



Tarheel Weimaraner Newsletter July 2015

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A Letter from our Club President

So far we have had two great club activities this summer and I want to thank all that participated in their success. Our club meeting and barbeque on June 14 was well attended and the extra benefit of having a raffle was appreciated very much.

Our Agility Trial July 17 – 19 was loyally staffed each day by club members during the three days of the trial, and with the visit by the AKC Rep. who complimented our club in how we managed the trial, those who participated the three days really liked our event and the judge. Bon-Clyde and Ms. Bonnie Buchanan

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A Letter from our Rescue President

Rescue has been busier than ever as you'll see in this month's report. So much so that we are having trouble keeping up, not only the normal financial challenges but also hands, heads and hearts. We have been lucky enough to have two frequent volunteers, Jen Wale and Laura Wulff, take on increased roles in the last month. This will really help us as the stress of day to day intake and placement can take its toll. We have been so blessed as an organization with so many energetic and helpful people who are willing to jump in and assist, as well as the continued financial assistance

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Upcoming Events

Club Meeting Sept. 5

Our September Club Meeting will be held on Saturday Sept. 5, at 6:30PM at the Backyard Bistro, 1235 Hurricane Alley Way, Raleigh, in conjunction with the Labor Day circuit. RSVP to Lucy Sappenfield at lcs615@msn.com or 919-598-5318 to order your meal. Dinner will be \$15 per person.

RDO Day Sept. 19

Our club will have a booth at the AKC Responsible Dog Owner Day on Saturday Sept. 19. More info later.

Tarheel Weim Rescue

Letter from the TWR President Continued

that so many provide. When we get the "after" pictures from adopters, it makes the stress and hard work all worth it. I hope that all of you who assist get that feedback in the stories we share each month.



We are looking forward to our annual Weim and Cheese event on October 3 and hope to see you all there. Once again this year we will host the event at Lucky Dog Bark and Brew in Cornelius. We always have a great time at this event, with fun raffles, silent auctions and plenty of dog play time. This year, by popular demand, we will have the return of the wonderful Oktoberfest themed food. We would love to have donations for our wonderful silent auction and raffle tables. Please let us know if you have anything you would like to contribute. Please plan to join us for a fun time!

Toni Sweetland, TWR President

Ways to Support Rescue:

TWR License Plate Frame

The cost is \$10. To order, contact Christine at cmflock@roadrunner.com as they are not on the TWR website yet. OR go to the www.tarheelweimrescue.org website and pay using PayPal and just put license plate holder in the notes. The holders are made according to state specs, meaning nothing is covered up on the license plate itself when you use one – they're "legal".



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When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Tarheel Weimaraner Rescue Inc. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-0315739> and support us every time you shop.

Rescue Wine!!!



Check it out – your choice of red or white wine, with proceeds to **benefit Tarheel Rescue !**

What pairs beautifully with a Gray Ghost? A glass of **Amazing Grays wine!** Please check out our descriptions below of the wines that we offer. The holidays are just around the corner, so if you are entertaining, starting your holiday shopping, or if you are just sitting on the back deck after work with your furry friends, I hope that you will think of our wines. **100% of the proceeds are donated to Tarheel Weimaraner Rescue.**

We are in need of your donations and this is a great way to benefit a worthy cause. The purchase price is \$16 per bottle and when you purchase a case (mix and match) the price is \$14 per bottle, \$168 per case.

Amazing Grays Chardonnay

It is a wine of bright yellow with green shades. In the nose it presents aromas of tropical fruits with citrus and floral notes. Concentrated notes of peach and green apple with a hint of mild spices are perceived in the mouth. The end is clean with a fresh acidity.

Amazing Grays Meritage Red

Ripe and concentrated, but very silky and refined, with lots of blackberry, with notes of cassis, dark fruit and plum fruit. The long finish has notes of minerality from the terroir with a long finish and very smooth tannins.

