



# WAVIES & CURLIES

Newsletter of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California MARCH 2017

## *A Message from the President*

Dear Members,

It's hard to believe that two years have passed since I began my presidential adventure! There have been so many wonderful club events, including the PWDNC-hosted National Specialty in Carmel, fabulous PWD-friendly picnics, summer-long water training and water trials in Pleasanton, agility trials, supported entry events at Woofstock and Carmel, and my personal favorite, our annual Regional Specialty (which actually is a mini National Specialty, with conformation, rally and obedience, all in one day).

On the flip side, we've experienced some terrible losses. The charismatic John Azevedo will long be remembered for his generous contribution of time and effort in support of our club. And so many of our beautiful PWDs have passed, including one of my own, Maquah. Each time I hear of another loss, my breath catches as I'm reminded of what a short time they have with us in the here and now.

These amazing creatures bring us so much more than canine companionship. It is because of my PWD pack that I have had the honor of meeting and getting to know so many generous, kind and interesting folks (and PWDs!), many of whom are now dear friends. And my involvement in the PWDNC, which started with John Azevedo cautiously asking if I'd be willing to sell catalogs at a Regional Specialty, oh so many years ago, morphed into a cornucopia of personally enriching volunteer activities, including Board member, Programs Chair, Regional Specialty Chair, Water Trial Hospitality Chair, Website Committee, Merchandise/trophy Chair for multiple national specialties, etc. Some of the stuff involved was right up my alley given my marketing experience; however, I've also enjoyed the

opportunity to delve into activities waaaaayyy outside of my comfort zone. And I've done some pretty amazing things with my PWDs that I never would have considered otherwise. That's the jackpot!



*Elaine and Maquah*

I guess what I'm trying to say is that if you're considering offering up a bit of your time on behalf of the PWDNC, don't think twice, just give it a try! Email or phone a Board member or Committee chair. I doubt you'll regret your choice.

I treasure my memories as a PWDNC member and look forward to creating more. Thanks to the Board and our committee chairs for your support and hard work, kudos to Barb Niemann and Cheryl Smith, Specialty co-chairs, for sharing the overwhelming task of powering a National Specialty and making us all look really good, and thanks to PWDNC members and volunteers for doing what you do to make this club a continuing success.

Finally, thanks to my husband, Chris Rasmussen, pictured below with our beloved Maquah, for his love and support, and for putting up with my myriad of eccentricities!

Sincerely,

Elaine



*Chris and Maquah*



**Oops!** Did you forget to  
renew your membership? If  
so, click [here](#) to renew now.  
We don't want to lose you!

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## Mark Your Calendar for These Exciting Upcoming Events!

**Saturday, May 20, 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.**  
**Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, Pleasanton**  
**Annual Picnic & Water Practice Kick-off**

**Thursday-Monday, May 25-29**  
**Several events at Fairplex, Pomona**  
**SCPWDC 2017 Regional Specialty (May 25)**  
**SCPWDC Agility Trials (May 26-29)**  
**Mission Circuit All-Breed Shows (May 26-29)**  
 For SCPWDC events see [www.scpwdc.org](http://www.scpwdc.org)

**Tuesday-Thursday, June 12-14**  
**Heath Bar Ranch, Shingle Springs**  
**Hot Summer Nights Agility Trial**  
**PWDCNC Hosting Day 3 (June 14)**  
 For info and entry: [www.AbbaDogs.com](http://www.AbbaDogs.com)

**Thursday-Sunday, June 8-11**  
**Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo**  
**Woofstock Dog Shows**  
**PWDCNC Supported Entry June 10**

**Saturday-Sunday, July 15-16**  
**Carmel Middle School, Carmel**  
**Del Monte KC Dog Shows**  
**PWDCNC Supported Entry July 15**  
 Supported Entry for  
 Conformation, Obedience & Rally  
 Hospitality throughout the day

**Friday-Sunday, August 4-6**  
**Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, Pleasanton**  
**PWDCNC Water Trials**

**Friday-Sunday, August 11-13**  
**Manzanita Park, Prunedale**  
**PWDCNC-Hosted Agility Trials**  
 All-breed AKC Agility Trials – come to participate or to watch the fun! Club Fundraiser.  
 For info and entry: [www.AbbaDogs.com](http://www.AbbaDogs.com)

**September 8-15**  
**Warwick, RI**

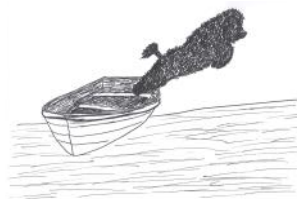
**2017 National Specialty**  
 Water Trial in Lincoln Woods State Park, Sat/Sun  
 Conformation & Performance events at Crowne Plaza  
 Host hotel Crowne Plaza, Warwick  
 Further information: [www.pwdcaspecialty.org](http://www.pwdcaspecialty.org)

**Saturday, October 28**  
**Ed Levin Park Milpitas, Sandy Wool Site**  
**Annual PWDCNC DogToberfest**  
 Lots of fun, food, and games!  
 Acclaimed photographer Tonya Perme will  
 again be at the Fest

**Friday, November 10**  
**Napa Valley Expo, Napa**  
**PWDCNC 2017 Regional Specialty – Judge Nancy Liebes**  
 Conformation, Sweeps, Obedience/Rally trials,  
 Hospitality, Raffle and Auction, Specialty Dinner  
 Hospitality throughout the day

