



# WAVIES & CURLIES

Newsletter of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California

SPRING 2015

## CALENDAR

- **Annual BBQ Picnic**  
Agility Demo, Rally Course, dry land H2O training. Shadow Cliffs Pleasanton  
**Sat., May 16, 11 am - 3 pm**
- **Woofstock Dog Show**  
PWD CNC Hospitality during PWDs, Snack, Sip and Socialize  
Solano Co. Fairgrounds, Vallejo  
**Sat., June 6**
- **Jumpin' June Nights Agility Trial**  
All-breed AKC Trial  
[www.AbbaDogs.com](http://www.AbbaDogs.com) for info/entry  
**June 9 - 11** Shingle Springs, CA
- **Water Match**  
**July TBD** Shadow Cliffs, Pleasanton (depends on water levels)
- **Del Monte KC Dog Show**  
Conformation, Obed/Rally supported entry; PWD CNC hospitality tent  
[www.dmkc.org](http://www.dmkc.org)  
**Sat. & Sun., July 11, 12**  
Carmel Middle School, Carmel
- **Water Trials**  
**Aug. 15-17** Shadow Cliffs, Pleasanton (depends on water levels)

Check [www.pwdcnc.org](http://www.pwdcnc.org) for more information/updates.

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## Star Award Presented at Annual Meeting

Every year at the PWD CNC's annual meeting, we announce the Lloyd D'Augusta Star Award recipients. This distinguished performance award is presented as recognition of the versatility and working drive of Portuguese Water Dogs. The award was named in honor of our longtime club member, Lloyd D'Augusta and his beloved companion, Star. Sadly, we lost Lloyd in 2011 and Star this past year – they are now together at the Rainbow Bridge.



Prior to his passing, Lloyd expressed his interest in seeing our club develop an award solely for PWD CNC members and their dogs. There are two awards recognizing Lifetime and Annual achievement. The PWD CNC commissioned a perpetual trophy in addition to the annually presented trophies to one dog in each category – all were designed to reflect the star theme.

This year on February 22 at the Annual Meeting and after a poignant tribute to Star by Mike Patterson, Susan Craig presented special pins to all the dog/handler teams who applied. Karen D'Augusta then announced the third year's awards: Lifetime to Judy Knorr and Zoe, and Annual to Jenna Bullis and Jagger.

Judy accepted her award saying that Lloyd had been a longtime friend and mentor, and that she was proud to have been chosen for the Lifetime award. Jenna, who was unable to attend, sent a video thanking the Club for the Annual Award for herself and Jagger.

*Read Judy and Jenna's stories in their own words on page 2-3.*



*Above: The perpetual Star Award trophy along with the Lifetime and Annual trophies. Left: Judy Knorr accepts the Lifetime Award.*

*Photos by George Ziemba*

### Who will be the Star Award Recipients in 2015? It could be YOU!

If you're active in AKC events with your PWD, it's likely that you'll qualify! For more info, visit:

<http://www.pwdcnc.org/club-info/star-award/>

## Lloyd D'Augusta Lifetime Star Award 2014



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NFP CWDX VERS x 6 CGC GROM



### Judy and Zoe – Great teammates!

It was a great honor to be awarded the Lloyd D'Augusta Lifetime Star Award for 2014. My dog, Zoe, has been a great teammate in all Working venues along with being a great Mom to several litters of puppies. Zoe was a puppy from my first dog, Morgan, so she grew up in my house from the day she was born on 1/03/03.

Zoe started Water Training at around 5 months old and I would have to say that is Zoe's favorite activity, though we did have to go through about one year of "puppy zoomies". She easily earned her Water titles through Versatility.

Obedience, Agility and Tracking were introduced to Zoe soon after she started Water and she enjoyed these activities as well. I especially think Obedience training really helped her focus in every aspect of competition and really is the basis for success in dog training. Of course, budgeting time for all the training, traveling and competing was a challenge for me as I work full time and am often "out of town".