Amazing Grays Riesling

This aromatic refreshing wine offers impressions of green apple, ripe fruit and crisp minerals lovely fruit without being overly sweet. The grapes were harvested at an excellent ripeness with lively acidity," says Nebel winemaker Peter Meurer. " This Vintage delivers very intense, fruit-driven and ageworthy wines." And Nebel's Riesling also is extremely versatile with food, pairing perfectly with ceviche, sushi, or spicy Asian cuisine

Contact Rosi Adams if you would like to buy some of this wine!

Pick up and delivery of the wine is now very easy in the Raleigh area.

Rescue Report:

Thank you!

Thanks to everyone that so graciously gave items for the successful Rescue raffle at the recent BBQ. Thanks to your generosity, \$180 went to our rescue efforts. It was also a lot of fun, and we really appreciate TWC's holding the raffle. In addition to the money made that day on the donated items, Rusty Jenrette and Larry and Sherry Edwards also gave us special items to use at our annual Weim and Cheese on October 3, 2015. We will include those items in our Silent Auction that always generates a lot of enthusiasm, competition, and money. Thank you all so very much!

As always, we appreciate all the generous donations TWC members made in conjunction with dues renewal. Thanks to the following club members who donated to Rescue so generously:

Rick & Barbara Yates, Cindi Caravati, Mark & Robin Stowell, Betta Breuhaus, Rusty Jenrette, Marty & Barbara Doermann, Melinda Weick, and Gene Howell.

And special thanks from **Linda and Gene Schilling** to the following who lovingly donated to Rescue in memory of their beloved son Eric:

Mary Ann Hall, Helen and Joel Sanderford, and Kathy and Skip Page

Thanks also to **Toni Sweetland**, TWR President, who once again headed up a committee at the recent Ironman race in Raleigh. Toni's team raised \$250 for TWR. Thank you Toni and your team!

Dog News

For the months of June and July, Rescue took in 10 dogs, including five from the same owner. During this same time we also placed 17 dogs in their new homes. Fortunately several long timers in foster care also went to their forever homes. And Saturday, July 25, was a great day for four TWR dogs – all four went to their new homes on that day!

So many special dogs were adopted by so many wonderful families that it is hard to select which ones to highlight, but here are just a few:

Boss

Sweet **Boss** has been adopted, and now lives in Durham with the new loves of his life, Kara and Holly.

“...he is a real goof ball...Boss is a really sweet dog, listens well, and wants to please. Very affectionate!! He seems to be chill on just about everything. He has such a unique goofy personality - we are quickly becoming attached to him. He is really fitting in to city life, we have a small fenced yard next to a walking trail - so lots of good people/dog watching - and the birds and squirrels are abundant so he has plenty to occupy his mind. He loves to hang out back there and put his nose to the fence and just watch and smell life! He doesn't bark either, just hangs out there taking it all in. We took him on a road trip to Charlotte to meet his new cousins, he did great! Everyone loved him. I plan on getting him in some training classes, he seems very smart. Can't wait to see what all he can do. He's a great dog and companion. I'm happy to have his company, and glad to provide him a good safe home...He's awesome, and we love him lots!!



Zoey and Storm



It's always more difficult to find the right home for two dogs that need to stay together, but we are very happy that **Zoey** and **Storm** went to their new home in July. They were fostered for eight months by Dyana Scholz at the Dog Club of Wilmington before finding their perfect match with a couple in Cary, NC.