**Saturday-Monday, November 11-13**  
**Napa Valley Expo, Napa**  
**Wine Country KC Dog Shows**  
**PWDCNC Supported Entries Each Day**  
 Supported Entries for Conformation

**Friday-Sunday, November 24-26**  
**Rancho Murieta**  
**PWDCNC-Hosted Agility Trials**  
 All-breed AKC Agility Trials – come to participate & support the Club. Fundraiser!  
 For info and entry: [www.AbbaDogs.com](http://www.AbbaDogs.com)



## Thank you, Elaine!

*By Ann Gaskell, incoming President*



*Elaine's dogs, Cocoa, Figaro, and Malazada  
Painting by Mark Heath based on photos by Tonya Perme*

The Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California would like to thank outgoing President, Elaine Rasmussen, for the outstanding job she did as president. To show our appreciation, the PWDCNC commissioned acclaimed artist Mark Heath to paint a picture of three of Elaine's dogs. Mark worked with Tonya Perme of Tonya Perme Photography, using photos that Tonya had taken.

Thank you Elaine for all your time, effort, support and hard work for the PWDCNC. Thank you Mark Heath for the beautiful painting that we were very happy to give to Elaine to show her our appreciation. Thank you also to my co-conspirator, Bill Waters, who helped me make this happen for Elaine.



*Presentation of the painting at the 2017 Annual Meeting. Left to right: Bill Waters, Elaine Rasmussen, Ann Gaskell.*

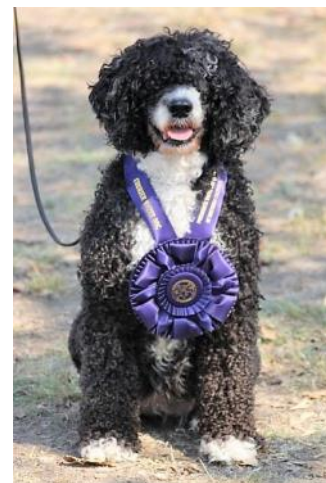
## ...and a thank you from Elaine

A special, personal "Obrigado" to those club members who have lent their support (often in the background and unbeknownst to others) over the years: Barb Avila, Ron Avila, Judy Berger, Dan Bucks, Susan Craig, Lisa Gallow, Sherry Hanen, Karen Pratt, Bee Souza, and Jennifer Walsh.

*Elaine is looking forward to more time making beautiful pottery...*



*...and working with her dogs in water and other performance activities*



*Zada proudly displaying her Courier Water Dog award*



## The 2016 National Specialty

The venue for the annual PWDCA National Specialty show rotates among the East Coast, Midwest, and West Coast, and last year it was the privilege of the PWDCA to host this week-long event, which took place mainly in Monterey, September 24-30, 2016. Full coverage of this event will appear in the next issue of the Courier, the official publication of the PWDCA. Results for conformation, obedience, rally, and junior showmanship are available via the [MB-F web site](#). Here we highlight the contributions of the many organizers and volunteers, mainly from the host club, who made this event possible, and we also show attendance figures for the 2016 National and several earlier shows.

Under the skillful guidance and coordination of the co-chairs Barbara Niemann and Cheryl Smith and their steering committee Don Niemann, Susan Cucura, Mike Paterson, Fred Forman, Matthew Davis, and Chuck Teasley, the specialty was an outstandingly successful and enjoyable event. Don Niemann also served as show treasurer. A wide spectrum of club members pitched in to make the show run smoothly.

Barbara Niemann managed a large hospitality organization whose many essential functions included three fantastic social events: a beach welcome party, an awards dinner, and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner. Backing Barbara up were Dina Rosenblatt, registration chair; Kathy Esslinger, liaison for the hotels, Doubletree and Embassy Suites; Sue Nelson for the delicious fairgrounds luncheons and Grub n' Groom; Sherry Hanen for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner with its large commemorative brochure; Leslie Hill for the beach party; and Ann Gaskell for arranging an impressive basket raffle as well as the Friday awards banquet. Ellen Lydia and Fatima Dias provided valuable support of the silent auction. George Ziemba demonstrated his excellent auctioneering skills, and Susan Cucura and Annie Herberholz arranged for the merchandise and vendors.

Communications was headed by Fred Forman and included John Cucura and John Wilson providing AV, photography, and



videography; Jenna Bullis working with Facebook group lists; and Marge Jackson as Webmaster.

Cheryl Smith oversaw the many activity events including water trials, tracking, rally, obedience, agility and conformation. The club was fortunate to have two members, Matthew Davis and Chuck Teasley, with valuable experience running breed specialty shows. Chuck even arranged for the club to borrow tents, which saved the club money. In addition, Chuck organized the Top Twenty event along with Kathy Bumiller, and made sure the RV area was well managed. Whenever there was something that needed to be done, Chuck could be relied on to help.

Matthew worked hard to make sure all went well with the large conformation event. He had the excellent support of Lisa Galloway organizing the sweepstakes, Karen D'Augusta the futurity, Jo Belton the ribbons, and Elaine Rasmussen the Awards. Cindy Bersano was the chief ring steward. Marilyn Rimmer coordinated the judges' education program, while Diane Parks hosted the judges' luncheon. Cathy Dugan managed the health tent.

