

Movers & Shakers

Portuguese Water Dog Club of the Carolinas



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Presidents' Message

*My goal as President is to work with the excellent foundation laid by my predecessors to make our club better able to serve **ALL of its membership**. To do this, I will need everyone's help. Our club has expanded in size and geographical distribution over the years, and this can present a challenge in communication, volunteering, and activity planning. To be more inclusive, I would like to see us develop work groups in our various states and regions to support our current programs for water work, conformation, obedience, agility and rally.*

To be more diverse, I foresee us offering introductory training in some of the newer areas of performance, such as barn hunt, scent work, dock diving, etc., so that new and old members alike, can branch out into additional activities with their dogs. We are fortunate to have many talented people in this club who can share their expertise with the group. This could include didactic sessions on training, grooming, breeding, and health of the breed. It would be great if everyone started thinking about activities they would like to see offered, and ways in which they can help to make this happen.

To improve communication, my plan includes becoming more transparent in our sharing of information. We have already taken a step in this direction with Constant Contact, our Face Book Page, and The News Letter. We can do more! Communication is a two-way street however, so let us hear from you!

Wishing you health, happiness, and many fine adventures with your canine companions in the coming months. I am looking forward to working with you all in our mission to promote and support our wonderful breed.

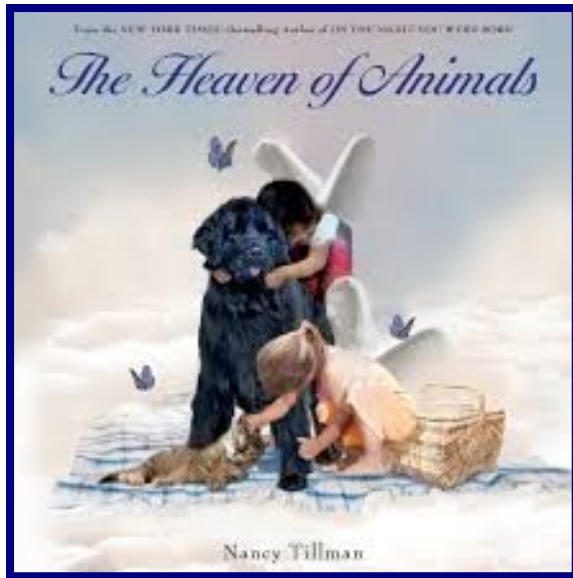
Maggie Martin m2martinmd@aol.com

Heartfelt THANKS

Our Past President 2016—2019

Jill Flebotte is a wonderful asset to our club. We have been fortunate to have her on the board for the past two terms, and during the most recent term, as president. We don't know where the club would be without her. Among other many fine qualities, she always remains fair and impartial. Jill has been instrumental in bringing new people into water, teaching them about it, and making everyone feel welcome. The Movers and Shakers Board voted to purchase a gift for her as outgoing president. One was chosen for her from one of the vendors at the National Specialty. Since we weren't able to present it to her at the in person membership meeting, Janice Reilly took her to lunch before Christmas.





Indy Blue

CH Allyn All Perfection to a Tee CD, RE, WWD

04/08/07 - 01/11/2020

Our hearts are broken. The first born Allyn puppy, our first Allyn Champion. We weren't ready for him to go but it was time. We'll miss him. Nighty, Nighty, Nighty sweet sweet boy.

Christie Weatherholt

Sienna

CH Aviator's Peanut Gallery CD RA OA NAJ CGC TKN CWD
GROM

08/05/06—01//25/2020

My second ROM Brood Bitch and great dog that started a breeding program for Benita Bottom-Svitchen and her husband. This curly bitch was produced when I bred under the AVIATOR Kennel Name and was truly remarkable. Her dad a specialty winner and her mom a Futurity Winner. She was just featured as an ancient Mariner in the last issue of the Courier.