Tracking was the most rewarding venue for me as you truly learn to trust your dog because they are in charge of every decision on the track – the handler must always remain at least 20 feet away. Many long hours of field training resulted in Zoe's ASCA TD title, and AKC's TD and TDX titles. Of all of her titles, I

think Tracking Dog Excellent was the most exciting for me because Zoe earned it on a very stormy, windy, rainy day. It was really a challenge for both of us.

Rally was a fun venue for Zoe because she enjoyed the close teamwork. However, Obedience training was

something that Zoe never really loved. After many years of training, matches and trials, Zoe finally earned her CD this year on March 19. This was a great accomplishment as she was also awarded her Versatile Companion Dog or VCD1 Title from AKC.

This title requires a dog to have titles in three different working venues depending on their breed. For a PWD, it is Obedience, Agility and Tracking; Water and Rally do not count.

Zoe is now 12 years old and I feel fortunate that I have been able to have such a wonderful dog that is willing to work for me and with me! We still plan to do Water training this summer and maybe something new for a different challenge!

Thank you to everyone for all of your kind support and good wishes!

*Judy Knorr and Zoe*

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achievement and drive of Portuguese  
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## FOCUS ON TEAMWORK



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**Lloyd  
D'Augusta  
Annual Star  
Award 2014**

### Jenna and Jagger – Team that excels!

I love that our club honors Lloyd's memory and its members who work their dogs in multiple venues with the Star award. Receiving this award is very meaningful to me because, like Lloyd, I truly appreciate the versatility and working drive of the PWD. It's what drew me to this breed and I am a firm believer in that saying: "A well balanced dog has a title on both ends." I hope that Awards like this encourages others to work their dogs and that breeders stay focused on breeding dogs with the whole package, beautiful dogs that love to work.

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Jagger and I have trained and titled in many different venues and I think the variety really helps us both to stay engaged and interested. Jagger is the first dog I have ever trained and titled in both Water and Agility and we both love them both. I also really enjoy the camaraderie among our club members in those venues.

I would say Conformation was in some ways my biggest challenge because I handled her myself for most of her points (including one major). It's tough going up against the pros! Although one of our special successes came in conformation when she won Best Puppy in Sweeps at the 2010 National Specialty.

The biggest highlight of our performance career together so far was this past year's National Specialty. We entered every venue and ended up in the top 3 for Superdog! She took multiple 1st placements in Agility, won the Working Bitch class, and took High Combined in Rally! It was a wonderful wild ride, and I was so proud of her. I'm looking forward to many more years of partnership with this wonderful dog.

**Jenna Bullis and Jagger**



# It's all about the dogs... AND the humans who love 'em!

**Twelve years ago**, as my husband, Chris, and I held a quite feisty brown and white curly PWD in our arms, we had no idea of the journey we were about to embark upon. No wait – I mean adventure. Well, actually, it's been a raucous, crazy ride; playing, training, working and living with Portuguese Water Dogs (3 now!).

Their delightful personalities, inventiveness, intelligence and enthusiasm provide us with a constant source of joy and entertainment; we have gladly turned our lives upside down to ensure their happiness and well-being.

**I think it's safe to say that if you're reading this newsletter, your life has been similarly transformed...**

And we have this very special club to thank for keeping us moderately sane. The amazing people who devote their blood, sweat and occasionally, tears to keep its wheels turning are its heart; the PWDs we love, its soul.

***So why do our volunteers devote their precious time?***

- They care deeply about the future of this breed – including their health, temperament, and the preservation of the breed's working heritage;
- They enjoy and benefit from the excellent events, activities and resources as much as the general membership does;
- They find their lives enriched by the friendships and associations, often lifelong, resulting from being an active supporter of the PWDCNC.