Remy Smith-Lewis handled the organization and scheduling of the grooming areas. John Parks was the grounds manager par excellence, while Anne and Mike Paterson managed the rally and performance activities, respectively, which unfortunately included a large janitorial responsibility.

Other chairs who made the whole operation run smoothly included Leslie Holt for agility and Jack McCredie for obedience, who handled all the obedience ring design.



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## 2016 National Specialty (continued)

The Superdog competition was chaired by Denise Gilbert, assisted by Ann Gaskell. The 2016 Superdog award was won by Cortereal Iron Man (Bacchus), owned by PWDNC member Judy Berger; see [page 7](#).

Janis Welsh, who oversaw the tracking event held at Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, also saved the club money by hosting the judges in her home. Pam Coffeen, the Tracking secretary, was invaluable on the tracking committee. Her previous experience and broad knowledge of the sport contributed greatly to the success of the event.

Karen Pratt headed the water trials, which were held at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton. She was supported by Pin-Pin Wong, Chief Steward, for making sure all the volunteer and stewarding positions were filled, and by Ann Gaskell for coordinating the practice times and keeping everyone on schedule. Barb Avila was a wonderful Trial Secretary, spending many hours keeping careful track of details, and Carl Craig, Chris Rasmussen, and George Ziemba worked behind the scenes to make sure all the needed equipment was available and in good condition. Linda Kelly was the on-site hospitality representative

providing breakfast and coordinating the catering for lunch, Judy Berger planned and supervised the Friday night dinner, and Diane Parks and Elaine Rasmussen made sure the trophies were available and cheerfully encouraged all the contestants to do their best.

Carol Corbett managed the CGC tests with the invaluable assistance of Sue Nelson who kept the process flowing smoothly.

Kathy Souza produced the catalog with back up from Linda Kelly who obtained numerous ads for the publication.

Additional members of our club as well as other clubs who made important contributions to the success of the event include Peggy Perkins (Boutiques), Sandy Overton (Catalog Sales), Judy James (OFA Eye Clinic), Nadine Hunter (Parade of Seniors), Gretchen Haake (Rainbow Wall), and Kathy Simmons (Volunteer Coordinator).

So many members chipped in whenever and wherever something needed to be done that this article no doubt has inadvertently neglected several significant contributions. For this we apologize.

## Entry and attendance figures

The tables below indicate the entries for the various events at the recent National compared with those for last year's show in the Midwest and the two most recent earlier West Coast shows, as well as the attendance at three of the evening social events. As is usually the case, the entry at Monterey was somewhat smaller than at shows in the East and Midwest; total entries were about 15% smaller than last year's in Michigan, with most of the difference in conformation-related events. Given that some fluctuations are expected from year to year, total entries as well as those for individual events were similar to those at the earlier West Coast shows. The 4–6 month puppy competition was a premiere in the long series of PWDCA Nationals.

	2016 Monterey, CA	2015 Frankenmuth, MI	2013 Albany, OR	2010 San Luis Obispo, CA
Agility	453	476	528	402
Conformation	306	401	248	307
Obedience	101	102	71	80
Rally	97	104	79	87
Sweepstakes	96	147	99	115
Water work	81	112	84	97
Futurity/Maturity	31	22	36	41
Puppy	7			
Tracking	6	0	7	5
Junior Handlers	5	11	6	2
<b>Total Entries</b>	<b>1183</b>	<b>1375</b>	<b>1158</b>	<b>1136</b>

*Additional attendance figures for 2016 Monterey event:*

Beach Welcome Party	216
25th Anniversary Dinner	204
Awards Dinner	270

*Thanks to Don Niemann for supplying this information*

## A few highlights of the 2016 Regional Specialty

The PWDCNC Regional Specialty was held at Napa Valley Expo in Napa, CA on Friday, November 11, 2016. Matthew Davis ably served as Show Chairperson. He was assisted by Lynn McCallum (Assistant Show Chair and Conformation Chair), Jack McCredie (Obedience & Rally Chair), Ann Gaskell (Assistant Obedience and Rally Chair), and the many other club members whose visible or behind-the-scenes contributions were critical to the success of the specialty.



*Lisa Gallow arranging the raffle baskets*

The show was dedicated to the memory of [John Azevedo](#), a long-time club member who was the chair of the club's first independent specialty in Northern California. A group of John's friends have donated a painting to be awarded for Rally High Combined at the specialty in his memory; it was presented to Don Niemann as its first recipient (see [page 7](#)).

The distinguished panel of judges included Virginia Lyne (Regular and Non-Regular Conformation Classes), Rebecca Morin (Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes, as well as the new 4-6 Month Puppy Competition), and Christopher Cornell (Obedience and Rally). The AKC National Owner-Handled Series competition (NOHS) was also offered at the specialty.



*Becky Morin judging Sweeps with Ty Rust and friend*

Full results are available [here](#) on the MB-F (InfoDog) website, both for this and the previous year's specialty, which was the first that the club held in Napa. Comparison of the entries shows a slight falloff in the number of entries for most categories, averaging about 20%.



*Elinor Cullen and Zorro entering the ring with judge Christopher Cornell*

The specialty dinner arranged for by Cathy Lydon and her Hospitality Committee was outstanding, and the final event of the evening, the auction, unveiled the talents of Patrick Villarreal as an enthusiastic and entertaining auctioneer.

