



The Salty Dog

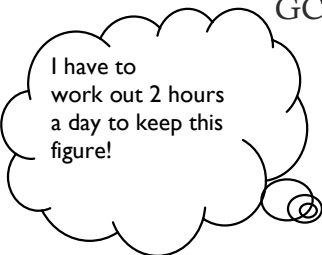
**RIO SALGADO
PORTUGUESE
WATER DOG
CLUB**

Volume V Issue I

Spring 2014

Matisse - Best In Show!

Fiesta Cluster Dog Show
GCH Claircreek Impression De Matisse



I have to work out 2 hours a day to keep this figure!

Bred By: Donna Gottdenker
Owned By: Milan Lint, Peggy Helming & Donna Gottdenker

As purebred dog enthusiasts we approach each breeding with the hope that something special will result - and with particular dogs those hopes are that much higher. Such was the case when Donna contacted us about breeding the lovely Apolina to Carlo, our English import. While Carlo has been a strong producer of quality, we encouraged Donna to consider Carlo's son Caribe, as he is higher on leg, has Busy as his dam, and the overall combination made more sense to us. Donna did just that and June 6, 2011 the Apolina x Caribe kids were born, including a standout black curly male ultimately named Matisse.

Since that time it has been a whirlwind for Matisse, completing his Canadian championship at age six months and his American championship at eight months, all owner handled and with multiple group placements



back to his home in Maryland without that 15 month old PWD!

Michael and Matisse practiced throughout the remainder of 2012, winning several groups and their first Best in early December. After a holiday rest, team Matisse entered 2013 by storm. As of this writing and having just celebrated his second birthday, Matisse has garnered 45 Bests in Show, 14 Reserve Bests in Show, and 72 Group Firsts, including the very thrilling Group win at the Garden. This has propelled Matisse to Number Two Dog All Breeds, Number One Working Dog, Number One PWD and the top winning PWD of all time.

along the way. Under Donna's watchful eye Matisse was developing as hoped, and our intent was to have our long-time handler Michael Scott further assess this youngster at the 2012 PWDCA National Specialty. The goal was to better understand whether Matisse had what it takes to be a special.

It was a pleasure seeing Donna handle Matisse to Best in Sweepstakes under noted PWD authority Jack Girton, proving that the pup could be recognized at both all-breed and specialty shows. That said, by the time Jack gave Matisse the nod for Best, Michael had already identified this boy as having the potential to be not just a good special, but a great special. Sensing Michael's enthusiasm, we knew there was no way that he was heading



Such is the curse of this addiction to the sport of dogs, where just occasionally those "special" breedings not only meet, but exceed your wildest expectations.

By Milan Lint

Club Officers & Directors

President:
Susan Myrick

Vice President:
Janis Watts

Recording Secretary:
Carol Arbutnot

Corresponding Secretary:
Thea Bennett

Treasurer:
Michele Murphy

Directors:
Karmen Booth
Peg Jeffries

Inside this issue:

Supported Entry Highlights	2-3
Meet your officers	4
Holiday Party & Golden Oldies	5
AKC CGC	6
RSPWDC???	7
Water Trial Changes	8
Obed. & Rally Wags & Brags & Calendar	9
	10

Supported Entry Highlights



Best of Opposite
Gucci - GCH Patriot's Designer Girl



Select Dog
Buddy - CH Lakecrew's Nauti Buoy



Select Bitch
CH Dacher's Quel Cadeua



More.... Supported Entry Highlights!



Meet Your Officers!



Bottom Left to Right: Janis Watts & Susan Myrick
Top Left to Right: Karmen Booth, Michele Murphy, Carol Arbutnot & Peg Jeffries



Thea Bennett

President - Susan Myrick

Chandler, AZ - Susan has been deeply involved with the Portuguese Water Dog since acquiring her first PWD in 1987. In 1989, Ch. Marmais's Belo Um came to live with Susan and became Pickwick's foundation bitch. She produced 14 titled offspring, Top Ten group placers and was a Producer of Merit. With Bella, her fate was sealed and she was completely absorbed in all aspects of the Portuguese Water Dog breed. Susan helped to re-establish the Pacific Northwest PWD Club and served in various positions for the club including their first Water Trial Secretary. Susan has also judged for 4-H juniors program and at AKC matches. Relocating to Chandler in 2005, Don and Susan Myrick share their home with 3 Portuguese Water Dogs - Duffy and her 2 "kids", Pumpkin and Bugsy. She is a member of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Pacific Northwest PWD Club, and the Rio Salgado PWD Club. Susan is currently a committee member for the PWDCA's judges education and the Multiple Achievement Certificate program. In addition, she participates with the National Club's Breeder Code of Ethics / Breeder Referral Program and is an AKC Breeder of Merit.

