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RJ's first time out as a Special he placed everyday

Wed: OHGRP4
Thur: Select Dog
Fri: BOS
BOBOHGRP1
RBISOH
Sat: AOM Regional
Sun: BOB

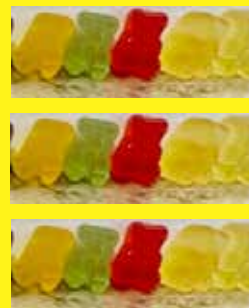
RJ

CH Mystic Acres Sharper Image TKN FITB ATT
-- OHRBIS --



CADI

Mystic Acres Blast from the Past CGC TKN
-- WB at Supported Entry 5-point major --



LAINIEY

Mystic Acres Heart Like A Truck
First show at 6 months old
-- RWB at the Regional --

Mystic Acres

Owned, bred & loved by
Keith & Carla Vooris and Dorothea Simberlund



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On the Cover: SPIKE - GCHS Statesman's Amicus CD BN
JH RA TKN RATO CGC CGCA FDC owned by Lili Apollos,
Barbara Allen, Meghan Bassel, and Betsie Czeschin.
Bred by: Susan Riese and Meghan Bassel

From the Editor

BY ROBIN SIERANSKI
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As 2023 winds down, the entire *Starter Barks* committee wishes you a very happy and safe holiday season! This issue brings you a smorgasbord of topics highlighting hunting with Welsh Springer Spaniels, and thorough coverage of multiple events that have been hosted by multiple regional WSSC clubs across the country. We are grateful for all of the content contributed by club members to share their experiences! It is terrific to see all of the activity, vibrancy and dedication of the regional clubs and their show committees to organize and execute these events with great success! From supported entries, regional specialty and a hunt test – our clubs have been very busy! And, of course our National Club and its show committee are busy working on the plans for our 2024 National Specialty at Purina Farms in Gray Summit, MO on Friday, May 31, 2024. While all of the plans for 2024 National Specialty are still being finalized there have been a couple of updates to the schedule of events.

Please see more information about the current plans for 2024 National on page 19.

Since this issue is so full of content, the article we had planned that will share great ideas from club members about how they are prepared for canine emergencies (from first aid supplies, emergency contact info, contingency plans, etc.) will be deferred until our next SB issue – we invite more folks to contribute their suggestions on this subject to wsscstarterbarks@gmail.com.

Our next issue, scheduled in March, will also provide coverage of the WSSCA Annual Awards.

Wishing you and yours a joyous holiday and very Happy New Year!

- Robin

President's Message

BY CINDY FORD
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Happy Fall!

Congratulations to the Dogwood Welsh club for hosting another successful Hunt test the last weekend of October. It takes dedicated volunteers to coordinate and host one of these events. Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard on making this a success! If you ever get a chance to see a Welsh work in the field, I strongly encourage you to take advantage of watching a hunt test. There's nothing greater than watching the dogs do what they were bred to do.

Congratulations as well to the Greater Chesapeake Welsh Club for hosting a terrific 2023 Regional event in Doswell, VA the first weekend of November. It takes a village to get everything coordinated and completed. Thanks for volunteering to host in 2023 and for a job well done! For 2024, we are thrilled that the Central States Welsh Club has volunteered to host the next Regional on September 6, 2024 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Work continues on the new WSSCA website and the planning for the 2024 National Specialty (to be hosted by the National WSSCA club) that will be held on May 31, 2024 at Purina Farms Event Center in Gray Summit, MO. More information will be available soon for both projects. Again, I want to give thanks to all of the volunteers who continue to work to ensure we have a wonderful new website and a great 2024 National Specialty.

I also want to take a minute to thank the *Starter Barks* committee. You guys do a wonderful job of wrangling articles and the people that need to send you stuff (i.e. herding cats). I know your job isn't always easy, but you always give us a superb product. Your work is cherished and admired by many.

The last Board of Directors meeting for 2023 will be the beginning of December. Please contact any BOD member if you have questions or concerns.

Everyone Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!
- Cindy

UPCOMING EVENTS

2024

- January 5, 2024 -- Golden State Welsh Springer Spaniel Club to host a designated Specialty (without sweepstakes) in Indio, CA
- January 12, 2024 -- Dogwood to host WSSCA Specialty in Knoxville, TN in conjunction with American Spaniel Club
- January 12, 2024 -- Greater Chesapeake to host Veteran & Puppy Sweepstakes in Knoxville, TN in conjunction with American Spaniel Club
- January 13 & 14 -- American Spaniel Club Flushing Spaniel Show, Knoxville, TN
- March 2, 2024 -- Greater Chesapeake WSSC to host a Supported Entry (without sweepstakes) at the Maryland Sporting Dog Show in West Friendship, MD
- May 30, 2024 -- WSSCA to host a Supported Entry (without sweepstakes) in Gray Summit, MO
- May 31, 2024 -- WSSCA to host the National Specialty in Gray Summit, MO
- July 6, 2024 - Gateway WSSC to host a Supported Entry with Sweeps in Monroe, MI
- September 6, 2024 - Central States to host a Regional Specialty (with sweepstakes for Puppies and Veterans) in Des Moines, Iowa
- September 7, 2024 - Central States to host a Supported Entry in Des Moines, Iowa

2025

- May 25, 2025 -- Heartland WSSC to host the National Specialty with Sweeps in Jefferson, WI
- May 2025 (TBA) -- Heartland WSSC to host a Supported Entry (without sweepstakes) in Jefferson, WI
- September 25, 2025 -- Rocky Mt. WSSC to host a Regional Specialty (without Sweeps) in Greeley, CO

Secretary's Report

By AKI PAMPUSH

WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA August 27, 2023, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Draft - Pending Final Approval

This telephonic meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM August 27 by WSSCA President Cindy Ford. Officers and board members participating in the meeting were: Cindy Ford, Bev Garaux, Mary Johnson, Wendy Jordan, Sherry Patterson, Aki Pampush, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, Carla Vooris, and Valerie Young. Not attending, Kelli Zellmer. Also attending was AKC Delegate Richard Rohrbacher.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 1, 2023, meeting were provided to the Officers and Directors. Richard Thompson made a motion, seconded by Wendy Jordan, to approve the minutes as presented. Voting Aye: Cindy Ford, Bev Garaux, Mary Johnson, Wendy Jordan, Sherry Patterson, Aki Pampush, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, Carla Vooris, and Valerie Young. Voting No, no one. Abstaining, no one. Not voting, Kelli Zellmer.

REPORTS

Report of the President

Cindy Ford reported that she and Aki Pampush had reviewed the completed pages of the new website design and she thought it looked great. She thanked Aki Pampush for her efforts on this large project which was well on its way to completion. The significant remaining work was the conversion of the substantial amount of archived data on the old website.

Report of the Vice President

Nothing to report.

Report of the Recording Secretary

Nothing to report.

The minutes are continued on page 4

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Carla Vooris reported that she had received notification from the AKC that it had approved WSSCA's application for Marjo Jaakkola of Turku, Finland, to judge the WSSCA 2024 National Specialty.

Report of the Treasurer

Mary Johnson reported that the General Fund has a current balance of \$48,832. She also noted that membership renewals seemed to be lagging a little compared with prior years.

Committee Reports

Report from the AKC Delegate

WSSCA's AKC Delegate, Richard Rohrbacher, reported that the next AKC Delegates meeting would be September 11th and 12th. He noted that the key item on the agenda, in his view, was the reading of the proposed change in the Rules for Dog Shows to allow a Parent Club or breed specific local club to have Reserve Winners designated as a 3-point major at any specialty show where there is an entry for that sex which is more than twice the number needed for a 5-point major. The current rules limit this option only to National Specialties. At the June meeting the Parent Club Committee voted against this rule change. Mr. Rohrbacher reported that he had voted against the change. The AKC staff has recommended the change and it will be voted on by the AKC Board at the December meeting.

Membership Applications

Cindy Ford asked for a motion to ratify the prior approval by email vote of the membership application of Laura and James Adams of Old Hickory, Tennessee. Wendy Jordan so moved, seconded by Carla Vooris. Voting Aye: Cindy Ford, Bev Garaux, Mary Johnson, Wendy Jordan, Sherry Patterson, Aki Pampush, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, Carla Vooris, and Valerie Young. Voting no, no one. Abstaining, no one. Not voting, Kelli Zellmer. Cindy Ford made a motion to ratify the prior approval by email vote of the non-voting membership application of Stuart Taylor of British Columbia, Canada. Seconded by Carla Vooris. Voting Aye: Cindy Ford, Bev Garaux, Mary Johnson, Wendy Jordan, Sherry Patterson, Aki Pampush, Robin Sier-

anski, Richard Thompson, Carla Vooris, and Valerie Young. Voting no, no one. Abstaining, no one. Not voting, Kelli Zellmer. The Board is pleased to welcome the new members to WSSCA.

Old Business

A. Iron Welsh

The Board reviewed some follow up information provided by Board members and the Iron Welsh Committee regarding the format for the Iron Welsh. No changes were proposed to the current rules. The Board recognized, however, that under the current rules the Iron Welsh Competition may not be held every year because the location or show site was not suitable for the event.

B. Regional Club Annual Reports

Wendy Jordan noted that the annual report from the Dogwood Welsh Springer Spaniel Club had not been received by the meeting date due to a problem with email addresses. Wendy Jordan will follow up and submit to the BoD for email vote.

Wendy Jordan reviewed the information provided by the Rocky Mountain WSS Club and made a motion to approve the continued affiliation of the Rocky Mountain Club with WSSCA for another year. Seconded by Sherry Patterson. Voting Aye: Cindy Ford, Bev Garaux, Mary Johnson, Wendy Jordan, Sherry Patterson, Aki Pampush, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, Carla Vooris, and Valerie Young. Voting no, no one. Abstaining, no one. Not voting, Kelli Zellmer.

C. Website Update

Aki Pampush reported that significant progress had been made on the new website. Several Board members were able to participate in an on-line preview of the site at the end of August.

D. 2024 National Specialty

Aki Pampush and Mary Johnson reviewed a draft budget for rosettes and trophies for the 2024 National Specialty. Sponsorships would be solicited to offset the expense.

The Board also discussed including in the related activities an educational session with a representative from OFA which had been done by another club and drew a lot of interest. Further information will be provided at a subsequent meeting.

New Business

A. Appointment of a Nominating Committee Chair

Carla Vooris was appointed Chair of the Nominating Committee for elections for the following Club Officials with terms expiring the last day of February 2024: Vice President, Wendy Jordan; Treasurer, Mary Johnson; Directors Kelli Zellmer, Robin Sieranski, and Richard Thompson; AKC Delegate Richard Rohrbacher. The Chairperson was directed to form a committee with two additional members who are not currently Board members or officers and are from different areas of the country and report the membership to the BoD.

B. Policies and Procedures related to the Breeder Directory and Litter posting protocols on the WSSCA website.

Aki Pampush noted that the current policies and procedures for listing on the WSSCA website were very limited, stating only that a Breeder must have been a member in good standing for two years to be eligible to be listed and must remain a member in good standing. The Board discussed developing more detailed procedures to provide consistency in the information that was presented and incorporating the current disclaimer into the Club policies. A policy would be drafted for final approval at a future meeting, and the suggestions made by the Board incorporated into the updated website.

C. Discussion of Breed Mentors and related Policies and Procedures

Aki Pampush noted that the current list of Breed Mentors was limited, and the related Policies and Procedures had not been updated in some time. The Board agreed that a review was appropriate and asked Aki Pampush to contact the Judges Education Chair and ask the Judges Education Committee to review the policies and submit any recommendations for changes to the Board for consideration.

D. WSS participation in a Harvard Study of Canine Aggression

A WSSCA member had submitted information about a Harvard University Study on Canine Behaviors (https://harvard.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0c8ILh7Nqpnkt8i?utm_source=qualtrics&utm_medium=survey&utm_campaign=life_experience) with a focus on fear and aggression which is sometimes seen in WSS. Several members noted that they had reviewed the information provided and that this appeared to be a very credible study on an important topic. Individual owners could participate if interested and since the study was not seeking parent club approval no action was taken. Several members noted that this was an important topic, and the Harvard study should be directed to the attention of the Health Committee and would perhaps be a topic for a future SB article.

E. Breed Standard Discussion

A WSSCA member contacted the Board regarding the comments of the 2023 National Specialty Judge. The member was concerned that the wording of the breed standard was not sufficiently precise and as a consequence too many judges were putting up dogs that were not consistent with the standard. Several Board members noted that they had looked at the WSS Standard and the standards for other breeds and did not think the WSS Standard language was insufficiently precise. Several members stated their view that the issue was a matter of breeder and judge education. Richard Rohrbacher noted that he believed participation in the AKC's new program for parent clubs to have a Breeder Education Coordinator to encourage adherence to the Breed Standard would be helpful. The Breeder Education Coordinator program will be on the agenda for the next meeting. No action was taken.

Adjourn

Cindy Ford made a motion to adjourn at 9:27 p.m., seconded by Mary Johnson. Voting Aye: Cindy Ford, Bev Garaux, Mary Johnson, Wendy Jordan, Sherry Patterson, Aki Pampush, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, Carla Vooris, and Valerie Young. Voting No, no one. Abstaining, no one. Not voting, Kelli Zellmer.

Respectfully submitted,

Aki Pampush
WSSCA Secretary



AKC Delegate Report

By RICHARD ROHRBACHER

Monday September 11, 2023 - The Parent Clubs Committee meeting

The Parent Clubs Committee meeting:

The highlights of the Parent Club committee meeting were the following items.

Update on AKC Breeder Development – Mark Dunn Mark distributed the 2022 annual breeding statistics which now include information on totals of puppies bred but also percentages bred by AKC member breeders vs. those who are not.

Mari-Beth O'Neill Reported on the following topics.

- Veterinary Outreach
- Theriogenology Conference in Birmingham, AL
- AKC CHF Parent Club Conference
- Meet The AKC and Dog Show Tours
- Parent Club Breeder Development Report – Helen Prince

Breeder Education Coordinator: The position of Breeder Education coordinator has now been added to the AKC database of officers and committee members that it requires each club to submit yearly. Having this position clearly defined will make it easier to distribute timely information. We strongly encourage all Parent Clubs to send in the name of your Breeder Education Coordinator immediately.

AKC Purebred Preservation Bank – Charlie Garvin

The June PPB Forum presentation and the PPB Webinar are now available on the PPB website (www.akcppb.org/forms-2/downloads/). Charlie indicated that the PPB has relaxed some of their initial rules for donation based on input from the PPB survey sent out to fellow Delegates. The initial funding commitment from AKC covers only the first 10 years of the project. Charlie indicated they will be approaching the AKC Board about extending that funding beyond the initial 10 years. As it now stands, AKC will honor the requirements put in place by Parent Clubs for use of straws donated

under their supervision. Charlie also reiterated that no requests for PPB straws will be granted if the sire from whom the straws were obtained is still alive. Clubs may also deny donations from males who have documented health issues or are of non-standard colors. The dam proposed to use the donated straws must have demonstrated that she has whelped a litter.

