

Faol Cu: The Newsletter of The Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club



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AUTUMN 2010

News: Elections are upcoming! Please join us at the November meeting for elections. As there were no nominations from the floor at the October meeting, the slate is uncontested & will be ratified by the secretary.

The slate is:

President – Christina Kallay

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Baltimore Irish Festival!

The Baltimore Irish Festival is November 12-14, 2010. Sunday is also our election meeting.
Festival hours are

Friday 6-11pm

Saturday12-11pm

Sunday Mass10:00am

Veterans Ceremony..... 11:15

Sunday Festival opens 12 pm closes at 6:00 p.m.

We like to cover as much time as possible, and give everyone an opportunity to see the hounds and talk with us, so please contact Jodie Jeweler or Ann Flanigan to let us know when you are coming. We usually have a few ex-pens set up, but bring chairs for yourselves. And money for the fantastic food & vendors! If your dog needs its own ex-pen, feel free to bring it. We ask that associate members try to come on Sunday if at all possible! (We need a quorum of active members at the meeting Sunday.)

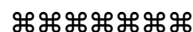
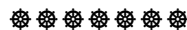
The Annual Holiday party is coming up. Please contact Dee V or Meredith V to sign up for what you'd like to bring. This is always an extra special gathering; I hope you can make it!

BRAGS!!!

Susan Montgomery's Finn earned his Rally Novice (RN) title in 3 trials this past spring! His first leg was earned at our specialty. The next two were gained back-to-back at the Cherry Blossom Cluster. WAY TO GO, FINN!

Jodie Jeweler's Corky earned his RN AND his CGC on September 25, 2010. He would have earned his RN in 3 shows, if his handler (me!) hadn't screwed up and disqualified us on his 2nd show. Now we're training hard for his obedience title. Corky is now Corcaigh O'Laoghaire O'Ros
RN CGC!

Kelly Jeweler also earned his CGC on 9/25/10. He enjoyed the supervised separation test the most- this is where you leave your dog with the evaluator & hide for 3 minutes. Kelly plopped himself down on her lap & proceeded to enjoy the attention!



RALLY FOR WOLFHOUNDS!

On January 21st, 12 people, 7 Wolfhounds and a Basset Hound gathered at Capital Dog Training Club in Silver Spring for our first "Rally for Wolfhounds" seminar. Janet Quiesser led the handlers of mostly young dogs- ranging from 7 months to 2 years old- in learning the basic requirements for AKC Rally. Attendance was \$10 per person, to pay for using Capital's facility for the day, as training members accompanying me as an active member. Members of 3 other local breed clubs (all non "traditional" obedience breeds) were so inspired by our workshop, they plan to do the same for their own breed!

AKC Rally is a relatively new obedience sport where the handler and dog complete a course of 10-20 "stations," each designated by a numbered sign. Each sign tells the handler what to do at that station. Exercises are as simple as walking forward, or as complex as taking one, then two, then three steps, and calling your dog to front with each set of steps. In Rally, the handler is allowed to talk to the dog, and re-try any exercise he or she makes a mistake on. It could be argued that Rally was designed with wolfhounds in mind! It is never boring, because you never get the same course twice, and rarely get the same exercise in a course, other than turns.

Janet first taught participants that there are only 4 basic moves in a rally course: moving forward, moving to the left, and moving to the right, as well as stopping. It was really fun to see

some of the dogs who had had minimal training master sit, down, and basic polite walking in such a short time! Joe O'Leary's Molly and Susan Montgomery's Finn were shining examples of how easily Irish Wolfhounds learn in a positive and FUN environment. It was also lots of fun for the handlers, to see what our dogs knew, how they learned and how fast they caught on. I think Bob Brehl and I were both surprised at Lilly and Kelly! Lilly demonstrated the benefits of training smart dogs, and Kelly showed me just how much he really knew already! Kara Schoepp showed off Keeltie's precocious knowledge- Keeltie had just turned 15 months, and already has one APDT (Association of Pet Dog Trainers, www.apdt.org) "leg" towards her level I Rally title! And as a result of the workshop, Susan Montgomery is getting Finn registered and hoping to compete at our show! ! Brand new club member Wayne Howell and 9 month old Angus were a really nice team, especially since Angus is more accustomed to working with Ann, who couldn't handle him due to recent surgery.