Vice President - Janis Watts

Camp Verde, AZ - Janis had her first dog when she was very young, named "Blackie"! Since then she has had a Lab, Springer Spaniel, Scottish Terrier, Dalmation, German Shorthair Pointer and one of her favorites, a Harlequin Great Dane. Janis lost her Great Dane when a backyard fence was left open by a workman.

It was a terrible loss for her & she started her search for another dog, not the same breed. While watching the Westminster KC show on TV, she saw Ch Charlie de Alvalade & knew that was the breed for her (he's on her webpage!) About a year later she finally found Lucy (Lucia Flor de Mar) on the east coast. Since it was too hot to fly a dog to AZ, she had her flown to San Francisco where they picked her up and that was the beginning of a 30 year love affair with this wonderful breed. Janis currently has 4 "Ladies of Legado"... Leal 14.5 yrs, Loni 12 yrs, Liza 7 yrs and Luca 1.5 yrs.

Correspondence Secretary -

Thea Bennett Tucson, AZ - Thea and her husband Michael Williams share their home with 4 PWD's (Asia, 11 yrs, Gina, 9yrs, Izzy and Orlando 3 yrs). Thea's first dog wasn't until she was 21. She was a little terrier mix that she got from the pound, it was love at first sight and she was a great companion. She went everywhere with her and helped her through some rough patches. They were together 11 years before she passed. She says "Geez, I was dumb about dogs then. No training classes, infrequent vet visits, I didn't even know what to expect when she was in season, or when she was pregnant. I woke up one morning and there were puppies."

Then came other dogs.... Eventually Michael said "No more MUTTS!" and they started researching the breeds. They read about the PWD and it sounded like the perfect dog to Thea. Fun loving high energy friendly dogs that liked the wa-

ter. They were easy to train, affectionate and the big plus, they didn't shed. But in all the pictures they saw, they just looked so ugly. So Thea decided not to look into it anymore. Instead they went to their first dog show looking for a Standard Schnauzer. While there her son spotted the PWD's and convinced his Mom that they were the perfect dog for her. After watching them show, she spent the rest of the afternoon talking to various owners about their dogs. She was convinced her son was right. Her name was on Lisa Hubbard's list that day!

Since then Michael and Thea have bred 3 litters under their kennel name Mystical PWD's. She has had 2 AKC Champions, Thea shows and grooms her own dogs, most of the time. She also competes in water trials, and is now training for rally. "I have learned so much from being a member of RSPWDC along with other PWD clubs, and we have also met incredibly kind and interesting people along the way."

Recording Secretary - Carol

Arbutnot Mesa, AZ - Carol has had purebred dogs since she was knee high to a grasshopper (Doberman's, Golden Retrievers and Bernese Mt Dogs), She has been showing and breeding dogs since 1998, but got her first PWD in April 2004. She & her husband were watching the Cow Palace Dog Show & saw Dottie Dalegowski showing her PWDs. She told Dottie that if she ever had a brown curly show girl, she would love to have her. Two years later they had the perfect brown, curly girl: Planalto Dory DeSaphire (Dory)

Treasurer - Michele Murphy

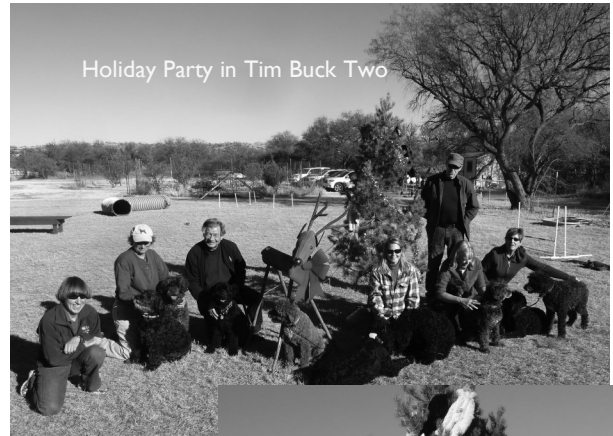
Gilbert, AZ Michele was born & raised in California before migrating to Arizona. Her first grown-up dogs were standard poodles. After losing the last one at 14, she couldn't think of getting another dog for about a year. She finally started researching and discovered the Portuguese Water Dog, but trying to get someone to trust her took awhile longer. Her vet finally put her in contact with a friend of his who had a Watermark Prince of Wales. When they bred him to Finisterra Planeta Rica she got her beautiful Mac and joined the RSPWDC and has been in love with the breed ever since.

