



President's Message.....

Well.....Winter has come too quickly, but it has been a good time to reflect upon all of the successful Movers & Shakers activities over the past year - multiple events for our PWDs and our members who they own. You took my previous challenge to get out and DO with our four-legged friends and I believe we all had a good time doing it!

As we wander our way through the Holiday Season, let's make a resolution for the New Year to keep up the good work and perhaps even expand our personal involvement in all the wonderful venues our dogs offer to us. Whether young or old, PWDs love to participate in any activity as long as they are with us!

So give your special dog(s) a hug and a kiss on the nose along with all the other wonderful gifts I am sure Santa will have for them.....

From our house to yours....

SEASON'S GREETINGS

AND

BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR THE NEW YEAR !

Linda, Cachet & Cosmo



2011 Events

Jan 22 - PKC -Cabin Fever Match Charlotte, NC

Feb 17-20 – **Foothills Dog Show Cluster, Greenville SC**

- Feb 18 - Cocktails & Dinner , 1st Qtr M&S Membership General Meeting & Raffle
- Feb 19 - PWDCA Supported Entry

March 19 – **Introduction to Agility Seminar** – Flebotte Pond, Creedmoor NC

M&S 2011 Board

- o **President** - Linda Fowler
- o **Vice-President** – Connie Rego
- o **Secretary** – Sandy Christy
- o **Treasurer** – Jean Isaacson

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- **Lou Guthrie**
- **Pam Cuda**
- **Clint Eastham**
- **Marlene Nicewander**
- **Jill Flebotte**

Agility Anyone?

Marlene Nicewander

AGILITY – THE “FUN” SPORT. For those of you interested in learning more or looking for an exciting new addiction, the following websites will guide you to an Agility Trial in your area:

Websites:

www.akc.org
www.cleanrun.com
www.gonedogginagility.com

Publications:

The Dixie Dog Calendar

Think you're ready to give it a try? The Movers and Shakers will sponsor an **Introduction to Agility** at the Flebotte farm in Creedmoor on March 19, 2011. For more information, contact Jill Flebotte at 919-528-3948, 919-264-4070 (cell), or seabunz@aol.com.

Dogs love it, people love it, family members find it to be an interesting spectator sport and most of all, agility is a great activity to strengthen your relationship with your dog.

Mary Beth Johnson Voted M&S Member of the Year

Connie Rego

It was my pleasure to announce at our Holiday Gathering the nomination of Mary Beth Johnson as our member of the year. I received numerous nominations that expressed the gratitude of the club members for the work of Mary Beth this last year. She has taken over the Trophies with ease. She made sure that we were well fed at the Water Trial and our Beach Weekend! Mary Beth as been that quiet voice that was there when we needed her. Mary Beth, from all the club members "Thank You"

I would also like to thank everyone for their participation in our club this past year. I takes all of to make our club so successful. Thank you everyone for all you do!. Enjoy your Holiday and Best Wishes for a wonderful New Year!

M&S Seek Newsletter Editor

Jennifer Wenk has informed Linda Fowler that her employment work load is such that it is difficult to continue on as Newsletter Editor and would like to be replaced as soon as possible. Volunteers for editing the quarterly should contact Linda at h2odogs@bellsouth.net

AKC Sanctioned B Match

Lou Guthrie

PIEDMONT KENNEL CLUB - Cabin Fever Match

Saturday, January 22, 2011

13607 Choate Circle, Charlotte, NC

***** JUDGES *****

- * Sporting: Mr. Dale McElrath
- * Hound: Mr. Bob Busby
- * Working - Ms. Connie Alexander
- * Terrier: Mrs. Jaimie Ashby
- * Toy: Mrs. Jaimie Ashby
- * Non-Sporting, * Misc., * FSS: Mr. Bill Buell
- * Herding: Mr. Bob Busby
- * Junior Showmanship: Mr. Dale McElrath
- * Best Puppy in Match: Ms. Connie Alexander
- * Best Adult in Match: Mr. Dale McElrath

Registration: 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Judging begins at 11:30 a.m. with Junior Showmanship followed by breeds.

Pre-registration is encouraged!

Pre-entry = \$6.00 Day-of-match entry = \$8.00
Make checks payable to Piedmont Kennel Club

Mail entries to:

Cabin Fever Match, PO Box 580, Wingate, NC 28174
Pre-entries must be received by January 20th.

For More Information contact Match Chair: J.N. (Kim) Blutreich 704-282-4947 or Bravo-Dogs@Carolina.rr.com

Julie Asbed Receives Bred-By-Exhibitor Silver Medallian

In October 2010, Julie Asbed was awarded a Special Bred-By Silver Medallian by the AKC. Bred-by-Exhibitor Medallions are awarded to those exhibitors that complete all points required for their conformation championship title by advancing to the winners competition from the Bred-by-Exhibitor Class. The Silver Medallian is in recognition of Julie's "contribution to the sport of purebred dogs, who as the breeder-owner-handler of five different dogs that have become champions of record." Congratulations Julie!!

