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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:

- ⇒ July 15 (Picnic)
- ⇒ October 24
- ⇒ November (TBD)
- ⇒ Christmas party (TBD)

WWWA General Membership Meeting, 3/28/07, 7:15 pm Mayflower of China Restaurant, Southcenter, WA

In attendance: Janis Castle, Trudi Herrett, Anne Herrett, Peggy Hewes, Bill Davenport, Kerie and Aaron Swepston, Sue Hopper, Shirley Konizeski, Beth Levine, Debbie La Monica.

Minutes of last meeting as published in the Newsletter, moved Sue, second Janis, approved.

President's Report: No Report

Treasurer's Report: No Report

Annual Awards: It's all in the last Newsletter and email reminders to be sent, Dinner reservation deadline, 4/15/07.

Card Lady: Card was sent to Janis on the loss of Cruise.

Hospitality: No Report

Historian: No Report

Membership: 2nd reading for Trudi Herrett, Voted in as New Member
****Welcome**** Roster is currently in the works and will be ready soon.

Newsletter: Online Newsletter working out very well and only 16 hard copies going out. Beth would like some photos for the Newsletter.

Obedience: No Report

Performance (Race and Lure): No Report

Rescue: No Report

Show:

Judges for the 2007 Specialty: Friday- Sweepstakes- Sandi Rolfe, Regular- Doug Arthur. Saturday- Sweepstakes- Dan Silva, Regular- John Ross, Junior Showmanship- TBA, Obedience and Rally- Mary Jane Shervais

Jobs at the Specialty: Show Chair - Trudi; Advertising, Budget, Super and Hound Club Liaison- Janis; Auction, Ice, Water and Sprayers- Peggy; Judges Gifts & Lunch, Ice Bucket- Chris and Chris; Help w/ Judges Transport- Anne Billups; Obedience- Nancy; Ribbons - Mary; Trophies- Christine; Table Decoration- Susie; Friday Wine and Cheese- Aaron and Kerie

Ways and Means: Discussion of Auction at Versatility Weekend- As Peggy has to be at work, Sue H. and Shirley have agreed to run as reps of WWWA and the Greyhound Club. Suggested baskets of goodies, dog and personal, etc as great items to auction.

Old Business: No Report

New Business: Beth will send a Notice to all club members regarding the change needed to the By-laws for use of Electronic Meeting Notices and Newsletter as required by the AKC. Will be voted on at the next General Meeting.

Moved to Adjourn by Keri and second by Janis, Adjourned at 08:07 pm
Respectfully Submitted - Peggy Hewes, Secretary

Please Email Brags to Beth for the Newsletter.

Bill's Banter

Dear Members,

What a fun time it was to spend a week in Kansas City with whippets and friends. It was good to see a number of our club members in attendance. Wow was it windy all the time! After arriving to 77 degree temperature, it dropped to the 40's and was below freezing many nights. Made for some brisk, hurried potty breaks. Tried out a number of barbeque joints. Also found a large antique mall and enjoyed checking out the Negro League Museum. However, it was the whippets that were the focus, and it was fun to be able to see and put ones hands on some wonderful examples from across the nation. And of course it is nice to meet all the owners and breeders from around the country. Next year it will be a lot easier to attend for us in the Northwest with it being in Eugene, Oregon.

For those who stayed home there was the show in Centralia. Congratulations to our club members who brought home a purple ribbon. Also this past weekend was our club lure trial. I was not able to attend but was pleased to hear there was a good number of whippets entered. Congratulations to all the winners. Looking forward to just over a month away and our big Versatility Weekend in Ethel. Should be a lot of fun. In the mean time I'll see you all at the meeting on the 21st just prior to the Awards Banquet.

Take care, Bill

New WWWA Member!

A Warm WWWA Welcome to: Trudi Herrett
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Upcoming WWWA events!

- ⇒ May 26/27/28 NW Versatility Weekend, Centralia
 - ⇒ Jul 15, WWWA Picnic, Monroe
 - ⇒ Aug 3/4/5 WWWA/WWHA Specialties, Argus Ranch
 - ⇒ Sep 29/30 NAWRA/LGRA/NOTRA, Roy Polo Field
 - ⇒ Nov 10/11 NAWRA/LGRA/NOTRA, Roy Polo Field
- Don't forget the comprehensive sighthound performance events calendar at <http://www.asfaregion1.com>.