To being learning Rally, you need to have a dog that can walk on lead, lots of treats, some patience, a sense of humor, and the ability to read. We hope to make these Rally workshops semi- regular as the year goes on, hopefully moving them outdoors, and maybe moving them around to various areas to be more accessible for other interested members. We use lots of treats and toys, and non-aversive methods. I'll keep the membership updated as we plan new training days and workshops. If I don't regularly email you, please contact me

(jodie@jewelerfmaily.com or 410-266-8062) to be included in the next workshop.

I want to extend both a club-related and a personal thank you to Janet Quiesser (and

Piper) for leading this seminar, and to her friend Madeline & the Divine Miss Olive, who might have been the happiest Basset I have ever seen! Janet kept a long day interesting, upbeat and moving at a good, workable pace, and Madeline helped those of us who needed individual work. And Olive was just inspiring!

“listening to Janet”- Susan Montgomery. Terry and Suzann Thornsby



Bob & Lilly



Janet Quiesser teaching.



Jodie & Kelly (7 months old)

COURSING...

For all of you who course your Irish Wolfhounds, I am sure you are aware of the new AKC rules that started Jan 1, 2010. For those who do not, and would like compete in a trial, there are a few “tasks” that you have to do before you enter your first AKC trial. I hope I’m not going to confuse anybody

1- Your IW must be a year old- even though I would not run a wolfhound until 17-18 months

2- Unlike before, you do not have to have a JC (Junior Courser) title to enter a trial; you will need a QC (Qualify Courser) certificate to enter.

3- This is where a lot of people are getting mixed messages- If you have a JC title on your hound but have NOT entered an AKC trial- you will need a QC certificate. If you HAVE entered an AKC trial then you do not need the QC certificate.

4- To receive your QC certificate- your hound has to run a course cleanly with another hound (not necessarily another IW)

5- If you still would like to have the JC title – you will have to enter your hound in a JC test- the JC title after your dog’s name will not automatically be rewarded after two trials. It still has to be earned by entering a JC test. To receive this title your hound will have to run two courses, by themselves, on two different days and be judged by two different judges. (Except at a National- you can receive you JC title the same day) You will still receive a SC (Senior Courser) title after 5 successful AKC trials- yeah- it doesn’t make much sense to me either

6- The QC certificate is just like the ASFA certificate. Make sure you fill out an entry form and a certificate form during this test. The entry form will go to the field secretary and the certificate form will be handed to the judge and he will let you know if you passed or failed. If you passed, they will sign the certificate and hand it back to you

7- COPY the certificate- just to be on the safe side. When you enter your first AKC trial, you will give the trial secretary an entry form for the trial and a copy of this certificate

Confused yet???? Trust me- it took me a while to figure it all out.

For events in your area check the AKC event website at www.akc.org/events/search/

ASFA event
website: www.asfa.org/events/index.htm

[Editor’s note: Diana had mentioned the SHOT trials in Jamestown, VA, but as they were past, we didn’t include them. We’ll try to be timelier with these notices now!]

Enjoy running your hounds

Diana Vreeken

There is an upcoming CHAMP coursing trial at The Oatlands (Leesburg VA), November 6-7. Test runs *may* be offered Saturday after the trial. www.champlurecoursing2.org



EDUCATION!

Christina and I are working on some short educational programs to present at meetings. Topics might include Lure coursing, dog show terminology, obedience overview, Rally... and more. If there is a topic you are interested in learning more about, please let me or Christina know!