Cont. on Pg 6

Holiday Party Adventures - By Kathy Groschupf

As reported in the last newsletter, RSPWDC hosted its "Holiday Party in the Country" Saturday, December 14. Those who attended had a great time, celebrating with the "Golden Oldies", playing games, and having lunch of Sonoran hot dogs, cilantro coleslaw, and home-grown apple coleslaw.

Kathy made a video of our Holiday Party, make sure you turn on the sound. Below is the link, and feel free to share it. <http://youtube/WROSpIkYqRc> Many thanks to all who attended. It sure was fun!



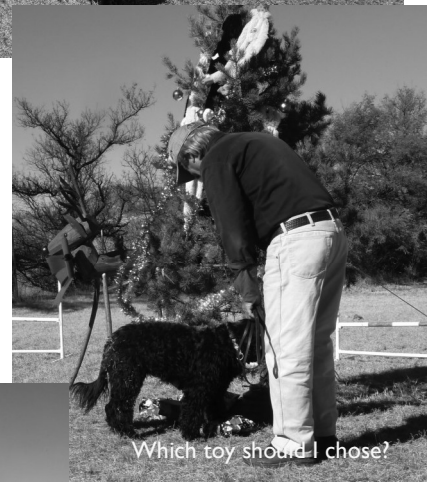
Holiday Party in Tim Buck Two



Tic Tac Toe - Dog Style



Playing Chase!



Which toy should I chose?



The Chefs!



Ring around the Christmas tree - we all sit down!



We CAN build this!

Golden Oldies 2013 (10yrs or older)

Dakota	Denise	15 ½ years
Skiff	Lauren Mc Dermott	14 year *
Leal	Janis Watts	13 years
Onyx	Sherri Horstman	11 years
Cool	Jane Klipp	10 years *
Bean	Jane Klipp	10 years *
Dusty	Denise	10 years
Asia	Michael & Thea	10 years
Loni	Janis Watts	10 years

* at the party!

(We depend on your inputs for your dog's age - please let us know if you have a GOLDEN OLDIE!)



AKC - Canine Good Citizen

The Club hosted an AKC Canine Good Citizen Clinic & Test – open to all breeds March 15th at the Scottsdale Stonegate Equestrian Park. A great time was had by all and all the dogs participating were “Good Citizens”! We had a Lab, Bernese Mountain Dog and King Charles Cavalier, as well as PWDs of ALL ages! The CGC is designed to reward dogs with good manners in their home and community. It is a 10 step test which includes sit & down. This is a great test and many dogs pass with practice.

The clinic, taught by Stacy Larsen, was an overview of the test and an opportunity to practice prior to taking the

test. The testing followed the clinic session.

Stacy was also our judge for the testing - what a fantastic judge she was too! The dogs loved her and if one had a problem with one of the testing items, Stacy was able to help the dog and owner through it - not always to a successful title, but definitely a successful end.



Qualifiers:

- GCH Pickwick's Jailhouse Rock (Bugsy)
- CH Ikon's Abracadabra (Abby)
- Ashbe Legado Libelula Cinco (Libby)
- Pickwick's High in the Saddle (Ryder)
- Ikon's Holding Tight to my Dream (Gigi)
- Charleston of Cedar Creek (Charlie)



CLOSE Qualifiers!

- Pickwick's Pass the Popcorn (Poppy)
- Pickwick's Western Star (Bridger)



Continued from “Meet Your Officers” pg 4

Molly (a Legado girl 7 yrs old) now rules her roost.