Over the three days following the specialty, three all-breed shows allowed further opportunities to enjoy the Napa ambiance, as well as to take advantage of a high turnout of PWD's. This year's specialty will again be in Napa, on Friday, November 10, 2017, and will also be followed by three all-breed shows. We look forward to seeing you there!

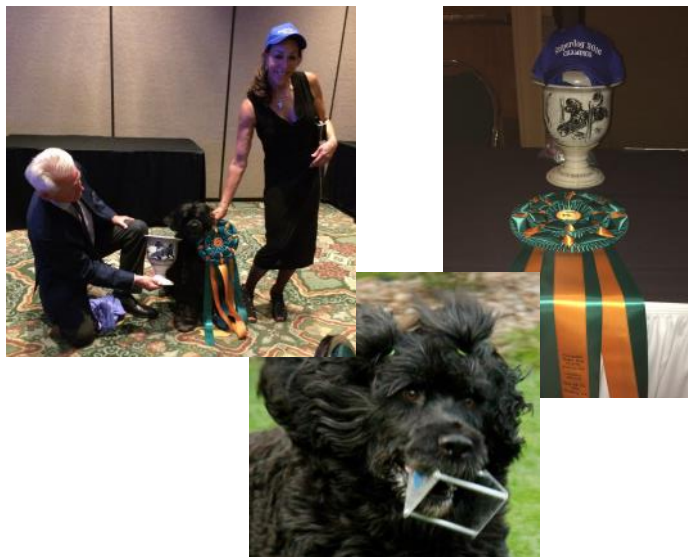


*Matthew Davis and Cathy Lydon examine a prized auction item — a Renoir enhanced by the addition of PWD's*



## Bacchus Wins 2016 Superdog

The Superdog award is given at each National Specialty to a dog that enters the Superdog competition, and competes in at least three of the six eligible events (agility, conformation, obedience, rally, tracking, and water). Each dog receives points for qualifying and/or placing in each event as determined by the Superdog [rules](#), and the dog with the greatest number of points earns the Superdog title. Highlights of the most recent competition may be found in the November/December 2016 Courier. There were 50 entrants in the competition, a record number. At the end, victory went to Bacchus (BIS MBISS GCHS CH Cortereal Iron Man VCD2 BN RE MX MXB MXS MXJ MJB MXF MFS T2B3 RATN CWDX GROM), handled by PWDCNC member Judy Berger. He was the only entrant to win points in five of the six events. The elegant pottery trophy was made by Elaine Rasmussen in collaboration with Tina Evans.



## John Azevedo Rally High Combined Painting Award to Don Niemann

The Rally High Combined painting in memory of John Azevedo was awarded at the Regional Specialty in Napa this year for Rally



High Combined. This painting was donated by friends of John Azevedo and can only be won by a PWDCNC member at the club's Regional Specialty. It will be retired after the same owner/handler wins it 3 times. The work of art, created in memory of John Azevedo, is a beautiful painting done by artist Mark Heath on canvas. John was a great friend to the club and loved



Rally, and this work of art is a fitting tribute to this wonderful man. The initial recipient of this award is Don Niemann, who won for his performances with Rafa (GCH CH Maritimo Rafaga Brillante VCD1 RA OA OAJ OF TWWD SROM). In the picture, Rafa is the black dog on Don's right.

## 2016 Star Award

The Star Award, created in honor of Lloyd D'Augusta, recognizes club members and their dogs for excellence in performance activities. For the sixth time, it was presented to the winners by Karen D'Augusta at the February PWDCNC Annual Meeting. There are two awards, an Annual and a Lifetime Award. A full description of the Star Award is available on the club's website [here](#), along with rules for scoring and entry forms. The 2016 Annual Award went to Susan Cucura and her dog Busy (GCH Freestyle She Means Business CD RN MX MXJ MJB XF T2B CGC OA OAJ NF AWD AX OF RATN). The Lifetime Award was won by Carl Craig with Gus (CH MACH2 Mariner NCO Gusto CDX RE MXS MJS MXF CWDX VER GROM). In the photo, left to right: Susan Cucura, Carl Craig, and Karen D'Augusta. Each winner received an appropriate trophy for their award; note the permanent trophy on the table to the right of Karen.



## Woofstock, Past and Future

The Woofstock cluster in early June is a great time to (literally) let your hair down and get in touch with your inner hippie. The PWDCNC traditionally has a supported entry on Saturday, the most colorful day of the four-day cluster. Here are a few memories of last year's event (Saturday, June 11, 2016). See next page for this year's event. BE THERE!