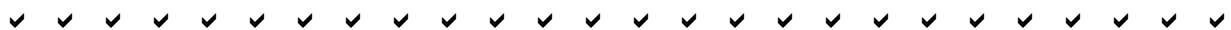
If there is a subject you know a lot about, or are passionate about, please let me know so that we can schedule a presentation!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

The Education committee has multiple functions. Besides educating club members, we also educate the public about IWs. We do this via festivals, fairs, and public

outreach. We have business cards with the club's website, rescue email, breeder referral email, and my email, as education/programs chair. If you would like some to give out, let me know. I try to bring them to meetings, or I can mail you some.

If your civic or school organization or club might be interested in a presentation on IWs (or dog safety), please contact me to arrange something! In the past, we have given presentations to various AOH clubs, boy scouts and elementary schools. Part of our club charter via AKC requires that we do both in house and public education, and we LOVE to fulfill that part of our duties!



PARADES- 2010

We had smaller than usual crowds at the St Patrick's Day Parades this year, both spectators and dog walkers. Maybe it was due to the weather? I, for one, was thrilled to get out in the sunshine & warmth for Alexandria's parade.

and new members Susan & Bill Montgomery with their Finn. As usual, after the parade, we gathered for a convivial luncheon at Ireland's Four Courts.

We had a lovely time there, with plenty of new dogs walking, like the O'Leary's' Molly, Jess and Tony Fritz's Freya, Kelly & his brother Skeezeix,

Baltimore & DC's parade day dawned wet & cool, but by the time of step off, it has stopped raining in both places. Poor Ann Flanagan missed the parade for the first time since I've

been in the club, due to a problem with her van. We greatly missed her, Rob Maloy, and Ann's brother Tim, who is our usual driver. Tim has been ill, but is recovering now, and we wish him a complete recovery. We need our houndmobile chauffeur! We had a small crowd in Baltimore, 5 people walking (plus Judie driving) and 5 hounds. Our numbers doubled about halfway through when former member Elizabeth & her kids and hounds joined us. That was surprising and fun! Special thanks go to Bharat, for carrying our makeshift banner! We didn't get any photos from Baltimore in the papers, but we are mentioned in the Baltimore sun's article about the parade.

DC had a small crowd, but more hounds, with Bob Brehl & the Morfits bringing 8 hounds between them! Photos of the Morfit dogs, and Bob, were in the Washington Post, and the Washington City papers, and can be seen online at both those websites.

PVIWC Dogs Meet Pennsylvania Governor

By Lisa McKinney

Saturday March 20th 2010 brought beautiful spring weather, bright sun, and gloriously warm temperatures. It also brought the annual Harrisburg Pennsylvania, St. Patrick's Day

Parade, and some unexpected notoriety for our club. The first surprise was in "The Patriot News" newspaper article on the upcoming parade, where we were listed first under the entrants of note.

The second surprise came right before the parade stepped off. As we were lining up and waiting for the parade to start, a sleek black car, escorted by the Capitol Police, pulled up slowly behind us. Moments later, Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell stepped out of the car and began greeting the parade participants, steadily making his way toward us. The Governor proceeded to shake hands with each of the PVIWC participants, asking for each dog's name, and giving each dog individual attention. It was definitely an unexpected surprise, as the Governor's presence was not noted in any of the local media outlets prior to the parade.

After meeting the Governor, the dogs and their people, stepped out as the honor guard for St. Patrick himself, following the motorcycle police, the honor guard for the American and Irish flags and the lone piper. We had a very good turnout for this parade with 10 dogs, including "Agnes", Anne Flanigan's happy and obviously healthy 10 year old girl.



A short Quiz!

What part of the body is NOT mentioned in our Irish Wolfhound Standard?

What should the IW be “remarkable” in?

(Answers on final page)

Excerpted from the Howard County Pets On Wheels Newsletter.