"They love chasing rabbits out of their fenced-in back yard and watching the neighborhood kids and dogs through the glass front door together. Their new owners are working on leash training and have already taken them on many long walks through the sidewalked neighborhood and along the greenways in Cary. Zoey and Storm are incredibly gentle and calm when meeting new people and dogs and get compliments from everyone they meet. Storm follows his new mom everywhere she goes and waits patiently while she finishes her task so he can follow her to the next spot. Zoey is very outgoing and is enjoying lounging around on the memory foam doggie beds in her new house and

protecting the back yard from roustabouts and kindly neighbors alike- for about five seconds before flopping onto her back for a belly rub. Storm has an Eeyore-like attitude and appreciates every little bit of attention he gets when Zoey stops hogging it :)...we ran into a man in our neighborhood while Storm and Zoey were out on a walk. He came over to pet them and as usual they were calm and perfect when they greeted him. Anyway, he said 'hey, I have met a lot of Weims and I used to break and train horses and train dogs for a living. You have got two very good dogs on your hands!' Then, the next morning at the vet, the vet said 'I haven't met Weims this calm in AGES!' ...Everyone who meets them gushes about how special and wonderful they are. We've heard things like 'best dogs in the universe' and 'I wish our dogs could be like this.' And of course, you won't be surprised that we've heard 'those dogs are GORGEOUS!' countless times.

We really got some extra special lovebugs, didn't we??...You won't be surprised to hear that they have already brought SO much joy and laughter to our lives."

Mosby and Tally

Mosby and **Tally** were both 6 month old owner surrenders from different owners. They were fostered together for a while where they fell in love with each other – became total best friends. They were also fostered separately for a while, and both missed the other terribly. Fortunately, a wonderful family adopted both of them, and these two were thrilled when they were reunited. There is no end to their hijinks, and they are really keeping their new parents on their toes:

"Mosby and Tally both love chewing on anything, rough housing outside with tennis balls, and EATING!! I have engaged a local trainer. We are working on simple obedience classes. Both dogs are super on the treadmill! Tally is very quick to learn but just as quick to misbehave. I swear she knows exactly how to push our buttons.

Mosby came with some solid obedience and does really well as long as Tally doesn't get him to join her in mischief." Both dogs are doing very well, and will have a wonderful life in the mountains of NC.



We were so pleased that several repeat adopters took home dogs to be a part of their families.

Cooper came to us from a home in which the Dad was being deployed. Cooper has a new home with a wonderful man that has adopted from us three times. Cooper will have an absolutely fabulous life with him and his new brother Hunter.

Sweet **Ginger** was one of three dogs that came to us in January from a shelter in northeast Georgia. Local Animal Control officers convinced a long time BYB to surrender his last breeding dogs and get out of the business. The shelter originally told us that Ginger was pregnant, but that turned out not to be. Ginger went to her wonderful new home in late June. She was adopted by a special gentleman who had recently lost the senior girl he adopted from us in 2014. Ginger now spends her days working with her Dad who is a real estate broker.

Adorable **Colby** came to us from a shelter in Western NC. She now resides with a wonderful family that adopted Hogarth last year, so she is enjoying her new family and her new brother.

Sympathy

Ross and Rosi Adams in the recent loss of **Frankie** (Ch.Nani's Ldan Frankly Speaking, CDX SH TD SD NRD VX2 CGC TDI). Frankie will be greatly missed by the Adams and a great many dogs and people.

Kathy Page, TWR Board Member

Letter from the TWC President (continued)

accommodated our club so well that we will be having our trial there again next year in July. The dates for next year will be forthcoming in future newsletters. Thanks to all those club members who helped the three days of our trial. And as always, the luncheon provided by Carol Parron is a delight to behold! If you have not had the opportunity to volunteer for this event, please consider it for next year.

As a reminder, the Labor Day Shows at the Jim Graham Building, N.C. State Fairgrounds will be September 4 – 7. We will have a club dinner meeting after the show on Saturday the 5th at the Backyard Bistro at 6:30pm. The Bistro is located just down from the fairgrounds across from Carter-Finley Stadium on Trinity Road.

The AKC Responsible Dog Owners' day will be held on Saturday, September 19 at the N.C. State Fairgrounds Jim Holshouser Building from 10am to 3pm. If you are interested in participating at our booth, please contact me.