***Some food for thought:*** Consider paying forward a small serving of your time and talent for the good of the PWDCNC. Offer to be a committee chair (no experience necessary...learn on the job!), or artist (paint/draw/create a t-shirt design or event logo), messaging pro (help us effectively communicate with our members, online and other wise), ace reporter/writer, newsletter editor or raffle/fund raising coordinator. And when a call goes out for event volunteers, consider contacting the organizer to take on a task, large or small, be it assisting Carl Craig with water trial equipment set up/take down, writing an article for the

newsletter, or picking up coffee and ice prior to the picnic for Ann Gaskell.

Never been to PWD water, agility, obedience or rally trials or Regional Specialty? Volunteer to be a steward or helper to get yourself a front row look at these amazing dogs working for their beloved people.

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***This year, we have several wonderful new board members and chairpersons*** who bring enthusiasm, energy and new ideas to our club – Bill Waters, Treasurer, Lynn McCallum and Dina Rosenblatt, Directors, and Matthew Davis, Regional Specialty Chair. And fortunately, we have returning board members and chairpersons who will continue to contribute their significant experience, insights and love for the breed – you'll find their names on our website here: <http://www.pwdcnc.org/club-info/officerscommittee/>. I am so excited and proud to be a part of this team.

We also have some folks who have stepped down (several only "semi" retiring) from major roles that have



Cocoa, Zada & Maquah - 2014 "PWDCNC Member Photo Day" at Coyote Creek Yacht Club. No, they are not professional posers; the moments before & after were complete mayhem © Tonya Perme, Photographer

greatly benefited the club over the years. Thank you so much for making this club an enduring pleasure for us all:

***Ali Vorhies***--Past President (four terms), longtime Newsletter Editor (currently interim);

***Kathleen Jose*** – Past Board Director, Water Trial Chair, beginning water work and nosework workshop Coordinator;

***Gail Browne McDonald*** –Past Treasurer, Board Director and current Conformation Chair;

***Melanie Groth*** – 2014 Regional Specialty Chair;

***Joshua Hupp*** –Webmaster and lead tech on transition to new PWDCNC website;

***Mike Dugan*** – Past Newsletter Editor and PWDCNC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regional Specialty program publisher.

And, finally, I want to recognize the numerous volunteers who have helped out in so many ways in the past, and whom I hope will continue to be a part of the overreaching team of club PWDCNC.

***Looking forward to a fun and active 2015 with all of you humans and our PWDs*** – our upcoming picnic, hospitality fun at Woofstock Dog Show, supported entries in Carmel, water practice and water trial, PWD Dogtoberfest, Regional Specialty in Napa, fun walks, plus more. Come join us when you can, and if you're new to the club, please introduce yourself, your family and, of course, your PWD.

**– Elaine Rasmussen, President**



# The lure of the track keeps Janis Welsh and Barb Niemann working with their PWDs to achieve highest level Champion Tracker Titles

**Editor's note:** Last issue we reported that Janis Welsh and her dog Poppy (Roseknoll's California Poppy) became only the fourth PWD to attain the title of Champion Tracker, and that another PWDCNC club member, Barb Niemann, and her dog

Carmen (Dreamstar Femme Fatale), was one of the other three PWDs to have achieved CT titles. This issue, Janis and Barb share some of their tracking journey with us. **Read on!**

## My Tracking Journey: train dog, recruit family and friends!

— Janis Welsh

It all started a few months after our family had brought Poppy home as a pup. We quickly learned of the non-stop energy and busy minds PWDs possess, and I realized my girl needed a job to do. I began by investigating various activities and training areas keeping in mind it needed to be something that could work with my family's schedule and appealed to me. Tracking fit perfectly as it was something I could do during the day while the kids were at school and I love being outdoors.

I had the privilege of starting my tracking training with Debi Best, a well-known tracking enthusiast and trainer, when Poppy was just 6 months old.

**The first level of this dog sport is TD or Tracking Dog.**

It requires that a dog follow a track which has been laid in a field and that a human has walked over at least one hour before. The dog is required to find and indicate articles that the track layer has dropped along the track.