*Sweeps judge Julie Rust (left) with  
Becky Morin (center)*



*Elaine Rasmussen with Diva*



*Conformation judge  
Judy Harrington*



*Front end of the Best-of-Breed lineup*



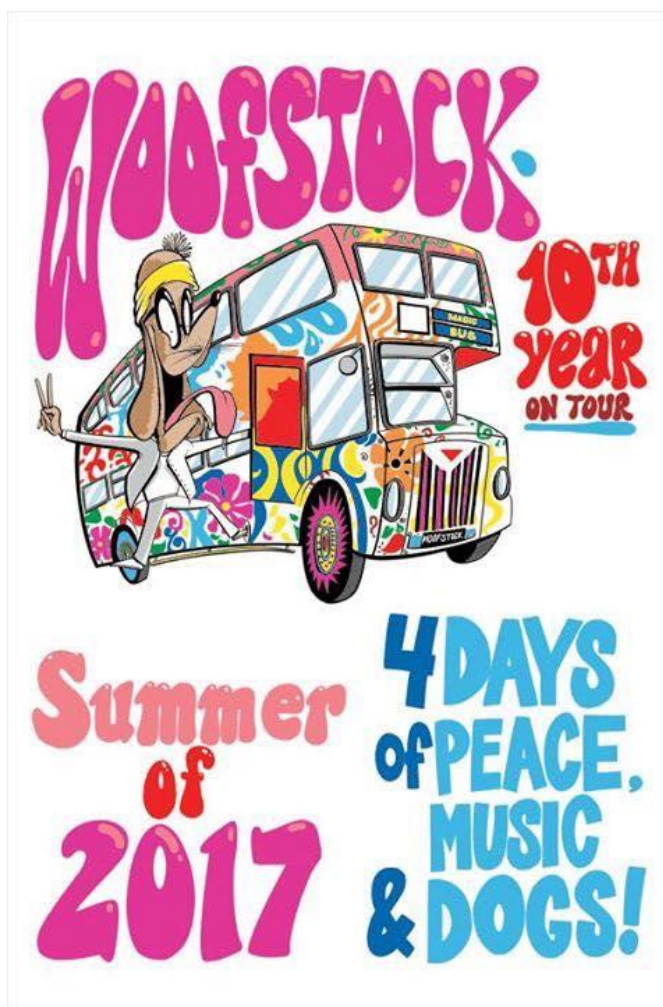
*Lisa Gallow and Comet*



**WOOFSTOCK 2017**  
June 8, 9, 10, and 11

PWDCNC Supported Entry  
Saturday, June 10

Superintendent:  
MBF — [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)  
Entries close Wednesday, May 24



## PWD JUDGES:

Thursday: Cindy Stansell  
Friday: Elizabeth Muthard  
Saturday: Charles L. Olvis  
Sunday: Henry (Hank) J. Williams



More info on the Woofstock Dog Show Facebook page — click [here](#).

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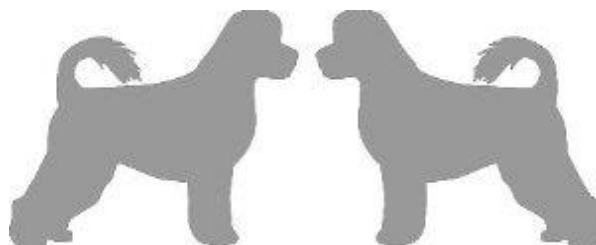
\*Becky Morin, originally elected as Corresponding Secretary, has resigned due to a heavy work schedule. Carole Corbett has offered to continue in this position, and was elected to do so by the Board in accordance with the Club's by-laws. Becky has accepted the position of Conformation Chair instead.

## Update on the Georgie Project

The Georgie Project was begun in 1996 by Dr. Gordon Lark of the University of Utah to collect and study DNA and tissue samples relevant to genetic and other diseases in Portuguese water dogs obtained from autopsy samples. This important project has involved participation by the PWDCA and the owners and breeders of more than 600 PWD's over the past 20 years.

Funding for Phase II of this project, supported by the National Institute of Health, terminated at the end of August, 2016. Dr. Lark is preparing a report on his work, which will be sent to NIH and the PWDCA, and will be published in the Courier.

The work of the Georgie Project will be carried on by Dr. Elaine Ostrander of the National Human Genome Research Institute at the NIH. Dr. Lark will transfer all of the samples to her. According to a letter from Dr. Lark published in the Resources section of the [PWDCA web site](#), he expects the project to be in good hands.





# Meet Our New Members

## New and Returning Associate Members

**Celine Berman (Santa Rosa)** Celine has a two-year-old bitch, Lovebug Oldsmobile Aurora, bred by Amy and Mark Gilroy. Her call name is Gabby. She has completed two obedience and one agility class. She really loves her agility class where she met her best friend, an Italian water dog named Bella. True to her name, Gabby really likes to cuddle in a lap wherever you are sitting. Celine is looking forward to doing additional agility classes soon with Gabby and perhaps going to the Russian River to take a swim.



*Gabby*



*Lulu*

**Cristina Cook (San Francisco)** Cristina's bitch named Lulu will be 6 in April and came from Cynthia McCullough's Mariner Kennel. Lulu has several interests and skills. She loves water work and is training for Courier. She also enjoys agility and is working in Open Jumpers and Excellent Standard. In her calmer moments, she works as a therapy dog in hospitals and nursing homes. She also enjoys rally, barn hunts, play dates and her grooming.

**Trina Taylor-Ghione and Adrian Ghione (Oakdale)** Trina and Adrian own Noble Kennels in Oakdale and are well known professional handlers. They co-own two Prata Lua PWD's with Sandy Holden.



*Tina and Adrian*



*Tina having fun*



*Adrian showing*

**Emily Hubbart (Orem, UT)**..We welcome Emily Hubbart from Orem, Utah as a junior member.

**Carol Wu and Lori Hefner (Pleasant Hill)** Carol and Lori have an Alto Mare puppy and are interested in agility, water work, and obedience.