Thanks to all for being a part of the TWC. Read our newsletter so you are informed, and remember to hug your gray babies every day.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Sappenfield II, TWC President

TWC Shirts and Weim Chick Shirts



TWC shirts (short & long sleeved) are available in Navy, Ash, Orange, Indigo Blue, and Hunter Green. We also have some Jr. Fit tees in assorted colors. All shirts are \$20. Contact Helen FMI.



Weim Chick Shirts are available in Aquatic Blue (L & XL) and Peach (M, L, & XL), and we have 1 Green sweatshirt (L). They are \$15. Contact Helen FMI.

Dues were Due July 1

Dues Notices were emailed out in May and dues were due by July 1. This year, there is a \$5 late fee assessed if your dues haven't been paid by July 1. For dues not paid by September 1, you will have to reapply for membership and be voted on again.

If you are a Family or Individual member and can't come to meetings regularly, please change to Associate Membership. You will still be a member, and can change back at a later time if you can start coming to meetings regularly. Contact Rusty or Helen if you have any questions.

Thanks for your Donations!

Agility Trophy Fund:

Helen & Joel Sanderford, Alan Spearman & Mary Edmonds

Field Trophy Fund:

Lin Frisbee, Skip & Kathy Page

Specialty Trophy Fund:

Cindi Caravati, Skip & Kathy Page

Tracking Trophy Fund:

Cindi Caravati, Larry & Sherry Edwards

June 14 Meeting Minutes

The Tarheel Weimaraner Club meeting was called to order by President Jack Sappenfield at 1:10 pm on Sunday, June 14, 2015 at the Parron's home. Attending were members Betta Breuhaus, Richard Bryan, Tammi Byers, Cindi Caravati, Larry and Sherry Edwards, Rusty Jenrette, Stacy and Jamie Libow, Mary Oppermann, Kathy Page, Charlie and Carol Parron, Kevin Perez, Helen Sanderford, Lucy and Jack Sappenfield, Ryan and Jen Wale, and Rick and Barbara Yates. Guests were Buddy and Betsy Amos, Amanda Bates, Chad Boyd, Erik Muler and Kathryn White.

The PRESIDENT welcomed the members and guests. He stressed the importance of reading the online newsletter as a way to keep up with the Club's need for assistance and to keep up with club events. He announced that members had brought items which were on display. After the meeting, raffle tickets would be sold and the tickets could be used to win the mostly Weimaraner items on display. He announced that the AKC Responsible Dog Owners' day would be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015 at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh from 10 am until 3 pm.

TREASURER Helen Sanderford announced that the Club's balance is \$19,010.56. The quorum is currently 10 members. Dues not paid by July 1 will incur a \$5 late fee. The ad for Titles Earned in 2014 was sent in to the magazine.

SECRETARY Rusty Jenrette said that Eddie Abernathy and Chad Boyd had met the requirements for membership and would be voted on later in this meeting.

SHOW COMMITTEE Stacy Libow said she was working on our Specialty Show in conjunction with the Raleigh Kennel Club in March 2016. She said that the Libow family was moving back to Florida soon and after that Specialty she would no longer be able to serve as Show Secretary.

RATINGS COMMITTEE: Helen Sanderford said that Retrieving Ratings will be held at the Parrons' on June 28. Helen resigned as Chair of the Standing Committee after this year. Tammi Byers will secretary the June 28 Ratings.

AGILITY COMMITTEE: Jack Sappenfield said the annual agility trials will be held on July 17-19, 2015 in Sanford. So far they have not filled but are expected to fill. The Club will need helpers for this, part and full time. Jack said that Mary Oppermann, Jessica Scharff, Helen Sanderford would be working full time Thursday through Sunday and volunteers are necessary and are much appreciated.

TRACKING COMMITTEE: Jack Sappenfield reported that the tracking test will be on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016. Jan. 16, 2016 will be a track planning day. Only TDs will be offered. Carol Parron announced that Gretchen Stephenson is now officially a VST judge.