The field-tracking season in our area is rather short — generally November through April depending on rainfall. We need fields that are not full of foxtails, thistles or rattlesnakes. Weekly practice sessions usually included 4 - 5 dogs and their handlers. We would lay tracks for each other and try to coordinate the aging of the tracks for each dog's experience level. I loved the mornings walking in the fields of Garnin Regional Park laying tracks and then enjoying Chai tea and home baked treats that our group would share, as we waited for tracks to age.

Poppy, being a PWD, is a bright dog, and picked up on it quickly. I was very devoted to practicing 2-3 times a week in addition to the regular lesson. In order to practice, either I would lay my own tracks, or I would recruit my family and friends. Over the years my 2 boys and husband learned to lay tracks like the professionals. Occasionally I got teenage attitude about being dropped off at a field on the edge of San Jose and told to walk a track on the way home from school, but generally a walk alone in a green field can improve the attitude of even the surliest teenager. One practice session I had laid a track in our local Oak Grove Park. When I ran Poppy down the track later that morning Poppy stopped and dug a bit and picked up a pouch. This was not the article I had dropped, so I looked inside to find packets of drugs! It was reported to and handed over to the police.

**After two years of training, we took our first test and Poppy easily earned the TD title.**

After two years of training and practice, we took our first Tracking Dog Test, held at Coyote Creek Park in Morgan Hill. Poppy was spectacular and easily passed and earned her TD title.

The next level is the **Tracking Dog Excellent**, which is a continuation of the field tracking. The level of difficulty increases with longer tracks (over 800 yards), more turns, and being aged at least 3 hours. Cross tracks are also laid over the track, and "obstacles" such as

logs, gravel roads and creeks are added into the track. I continued

my training with Debi Best and **earned the TDX title on our first try the following year.**

The next season I began **Variable Surface Tracking**. This is different than field tracking as it usually takes place in urban areas where there can be

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*Poppy was the class clown, keeping the other handlers smiling with her play and frolicking.*

vegetation, and two different types of non-vegetative cover such as concrete sidewalks, asphalt parking lots, brick pathways or gravel. Scent behaves differently on different surfaces. Wet and green hold scent easier than dry and hot. Typical training locations are college campuses. The VST tracks are aged to over 3 hours.

It was at this time I ran into timing conflicts with training, work and family duties, so I began training with Barbara Adcock who was training closer to me. Barbara's VST training group also included dogs training for Search and Rescue, California Rescue Dog Association (CARDA); many of these dogs were German Shepherds and Blood Hounds, serious working dogs. Poppy was the class clown! She would always have the group smiling with her boundless play and frolicking in true PWD style before we started our tracks.



Janis and Poppy (at right) with Judges after earning the Champion Tracker title at Evergreen Community College in Santa Clara.

The Search and Rescue training was different than AKC tracking. The Search Dogs are allowed to air scent and trail a scent, while in AKC tracking, the dog needs to stay on or close to the actual footsteps or tracks. And what I did learn from the search dogs was that the age of a track is not a big issue. It was common for dogs to be able to follow tracks that were days old. Tracks that went through heavily pedestrian traffic areas were also no big deal and length of miles did not matter if dog and handler were fit enough to keep going. I learned that many of the obstacles and challenges were in my mind, not in the dog's mind.

One afternoon Barbara asked Poppy and I to work a track that I was told had just been laid before I arrived. Poppy completed the track with little trouble, and only then were we told it was a 7-hour-old track laid by someone that morning where hundreds of pedestrians at the university campus had walked. It never ceases to amaze me the abilities of our dogs.

The testing for the Variable Surface Tracking Title did not go as smoothly as the first two levels. This is a level at which many people get "backlogged", because there is usually a lottery to get into the 4-5 tracking trials available during the season. Many trials had up to 14 entries for only 4 spots. Then once you get in, the tests are rarely passed. I had attended 4 tests and only saw one pass. But from each test I took I learned something that I could not have learned in practice. After one test, the judge told me: "Your dog was always right, but you did not read her cues."