Proposed Amendment to Rules Applying to Dog Shows – CHAPTER 3, SECTION 1. Group Classifications – Maggi Strouse & Harvey Wooding introduced a proposed amendment to be submitted to the AKC Board of Directors

Canine Health Committee meeting:

Dr. Stephanie Montgomery announced that thus far this year, 22 new grants, totaling \$1.6 million, had been awarded. She highlighted two of the awarded grants. The first will fund the development of a new molecular test for the diagnosis of canine hookworm as well as supplying information on the drug resistance of infecting organisms, especially resistance to fenbendazole. It will require fecal samples only, which will facilitate its clinical use. The second grant will fund an Israeli study of canine pancreatitis, sometimes difficult to diagnosis and with a case fatality rate of 30-60%.

AKC/CHF COO Andrea Fiumefreddo reviewed the process by which clubs with a particular research interest can engage with the AKC/CHF in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) process to solicit appropriate and interested research scientists. There is a current call for proposals directed especially at potential new veterinary researchers. There is a current shortage of veterinary researchers as well as clinical veterinarians. Two new theriogenology residents will be funded by AKC/CHF, AKC and the Theriogenology Foundation. One is at Colorado State and the other at Ohio State, and both will start next year. The AKC/CHF is also working with AKC to fund a new residency in Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Dr. Charles Garvin reviewed progress in the development of the AKC Purebred Preservation [semen] bank. Charlie's presentation was the same as the presentation he made at the Parent Clubs Committee. (see prior summary).

Eddie Dziuk OFA updates. There are now 180,000 unique CHIC numbers with 9000 added this year. The DNA repository now includes specimens from more than 34,000 dogs. Parent Clubs are urged to collect blood specimens at their National Specialties. Contact OFA for assistance ahead of time.

Susan Hamil discussed the Dog Aging Project in which over 10,000 dogs have been enrolled in a longitudinal study in order to determine what biological and environmental factors may be associated with longevity. A question was raised at the June meeting as to whether more than one dog per household might be enrolled. Susan checked and found out that only one dog per household may be enrolled. If you would like to enroll your dog, visit: <https://dogagingproject.org/>.

September 12, 2023 - Quarterly AKC Delegate Meeting

The first order of business at the Quarterly Delegate meeting was the election of Delegate Standing Committee members.

There was a vote on the amendment to Chapter 2, Section 14, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, which inserts “or access to”, to recognize the acceptance of digital copies of required booklets at events. There were no questions or discussion. There was a two-thirds vote in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The following amendments to the Charter and Bylaws of the AKC were read, and to be voted on at the December Delegate meeting:

Article XIII, Section 7, of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, which removes the italics that do not affect the meaning of the sentence about an appeal of a Trial Board decision.

Article XIV, Section 1, of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, which adds clarity and describes the current practice for an Event Committee suspension by a club or association.

The following amendments to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows were read, and to be voted on at the December Delegate Meeting.

Chapter 11, Section 13, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, removes the reference to sweepstakes and futurity judges from the rule as any restrictions have historically been defined by Board policy.

Chapter 16, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Championships, which removes verbiage related to the Parent Club designating one specialty as its National Specialty show as this text was inserted with the amendment to allow Parent Clubs the option to offer a 3-pt. major for Reserve Winners at its National Specialty and it would no longer be relevant for purpose of this section. It replaces Parent Club with breed club and National Specialty with specialty show to reflect the ability for a 3-pt. major to be awarded for Reserve Winners at any specialty show. It also rearranges text for better understanding and comprehension as well as removes the provision which only applied to the 2021 calendar year.

The following amendment Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds was read, to be voted on at the December Delegate Meeting.

Chapter 14, Section 29, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds.

Presentations were done by the AKC Archivist, Jamie Fritz, Kassi McCombe, AKC Business Intelligence Manager, Caroline Murphy, Director of Performance Events, Ted Phillips, CFO, Sheila Goffe, AKC V-P for Government Relations, Dr. Carmen Battaglia AKC Board and Chris Sweetwood, AKC Board on the AKC Detection Dog Task Force, Nancy Fisk, Delegate and Sally Fineburg, Delegate, on the Juniors Committee.



Recent WSSCA Events

Regional, Supported Events, and a Hunt Test

Our Regional Clubs Have Been Busy Supporting Events!

HEARTLAND WSSC Supported Entry

Submitted by Donna Stebbins

The Heartland WSSC again hosted a WSSCA supported entry at the Rochester, Minnesota Kennel Club show at the fairgrounds in Rochester on September 16, 2023. The Rochester Kennel Club provided us with a huge ring and a huge grooming area with electric at no charge. Exhibitors were all set up together right outside the ring, so no worries about being ready and in the ring when needed. It was a perfect opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

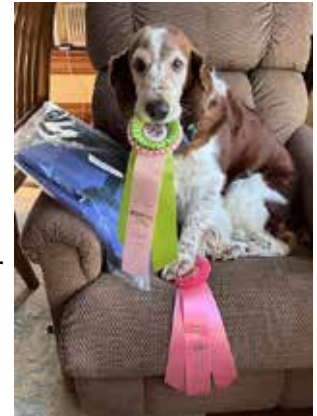


We all missed having Dee Feltus with us. Her memory was strong, so many wonderful stories were shared. A luncheon was provided to all members and exhibitors by the Heartland Club, and once again we were treated to some delicious NY style pizza from a local pizzeria.

Ms. Carrie Dollar did a wonderful job judging our Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes entries. Lauren & Karen Gaines "Jade" (Withywindles in the News) won Best in Puppy Sweepstakes.

Donna Stebbins' "Valor" (GCH CH Redstone's Just Had to Be Me CD PCD N RE FDC BCAT ACT2 THDN RATS CGC TKP) won Best Veteran in Sweepstakes.

Valor



Peggy Rubles girl "Jolene" (CH Trystyn Benton Hooked on Quack) won BOS Veteran Sweepstakes.

Jolene

The Regular class entry judging was done by Mrs. Karen Wilson. Penny Harris' boy Jahni (Foxfire's Georgia State Park Camper, CGC) was WD and went on to grab a Bred By Exhibitor Group 2!

Alyssa Staud's girl "Nixie" (Rolyart's Watergate) was WB/BOW.

Nixie



Wallie - BOB

Best of Breed/BOBOH went to Kelli Zellmer's "Wallie" CH Corrin's Sir Wallace of Cleaver.

Best of Opposite was Veteran bitch, "Jolene" CH Trystyn Benton Hooked on Quack.

Select Dog was Cathy Mills “Flash” Shawndee’s Fireball. And, Select Bitch was Karen Gaines girl, “Opal” CH Withywindle’s in the Spotlight.

We had 3 WSS competing in obedience:

- Ron Whipple & “Spot” in Novice B.
- Karen Lyle & “Taylor” in Open A.
- Deb Sackrison & “Riese” (Shawndee’s Up North Fire & Ice, CDX) in Open B earned Highest scoring WSS!



Karen Lyle and Taylor doing a figure 8



Deb Sackrison’s “Riese” taking the high jump

~ Highest Scoring WSS ~

ROCKY MOUNTAIN WSSC Supported Entry Submitted by Tina Bunn

On September 8, 2023, the Rocky Mountain Welsh Springer Spaniel Club proudly hosted their first annual supported entry in Greeley, Colorado. We had a fabulous turnout with an entry of 11 beautiful Welshies, and we enjoyed warm sunny weather at this stunning outdoor venue. The club provided gorgeous trophies and rosettes as well as a great breakfast spread for the attendees.

RMWSSC also began a new tradition of our annual basket raffle. Each year, we will choose a local volunteer fire department to be the recipient of a life-saving animal respiratory equipment donation. This year, we put together a Colorado themed basket to which many of our members contributed. We raised \$143 for a donation to the Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department! This will cover the cost of at least one animal respiratory kit for them. In future years, we plan to have more baskets available for the raffle to be able to raise even more money for our local volunteer fire departments.

We look forward to hosting this supported entry each year and hope you will consider joining us in the future!

WSSCA REGIONAL SPECIALTY AND SUPPORTED ENTRIES

in Doswell, Virginia
November 3 - 5, 2023

The Hunt Country Cluster at the Meadow Event Park in Doswell, Virginia was the setting for the November WSSCA Regional Specialty and Supported Entries hosted by the Greater Chesapeake WSSC. “A Weekend at a Glance” on page 15 gives the rundown of the winners for 3 of the 5 shows in the cluster. Also, see a complete write up on page 16 written by Greater Chesapeake president, WSSCA Vice-president and show chair, Wendy Jordan.

Photos begin on the following pages.

The Day of the Regional Specialty

Warrenton Kennel Club Show, November 4, 2023 in Doswell, Virginia



Raffle Table



Raffle Table



Specialty Class Challenge Trophies



Trophies and Ribbons



Class Prizes



Trophies and Ribbons

Sweepstakes



Wendy Jordan with Sweepstakes Wreaths



Best In Sweepstakes Wreath



Welsh Dragon crafted by Anne Legare



Sweepstakes judge Ms. Patrice Loves



Ms. Patrice Loves making her picks



Cindy Ford accepts Best In Sweepstakes



Winners Placements - Sweepstakes



Best Veteran and BOS Veteran in Sweeps

Regional Specialty Best of Breed Competition



Best of Breed, Camden; Best of Winners, Sydney; Best of Opposite, Finley



Best of Breed Winning Placements



Select Dog, Select Bitch, Award of Merit



Best of Breed Judging



Sandy Roth with Coach and AOM Ribbon

Beth Holmes and Anne Gilliam, winners.

Ringside right, Mary Johnson and Anne Gilliam, with Joe Cowdrick in the background.



Left, watching ringside: Heidi Cohen, Martha Perkins, Susan Merriken, and Shelley Traylor



Above, Ginny Esh and "Merc" at their grooming setup



Gallery watching ringside on Saturday

Right, Sandy Rohrbacher and Martha Perkins look over the trophy table



Weekend at a Glance

WSSCA Regional Specialty and Supported Entries at the Hunt Country Cluster in Doswell, Virginia November 3, 4 and 5, 2023

	Friday, November 3, 2023 Warrenton Kennel Club Show Doswell, Virginia WSSCA Supported Entry Judge: Mr. Rick Gschwender	Saturday, November 4, 2023 Warrenton Kennel Club Show Doswell, Virginia WSSCA Regional Specialty, Judge: Ms. Diane Kepley	Sunday, November 5, 2023 Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia Doswell, Virginia WSSCA Supported Entry Judge: Mr. Sam Houston McDonald
BOB	GCH Sarabande Dare To Dream	GCHG Mystic Acres At Camden Yards SWN SCA SEA SIA	CH Mystic Acres Sharper Image TKN FITB ATT
BOW	Killagay Tudur Morgan Of Fairwinds	Rolyart's Movers And Shakers	Rolyart's Take Me Out To The Ball Game
BOS	CH Mystic Acres Sharper Image TKN FITB ATT	GCH Rolyart's Mischief Managed	GCH Rolyart's Mischief Managed
SD	GCHG Mystic Acres At Camden Yards SWN SCA SEA SIA	GCHS Klass' You're Off To Great Places	GCHG Mystic Acres At Camden Yards SWN SCA SEA SIA
SB	GCH Rolyart's Mischief Managed	GCH Sarabande Dare To Dream	GCH Normandy Laughter And Reflection
Award of Merit		1. GCH Fanfare's Take Your Mark CD BN RI OA OAJ OF CGC TKI 2. CH Brookhaven's Playing For Keeps JH 3. CH Mystic Acres Sharper Image TKN FITB ATT	
WD	Killagay Tudur Morgan Of Fairwinds	Trystyn's Formula Won	Rolyart's Take Me Out To The Ball Game
RWD	Trystyn's Formula Won	Killagay Tudur Gavin	Rysan's East Of The Sun
WB	Mystic Acres Blast To The Past CGC TKN	Rolyart's Movers And Shakers	Fairwinds Overboard
RWB	Fairwinds Overboard	Mystic Acres Heart Like A Truck	Mystic Acres Blast To The Past CGC TKN
Best Vet		GCHB Rolyart's Crocodile Rock CGC TKN	
Best Puppy		Rolyart's Take Me Out To The Ball Game	
Best OH	CH Mystic Acres Sharper Image TKN FITB ATT - Group 1/RBIS	GCH Rolyart's Mischief Managed Group 2	CH Mystic Acres Sharper Image TKN FITB ATT
Best BBE	Mystic Acres Blast To The Past CGC TKN	Rolyart's Movers And Shakers	Mystic Acres Blast To The Past CGC TKN
SWEEPS		November 4, 2023 WSSCA Sweepstakes Judge: Ms. Patrice Loves	
BIS		Rolyart's For Love Of The Game	
BOSS		Hartsage-Windywood Sounds Of Silence	
BIVS		GCHG Mystic Acres At Camden Yards SWN SCA SEA SIA	
BOSVS		GCHB Rolyart's Crocodile Rock CGC TKN	

WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA, 2023 REGIONAL SPECIALTY



Wendy J. Jordan, Show Chairman

Greater Chesapeake WSSC played host to the 2023 WSSCA Regional Specialty. We were pleased to welcome owners and dogs from New York, New Jersey, Illinois, North Carolina, Georgia...you get the picture!

People traveled many hours to take their chances in the ring to have their dog's name engraved on one of the Challenge Trophies that are specific to the Regional Specialty. The Best of Breed trophy was a gift to WSSCA from the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of Wales. The Best of Opposite Sex trophy is a gift of Anne Legare (Holly House Welsh Springer Spaniels) after she retired the original Regional BOS trophy.

We once again hosted our show in conjunction with the Hunt Country Cluster of dog shows in Doswell, Virginia at the historic farm where Secretariat was foaled. This being the 50th Anniversary of Secretariat's fabled Triple Crown win, we wanted our show logo to reflect that history. Club member Rachel Knotts designed our beautiful logo and embossed it on our trophies for the day of the Regional. For the first time in my memory, we had dog bowls for the top three prizes on the day of the Regional and they were both unique and well-received. Rachel also put together a fun photo booth for people and dogs. Rachel's grandmother, club member Jean Lowry, was again pressed into service to make sure we had sweet and salty snacks, plus cold waters, at ringside for our exhibitors.

As usual, our Regional Specialty included Veteran and Puppy Sweepstakes. Our Sweeps trophies were hand-crafted ribbon wreaths in the colors of the Welsh flag plus yellow to highlight the addition of tiny daffodils, the national flower of Wales. What we thought we were getting were wreaths about ten inches across – easy to transport home and easy to find some wall space to hang them upon. Well, check out the pictures on page 11! Those were some giant wreaths. We saved the big ship-

ping boxes under the trophy tables so winning exhibitors could get them home, relatively uncrushed.