HOSPITALTY COMMITTEE: Lucy Sappenfield said that the next TWC meeting will be on Sept. 5, 2015. She will check with Backyard Bistro to make sure we can have the meeting there and to see if there are any menu changes for those who want to eat dinner. Contact Lucy at lcs615@msn.com.

RESCUE: Kathy Page reported that there are approximately 20 Weims in Rescue now. They are in desperate need of foster homes and funds.

OLD BUSINESS: Jack Sappenfield said that Rusty Jenrette, the Libows, Kathy Page and Jack and Lucy Sappenfield had volunteered to represent the Club at the RDO Day. Contact Jack at wymars@msn.com if interested.

NEW BUSINESS: None except for a vote on Eddie Abernathy and Chad Boyd's application for membership. They were voted into membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 pm.

Rusty Jenrette, TWC Secretary

BBQ

The annual Tarheel Weimaraner Club BBQ was held Sunday, June 20, 2015 at the property and home of Carol and Charlie Parron. It was a warm, sunny and not too humid day for the event. We began with "free play" with our dogs down by the pond. Buddy Amos was teaching his new QuikSilvr puppy, "Rider", how to swim by luring him in the water with "Cheetos". The method seemed to work! After play time, we headed up to the Parron's cabin for human social hour. Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks were provided. Tables were set-up for our fund-raising raffle for Tarheel Weimaraner Rescue and everyone was very generous and enthusiastic about purchasing tickets and providing donations for the raffle. Jamie Libow and Cindi Caravati conducted the draw for raffle items. It seemed most people walked away with some great items and a nice amount raised for Rescue (around \$180). After a brief Club meeting, dinner was served. The BBQ and sides from McCall's were delicious and plenty!

Special thanks to Lucy Sappenfield and Helen Sanderford for coordinating snacks, to Kathy Page for helping with the raffle set-up, to Jamie Libow for assisting with ticket sales and the drawing, and as always, Carol and Charlie Parron for hosting the event on their beautiful property. The Club is so fortunate to have this venue for its annual BBQ and for other events throughout the year!

Cindi Caravati

Retrieving Ratings

We were extremely lucky to have good weather for our WCA retrieving ratings held June 28, 2015. The weather leading up to the ratings had been excruciatingly hot, but the day of the test the heat had moderated. We had a nice entry:

- 3 RDX dogs, all qualified
 - Ch. Hallmar's Urban Sombrero, SH SDX RDX VX (Percy)
 - GCh. QuikSilvr Bet The Max, JH NSD RDX VX (Max)
 - Ch. QuikSilvr Just Dare Me, JH SD RDX VX (Flick)
- 3 RD dogs, all qualified
 - Ch. Hallmar Sumthin Bout A Southern Girl Tayla, CD NSD RD V (Parker)
 - GCh. QuikSilvr Gotta Be Special, SH SD RD VX (Kaylee)
 - Ch. QuikSilvr Bet The Limit, JH SD RD V (Lizzy)
- 1 NRD dog, who also qualified !
 - QuikSilvr's Over Dressed, NSD NRD (Gucci)

Thanks to Carol and Charlie Parron for everything that they do to help our club put on these events, from sharing their property with us for practices as well as the event itself, mowing the grounds, gunning, throwing birds, etc. Our judges were Gretchen Stephenson and Kevin Perez, our chair was Charlie Parron, our WCA Rep was Bill Hall, and our secretary was Betta Breuhaus. Thanks also to Stewart Stephenson and Kevin Perez for helping both for the practice and the day of the event.



RDX Qualifiers

From left to right:

Bill Hall with Percy

Judge Gretchen Stephenson

Judge Kevin Perez with Max

Betta Breuhaus with Flick

RD Qualifiers

From left to right:

Janet Boggs with Parker

Judge Kevin Perez with Lizzy

Betta Breuhaus with Kaylee

Judge Gretchen Stephenson



NRD Qualifier

From left to right:

Judge Gretchen Stephenson

Betta Breuhaus with Gucci

Judge Kevin Perez

Agility Trial

The Club held our 7th Agility Trials in Sanford, NC, on July 17-19, 2015.