*Tracking is not a handler telling a dog what to do, but a dog telling a handler.*

Poppy had worked for over 70 minutes on that track before we were thankfully whistled off. She was exhausted but still willing to work. After that test I decided that we would do 100 tracks before entering another VST test. As a handler, I needed to go back to the start and cement the basics in order to understand her body language in every situation. Some tracks were as short as our driveway, others were the full length of a trial situation and aged at our high school; again my friends and kids laid tracks whenever I could get them their help. I worked very specific skills, whether it was the start, or transitions from different surfaces, or turns, or article indications. I always loaded the tracks with food, food, food! Poppy loves tracking practice – to her it is a food scavenger hunt!

Last fall I took my chance again and entered a few tests. We were finally drawn to participate in the Santa Clara Dog Training Club's test this past November at Evergreen Community College. I am pleased to say Poppy was a star that day. She made everyone proud and the judges said it was spectacular to watch a true working dog accomplish a job it has been trained for.

*I was so proud to learn that we had become just the fourth PWD team to earn a Champion Tracking title!*

Read an excellent overview of the sport of tracking at <http://www.pwdcnc.org/activities/tracking/>



# From Chicago to California Gold – Barb continues to follow her dogs' lead...

– Barb Niemann

Tracking is an unlikely sport for someone living in downtown Chicago. But in 1997, I became friends with an AKC Tracking Judge who convinced me that real handlers work their dogs in the open fields.

Taking his lead, I enrolled in a group lesson with Carlotta, our 1-year-old PWD, and made the 30-mile weekly drive to a suburban Forest Preserve. Like most intro tracking classes, we began with short motivational tracks with numerous food drops to get our dogs' noses down and build enthusiasm. Carlotta quickly picked up the sport but I grew weary of the long treks to suburbia and regrettably dropped tracking.

Don and I moved west in 2000 desirous of California's open spaces and beautiful climate. By the time Carmen came into our lives, I had learned enough about dog behavior to understand the importance of early training. So when Carmen was 8 weeks old I began laying short tracks for her in our back yard. It didn't take long for tracking to become Carmen's favorite game with mom.

***Carmen becomes just the third PWD to earn a Champion Tracker title.***

Carmen earned her Champion Tracker (CT) title in 2011 after seven years exhibiting in TD, TDX and VST tests from LA to Portland. Her successful VST track in Monterey is memorized in my heart. Our current 4-year-old Ramona recently earned her TDX title. She enjoys the sport because of her high prey drive and delight in traversing open spaces.

There are several great tracking clubs in Northern California. I recom-

mend that anyone interested in tracking attend a group seminar, enroll in a class, and observe or volunteer for tracking tests. Like PWD water trainers, the tracking community is a supportive group that celebrates every dog and handler accomplishment.

Although field tracking in California coincides with the rainy winter months, it can be a 12-month sport by shifting to urban tracking during the summer. Business parks are usually empty on weekends, so if someone should inquire why you're there, say, "search and rescue training." They almost always smile and walk on.

Training doesn't need to be time consuming if you establish a schedule that is easy to fulfill. Lay a track on your way to the grocery store and then run your dog on the way home. Concentrate on only one goal for each short training session. "Do I want to work on starts ...article indication...turns?" Find someone who will occasionally watch and critique your handling skills.



*Carmen presents the final glove.*



The 'ah ha' moment will come when your PWD becomes a confident tracker and you allow your dog to take over and use their excellent scenting ability. There is no greater satisfaction and joy than when your dog leads you to the final glove. ■

Carmen earns CT in 2011;  
Ramona earns TDX in 2015.



*Ramona enjoys the spotlight after Palo Alto Foothills Tracking Association trial in which she earned the Tracking Dog Excellent title, or TDX. Left to right: Judges Roy Fair and Sally Nesbitt, Ramona and Barb.*

*There is no greater joy than when your dog leads you to the final glove.*



# PWDCNC Grooming Workshops for newbies and puppies: start slow, end with playtime!

– Denise Gilbert

Twelve club members attended the day-long **Grooming Seminar held January 31** at the Happiness Country Kennels in Sunol. Five of the attendees were new club members and new puppy owners who were interested in how to groom their own dogs. People came from all over the Bay Area including Sacramento, Napa, San Francisco and Los Gatos. In addition to Ann Gaskell's Norman, the demonstration dog, four other dogs were there for help with how PWD heads are groomed.

