

1st Quarter

M O V E R S A N D S H A K E R S

2014

NEWSLETTER

PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB OF THE CAROLINAS

✕ Membership Reminder ✕

Don't miss out on information and activities about our club.

Renew your membership!!

Mail the renewal form (included in this newsletter) or go to moversandshakers.org and do it through Paypal.



Trophy Qualification

Time is running out!! Membership renewals are due by April 1st. Please remember that only members whose membership is current by April 1st qualify to participate in any of the trophies awarded at the Movers and Shaker's Water Trial. Renew now so you don't miss out!

2014 is upon us and we are looking forward to a busy and exciting year. The Movers and Shakers annual water trial will again take place in July at Lake Montague in Raleigh. Linda Fowler is hosting a conformation handling and structural seminar for us in April and we have arranged for water judge Chuck Robinson and for Vicki Robinson to hold a training seminar for us in May. The PWDCA National Speciality will be held on the east coast this year in Gettysburg, PA, providing all of us with an exciting venue within reasonable travel



distance. The Speciality is a chance to see not only the best of the best in our breed but also an opportunity to participate or watch many of the wonderful venues for rally and obedience. Mark your calendars and join Movers and Shakers members at our club events as a participant or spectator. Our club is only as good as it's members, please don't hesitate to let me or other board members know what you like about the club, any changes you would like to see and most of all, get involved.

Best to you! *Marlene*

Marlene Nicewander - President
Skip Roush - V. President
Ken Taft - Treasurer
Morgan Jennings - Secretary
Connie Rego - Ex Officio Board Mem.

board of directors

Julie Asbed - member
Fred Burton - member
Sandy Foster - member
Janice Reilly - member
Janet Slagel - member



Reminders

We are so fortunate to have venues for our water practices: Jill Flebott schedules sessions (see next page) and encourages all club members to practice at her pond. Judy and Tom Leather have practice sessions in Gerogia and Florida. This year we are especially pleased that Chuck and Vicki Robinson will be doing a workshop in Lumberton, NC for us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 28

Breed structure/
Conformation
Handling

MAY 17&18

Chuck and Vicki
Robinson Water
Workshop

JULY 17-20

Movers and
Shakers Water
Trials



Lumberton Water Workshop

Presented by Chuck and Vicki Robinson

Chuck is a Water Trial judge and Vicki has trained many dogs to titles. The cost for this two-day event, to be held at Luther Britt Park, is \$150 per dog. For folks who want to audit (sans dog!) the workshop, the cost is \$40 per day or \$75 for both days.

We will be sending more information shortly. Promise!!

Conformation and Handling Workshop

How fortunate for us! Linda Fowler, a conformation judge and member of our club, will be presenting a seminar on PWD breed structure/ conformation handling on Friday night March 28th at the Concord Dog Show.

Don't think this is just for conformation people. Understanding the structure of your dog will help performance people as well!

Movers and Shakers Water Practice at the Flebotte Pond

FRIDAY APRIL 4TH AND SATURDAY APRIL 5TH

Note this is a Friday and Saturday-----not Saturday and Sunday. This is a land workshop which will cover exercises and any exercise changes from last year. We will be working on land exercises to prepare the teams for water exercises. Obedience skills will be put to the test for the land workshops. This is a hands on workshop so the first part of the day will cover the exercises while the second part of the day will be hands-on exercises with your dog.

SATURDAY JUNE 7TH AND SUNDAY JUNE 8TH

This is a hands on workshop to prepare the teams for the July Water Trial by practicing the exercises at each level. The workshop will be on the boats in the water and using all the equipment necessary at the level you are working with your dog. Some run-throughs may be done.

SATURDAY JUNE 21ST AND SUNDAY JUNE 22ND

Like the earlier weekend, this is a hands on workshop to prepare the teams for the July Water Trial. The emphasis will be on specific problems you may have with your dog in and around the water with the exercises. Some run-throughs may be done.

Remember that all Movers and Shakers practices are \$10.00 per dog per day. This is to offset some of the cost of the Water Trial in July.

Please think about the opportunity for practice. There will be many experienced Water Trial teams to help with most any training issues you have.



Pesci: Wild Thing to Performance Dog

Pesci is a 5 year old spayed female PWD (Cove's End Pescadora OA OAJ OF WWD). As most of the Movers and Shakers members know, in her younger days, she had a reputation for being a wild, hard to control dog who loved "zoomies" more than anything.

We brought her home from the breeder with high hopes of turning her into an agility and water performance dog. She quickly learned to run through tunnels, run over the mini-teeter and bang the wobble board and she loved the water. We were, however, blissfully ignorant of the amount of work that was required to bring out her potential.

When we retired and moved to North Carolina, Pesci was a year old. We immediately started taking obedience and then agility introduction classes at Bon-Clyde Learning Center in Sanford. We also connected with the Movers and Shakers and were introduced to water work at Jill Flebotte's pond in Creedmoor, NC.