Director - Karmen Booth Ahuwatukee, AZ. Karmen grew up on a 500 acre farm in Indiana where they raised and hunted Brittany's & Beagles. After leaving home, she didn't have another dog until she moved to AZ. She then raised & bred Cocker's for several years before acquiring & showing Great Danes. When the Danes reached the age of ten, she decided to help raise & train assistance dogs for the Power Paws organization in Scottsdale. After raising & placing three dogs, she decided to get her own dog again. Since Karmen loves to boat & fish, a PWD seemed to fit her life style. She co-owns two PWD's who have participated in conformation, water trials, and now have their CGC titles. She has been a member of the RSPWDC & the national club for over 6 years and looks forward to serving on the board this year.

Director - Peg Jeffries Chino Valley, AZ - Peg, her husband Jim, and Libby (7.5 yrs) spend their winters in Chino Valley and summers cruising the Inside Passage from WA to AK on their trawler. Both being retired Navy Captains, traveling and cruising was in their blood. PWDs were the natural selection for a cruising lifestyle and after their first one in 2001, they never looked back. A lightweight, she can only handle one



SUMMER FUN

Words To Find:

- AGILITY
- BATHING
- BEACH
- BOAT
- BREEDER
- CHAMPIONSHIP
- CHICAGO
- CONFORMATION
- DIVING
- DOG
- FUN
- GROOMING
- GROUP
- KENNEL
- OBEDIENCE
- PORTUGUESE
- PUPPY
- RALLY
- SHORELINES
- SUNSHINE
- SWIMMING
- TITLE
- WATER
- WORKING

B	Q	X	W	A	L	B	M	Y	Q	E	M	G	P	H
H	C	A	E	B	A	T	H	I	N	G	H	W	C	U
Y	W	Z	O	E	C	N	E	I	D	E	B	O	H	P
C	T	A	B	G	C	T	W	S	Y	R	N	P	A	U
K	T	I	N	R	X	V	U	O	E	F	Q	W	M	O
E	E	N	L	O	D	N	D	E	O	D	O	E	P	R
N	L	L	F	I	S	M	D	R	Y	R	A	O	I	G
N	K	U	T	H	G	E	M	G	K	G	R	R	O	N
E	N	J	I	I	R	A	O	I	N	T	E	K	N	I
L	H	N	D	A	T	D	N	I	U	T	P	N	S	M
X	E	F	L	I	I	G	M	G	A	R	N	H	H	M
A	A	L	O	V	X	O	U	W	L	B	U	P	I	I
P	Y	N	I	K	O	E	B	D	Y	P	P	U	P	W
P	K	N	R	R	S	H	O	R	E	L	I	N	E	S
P	G	M	G	E	G	O	G	A	C	I	H	C	I	X

What is the Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club?

Dogs: brown, black, black and white, brown and white, puppies, adults, retriever clip, lion clip, show/conformation dogs, working dogs, couch potatoes, zoomies. **People:** professionals, students, retired, military, young, old. Our club is made up of an extremely diversified group of dogs and people, living across a huge area. What do we have in common – the love of our dogs and the dogs love of their masters. Our club was formed to socialize, to help others, to promote our dogs and to play with our dogs.

Rio Salgado? Portuguese for **SALT RIVER** which is the largest tributary of the Gila River. The river is about 200 miles long. Its drainage basin is about 13,700 square miles large. The longest of the Salt River's many tributaries is the 195-mile Verde River. The Salt's headwaters tributaries, the Black River and East Fork, increase the river's total length to about 300 miles. So, just as our club members come from all over the state (and out of state), so do the waters that make up the Rio Salgado. Canyon Lake is formed from the Salt River!

What do we do? We try to have activities at least every other month. We have two BIG yearly events: the Supported Entry at the Fiesta Cluster dog show and the Last Chance Water Trial. What is a Supported Entry? A supported entry is when a breed club sponsors any part of the entry at the show, by providing the prizes, ribbons or trophies for that breed. Usually there will be a larger than normal entry of that particular breed. The club supplies prizes for qualifying PWDs in performance classes. We also have our annual formal dinner at this time – in an effort to bring all PWD fanciers together that are showing at the show and raise money for the club through auctions and raffles. This is our biggest money maker. And our Water Trial – The Last Chance Water Trial – is held in the fall. This too brings in fellow PWDs from around the country. The Water Trial Committee puts a LOT of effort into making this a great experience and where better to do it than the beautiful blue lake of Canyon Lake Marina. We don't make much money at this event—revenues are high, but the net income is minimal. But these are just two of our annual events. We also have fun events, educational events and social events – oh, we have club meetings too! **Check the last page of the newsletter for our complete calendar!**

How does the club determine what to charge club members for and why do we want to make money if we're non-profit?