Topics discussed included what a Portuguese Water Dog should look like, the differences between a show cut and a pet cut, why we have a lion cut and a retriever cut. We discussed what causes mats and how to remove them.

Many participants brought their favorite brushes for a show and tell. We discussed equipment including scissors, clippers, clipper blades, grooming tables and dryers, along with best sources for purchasing equipment.

The dogs included the mellow Shasta who let me clip her nails while she lay on her belly with her head on the floor, to an antsy boy who kept trying to step on my head while he was on the grooming table and I was leaning over to look at his feet.

**On Sunday March 8** at Happiness Kennels I helped three new Portuguese Water Dog owners groom their happy, energetic and wiggly 4-6 month old PWD puppies! All three owners had been to the sit-down PWD Grooming Seminar and Demo January 31st and

were eager to try and put what they had learned to practice.

We started with a grooming obstacle course for the pups. The owners took their puppies around the room with stops at a loud high speed dryer and a number of different style grooming tables. Each puppy received treats on the grooming table, treats with the grooming loop on, and if they were brave enough they got to take a treat off of the noisy dryer. Winslow, Melinda Bartlett-Blante and Robert Blante's puppy, was the boldest,

happily striding right up to the noisy dryer, the others needed varying amounts of encouragement.

Next we jumped right into grooming working on the body first so the parents could get accustomed to their clippers, and leaving

the heads until last. Jax, Janet and Robert Roth's puppy, and Winslow got to try out the Groomers Helper ([www.groomershelper.com](http://www.groomershelper.com)) – a grooming assist device that stops the dog from spinning around on the table and is great if you are trying to groom a dog by yourself.

We didn't have enough devices for all three dogs but Pinot, Kerstin and Philip Nelson's pup and Winslow's brother, seemed to do just fine without it. Kerstin said he had a lot of 'table time' in his short life and you could tell for he took the groom in stride! All of the pups did great!

We had the expected issues – one was noise sensitive,



*Denise shows scissoring techniques on the curly demo dog.*

one freaked when we tried to groom his head and one had ears that fold over and stick out if you don't groom them right. We tried a Happy Hoodie ([www.happyhoodie.com](http://www.happyhoodie.com)) on the head of the noise sensitive pup to cover his ears to see if he would approach the noisy dryer but he was already sensitized to the sight of the dryer so he was too nervous to approach. Mom and Dad will need to work on desensitizing the pup who didn't want us to work on his head, but we were able to get a quick groom in spite of his protesting; turns out he has such a nice head that even with a quick groom he looked good.

Jax was the first to finish being groomed and he lay down on his grooming table and watched the other puppies get groomed. He looked so relaxed and at home on the table – once his grooming was finished! One final note – special mention to the clippers Melinda was using – Andis AGC single speed - these were the quietest clippers I have seen – you didn't even know they were on! Great if your pup is noise sensitive!

Without a doubt the best part of the day for both parents and pups was the pups rolling around outside playing after we were finished! We were too involved in the grooming process and forgot to take 'before' pictures - you can see some of the haircuts in the pictures Melinda took as the pups played. ■



*Jax and, brothers, Winslow and Pinot, enjoy some playtime after the workshop.*





## L. Lorraine Carver (1930-2015)

*The PWDCNC Board was saddened to learn of the passing earlier this year of Lorraine Carver, an original club founder and Charter member. Dr. David Smith agreed to summarize Lorraine's contributions to both the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California and to the world of PWDs, both at the Annual Meeting and again, here in the Wavies & Curlies.*

Lorraine's life with dogs began shortly after her marriage to Oscar Carver in 1950. Before Oscar left for military service during the Korean War, he bought Lorraine a Cocker Spaniel puppy to keep her company. This gift began a nearly sixty-year period of raising and showing dogs. Lorraine became a licensed all-breed professional handler and specialized in Cockers until the 1980s.