Benita Bottom-Svitchen, Lorna Coloccia & Gale Kostas

Southern Splash 2020

Hosted By

Movers & Shakers PWDC of the Carolinas

@ Lake Montague, Raleigh, NC

Practice Day: Friday, July 17th

Water Trials: Saturday, July 18th &

Sunday, July 19th—All Levels

Judges: Frank Cardillino &

Catherine Gadd

For More Information

Trial Chairperson: Cristi Wetherholt - MSWaterTrialChair@gmail.com

Trial Secretary: Colleen Lemasters - cnlemasters@gmail.com

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We have a group working on the design of
Merchandise (shirts) and would like to hear any suggestions

As to items you have liked and would like to see

Please email

coldharborpwd@gmail.com

With any comments and suggestions

All are welcome

Interview with Water Trial Chair

Cristi

Weatherholt

First of all Cristi was so gracious with her time and wanted to thank everyone that made 2019 a banner year once again!

She wanted to recognize a few key people who made it appear seamless

- **From Set-up and tear down—KEN MELSON was the man getting the job done**
- **The Auction and Raffle always perfectly run thanks to MARLENE and RON NICEWANDER**
- **JANICE REILLY for wonderful onsite hospitality**
- **LOUISE MOBRAY for year after year of serving as our chief steward**
- **DR. KARA KOLSTER for serving as our trial secretary**

CRISTI welcomes suggestions to make this year great once again. Feel free to email her at MSWaterTrialChair@gmail.com

As always we need volunteering especially those that can ROW and THROW.

Dr. Kara Kolster DVM, DACT

MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2019



I am honored to have been chosen as the 2019 Member of the Year!

I joined M&S in 2012, 'old' to dogs but new to PWDs, and found this to be one of the most welcoming dog clubs in which

I have participated .

I hope that all members continue to feel the same welcome.



General Meeting Synopsis

December 2019

Presidents Report Jill reviewed the activities of the past year: Over the past year the club has sponsored the following activities for members: a dinner for members at the Breed Show in March; Easter Egg Hunt and Introduction to Water Work in April; Water Camp in Seneca SC in May; ACT I and ACT II in May; Pets for Vets and Southern Splash Water Trial in July, and Trophy Gifts to the National Specialty and obedience Trial in September. Jill challenged the incoming President, Maggie Martin, and Board to “do the right thing” to encourage and build volunteerism among the general membership and keep the ball rolling for the coming year. Maggie Martin – New President assumes responsibilities and she looks forward to help from everyone as we do this together. Her first act as President is thank Jill for her contributions as president and other ways over many, many, years.

Treasurer’s Report – Mary Ellen Walkama The financials have not been updated since the meeting of November 18, 2019. At that time the P&L balance was \$~6000 but there were outstanding income and expense items that may change that number somewhat. Proceeds from the Jamboree were \$5,000. There is \$33,000 in Money Market and \$13,000 in the checking account. A formal report is forthcoming in the New Year. The budget for 2020 has not been created yet but Mary Ellen reports that it will be very similar to the budget for 2019.

The Water Trial Committee has not met. Maggie announced that the only committed judge at this point is Frank Cardillino. Cristi Wetherholt is continuing to search for judges but no news at present. Louise Mowbray will step up to replace Pam Fowler as chair of the WT Host Committee. There ensued a discussion of the difference between the Water Trial Committee and the Water Trial Host Committee. Jill clarified that the Water Trial Host Committee is the appropriate term to prevent conflict with the National Water Trial Committee. Current members remaining on the committee are Louise Mowbray, Committee Chair, Cristi Wetherholt, Trial Chair, Colleen LeMasters, Trial Secretary, Janice Reilly, Robin Illchuk, and Marcia Bingham. Karen Latham also volunteered to help if needed.

Maggie asked for new members to join the committee to learn about the water trial management and will check to see if Marlene Nicewander and Kara Kolster are remaining on the committee.

Sunshine – Connie Rego Connie noted that some members do not want their personal or health status shared with the club. Connie asked for suggestions from Board members regarding her role and what report we would like to see. Members volunteered that they appreciated her efforts and asked that she continue to do what she has been doing.

Old Business 2019 July Water Trial – Cristi Wetherholt/Kara Kolster No official report. From a financial perspective we came out ahead net \$1500.00

PWD Jamboree – Marlene Nicewander No official report - Jamboree was a huge success and a job well done.

National Basket Raffle Item – Sandy Foster Linda Fowler reported that she and Sandy Foster saw the Obedience basket put together by Jill Flebotte and Martha Ruskai at the National Specialty. It was very lovely and very well done, was very desirable and a little different.

