

POTOMAC VALLEY  
IRISH WOLFHOUND  
Club



From the President:

Happy 2021! I certainly hope that this year is less “unprecedented” for all of us– that we can get back to “normal” with meetings, and dog shows!

I'd like to thank Tammy Aube for her service to the club as outgoing board member.

I'd like to welcome Kathy Lewis to the board.

As I hope you are aware, we are actively planning (I'd say we're about waist deep right now!) our 2021 specialties! April 3-5, 2021, at Harford County Equestrian Center, in Bel Air, MD. Saturday, we are having obedience and Rally trials (judge Debra Barrows), straight racing (LGRA) and heart testing. Sunday is sweeps (judge Dawn Wiseman), conformation (Steve LeVan), EKGs, and our famous picnic lunch. Monday is conformation, with judge Frederic Maison, from France, more EKGs and lunch. Please note that Sunday is Easter!

We welcome help– in the form of physical bodies, donations, sponsorship of trophies or rosettes, and catalog ads. For sponsorships, contact lisamckinney2@outlook.com. Catalog ads, victoriatho2@gmail.com. Anything else, jodie@jewelerfamily.com

We will be requiring masks and social distancing, and will be following all Maryland, Harford County, and National COVID restrictions.

Also, if you are a club member, and have not received your dues renewal notice (via email) please contact Susan Wine or Ce Hoffman ASAP! If you have not paid your dues, please do so NOW! If you wish to pay via PayPal, through our website, be sure to check the option for DUES/membership! Make any donations separately, please. We also welcome good old fashioned paper checks!

I am looking forward to seeing you all “at” meetings and at the shows!

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Speaking of the show, here is one of our beautiful Trophies, hand made by our own Berne Smith! Her “St Leger Challenge Trophy, for Best in Sweepstakes, is a porcelain statue of an “exuberant” young Wolfhound (her own Stephen, who was Reserve winner from puppy classes at our specialty!) It is a large trophy, measuring 12 x 19 x 13!

Stop by Sunday morning to see it!

If you would like to sponsor a trophy, please contact Lisa McKinney ASAP!



If you'd like to donate towards trophies, please go to our webpage (<https://pviwc.org>) and click on the donate button!



Sadly, due to Covid-19, most of our spring parades and festivals have been cancelled. The Ballyshaners have not yet announced the cancellation of the Alexandria St Patrick's Day Parade, but they have not accepted any applications as of yet, either. Annapolis has postponed their parade until September 12, to coincide with the "Remembrance day" events surrounding 9/11. We will share more information as it becomes available.

## NEWS

Faith and Charles Reed tragically lost Murphy.

Van and Susan Morfit's Niamh died

Susan and Bill Montgomery's Annora died

Bill McKinney had surgery.

Jodie Jeweler got a rehome puppy, Quigley, who is now 14 months old!

Susan and Bill Montgomery welcomed Sheridan, who is now 15 months old!

Welcome new members Michael and Helen Hecht, and puppy Noble!

Aaron Foster and Amy Martin finally (after Covid delays) got married!

Lisa and Bill McKinney welcomed Sterling, now 13 months, and Serena who is about 5 months!

New member Victoria Madden, welcomed son, Michael, with husband Dennis. Michael had some scary health issues at first, but is ready to take on the world now!

How are you and your hound coping with COVID restrictions? Quigley and I are walking in public parks, to make up for the lack of training and socializing opportunities. We also make a weekly visit to a big box Pet store. We are currently enrolled in a Rally class, and he can't understand why he can't visit all the other people in class! What are you doing now, that is new, because of Covid? Let me know, for our next issue!



## Show News!

Yes, I'm repeating myself. It's that important!

**We– that means YOU, and I, and ALL OF US– are putting on a show, April 3-5.**

**We NEED YOU!**

We had to cancel last year's show, not due to Covid, but due to a lack of help. Physical bodies. This year, we are faced with one day of our back-to-back specialties being Easter Sunday. So we'll lose some helpers. We really NEED EVERYONE who possibly can, to step up, and show up!

If you can't come to the site, you can still help... send emails, make calls... there are a lot of chores that can be done via computer or phone. If you can only come for a few hours, we can still use the help, gratefully! Saturday, we need help with the Obedience and Rally trials, as well as the LGRA (Large Gazehound Racing Association) straight track Lure Coursing. Grounds set up will need help too (possibly Friday). We need people to help run messages, trophies, drinks, etc., from here to there... this is a great job for a school student needing service hours. If you can't guarantee now, just show up! Look for someone with a badge on, or ask ANYONE how you can help!

And if you can't physically help at all, you can still support the club! Donate on our webpage (under the donate button), or mail a check. Sponsor a trophy or a class of ribbons. Buy a catalog ad– it can be devoted to your hound, to friends, family, or your business!

If you want to help, but none of these ideas sound like something you can do, please call or email me, and we'll find something! (jodie@jewelerfamily.com or 410-533-5302)

If you're not yet a member, showing up is a great way to meet people, get sponsors, get that crucial "in" with a breeder, and make friends!

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### **We need help in other areas, too!**

We need someone to take over the critical, fun, sheltered position of Boutique Manager. If you love shopping and displaying items, this may be your dream come true! Talk to Susan Montgomery!

We need a new newsletter editor! This is a fun job, that requires a little learning, and is very rewarding! We are supposed to publish 4 times a year, but more issues are always welcome. I will gladly train you and work with you as long as you want!

Do you have good bookkeeping or accounting skills? Our esteemed treasurer, Ce Hoffman, would like to retire! If you think you can take over, please let me know!

If you are on Facebook, and haven't already, "friend" some of our members! This will often allow you to learn what's going on, and see fun things like fund raisers and FB-only events! Right now, we're selling T shirts and hoodies in gorgeous colors with a DARLING design created just for us!

Thank you to Lisa McKinney for proofreading!