In addition to the Regional Specialty, we had two days of Supported Entries. On the *first day* our trophies were from the estate of Anne Legare. These were trophies that Anne's dogs won over the years and brought back some fond memories for some of our older exhibitors. In fact, Carla Vooris won the etched mirror for Best of Opposite Sex that day. She told club members she had won the same mirror at the National Specialty in 1995 but, unfortunately, broke it. Well, the seven years of bad luck have run their course and Carla and Keith took the mirror home again this year. Other trophies the first day were a framed head study of a Welsh Springer. Anne's dogs actually won this trophy twice. She donated it back to the club after the first win and then won it again! It's on to its new owners, Marta Stoneman and Meghan Riese-Bassel. The rest of the trophies were vintage glassware etched with Welsh Springers, with the exception of first in each class. Those were modern, stemless wine glasses selected by Sandy Roth.

On the *third day* we had another Supported Entry with handpainted coolers, courtesy of the talented artist Diane Blasius. We love Diane's work and have used her art many times over the years. If you won something this year, treasure it! Diane is getting out of the trophy business, (although she will continue to do animal art you can find on Etsy). The artwork was stunning, and many exhibitors of other breeds stopped by the trophy table to admire it.

We also had a very successful raffle at ringside on the day of the Regional. Many items were from the estate of Anne Legare, and we thank her daughters for their generosity. I know many people were delighted to win something of Anne's. But other items were donated by club members. Thank you to everyone

who went through their stashes and found a few things they were willing to part with. I won a few items but, luckily, fewer than I donated! It's always a win when you come home with few tchotchkes than you parted with.

As always, the Greater Chesapeake team came together to put on a successful show. My thanks to:

- Sandy Roth, Brenda Palmgren and Susan Merriken for pulling together the raffle and to Susan and Crystal Nolen for selling lots of tickets.
- Sandy Roth for finding, wrapping up and bagging our stemless wineglasses.
- Carla Vooris for working with the artists who produced the beautiful wreaths and the painted coolers...and for transporting those ginormous boxes with the wreaths.

- Sandy Rohrbacher for ordering and transporting two huge bags of dog toys for the class placements.
- Rachel Knotts for the beautiful logo, trophies and photo booth.
- Jean Lowry for making sure no one went hungry.
- Ellen Hughes and Michael FitzGeorge (who I like to call George FitzMichael or George Fitzhugh, just to keep him on his toes) for cleaning up around our ring after each day.

And a huge THANK YOU to everyone who traveled to the show. We had good weather, good competition and great fun.



Rachel Knotts' creativity shines through with the "photo booth" she created capturing the theme for the show.

Left, Sandy Roth and "Coach" share some love. Above, Robin Sieranski and "Rudy" along with Susan Merriken pose for a fun shot.



Our Best of Breed Winner the Day of the Regional
 BIS / GCHG Mystic Acres at Camden Yards SWN SCA SEA SIA
 “Camden” is owned by Susan Merriken and Keith Vooris
 Handled by Chris Berg; Show Chair, Wendy Jordan holds the Challenge Trophy



Best of Opposite Winner the Day of the Regional
 (and on Sunday at the Old Dominion KC of Northern Virginia Supported Entry)
 GCH Rolyart’s Mischief Managed “Finley”
 Owned by Shelley Traylor and Cindy Ford

The 2024 WSSCA National Specialty

Thursday, May 30 - Sunday, June 2, 2024

at Purina Farms Event Center, Gray Summit, Missouri

The 2024 WSSCA National is a designated specialty to be held in conjunction with the Missouri Rhineland Kennel Club. Our Specialty Breed judge will be Marjo Jaakkola from Turku, Finland. Our Sweepstakes judge will be Kit Goodrich of Colorado.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

- WSSCA Supported Entry (no Sweepstakes) in conjunction with the Gateway Sporting Dog Association
- Obedience
- Rally
- WSSCA Annual Meeting will be held in the evening at the Purina Event Center

FRIDAY, MAY 31 - DAY OF SPECIALTY

- WSSCA National Specialty (with Sweepstakes) Breed Judge: Marjo Jaakkola, Sweepstakes Judge: Kit Goodrich
- Social Event - TBD

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

- All-breed dog show
- Scentwork

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

ACT Trial

OTHER EVENTS PENDING

- Field
- Tracking
- Iron Welsh



The 2024 National Specialty is being hosted by the WSSCA National Club. Board member Beverly Garaux has graciously stepped up to be our Show Chair. As we know, it takes a village to coordinate the logistics and to follow through to conduct a successful event. It's not too late to volunteer to help the committee if you are able to offer your support. If you are able to help, please contact wssca.board@gmail.com to offer your support for a successful event.

WSSCA Hunt Test

Hosted by Dogwood WSSCGA

October 28-29, 2023

Reported by Aki Pampush

It was a beautiful weekend for a Hunt Test! The Dogwood Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of Georgia hosted a WSSCA Sponsored Hunt Test the weekend of October 28-29th in Greensboro, Georgia. Anyone who has ever been to a hunt test knows how important the weather is. Cool mornings gave way to warm and sunny fall afternoons which made for hospitable conditions for dogs and handlers alike. Judges Tim Baker and John Huddleston were kept busy with 30 dogs running on Saturday and 28 on Sunday. The test drew a nice mix of spaniels, and it was especially gratifying to see 5 Welshies entered across all levels both days. The test was spread out a little to use different fields and water for various levels. After the test, John Huddleston, one of the



Judges, texted “You had a nice, efficient test. And I think the participants had fun.”

A successful Hunt Test takes a lot of organization and manpower, with test chair Char-

lie Trefzger and Secretary Frank Pampush heading up the planning as well as the myriad of other tasks it takes to have a hunt test. But the Hunt Test couldn't have been run without the contributions of Dogwood and HT Committee members Mary Johnson, MaryAnne Brown, and Aki Pampush who marshalled, planted birds, and handed out ribbons. Dogwood WSSCGA The Committee is very appreciative of all the help from their friends in the Southeast Spaniel HT community who pitched in to help plant birds, manage birds for the water and hunt dead, lunch, driving master dogs in their ATVs to the blind, throw marks, and more. We couldn't have done it without them.

We are grateful to Donnie and Carolyn Jordan for hosting the test on their property, and all they did to help with the test.



Sutton, Water Retrieve



Judge with Mary Johnson and Sutton



Susan Willingham and Maggie
with Judge Tim Baker

Welsh Springer Spaniels in the Field

Articles written by members on hunting, training and hunt tests

Enjoying Your Dog's Purpose

by Betsie Czeschin

Welsh Springer Spaniels are a flushing breed, and their primary purpose is to hunt: find, flush and return a variety of upland game birds in all types of habitat. They have a strong prey drive to seek and track game with an uncanny ability to mark the fall of the gamebirds shot, and then retrieve those birds to their hunting companion.

WSSCA encourages owners to hunt and do field work with their dogs. They seek to maintain the dogs' abilities to perform the purpose for which it was bred and believe all Welsh Springers can perform in both the field and show ring. Field work is considered so important to WSSCA that the Policies and Procedures states: "Some field event shall be held in conjunction with the [National] specialty, if at all feasible."

Per the AKC website: the Welsh Springer Spaniel is a dog that exhibits joy and enthusiasm in the field. The Welsh Springer Spaniel's exuberance for the time afield is evident in its animated action. Note the emphasis on the dog's happiness.

Owners wishing to let their Welsh do the work they were bred to do and to experience their dog's enthusiasm in the field have two basic options: hunting with them and competing in AKC Spaniel Hunt Tests. Most owners do both, some do tests only.

Hunting in real life

Welsh Springers primarily hunt upland game birds but also will retrieve small game, ducks, and geese. Spaniels do all the work necessary to hunt birds: they find the bird, flush it, and retrieve it. They work close to the hunter, rarely straying out of gun range. When hunting for the bird, Welsh Springers quarter – zig zag back and forth – to cover ground. They are very methodical and rarely miss or accidentally put up a bird. They use both land and air scent. When they locate prey, they immediately flush (or start) the

bird, prompting it to fly into the air. They do not stop and mark the bird as a pointer or setter does and a hesitant or soft flush is undesirable. Once the bird is shot the dog marks its fall and retrieves it. Welsh Springers are supposed to have endurance and be all day hunting dogs. This is where conformation follows function: an incorrect front assembly will cause a dog to break down and a restricted, unbalanced or over-extended stride will use too much energy and tire the dog.

Hunting is available on private land, special preserves, bird farms, and government property such as parks. Franna Pitt hunted a lot of upland birds in Eastern Washington in the 70's and 80's. She belonged to a low-key hunt club about 15 minutes from her house. It had pheasant, ducks, quail and occasionally geese. It eventually was leased to a high-end hunt club, so she now mostly goes to the state-controlled hunting areas, some of which have planted birds. Pheasant and quail used to be populous in northern Arkansas and southern Kansas and Missouri, but most game birds have moved north.

Enthusiasts take hunting trips with their dogs if they don't have birds nearby. Their favorite birds to hunt include quail, grouse, prairie chicken, and chukar. Quail are exciting and fast, giving a dog a good challenge. Pheasant are mean and canny, especially the ones still alive in South Dakota the last few weeks of hunting season. The biggest limitations to hunting and training are time, family, land, bird availability, and work.

Training starts in the whelping box and Andrea Pease and Lisa Juday both get puppies around bird smells early to awaken their instinct. Once you've done that you can pursue other things and return to hunting later. Brian Schmidt spends more time with his dogs as puppies honing basic skills to help with future, more advanced training. Once "birdied up" a Welsh doesn't limit its prey to birds, bringing you the occasional squirrel, ground hog, trout, frog or box turtle.

Field training techniques have improved greatly over the years. Several trainers now use purely positive training methods, which work much better with Welsh Springers. Most of the contributors use field trainers, either to completely train the dog, or to help put it all together after the owner has taught the basic elements. All recommend using care when trusting a trainer with your dog.

Hunting, the game: AKC Spaniel Hunt Tests

AKC hunting tests are games you can play with your bird dogs. They can be a great way to extend the bird hunting seasons and an excellent venue in which to test your bird dog's level of natural ability, trainability, independence, drive, intensity, and all the other things we look for in great hunting dogs. Hunting tests also help gauge your abilities as a trainer and handler.

There are tests designed for the hunting styles of the different sporting breeds. In the Spaniel Hunt Test program participation is designed for flushing breeds and it is non-competitive, meaning the dog and handler are scored based on their execution of several tasks and not in competition with other teams. There are three levels: Junior, Senior and Master. Each requires several qualifying runs to earn a title. Advanced titles can be earned at each level with 10 qualifying runs at a consistently higher score.

Most find the AKC Spaniel Hunt Test program a reasonable assessment of the dog's skills, at least at the Junior and Senior levels, although several question whether an upland game dog will ever encounter a water retrieve when actually hunting. The AKC hunt test program can be a way to teach hunting skills by setting and achieving goals. Caroline Gaver describes it as getting recognition for their dog's hunting achievement. Brian Schmidt was encouraged to enter hunt tests by his dog's breeder, and he found them a good training tool. Franna says it simulates hunting conditions and lets the dogs show hunting prowess, but admits she also likes the competition and to earn titles and orange rosettes. Lisa Juday suggests adding more seeking-type challenges, such as brush piles, to hunt tests as her dogs frequently must find and flush game from thickets and heavy brush. No hunt test can effectively evalu-

ate an all-day hunt. Hunt tests have to be an artificial setup to efficiently judge the dogs in a day, but the attributes looked for in hunt tests are very useful in real life hunting. The real difference is in real life hunting, the dog is expected to hunt most of the day rather than just for a few minutes.

Several AKC parent clubs have petitioned for their breed to be allowed into spaniel hunt tests. To be approved they had to prove their breed traditionally was used to flush and retrieve game as spaniels do. Airedales, poodles, and some retrievers are now also eligible to enter hunt tests. This is a mixed blessing. Brian said it helped fill hunt tests in the Northeast that previously had not filled, enabling the host club to make a profit instead of a loss. In the Upper Midwest and South tests fill so quickly that it has just enlarged the pool of entrants.

Hunting tests are like tracking tests in that they are planning and volunteer intensive and have specific land requirements. Most clubs that host tests have a small group of hunt enthusiasts willing to do the work, but also willing to share their experience. Spaniel Hunt Test participants are some of the nicest, most generous people you will meet in dog sports. People you see once in a blue moon will spend time helping, advising, and training your dog; then celebrate your success with you.

Members regularly have time after a hunt test for other Welshie owners to introduce their dog to birds. Some members get together and have training days – generally near Atlanta or Madison, WI. If you are interested in introducing your Welshie to field work, you can contact Susan Willingham, the Hunt Committee chair, or any of the people named in this article.

I want to thank those who answered my questions about hunting with their Welsh Springer: Cheryl Clark, Caroline Gaver, Lisa Juday, Andrea Pease, Franna Pitt, Susan Riese, Brian Schmidt, and Susan Willingham. They have all hunted in real life and participated in hunt tests for many years. Cheryl, Franna, Susan R., Brian, and Caroline's husband Charlie Trefzeger all hunted with different breeds before getting Welsh and intended to hunt with their

first Welshie; Lisa, Andrea, and Susan W. took up hunting after getting their Welsh. I've spent many hours in the field with Peggy and Bill Ruble working with our dogs and I love seeing their joy to be working, but have never hunted and probably never will.

I hope you enjoy reading more from some of these contributors about their joy of hunting with Welsh!

The Joy of Hunting with a Welsh Springer

By Lisa Juday

Hunting with Welshies is a topic near and dear to me. Before my first Welsh, I had never hunted anything, and didn't even come from a hunting family, so it was a new world for me. But in doing my research on the breed I was very appreciative of the breeds' history, and how they still retained their hunting instincts despite how long this breed has been around. With my background of being so exposed to so many different dogs in my career [Lisa is a retired humane officer], I understood what a hidden gem Welshies are. And let me just say a deeply felt "thank you" to all our breeders for being such amazing, dedicated people who truly put the breed first.



I got my first puppy with the thought that I wanted a spaniel with all the great attributes of this breed, and I wasn't really thinking about hunting, to be honest. But a number of things fell in place. I got my first pup, Dottie, from Tim and Andrea Pease who hunted and encouraged me. Andrea got me to go to a hunt test, and I thought it looked like a lot of fun. She has been a great mentor and hunting friend to me. I had access to family-owned land which is full of grouse, and I already enjoyed shooting as a hobby. I read everything I could find about hunting stories, how to train a puppy, the specifics of hunting with Welshies (VERY scant, but thank you Susan Rise and Peggy Ruble), basically anything I could find since my knowledge tank was empty! I wanted to try

it. There was a lot of trial and error. Since I had no idea what I was doing with my first puppy I used a professional trainer who assured me he understood the sensitive nature of WSS. Long story short - no, he didn't and that girl never forgave me for pinching her ear during the dreaded 'force fetch'. I knew Dottie was right, and I never did that again. Dottie also taught me something - or rather, she showed me. We were both pretty green at this hunting thing! I had trained her to the 'get over' command, where I pip twice on the whistle and point and she zigs or zags in that direction. We call this quartering, so the dog can be directed to cover as much of the woods or field as possible. We were walking down an abandoned railroad track in the woods, and I gave her the signal

to get over, which she did with gusto. All of a sudden, she turned back toward me and she was just lit up like a Christmas tree. The joy on her face was unmistakable. She suddenly 'got it' - we were hunting, and this is what she was born to do. I will never forget that moment or the look on her face. It was contagious, and it reached in and grabbed my heart. I was hooked, too!