**Kimberly and Kaitlyn Johnson (Los Gatos)** Kimberly and Kaitlyn own a young dog from the Surfari kennel. They are interested in water work, agility, rally, obedience, therapy, play and pet activities.

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## New Members, continued

**Lewis and Casey Ingram (Fair Oaks)** Lewis and Casey have a new Surfari puppy and are interested in a broad range of activities including breeding, conformation, water work and agility. Under the excellent handling of his breeder, Mike McCullum, "Jag" has been performing outstandingly in the ring.



*Jag with Mike McCallum*

**Natalie Margreiter (Rio Vista)** Natalie, a veterinary receptionist in Sonoma, has just offered a new home to GCH Chien d'Eau Sugar Pie de Remis. Sugar Pie is six years old.

**Camille Marshall (Novato)**

**Jacquie Moss (Oakland)**

**Carol Irving (Benicia)**

**Anne Schrieber (Fremont)**

**Sandra Tasca (Bellevue, WA)** Sandra has a one year old bitch, Stargazer's Ultimate Sweet Treat, call name Soda. Here she is proudly modeling her new raincoat and showing off her first obedience certificate.



**David Yandell (Livermore)**

**Molle Sue Zoken (San Rafael)**

**James and Debbie Zanotti (Redwood City)** James and Debbie are retired and very interested in a broad range of PWD activities including agility, water work, dock diving, obedience, rally, tracking, play dates and grooming. They do not currently have a dog.

**Tina Tesene (Nevada City)** Tina has a dog from Marsha Litke's Covey Run Kennel and is interested in water work, agility, nose work, play days, grooming and pet activities.

**Janet and George Rathwell (Sea Ranch)** We welcome back Janet and George. They own two Aviator dogs. Janet is a volunteer on the disaster committee for sheltering dogs at Sea Ranch.

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## New Members, continued

**Paige Lloyd (Sunnyvale)** Paige does not currently have a PWD, but is interested in water, therapy, play days, and grooming.

**Stacy Roth (San Anselmo)** Stacy is a returning member interested in water, agility, and obedience.

**Johna Richardson (Corona)** Johna entered her pup at the Junior level at our club's water trial last summer.

The following new puppy owners have a membership provided by their co-breeders Gary Hamilton of Coast2Coast PWD and Brooke Lee. Thank you, Gary and Brooke, for introducing the club to these new members.

**Carolyn Ammon (Los Angeles)**

*Buffalo Ammon*

**Brian Carlile (Fresno)**

**Brooke Lee (Heber, UT)**

**Patricia Manly (Henderson, NV)**

**Lynda Smith (Salt Lake City, UT)**



## New Regular Members

The following were voted at the January 28 member meeting:

**Chris and Janis Welsh**

## An Appreciation of John Azevedo

It seems only yesterday that Wavies and Curlies, reporting on the 2015 annual meeting, noted that “Geri Azevedo returned this year with her healthy husband, John, to continue her tradition of handing out certificates of new titles earned during the year.” But John’s recovery was misleading, as he was not able to attend the 2016 meeting, and on April 10 of that year at age 82 he passed away.

John, who earned his master’s degree in Biology from San Francisco State University, taught at Patterson High School where he was the Science Department Chair and President of the Patterson Unified Teachers Association. He then taught for 29 years at Modesto Community College. Always actively supporting his community, at Modesto Community College he chaired their science fairs and served as Treasurer of the Faculty of the Yosemite Community College District.

John loved his Portuguese Water dogs. His kennel, Triangulo A, was awarded the Outstanding Breeder Achievement Award in 2010.

In total John showed four dogs to their championship. His first dog was Naia (Ch Roughrider Naiade de Trian’ A CD RAE NAJ), bred by Kathryn Braund and Carol Oakes. His second dog was another Roughrider dog BeGe (Ch Roughrider BeGe de Trian’ A CD RAE), also bred by Kathryn. She was John’s all-time favorite PWD. BeGe was followed by yet another Roughrider dog, Tify (Ch Roughrider Patife de Trian’ A CD RAE3). In 2006 Tify earned scores in the 90’s in Rally Advanced B competition. John was very proud of the fourth place ribbon he and Tify earned at the National Specialty in 2000 under Judge Annie Clark. Two of John and Geri’s dogs, BeGe and Tify, produced several champions, as well as an outstanding and versatile



*John Azevedo*

performance dog, Libby (MACH5 Triangulo A Liberty Belle VCD3 UDX RAE MXC2 MJG3 MXP MJP MXF TQX). She was owned and trained by judges Barbara and Carl Friedrich. The last dog to get her championship with John was Tassy (Ch Aviator Attache To Triangulo A CD CGCA BN RAE5 THDX TDIAOV). Amy Rutherford handled Tassy for part of her conformation show career. Tassy earned her RAE5, but she relapsed in her training while John was recuperating and not able to work with her. In 2015 he patiently tried to get her to return to his standard. Geri, with support from John, trained Tassy to be certified with Therapy Dogs International. Tassy works at Doctors Medical

Center in Modesto with Geri. She is the first therapy dog to work at that hospital and has acquired quite a following among the staff. In 2015 John showed a pet bitch born in 2013 that he bred. This was Zori (Triangulo A Azoriana), a Tassy pup who continues to be a “work in progress.”

For many years, John sold raffle tickets at the club’s annual water trial. He wore his hunting hat and vest and did quite a job arm twisting. Few people could turn him down. It was great fun to watch him make the rounds selling the tickets.