Non-profit doesn't mean that we can't make money, it simply means that any surplus revenues must be used for self-preservation, expansion or plans. Money we make goes back into the club. It cost money to pay for fun events and parties, but also to pay for Liability Insurance and articles for training (boats, equipment, ring set-ups, etc) as well as judges for our events. We try to run by this rule:

- No charge – all Fun only events (walk in the park, parties, etc)
- Minimal Fee - Functions that lead to a title for your dog (yes, even grooming!, water workshops, therapy dogs) and Titling Events themselves (conformation, water trials, agility, tracking, etc).
- Club members do get a discount over non-club members, minimal, but still it's a benefit!

So we make money and have a good time. **What do we do with the surplus money?** The club donates to various organizations: National Club Specialty, Regional Club Specialties, PWD Health Foundation, memorials for our club dogs that pass over the Rainbow Bridge and for those that turn Senior Citizens, Rabies Challenge and other non-profit dog activities that come up throughout the year. We also have a Rescue Committee that handles all reported PWDs in AZ that need a home – whether it's a lost dog, animal shelter dog, rehoming dogs – for whatever reason this committee takes the dog in and finds a forever home for it.

One big goal of the club is to become AKC Sanctioned. What good does this do the club? It allows us to hold our own Regional Specialty and to hold sanctioned match shows/trials.

How can I communicate with the club?

- Arizonawetandwildpwdgroup@yahoo.com
- Informal Club Email List – great way to ask questions of any club member about training, grooming, current activities or if you just want to chat about your dog:
- Website – www.rspwdc.org
- Facebook

We have over 60 members! Some of us can't always make the meetings, some of us are interested in one activity, but not another; some of us just want to read about what the club is doing – but all of us can chime in when we have questions, or want to be involved but aren't sure how. We are ALL valuable to the club!



2014 Water Trial Manual Changes

The Water Trial Committee submitted recommended changes to the Water Trial Manual for 2014 to the PWDCA Board. The changes were approved and the committee has completed updating the manual. It is now available on the PWDCA website - <http://www.pwdca.org/water-work>

Many of the changes were clarifications. Some were based on suggestions that came from participants and judges throughout last year. Some of the most notable changes for 2014 are:

Portions of the Water Trial Report can now be submitted on CD or flash drive.

Site markers must now be consistent from trial to trial, requiring them to stick up out of the water a minimum of 18" and have at least one stripe on them.

A Water Trial Host Committee may allow dogs to enter below their current level. Previously, a dog could only enter at its highest titling level (Non-regular, For Exhibit Only:FEO) or at the next level they were hoping to attain. For instance, if a dog had a Working Water Dog title, they could only enter a trial at the Courier level as a Regular entry or if allowed by the host committee, the Working Water Dog level as a FEO entry. Now that same dog could enter Working, Apprentice or Junior as a Non-regular/FEO entry.

NOTE: At a National Specialty, the dog must be entered in its current titling class or the class below (For Exhibit Only) Sounds confusing but basically it allows handlers to trial at any level below their highest titling level.

The minimum age for water trial participants has been lowered from 10 to 9 years of age.

In the event a dog aggression event occurs at a water trial, The Trial Secretary or Trial Chairperson will notify the PWDCA Water Trial Committee Chairperson by phone, no later than the conclusion of the day of the trial. The formal written report will follow within 72 hours.

There are new Versatility exercises and packages for 2014 as well. They are included in the updated manual.

Here is wishing everyone a fun and successful water season!

The Water Trial Committee: Susan Cucura, Co-Chair; Tammy Etschiedt, Co-Chair; Jane Freeman, Sarah Kahn, Judy Leather, Cynthia McCullough, Andy Paight



CGC Clinic - Even puppies competed!



CGC - This is the LONGEST 3 min. I ever knew!



Obedience & Rally

Dear AKC Obedience Club Officer:

The following recommendations were presented to the AKC Board of Directors at the February 2014 meeting and were to address the concerns of dog-on-dog attacks in the Group Exercises. Incidences of this nature are rare in obedience group exercises – there have been two in the past three years. Nevertheless, the situation is quite disturbing for the sport. Many owners are naturally concerned. The Companion Events Department felt it was prudent to review the Regulations and Guidelines to insure that all reasonable steps were being taken to minimize this type of occurrence.

