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Winter—Spring 2012

Supported Entry—MARCH 3rd!

The Supported Entry will again be held in conjunction with the Fiesta Cluster of dog shows.

Conformation & obedience will be held at Westworld.

Ring 21

Sweepstakes
Judge: Diane Landstrom
9:50 AM
15 puppies (7 males / 8 bitches)
7 veterans (3 males / 4 bitches)

Reguar Classes
Judge: Jane Roppolo
10:50 AM
13 class males
23 class females
1 veteran male
2 veteran females
8 male specials
4 bitch specials

We will have a hospitality tent which is typically fairly close to the ring. We will also be hold-

ing our silent auctions at the show on Saturday (and if we have enough donations, on Sunday as well!

Agility will be held a different location this year.

P Ben. Arredondo Sports Complex / 8401 S, Hardy Drive, Tempe, AZ.

*There will be hospitality offered at the agility site.

ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION

This will again be held at Dave & Buster's at Desert Ridge. Advance Reservations are required. \$35.00 per person. Please contact:

Susan Myrick
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MERCHANDISE ORDERS:

If you ordered merchandise, you may pick it up at the hospitality tent (Westworld)

We did order some sweat-shirts that will be offered for sale. This will also be located at the hospitality tent (Westworld).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you help w/ hospitality? Man a table?

Please let us know!

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Board Meeting Announcement:

The board will be holding a "board of directors" meeting on:
March 18th / 9:30 am
Myrick home / 3430 E. Sagittarius Ct., Chandler, AZ

Please email Susan or Janis with agenda items.
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Holiday Party - Kathy Groschupf and Frank Baucom

Despite the chilly, but mostly sunny weather, 12 people with their 11 PWDs ventured to "TimBuckTwo" for RSPWDC's Holiday Party December 17, 2011, co-hosted by Kathy Groschupf and Frank Baucom. "TimBuckTwo" is located about 40 miles south of Tucson, so it was a pleasure to see a few people from the Phoenix area at the party. Karen Berggren was a very welcome, yet not-to-be-expected visitor, since she usually hails all the way from the Flagstaff area! We had anticipated several more guests, but there were some last-minute cancellations. We still had enough people to participate in the Rally demonstration, have lunch, play games, celebrate the "Golden Oldies", and exchange presents.

For the Rally demonstration, Susan Myrick lent us and sent her equipment with Michele Murphy, who with her puppy dog "Tig", set up a Novice Rally course with official signs that designated the behavior to be performed and the direction to proceed. We took turns attempting to do the course with our dogs, and although most of us had never done Rally, our dogs seemed to like it and the handlers learned that it isn't as easy as it looks. It was a new, educational activity for a holiday party.

Prior to lunch, Frank and "Buccaneer" set up a couple tents to protect us from the chilly wind, we put on some more clothes, and we all settled in for a lunch of hot pulled-pork sandwiches from sea-

soned pork roast that had been slowly cooked for 12 hours, hot baked beans, the traditional red and green coleslaw, and potato chips. Yum! Kathy's home-baked beans were quite delicious, and several people asked for the recipe, so here is a condensed recipe for "Baked Bean Quintet": 1 can each of butter beans, lima beans, pork and beans in tomato sauce, red kidney beans, and garbanzo beans. 6 slices of bacon, 1 cup chopped onion, 1 clove garlic, ¾ cup ketchup, ½ cup molasses, ¼ cup brown sugar, 1 TB Worcestershire sauce, 1 TB mustard, black pepper. Cook bacon until crisp, crumble and set aside. Cook onion and garlic in the bacon drippings. In a large oven-proof casserole, put all the ingredients together, cover and bake at 375 degrees for 1 hour.

After lunch, we played two team games - "tic-tac-toe", and "doggy charades". The first one requires obedience-trained dogs, while the second requires creativeness from the handlers. Roger and Carol Arbutnot, with their conformation dogs, "Dory" and "Charlie", and some of the puppies, including "Woof", and Thea Bennett-Williams' puppy, Izzy, sat out on the first game, but everyone participated in the charades. We had prizes for the winners and the losers - after all, one can't win if someone doesn't lose! The winners and losers of each of the games drew to see who got to take home the prize of a RSPWDC logo leash, or a stuffed toy. Jane Klipp with her dog,

"Bean", won the leash for the "tic-tac-toe" game. "Bean" has to share the leash with "Cool". Bonnie and Micha Koepfel, with their dog "Rio", won the leash for the "doggy charades" game, while Michele with "Tig", and Lauren with "Reef", took home cute stuffed toys. I think we all were winners, because we all had fun.