John was an active and generous volunteer in the PWDCNC. As such he chaired the first independent regional specialty show in Northern California.

John will be missed by the club members who knew him and enjoyed seeing him handle his dogs, as well as by his wife Geri, two sons Mike and Ken, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, and no doubt by his youngest and most recent PWD student. The family suggests memorial gifts could be sent to the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 203, Parker Ford, PA 19457-0203.



*Naia*



*Tify*

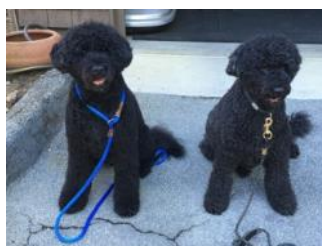


*John and his dogs ...*

*Naia*



# In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge



*With brother Norman*



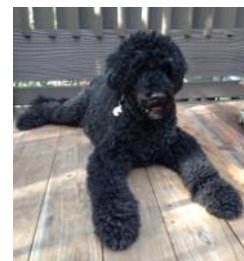
*With Carly*

## **GYPSY**

Cortereal Gypsy

January 19, 2006 – March 29, 2016

Owned by Denise Gilbert



Gypsy came into Denise Gilbert's life in August 2015 when she agreed to foster her. She was extremely overweight at 82 pounds and shaved to the skin including her head and tail. Over the next 12 weeks as she slowly lost 22 pounds and her hair began to grow back the real Gypsy emerged. She had short intense bursts of energy where she would run around the room like a puppy throwing and chasing a ball. She was surprised when she had lost enough weight that she could roll over for a belly rub. Denise fell in love with her and adopted her in November 2015. She was extremely mellow, loved to be touched, and to cuddle. She was Denise's personal therapy dog. When she was excited she didn't bark but went "WooWoo". When her brother Ann Gaskell's Norman came over to be groomed they would "WooWoo" together. Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with lymphoma in February. Although she was only with Denise for 7 months she brought a lot of smiles and love to her household.

## **MAYA**

Whirlwind Maya CGC

June 22, 2014 – April 5, 2016

Owned by Adele and Tom Thomas

Maya was one of those special, once in forever puppies who excelled in every category. At five weeks she would demonstrate her love of water and swimming ability by wading into the pool without her litter mates and swim about. By six weeks she would gleefully jump in the water to play while her littermates did not do this for another week. Stacking she did naturally with tail up at every opportunity. A superb student in the Star Puppy program, she enjoyed healing and responded quickly and correctly to the recall and sit front commands. In November at the PWD specialty in Napa, she entered the Novice obedience trial rather than the BN or PN. She performed perfectly until the very end when Adele was returning to her. She knew we had done well and could not contain herself so took a step toward Adele and was disqualified. Adele and Maya also participated in Rally that evening which was held after dark with car headlights to illuminate the ring. Adele misread a sign and Maya performed per her instructions, so they lost some points but even then they were third!

Maya was a natural born therapy dog, always sensitive to the emotions and stresses of her family members. She was a loving and caring dog extraordinaire. She also enjoyed communicating in her own unique noises, always responding to human questions. On a trajectory to do great things in the show ring, she went to the Midwest where she placed Best of Breed over the champion dogs and once got Group 4. With Maya's loyal and supportive nature as a family member and her unusual talents both in conformation and sport, it is with an even greater shock that her many human friends and family mourn her untimely death.



# In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge

## MAQUAH

Int/AM CH Urso do Mar do Lusiadas CGC TDI CD RA WWD BROM

February 22, 2004 – March 21, 2016

Owned by Chris and Elaine Rasmussen

Elaine and Chris Rasmussen said goodbye to their beloved Maquah after a bittersweet day playing at the ocean, his most favorite place in the world. Throughout his lifetime, Maquah exhibited immense joy and an infinite curiosity for whatever lay around the next corner. He was naturally athletic, always ready to run, walk, swim, jump, and of course pounce after a tennis ball, the most esteemed of all his toys.

Maquah was elegant, goofy, obedient, boisterous, inventive, loyal, sweet and affectionate. Although on the surface he was a magnificent deep brown beautiful boy who took his job of protecting his pack very seriously, he was a lover at heart; he was always more than happy to climb into a lap for a snuggle.

Everyone's PWD has a unique, amazing character, but those who knew Maquah probably would agree he kicked that up a notch.

The Rasmussens are consoled by the fact that Maquah is survived by some beautiful pups whose breeders recognized his potential as a sire.



*The urn Elaine made for Maquah*



## LUCY

Rustyco's Tahitian Black Pearl RN CGC

August 10, 2006 – December 11, 2016

Owned by Dan and Miriam Bucks

On Dec. 11 Dan and Miriam had to say good bye to Lucy, their first Portuguese Water Dog. Lucy enriched their lives over an all too short ten years. Miriam said "We loved her and will always remember her for the character that she was, smart and determined to get what she wanted when she wanted it."

While Lucy was not enthusiastic about working, she did manage to earn her CGC and RN titles. She did not like to go out or to swim. Counter surfing was her main hobby. She loved to sing to her favorite tunes and really lit up when she heard the words, "good night cookie!"