Spotlight on a big'un

Early this year a lady called to say she wanted to join Pets on Wheels with her “large dog”. I’m thinking, “I know large dogs, lady, I have a large dog”. Well I didn’t know he would be that large. Finnegan is the biggest lump of dog love you have ever seen. He’s a 135lb Irish Wolfhound! Susan Montgomery, his proud owner, brought Finn to the February evaluation and he was an immediate hit. He is as soft hearted as he is huge and has made friends with everybody at the Bain Center. Finnegan is also featured in the Friends of Pets on Wheels brochure (Our fund raising group) with the caption “Extending

the paws of friendship". See for yourself... Finnegan and Dorothy at Bain



Comings and Goings

Last summer- 2009- was supposed to be a summer of adventure. I was supposed to take my wonderful old dog, Limerick (AKA Wickie or Wicked), and my darling new puppy Corky everywhere for fun & learning. Instead, Limerick was diagnosed in late June with osteosarcoma. July 5th, he suddenly decided it was time to go to Rainbow Bridge. Surrounded by his human family and friends, he peacefully went to sleep in my lap for the last time.

As he left, Bob hugged me and said tearfully, "I may have a surprise for you."

3 weeks later, he called me and told me to come see his surprise. Well, I was definitely surprised to see a litter of puppies! There were 6 girls and 2 boys- one very dark, and one a light wheaten.

I decided that since I had not planned to get another puppy at that point, I would let fate step in & choose my puppy for me. I spent hours with them, often many days a week, playing & examining, and just enjoying them. One of the girls really caught my eye very early, a bright little thing with a "zipper" on her nose. She was energetic, bouncy, smart & feisty. Although I admit to preferring wheaten, when the little wheaten boy's eyes opened, he made it clear to me that I was not his person. I was sad, but since I had plenty of time and no expectations, I kept looking at the rest of the litter. However, I tended to shy away from the dark brindled boy, even though, as the saying goes, he had me at "hello." I was afraid I liked him solely because he looked like Wickie. But day after day, he'd climb in my lap to snuggle, and soon I realized that, although I adored the little girl I called Zippy, she was too much like Corky to make a good pair with him. I agonized over my choice, till I finally asked my hundreds of email buddies around the world. And all of them said, "So what if he looks like Limerick? You've already said he had you at hello!"

I toyed with the idea of naming my new little boy "you had me at hello," but when looking in an Irish Dictionary one day, I came across the phrase "As A Cheile," meaning "one after another."

Hmmm... one puppy after another, one dark dog after another, one boy from Sophie after another... it seemed to fit perfectly. Then I learned that "Cheile" is a form of the word meaning partner or close companion. That sealed the deal! The new little boy became As A Cheile O'Ros- called Kelly.

Kelly is sweet, smart, silly, inquisitive and cuddly. He and Corky are the best of friends. When Dad had cataract surgery, Kelly lay on the sofa with him for days, playing nursemaid and living comforter. He loves to watch ski aerials and half pipe snowboarding as well as football on TV, and the toy group in dog shows. Kelly is a real cool dude- he reminds me of my teenage nephew! "Ohey!" He spends hours running around the dog

park, and has a strong tendency to dig and chew. We're trying to channel his energy into obedience, rally, the breed ring and lure coursing. He LOVES the snow, and has to be stopped from bringing chunks of ice inside to play with.

Kelly is now 15 months old, and just a darling. He is brilliant in obedience class, and I hope to test him at coursing November 6th! And, as fate would have it, as he grows, he looks less and less like Limerick.

One adventure after another is what I see in store!!



Kelly kisses!



Limerick earning his CD, under judge Harold

Doane.



*Donnchadh O'Ros
(Duncan)*

Jan. 25, 2001

to

March 13, 2010

From the first, Donnchadh was our cuadale pup.



<- Donnchadh at 5 months



*Donnchadh was the
proverbial "lap dog."*

<- Donnchadh at 10 months

Donnchadh at 4 years ->



Tammy lost her Maggie, Obelkhorn Magee Mochroi, in October. We offer our condolences.

Kara Schoepp lost Keeltie at a tragically young age. Our thoughts are with the Shoep family. Keeltie showed great promise in the obedience & Rally rings.