Rescue Corner

Please help rescue identify Whippets. Microchip every puppy before it leaves home; for an extra \$35-\$55 per puppy you will have peace of mind that if your pup ever ends up at a shelter, or with whippet rescue it can be identified. Then rescue can call you to let you know where your dog is!

Whippet Tales

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WWWA Brags!

- ⇒ Janis Castle reports that Camelot's Summit Sweet Dreams, "Patsy" took 2nd in her 9-12 class of 5 which was the first time Janis had shown her (at the Peninsula DF's Show on March 25, 2007)! Thanks to Jennifer McEachern's training! Owned & Bred by Art & Janis Castle & Sue Vernon.
- ⇒ Sue Hopper reports that Taz (QuiXand ANFSCD) was entered in his first race meet at Roy, and did pretty well for himself. In NAWRA he was high score FTE, and 15th out of 31. Sunday he ran the oval for the first time. He won 2 of his 4 races, was 2nd in a 3rd race, and in the 4th race learned you have to push through the pack if you want to win. All in all he placed 13th out of 50 dogs. Not bad for his first race weekend!
- ⇒ Debbie La Monica reports that on March 4 at the Lower Mainland Dog Fanciers Association show in Cloverdale BC, at six months, three days old, under Mrs. Bonnie Clarke, Rumba was Winner's, Best of Winners, and Best Puppy for her very first 3 points!
- ⇒ Beth Levine reports that at the March RFF CWA meets, Levi finished 3rd in the meet on Saturday and picked up another ARX point, and finished 4th in the meet and bridesmaid to the points on Sunday. Tiercel finished 8th in the meet on Saturday starting as an FTE, and finished 5th in the meet on Sunday, just behind Levi. Then at the WWWA NOTRA meet on March 25, Tiercel finished his OTR (in the minimum 3 meets) and Ringer finished his OTRM-2! And last but not least, Wren qualified for her AWC Award of Versatility, which was awarded at the National in Kansas City.
- ⇒ Trudi Herrett reports that Twix earned his CGC!
- ⇒ Aaron & Kerie Swepston report that Pink earned 2 points at the Seattle Show on Saturday under Eugene Blake. Slick got his OTRM at the NOTRA in Oregon, the same day he got 1/3 ORC point, and Jet got his OTRM at the WWWA NOTRA. Jet got a major reserve on Sunday of the Portland shows.

**WWWA Race Meets
March 24/25, 2007
Roy Polo Field, Roy, Washington**

31 Adults and 2 Puppies braved the elements & sloshed their way through the MUDDIEST, did I say MUDDIEST meet we've ever had here in Roy... all dogs ended some color between blue and black, and all jackets looked the same. But the potluck was warm, the people were great and we made through the day. Derbin came out the top dog, with Samson 2nd, and Jitterbug finishing 3rd and a NEW RCH. Rounding out the points were Saphira and Rupert taking home 1 point each. Thanks to everyone who came out & helped make this a successful meet. Kerie did a great job with assistant Jade for her first time running the board and redraw.

We had a LOT better weather on Sunday. AND 50, count 'em FIFTY whippets. Ever fearful the sun would go away and the rain would come in, we ran through and had an eat as you can potluck... Which was one of the best hot dish potlucks we've had so far, with Kerie Swepston's "comfort dish" taking home the prize for best one of the day.

We had some great races with Jitterbug, Darwin, Mylo, Rupert, Saphira, new-comer Blocker, Ember, Flyboy, Dally, Monkey, Melvin and Chai putting in some great performances... also FTE Taz was looking good showing a lot of potential coming up, as was newcomer NIMBY. Little spitfire MnM was trying her best to "hang with the big dogs" and the handsome Dapper put in a great performance. In the end, the top dog... er bitch was Jitterbug! Winner of the Teabag award (bridesmaid) was Melvin. Middle of the pack, taking home the bed was Smoochie who ran well & finished her OTRM. Our most appreciated was Rascal.

