



Whippet Tales

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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, April 21, 2007

Meeting called to order at 5:15pm at Grazie Ristorante in Factoria.

Attendance - Janice Castle, Anne Herrett, Beth Levine, Laurel Wilks, Bill Davenport, Diane Salts, Peggy Hewes, Trudi Herrett, Kerie and Aaron Swepston, Helen Brettell, Jeannette Dorsey, Christine Hopperstad, Mary Downing, Chris (Mrs) Downing

Secretary Report- Minutes of last meeting to be published in next newsletter

Treasurer Report- No Report, Balance approximate \$4300

Card Lady- Card sent to Mary on the loss of her father.

Education- No report

Hospitality- July 15 Club Picnic to be held at Mary Downing's home

Newsletter- Will be out a little late, waiting on the results of ASFA trial

Membership- Rosters should be out in the next couple weeks

Obedience- No report

Race and Lure Coursing- Lure trial was great, 53 and 55 dogs entered, weather great and new bike terrific. Versatility Weekend coming up in Centralia Area, Judges in the works

Property- Bike will be \$75 per month

Rescue- "Fawn" 6 yr female given up by elderly lady ; and 6yr old male from the Pound

Show- Specialty Approved by the AKC, need photographer and ring stewards Specialty will be dedicated to Bev McKibbin on Friday and Bonnie Goebel on Saturday

Ways and Means- No report

Old Business- None

New Business- Sanctioned B Match- with the Hound club on June 16th, Jeannette Dorsey nominated to run the match by Laurel, Peggy/second, approved

Discussion on extra payments for the Bike- Moved by Laurel to pay an extra \$500 on the Bike contingent on profits from the lure trial, second/ Kerie, approved

Discussion on AKC's requirement to vote on and change the club constitution so that club members can be notified of club meetings, newsletters and any other club info by email. Moved by AKC, Peggy/second, approved

Motion by Helen Brettell to do a public education event, tabled to the Education Committee

Meeting Adjourned at 6:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Peggy Hewes

Bill's Banter

Dear Members,

April brought many of us together at Grazie's at Factoria Mall for our Annual Awards. There was good food, lively conversation, and a chance to see who has done what with their whippets in the past year. I see that there will be another member sponsored award for next year. Do give consideration to sponsoring an award. Especially if your area of interest is not well represented. There hardly seems time to do the things we want to do with our whippets so a little recognition means a lot. Thank you Mary for a job well done.

Coming up in just over a week is our 6th annual Versatility Weekend in Centralia. It is nice to get back to our usual Memorial Day weekend. This has become one of the premier yearly performance events anywhere. As such I would ask that wherever possible we help staff all the positions needed to conduct this event. It is a lot of work to carry this off and every volunteer makes it easier. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Take Care, Bill

Change of Address!

Debbie La Monica is moving, so please update your address books, effective June 2:

21309 119th St E, Bonney Lake, WA 98391
new home phone: 253-447-7601
cell phone: 425-231-0235 (unchanged)
email: vivacewhippets@comcast.net (unchanged)

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>.

Show Committee Report

At the last minute Dan Silva had to back out due to a work conflict that took him out of town in another direction. We had exhausted our existing list and so were scrambling to find a replacement quickly. Fortunately we were able to get a commitment from Kim Tucker, Tobell Whippets. She's from California and was very gracious in taking this last minute assignment!

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 Newsletter of the
Western Washington Whippet Association

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WWWA Brags!