Next Meeting – First Quarter - on the Saturday of Supported Entry in Concord – March 28th 2020

MARCH 28th SUPPORTED ENTRY

What a Special Day this will be

AGILITY

OBEDIENCE

PUPPY & VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

CONFORMATION

&

1st Quarter Membership Meeting

The premium list is not out for conformation so here is what we know

KATHY CLARK will judge sweepstakes

She is a long time Movers and Shakers Member with 2 dogs from DEERCHASE kennel LACY and CASH. Kathy volunteered to judge and lives in Greenville, SC

Best in Sweepstakes. Rosette & Embroidered Item from ISEW4U. Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes. Rosette & Embroidered Item from ISEW4U.

MR. JOE SMITH (Provisional Judge)

Mr Smith is from California

The Greater Monroe Kennel Club, Inc. offers a Rosette for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed,

Best of Winners, Winners Dog & Winners Bitch.

Best of Breed. Embroidered Item from ISEW4U.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Embroidered Item from ISEW4U.

Best of Winners. Embroidered Item from ISEW4U.

Winners Dog & Bitch. Embroidered Item from ISEW4U. Select Dog & Bitch. Rosette & Embroidered Item from ISEW4U.

Best Owner-Handled. Rosette & Embroidered Item from ISEW4U



MARCH SHOWS

03/18	Raleigh	Conformation (expect majors)	closes 03/04
03/19	Raleigh	Conformation (expect majors)	closes 03/04
03/20	Raleigh	Conformation(expect majors)	closes 03/04
03/21	Raleigh	Conformation (expect majors)	closes 03/04
03/22	Raleigh	Conformation (expect majors)	closes 03/04
03/26	Concord	Conformation, OB, Agility (expect majors)	closes 03/11
03/27	Concord	Conformation, OB, Agility (expect majors)	closes 03/11
03/28	Concord	Conformation, OB, Agility (expect majors) SUPPORTED ENTRY	closes 03/11
03/29	Concord	Conformation, OB, Agility FastCAT	closes 03/11
04/05	Asheville	Conformation	
04/05	Asheville	Conformation	



Amanda Ellery

Her children

CH Ondakina's Sail Into The Mystic OA
OAJ WWDX SROM (Merlin) both earned
their BROM and SROM awards. Merlin
is owned and loved by Paul and Cath-
erine del Campo Hartman!

Kelley Dimke



GCHP Torrid Zone
Smoke
From A Distant Fire

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 Top Owner Handler
 PWDCA National Specialty
 Select Bitch
 BIS Florida 2020
Meg DeFore & Beth Mercer
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 197.5 out of 200 and a High In Trial from
 Novice B Obedience
Robin Illchuk
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President Maggie Martin



I got my first Portuguese Water Dog, Beau, in 1991. There were only two litters on the ground at that time in the entire country. The drive Long Island from Virginia was a long one, but it beat the trip to Colorado!

I grew up with an amazing Standard Poodle who owned the neighborhood, was a superb athlete, and an ideal family dog. He pulled us on the ice in the winter, swam with us in the summer, and trained effortlessly.

I have owned Irish Setters, and a Great Dane since, but was still looking for that intelligent swimmer and athlete who would fit my lifestyle. Beau was all that and more. I didn't have access to other people who were doing water work, but we did our own version in the Chesapeake Bay and the James River in Virginia. He caught fish and Frisbees in mid-air. He got his CDX in obedience and was working on his Utility title when we moved NC. He was devoted companion and finished his conformation championship with Michael Scott in 5 shows, and 4 majors. I have not had, nor wanted, any other breed of dog since.

I met Jill Flebotte at the Birdie Boutique in Durham, NC when Beau was 14 years old. We were introduced by a mutual friend, who thought it curious that we both had PWDs and African Grey Parrots, but did not know one another. We came out to her pond and a still eager Beau learned the routines fast. She was also expecting a litter of puppies and was looking for some help with whelping. I was eager to be part of it as I was considering a new puppy with my aging boy beginning to slow down.

I came over to her house after work in the evenings for a week around the due date, but the one night I couldn't come, Diva delivered. My Oscar came from that wonderful litter and showed me all that these dogs can do. He excelled in everything we tried, but loved best water and Frisbee. He took his turn in the show ring and also became a champion.