- Jenette Mackey-Gersich & Kerie Swepston, WWWA Race Co-Secretaries



L: Saturday's Meet Winner: "Derbin", Quixand Power Forward, SRCH, bred by Susan Heiniger, owned by Melanie Olmstad
R: Sunday's Meet Winner: "Jitterbug", Quixand Feel the Beat, RCH, ORC, bred and owned by Susan Heiniger

WWWA NAWRA Results

31 Adults—2 Puppies

NATIONAL POINTS

1. "Derbin", 4 pts, Olmstead
2. "Samson", 2 pts, Ekblad

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

1. " Jitterbug", 4 pts, Heiniger, NEW RCH!!!
2. "Saphira", 1 pt, Sanders/Heiniger
3. "Rupert", 1 pt, Vernon

PUPPIES

1. "Quinn", Blarneystone Legacy, Shusterman, pend, 21pts
2. "Calypso", Blarneystone Calypso, Shusterman, pend, 13 pts

Performance Corner

Spring is here in full force and WWWA has been busy in the field. The Performance Committee has already put on hugely successful race meet and ASFA lure trial weekends, with whippet results published on the following pages.

But there is no rest for the weary! Next up: the **Versatility Weekend!** This year, the Northwest's premier performance event is back on Memorial Day Weekend, and will be held at Fort Borst Park in Centralia. We need many enthusiastic and energetic workers to pull off this event. There are a variety of jobs to fill, so please contact Laurel Wilks at jamminwhippets@comcast.net to volunteer.

The premium list will be available shortly on the ASFA Region 1 website:
<http://www.asfaregion1.com>.

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WWWA NAWRA RESULTS (cont'd from p.3)

ADULTS

1. "Derbin", Quixand Power Forward, SRCH, 3296, Olmstad, 27 pts
2. "Samson", Oberon Samson, RCH, 3172, Ekblad, 20.5 pts
3. "Jitterbug", Quixand Feel the Beat, RCH, 3555, Heiniger, 19.5 pts
4. "Mylo", Lyth Curragh, RCH, 2899, Vernon, 15.5 pts
5. "Rupert", Lyth Moleskin, 3494, Vernon, 14 pts
6. "Saphira", Quixand Fallen Angel, ORC, 3496, Sanders/Heiniger, 14 pts
7. "Chai", Jammin' Kashmiri Chai, FCh, RN, SR, OTR, CGC, 3467, Wilks, 13 pts
8. "Monkey", Jammin' White Monkey Paw of K's, OTRM2, CGC, 3495, Salts, 13 pts
9. "Ember", Shadowrun Sunburn, OTR, 3565, Mackey, 12.5 pts
10. "MnM", Jammin' TCS Morrocan Mint, SR, OTRM, CGC, 3461, Mackey-Gersich, Wilks, 11 pts
11. "Rascal" Y-Notz Little Rascal, 3547, Porter, 10 pts
12. "Spirit", Blarneystone Mystic Spirit, FCh, SR, OTRM, 3160, Swepston, 10 pts
13. "Madonna", Dream's TCS Color is Material, 3570, Mackey-Gersich, 9 pts
14. "Pistol", Blarneystone's Y-Notz Top Gun, 3254, Porter, 9 pts
15. "Taz", Quixand ANFSCD, pend, Hopper, 8 pts, FTE
16. "Willow", Blarneystone Sunrunner, LCM, OTRM, 3245, Shusterman, 8 pts
17. "Slick", Nouveau's Black Gold, FCh, SR, OTR, 3456, Swepston, 7 pts
18. "Hot Rod", Quix-High Lightening McQueen, Heiniger, 3590, 7 pts
19. "Jet", Nouveau's Auto Pilot, FCh, SR, OTR, 3455, Swepston, 5 pts
20. "NIMBY", Quixand Jammin' NIMBY O' Farseer, 3592, Salts/Wilks, 5 pts
21. "Irish", Jammin' Irish Tea, ORC, LCM, SR, VET, 3004, Wilks, 5 pts
22. "Flyboy", Quixand Wild Blue Yonder, FCh, 3298, Sanders/Heiniger, 5 pts, PdSc4
23. "Dapper" Nouveau's Ladies Man, OTR, 3468, Brenkert, 4pts, PdSc3
24. "Pink", Nouveau's Awfully Pretty, OTR, 3457, Swepston, 3 pts, Scr3
25. "Tiercel", Serendipity Night Hawk, pend, Levine, 2 pts FTE
26. "Ronan", Blarneystone Afterburner, 3348, Shusterman, 2 pts Scr4
27. "Noel" Y-Notz The First Noel, 3549, Porter, 0 pts
28. "Freckles", Dream's Flash By, VET, 2629, Hillen, 0 pts
29. "Vicar" Lyth Vicar, FCh, VET, 2848, Vernon, 0 pts Scr2
30. "Thumper", Blarneystone Mystery Woman, 3563, 0 pts, Scr2
31. "Edward", Belaya Sundance Kid, pend, 0 pts, Scr2,