- ⇒ Laurel Wilks reports that at the AWC National in Kansas City last month, Jammin' Kashmiri **Chai** FCh, OTRM, SR, CGC, RN won her flight at the ASFA trial! She was also in the top 10 both days in the 40 dog WRA meet in Kansas!!! Jammin' **Irish** Tea ORC, SR, LCM was second in his flight!!
- ⇒ Jenette Mackey-Gersich reports that at the AWC National Lure Trial, **Madonna** (Dream's TCS Color is Material, SR, OTRM) won best Open as an FTE. At the WRA meet, **Ember** finished 4th in the meet both days and earned 3 WRCH (Championship) points on Saturday. Madonna finished 7th in the meet both days and earned 1 WRCH point on Saturday.
- ⇒ Diane Salts reports that on March 4th, at the TPIHC trial, **Nimby** ran in her first ASFA trial, won the open stake and then went on to win BOB. Then she went to the AWC National and Lure course and placed 2nd in her stake. Finally, at the WWWA ASFA trial on the weekend of April 14th/15th, Nimby finished her ASFA Field Championship.
- ⇒ Peggy Hewes reports that Whimsy's Playin' For Keeps "**Rory**" went to the National in Kansas City and placed 4th in his Advanced Rally class with a score of 93 and got his first leg!
- ⇒ Beth Levine reports that **Tiercel** (Serendipity Night-hawk, OTR) made his ASFA debut at WWWA's April trials. On Sunday he won his full open stake and went on to win the BOB runoff, defeating 22 open whippets and 7 field champions!
- ⇒ Helen Brettell reports that "**Austin**" aka Lost Creek Bzantium Galewind -- breeder Beverly West -- owners Helen Brettell & Susan Manthou -- went to Canada in February and was BOW for 4 points, then went back up in April and was BOB for another 3 points. (I hope the months are right because I'm really not sure, just know it was both this year and it wasn't snowing.)

Rescue Corner

In April I got a dog into our National rescue, WRAP, from the Oregon shelter, he was 21lbs: small but also very thin. Charlie was truly feral in my house. He would not be caught without cornering him, he kept his eye on us at all times, and he bolted when anything was scary to him but, he never tried to bite or nip. He did eat well and he did like the other dogs. Charlie really had me wondering if I'd be able to adopt him out at all, in fact I considered putting him down, at times I wondered if anyone would want to have a dog that they could not even pet. It would take a truly special home. I called all of the applicants I had on file; none of them were interested or suitable. Then, the last application; a couple in their 70's who were looking for just such a project. She is a psychologist and has worked with several well known behaviorists. She has also worked with dolphins. They came down to visit and even though they were unable to touch Charlie, they thought they would like to have him. I brought him up a few days later to their home at Tule Lake. They are a match made in heaven for Charlie. She kept thanking me for Charlie, I kept saying, "NO...I am grateful to YOU for taking Charlie!" I mean this dog was like a wild animal, relying heavily on the flight response instead of the fight luckily. What a life this dog must have had. So fearful of people, yet so unwilling to get too far from them. Anyway, here is the update with a photo of Charlie on the sofa with their son. I never thought I'd see him sitting in someone's lap like that. --Laurel

Precious little People-Phobic Charlie after 12 days at Tule Lake

He's a rogue. He's a skitter bum. He's only bolted once on the first day. He's mastered the stairs. He's fallen into the swimming pool. Incidentally, he's a good swimmer. He's good in the car but has vomited twice. He still resists approach, gets frenetic when cornered but knows his name. His stress level seems incredibly high at times but increasingly he finds different places to crash that seem to help him relax a bit. He allows us to sit with him on the sofa. He allows us to pet him. He watches us contantly. Still miles to go before we sleep.

He and Maggie play joyfully in the yard. They bound about and chase each other around with more exuberance than we have seen in Maggie since the loss of her sisters. They confront the geese and their 21 goslings with curiosity but it seems to be a standoff. The geese do stick closer to the lake now for which we are grateful. Finally both dogs kerplunk on the sofa, one at each end, for a long nap.



We've given Charlie so many rewards that he is not always interested. His training is not proceeding at a significant rate but ours is. We read poetry to him. We sing to him:

When Charlie's eyes are smiling
Sure it's like a morn in spring.
In the lilt of Charlie's barking
You can hear the angels sing.
When Charlie's heart is happy
All the world seem bright and gay.
And when Charlie's eyes are smiling
Sure they'll steal your heart away.

We're working on words to "We're always chasing Charlie."