Miriam said Lucy was spoiled from the good life she led. She will be missed for the greetings she gave every time her humans came through the door running to get a "baby" (any stuffed toy would do) wagging her tail and purring like a cat. The Bucks are heartbroken to lose their four-legged companion but will always cherish the memories and good times they had together.

# In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge

## JOEY

MACH 3 Restora Giuseppe Verdi Nobreza CD RE MXE MJG2 MXP  
MXF T2B WWD

January 12, 2005 – July 7, 2016

Owned by Leslie and James Holt

Leslie said "The day Joey came into our lives everything changed. We took him to puppy classes, obedience classes, and agility classes. Later we went to water practices, and we have so many wonderful memories of trials all over the West. He was always ready for any adventure, and he never failed to make us laugh. On the trail, at the beach, in the snow, at a trial, or just staying at home, he was 'the little guy' who stole our hearts. Joey was a once in a lifetime dog, and he will always be a part of us."



## FRANCINE

Ashbe's Angel Eyes

May 1, 2002 – November 16, 2016

Owned by Linda and Steve Kelly



*Francine at the age of six*

In November Francine joined her mother Sadie and Jake and her two sisters Annie and Tillie in life beyond the Rainbow Bridge. Francine came to her name or to Bean or Beaners. She whelped by herself as she was the last whelped in Linda's first litter and no one was expecting her. She loved agility, did tricks, but mostly liked to sit on your lap or counter surf. An excellent mom, she had two litters which she licked until you wondered if the hair would come off, but the pups sure were clean. To the end, she insisted on eating toilet paper and magazines. She will be remembered by Linda every time she gets the toilet paper from the holder rather than hidden in the cabinet.

## ODIN BERRY-PRICE

Rustyco Shining Black Knight

March, 2008 – January 30, 2017

Owned by Judy and Anthony Price

Judy and Anthony were blessed to have Odin join them in March 2008 and he all too quickly left them in January. While he did not earn titles, he was the best Prada dos Amigos! Odin filled the Prices' home and hearts with such love, laughter and joy. He was their child, son, constant companion and best friend. All our love to you, Odin, you will be forever missed.



Odin Berry-Price  
2008 - 2017

When club members submit information about the death of their pet to Carole Corbett, Corresponding Secretary, at [carolecorbett@comcast.net](mailto:carolecorbett@comcast.net), the club will make a donation in the dog's memory to the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation and the dog will be remembered in the next newsletter. Please supply the following information: the dog's AKC registration number, the dog's call name, the dog's registered name and any titles earned, the birthdate, date of death, and the cause of death. We will also print a picture of your pet and a brief remembrance if submitted.



## Denise Gilbert Grooming Seminar

How did you spend your Saturday on February 11? If you were not at a grooming seminar at Happiness Country Kennels with PWDCNC member Denise Gilbert, you missed out on learning some astonishing tricks of the trade when it comes to coping with your PWD's fantastic coat. You must feel a sense of pride when someone marvels at the four-legged friend you are walking just after a combing and trimming by an excellent groomer. Did you ever stop to think that the groomer's staff probably spent 2 to 4 hours working to get that perfectly coiffed appearance? Are you frustrated because your groomer never seems to get it just right? Do you wonder how a PWD really should be trimmed? When you enter your friend in conformation competition have you considered not just how the two of you will work as a team in the arena, but how perfectly that coat has been combed prior to entering the arena?

There are a few expert PWD groomers in the area. There is a reason that some of our members are driving 100 miles to get to

one of them to groom their dog. But in Portola Valley there is a unique groomer named Denise Gilbert. She is unique because her main interest goes beyond grooming the dog. She is especially interested in helping the owners to care for their dog and for them to know how to evaluate a groomer. She is happy to help owners learn how to groom their own pets. Denise is primarily interested in doing retriever or lion cuts for pets or event performance dogs, rather than for the conformation show ring. Be prepared to invest in



*Denise illustrating correct grooming of the head*

some equipment if you are going to take on the challenge of grooming and clipping your dog yourself; Denise estimates that it will take about a year to recover your initial investment. Previous seminar attendees who were already clipping their dogs still picked up valuable tips. Who knew that the various brands of clippers are of different weights and that the lighter weight could make a big difference in handling clippers? Attendees who only wanted to brush out mats before going to an expert PWD groomer learned how many slickers, combs and detangling sprays there are and which ones will make the task easier. It was amazing to see Denise transform a dog brought to

class that looked like it might be a Schnauzer mix, because of its long ears, to one with a stylish PWD head, just by clipping the hair at the end of the ears close to the ear leather.

A couple of other tips Denise shared: never put conditioner on your dog's head or blow dry the head with a high velocity dryer because the hair on the head should have as much wave or curl

as possible. Also, beware of a groomer cutting the PWD's legs too short so that the legs are out of proportion with the rest of the body.

If you are wise you will not miss the next time Denise offers a seminar. Also, you can book a grooming session next time your pet needs to be clipped and plan to watch Denise work. She is always happy to help PWD owners meet the challenge of keeping their dog looking its finest.



*Denise uses this canine skeleton in showing how the grooming should be related to the dog's structure*

### ***An Important Reminder to Breeders!***

It is time to renew your listing in the Breeder Referral section of the PWDCNC website. If you are a new breeder, please read the agreement to be sure you are in compliance with all requirements. Note that the listing each year is from April 1 to the following March 31.

*To fill out the application and pay, click [here](#)*