Betsy came along to join him when he was three and taught me anew the many talents of this breed, including being a fabulous therapy dog, and whelping a litter of ten in 90 minutes! Her puppies thrived and continue to delight their owners.

I now have Oscar and Betsy's son Rhett who is an old soul and has the best temperament of any dog I have ever owned. He got his championship in the show ring out of Bred by Exhibitor, has two legs toward his Masters in water, and is working on his novice CD. He is also an excellent therapy dog like his mother, and is allowed to come to work with me in this capacity.

I am a Pediatrician in a rural Federally Qualified Health Center, which provides care to the medically underserved. I am grateful that my love of dogs informs my care of children and vice versa. I hope to bring this love of the breed and their many talents to my role as president of The Movers and Shakers Portuguese Water Dog Club of the Carolinas. I am a consensus builder by nature and look forward to hearing from club members on ways to improve our stewardship of this wonderful breed of dogs.

Secretary Jennifer Wenk



My love affair with PWDs began in 1999 with Joker, a five-year old whose owner could no longer care for him. He came to me on American Airlines and lived with me for 8 years before he suddenly died of what we thought was hemangiosarcoma. Since then there have been 4 other PWDs in the lives of myself and my husband, Pete. We currently have two PWDs, having recently lost our 13 year-old rescued PWD, Walker. We live in Beaufort NC and participate in Water and Agility. Pete and I have belonged to Movers & Shakers for 10 years and during that time I have served as web diva for the Club's website. I have served as the Regional Rescue Representative for the Movers and Shakers PWD Club of the Carolinas since 2012. I also serve as Secretary on the Board of PWDCA Rescue. When not working with our PWDS, I fly a 1946 Aeronca Champ for fun and relaxation, or when the weather is not good, dabble in fiber arts. I am just now learning how to spin wool for yarn.

Greg Illchuk



My journey with Portuguese Water Dogs began when our first Portuguese Water Dog, Rio, joined our family 18 years ago.

My first water camp experience was a cold, rainy, weekend spent with four wet dogs and a wet wife in a tent in Alberta, Canada. The fun part was watching PWDs do what they were bred to do. The next year, after a water camp affectionately named “mud camp”, the instructor (and water judge) convinced my wife Robin and I to make the 800-mile (one-way) trek to the closest trial in Seattle, WA. Even though we had never even seen a trial in person, Rio obtained his AWD and WWD that weekend, and I was hooked.

Robin and I have been blessed with some great dogs, all with different personalities and learning styles. Rio, the pleaser (CWDX and GROM), Luna, the bossy bitch (CWDX and GROM) and Gracie, the beautiful couch potato wanna-be (WWD and SROM) have made the journey across the Rainbow Bridge and are swimming in warm water now. Hollywood, the social butterfly (WWD and GROM), Aryanna, the elegant snuggler (AWD), Tique, the loud mouth (JWC) Sparkle, the new wild child, are actively competing in water, obedience, agility, rally and conformation.

I became a PWDCA Water Judge in 2016. In 2018 Robin and I relocated to Columbia, SC, to be where the ice isn't on the lake 8 months of the year. We breed a very limited number of litters under Whoosh Portuguese Water Dogs and enjoy helping owners start on their own PWD journeys.

Karen Latham

I am originally from PA and bred and exhibited Old English Sheepdogs at that time. In the late 1980s I moved to Chesapeake, Virginia and lost my last beloved Old English Sheepdog. I decided to think about which breed would be a better fit for the hot humid summers plus my love for the water. I was already a member of an all breed club and while attending one of their shows saw my first Portuguese Water Dog. After researching the breed and visiting a local breeder, **I was hooked.**

My first Portuguese Water Dog came to live with me in 1996. I went back to showing and breeding on a very limited basis producing numerous titled dogs. A friend encouraged me to enter the first Movers and Shakers water trial. I did not know a thing about water trials back then but took my four dogs to the trials that weekend. The dogs all got junior titles and I was thrilled.

There were a few more things I wanted to accomplish on my bucket list and one was to finish my dog from the bred by exhibitor class, which I did. When



AKC introduced the grand championship title, I decided to get a GCH on my six year old dog. Not planning to rank him, but after winning a couple of supported entries I was pulled into the ranking game. He made it into the top ten Portuguese Water dogs for that year.