We then gathered around to celebrate the "Golden Oldies", a traditional holiday party celebration that recognizes RSPWDC dogs who have reached the golden age of 10 years or more. Those in attendance included "Elvas" with Stephanie Rollins, and "Skiff" with Lauren McDermott. Lauren read the stories of "Ana", "Leal", "Sadie", and "Teddy"; these were dogs and their owners, Peggy and Steve Perkins, Janis Watts, Linda and Steve Kelly, and Genie and Paul Gengler, respectively, that weren't able to attend.

For a finale, followed by a dessert of Frank's krumkake, we did the traditional gift exchange, where the dogs selected by eye or nose discrimination, a present from those accumulated on a blanket. Some dogs seemed to know how to pull apart wrapping paper to get to the prize, while others were more deliberate in choosing which present to pick. I think everyone was happy with their selection. We were happy to have hosted another RSPWDC Holiday Party. We look forward to more parties!

WAGS & BRAGS



Kathy Groschupf and Frank Baucom's— Woof is now pointed in the conformation ring.

Michele Murphy's—new puppy Tig won a point his first weekend out in the show ring.

Hilary Haseley— has a new puppy (not a PWD!) We are still happy for her.

Cindy Kramer — reports in that Katie is on the cover of the March Phoenix Home & Garden magazine. Look for her!

Let's go sailing!

The “Libby” Travel Journal—An ongoing Series

Spring is approaching and for the crew of M/V Nightfall, that means preparation is underway for our annual Inside Passage Cruise. This will be our 4th year, the 2nd with Libelu. We launch Nightfall (38 foot Bill Gardner Steel Trawler) from La Conner, WA and head up the Inside Passage to Sitka, Alaska and back traveling over 2,600 nautical miles in 140 days. You might ask why we continue to do the same trip.... well, it's NEVER the same. The scenery leaves you speechless. There are mountains that climb thousands of feet straight up from the water and rare sandy beaches where

the only footprints you find are from a wolf. We hear whales talk to each other, wolves howling, and Sandhill Cranes, Bald Eagles and Red Throated Loons all singing at the same time. We have seen Bald Eagles swim, bears pacing on the beach, and hundreds of sea otters popping their heads up to watch us go by. There are thousands of protected anchorages. Crab, shrimp, fish abound. Libby can run unfettered on bright shell Indian middens or bound over boulder strewn shores.

Fortunately Libby doesn't get seasick and travels well. We stock 6 months of dog food

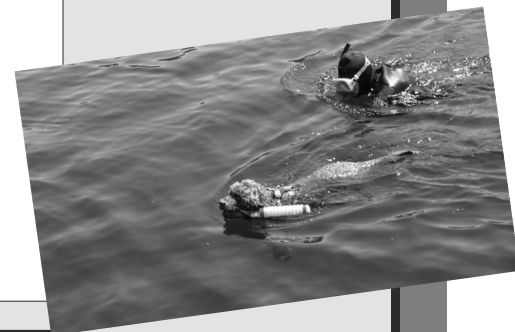
onboard for the trip. We limit our travels to 4 hours a day, although some transits are longer. Training goes on no matter where we are! A really reliable recall

would be nice when those deer run by or the bear comes down to greet us. She gets filthy, but swimming helps a lot (it's a little cold though, especially for an Arizona dog!) Most of all we have fun and live life to its fullest!

(Updates for this year's trip will be coming.....)



Libby enjoying her life as the First Mate!



WHO IS LIBBY???

Libby—aka Libelu is a PWD that was bred by Janis Watts and now shares her life with Peg and Jim Jeffries.

Each year they set off for an adventure. Libby has had the privilege of doing what she was bred for over the past two years. She is living her life as the first mate on the M/V Nightfall.

Peg will be submitting last years travel log for us to follow along on their adventure!



Water Trial 2011



The fun at the Festa....

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Look how "grape" I am!



Hula Baby!



Thea & one of the kids!



Tig the devil pup & Bugsy, as Rodeo Rockstar!

Calendar—2012

SPRING

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For more information on
club events check out our
website!