At that time she became fascinated with the Portuguese Water Dog. She began showing as well as breeding PWDs under the kennel name Sete Mares. The AKC accepted the PWD into the Working Group in 1984. Most of the original PWD breeders including Deyanne Miller were in the New England and Mid-Atlantic states. There were very few PWDs west of the Mississippi River in the early days of the breed; however Lorraine and "Little Diver" (CH Sunrider's Diver of Sete Mares) changed all that.

Little Diver was born in 1986 in a litter out of CH Starview's Senorita Splash sired by CH Raio. He was co-bred by Carol O'Connor and Lorraine. He truly popularized the breed on the West Coast. Over a four-year period Lorraine drove to almost every dog show in the West in her motorhome.



*1992 BOB ring Santa Rosa Supported Entry. From left: Linda Kelly, Taffe McFadden, Lorraine Carver and Lisa Hubbard.*

Everyone going to dog shows then remembers Lorraine wearing her white dress to contrast with her black curly dog, Little Diver. He was a consistent winner as a youngster and was the first West Coast PWD to be ranked #1 in the US at the end of 1989 ending a five-year monopoly of East Coast dogs as #1. Lorraine and Little Diver repeated as #1 PWD in 1990 and 1991. His career included an all-breed BIS and Best of Breed at the Eukanuba National Dog Show.

In 1991 Lorraine and Oscar joined with a group of five other Bay Area PWD enthusiasts (Cheryl Smith, daughter Leigh, Stephanie Masamori, Vivien Pace, and Lorraine and OC's daughter, Lisa Hubbard) to discuss forming a regional PWD club. Lorraine and

Oscar drove down from Petaluma for the meetings in San Ramon to draft the initial Bylaws and Code of Ethics for the Club.

Lorraine was instrumental in notifying all her puppy owners in the Bay Area about the initial play day at Chrissy Field in San Francisco in the fall of 1991 where the idea of forming a PWD club was presented. She then encouraged all her puppy owners to participate in the Club. The following year (1992) the club was formally organized with 25 Charter Members including Lorraine and Oscar Carver.



*Kalkan Pedigree #1 Portuguese Water Dog 1989 - BIS CH Sunrider's Diver of Sete Mares*

Both continued to be very active in supporting the early club activities, particularly conformation and supported entries. Lorraine participated with Little Diver in the club's first supported entry at the Santa Rosa show in the fall of 1992. Several members of the national PWDCA Board flew to the Bay Area to observe that supported entry that included almost 60 PWDs. A photo of Lorraine in the Best of Breed ring in 1992 is to the left. The success of that weekend persuaded the national board to ask the young PWDCNC to be the host club for the 3rd PWDCA National Specialty that was held in San Rafael in September 1994. The PWDCNC has come full circle as the upcoming 2016 PWDCA 25<sup>th</sup> National Specialty at the Embassy Suites Monterey is being hosted by the PWDCNC.

I will always remember Lorraine Carver for her many contributions to the early days of the PWDCNC.

**— David E. Smith**



*Lorraine Carver PWDCNC Presenter with Lorraine Boutwell, Judge, at the May 1999 PWDCNC Supported Entry in Santa Rosa.*



## Remembrances of our companions



*To be included in this feature, please send us a photo and a paragraph briefly describing your dog's character and life. Please include your full name, and your dog's AKC name and titles. Send notification to Carole Corbett, Corresponding Secretary, so that the Club may make a donation in your dog's memory to the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation.*

### JASPER

**Camlin's Cross Country Gold AWD CGC**

The Good Citizen and Apprentice.