Over the years, I have hunted grouse and woodcock in the northwoods, and pheasants and chukkar in the fields further south. I have hunted with a couple of my own Welshies, and with other folks' WSS as well. I've seen Welshies that take off like a shot and are hard driving into the underbrush, and others that are a little more methodical and thorough. Every one of them is as happy as a Welshie can be, out in the field and searching for birds, and that alone makes the effort worthwhile.

I have also taken part in hunting tests and learned so much from working and training with other spaniel owners in these venues. Spaniel people are the best people!

Along the way I have tried to pass along what I've learned, and to get other Welshies out into the field. I admit it isn't easy - it's probably the hardest sport to train for. But the best things are never easy, right?

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Besides having the dog (who doesn't always make it easy on us!), you need access to enough open space to work in, someone who is good with a shotgun, access to birds, and if you are going to try hunt tests, you need a body of water to train in as well. But it's really worth the effort. Any Welshie owner who is interested, but doesn't know how to start, I suggest checking out some spaniel hunt tests. They are listed on the AKC website under performance events and they are also listed on huntsecretary.com. All hunt tests are open to the public so they are a great way to go and watch how spaniels hunt, and to make friends and ask questions about training resources.

I have participated in quite a few hunt tests, mostly as an entrant but I've also volunteered to shag [take dead bird from judge] or plant birds, and even judged one. I also chaired our National hunt test, but I prefer "real" hunting to the tests. The hunt tests are really a sort of a game, and all games have rules, and I find some of the rules in the hunt test are kind of arbitrary as compared to real life situations, such as the requirement that your dog bring the bird back to within one step at the Jr. level, and bring it to hand without the hunter/handler taking any steps at higher levels. This is ostensibly to demonstrate that the dog is trained, but it's not a factor in real hunting. I have found in the woods I don't have issues with my dogs not bringing me the bird; since I probably just walked a mile to get that bird, I don't care if I take two more steps! I also think the water retrieve portion of the test is over-emphasized and almost never actually encountered in real hunting. We hunt upland birds, not ducks. If anything, I would prefer to see the hunt test replace the water retrieves with more seeking-type challenges, such as brush piles. Now that is real life hunting (I have had quite a few birds hole up in a thick tangle) and it is what spaniels are built to do, especially Welshies. I do appreciate the Hunt Dead portion of the test. This is where a shot and dead bird is placed somewhere the dog is unaware of, which mimics the very common situation of the bird flying after being shot and the dog not seeing it go down. The hunter brings the dog over, lines the dog up to face the direction the bird is believed to be, and gives the command to hunt dead, and releases the dog. I have found this command

very valuable in the field. The birds are very well camouflaged and without that Welshie nose I would not have found most of them. So, hunting with a good bird dog is also good conservation - we don't leave cripples or dead birds behind. We take home what we harvest. And boy oh boy, there is nothing like feasting on pheasant or grouse you and your dogs worked together to bring home.



I do think Hunt Tests are a lot of fun and offer lots of camaraderie and reward. Those orange ribbons are the best! Most people I know prefer to stick to the hunt tests and may not hunt much in real life, for various reasons. In fact, you can take your dog all the way up to Master Hunter and never have to carry a real gun or fire a shot. There are gunners for that. Welshies are not commonly seen at spaniel hunt tests. There are always mostly field bred ESS and ECS. Some other rare spaniels may be present, and there may also be a smattering of other breeds which the AKC has allowed into our tests, such as poodles, retrievers, and even Airedales. It is very interesting to watch the different hunting styles of the other breeds. When you watch an experienced Welshie work a field, you can see that they are mostly using their brains and instincts to use the wind direction, they know the type of cover that birds like. A good handler trusts their dog and lets them hunt. It's really wonderful to watch them.

We all know our breed can be stubborn as a mule and soft as a bunny all at the same time. I will not sugar coat it - they can be difficult to train! I have found an approach that works great is positive reinforcement or play-based training program. There are lots of resources either on Youtube or from Scandinavian based trainers, who use these techniques.

Training starts in the whelping box! Our breed is born with a strong prey drive. I believe exposing the puppies to a dry bird wing at around 4-5 weeks of age "turns on" this drive. That's really all that is needed to start a dog at any age. If you don't show that dog another bird until it is 2 years old, it will remember. It will be primed to want to find birds. But you will still need to build up the birdiness in your dog by offering them an easy bird at first, such as a quail or pigeon. This helps them build confidence in grabbing the bird. I have found that probably the weakest part of my dogs' repertoire is the retrieve, and I've seen that in most Welshies. It just takes a little more work and repetition over time to get these dogs to a reliable retrieve.

Most of us use professional trainers to varying degrees, but it isn't easy to find a trainer who truly does know how to train a Welshie. I have used the services of a few trainers that I trusted, and they were of great help. Really, without having at least a few sessions with a trainer at their place, utilizing their property, birds, guns, etc. it's pretty difficult to get the right combinations down for the dog and owner. It doesn't take a lot of sessions. You can work with your dog in your own yard on basic commands and whistle



work, and of course always retrieving. But eventually you will need live birds, a field, and a real gun being shot to let the dog put it all together. That's how I use the trainer - I train the dog to come, sit, stay, fetch and to understand the whistle at home. I will throw a frozen bird and get the dog used to the smell and taste in their mouth. (Frozen birds are a training staple. You can get them at hunt tests or from trainers). Then we go out to a trainer and put it all together. Two or three one-hour sessions was all my dogs needed to be ready for a Jr. level hunt test.

You don't need to live in the country or have a private estate to learn to hunt with your Welshie. It is possible to get all you need from a GOOD spaniel trainer, and to take your dog to a few select spots where you can throw a dummy into some water or set one out and get the dog to find it. If you live within driving distance of an AKC spaniel hunt test, find out who manages that property and see about joining them for training. There are also lots of private game farms, where you can pay for them to put some birds out in a field for you and your dog, which is more challenging than you may think. It's a great way to go out and at least know you will find birds. I like to utilize them especially when I have a younger started dog. I have the planters flag where they set the birds. This way I get that pup on a bird pretty quickly without running him all over the field, so he understands we're not just out here for a run. Once they flush a bird, they will always be looking for another!

Some folks who don't live near enough to these resources, or simply don't have the time, will send their WSS off to stay at a good trainer for a few weeks. I've seen some very well trained dogs that were trained that way. Then, basically, you have a dog that is ready to hunt, either in the woods and fields, or for that orange ribbon and a hunting title. I highly, highly recommend giving hunting with a Welshie a try. It gets you out in nature with your dog, working in a partnership that is very rewarding. Unleashing that innate purpose bred into your dog, and seeing their complete immersion and joy is just thrilling. I haven't even mentioned the aesthetic of seeing these gorgeous red and white dogs against a

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We had a TERRIFIC Regional Specialty!!

Thank you to all the members of the Greater Chesapeake Club for the work that went into this event!

Baby Charlee, Rolyart's For Love of the Game (Presley x GCHG Mystic Acres at Camden Yards SWN), started the shows off on Wednesday by going WB/BOW at her very first show for a 4 point major. She was also Best in Puppy Sweepstakes on Saturday, the day of the Regional Specialty



Ragan (who was not terribly pleased with the picture taking)

😊 continues to shine as a seasoned Veteran going Best of Opposite in Veteran Sweeps and Best Veteran at the Regional Specialty.

Ragan is BIS/GCHB Rolyart's Crocodile Rock TKN CGC (Ali x GCH Bartay's Little Bit Rock N Roll CD, BN,GN, RI,NAP,NFP,CGC)



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Sydney completed her Championship going WB/BOW and Best Bred By Exhibitor at the Regional Specialty and she made the cut on Sunday.



She is New CH* Rolyart's Movers and Shakers - Ragan x Kennedy (Don's Personal Jesus). We are looking forward to showing her in the future.



Finley won Select on Friday and was Best of Opposite Sex and Best Owner Handler at the Regional Specialty on Saturday, picking up an OH Group 2 as well. She also won Best of Opposite on Sunday.



She is GCH Rolyart's Mischief Managed – Ragan x Fig (CH Don's Full Fig)

We are also very proud of Charlee's brother Adley who went Best Puppy on Saturday and was WD/BOW on Sunday for his first Major. He is Rolyart's Take Me Out to the Ball Game (Presley x GCHG Mystic Acres at Camden Yards SWN). Adley is owned by Susan Merriken

And Karter, CH Rolyart's Diamond in the Ruff, owned by Cindy Rhine (Ragan X CH Clussexx Pay Per View for Don's), who just started his specials career on Wednesday by going Best of Opposite Sex

ROLYART WELSH SPRINGERS – ALWAYS BREEDER OWNER HANDLED

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backdrop of grasses, evergreens, gold and red leaves and bright blue skies. There is nothing like it. If you would like to contact me regarding any questions you have in relation to hunting with a Welshie, my email is ih460@hotmail.com.

Oh, and one last word - the Heartland Club is hosting the National in May of 2025, and once again we will be holding a hunt test at the wonderful Milford Hills hunting club near Jefferson, WI. You still have time to get started. I hope to see you there!



Hunting with Labs and Welsh Springers

By Franna Pitt

I started hunting upland birds and waterfowl in 1971 at 19. We had 1 Labrador and soon after got another. My Father-in-law had an English Pointer. Over the years we hunted with a number of other breeds and in various conditions and locations.

Our Labs yielded more birds than any of the other dogs we and our friends hunted with until... I decided to get a Welsh Springer Spaniel. I was attracted to the Welshie's smaller size and that there is no field/conformation split in the breed.

My first Welshie was Clifford – CH Int. CH Briarbanc Brych Red Dog CD RE JH TDX. From Day one Clifford was the ultimate upland bird hunting dog. He out-hunted our Labradors – that is, he put up more birds within gun range than our Labs, and indeed, all other dogs we hunted with. One of those was a gorgeous, extremely effective hunting English Pointer. Clifford only beat her because she stopped to point, and he kept moving. He was a good retriever, but if there was a Labrador close by, he let them retrieve the birds, so he could get back to hunting. He wasn't much of a water dog either, but



if there was a bird in the water, he didn't hesitate to swim for it.

Clifford introduced me to Spaniel Hunt tests and was

once voted the dog the gunners most wanted to take home. I was involved in Retriever Hunt tests from the beginning and saw those evolve into specialized non-slip "Retrieve" tests, dropping the original quartering tests and becoming much less useful to serious upland hunters. Spaniel Hunt tests are much more oriented to the upland hunter with quartering, flushing, bird finding, and retrieving. I enjoy watching dogs work, training them to work and be more effective at hunting. Plus, I'm competitive and enjoy earning titles and having more complex tests to train for.

When I started, "force training" using the ear pinch was the method used to teach retrieving, hold, don't come back without a bird, run a straight line, etc.

The e-collar was also popular. When I got Clifford, he didn't respond well to force training, and kinder, gentler methods were becoming more popular. I'm much happier and more comfortable training with positive methods. I mostly train my dogs by myself. I trained off and on with several Retriever pros "back in the day" and was part of a couple training groups, again, for Retrievers.

We still have a Labrador. If we hunted waterfowl exclusively, a Lab would be the choice, hands down. For all around bird hunting, the spaniels get into deeper brush, don't outrun their noses, i.e. find more birds other dogs have bypassed, and stay with the scent with more intensity.

Hunting with English Cockers and Welsh Springers

by Andrea Pease

I had always wanted to know how to hunt birds and it was on my "to do" list. So, when I got a dog, I joined GLACSHE – Great Lakes American Cocker Spaniels Hunting Enthusiasts (now known as Cocker Spaniel Hunting Enthusiasts). The members of this club, at the time, were mostly women, so I felt comfortable knowing that there were others like me that wanted to participate with their dogs. My husband Tim and I signed up for one of their seminars with our two dogs, Obie and Lucy, both show bred English Cockers. Tagging along was our new 12-week-old puppy, Molly, our first Welsh Springer (she is pictured on the WSS Illustrated Breed Standard retrieving her bird). We both very much enjoyed the time with our dogs, met a lot of great people that I still see in the field, and learned a lot about how to hunt your spaniel. Tim even passed the Working Dog test with Obie!



I continued to train by myself and with the group. Both Obie and Molly went on to earn their Junior Hunter titles. I routinely introduce all my new dogs to birds and field work as they join my family. I've

always felt strongly about introducing my pups to birds before they are a year old to awaken that instinct. Not all of my dogs turn out to be good hunting dogs, but none of them are frightened by loud noises such as fireworks. I just yell out "birds!" when there is a loud noise and they are at attention.

Due to time and driving limitations, lack of birds, and other priorities in life, I started working with a nearby Welsh Springer friend, Jeff Hermersmann, who also hunts our breed and is great at training. He has been a big help, because he really knows the breed and their unique style.

The Welshie is a soft dog and doesn't like harsh treatment – so positive reinforcement is a must! They are also smart and catch on quickly. I've learned that they get bored easily, so short training periods with just a few repetitions is a must – not only in field work, but in any other dog sports.

The English Cocker, on the other hand, is a little less soft. Even though they are smaller they love to hunt, and the short shrubby areas are their favorite terrain. The Welsh Springer loves the open fields, and moves in a slower, determined pattern. So, both breeds get the job done and really complement each other in terms of hunting styles. Using both breeds in the field together is a great combination.

The English Cocker breed has been divided into show bred and field bred. Even the show bred English Cockers can do well in hunting. The English Cocker can be entered in both hunt tests and field trials, whereas the Welshie is entered only in hunt tests. If it means that the Welsh Springer Spaniel breed would be divided into show and field just to enter field trials, then I'm not in favor of it.

The bottom line really is both breeds love to hunt and so do I. Grouse is a fun bird to hunt but challenging! It is the pheasant that is the bird of choice, but also quail (especially for the puppies), pigeon and chukar are the other upland birds.

Regardless of whether you do hunt tests or just get out in the field with your dog, it is the time together that really counts. Find out who in your area is in this sport and get involved. This is what our spaniels are bred to do!