(Race by race results cont'd on outside cover)

WWWA NOTRA Results

4 programs whippets, 3 programs Other Breeds, 4 dog races whippets at the polo field in Roy, WA

WHIPPETS – 50 entered

1.	pend	Jitterbug	Quixand Feel the Beat, ORC	Heiniger	28	6 NORC pts
2.	4109	Darwin	Oberon Darwin, ORC	Eldridge/Ekblad	25	4 NORC pts
3.	4395	Saphira	Quixand Fallen Angel, ORC	Sanders/Heiniger	18	1 NORC pt
4.	pend	Blocker	Shadowrun Sun Block	Sowards	18	1 NORC pt/6ORC pts FTE
5.	pend	Ember	Shadowrun Sun Burn, OTRM	Mackey	17	4 ORC pts
6.	4104	Mylo	Lyth Curragh, RCH, FCh, VET	Vernon	15	.5 ORC pt
7.	4187	Rupert	Lyth Moleskin	Vernon	15	.5 ORC pt
8.	4114	Flyboy	Quixand Wild Blue Yonder, FCh, OTRM3	Sanders/Heinger	15	.5 ORC pt
9.	4249	Dally	Quixand Black Dahlia at Shadowrun	Sowards	15	.5 ORC pt
10.	3907	Melvin	Dream's Melvin, VET	Pratt-Israel	14	
11.	4178	Monkey	Jammin' White Monkey Paw of K's	Salts	14	
12.	4179	Chai	Jammin' Kashmiri Chai, FCh, SR, OTRM, RN, CGC	Wilks	13	
13.	pend	Taz	Quixand ANFSCD	Hopper	13	
14.	pend	NIMBY	Quixand Jammin' NIMBY O'Farseer	Salts/Wilks	12	
15.	4137	MnM	Jammin' TCS Morrocan Mint, SR, OTRM, CGC	Mackey-Gersich/Wilks	12	
16.	4177	Dapper	Nouveau's Ladies Man	Brenkert	12	
17.	pend	Madonna	Dream's TCS Color is Material	Mackey-Gersich	12	
18.	4076	Willow	Blarneystone Sunrunner	Shusterman	12	

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WWWA NOTRA RESULTS (cont'd from p.4)

19.	3890	Jesse James	Shadowrun	Jesse James	Sowards	12	
20.	4384	Sarge	Blarneystone	Lock & Load	Walstad	11	
21.	pend	Fu	Deja Blue		Pratt-Israel	11	
22.	4389	Jet	Nouveau's Auto Pilot,	FCh	Sweepston	11	
23.	3889	Black Bart	Shadowrun	Black Bart	Sowards	10	
24.	4390	Slick-S	Nouveau's Black Gold,	FCh	Sweepston	10	
25.	3908	Smoochie	Dream's Smoochie	Poochie, OTRM	Pratt-Israel	10	
26.	pend	Titan	Ricochet's	The Contender	Pagan	10	FTE
27.	3905	Dixie	Blarneystone	Dixie Chick, FCh,	Chapson	10	
28.	3754	Spirit	Blarneystone	Mystic Spirit, FCh,	Sweepston	10	Sc4
29.	4252	Pink	Nouveau's Awfully	Pretty	Sweepston	9	
30.	3485	Ruby	Jammin' Ruby	Mist of K's LCM, VET	Salts	9	
31.	3782	Ringer	Can CH Serendipity	Eight Bells, FCh, OTRM, SR,	CGC Levine	9	
32.	4152	Edward	Belaya Sundance	Kid	Robertson/Chittum	9	
33.	4215	Angel	CH Windsong	SF Angel Dust, JC	Pagan	9	
34.	pend	Tiercel	Serendipity	Nighthawk	Levine	8	
35.	4078	Fabio	CH Bohem	Rendevouz, OTR	Sweepston	7	
36.	3034	Cisco-R	Lougrhen	Symphony Am/Can	FCh, Rizk	6	Sc4
37.	3752	Samson	Oberon	Samson, RCh	Ekblad	6	Sc2
38.	4062	Ronan	Blarneystone	Afterburner	Shusterman	5	OC3, Sc4
39.	pend	Rascal	Y-Notz	Little Rascal	Porter	4	
40.	2742	Chase	Galeforce	Windchaser	Cranshaw	4	Sc2
41.	2898	Slick-P	Windyglen	Teflon Don	Porter	3	Sc2
42.	4027	Neva	Merci Isle's	Madame Butterfly	Sweepston	3	Sc2
43.	4080	Elvis	Champagne	Mumm's the Word, VET	Sweepston	3	Sc2
44.	pend	Solar	Shadowrun	Solar Eclipse	Sowards	2	DNF2, Sc3
45.	3896	Julia	Can CH Vivace	Veni, Vidi, Vici, FCh, CGC	La Monica	2	Sc3
46.	3662	Nori	HH To the	Lighthouse, FCh, OTR, VET	Levine	2	Sc3
47.	pend	Noel	Y-Notz	The First Noel	Porter	2	DNF1, DNF2, Sc3
48.	pend	Thumper	Y-Notz	Mystery Woman	Mackey-Gersich	0	Sc2
49.	pend	Levi	Serendipity	Road Runner, Can	FCh Levine	0	OC1, Sc2 FTE
50.	pend	Oscar	Ricochet's	Golden Gloves		0	DQ1