Movers & Shakers Stars 2010

Julie Asbed

- **Reilly** – CWDX
- **Fawkes** – Champion 2009

Marietta Castellano

- **Tilley** - CGC

Gail Diehl

- **Penny** - CDX, WWD

Jill Flebotte

- **Raz** - Champion
- **Lucy** - CWD
- **Diva** -Versatility

Linda Fowler

- **Cosmo** - WWD

Ann Frye

- **Mystique** - NAP, NJP, OAP, OJP

Melinda Griffin

- **Phin** - WWD
- **Chaney** - CWD, CWDX

Karen Kelly

- **Scuba** – JWC

Candy Lawhorne

- **Folly** – WWD

Judy Leather

- **Max** - AXJ

Tom Leather

- **Maggie** - CWD, CD

Pam Leshner & Hope Hoch

- **Sassy** - CWD

Maggie Martin

- **Oscar** - Versatility
- **Betsy** - AWD, WWD

Louise Mowbray

- **Ryder** - MX, MXJ, XF, CWD, CWDX

Marlene Nicewander

- **Bliss** – Champion, WWD AWD – 2009
- **Addy** - JWC, AWD, WWD, CGC
- **Lucy** - AWD, WWD - 2009

Dave & Connie Rego

- **Marta** - WWD

Skip and Lorna Roush

- **Tequi** - Champion, JWC
- **Truman** - AWD

Cathy Tinaglia

- **Rory** - CH, RN, NAJ, NF
- **Andy** - NFP, OAP, OJP, AXP, AJP

Patricia Tirrell

- **Abby** - JWC, AWD

Margaret White

- **Mark** - AWD

Jennifer and Pete Wenk

- **MsB** - CGC, AWD, WWD JWC - 2009
- **Walker** - CGC

Cristy Wetherholt

- **Sammie** - Champion
- **Indy** - RA, WWD, CD

Braggs and Puppies!

Marlene Nicewander wrote in early October – “Just wanted to let you know that we had a fabulous Agility weekend in Charlotte. It was Bliss’ first Agility trial and she was entered in Novice Jumpers, where she earned her first Agility title – NAJ. It was Lucy’s first trial since November last year and her first time in the Open division. Lucy placed first and second in the Standard classes and was third in Jumpers – YIPEE, the girls were real stars! Lucy’s gave me a beautiful run in Standard yesterday over a challenging course but we had a pole down over the triple ☹. She’s definitely back on her game. As always, when I look at our performance, I found some “holes” in our training so it’s back to the drawing board but still VERY proud of the girls.”

Julie Asbed received the Paul Johnson Memorial Trophy for owner handled dog: Fawkes.

Skip and Lorna Roush announced the whelping of 9 puppies on November 16 – six girls and three boys.

Sandy Christy had a great time at the Concord shows. Not only did she put together a great annual membership meeting and holiday party, but her dog Areia had two good days of shows! On one day Areia went WB and Best of Opposite and the following day, WB, BOW and Best of Opposite. Sandy reports that she is “Proud of my girl!!”

Julie Asbed’s Pixie whelped 10 puppies (6 boys and 4 girls) in early December.

I am not going to breed my dog, so I don't need to do CERF testing.....

Linda Fowler

It saddens me very time I hear this type of statement, because CERF (or eye) testing is as important to our PWDs as it should be to us. And indeed they can suffer from many of the same ophthalmologic conditions as we do.

Yes...we have the ability to do genetic testing for PRA (progressive retinal atrophy), causing early blindness in our dogs, but a myriad of other problems can be discovered upon eye exams. These conditions can range from inherited disorders, such as juvenile cataracts to mid-life glaucoma to old age cataracts. The eyes can also reflect symptoms of systemic disease, such as diabetes, liver disease, etc.

Even if you choose to pursue this exam on a sporadic basis (annual exams are required for breeding dogs), it would be beneficial for you to submit your dog's eye exam results, when conducted by a board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist, to CERF (Canine Eye Registry Foundation) for a nominal fee, which contributes to our data base for PWD health issues.

So, just because you "don't plan to breed", it is still important to maintain you dog's health and we all know that prevention and early detection of health problems is of utmost importance in meeting that goal.