From Golden to Welsh

By Cheryl Clark

I started hunting in New Jersey with my Golden Retrievers - mostly pheasant hunting on public lands on released birds. While living in Utah, the goldens got to hunt pheasant, grouse, and lots of ducks. When I moved to Iowa and met Randy, I was introduced to hunting with English Springer Spaniels and the spaniel hunt test program. I continued to have my goldens and he had his ESS. In 1997 I got my first WSS from Dee and Shawn Feltus, and as they say "the rest is history". "Wink" was the first spaniel I trained for hunt tests while still training for other venues. She was quite evil and a bit of a challenge but I think she made me a better trainer. We travelled to Colorado, North Dakota, Minnesota, and some southern states but she finished her Master Hunter in her home state of Iowa. Along the way she garnered obedience and agility titles and continued hunting into retirement.

I've only had a few WSS but "Wink" produced my "Mia" - a dream to train in the field which was proven when she got her MH in 5 straight qualifying runs. Unfortunately, a month after her title she was diagnosed with lymphoma but still enjoyed a romp in the field until passing at 6 1/2 yrs of age. I started judging spaniel hunt tests during "Wink's" reign. It was my way of giving back to the sport. I thoroughly enjoyed it for many years until some bad experiences at several tests soured me on judging. I still see value in the program but some of the exhibitors were less than pleasant and the committee support was lacking.

My third hunt test WSS was a lovely girl from Rolyart - "Riana". She had a fantastic nose and drive and loved going on quail hunts with her golden buddies at a local hunting preserve. No boundaries here - just beat the goldens to the bird! "Riana" might have gotten her MH but she was training in many venues and SH was her only field title.

I currently have a young boy from Rolyart who has a great nose and lots of desire. Guess my job will be reigning that in so we can play by the rules but that makes it a challenge!



WSSCA History Corner

This month's edition of the History Corner is provided by Betsie Czeschin. She writes about the Glannant Kennel owned by I. J. Smaith and the beginnings of imported Welsh Springer Spaniels to the U.S. She also shares an article written by I.J. Smith himself from the early 1950's along with photographs and newspaper clippings. We hope you enjoy this important history of our breed.

Kennel of the Past: Glannant Kennel Welsh Springer Spaniels

In December 1948, native Welshman I.J. Smith imported Welsh Springer Spaniel "Rockhill Ransom", planning to start a kennel of Welsh Springer Spaniels in the U.S.

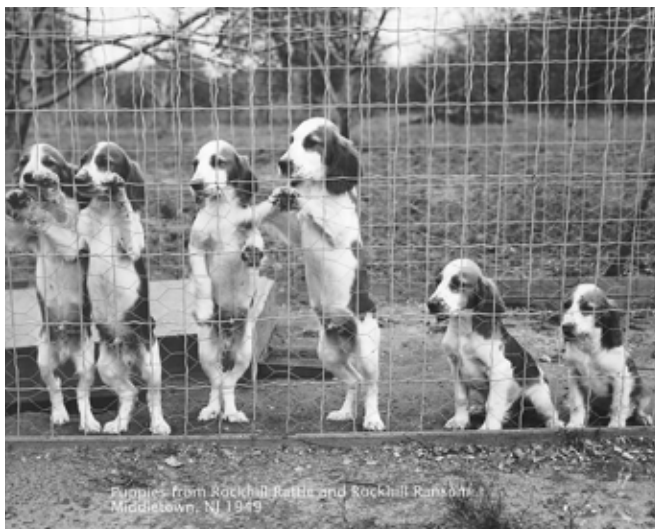
Idris Jenkins (I.J.) Smith, born in 1886 and raised in Wales, was visiting relatives in Pennsylvania in 1913 when he met his future wife, Margaret Jones. They married later in 1913 and settled in New Jersey. Mr. Smith was an accountant, but also a prominent breeder and judge of Doberman Pinschers, along with a few other breeds. He eventually judged several breeds for the AKC.

Having grown up with Welshies, Smith decided he wanted to import some, "Knowing that the breed was recognized by the AKC, and not having seen one in many years, the thought came that I might have a little pleasure, and at the same time get away from that ignoble strife common among some of the popular breeds. I could import a few, breed a few, sell a few, and take in a few shows."

He asked relatives still in Wales to find him a suitable dog to import, and in 1948, Rockhill Ransom arrived. In 1949 he imported Rockhill Rattle to complete his breeding pair. These are the first Welshies registered with the AKC. Several had been imported over the years primarily as hunting dogs, but not registered. He first showed his dogs at the Newark Kennel Club show in November 1949.



Smith's first litter of Welshies produced six males and three females. The females were placed with people promising to build the foundation of the breed here and the males with people who would promote the breed. Per a 1949 article in the Newark Sunday News, "Smith is not interested in getting a lot of money for the puppies, though they are rare. Rather, he wants them to get into the hands of fanciers who will exhibit them on the show bench or use them in the field."



Mrs. Dorothy Ellis brought five Welsh Springers to the U.S. and showed them at the Westminster Kennel Club show in 1950. With her five and Smith's Ransom, Rattles, and four of their puppies, there was an entry of eleven Welsh that year!

After his first litter, Smith continued to look for dogs in Wales but didn't import further. His granddaughter, Leah Singer, remembers a few more litters, including one of 13 and one litter whelped in the basement because it was too cold in the kennel. He discontinued breeding in about 1953 and Mr. Smith died in 1960.



The caption reads: Eleven Welsh Springer spaniels, a breed almost unknown in this country, will be seen at the Westminster Kennel Club Show in Madison Square Gardens, tomorrow and Tuesday. The 11 will include the two shown here, brought recently from England by Miss D. H. Ellis (left) and Miss Pamela Standbridge. The other six will be shown by I. J. Smith of Irvington who imported a pair from Wales last year and now has four puppies to go with them.

Newark Sunday News, February 12, 1950

Many thanks to Leah Singer for preserving this breed history and allowing it to be shared. Leah and her daughter both have Welshies from Carla and Keith Vooris.



The Welsh Springer Spaniel by I.J. Smith

Probably written in the early 1950s.

It is a comparatively easy matter to write about a so-called popular breed of dog, but it is quite another task to write about a breed not so well-known, even though that breed can claim to be of ancient origin. It must be admitted that popularity is not always a guaranty of real worth – certain breeds have had quite a vogue, only to fall by the wayside after a few years---more often than not these breeds have been the victims of misrepresentation. Inversely, popularity has a way, very now and then, of attaching a greater value to a breed not ballyhooed by advertisements which are misleading. The Welsh Springer Spaniel is one breed that has survived through many generations throughout Wales and Great Britain, entirely on its own merits. There is no claim, or going to be a claim, that this spaniel can take the place of all other breeds in the Sporting Group, even though he has generations (please note, not decades) behind him. The Welsh Springer is not the super wonder dog, but he is second to none in the spaniel varieties.

More years ago than I care to acknowledge, when as a lad I roamed (often in the gloaming) the heather and gorse-covered hills of my native land or spent the idle days of summertime exploring the vales and glens and country lanes, I was more often than not accompanied by one or more of these active and merry dogs, their vivid white coats with dark red markings giving them a handsome appearance, an affectionate, confident temperament lending itself to ideal companionship. It is easy to remember the starting of a bunny, the whirl of wings, or a disturbed skylark soaring upward singing a melody until it could no longer be seen. Those who gunned over them thought highly of their ability and enthusiasm on fur or feather (my gunning confined to a trusty slingshot), memory tells me that a Welshie can keep you on your toes when afield, or give you at home that companionship enjoyed to the fullest by a dog lover.

Knowing that the breed was recognized by the AKC, and not having seen one in many years, the thought

came that I might have a little pleasure, and at the same time get away from that ignoble strife common among some of the popular breeds. I could import a few, breed a few, sell a few, and take in a few shows. And to date I have had a few laughs when showing. At one show the Group Judge, not having checked his book but took the go ahead sign, was asked after the judging if he knew what breed it was, replied, "It is a Brittany." This DID give a laugh - there is as much difference as between day and night, a difference in conformation, in running gear, in color of markings - this chap didn't even know a Brittany!! Imagine a Sussex, a Clumber, a Field, a Welsh and a Brittany all in at the same time? And this without the advantage of arm bands.

As a preamble the foregoing is all sufficient, except to add that to thousands of readers of Welsh origin and descent the following will be of much interest; to others, the history and description of any breed should be worthwhile. To group judges who may sometime in the near future judge the breed, the Standard, as blown up by some and subscribed to by the Secretary of the English club, given at the conclusion of this article, should be of help.

The Welsh Springer Spaniel is claimed to be of pure and ancient origin. Unfortunately, no authentic records are available to prove this, but it is a fact that the spaniels depicted in old prints are usually red and white and do bear a resemblance to the present-day Welsh Springer. The fact that they breed consistently to a uniform type does proclaim their ancient lineage and there can be no doubt that they are not a manufactured breed. Of a size between the English cocker that the English Springer, he is an attractive dog of excellent balance of parts, denoting a strength without clumsiness. The markings of dark red on a white ground appeal to the artistic eye as an attractive color scheme. The Welsh Springer Spaniel is a symmetrical dog, compact, strong, merry, very active and not stilty.

About fifty years ago the breed came into prominence when the late Mr. A.T. Williams of Ynis-y-gerwn, Neath, Glamorganshire, appeared with his Welsh Springers at field trials and shows. Mr. Williams claimed that these dogs had been bred and used for sporting purposes by his family for nearly a century. The breed does seem to have been confined to the County of Glamorgan. Other strains were owned at that time by St. John Talbot Llewelyn, Col. Lewis of Greenmeadow, and Col J. Blandy Jenkins, Llanharon [sic]---all of Glamorgan. It is definitely known that these Spaniels had been at Llanharon at that time, as long as anyone could remember, and to this day Welsh Springer Spaniels are often referred to as being of the Llanharon strain. Careful breeding and culling of litters produced only the best--the survival of the fittest was the order of the day. These people probably did not have a speaking acquaintance with genetics. Their aim was stamina, trustworthiness, and temperament.

Puppies bred by these people fell into different hands, and the breed gradually became distributed throughout the county and eventually farther afield. Field trials started in 1899, and the Sporting Spaniel Society held their third field trial meeting in 1900 at the aforementioned Mr. Williams' estate. Mr. Williams' team of Welsh Springers appeared for the first time and carried all awards, placing over three other teams of other varieties of spaniels. It was thought at that time that his success was due to the fact that the dogs were working on familiar ground. But in 1901 Mr. Williams' team was again successful when the trials were held at Scarsdale, and for several years thereafter Mr. Williams' teams continued to be successful at field trials.

Mr. Williams also brought the breed into prominence as a show dog with a dog called Corrin. This dog was presented to him by Col. Blandy Jenkins. For several years, from 1899 onwards, this dog had a most successful show career, winning first prizes in the classes of those days for Spaniels at shows all over the country. At that time there was no place assigned to the breed in the English Kennel Club Stud Book, and consequently Corrin was registered as a Cocker. But in 1902 the Kennel Club agreed to admit the

breed as Welsh Springers and Corrin's registration was accordingly altered.

Several other exhibitors of the breed also showed dogs at that time, and shortly afterwards a Mrs. H.D. Green of Craven Arms, who died two or three years ago, took them up. This lady's kennel, in two or three years, became the strongest in the country, and at one time just prior to the 1914-1918 war, she had no fewer than eight champions in her kennel at one time. [Mrs. Green's kennel prefix was Longmynd. Her dogs were the models for Maud Earl's paintings.] The Welsh Springer Spaniel Club was formed with Mrs. H.D. Green as Secretary, and the popularity of the breed grew rapidly. Mr. A.T. Williams exported quite a few to Mr. Hobart Ames (of Ames Shovel Co.), Connecticut, who used these dogs for shooting. The untimely death of Mr. A.T. Williams, some years before the first World War, brought this kennel to an end. The outbreak of the war was another very serious setback to the breed as Mrs. Green, foreseeing the difficulty in feeding them, had every Welsh Springer in her kennel destroyed. Breeding almost came to an end, and the Welsh Springer Club ceased to exist.

After the First World War, a number of people again started the breed, and in 1922 with several people interested, formed the present Welsh Springer Spaniel Club with Lt. Col. J. Downes-Powell as Honorary Secretary. This gave the breed considerable impetus. Kennel Club Challenge Certificates were offered at two or three shows in 1923, and in the same year the present club held its first field trials at Ruperra Park. [Ruperra Castle, built in 1626 and a ruin in 2023, is in Caerphilly, Wales.] A stake for Welsh Springers brought out six entries. The trials, although only a one day meeting, were very successful, and the following year the new President, Captain A. Talbot were very successful, and the following year the new President, Captain A. Talbot Fletcher, invited the club to hold its trials at Margam, near Port Talbot. Apart from one or two meetings held other places, the trials continued to be held at Margam until 1939.

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About 1923 a very good dog named Ch. Barglam Bang did very well on the show bench, and was followed by his son, Ch. Marglam Bang, who also had an equally successful career. In 1925, a Mr. Lewis of Taybont-on-Usk, in Breconshire, had a very good bitch known as Goitre Lass. This bitch not only produced puppies true to the correct color, but these puppies had darker noses and eyes, instead of the usual flesh color nose and hazel eyes. There is no doubt that this did improve the appearance of the breed. [Several sources contemporary to this article say that Goitre Lass was the result of a WSS/Cocker or WSS/ESS cross. Her son, Ch. Marksman O'Mathern was bred to a bitch named Rheidol Queen whose dam was Floss of Mont, a WSS with a lemon and white cocker sire and a liver and white ESS dam.] This bitch was regularly mated to Ch. Marglam Bang for a number of years and she produced an amazing number of puppies, including many of outstanding merit which began to appear in shows in the middle of the 1920's. Probably the best one was Col. Downes-Powell's Ch. Marksman O'Mathern. This dog was stated to have been the best Welsh Springer that ever lived. He had a most successful show career. The puppies from this breeding (Ch. Marglam Bang x Goitre Lass) were sent all over the country, and there is no doubt that at the present time it is very difficult to find any Welsh Springer that has not, in his being, the blood of the Ch. Marglam Bang x Goitre Lass combination. During all this time the breed continued to be in the hands of people owning one or two for shooting purposes, or keeping several for breeding and showing. At no time have these dogs been in the hands of breeders running kennels on a commercial basis. It is surprising the number of dogs which are owned by ordinary shooting men and which never come before the public eye.

Shows continued to be very well supported, but during the 1930s there was a considerable falling off in the number of Welsh springers running in field trials, and towards the end of this period, the numbers became fewer. The outbreak of World War II in 1939 again struck a severe blow to the breed, and the majority of small kennels ceased to exist. Breeding was at a standstill.

One man, a Mr. Newman of Treorchy, [Harold Newman, who later used the kennel prefix Pencelli.] continued throughout the war to keep up a small kennel of show dogs, and he continued to support in South Wales small member shows---which were the only shows allowed during the war years. Mr. Newman has some success with the dogs, and at the end of the war, in 1945, he had a show dog known as Dewi Sant, a great-grandson of Ch. Marksman O'Mathern. This dog was awarded the Challenge Certificate at the first three championship shows held after the war, and in addition he won several awards of Best in Show at open and member shows. Once again, many people commenced to breed and Dewi Sant was very widely used as a stud dog. The result is that a very large proportion of the Welsh springers about, at the present day, have Dewi Sant's blood. Unfortunately, the dog never produced another dog as good as himself, and there is regrettably at the present time, a shortage of really good dogs. He sired some quite good bitches and quite a number of good bitches have appeared since 1945.