1. If a dog has non-qualified in an individual exercise and, in the opinion of the judge the dog demonstrated uncontrolled behavior, the judge must release the dog from performing the group exercises. (Chapter 3, Section 12 and Guidelines Chapter 3)
2. Dogs must be spaced with a minimum of 4 feet between each dog. (Chapter 3, Section 12)
3. Require that dogs be under control while entering and exiting the ring. (Chapter 3, Section 12)
4. Judges must stand with their full attention on the dogs and remain alert for potential problems. (Guidelines, Chapter 3)
5. In Novice group exercises, the judge must promptly instruct the handler to remove a dog that interferes. (Chapter 3, Section 12 & Guidelines, Chapter 3)
6. In Graduate Novice and Open classes, if a dog leaves the place where it was left during the group exercise, the judge has the option of either asking that the handler be recalled to remove the dog or promptly instructing the steward to remove the dog, depending on the nature of the occurrence. The judge's decision shall be guided by consideration for the safety of all involved. Two stewards must assist the judge and both stewards must be provided slip leads to remove a dog. (Chapter 4, Section 15 & Guidelines, Chapter 2 and Chapter 3)
7. At the conclusion of a group exercise, the judge will state: "Exercise finished. Put your leash on your dog. Maintain control of your dog." (Chapter 3, Section 12)
8. If a judge observes any signs of aggression or potential problems with the dogs as they are assembling for the group exercise, the judge must excuse the dog. (Guidelines, Chapter 3)

As a result, the *Obedience Regulations and Judges' Guidelines* have been amended by the AKC Board of Directors. These changes are meant to increase the safety of dogs participating in Obedience Group Exercises and are **effective May 1, 2014**. Please view the regulation changes in detail [here](#).

Sincerely,

Pamela Manaton
Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking



RIO SALGADO
PORTUGUESE WATER
DOG CLUB

Editors:

Susan Myrick:
slmyrick@cox.net
Peg Jeffries:
hanging3@hotmail.com

FEEDBACK!

What would you like
to do with the club?
What would you like
to learn? Let us
know!

We're on the web
www.rspwdc.org

To find out about local
events, the Rio Salgado Por-
tuguese Water Dog Club
www.rspwdc.org

To become a member of the
PWDCA (National Club) &
find out more about the
PWDCA:
www.pwdca.org

To find out more about
current health research on
the PWD or to donate:
The Portuguese Water Dog
Health Foundation:
<http://pwdfoundation.org>

WAGS & BRAGS...

"OKIE" owned by Terry Rauch has garnered another Best of Breed and championship points at recent shows!

Carol Arbuthnot is expecting puppies this Spring.

There were 9 pups born in Camp Verde to Janis Watts.

"BIG BOY" finished his championship & is working on his Grand! Congrats to Pam Francis!

Calendar—2014 (see website for details)

25 Jan - Annual Meeting
1 Mar - Supported Entry - Fiesta Dog Show, Westworld
15 Mar - AKC CGC - Stonegate Equestrian Park, Scottsdale
29 Mar - Meet The Breed - Ahwatukee Dog Event & Show
13 Apr - Ports in the Park, Gilbert Riparian Preserve
28 Apr - General Membership Mtg - Bass Pro Shop Restaurant 6pm*
4 May - Romp, Run & Splash Picnic - POC Carol Arbuthnot (carolmesa@cox.net)
7 Jun - Ports in the Pine - Flagstaff after show BBQ
30 Jun - General Membership Mtg - Bass Pro Shop Restaurant 6pm*
Jul - Indoor Rally Class (time/place TBD)
28 Aug - General Membership Mtg - Bass Pro Shop Restaurant 6pm*
Sep - Water Day (time/place TBD)
11/12 Oct - RSPWD Water Trial - Canyon Lake
18 Oct - Festa & General Membership Mtg
6 Dec - Holiday Party - Janis Watts, Camp Verde
29 Dec - General Membership Mtg - Bass Pro Shop Restaurant 6pm*
Barn Hunt - Time and Place TBD
* \$25 Bass Pro Coupon raffled at each General Meeting!



Our Newest Members:

Lynn, David & Sam Nelson - Scottsdale, AZ
and POPPY - just a puppy and already competing for AKC Canine Good Citizen!
Way to go Lynn & Poppy!

