



RAT TALES

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Earthdog Club

Summer 2016

Summer Earthdog Test Results

On July 9 & 10, PSEC hosted their summer Earthdog test weekend at Curt & Joyce Whall's residence in Kent, WA. This is always a fun weekend with camping in the orchard and wonderful hospitality with a catered dinner on Saturday night.

A real plus to our trials were our judges, Dan Mata and Jill Peterson. They were helpful and encouraging to the exhibitors, especially those new to the sport. The weather was comfortable with just a touch of occasional misty rain. We had good-sized entries in all classes resulting in seventeen Q's and a couple of new titles awarded. Entrants that were not at our May tests went home with their very own, personalized PSEC titling bead string to which beads will be added when the dog earns qualifying runs and titles at future PSEC tests. Returning exhibitors were able to add beads to their strings for new Q's and titles earned.

After the test on Saturday the club held a practice session for dogs at all levels including an enthusiastic above-ground session on the front lawn! Beginner dogs had the opportunity to get "up close and personal" with one of the rats.

Betsy Fortman was our Test Chair and Joyce Whall acted as Hospitality Hostess with Anne Sanders as Test Secretary. Thanks to all who entered dogs or helped make the weekend a success!

Results of the tests are included in this newsletter.

Fall 2016 Earthdog Test

PSEC's Fall Earthdog tests have been set for October 15 & 16 at Emerald Meadows Farm in Bellingham, WA. Our judges for the three tests (two on Saturday and one on Sunday) are Lia Bijsterveld, Susan Ellestad, and John Schuster. Chairing the test will be Regina Delahunt and Betsy Fortman with Anne Sanders as Trial Secretary and will be in charge of Hospitality.

As always, volunteers will be needed on the day of the tests. There are plenty of opportunities to help (e.g. den set up, gate steward, judge steward, secretary table, hospitality, raffle). No previous experience required! Each volunteer receives a ticket for the Volunteers Raffle each time they help out. A drawing will be held at the end of each test, and the winner will receive a free entry in any of the club's 2017 tests.

Please bring something for the potluck lunch each day! Drinks will be provided.

Overnight parking and camping (no hook ups) are available but MUST be reserved in advance. Contact Betsy Fortman to sign up:

Bfortman@frontier.com

Everyone is invited to join us for dinner with the judges Saturday evening at a local restaurant. Sign-ups will be taken Saturday morning.

A copy of the premium list is available on the PSEC website:
<http://psearchdog.freeservers.com/Events.htm>

Practice for the October Earthdog Tests - Saturday October 1

There's nothing like being able to practice in the same dens that you will be tested in! Come and join us for a practice session at the Emerald Meadows Farm (6411 Aldrich Road, Bellingham, WA) from 11:00 - 1:00.

In addition to Junior, Senior and Master runs, there will be above-ground work with tunnels and rats as well as help with introducing dogs to underground tunnels at the Intro-to-Quarry den.

Practice for Beginner Earthdogs - Friday October 14

We will be having an **aboveground-only** practice on the day before tests from 2:00-4:00 pm at Emerald Meadows Farms. There will be tunnel liners on the lawn and rats in quarry boxes to add to the excitement! Club members will be on hand to help.

New PSEC Special Achievement Award Winners!

Silver Master Earthdog

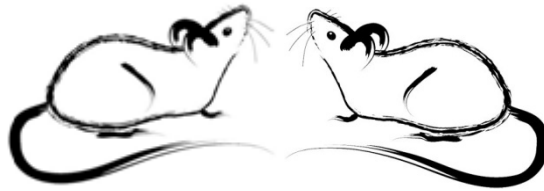
(For dogs that have earned 25 **total** master legs)

***Fanfare Jetsetter Can RA ME NAJ NA CGN HIC Am RA ME CGC NW1 TDI
"Halley" Lia Bijsterveld***

Grand Advanced Master Earthdog – G.A.M.E. Award

(For dogs that have earned ten (10) double Q's)

***Amblegreen Notti Marietta BN CD PCDX RE ME EE
"Etta" Jill Petersen***



PSEC Club Website

We are grateful to Lia Bijsterveld for making and maintaining our club website for ???? years. Jeff Dairiki has offered to update the design and would like input from members as to the look and content of the site. Other dog club websites that were recommended to view for ideas were:

<https://atcww.club/>
<http://www.crctc.org/>

Please send your comments to Jeff - dairiki@dairiki.org

July Meeting Highlights

July 9, 2016

Report of Secretary:

Membership application submitted Sandra Distefano (Glen of Imaal Terriers)

Report of Committees:

October Test Committee

Test dates are October 15-16 at Emerald Meadows Farm in Bellingham.

