



# **RAT TALES**

## **Newsletter of the Puget Sound Earthdog Club**

### **Spring-Summer 2017**

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#### **PSEC Fall Earthdog Test Weekend - October 28-29**

Our Fall 2017 test weekend will be October 28-29 at Emerald Meadows Farm in Bellingham, WA. There will be two tests on Saturday and one on Sunday. Our judges will be Tom and Marie Quarles, and Mike Dilley. Test co-chairs are Michele Luther and Susie Stone with Melissa Knapp as trial secretary.

#### **Afternoon practice sessions will be held on Friday afternoon (October 27)**

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 upcoming tests.

Please bring something for the potluck lunch each day! Drinks will be provided. And be sure to bring your dog's beads! Overnight parking and camping (no hook ups) are available but MUST be reserved in advance. Contact Betsy Fortman to sign up: [Bfortman@frontier.com](mailto: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 will be available on the PSEC website:  
<https://psec-earthdog.org/Events.htm>**

**Barn Hunt Academy will be hosting their October trials on the same weekend/location.**

**Entries are limited and will open September 26.**

**<http://www.barnhuntacademy.com/upcoming-events.html>**

## PSEC Spring 2017 Earthdog Test Results

PSEC's Spring Earthdog Test weekend was held May 20-21 at Emerald Meadows Farm in Bellingham, WA. Judges Kathi Ogawa, Lia Bijsterveld, and Sil Sanders presided over the three tests. There was a variety of terrier breeds entered: Westie, Glen of Imaal, Smooth Fox, Silky, Scottie, Border, Yorkie, Norwich, Parson Russell, and Cairn. Dachshunds put in a good showing as well in the usual mix of sizes and coat types.

Dogs that earned Q's over the weekend were:

- Mr. B (Westie) - three SE
- Quinn (Glen) - two JE
- Zeppa (Smooth Fox) - two IQ
- Etta (Norwich) - one SE, three ME, one double Q
- Gunny (Westie) - three ME
- Minnie (Border) - one IQ
- Breckan (Westie) - one JE
- KT (Westie) - one SE
- Sherman (Dachshund) - one ME
- Halley (Border) - one ME
- Fonzie (Dachshund) - two ME
- Griz (Border) - one JE
- Rebel (Yorkie) - one SE
- Pepper (Cairn) - one IQ

## PSEC Summer 2017 Earthdog Test Results

PSEC's Summer Earthdog Test weekend was held July 15-16 at the Whall's in Kent, WA. Our judges for the two tests were John Willmore and John Schuster. As usual, Dachshunds were there in force. There was a variety of terrier breeds also entered: Westie, Glen of Imaal, Smooth Fox, Silky, Scottie, Border, Yorkie, and Norfolk.

Dogs that earned Q's over the weekend were:

- Quinn (Glen) - two SE
- Flare (Smooth Fox) - one IQ, one JE
- Gunny (Westie) - two ME
- Minnie (Border) - two IQ
- Rebel (Yorkie) - two SE, two ME = two double Q's
- Moxie (Dachshund) - two IQ
- Elsa (Dachshund) - two IQ
- Minnie (Border) - two IQ
- Bossa (Dachshund) - one IQ
- Wiley (Silky) - one JE
- QT (Westie) - one JE
- Booker (Border) - two JE
- Ouzo (Dachshund) - one IQ

## **About Our Club**

PSEC meets at least four times a year for club meetings and practices. We host 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.

### **2017 Club Officers and Board Members**

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