We saw lots of different breeds of dogs attempting to make a clean run, but only 3 Weims were entered; Mia Scharff and Lina and Jada Sanderford. Pictures of the three Weims are below. We hope to see more Weims in next year's trials. Let's start working on having more dogs ready to enter for next year!

Mia, whose registered name is Ch. Grayhart's Special Request, CDX RA JH AX AXJ NSD RD VX2 CGC, owned by Jessica Scharff, was our High Combined Weimaraner from the Regular Classes. Mia Q'd 3 out of 6 times this weekend in Masters to be the HC Weim. Congratulations to them!



Jessica Scharff w/ High Combined Weim Mia and Trial Chair Jack Sappenfield II

We awarded a record of 4 MACHs (Master Agility Champion), 1 PACH (Preferred Agility Champion), and 1 PAX (Preferred Agility Excellent) at the trial. I think that our record before was 2 MACHs in a weekend, so this was pretty amazing!

These trials are the club's major fund raising activity. They allow us to have fun things like next year's free dinner in March for members that work at 2 club events and the summer Pig Pickin', and lose money at events like tracking. Please volunteer to help if you can next year.

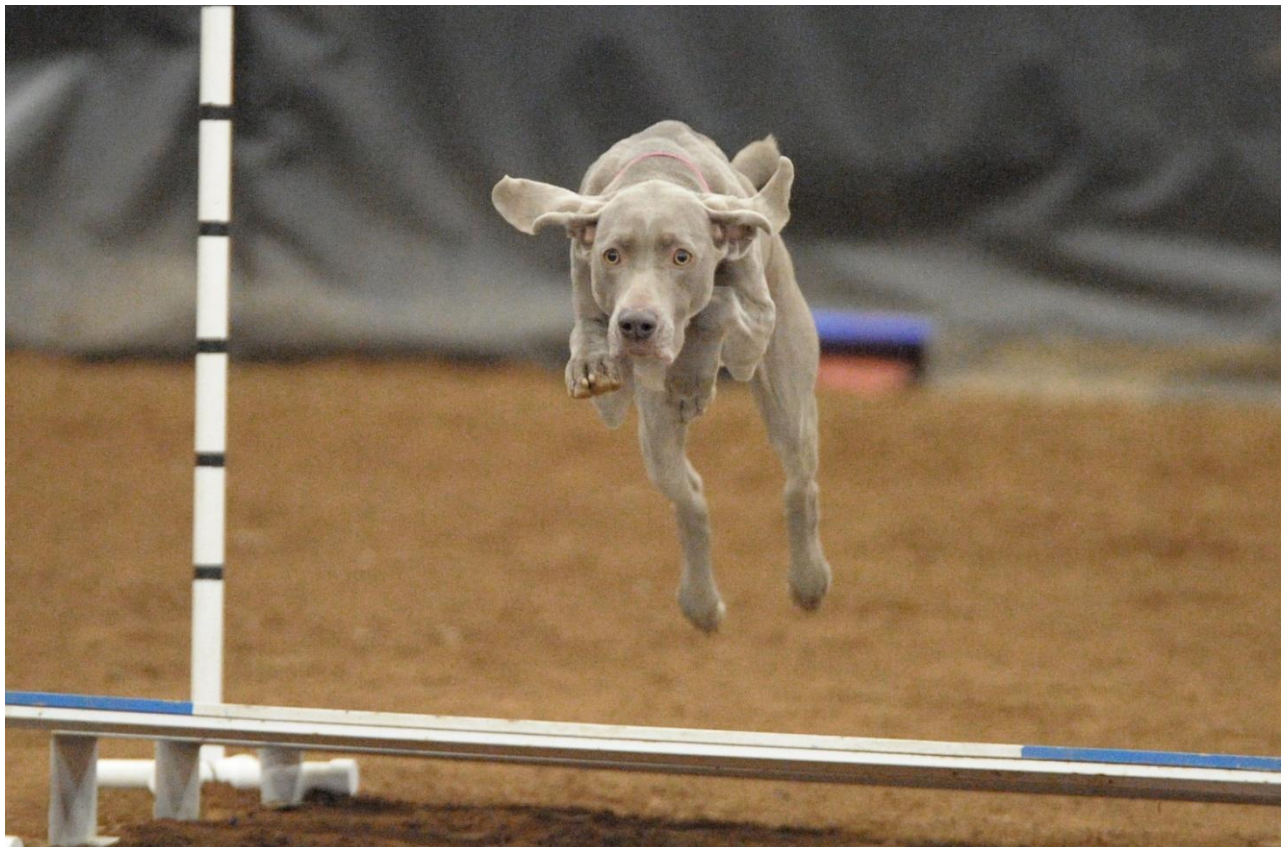
We had lots of club members to thank for the success of this year's trials; chairperson Jack Sappenfield II, Mary Oppermann, with her miniature, brown, wire-haired, long-tailed Weimaraner (she has Border Terriers), Helen Sanderford, Jessica Scharff, Carol & Charles Parron, Denise McDonald with her Golden Weimaraners (she has Golden Retrievers), Larry & Sherry Edwards, Rick & Barbara Yates, Stewart Stephenson, Zana Schepis, Sally Feltner, Lucy Sappenfield, Kevin Perez, Betta Breuhaus, and Eric & Stacy Libow. That sounds like a lot of people, but it takes a bunch of people to put on a trial, for not only the planning ahead of time, but we must have at least 5 club members on site at all times during the trial. We enjoyed seeing so many club members there in TWC shirts! Our club had a good presence at the trial, and we received lots of compliments on a well-run and relaxed trial.