Drop by when you can. Fond Regards from Jim and Julie

Western Washington Whippet Association Annual Awards for 2006

Obedience: Novice Rally titles:

Whimsy's Playin' For Keeps CGC, **RN**, owners Peggy Hewes and Chris Downing
Jammin' Kashmiri Chai FCh, OTRM, CGC, **RN**, owner Laurel Wilks

Canine Good Citizen titles:

Jammin' Kashmiri Chai, FCh, SR, OTRM, **CGC**, RN, owner Laurel Wilks
Jammin' Moroccan Mint, SR, OTR, **CGC** owners Jenette Mackey-Gersich, Laurel Wilks

ASFA Field Champion titles:

Jammin' Kashmiri Chai **FCh**, SR OTRM CGC RN owned by Laurel Wilks
Nouveau's Auto Pilot **FCh** owned by Aaron & Kerie Swepston
Nouveau's Black Gold **FCh** Owned by Aaron & Kerie Swepston
Hilerica Dusk to Dawn **FCh** Owned by Shirley Konizeski & David Cassell

NAWRA Sprint Racers:

Jammin' Kashmiri Chai FCh, **SR**, OTRM, CGC, RN owned by Laurel Wilks
Jammin' Moroccan Mint **SR**, OTR, CGC, owned by Jenette Mackey-Gersich & Laurel Wilks
Jammin' Dragon Well, **SR**, OTR owned by Diane Jones, Jenette Mackey-Gersich & Laurel Wilks
Jammin' White Monkey Paw of K's, **SR**, OTRM-2, CGC owned by Diane Salts
Nouveau's Auto Pilot, FCh, **SR** owned by Aaron & Kerie Swepston
Nouveau's Black Gold, FCh, **SR** owned by Aaron & Kerie Swepston

NOTRA titles:

Jammin' Kashmiri Chai FCh, **OTRM**, CGC, RN owned by Laurel Wilks
Jammin' Moroccan Mint **SR**, **OTR**, CGC owned by Jenette Machey-Gersich, & Laurel Wilks
Jammin' Dragon Well **SR**, **OTR** owned by Diane Jones & Laurel Wilks
Jammin' White Monkey Paw of K's, **SR**, **OTRM-2**, CGC owned by Diane Salts
Nouveau's Auto Pilot, FCh, **OTR** owned by Aaron & Kerie Swepston
Nouveau's Black Gold, FCh, **OTR** owned by Aaron & Kerie Swepston
Shadow Run Reebok, **OTRM-2** owned by Jo & Glen Sowards
Quixand Black Dahlia at Shadow Run, **OTR** owned by Jo & Glen Sowards
Shadow Run Black Bart, **OTRM** owned by Jo & Glen Sowards

AKC Bench Champions:

Am. Can. **Ch.** Whimsy's New Way to Fly owned by Chris and Chris Downing
Am. Can. **Ch.** Lost Creek Smile Jamaica owned by Mary Downing

Strebor Perpetual Award for most points coursing at drag trials only, offered by Charles Roberts:
Nouveau's Auto Pilot, FCh, SR, OTR, (108 pts) owned by the Swepstons

Treadway Award for the most BOB's in the field offered by Jeanette Dorsey:
Jammin' Dragon Well **SR**, OTR (2 BOBs – one being the AWC National trial) owned by Diane Jones & Laurel Wilks

Arrow Perpetual Award for highest scoring obedience Whippet handled by a club member offered by Pat Younger:
Jammin' Kashmiri Chai FCh, SR, OTRM, CGC, RN (252 pts) (this year only offered to Rally participant) owned by Laurel Wilks

Bzantium Hounds Award for the most BOB's in the show ring by club member-owned dog offered by Chris & Susan Manthou:
Am. Can. Ch. Strebor's Life of the Party **SC** (5 AKC BOBs, 1 CKC Specialty BOB), owned by Chas. Roberts

Sire of The Year Award for the most points acquired by get at AKC shows offered by Christine Hopperstad:
Am. Can. Ch. Strebor's Energize, LCM, CGC (47 pts) owned by Chas. Roberts

Veteran Award for the top-winning conformation veteran whippet offered by Helen Brettell:
Am. Can. Ch. Strebor's Energize LCM, CGC (3 specialty Best Veteran and a Veteran Gr. 1)

We will accept new member-sponsored awards at this time until the end of May. Please send wording to Mary Downing, whimsy@gte.net. These will be printed in the next newsletter with a clarification of the rules.