It is curious that after each of the two great wars, a somewhat similar position has arisen. After the First World War, the Ch. Marglam Bang x Goitre Lass combination came into the breeding of practically all the dogs. Then about, and after, the Second World War, Dewi Sant appeared in the breeding of large numbers [of Welsh]. One of the best known dogs sired by Dewi Sant was Philosopher of Downland, who has done much winning on the show bench. This dog's career, however, has been somewhat mixed, and has aroused much controversy. Many of the people who know the Welsh springer of years ago, consider he was not of the correct type, and judges of this school have put him down invariably. On the other hand, other judges have awarded him the highest honors. [Philosopher of Downland was bred by Harold Newman and owned by Miss Dorothy Ellis. In 1950 Dorothy Ellis brought five Downland Welsh to the US and exhibited them in American shows. Philosopher's half-brother Jester of Downland sired the first American champion Welsh, Ch. Holiday of Happy Hunting, out of Souvenir of Downland. Jester, bred to his daughter, also sired Am. Ch. David of Happy Hunting, who sired several

champions for Bert and Edna Randolph's Randhaven kennel.]

The entries at shows at the close of the war were extremely good, but they have now tended to fall off due, no doubt, to the economic condition of the country. At field trials, which were again started in 1946, the numbers of Welsh springers appearing have been rather small and the standard of work not equal to past performances.

As a worker, a good Welsh springer is ideal. He possesses tremendous drive and dash, with an amazing nose, and is an exceptional water dog. He is a natural line hunter [following the scent trail of running quarry]. In the retrieving of runners, their line hunting ability makes them exceptional. He is quite fearless and will face the thickest cover.

Welsh springers have been trained to hunt in teams, which they will do at a great speed to stop after going through each patch of cover and coming to the next ride. It is very easy to imagine the delightful picture of a team of these attractive spaniels hunting together.

The standard calls for ears set moderately low and hanging close to the cheeks, comparatively small

and narrowing toward the tip---better described as a vine leaf-shaped ear. Eyes, hazel or dark, not prominent or sunken, nor showing haw. Muzzle, medium length, straight, fairly square, the nostrils well-developed, flesh colored or dark, with the jaw strong, neither under or overshot. Skull proportionate, slightly domed, well chiseled below the eyes. A Clumber or an English springer head to be penalized. Coat straight or flat and thick, constituting a protection when working his way through dense cover, to be of a silky nature, never wiry or wavy, a curly coat being most objectionable. The length of the body should be in balance with the leg, ribs deep and well sprung. Neck long and muscular, clean in throat, neatly set into long sloping shoulders. Stern well set on and low, never carried above the level of the back. Lightly feathered tail with lively action.

There is no doubt that in the hands of those who have the best interests at heart, the Welsh springer spaniel can establish a place in the homes of a reasonable share of American dog lovers.



I.J. Smith judging English Springer Spaniels



NEW TITLES

3rd Quarter -- July, August, September 2023

Compiled by Sandy Roth

CHAMPION

- CH Brookhaven's Playing For Keeps JH (B)
Owned by Francis X. Pampush & Agnes G. Pampush
- CH Great Expectations Everlasting Gobstopper (D) Owned by Allison Smith & Lilianna Apollos & Spencer Smith
- CH Rolyart's Diamond In The Ruff (D) Owned by Cindy Rhine
- CH Rolyart's Follow That Dream (B) Owned by Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor
- CH Mystic Acres Sharper Image TKN FITB (D) Owned by E. Carla Vooris & Keith Vooris & Dorothea Simberlund
- CH Hartsage Supernova (B) Owned by Eric C Hartelius D.V.M.
- CH Lynlee's The Past Present Future Of Tydaky (B) Owned by Jennifer Kay Clark
- CH Pennylane's Cup Of Joe (D) Owned by Wayne Graber & Judy Russo

GRAND CHAMPION

- GCH Renascent Clussexx Silver Tokens For Stonecroft BCAT (B) Owned by Miss Lilianna Marie Apollos
- GCH Redsage Notorious At Celtic Crown (B) Owned by Angela Hughes-Gorka D.V.M. & Erik Gorka & Katherine Jane Dahlstet
- GCH Redsage Some Dance To Remember At Rainbows End CGC (B) Owned by Jeni Banks & Katherine J Dahlstet & Joe Banks
- GCH Corrin's Sir Wallace Of Cleaver (D) Owned by Kelli Zellmer & John Zellmer
- GCH Normandy Laughter And Reflection (B) Owned by Anne Gilliam & Mike Gilliam
- GCH Shawnde's Flash Fire (D) Owned by Catherine Mills & Deedra Feltus

COMPANION DOG

- GCH Aurora's Yankee Clipper Keepsake CD BN RN MX MXJ OF (B) Owned by Brenda S Palmgren & Rhonda R Kuhn
- CH Rocksprings You Can Fly CD BN RA (B) Owned by Katherine Goodrich & Rick Berry & Christina Bunn

COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT

- GCH Clussexx Stonecroft Red Skye Over Wyndyn CDX BN (D) Owned by Karen Lyle

BEGINNER NOVICE

- GCH Aurora's Yankee Clipper Keepsake BN RN MX MXJ NF (B) Owned by Brenda S Palmgren & Rhonda R Kuhn
- CH Rocksprings Olivine Damond BN RI (B) Owned by Katherine Goodrich & Rick Berry & Christina Bunn
- CH Rolyart's Chasing A Dream BN RI SCN CGC TKA (D) Owned by Cheryl L Clark & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor
- CH Statesman's Red Dragon BN RN (D) Owned by Norah Elstner
- CH Rocksprings You Can Fly BN RI (B) Owned by Katherine Goodrich & Rick Berry & Christina Bunn

RALLY NOVICE

- Statesman's Ferencz RN (B) Owned by Susan Riese

RALLY INTERMEDIATE

- CH Rocksprings Olivine Damond RI (B) Owned by Katherine Goodrich & Rick Berry & Christina Bunn

RALLY ADVANCED

- CH Middlebrook Starters Line RA AX AXJ XF CGC TKA (D) Owned by Irene Vonderahe & Robert Keltos

- CH Rocksprings Olivine Damond BN RA (B) Owned by Katherine Goodrich & Rick Berry & Christina Bunn
- CH Rocksprings You Can Fly CD BN RA (B) Owned by Katherine Goodrich & Rick Berry & Christina Bunn
- GCH Truepenney Three Times The Fun At Starters Run RA CGC TKA (D) Owned by Irene Vonderahe & Robert Keltos

SENIOR HUNTER

- CH Wyld Wynd's In The Company Of Masters SH (D) Owned by Betsie Czeschin & Susan Reise

MASTER AGILITY CHAMPION

- GCHB MACH Rolyart's Play Time UDX OM1 BN GN RE MXB MJB OF DN CGC TKA (B) Owned by Linda Brennan & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor

MASTER AGILITY EXCELLENT PREFERRED

- New Scotia Statesman Aphrodite AX AXJ MXP MJP CGC TKN (B) Owned by Janice Baxter

AGILITY FAST OPEN

- GCH Aurora's Yankee Clipper Keepsake BN RN MX MXJ OF (B) Owned by Brenda S Palmgren & Rhonda R Kuhn

OPEN AGILITY JUMPER

- Wyndyn Takes One To Know One NA OAJ (D) Owned by Heather green & George Green

BCAT

- Corrin's Theodore Ellis RE BCAT (D) Owned by Pam Gehrke
- CH Cryslen's No One But You BCAT TKN (B) Owned by Crystal Nolen
- Fox River Pretty Little Lady BCAT CGC TKN (B) Owned by Correne Johnson & Andrea Pease & Benjamin Johnson
- CH Aurora's Go Jimi Go BCAT (D) Owned by Ms. Rhonda R Kuhn & Mrs. Karen Fehr

- Corrin's Piper Of Bryn Avon BCAT (B) Owned by Sally St Peter
- Juniper's Peppersass BCAT (D) Owned by Debbie Crane & Kevin Crane

DCAT

- Fox River Importance Of Being Ernest DCAT TKI (D) Owned by Karen Peckham
- CH Statesman's Fish Out Of Water DCAT CGC VHMA FITG (B) Owned by Dr. Jenna Dockweiler

SENIOR BARN HUNT

- CH Trystyn's Boots And All RATS (D) Owned by Sandra N Holmes & Gregory K Peter

SCENT WORK CONTAINER ADVANCED

- GCHG CH Mystic Acres At Camden Yards SWN SCA SIA (D) Owned by Susan N Merriken & Keith Vooris

SCENT WORK INTERIOR ADVANCED

- CH MACH Middlebrook Laying It On The Line MXS MJS MXP MJP XF T2B SIA SEA SCN TKP (B) Owned by Michael Steigerwald & Mary Mandich-Steigerwald
- GCHG CH Mystic Acres At Camden Yards SWN SCA SIA (D) Owned by Susan N Merriken & Keith Vooris

SCENT WORK EXTERIOR ADVANCED

- Juniper's Jubilee Kissing Rainier SWN SCA SIA SEA CGC TKN (B) Owned by Jennifer Sarchett & Amy L. Herman
- CH MACH Middlebrook Laying It On The Line MXS MJS MXP MJP XF T2B SIA SEA SCN TKP (B) Owned by Michael Steigerwald & Mary Mandich-Steigerwald
- GCHG CH Mystic Acres At Camden Yards SWN SCA SIA SEA (D) Owned by Susan N Merriken & Keith Vooris

SCENT WORK BURIED EXCELLENT

- Rhodri's Rummy Royal SWA SCE SBE TKN (D) Owned by Christin A Davie

SCENT WORK BURIED MASTER ELITE

- Braith's Since I Fell For You BN RI SWM SCME SEME SBME CGCA CGCU (D)
Owned by Sue Morgan

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

- CH Redsage Some Dance To Remember At Rainbows End CGC (B) Owned by Jeni Banks & Katherine J Dahlstet & Joe Banks
- CH Shirewood's Lady Branwen CGC (B) Owned by Ronald Paice & Kathleen Paice
- Up Norths Superior Legacy CGC (B) Owned by Sarah J Dennett & Hans Muessie
- Dawnko Rhys Pearson CGC (D) Owned by Millie Pearson
- Redsage Kismet CGC TKI FITS (B) Owned by Janet Howson & Katherine Dahlstet

ADVANCED CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

- CH Crosswind's Infinite Improbability SCN SIN SEN CGCA TKI FITS (D) Owned by Jessica Wolfe-Taylor & Chris Taylor
- Rolyart's Wizzard's Waltz CGCA CGCU (D) Owned by Susan Lephart

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN URBAN

- CH Rolyart's Go Out On A Limb VCD1 PCD BN RM2 RAE TDU FDC AXP AJP OFP SWN SINE SCA SIA SEA SHDN RATS CGCU TKA ATT (B) Owned by Merrielle Turnbull & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor
- CH Rocksprings Bold Venture RI CGCA CGCU TKN (D) Owned by Leah Geurts & Katherine Goodrich
- Rolyart's Wizzard's Waltz CGCU (D) Owned by Susan Lephart

TRICK DOG NOVICE

- CH Trystyn's Boots And All TKN (D) Owned by Lani Fry
- Crysler's Too Big For My Britches TKN (B) Owned by Crystal Nolen
- Juniper's Consolidation Rose TKN (B) Owned by Janice Baxter & Amy L. Herman
- CH Rocksprings Bold Venture RI CGCA CGCU TKN (D) Owned by Leah Geurts & Katherine Goodrich

TRICK DOG INTERMEDIATE

- CH Juniper's Starlight Express BN RI CGC TKI ATT (D) Owned by Lee Green
- Redsage Kismet TKI FITS (B) Owned by Janet Howson & Katherine Dahlstet
- CH Crosswind's Infinite Improbability SCN SIN SEN CGCA TKI FITS (D) Owned by Jessica Wolfe-Taylor & Chris Taylor
- CH Trystyn's Boots And All RATS TKI (D) Owned by Lani Fry

FIT DOG BRONZE

- Fox River Pretty Little Lady BCAT CGC TKN FITB (B) Owned by Correne Johnson & Andrea Pease & Benjamin Johnson
- Mystic Acres Getting In Good Trouble TKN FITB (D) Owned by Debbi Elliott & E Carla Vooris

FIT DOG SILVER

- Wyld Wynd's You'll Shoot Yer Eye Out FITS (D) Owned by Jennifer Kendrick

AKC TEMPERAMENT TEST

- Crysler's Pop It Like It's Hot ATT (B) Owned by Crystal Nolen
- CH Kaycee's Wrangler Red At Indigo Hill CGCU TKN ATT (D) Owned by Jana S Cooley & Steve Cooley
- CH Mystic Acres Sharper Image TKN ATT FITB (D) Owned by E. Carla Vooris & Keith Vooris & Dorothea Simberlund

Point Totals January 1 to September 30, 2023

DECKARD CUP

GCHG Clussexx On Red Alert At Stonecroft	2899	Dr. S. Blau
GCHS Juniper's Daylight Special	503	Herman/Sells
GCHS Klass' You're Off To Great Places	322	H. Cohen
GCHS Trystyn's Private Lable CD JH	190	M. Johnson
GCH Renascent Covingtonwest	167	M. Riese-Bassel

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GCHG Clussexx On Red Alert At Stonecroft	2899	Dr. S. Blau
GCHG Hartsage Rysan's Diana By Design	149	E. Hartelius DVM/ S. Rohrbacher
CH Rolyart's Mischief Managed	117	S. Traylor/C. Ford
GCH Sarabande Dare To Dream	114	M. Riese-Bassel/ M. Stoneman
GCH Trystyn's Inside Information	73	K & L Gaines/Holmes

FOUNDERS CUP

GCHG Clussexx On Red Alert At Stonecroft	614	Dr. S. Blau
GCHS Klass' You're Off To Great Places	187	H. Cohen
GCHG Juniper's Daylight Special	168	Herman/Sells
GCH Renascent Covingtonwest	167	M. Riese-Bassel
GCHG Hartsage Rysan's Diana By Design	119	E. Hartelius DVM/ S. Rohrbacher

STATESMAN AWARD

GCHS Trystyn's Private Label CD JH	190	M. Johnson
CH Wyld Wynds In The Company Of Masters JH	41	B. Czeschin/S. Riese

WILDFIRE AWARD

To Be Determined

Owners submit request to apply January 31, 2024 to Sandy Roth at fanfaredogs@gmail.com

REGIONAL COLUMNS

CENTRAL STATES

WSSC

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I'm not sure how it is possible that the holidays have snuck up so fast, but here they are! Seriously, I feel like it was just yesterday that I was looking ahead to 2023! Now, it's just about time to close out the year.

