

# July 2020 news & updates

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# We hope you had a safe and happy July 4th!

While this Holiday time has been like no other before, we hope that you were able to take some time in the sun and water with your PWDs. With a little social distancing, playing with your pups keeps some semblance of normalcy.

# The Road to becoming the #1 Portuguese Water Dog

by Lorna Coloccia

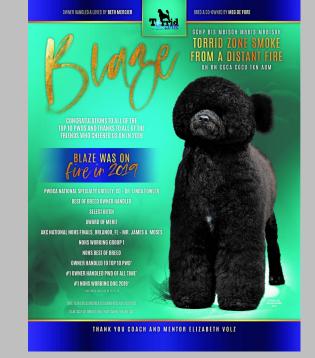


Becoming #1 is requires a lot of time, work, sacrifice, dedication, passion and strategy. To say it is not easy is an understatement.

She is commonly known as "BLAZE" Her accomplishments are just AMAZING! It all starts with a great well planned breeding

program – in this case TORRID ZONE (breeder Meg De Fore). Meg has had many great dogs that none with the record that BLAZE has produced. Meg is proud to co-own Blaze with Beth Mercier.

Beth is a ROOKIE this year in the PWD Owner Handler standings and is currently #1 overall! While there are so many accomplishments I see BETH and BLAZE #1 PWD OWNER HANDLER of all Time record as the one that I am most in awe. Beth serves on the Board of Directors of the Movers and Shakers and we should be so proud of all that she is doing in the conformation ring. The PWDCA decided to extend the Owner handler competition until the end of December 2020 an extra 6 months). Many of the performance owner handlers will be able to compete and score points but with the conformation shows being cancelled left and right – it is concerning. This would normally not be an issue but BLAZE is also ranked #1 **PWD in GROUP Standings and #7 WORKING GROUP** and is shown by a professional handler (at the time of the COVID EPIDEMIC).



Shows are starting up again so let's cheer on our local girls BLAZE, Beth and her team as they continue the road to **BECOMING NUMBER 1.** 

# Water Time in the Carolinas



#### **Getting Ready for Gone Viral Water Trial in October**

The Water activities are going strong in the South. The first COVID ERA Water Trial is in the books and was a great success with participants minding all the guidelines! Our **Brothers and Sisters in the south have multiple** clinics and trials and we will partner with them **OCTOBER 1-5 for the GONE VIRAL** WATER TRIAL.

You can train in the water at the following locations and times (depending on schedules and weather).



# **CREEDMOOR NORTH CAROLINA (THE**

**TIME: MOST Saturday Mornings and** some Wednesdays

ADDRESS: 10617 Big Pine Road,

Creedmoor, NC

**CALL JILL FLEBOTTE 919-264-4070 –** 



### **COLUMBIA SOUTH CAROLINA**

**TIME: Mornings usually during the week** 

(MONDAY)

**ADDRESS: 308 Cold Branch Drive,** 

Columbia, SC

**CALL ROBIN ILLCHUK 803-262-3630 –** 

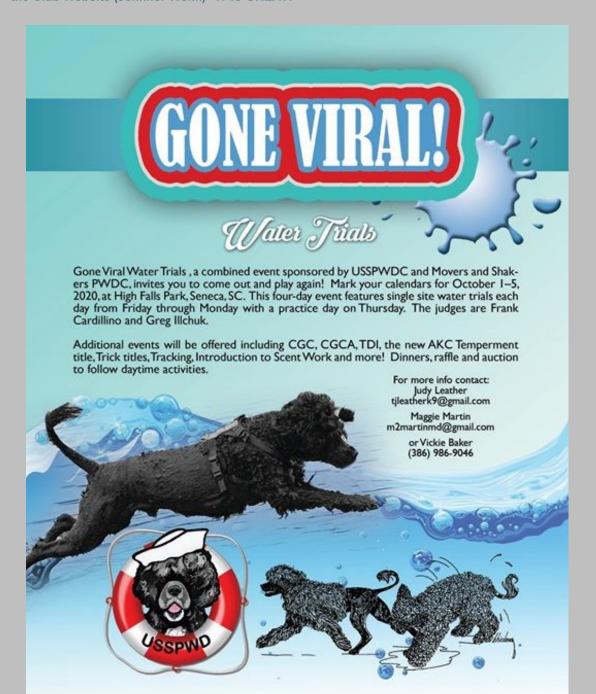
# **Thank You!**

2020 remains challenging for planning ANYTHING! Our NEW Board of Directors started out the year with many difficult decisions, cancelling events and then collaborating with the United Sunshine States Portuguese Water Dog Club (USSPWDC) to create a 4 day event centered around water trials each day. We have something to look forward to!

Thank-You madam President (Maggie Martin) and the entire Board for your exceptional efforts.

Thank-You Supported Entry Show Chairs (Beth Mercier and Connie Rego) for all the planning that goes into a supported Entry. We all were sad with the cancellation of the show.

