

RSPWDC

Newsletter of the Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club June-July 2020

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Misha retrieves

Celebrate RSPWDC History

Do you have a photo of a past club event?

Please share your photos and memories of club events for the next RSPWDC Newsletter! As we look forward to future fun events it will be great to remember the past.

Send your photos along with a description of the event to the editor.

Ahoy RSPWDC Members!

Thanks to everyone who sent in pictures of their PWDs, we can enjoy seeing the many ways our members enjoy water during the hot summer months.

We would love to include your pictures in future newsletters. Send your news and photos to the editor lmcdermott@cox.net



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Upcoming Club Events

Upcoming events may be cancelled or postponed. Members will receive email updates two weeks prior to scheduled events.

August 11 - RSPWDC Meeting, TBD

October 17 - FESTA and RSPWDC Meeting, Gilbert

October 31 and November 1 - PWDCA Water Trials, Canyon Lake Marina Campgrounds Beach

December 5 - Holiday Party, RSPWDC Meeting and Celebration of the Golden Ones, Phoenix

RSPWDC Club-Owned Rowboat Usage

The RSPWDC owns a 12' aluminum rowboat fitted with a carpeted platform and step with oars and trailer. The boat is available for Club sponsored PWD water practice sessions, water trials, and use by Club members. Members using the boat are responsible for pickup and transportation, damage to the boat and/or trailer while in a member's possession, and return of the boat to its storage location. Current vehicle insurance must be on file with the Club prior to using the boat. Members using the boat must sign a waiver of liability. Currently the boat is stored near Rosevelt Lake. Information and forms can be found here: <http://www.rspwdc.org/by-laws2.html>

UPDATE Regarding Local Lake Access

Members often take their PWDs to Lake Pleasant because we can often drive right up to the water's edge and not have to carry anything to the water. The popular North Entrance 4-lane boat launch is currently only open on Fri. Sat. and Sun from 5am to 4pm and will close earlier in the day if maximum capacity is reached. The Main Entrance with the 10-Lane boat launch remains open every day. Both the Main and the North entrances are on the west side of the lake. The water remains high this year at Lake Pleasant so there are fewer beach areas, however, now that there is no overnight camping on the beach there may be more beach available to early arrivers. Information about what is closed at Lake Pleasant can be found here: <https://www.maricopacountyparks.net/park-locator/lake-pleasant-regional-park/>

The lakes east of Phoenix are in the Tonto National Forest. Most of Saguaro, Canyon and Apache Lakes remain open at this time. There are some areas in the Tonto National Forest that are closed, including the Salt River and several group picnic sites primarily on Bartlet Lake. The June 26-July 30 closure order and list of closed sites can be found here (look for "alerts and notices): <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tonto/home/>

Taking Your PWD for a Swim?

The picture below shows the Palo Verde Boat Launch at Canyon Lake. The Phoenix area reservoir lakes, boat launches and most shore areas remain open for people to enjoy. With a little bit of planning it is not difficult to keep a good distance away from others who are also enjoying the lakes.

Parking at Canyon Lake requires a Tonto Pass except when you go to the Canyon Lake Marina where we hold our water trials. Tonto passes must be purchased in town, and many retail stores including gas stations sell them.

A morning at the lake, following all of the current guidelines for safety, may be something you want to do with your PWD. If you go it is best to get a very early start and go during the week when it will be less crowded.

Information about Canyon Lake can be found here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/tonto/recreation/wateractivities/recarea/?recid=35545&actid=78>



Reacher and Zico Play Shoreside





Misha swims to the boat in the Junior Water Dog Test



Doubloon and Woof take a cool break from agility



Reacher retrieves



Sarah passes Courier Water Dog!



Woof retrieves in the pond



Reacher practices the Apprentice level underwater retrieve



Poppy enjoying pool time



Doubloon and Woof at the pond



Reef and Hope on vacation



Cali surfs the waves on the pool float



Snoop and Cali

Leo is working hard this summer. He set a very ambitious goal for himself and is studying diligently and training daily in order to earn a new title, the prestigious DD Title! I am Leo's breeder, owner and trainer, and we feel extremely confident that he will succeed in his quest to be the first PWD to be a DD. Due to the Covid virus, the DD trial date has not been determined yet. However, there is no question that Leo will be awarded the title, because I will be the judge!

CH Leo Legado, DD (Ditch Dog)

Jan Watts



Our Summer Story: We get up early because of the heat, so we just pretend we are on Eastern Daylight Saving time-which every summer we usually are, except for this one which will be our first one in Arizona. Every day Reacher gets the paper from the driveway. After lunch and a nap, it is bumper race time. Zico and Reacher just love that.

Judy Weinstein



I have a question for the entire RS community. We have decided that we should periodically depart from this area for a cooler clime, both for our mental health and for our Portys. Does anyone have a suggestion? We can leave an RV in a cool place during the hot months and drive to & from. If anyone has suggestions, we would truly appreciate it.

Mary Sosnowski



Cali and Snoop



Reacher



13th Birthday Boy Boy & Rosie



Reef and Hope