Members who have served on past test committees are encouraged to mentor others.

Co-chairs will be Betsy Fortman and Regina Delahunt.

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee for 2017 Officers and Board was chosen:

- Nancy Field, Chair
- Jack Laney
- Michele Luther, Board representative

Unfinished business:

New PSEC website

Jeff Dairiki has agreed to update the club's website and is looking for input as to look and content. He recommended that the club purchase its own domain name.

About Our Club

PSEC meets at least four times a year for club meetings and practices. We host yearly Earthdog test weekends in May, July, and October for a total of eight tests each year.

Club Objectives

- to promote the natural and trained hunting and working abilities of small Terriers and Dachshunds when exposed to hunting situations
- to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of all breeds eligible for AKC earthdog tests and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at earthdog tests
- to conduct sanctioned earthdog tests and licensed earthdog tests under the rules of The American Kennel Club.

Club Officers and Board Members

President - Melissa Knapp melissa.s.knapp@comcast.net

Vice president - Michele Luther darlufox@frontier.com

Secretary - Betsy Fortman bfortman@frontier.com

Treasurer - Joyce Whall Joyce.whall@gmail.com

Board members - Jill Petersen Dchipster1@Yahoo.com

Lia Bijsterveld thedogsma@shaw.ca

Regular Classes**Junior Earthdog****Judge: Dan Mata**

NQ	Wiley	TAWNY MIST WEE WILEY WILD CHILD. Silky Terrier. Owner(s): Regina Delahunt
NQ	Mr. B	CH CAMCREST ANDSURELY MR. SURE SHOT. West Highland White Terrier. Owner(s): Rhonda Roberts
NQ	Halfdan	HALFDAN THE BLACK. Scottish Terrier. Owner(s): Jack T Laney and Mary Hafner-Laney
NQ	Stella	PLAYMOOR STELLAR BLEU WREN. Border Terrier. Owner(s): Sally Streeter
NQ	Rebel	REGINA'S REBEL Yorkshire Terrier Owner(s): Regina Delahunt
ABS	Rico	FANFARE LIVIN LA VIDA LOCO Border Terrier Owner(s): Cindy Lether and Shelby Russell
NQ	Pippa	SUNKIST I STRIPPED FOR THIS? CA. Border Terrier. Owner(s): Harriet Haydon
NQ	Dora	CAUDLEWOOD DORA THE EXPLORER. Parson Russell Terrier. Owner(s): Miriam Berman
NQ	Ebony	SEA JAY EBONY ROSE Cairn Terrier. Owner(s): Joyce Whall and Curt Whall
Q	Ouzo	DC SPECTRUM WAGSMOR SILVER SCREEN RE NAJ MJP NAP NFP EE. Dachshund. Owner(s): Margaret Webb and Diane Webb
NQ	Ciaran	KEADEEN'S BLUE BOY FOR BLUESETTE. Glen of Imaal Terrier. Owner(s): Geoffrey Dairiki and Sandra Distefano & Amy Tighe & Jerry Kindall

Total Entries: 11**Total Starters: 10****Total Qualifiers: 1**

Senior Earthdog**Judge: Jill Petersen**

NQ	Duggan	BELLWEATHER'S DUGGAN TAKE A BOW RIOGA RN CA JE. Border Terrier. Owner(s): Joann Lakin Jackson and Paul Hulsing, Handler: Paul Jackson.
Q	Fleet	CONQUEST FLEET OF FOOT JE. Parson Russell Terrier. Owner(s): Shirley Kostric
Q	QT	CH CT CAMCREST-RIME Q'D UP FOR TROUBLE VCD1 RAE TDU AX OAJ MXP AJP NF OFP ME EE RATS. West Highland White Terrier. Owner(s): William R. Sanders and Sandy Campbell
NQ	Tash	FANFARE DASH TO VICTORY AX MXJ OF JE. Border Terrier. Owner(s): Cindy Lether and Shelby Russell
Q	Lizzie	FANFARE LET'S GO CRAZY. Border Terrier. Owner(s): Jane Ellis and Raney Ellis
NQ	Stuie	GCH CAMCREST ANDSURELY CAPTAIN KIDD JE West Highland White Terrier Owner(s): Sandy Campbell and Kaori Nakajima