We at Central States Welsh Springer Club are getting excited about hosting the next WSSCA Regional Specialty and our Supported Entry in Des Moines, Iowa at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The Regional Specialty (with Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes) will be held on **Friday, September 6, 2024** and the Supported Entry will be held on **Saturday, September 7, 2024**. The Regional Specialty on Friday 9/6/2024 will be held along with the Combined Specialties of Greater Des Moines, and the Supported Entry on Saturday 9/7/2024 will be with The Des Moines Kennel Club All-breed shows. It should be lovely time of year and great shows! Please mark your calendars and join us at these shows!

All of Central States WSSC want to congratulate **Sharon and David Sherwood** on their recent success! On September 9, 2023 at the RMWSSC Supported Entry their **Charley** (Storm Warning @ Painted Sky Farms) went WB/BOW for her first points and a major. She was RWB the other two days. And, on September 10, 2023, at the Evergreen KC show, **Ike** (Hurricane Season @ Painted Sky Farms) went WD/BOW for his first points and a major. And, **The Captain**, (GCHS CH Rolyart's Navigator @ Painted Sky Farms) finished the 2023 National Owner Handled Series with a #1 rank in the Breed!

We at Central States close the 2023 year by counting our many blessings! We hope you are all doing the same! Have a safe and blessed holiday! We hope to see you in 2024!

-Treva Faires

Dogwood

Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of GA

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Dogwood hosted the annual WSSCA Hunt Test the end of October. It is covered in a separate article. **Frank and Aki Pampush** report that **Heidi** (Brookhaven's Playing For Keeps) earned two senior hunter legs at the WSSCA test. Aki says they are delighted with her runs since this was her first time in the Senior Field. Their **Gretchen** (Rolyart's Playing Hooky) qualified at Master at the WSSCA Hunt Test on Sunday, pictured below.



Mary Johnson and Sutton (Trystyn's Private Label) also qualified in Senior Hunter (right).

Jessie Blanchard's boy **Colwyn**, Statesman's Faithful Waters, finished the 2023 AKC National Owner Handled Series as #2

Welsh Springer Spaniel. He started the new year for NOHS points (Oct. 1) off with an OHGrp 3 in Humble, TX in October. In early November at the Gulfport, MS shows, Colwyn was BOB/Grp2/BOBOH/OHGrp3 on Saturday and BOB/Grp2/BOBOH/OHGrp 2 on Sunday. Jessie says they're having a great time.



Several Dogwood members attended the WSSCA Regional Specialty hosted by the Greater Chesapeake Club. *Heidi* (Pampush) got an Award of Merit on Saturday.



Sadie (GCh Normandy Laughter and Reflection), owned by **Anne and Mike Gilliam**, finished her Grand Championship with two BOB wins at the Labor Day shows in Raleigh, NC. Also in Raleigh, **Brenin** (Mystic Acres Time in a Bottle), co-owned by **Anne, Mike, and Carla Vooris**, won BOW the last day shown by Carla. During the Regional Specialty weekend in Doswell, VA, Sadie was awarded Select Bitch on Thursday and again at the supported entry on Sunday.



Bobby, Wyld Wynd's In the Company of Masters, owned by **Betsie Czeschin and Susan Riese**, finished his Senior Hunter title, handled by Tim Baker.

The second weekend of November **Susan Willingham's Maggie** (Stufield's Full Measure of Devotion) also earned her senior hunting title.



GATEWAY WSSC
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Talk about a slow news cycle! I don't know if Gateway-ers are shy or just hunkered down at home waiting for winter!

Cheryl Clark has been showing the versatility of her boy **Sully**. He finished his AKC Scentwork Novice title (started at the National) in April. That means he's titled in Containers, Interior, Exterior and Buried. He also got his Canine Good Citizen title at the end of June and his AKC Beginner Novice obedience title at the end of July. Cheryl shares: "We ventured into UKC obedience in September and he picked up 2 legs each in BN and novice. But the biggest news is getting his TD (Tracking Dog title) on 10/15/23 at the Des Moines Obedience Club test! The cover was so high that the last time we saw each other was half way down the first leg!" Well done, Team Sully!



A proud Sully with his tracking glove!

My girls and I must be in hunker down mode as we haven't been doing much. I did go to a Variable Surface Tracking1 (VST) tracking seminar with my **Clumber Nina**. VST is conducted in an urban setting and this event was on the campus of Bowling Green State University in Ohio. I always say that Nina is a bit incorrigible and she lived up to her reputation during the seminar. We were supposed to go into a parking lot full of cars and she started on the right of a car, then wanted to get under the car.

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That didn't work out, so we went around the other side of the car. The seminar instructor and other students were watching from behind us and as the instructor noted "all of a sudden we heard a scream that only a mother can scream." The next thing they knew, I was pulling a complete ham sandwich out of Nina's mouth. Hey, it was on a college campus – there might have been a roofie in there! She was not pleased that she didn't get her found meal, but she did get back to tracking. She's incorrigible!

Both girls got to play CPE agility and it's always a fun time. No stress, everybody is just there to have a good time. *Twig* is now in Veterans, but still gets to have fun with the games. She qualified in Wildcard, but her Mom failed her in Full House. Too much math. CPE really is a great agility venue to just enjoy the Welshie tail wagging through the entire course.

Notes: You may be wondering "What is AKC VST?" Here's a little more information about VST: A dog can earn three AKC Tracking titles, each has an increased degree of difficulty. The TD (Tracking Dog) title must be earned before competing for a TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) or VST (Variable Surface Tracker) title. A VST track is from 600-to-800 yards long, with 4-to-8 turns, and aged from 3-to-5 hours. The VST eligibility and Track Requirements are articulated in Chapter 5 of the AKC "Tracking Regulations".

GOLDEN STATE WSSC Welsh Springer Spaniel Club, Inc.

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The Golden State WSSC dogs have been having a lot of fun lately.

Cathy Crnkovich (*Bodie* – Loyal Wind Welsh Bodie), **Carole Gatwood** (*Kessy* – Irishcream's Kiss Me in Yosemite), **Jessica Wolfe-Taylor** (*Hobbes* – CH Crosswinds Infinite Improbability) and **Janice Baxter** (*Rose* – Juniper's Consolidation Rose) report that unforgettable memories were created during

their late summer week at "Wild Blue Dogs" camp along the picturesque shores of Lake Tahoe. "Wild Blue Dogs" is a 4H summer camp for dogs and their people, that donates all proceeds to Canine Cancer research. Along with great trail hiking in the beautiful mountains, swimming and kayaking in the gorgeous blue lake, and meeting wonderful people, camp was jam packed with great activities taught by knowledgeable and engaging instructors, even a physical therapist. They took full advantage of classes on focus and engagement, free shaping techniques, dealing with separation anxiety, and working to improve their loose leash walking and "rock solid recall". They had a ball advancing their skills in agility, scent work, and playing games with their dogs, along with learning how to massage and practice yoga with our furry friends. They enjoyed the opportunities to train and test for CGC, CGCA, Trick, Therapy, and Animal Actors. Congratulations go to Rose for earning her Novice Trick title and Hobbes for earning his CGCA and Intermediate Trick Dog titles during the week. Cathy, Carole, Jessica, and Janice were happy to be ambassadors of our breed, with many commenting on their beautiful Welshes, who just loved all the attention.



Cathy Crnkovich and Bodie kayaking in Lake Tahoe at the Wild Blue Dogs camp



Fun and games at the Wild Blue Dogs camp (L-R) Bumblebees Rose, Kessy, Bodie, and Hobbes



At Wild Blue Dogs: (L-R) Janice Baxter/Rose, Jessica Wolfe-Taylor/Hobbes, Carole Gatwood/Kessy, and Cathy Crnkovich/Bodie

Finally, after many attempts, Laurel is also starting to accumulate legs toward her Senior title. And young'un **Jubilee** (Juniper's Redwood Valley Sequoia) earned her RATN title and is two legs up toward her Open title. These girls just go nuts in the Barnhunt ring. Jubilee has also discovered the joy of FastCAT, running like the dickens to chase that lure. Laurel has never enjoyed the forced separation aspect of FastCAT, turning it instead into a tracking exercise, but she has been having a good time at agility fun matches.

Julie Knell reports that **Briar Rose** (GCHB CH Trystyn's Game On) earned her Open title in Barn Hunt in October. This marked the return of Julie and her girls to participating in dog sports since before March 2020 (COVID and the passing of Julie's husband Ernest). At the same time, Julie's girl **Merywen** (GCHB CH Trystyn's Unforgettable You) began trialing in Masters, but she didn't qualify on either of her runs. Julie says Masters is hard. But both girls increased their Crazy 8's scores. AND they introduced **Minnie** (CH Welshwood's Dynes Gref – bred and co-owned by Julie) to Barnhunt, where she passed her Instinct test and gained her first leg of Novice. Julie says "Well done all."

Lastly, in the San Francisco Bay Area, some of the many area welshies participated in the Worldwide Welshie Weekend event during October 7-8 organized by the UK's Welsh Springer Spaniel Club. Believed to be the only U.S. group to officially participate, 13 Bay Area dogs attended, all of whom brought their owners with them. They joined numerous other groups across the globe gathering together and getting out and about over the same weekend. It was great fun to be part of an international welshie movement to promote the breed!

Photo below...

In more Barnhunt fun, **Amy Herman** reports that her girl **Laurel** (GCHS CH Redsage Hello Sunshine) earned her CZ8B title in September after her best ever Crazy 8's run with 80 points (high in trial).





**GREATER CHESAPEAKE
WSSC: News from the
Mid-Atlantic States**

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Temps are dropping in the Mid-Atlantic, but that didn't stop us from having a beautiful weekend just in time for the Regional Specialty the first weekend in November. Everyone appeared to have a fabulous time and some lucky exhibitors took home some beautiful trophies from our regional and supported entry shows. It was great seeing everyone there, cheering you on, and meeting some new friends.

Now for some WSSCA Regional Specialty* weekend results for GCWSSC members – On Friday's supported entry, Killagay Tudur Morgan of Fairwinds, **Morgan**, owned by **Beth Holmes and Joe Cowdric** and bred by Beth was WD/BOW to finish his championship. **Cadi**, Mystic Acres Blast to The Past CGC TKN was WB. Cadi is owned and bred by **Carla and Keith Vooris**. CH Rolyart's Sharper Image TKN FITB ATT, **RJ**, bred and owned by Keith and Carla was OS/BOBOH and went on to earn an Owner Handler Group 1 and Reserve BIS Owner Handled. **Camden**, GCHG CH Mystic Acres at Camden Yards SWN SCA SIA SEA owned by **Susan Merriken** and bred by Keith and Carla Vooris was Select. Also on Saturday, at the Regional Specialty, Camden, was Best Veteran in Sweeps and BOB. Rolyart's Take Me Out to The Ball Game, **Adley**, owned by Susan Merriken was best puppy.

Awards of Merit went to: GCH CH Fanfare's Take Your Mark CD BN RI OA OAJ OF CGC TKI, **Coach**, owned and bred by **Sandy Roth**, CH Rolyart's Sharper Image TKN FITB ATT, RJ, bred and owned by Keith and Carla, and CH Brookhaven's Playing for Keeps JH owned and bred by **Francis and Agnes Pampush**.

On Sunday's Supported Entry, Adley was WD/BOW. Fairwind's Overboard, **Annie**, owned and bred by **Beth Holmes** was WB. RJ, bred and owned by Keith and Carla was BOB and BOBOH. Camden was Select.

Susan Merriken reported that Camden got his advanced AKC Scent Work titles in containers, interiors and exteriors in Ephrata, PA on September 23 and 24, 2023.

Brenda Palmgren and Glory, GCH Aurora's Yankee Clipper Keepsake CD BN RN MX MXJ OF, earned her Companion Dog title at the the Chambersburg (PA) Obedience Trial September 29th. Glory is co-owned with Rhonda Kuhn.



Terri Kavakos of Fireside Welsh Springers announces a litter from **Cali**, CH Fireside Caly-spo Moon and Max, GCHG Klass' Kid You'll Move Mountains, produced a

litter of seven puppies, including four females and three males born October 7, 2023. This is Max's first litter and he sired them at 11 years of age.

Catherine Lee announces that she expects her first litter in almost 10 years, due around December 28. CH Cryslen Destiny's Don't Stop Me Now CGC ATT, **Farley**, has been bred to GCHG Hartsage Red Angus, **Angus**. Farley is OFA Excellent and Angus is OFA Good, both with normal elbows, thyroid and eyes. We are hoping to find a few good show homes. Farley was bred and is co-owned by me.

This summer and fall two of my girls have been taking barn hunt lessons and last weekend they went to their first barn hunt trial. 16-month old **Cheeky**, Cryslen's Too Big for My Britches (Sutton X Fanny) and two year old **Trü**, CH Cryslen's No One But You BCAT TKN earned their instinct and novice titles in barn hunt.



Trü also loves Fast CAT and earned her BCAT title in August. She's now working on her DCAT title.



Sizzle, Cryslen's Pop It Like It's Hot earned her ATT (AKC Temperament Test) title the next day. One week later, Cheeky earned her TKN (Trick Dog Novice) in Raleigh.

This winter I am looking forward to more barn hunt and Fast CAT and a NASDA (North American Sporting Dog Association) seminar. The members of GCWSSC are looking forward to reporting on our fun winter activities in the next issue.

*See page 15 for results of this Specialty weekend.

HEARTLAND WSSC

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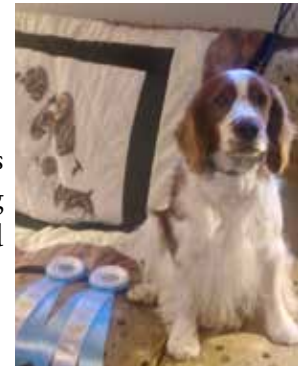


The Heartland WSSC hosted their Supported entry in Rochester, MN on September 16, 2023. We had a nice entry and the results are posted elsewhere in the newsletter. Heartland members continue to make plans for our 2025 National Specialty to be held in Jefferson, WI.



From **Deb Sackrison**: Joyce Pietryga and UKC CH Up North Put It In Drive Upfront (CH Up Norths Gunflint Tail x Shawnde's Up North Fire N'Ice) are currently the #1 Welsh Springer Spaniel – UKC (United Kennel Club).

Cathy Mills reports that **Flash** (CH ShawnDe's Flash Fire) is a new Grand Champion! Flash finished his GCH by winning Select Dog for 2 majors at the Heartland Supported entry in Rochester, MN in September.