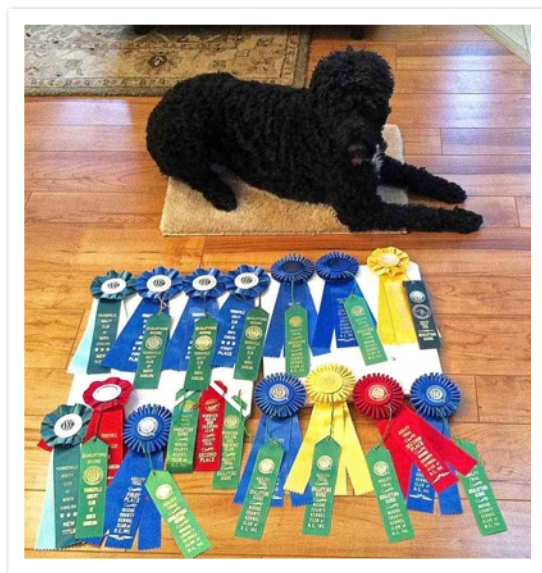
Those early classes opened our eyes to how little we really knew about training a performance dog. We longed to be able to do the things that we saw other dogs doing. In hindsight, we tried to rush the process of giving her the solid foundation in obedience that would be necessary for us to succeed. Every time she had to work off-leash, she got the "zoomies". Eventually she understood the exercises in water and she quickly became adept at taking the agility obstacles. Our first performance attempt was during the 2010 Southern Splash. Pesci swam out to retrieve the dummy in the first Junior exercise and brought it nicely to shallow water but then dropped it to run over to investigate the boats! Her first two agility trials in the spring of 2011 had similar results: running wild on the course or failing to pay any attention to her handler.

Pesci got her first "Q" in agility (Novice JWW) in June 2011 but more were slow in coming. While the "zoomies" were fewer we had no start-line-stay. We started to make her sit and wait for her meals after the dish was put down. This routine helped in practice but trials were another thing altogether. I also started making her wait during water practices while I placed her float line in the water and she became quite good at it. This newly-found patience paid off at Southern

Splash 2011 where she finally passed her Junior exercises.

During a "focus" class offered at Bon-Clyde that fall we started to see what we had "glossed over" in her earlier training. We also took her back for a "refresher" course in obedience. The additional training (as much for the handlers as for the dog!) started paying dividends at Southern Splash 2012 where she got her Apprentice title and almost got her WWD. In August, she got her first agility title (NF) and a leg for her NA title. In September, she aced her WWD in Maryland and in the fall, completed her NAJ title in agility. I'm sure one of the reasons for this newfound success was the fact that she was now three and a half and had definitely matured. Success continued in 2013 as she finished her NA, OA, OAJ and OF titles and now has 2 legs each toward her AX and AXJ titles. As a bonus, Pesci will soon enter her first obedience competition. We are very happy that she is no longer known as the dog with the zoomies.

With my one year old puppy, Dante, I will definitely concentrate on obedience and focus first! Learning the obstacles and the water trial exercises was the easy part with Pesci. However, without the focus and the foundation in obedience it will not translate to success on the agility course or in the water.





MOVERS & SHAKERS
PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB OF THE CAROLINAS
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and RENEWAL FORM for 2014

This form will also serve as your annual dues notice. **Memberships are held individually as listed below and cover through 12/31/14.**

All applicants for membership must sign this form signifying the following:

- that they agree to abide by the Movers & Shakers Constitution and By-laws;
- they agree to abide by the rules of The American Kennel Club;
- that they are not currently the subject of disciplinary proceedings or have been suspended or expelled from the AKC;
- that they are not under investigation, charged or convicted of any crime involving cruelty to animals by any local, state or federal authority.

MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS:

- All dues are due **January 1**. If dues are not paid by that date, you will not be eligible to vote or for club benefits until your membership is received.
- In order to be **eligible for Club awards** – ex. water trial trophies, annual awards, etc., dues must be received by **April 1**. Memberships received after that date must include a **\$5.00/membership late fee**.
- As of **August 1** dues will be considered **lapsed** and all applicants must re-apply/apply (two sponsors required) in January 2014.

☐ **1st REGULAR MEMBER [\$30.00]** or
(Full voting membership, eligible for office)

☐ **ASSOCIATE MEMBER [\$20.00]**
(Outside geographic region or second household member, no vote, no office)

Name: Last First

Name: Last First

☐ **2nd REGULAR MEMBER [\$25.00]** or
(Same household as 1st Active Member, eligible for vote and office.)

☐ **JUNIOR MEMBER [\$10.00]**
(Under 18, no vote, no office)

Name: Last First

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If you have one, Kennel Name: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

Preferred Phone Number(s): home: _____

cell: _____

work: _____

*****Email: (This is critical as all of our announcements are sent out over email.)** Please notify us immediately of any changes.

Are you a member of the PWDCA, Inc.? Yes ____ No ____

Are you a member of any other Portuguese Water Dog regional or local club?

Yes (name) _____

No ____

Are you a member of an AKC All-Breed, Obedience, or Specialty Club?

Yes (name) _____

No ____

Please list (registered and call names of) the Portuguese Water Dogs which you own and living in your home, including their titles:
(attach extra sheet if necessary)

Circle your areas of interest:

Tracking	Agility	Obedience/Rally	Conformation
Water Trials	Pet	Breeding	Other:_____

Is there an activity that you would like the Club to add to the Schedule of Events?

Would you be willing to serve on a M&S Committee?
Yes (committee preference) _____
No ____

SIGNATURES:

_____ FIRST REGULAR Member	_____ Date	_____ ASSOCIATE Member	_____ Date
_____ SECOND REGULAR Member	_____ Date	_____ JUNIOR Member	_____ Date

NEW APPLICANT (or lapsed re-applicant):
List **two** sponsors: _____
(one must have Regular status membership
and both can not be same household) _____

Enclosed is: \$_____ for 2014 dues. \$_____ for Trophy Fund

CHECK for Membership(s) and Trophy Donations TO: **Movers & Shakers PWDC**

PLEASE RETURN to:
Christine **BACH** 5875 SW Longspur Lane Palm City, FL 34990
or
You can email the form to chbach@mac.com
(Membership not active until check is received.)