PROGRAM 1:

Race 1 Smoochie, Elvis, Noel DNF, Oscar DQ
 Race 2 Fabio, Neva, Solar
 Race 3 Chase-Titan, Ringer
 Race 4 Blocker, Dixie, Ruby, Angel
 Race 5 Taz, Sarge, Rascal, Nori
 Race 6 Ronan, Pink, Tiercel, Edward
 Race 7 NIMBY, Dapper, Madonna, Thumper
 Race 8 Willow, Jesse James, Cisco-R, Levi-OC
 Race 9 Chai, Jet, Black Bart, Julia
 Race 10 Ember-Fu, MnM, Slick-S
 Race 11 Flyboy, Melvin, Dally, Spirit
 Race 12 Jitterbug, Samson, Monkey, Slick-P (HP)
 Race 13 Darwin, Mylo, Saphira, Rupert (HP)

PROGRAM 2:

Race 1 Angel, Edward, Nori, Noel DNF
 Race 2 Spirit, Slick-S, Julia
 Race 3 Ruby, Ringer, Solar DNF
 Race 4 Madonna, Tiercel, Rascal
 Race 5 MnM, Black Bart, Cisco-R
 Race 6 Dally, Sarge, Dixie
 Race 7 Dapper, Pink, Jesse James
 Race 8 Rupert, Melvin, Jet, Titan
 Race 9 Saphira, Ember, Monkey, Fu
 Race 10 Blocker, Taz, Smoochie, Fabio
 Race 11 Chai, NIMBY, Willow, Ronan
 Race 12 Darwin, Jitterbug, Mylo, Flyboy (HP)

PROGRAM 3:

Race 1 Slick-S, Edward, Cisco-R, Rascal
 Race 2 Fu, Titan, Angel
 Race 3 Spirit, Tiercel, Ringer
 Race 4 Black Bart, Jet, Jesse James, Dixie
 Race 5 Sarge, Pink, Fabio, Ronan OC
 Race 6 Melvin, Monkey, Madonna, Ruby
 Race 7 Ember, Dally, MnM, Smoochie
 Race 8 Saphira, Mylo, NIMBY, Taz
 Race 9 Jitterbug, Darwin-Blocker, Chai (HP)

PROGRAM 4:

Race 1 Dixie, Edward, Angel, Rascal
 Race 2 Jesse James, Titan, Ringer
 Race 3 Willow, Smoochie, Ruby, Fabio
 Race 4 Taz, Jet, Slick-S, Tiercel
 Race 5 Monkey, Madonna, Fu, Pink
 Race 6 Dally, MnM, Dapper, Black Bart
 Race 7 Flyboy, Melvin, NIMBY, Sarge
 Race 8 Ember, Mylo, Rupert, Chai
 Race 9 Jitterbug, Darwin, Saphira, Blocker (HP)

**WWWA ASFA Trials
April 14/15, 2007
Roy Polo Field, Roy, Washington**



Sunday's BOB runoff: Chai in pink and Tiercel in yellow.

