number of dogs defeated, then by the number of first placements.

## Arrow Perpetual Award

Pat Younger offers a sterling silver trophy bowl to the highest scoring obedience whippet from the Regular classes of AKC, UKC, CKC and foreign shows. The award is a perpetual one, and must be returned to WWWA Awards Committee preceding the Awards Banquet.

Score is to be calculated from the total of the three (3) best scores achieved during the award (calendar) year. **a.** You cannot hook a leg from a previous year. You may, however, combine classes, e.g. two Novice scores with one Open score, etc. **b.** Ties will be broken by use of a fourth show's score. **c.** In case of an absolute tie, winner will be determined by the Awards Committee, which must confer with donor. **d.** All scores used must be qualifying scores.

The three scores must be from either AKC or CKC shows and cannot be intermixed. e.g., You cannot use two legs won in AKC with one won in Canada. You can, however, submit the two scores won in the same country, or club.

A dog can win with less than three scores. If a dog qualified only once or twice in the given calendar year, the scores will still apply to the awards. You do not have to submit three scores; however, if another dog is presenting three scores, your total obviously will be less. NOTE: It is very difficult to achieve three legs in any given calendar year, so odds of winning the trophy with fewer legs are reasonable. Obedience exhibitors should submit all scores.

Owner/handler must provide copies of AKC Gazette pages showing the score and show, etc., for verification. Proof of scores is the responsibility of the owner/handler.

Dogs must be handled by a member of WWWA or their immediate family; the handler will keep the award. The whippet need not be owned by the handler. However, the trophy plates will be engraved in the dog's name.

The trophy bowl's designation plates will be engraved by the winner before its return to the Awards Committee. In addition, the bowl will be returned to the Awards Committee polished, clean and ready to present to the next winner.



## Western Washington Whippet Association

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### Reminder Notice:

## Western Washington Whippet Association *March General Membership Meeting*

**When:** Wednesday, March 28, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** **Mayflower of China Restaurant**  
17005 Southcenter Parkway, Tukwila

**New  
Location!!**

Mayflower of China is just down the street from the old meeting location at Tony Roma's.

### Directions to General Membership Meeting:

**From I-5 Southbound:** Take the WA-518/Southcenter Blvd. & Mall Exit towards Burien/Sea-Tac Airport, exit #154B. Turn Left on Renton Three Tree Point Rd/S 154th St./Southcenter Blvd. Continue on Renton Three Tree Point Rd/Southcenter Blvd. Continue on Southcenter Blvd. Turn Right on 61st Ave S/Southcenter Blvd/Southcenter Pkwy. Turn Right on Southcenter Pkwy and go .8 miles to restaurant.

**From I-405 Southbound:** Take the Southcenter Blvd/I-5 North exit towards Southcenter Mall. Bear Right on Renton Three Tree Point Rd/Southcenter Blvd. Continue on Southcenter Blvd. Turn Right on 61st Ave S/Southcenter Blvd/Southcenter Pkwy. Turn Right on Southcenter Pkwy and go .8 miles to restaurant.

**From I-5 North:** Take the Southcenter Parkway exit towards Tukwila, exit #153. Turn Right on Southcenter Pkwy. Turn Right on Southcenter Pkwy and go .8 miles to restaurant.