For over two years Jasper, the overflowing love of our life, fought the cruel advance of nasal cancer and endured silently the pain and discomfort of the disease. Up until the end he gave us his love, his sweet gentleness and taught us to love and adore unconditionally. His demise on February 10 broke our hearts and left our world empty. He was 12 days short of the young age of nine. – Galina Ermolin



### BREEZE

8/26/04 – 1/11/15

**CH Baymist Capricious Breeze CD, RE, BN CGC**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Brood Bitch PWDCA National Specialty 2010

Best Veteran in Sweeps, Best Veteran in Show PWDCNC Independent Specialty 2011

Best Veteran in Show, Select Bitch PWDCNC Regional Specialty 2012

Bred by Jean and Bob Combs

Owned and loved by: Paul and Judy Archambeau

Breeze was a very loving, sweet, loyal, bright and obedient girl with such a strong desire to please us. She loved playing at the dog park with other dogs, large or small. Among her favorites were a big Airedale, a white Scottish Terrier and a French Bulldog.

Her only disobedient act, but one she clearly could not resist, was running off of the field to an adjoining horse pasture to eat and roll in the manure. Green manure on a white ruff is not pretty. The afternoon before her death she played for a short time at the park and took a walk that evening, so we have good memories of the hours before she exhibited signs of pain. We miss her so much and still can't believe that she had to leave us so suddenly. She was diagnosed with late/end stage hemangiosarcoma. Our hearts are "Over the Rainbow Bridge" with her.



### FINNEAS

2005 – 2015

**Dacher's Finneas CGC**

Finneas, our outgoing and talkative PWD, would do anything to get food, including stealing it. Finneas loved his family and could spend hours keeping Dad company or sitting in the kitchen watching dinner being made. He also loved traveling in the car whether to S.F. or Oregon. Finneas was loyal, loving and incredibly smart. We miss him greatly.

Owned and loved by: Yale & Marcia Rosenblatt

Bred by David and Cheryl Smith, Dacher®



## TAIL ENDS...

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## It's a wrap! George passes the gavel.

– George Ziemba, Outgoing President

The club held its annual meeting at Crow Canyon Country Club again this year. If you've never attended then you are missing a great celebration of what we've done as a club, what we've lost and what our owners have achieved. We start with a luncheon and a running slideshow of our dogs enjoying all their activities throughout the year. We had forty-seven people attend out of our nearly three hundred total members.

We memorialize the dogs we've lost over the last year in a photo presentation called the Rainbow Bridge. The club also donates \$25 to the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation in your name and in the name of the dog you've lost.

Matthew Davis, our Regional Specialty Chair, presented his plan for our upcoming specialty in Napa in November. Matthew also donated gorgeous, unique glass plates with PWD artwork that along with a small raffle and title donations raised roughly \$2,000 to help fund the specialty. Extraordinary!

Geri Azevedo returned this year with her healthy husband John to continue her tradition of handing out certificates of new titles earned. It makes a difference when someone can correctly pronounce the Portuguese names of the dogs and their kennels. Thank you Geri.

This year we had two poignant memorials. David Smith, one of our founding members, shared his thoughts of Lorraine Carver, another founding member, who passed away this year. We owe a great debt to this group of people who had a vision that's resulted in the largest PWD club in the nation. Mike Paterson paid homage to Star who was the partner of Lloyd D'Augusta and the other half of the Star Award memorial. She crossed the Rainbow Bridge and will be remembered by the club, as will Lloyd, in the marvelous award for achievement and partnership by our wonderful breed and their great owners.

Continuing a tradition started by either Bill Clinton or our former president, Ali Vorhies, and as outgoing president, I handed out presidential pardons for bad behavior by our dogs along with pictures of their sins.

The Lloyd D'Augusta Star Annual and Lifetime Awards were presented to Jenna Bullis and Jagger, and to Judy Knorr and Zoe. Their stories can be found on pages 2 and 3.

And, finally a new slate of PWDCNC Officers and Directors were proclaimed elected by a majority of the eligible voters present. (See Tail Ends, at left, for a list of the new Board of Directors and Officers.)