Saturday Whippet Results (Judge: Valorie Hill)

Open A (11)

1. "Saphira" Quixand Fallen Angel / Heiniger
 2. "Dapper" Nouveau's Ladies Man / Brenkert
 3. "Sarge" Blarneystones Lock & Load / Walstad
 4. "Titan" Ricochet's The Contender / Pagan
- NBQ "Thumper" Y-Notz TCS Don't Worry Be Happy / Mackey-Gersich

Open B (10)

1. "Jitterbug" Quixand Feel The Beat / Heiniger
 2. "NIMBY" Quixand Jammin NIMBY O'Farseeer / Salts
 3. "Pink" Nouveau's Awfully Pretty / Swepton
 4. "Ember" Shadow Run Sun Burn / Mackey-Gersich
- NBQ "Tiercel" Serendipity Nighthawk / Levine

Field Champion (9)

1. "Chai" Jammin' Kashmiri Chai / Wilks
 2. "Willow" Blarneystone Sunrunner / Shusterman
 3. "Slick" Nouveau's Black Gold / Swepton
 4. "Spice" Blarneystone Spice Girl / Anti
- NBQ "Irish" Jammin' Irish Tea / Wilks

Best of Breed: "Saphira" Quixand Fallen Angel,
bred and owned by Susan Heiniger



Sunday Whippet Results (Judge: Ann Chamberlain)

Open A (12)

1. "Marty" Adagio Jilzan My Favorite Martian / Erickson
 2. "Dapper" Nouveau's Ladies Man / Brenkert
 3. "NIMBY" Quixand Jammin NIMBY O'Farseeer / Salts
 4. "Cajun" Winfield Mr Bon Ton / Harrington
- NBQ "Ellie" Serendipity Bird of Paradise / Faldborg

Open B (10)

1. "Tiercel" Serendipity Nighthawk / Levine
 2. "Sting" Tivio's Take It To The Limit / Jones
 3. "Ember" Shadow Run Sun Burn / Mackey-Gersich
 4. "Bo" Winfield Sittin' On A Rainbow / Harrington
- NBQ "Titan" Ricochet's The Contender / Pagan

Field Champion (7)

1. "Chai" Jammin' Kashmiri Chai / Wilks
 2. "Willow" Blarneystone Sunrunner / Shusterman
 3. "Ruby" Jammin' Ruby Mist of Ks / Salts
 4. "Irish" Jammin' Irish Tea / Wilks
- NBQ "Ringer" HH Serendipity Eight Bells / Levine & Barry

Best of Breed: "Tiercel" Serendipity Nighthawk,
bred and owned by Beth Levine





Bonnie Goebel
October 7, 1952 – March 16, 2007

WWWA has lost a good friend. Although Bonnie was not a WWWA member herself, she had many close ties to the club and its membership - as a judge, an exhibitor and a friend. The following tribute was originally posted on whippet-1 and is reprinted with permission.

March is supposed to be my "Happy Month". Our first show dog, the sire of 2 of our litters, celebrates his birthday, one week later my better half and I celebrate our lifelong commitment, and one week after that is my birthday. Nothing bad is supposed to happen in March. Spring is on its way, racing and lure coursing are starting and our favourite walking trails are drying up so people and dogs aren't so muddy.

This year, however, there are no happy times in March. My best friend, my "litter mate" as we often referred to each other, and the other half of our "shared brain" is gone. By now some of you already know of the passing of Bonnie Goebel, Ragtime Whippets, on March 16th but many of you may not know her or just how special she was. Bonnie was never one to "Blow her own horn" so I have taken it upon myself to do it for her.

Bonnie gave so much to the dog & sighthound community in general and the whippet community specifically. She attended almost all the local SPCA dog walks and FIDO displays bringing a wealth of information on whippets and their activities and a wealth of whippets! She encouraged other whippet and sighthound people to bring their hounds and join her on these outings. We had such fun on the walks and with our picnic afterward. For the FIDO displays she would bring a complete bedroom to set up in our booth and amaze the patrons with the number of whippets piled on the bed and under the covers. Bonnie never tired of answering the eternal questions that most dread..."Why are they so skinny", "How fast are they", etc. etc.