Thank-You Water Trail Chair (Christi Wetherholt) and her entire team for all of your work coordinating and planning the JULY water trial that was cancelled. Thank-You for the redesign of the Club Website (Jennifer Wenk)– IT IS GREAT!



## **Welcome New members!**

#### **Irvin and Pam Smith**

Please Welcome our newest members who are also new to the PWD world owning their 14month old pup COMMANDER (Searidge Madman Across the Water). Pam and Irvin live in Clayton North Carolina and are retired. It will be exciting to meet Pam and Irvin and commander. Hopefully they will visit us all in OCTOBER. WELCOME!



#### **Nigel Clark**

Nigel has been a long time PWD Breeder under the OREOBAY Kennel Name. Nigel has a primary residence in Indiana but has a LAKE NORMAN Home which is sometimes rented. Nigel currently has a top ranked Agility dog in 2020. Nigel and her wonderful performance dogs are a true credit to the breed. We Hope to see you in October in Seneca!

#### Joanne Mirabella

Joanne and her husband moved to Campobello South Carolina (Emerald Isle Farm) just a few years ago. She is new to Portuguese water dogs and now has 2 female PWD's. Last year she finished her oldest girl using CJ FARVE (Ch Cold Harbor's Emerald Isle) Joanne offers horseback riding lessons at the farm and is looking forward to water work this summer. Joanne attended last year's JAMBOREE where she received her sponsorship and joined Movers and Shakers ... WELCOME!



# **Member Moves**

Colleen Lemasters and Jeremy Bragg New Address: 3572 Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane WV

25526 ph: 304-389-5126

Kelley Dimke: New Address: 6016 Hidden Brook Lane Knoxville TN 37938

Kelly and her Husband put down roots in a lovely home just outside of Knoxville Tennessee. The dogs love more space and the pool! She is missed to all at Charlotte Dog Training Club where she served as a volunteer and instructor for many activities. We look forward to seeing all of the

**BROWN BABIES** in 2021 participating in multiple venues.

# **Celebrate Puppies!**

Our breeders and been very busy so far in 2020. Congratulations to the following breeding programs and their continued passion to produce Perfectly Wonderful Dogs!

- 1. Coves End Portuguese Water Dogs Ron & Marlene Nicewander
- 2. OreoBay Portuguese Water Dogs (Nigel Clark)
- 3. SeaRidge Portuguese Water Dogs (Janice Reilly)
- 4. Vista Do Lago (Sandra Melson)
- 5. HatTrick Portuguese Water Dogs (Julie Asbed)
- 6. Cold Harbor Portuguese Water Dogs (Lorna Coloccia)

The breeders have felt the Pandemic effect in that they receive 10-20 inquiries per day for puppies. These are interesting times we are living! Once again, great work and thank-you for your excellent work with your programs!

The OCEAN CHEWS are a favorite at the Hat Trick Kennel





Snuffle Balls from Smarty Pawz – you hide treats and they find them in the balls a favorite at COLD HARBOR

# Morris and Essex - An Iconic Dog Show



Every 5 years a very special show is conducted in New Jersey - I was so thrilled to attend the show 5 years ago and as long as I am able shall continue to attend. The show was scheduled for October 2020 and like so many events has been moved to Wednesday October 6, 2021 in Colonial Park New Jersey. The 2021 show's entry will be capped at 4,455 dogs — exactly one dog less than the record set by Mrs. Dodge at her biggest show, in 1939 Milan Lint is the Assistant Show Chair and Vice **President of the Morris and Essex** Kennel Club and the Helmings and Scotts are also members. This is an expensive show and relies on the sponsorship of key patrons.



Her showpiece was the annual Morris & Essex Kennel Club Dog Show, held every year from 1927 to 1957, save for a break during World War II.

"Everybody goes to Morris & Essex," wrote a New York Times reporter in 1936, and that wasn't as much of an exaggeration as it sounds. Mrs. Dodge spared no expense in putting on her show. She did everything from hiring influential foreign judges who arrived via ocean liner, to setting up luxurious hospitality tents that overflowed with hot-house flowers. Exhibitors came from all over the country, bringing dogs whose quality invariably matched that of the venue. At Best in Show time, bystanders were often a dozen deep at

This all began with <u>Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge</u>, the immensely wealthy Standard Oil heiress who was also one of the most influential breeders and exhibitors of purebred dogs in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

ringside, standing on chairs to see which owners would earn the right to brag that their dog had bested the best at the incomparable Morris & Essex show.



Please send items for future issues of the Newsletter to the Newsletter Editor: Lorna Coloccia coldharborpwd@gmail.com

Our next scheduled General membership Meeting will be in October at the Gone Viral Water Trial TBA.



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The Board of Directors meets monthly. Minutes of M&S BOD Meetings can be found on the website for Members only.