**6th Annual Northwest Versatility Weekend
Host Clubs: WWWA, NWSGA, ORCC
May 26-27-28, Fort Borst Park, Centralia, WA**

Schedule of Events

Saturday, May 26, 2007

NAWRA (North American Whippet Racing Association)
LGRA (Large Gazehound Racing Association)
200 yard sprint racing – All Breeds

Sunday, May 27, 2007

NOTRA (National Oval Track Racing Association)
300 yards oval racing – All Breeds
Conformation Fun Match – All Sighthound Breeds
Spay/Neuters, ILPs & Rescues Welcome!

Monday, May 28, 2007

ASFA (American Sighthound Field Association)
Lure Coursing – All Breeds

Versatility Competition

Special prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the ASFA trial for the highest scoring hound in each breed entered in all four areas of competition:

Sprint Racing (NAWRA **or** LGRA)
and
Oval Racing (NOTRA)
and
Lure Coursing (ASFA)
and
Conformation Match

Any hound may be entered in any one event or combination of events, but only hounds that complete all four events, without being scratched, dismissed or disqualified, will be eligible for versatility awards.

There is still time to enter!! Early entries close Thursday, May 24, at 6:00 pm. Email entries for the *race meets* and *conformation match* are allowed and strongly encouraged (sorry, ASFA entries must be mailed). If you email your race and match entries, be sure to include in your email all information requested on the hard copy entry forms.

ALL entries (checks payable to NWSGA), regardless of event, should be sent to:
Beth Levine, NWWW Entry Coordinator
serendipitywhippets@comcast.net
Home/Cell: 425-609-1887
PO Box 458, Sultan, WA 98294-0458

For more information, directions, accommodations, entry forms and fees, please see the premium list, available online at <http://www.asfaregion1.com/2007/NWWW2007.pdf>

Help!

Volunteers are still needed for the Versatility Weekend, and time is running out!

Please contact Laurel Wilks ASAP at jamminwhippets@comcast.net or 360-493-2303 to volunteer. Even if you don't know nuttin' 'bout putting on performance events, we still need help with plenty of jobs you can do, so please volunteer!!!

Silent Auction!

There will be a silent auction, starting Saturday and to be concluded Sunday after the final NOTRA race of the day.

Proceeds will be divided equally between the three host clubs: WWWW, NWSGA, and ORCC.

Donations or monetary contributions will be enthusiastically and gratefully accepted day-of, or may be dropped off ahead of time with coordinators Sue Hopper or Shirley Konizeski. For questions please call or e-mail Sue (425-868-3355; graciesjh@isp.com or suehopper@wes-tek.com) or Shirley (425-334-5820; aumbre@earthlink.net).

Potluck!

There will be a potluck lunch all three days. Please bring a dish to share if you wish to participate. Prizes will be offered for the best potluck dishes, so make your contribution a GOOD ONE! Potluck coordinator: Valorie Hill, hillshounds@hughes.net

Cuban Dinner!

Avery and Stephanie McLeod (Alfheim IGs) are hosting a Cuban buffet and drinks at their home in nearby Chehalis on Saturday after completion of racing. More information and directions will be available on the field on Saturday. Food and drink donations are appreciated but not required. Please RSVP to Avery and Stephanie at alfheimigs@cablespeed.com if you plan to attend.

Western Washington Whippet Association

Beautiful Site!



Invites you to **Back to Back** Whippet Specialties followed by W.W.H.A. Hound Specialty at beautiful Argus Ranch, Auburn, WA!