Total Entries: 6**Total Starters: 6****Total Qualifiers: 3**

Master Earthdog**Judge: Jill Petersen**

EXC <i>Interference</i>	Gino	GCH DAR-LU GIOVANNI CD RA SE RATO. Smooth Fox Terrier. Owner(s): Michele Luther and Susan J Altmeyer
NQ	Gunny	STONEBRIAR MASTER GUNNER SE. West Highland White Terrier. Owner(s): Susie Stone
Q	Nigel	NIGEL ME. PAL201930. Border Terrier. Owner(s): Sally Streeter
NQ	Fonzie	THE FONZ OF WYNDOX ML CDX BN RA TDX SE. Dachshund. Owner(s): Betsy Fortman
NQ	Eddie	DC I SPY EDISON LIVE WIRE RA CDX TDX NSP SE. Dachshund. Owner(s): Nancy Field

Total Entries: 5**Total Starters: 4****Total Qualifiers: 1**

Nonregular Class
Introduction to Quarry
Judge: Dan Mata

NQ	Lillie	CH GLENBRITTLE QUEEN OF THE CABARET. West Highland White Terrier. Owner(s): Robert McCaskill and Sandy Campbell
NQ	Quinn	KILKENNY'S LOVE AND HAPPINESS. Glen of Imaal Terrier. Owner(s): Geoffrey Dairiki and Sandra Distefano & Susan Dunbar Blum
Q	Mr. B	CH CAMCREST ANDSURELY MR. SURE SHOT. West Highland White Terrier. Owner(s): Rhonda Roberts
NQ	Stella	PLAYMOOR STELLAR BLEU WREN. Border Terrier. Owner(s): Sally Streeter
NQ	Boo	GLENBRITTLE-CAMCREST TRICK R TREAT. West Highland White Terrier. Owner(s): Robert McCaskill and Sandy Campbell
Q	Ciaran	KEADEEN'S BLUE BOY FOR BLUESETTE. Glen of Imaal Terrier. Owner(s): Geoffrey Dairiki and Sandra Distefano & Amy Tighe & Jerry Kindall
NQ	Pudge	FABIAN PUDGE PREWETT. Miniature Schnauzer. Owner(s): Veronica Sauget and Anne Sauget
Q	Nigel	NIGEL ME. Border Terrier. Owner(s): Sally Streeter
NQ	Magic	CAMCREST MARCH MAGIC AT WATERSIDE. West Highland White Terrier. Owner(s): William R. Sanders and Anne Sanders & Sandy Campbell
NQ	Rico	FANFARE LIVIN LA VIDA LOCO. Border Terrier. Owner(s): Cindy Lether and Shelby Russell
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ABS	Stuie	GCH CAMCREST ANDSURELY CAPTAIN KIDD JE. West Highland White Terrier Owner(s): Sandy Campbell and Kaori Nakajima
NQ	Murphy	GIDEON MURPHY PREWWETT. Miniature Schnauzer. Owner(s): Veronica Sauget and Anne Sauget
NQ	Dora	CAUDLEWOOD DORA THE EXPLORER. Parson Russell Terrier. Owner(s): Miriam Berman
Q	Ebony	SEA JAY EBONY ROSE. Cairn Terrier. Owner(s): Joyce Whall and Curt Whall

Total Entries: 15

Total Starters: 14

Total Qualifiers: 5

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Q	Kenna	CH BRAEMER SCOTCH BROM AALADH JE. Cairn Terrier. Owner(s): Jamie Wilson and Nancy Delyea
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Q	Etta	AMBLEGREEN NOTTI MARIETTA BN CD PCDX RE ME EE. Norwich Terrier. Owner(s): Jill Petersen and Elizabeth Pearson & Heather Tomlins,

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NQ	Stella	PLAYMOOR STELLAR BLEU WREN. Border Terrier. Owner(s): Sally Streeter
NQ	Colum	GCH SCOTCH BROOM COLUM MACNAILL. Cairn Terrier. Owner(s): Jamie Wilson and Nancy Delyea & Carol Onstad
NQ	Biene	ZAN'S WONDER TWIN BIENE. Miniature Schnauzer. Owner(s): Anne Sauget,
ABS	Nigel	NIGEL ME. Border Terrier. Owner(s): Sally Streeter

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Total Starters: 9

Total Qualifiers: 0