Just some "food for thought"

Please Consider a Donation to the Trophy Fund

Jan Mosher

Dear Friends....Please consider a donation to the M&S general trophy fund. We know that all of us have been hit in some way by the national economy, but we ask that you consider a contribution of any amount. This fund supports a number of recognition activities, to include, but not limited to:

- Rosettes, ribbons and prizes for the annual supported entry winners (conformation and performance events).
- Rosettes and prizes for our water trial titlists, qualifiers and participants.
- Donation to the PWDC National Specialty silent auction which supports PWD rescue.
- Donation to the PWDC National Specialty theme basket raffle which supports PWD health-related issues.
- Engraved Holiday ornaments for members with titlists (in any venue) over the year.
- Annual service awards for nominated members.

Memorial perpetual trophies:

Paul Johnson Memorial Trophy – first Club member in the year to earn a breed championship handling their own dog.

Flebotte Trophy – first Club member team (handler/dog) in the year to earn an Apprentice water title.

Lua's Working Water Dog Challenge Trophy - first Club member team (handler/dog) in the year to earn a Working water title.

Lady-Go-Diver Trophy - first Club member team (handler/dog) in the year to earn a Courier water title.

Any support you can offer these activities would be very much appreciated.

Send Trophy Donations TO: **Movers & Shakers PWDC** Janet Mosher, M & S Membership
P.O. Box 725 Irvington, VA 22480

Dear Members of the Movers and Shakers Water Trial,

This is probably the most important thank you note I have ever written. All of you who helped, supported, and encouraged Colin in his quest to get his first water title please stand up and take a huge bow. From the judges to the stewards and all those who were so caring and understanding of him. The absolute success of this child was not just due to his and my work at home for four months prior to the trial, your club is a model of inclusion and success for all those with disabilities!

For a special needs child to be encouraged and cheered on in the way all in attendance at the water trial did, was the final step to his absolute success at the trial.

His performance is something I will remember forever. He dealt with so many variables, weather, change of venue for him, a fear of being teased about his disability, I am so proud of the amazing job both he and Alex did as a team, it was truly a great moment in Colin's life that he draws a lot of strength from now. He felt empowered and was able to ask if anyone would tease him and everyone was so wonderful in saying they were happy he was there and wishing him good luck.

Thank you to judges Chuck Bubert and Sue Augat for your patience, understanding and clarity. It enabled Colin to be successful in something he wanted very badly and was very afraid would never happen.

To all involved, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Colin faced a very hard situation recently with an adult and he handled it so well due to the success he felt in advocating for himself at the water trial, the hard work he put in and the accolades he therefore achieved.

Your club does a fabulous job and Colin is so proud of his ribbons, his magnet, and his certificate.

Thank you for giving him a smile and a bright spot in

a life that can be short on those things.

May others follow in your clubs' footsteps!

There is a huge need for things like this and your club proved that yes it can be done and done in an amazing way.

Thank you just does not seem to be enough

You have a very special club keep it up!!!!

Colin is already looking forward to next year's trial and getting his next title!

Please realize what a huge difference you all made in his life, may others follow in your footsteps

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M.Volz

It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

The Membership Application and Renewal Form for 2011 is attached to this newsletter and is due January 1. If dues are not paid by that date you will not be eligible for club benefits or to vote until your membership check is received.

Movers & Shakers Resource Guide

Lorna Roush asks that any contributions to the Resource Guide be e-mailed to her at: lulurob@bellsouth.net and she can email you the form as well. If email is not an option for you a phone call will work too. Lorna can be reached at home most evenings. Her number is: 843-851-2061.

Waiting at the Bridge

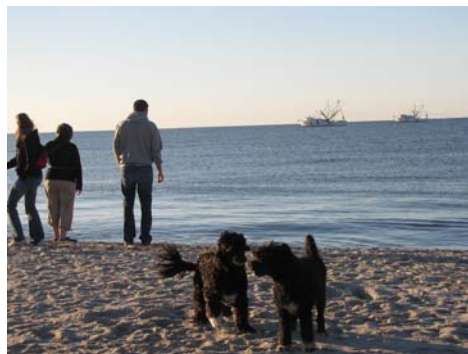
Rough Seas' Conspiracy (Ripley)
Ken Taft

CH Seaside's Power of Minnow Paws (Hydro)
Marlene & Jeff Baber

**M&S Auction
Donation Brings
\$175.00 at the
National Specialty**



Beach Weekend Big Success! – Several Club members attended the annual Beach Weekend on Oak Island in October and had a great time! Many thanks to Mary Beth Johnson for her superb cooking and to Jean Isaacson for organizing the weekend!



MOVERS & SHAKERS 2011 ACTIVITY CHAIRS

Name	E-Mail	Activity
Lou Guthrie	RoughSeasPWDs@aol.com	Supported Entry
Jill Flebotte	Seabunz@aol.com	Water Trial / Water Work
Mary Beth Johnson	mjohnson146@ec.rr.com	Trophies
Connie Rego	connierego@earthlink.net	Events & Sunshine
Lorna Roush	lorna.roush@kapstonepaper.com	Resource Guide
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