Gary & Dee Van Nest lost Diva this summer and Quinn in October. We hope their memories bring them comfort.

Jeanette and George Luther lost two hounds on the same day. Suvie & Kelso both died from acute Kennel Cough. We mourn with them.

Dave and Denise Harris welcomed Feargus into their family. Feargus's sister, Gracie, is owned by club friends, Nick & Barbara. Feargus won the President's Favorite award at the fun match!

Rob & Terri Maloy have TWO new boys, Boru and Seamus. Welcome back to the action!

FUN MATCH!

The annual Fun match was held at Bay Ridge Community Marina on September 26th. We started the day with typical Irish weather, but it quickly dried out and got warmer. AKC Judge in training, Joann Beuhler had fun judging the regular and fun classes. Carole Silverthorne did a humorous & interesting presentation on dog shows for beginners, with the help of an English Bull Terrier!

Diane presented Ann Flanigan's Agnes with a special certificate and a bouquet of roses. Agnes just turned 11! She enjoyed her time in the spotlight very much!

Entries brought in \$155.00, the Raffle about \$160, and we even had a boutique sale! The food was delicious and abundant. It was my last year as chair, and I thank Jess for the marvelous job she did, especially with complications in family circumstances. I wish

her the best of luck next year as Chair! If you have any ideas for fun classes, educational presentations, games or whatever, that you'd like to see at the Fun match, please let her know!





Susan Montgomery, Jess Fritz, Gary Van Nest, Ann Flanigan, Rob Maloy and Jodie Jeweler enjoy the fun match.

Tom Hartney, Ann Flanigan and Diane Hartney pose with Agnes after the presentation.

Answers to the Quiz:

Teeth are not mentioned in the standard! But toenails are!

The IW should be “remarkable in combining power and swiftness.”

January 10, 2010 Regular Meeting: Hosts, Dee & Gary Van Nest

February 14, 2010 Regular Meeting: O’Learys

March 2010 No Meeting: St. Patrick’s Day Parades

- March 6, 2010: Alexandria, VA, Saturday, www.ballyshaners.org: Fun Dog Show @ Market Square,

11:00 a.m. – 12:00am. Parade Division 1 steps off to begin the parade - 12:30 p.m.

- March 13: Gaithersburg, MD.

- March 13, 2010: Manassas, VA, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. www.stpatparade.org

- March 14, 2010: Washington, D.C.. www.dcstpatparade.com

- March 14, 2010: Baltimore, MD. <http://www.irishparade.net/>

March 28-29, 2010 Specialty Show: Turf Valley Resort

April 2010 No meeting due to Specialty Show.

May 23, 2010 Regular Meeting: Hosts, Mattaponi Kennel Club, Manassas, VA

June 13, 2010 Regular Meeting: Hosts, Lynn & Joe O’Leary

July 11, 2010 Regular Meeting: Hosts, Jess & Tony Fritz

August 8, 2010 Board Meeting Only: Host, Christina Kallay
September 26, 2010 Fun Match: Bay Ridge Marina
October 24, 2010 Regular Meeting: Host, Jewelers
October 30, 2010 Quiet Waters Halloween Bark-n-Bash
November 14, 2010 Regular Meeting: Hosts, Susan & Van Morfit
November 12-14, 2010 Baltimore Irish Festival, Timonium Fairgrounds
December 12, 2010 Holiday Party: Hosts, Dee & Gary Van Nest/ Meredith & Dave Van de Kamp

A word from your editors: Susan Montgomery and I (Jodie Jeweler) are thrilled to take over as editors of Faol Cu. We welcome your suggestions and contributions. We hope to add some regular "columns" such as brags, comings & goings, and committee reports. IN order for this idea to work, we need YOUR help! Please let us know if you have articles or information for these columns. (or others;-p) We hope to produce 4 newsletters a year. Of course, that will depend on there being sufficient content to produce a newsletter!

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