Kelli Zellmer is happy to announce that **Wallie** (GCH CH Corrin's Sir Wallace of Cleaver) finished his grand championship during the supported entry weekend, September 16 & 17, at the Rochester Kennel Club Dog Show in Rochester, MN. The day of the supported entry, Wallie went BOB for a 5-point major and a group pull. On Sunday he went BOS for a 4-point GCH major to finish. It was a great weekend spent with so many Welshie friends and especially nice to visit with **Peggy Ruble**. Wallie continues to train and have his own personal party in agility while **Bette** is enjoying the good life of playing, chasing the bunnies, and being a princess.

Karen Peckham reports that **Ernie** (Fox River Importance of Being Ernest DCAT TKI) ended the FastCAT season with a bang, getting personal best

times on three consecutive runs. His top speed is 24.55 mph, covering the 100-yard



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course in 8.33 seconds. That boosts his first-place ranking for Welsh Springers for 2023 and puts him in the number-one spot for Lifetime scores (tallied since 2017). Nice to find something they are good at and have fun doing!

Andrea Pease: *Tilly* - GCH CH Fox River Celtic Little Chute JH WD NAP OJP CGC FDC VCX TKN - Tilly's 10 puppies are now placed and in their new homes. Five went to Washington, Iowa, California, Colorado and Minnesota. Five stayed in Wisconsin. One girl *Anwen* is with me and one boy *Benjamin* is with Amy and her family. Hoping to show them off at the National this spring. Meanwhile Tilly is back in agility and didn't skip a beat!

Correne Johnson reports that *Freya* (Fox River Pretty Little Lady CGC TKN FITS BCAT) earned her FitDog-Silver and her BCAT. She also competed in her first CPE agility trial, earning her CL-1 Regular (CPE Level 1-Regular). Freya is bred by Andrea Pease.

Sally St.Peter reports that *Piper* (Corrin's Piper of Bryn Avon) earned her BCAT, catching up to big brother, Teddy.

Pam Gehrke reports that *Teddy* (Corrin's Theodore Ellis) loves FastCat. Wheeee!!!



earned their international titles at the IABCA shows in Menasha, WI in August, including a Group 1 placement for Opal in a nice Sporting group. Lauren's stepson, Tyler Jacobs, also stepped foot in the ring for the first time ever, showing Opal in Junior Showmanship and placing fourth. Not bad for his first time with limited practice!



From **Lauren and Karen Gaines:** *Jade* (Withywindle's In The News) and *Opal* (CH Withywindle's In The Spotlight) both

At the Heartland Supported Entry in Rochester, Jade won Best in Sweepstakes and Opal, handled by Karen, placed Select Bitch on Saturday. *Willa* (GCH CH Trystyn's Inside Information) won Best of Breed on Sunday.

Whitman (CH Trystyn's In Hot Pursuit RN SCN SBN) and *Wynn* (GCHB CH Cryslen's Worth A Million RI TD SCN SIN SEN CGC TKA) enjoyed fall visits with Joe and Karen to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Wisconsin's Door County. Nothing better than hiking with a Welshie in peak fall colors!



PACIFIC NORTHWEST WSSC

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Submitted by Lani Fry

After a bit of a break, the Pacific Northwest WSSC is back in action!

We have a new set of officers:

President - Lani Fry
Vice-President - Angela Hughes-Gorka
Secretary - Sophia LaBel
Treasurer - Venita Aldrich
Board - Franna Pitt

We're reconnecting with our mission, offering a club for Welshie lovers to learn with and support each other, strengthening the bond we have with our dogs. We plan to host learning events, fun get-togethers, and supported entries at dog shows, serving as a club for "pet", "show", and "sport" owners alike.

For any breeders who've placed dogs in Washington, Oregon, or Idaho we'd love for you to pass along our contact info and encourage your puppy owners to join the club. We're working on an updated Facebook page and a website. For now we can be reached at NWWelshies@gmail.com

In other news:

Venita Aldrich has a new pack member, Fox River Mackinac Autumn Star. **Siri**, bred by **Andrea Pease**, is bringing heaps of Welshie joy to her new home. She's testing the patience of her sister **Mya** and her puppy teeth are annoying everyone. Siri loves food, holds her own with Mya, and demonstrates her Welshie inquisitiveness by inspecting everything that comes into the house.



Angela Hughes-Gorka's lovely girl **Nori** had an exciting summer! In May, she started her performance career by earning a qualifying score in her first FastCAT competition. In June, Nori and Angela took a road trip down to Woofstock, where Nori went WB and BW for

a 5-point major to become a new champion! Over the course of Woofstock, the Rainier Sporting Dog Specialty, and the Olympic Kennel Club show, Nori finished her Grand Championship with six majors, to officially become GCH Redsage Notorious at Celtic Crown. Nori and Angela thank all of their Welshie friends and handlers who have helped along the way. And special thanks to **Katherine Dahlstet** for producing such a wonderful girl!

Lani Fry and **Brio** have had fun training tricks and working on performance sport foundation skills. Brio earned his Trick Dog Novice and Intermediate titles in quick succession and shall henceforth be known as CH Trystyn's Boots and All TKI RATS.

They're now working on more advanced tricks to which Brio is bringing the signature Welshie sense of humor.



Rocky Mountain WSSC

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We have had a busy summer and fall with many local shows. We had a supported entry in September with majors for three days.

My GCHB Rocksprings the Bare Necessities, **Baloo**, has gotten a couple of group placements as well as some owner handled success.

CH Rocksprings Olivine Diamond, **Oli**, got her Grand Champion major at our supported entry and has completed he Rally Advanced and gotten 2 legs on her CD title.



CH Rocksprings You Can Fly, **Tink**, finished her advanced rally and her CD title. (left)

Rocksprings Song of the Night Sparrow, **Ava**, has gotten both of her majors from the puppy class. She went BOS over specials one day and almost beat her daddy, Baloo, for breed!

Our young boy, Rocksprings Glacier Bay, **Bay**, competed in the 4-6 month puppy and ended up with puppy sporting group one and group two.



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Peg Nelson had a visit from one of her puppies that is now 12 years old. CH Laramie Peak Dawn's Early Light, **Norma Jean**, belonging to **Laura Bryant** got to see her sister GCH Laramie Peak Lady Liberty, **Ginger**, still owned by Dave and Peg. It was great to see both Laura and Norma Jean again!



Jenna Dockweiler's CH Statesmans Fish Out Of Water, **Minnow**, is expecting her first litter of puppies. We are all excited for her and ready to help!

We as a club, have been continuing to encourage the pet puppy owners to join and become involved. We had our first play date (below) which was a great success. We have future activities in the works.



We also have a quarterly newsletter that goes out via email to all members with member bios, news, photos and great tips. Our next event is a Christmas party.

Happy Holidays to all! We are looking forward to a happy Welshie new year!



CANADA

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By the time this article is published in the SB, the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of Canada will have held its first Booster (like an AKC Supported Entry) on November 18 in conjunction with the Aurora Kennel Club in Toronto. The preliminary entry count is nine dogs. We hope to have a good representation and fun time at our first Booster.

We are happy to congratulate **Sara Ens** as her **Flynn** earned his CARO Rally Advanced title (CRAMCL) in the fall virtual trial!

2023 3rd QUARTER OFA HEALTH REPORTS

Name	Registration No.	Sex	CHIC	Age (mos)	Registry	Results	OFA No.
ANWEN'S DANCING IN THE MOONLIGHT	JC4071624	F		30	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1411F30-C-VPI
ANWEN'S DANCING IN THE MOONLIGHT	JC4071624	F		30	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2524G30F-C-VPI
AVALON'S STEP UP TO GABRIEL	SS22790001	M		34	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE706/34M-PI
AVALON'S STEP UP TO SERAPHIM	SS22790002	F		34	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE705/34F-PI
BROOKHAVEN'S PLAYING THE MARINE'S HYMN	SS26444103	M		27	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2525G27M-C-VPI
BROOKHAVEN'S PLAYING THE MARINE'S HYMN	SS26444103	M		28	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE719/28M-VPI
CHESSY CREEK RENDEZVOUS WITH SUCCESS	SS10834808	M	158630	52	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE450/52M-VPI
CLUSSEX ON HIGH ALERT AT STONECROFT	SS26544801	F	186173	27	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1050/27F-VPI
CRYSLEN DESTINY'S DON'T STOP ME NOW	SS26734908	F	186172	25	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1403F25-C-VPI
CRYSLEN DESTINY'S DON'T STOP ME NOW	SS26734908	F	186172	25	HIPS	EXCELLENT	WS-2516E25F-C-VPI
CRYSLEN DESTINY'S DON'T STOP ME NOW	SS26734908	F	186172	25	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1052/25F-VPI
CRYSLEN'S BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND	SS27207906	M	187113	26	THYROID	EQUIVOCAL	
CRYSLEN'S BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND	SS27207906	M	187113	27	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1410M27-C-VPI
CRYSLEN'S BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND	SS27207906	M	187113	27	HIPS	EXCELLENT	WS-2523E27M-C-VPI
CRYSLEN'S FAT BOTTOMED GIRL	SS06519804	F	150260	63	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE382/63F-VPI
CRYSLEN'S POP IT LIKE IT'S HOT	SS30100502	F		22	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE639/22F-VPI
CRYSLEN'S TOO BIG FOR MY BRITCHES	SS35843103	F		14	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE654/14F-VPI
CRYSLEN'S WHAT'S POPPIN?	SS27207901	F		27	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1412F27-C-VPI
CRYSLEN'S WHAT'S POPPIN?	SS27207901	F		27	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2526G27F-C-VPI
IVYWILD'S LET FREEDOM RING	SS27245701	M		24	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1402M24-C-VPI
IVYWILD'S LET FREEDOM RING	SS27245701	M		24	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2515G24M-C-VPI
IVYWILD'S LET FREEDOM RING	SS27245701	M		24	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1051/24M-VPI
KYRACO GARDEN OF EDEN	SS07068101	F	158943	50	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE540/50F-VPI
KYRACO RED ROCK VLADIMIR	SS07068103	M	160607	50	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE553/50M-VPI
LONG LANE SEAFARING MADEN @ STANNYFIELD	SS26091002	F	188217	31	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1419F31-P-VPI
LONG LANE SEAFARING MADEN @ STANNYFIELD	SS26091002	F	188217	31	HIPS	EXCELLENT	WS-2533E31F-P-VPI
PENNYLANE'S CUP OF JOE	SS27367709	M	187596	27	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1413M27-C-VPI
PENNYLANE'S CUP OF JOE	SS27367709	M	187596	27	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2527G27M-C-VPI
PENNYLANE'S WINTER SPICE COFFEE	SS27367705	F		26	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1055/26F-PI
PENNYLANE'S WINTER SPICE COFFEE	SS27367705	F		26	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1404F26-C-VPI
PENNYLANE'S WINTER SPICE COFFEE	SS27367705	F		26	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2517G26F-C-VPI
REDSAGE NOTORIOUS AT CELTIC CROWN	SS23435501	F	188933	35	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1415F35-C-VPI
REDSAGE NOTORIOUS AT CELTIC CROWN	SS23435501	F	188933	35	HIPS	EXCELLENT	WS-2529E35F-C-VPI
REDSAGE NOTORIOUS AT CELTIC CROWN	SS23435501	F	188933	35	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1060/35F-VPI
REDSAGE SOME DANCE TO REMEMBER AT RAINBOWS END	SS29437301	F		26	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1409F26-P-VPI
REDSAGE SOME DANCE TO REMEMBER AT RAINBOWS END	SS29437301	F		26	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2522G26F-P-VPI
REDSAGE SOME DANCE TO REMEMBER AT RAINBOWS END	SS29437301	F		26	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1056/26F-VPI

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Name	Registration No.	Sex	CHIC	Age (mos)	Registry	Results	OFA No.
ROLYART'S CHASING A DREAM	SS27897606	M	186557	26	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1405M26-C-VPI
ROLYART'S CHASING A DREAM	SS27897606	M	186557	26	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2518G26M-C-VPI
ROLYART'S CHASING A DREAM	SS27897606	M	186557	27	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE635/27M-VPI
ROLYART'S DIAMOND IN THE RUFF	SS28248504	M	187999	26	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1408M26-P-VPI
ROLYART'S DIAMOND IN THE RUFF	SS28248504	M	187999	26	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2521G26M-P-VPI
ROLYART'S DIAMOND IN THE RUFF	SS28248504	M	187999	27	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1057/27M-VPI
ROLYART'S FOLLOW THAT DREAM	SS27897603	F	188810	28	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1416F28-C-VPI
ROLYART'S FOLLOW THAT DREAM	SS27897603	F	188810	28	HIPS	EXCELLENT	WS-2530E28F-C-VPI
ROLYART'S FOLLOW THAT DREAM	SS27897603	F	188810	28	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1062/28F-VPI
ROLYART'S YAKONE INSTIGATOR	SR95095002	F	136306	84	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1058/84F-VPI
ROLYART'S YAKONE YOGO SAPPHIRE	SS28248505	F	188649	28	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1414F28-C-VPI
ROLYART'S YAKONE YOGO SAPPHIRE	SS28248505	F	188649	28	HIPS	EXCELLENT	WS-2528E28F-C-VPI
ROLYART'S YAKONE YOGO SAPPHIRE	SS28248505	F	188649	28	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1059/28F-VPI
STONECROFT CLUSSEX HE'S A GO GETTER	SS25037108	M		29	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1054/29M-VPI
TRYSTYN'S LILI PULITZER	SS04845405	F		64	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE393/64F-PI
TRYSTYN'S QUACK A SMILE AT AURORA	SS21485102	F	188809	34	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE512/34F-VPI
TRYSTYN'S QUACK A SMILE AT AURORA	SS21485102	F	188809	35	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1417F35-C-VPI
TRYSTYN'S QUACK A SMILE AT AURORA	SS21485102	F	188809	35	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2531G35F-C-VPI
TRYSTYN'S QUACK A SMILE AT AURORA	SS21485102	F	188809	35	THYROID	COMP. AUTOIMMUNE THYROIDITIS	
WINDYWOOD HAPPY BIRTHDAY DARLIN'	SS25682601	F		28	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1407F28-C-VPI
WINDYWOOD HAPPY BIRTHDAY DARLIN'	SS25682601	F		28	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2520G28F-C-VPI
WINDYWOOD LADY PRANCEALOT	SS27218901	F		25	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1406F25-C-VPI
WINDYWOOD LADY PRANCEALOT	SS27218901	F		25	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2519G25F-C-VPI
WYLD WYND'S ANGEL SECOND CLASS	SS24041705	F	186696	31	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE708/31F-VPI
WYLD WYND'S I LIKE THE WAY WE DANCE	SS19216004	F	186697	40	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE709/40F-VPI
WYLD WYND'S PLACES TO GO	SS31513101	F		20	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE710/20F-VPI
WYNDYN TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE	SS25627501	M	188081	27	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1049/27M-PI
WYNDYN TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE	SS25627501	M	188081	30	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1418M30-C-VPI
WYNDYN TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE	SS25627501	M	188081	30	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2532G30M-C-VPI

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