Now, after 22 years of being involved with this breed, I am still doing water trials, conformation, obedience, barn hunt along with beginning agility.

I was always a member of the PWDCA and remain a member of my all breed club in Virginia. I served as President for over 5 years, Show Chair, along with serving as Corresponding Secretary, Judge's Selection committee, member of the board and held various other positions as well.

One of the many journeys in my life led me to dogs and the sport of obedience with my miniature schnauzers. We had lots of fun with competition. My first Portuguese Water Dog would have been about 16, he is the one in the picture. I came to a Movers and Shakers Water Trial to learn about Water Work and the rest is history.

I have enjoyed the journey with my dogs and certainly they have tested my skills as an owner and trainer. Each one has brought about challenges that have made be a better trainer, I hope!!

I have been an active member of the Movers and Shakers for many years and I look forward to seeing the club continue to grow and flourish with new members and ideas. It really does take a lot of participants to put on many of the activities of the club. Please volunteer where you can and you will be rewarded with friendship, many fun experiences and spending time with people that share the same passion for our dogs.

Connie Rego



Coleen Lemasters

My love for dogs started out at an early age. When I was 13 years old, I was finally old enough volunteer at my local animal shelter. I volunteered most weekends and every summer up until I went to college. I would often get to foster orphaned kittens and puppies. During that time, I had a Border Collie named Andre. He was a typical farm bred (not well bred) Border Collie, full of energy and very biddable. I used him for all my 4H projects from 8th-12th Grade. While I did not have the time to take him to formal training classes, I did learn quite a bit from my 4H projects, and the few online resources at the time.

When I graduated from college a very cute, little American Bulldog mix puppy literally fell into my lap. Aidan was the first dog that I took formal training classes with, and he was my first performance dog. He had some reactivity issues, but I was able to get 3 AKC Performance titles on him (I realize this is not impressive by any means). My venture into Portuguese Water Dogs started in 2011 when Aidan was diagnosed with an enlarged heart. He was high energy and partially brachycephalic, so safely draining his energy was difficult in the summer.

Cristi Wetherholt invited us up to her pond to start training water work. With the help of Cindi Robusto and Cristi, Aidan became quite the water dog. While spending time together, I got to help them train Indy and Sammie for water trials. This is when I fell in love with PWDs and Water Work.

In 2012, I welcomed my first PWD into my little family. Armada is my first PWD, so I'm not as well versed in the breed as most. After Aidan's untimely death from hemangiosarcoma in October 2015, Trek decided that Jeremy (my boyfriend) was Trek's, so Trek ended up staying with us. Armada has decided that he does not like water, which is fine with me, but he currently has 19 AKC titles (none of which are overly impressive) and is the most amazing therapy dog. Since we did not get Trek until he was 18 months old, he was a bit behind in his foundations, so he has been a bit slower in earning titles. Trek currently has 10 AKC titles and 2 PWDCA titles. In January 2020, I will be going back to my "bull breed" roots and will be welcoming a Staffordshire Bull Terrier puppy into the pack.

While training Aidan I became very interested in dog behavior, so I can often be found on my computer reading through my Fenzi Dog Sports Academy classes (and then working on what I have learned with my dogs). I have been an AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluator since 2010 and have recently become an AKC Temperament Test Certified Professional (CPCFT). I am also a Canine Fitness Trainer



Obedience & Rally Trial Chair and/or Secretary for a three years for two local obedience training clubs. I was the Treasurer for Kanawha Obedience Training Club from 2013-2016. In my non-dog professional life, I am a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Coordinator for the WV State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and have served on the Board of Directors of the WV Association of Geospatial Professional (WVAGP) from 2014 - Present. I also served as President for the WVAGP from 2017-2019. I believe my versatile knowledge base can help move Movers & Shakers PWD Club forward in various ways.

2020 PLANNED and APPROVED EVENTS

Supported Entry Concord, NC	MARCH 28
1st Quarter General Membership Meeting In Concord NC time to be announced	MARCH 28
SOUTHERN SPLASH Raleigh North Carolina	JULY 17, 18, 19
2nd Quarter General Membership Meeting And Star Awards	JULY 18
PWDCA National Specialty Virginia Beach, VA	OCTOBER 1-9

2020 Newsletter

May (

August (Water Trail results and brags)

November (National results and brags)

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