18th & 19th Annual Whippet Specialties



Friday, Aug. 3, 2007

Judge: Doug Arthur
All Regular & Jr. Showmanship Classes

Judge: Sandi Rolfe
Puppy Sweeps & Veteran Sweeps

Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007

Judge: John C. Ross
All Regular Classes

Judge: Kim Tucker
Puppy Sweeps & Veteran Sweeps

Judge: Mary Jane Shervais
Obedience Trial & Rally



Western Washington Hound Association 8th Annual All Hound Show & Obedience Trial Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007

Whippet Regular Classes: George Bell



Information/Premium Lists

Trudi Herrett, Show Chair

(360) 568-6311

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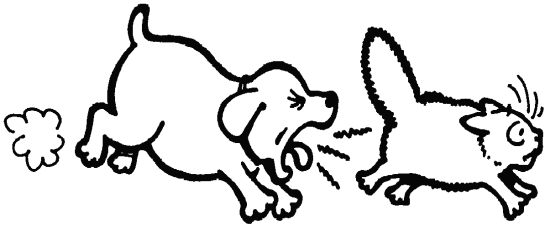
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BaRay Event Services, Inc.

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Website: BaRayEvents.com

Dog Events at Legacy Canine Behavior and Training Sequim, WA.



Clarissa von Reinhart's First American Workshop

Clarissa is co-author of the book *Stress in Dogs* and she is a well known positive dog trainer in Germany. She has a unique, insightful point of view when it comes to dog training and the relationship between people and dogs. Cost \$125/day or \$225 both days.

June 9th Unwanted Chase Behavior-Impulse Control for Reactive Dogs

Is it possible to influence instinctual behavior? From the ethical point of view: do we have the right to punish our dog for natural behavior? What are the alternatives? Clarissa tries to find answers to these questions and she will show how to modify unwanted behavior.

June 10th Shelter Dogs-Information for Caretakers and Future Owners

In this seminar you learn the facts helpful to shelter caretakers, and the future owners, and good commonsense practices applicable to any family living with a pet dog.

Legacy/Bob Bailey Survey Operant Conditioning (Chicken Training) Workshops-June 16-17 and June 20-21, 2007

A hands-on, introduction to shaping behavior using primarily positive reinforcement, a process some call "clicker training." If you are not sure what applied operant conditioning is, or if it is for you, a Legacy/Bailey survey workshop is an excellent way to "test the waters." Recommended for busy service and therapy dog trainers, pet dog trainers and professionals (DVM's, MD's, RN's, Social Workers, etc.) and pet owners looking for more than the usual obedience training class. Each two day workshop consists of lecture and hands-on chicken training. Cost \$375

Dog Scout Camp-July 6-8, 2007

Dog Scout Troop # 142, The Douglas Furs, will host a three-day camp for dogs and their humans offering a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Campers will have the opportunity to earn merit badges in basic good manners, rally, obstacles, skateboarding and more. Dog Scouts of America is a nonprofit organization founded in 1996. Modeled on the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts, it aims to promote positive training, responsible dog ownership, and lifelong learning. This is the first Dog Scout camp to be offered on the west coast. Cost \$290.

For more info about these events go to www.legacycanine.com, or ph 888-683-1522



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Reminder Notice:

There will be no meeting in May or June. The next general membership meeting will in conjunction with the annual club picnic, which will be held July 15 at Mary Downing's house. More info to follow in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

Did you know?

WWWA has a newsletter exchange with the Greater Twin Cities Whippet Club!

Copies of our newsletter are posted on the GTCWC yahoo discussion group's homepage so that their members can share in whippet goings-on in our corner of the world.

Copies of the GTCWC newsletter are posted in the files section of the WWWA yahoo discussion group website at http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/Western_Washington_Whippet/

(you must be a list member and logged in with your yahoo ID/password to view the files - if you are not yet a member of the WWWA discussion list, you may sign up from the URL above)