Bonnie was passionate about her sport, lure coursing. Bonnie with husband, Jim, owned Canada's first Field Champion Whippet. She was the statistician for the Canadian Sighthound Field Association and was responsible for getting those results to the Canadian Kennel Club. They were never done by computer, always by hand, and never wrong. Bonnie policed the CKC by reporting any mistakes they may have made in a dog's points or any inaccuracies in their published trial results. She was involved in writing the lure coursing rule book for the CKC when they took over CSFA and knew that rule book backwards and forwards. Bonnie was a part of the CKC's lure coursing council for a great many years and worked hard at keeping them from "over managing" the sport. She was a well respected lure coursing judge in both Canada & the U.S., her integrity above reproach and the safety of the hounds her priority. She was responsible for the training and guidance of some of Canada's top lure coursing hounds and their people.

Bonnie was as devoted to her whippets as they were to her. She loved and was proud of each and every dog that she bred. Bonnie had a quiet way of guiding her "puppy people" in the right direction with the care and training of their dogs. She was never too busy to take the call of someone who needed her advice.

There are so many things I would like you all to know about her....She had a love for all sighthounds and had a real knack for handling them in the ring with her calm presence. She had wonderfully twisted sense of humour, often telling people that she watched CSI for "research" while shooting the evil eye at her husband. She loved walking the dogs in autumn when the days were cool and the leaves were colourful. She loved Stephen King novels, doted on her grand children, hated strawberries, loved black licuorice, banana bread, and Mochas. Both our vans were programmed to find the nearest coffee place after a dog show.

Most of all I want to tell you what a wonderful friend and mentor she was to me. Any success we have had in the whippet world is because of her. She never dictated, she guided and encouraged us to do our own thing and not follow the trends when planning a breeding. She allowed us to have Zappa, Ch. Ragtime Mark of Kryptonite, FCh., CGN and Zoe, Ch. Ragtime Firestarter, FCh., CGN, the foundation of Fireworks. She was there when our first litter was born. She was there to celebrate if we did well in the ring or on the field. The times when she couldn't be at the field or show, she would be the first person I would call when I got home and we would talk for hours.

There has been a huge chunk of my heart torn out....she was not yet 55 years old....we were supposed to get old and cranky together and go to dog shows and say "Remember when...." and laugh at each others jokes and trade husband stories and discuss pedigrees, and..... I am consoled by knowing we will meet again and go walking with our whippets and the trails will never be muddy. I am also consoled by the fact that she knew how much I loved and respected her. So, for all of you, if you haven't done it yet, call your best friend and tell him or her just how much they mean to you because sometimes they are gone too soon.

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WWWA Race Results (cont'd from p.3)

NAWRA RACE-BY-RACE:

PROGRAM 1

Puppies : Quinn, Calypso

Race 1: NIMBY, Pink, Tiercel, Edward, Noel

Race 2: Taz, Irish, Dapper, Freckles, Thumper

Race 3: Ember, Jet, Slick, Ronan, Rascal

Race 4: Chai, Monkey, MnM, Willow, Spirit

Race 5: Rupert, Flyboy, Pistol, Madonna, Vicar

Race 6: Derbin, Samson, Mylo, Saphira, Jitterbug, Hot Rod

PROGRAM 2

Puppies: Quinn, Calypso

Race 1: Rascal, Spirit, Willow, Ronan, Freckles, Noel

Race 2: MnM, Madonna, Dapper, Slick, Tiercel

Race 3: Hot Rod, Pistol, Jet, Irish, Pink

Race 4: Jitterbug, Saphira, Flyboy, Monkey, Taz, NIMBY

Race 5: Samson, Derbin, Mylo, Rupert, Ember, Chai

PROGRAM 3

Puppies: Quinn, Calypso

Race 1: Slick, Willow, Ronan, Tiercel, Freckles, Noel

Race 2: Monkey, Madonna, Spirit, Irish, Dapper-PdScr

Race 3: Rascal, Taz, Pistol, Jet, NIMBY

Race 4: Chai, Ember, MnM, Hot Rod, Flyboy-PdScr

Race 5: Derbin, Jitterbug, Samson, Rupert, Mylo, Saphira

PROGRAM 4

Race 1: Spirit, Willow, Irish, Tiercel, Freckles, Noel

Race 2: Monkey, Madonna, Pistol, Jet, Slick, NIMBY

Race 3: Saphira, Ember, MnM, Taz, Rascal

Race 4: Derbin, Jitterbug, Mylo, Samson, Rupert, Chai