A big thank you to Carol for again making homemade tuna salad, pimento cheese, and egg salad, as well as organizing the "Make Your Own Lunch" fixings. Lunch was a big hit!

Also, thanks go to those who donated to the Agility Trial Trophy Fund; Alan Spearman & Mary Edmonds, Helen & Joel Sanderford, Linda & Gene Schilling, and Gretchen & Stewart Stephenson. We end up spending lots on trophies for these trials, so thanks for your donations!

Thanks to everyone for making these trials run smoothly. Next year, the trial will be July 22-24.

Here are pictures of the 3 club member dogs that were entered in our trials:



Jada



Lina



Mia

World Dog Show

2015 WEIMARANER CLUB OF ITALY & WORLD DOG SHOW MILAN, ITALY

Three Tarheel Weimaraner Club members traveled to Milan in June to attend the Weimaraner Club of Italy show & World Dog Show (WDS). The first day consisted of the “club” shows, similar to our Specialty shows, followed by the WDS. The WDS ran from June 10-14 & had an entry just shy of 20,000 dogs.

The differences from U.S. shows were apparent before we even entered the building. There is no loading or unloading area so exhibitors have to park, unload all their supplies & dogs & walk to the entrance which was a good distance from the lot. Most people have large-wheeled wagons into which they put supplies & bungee their soft-sided crates on top.



There are two checkpoints before you enter the convention center. One is the Veterinary Tent where multiple veterinarians work to check each dog's passport. Dogs in Europe must have passports which not only identify the dog but also contain their vaccination history. Once past the Vet Tent we then had to stop a second time to have our entry forms checked. Each dog & handler is checked against the number of entry forms so that each single dog entry allows one person entrance to the building. If you did not have an entry you had to buy a ticket & they were not cheap.

The building was huge & there were multiple buildings but almost no grass for walking the dogs, which didn't seem to bother either the dogs or exhibitors.

Here was an entrance with the logo:



This is what the rings look like:



The gates are made of cardboard, the rings are all carpeted & there are exactly 4 large fire extinguishers in each ring. The carpeting was slick so everyone uses spray on the dog's feet to keep them from slipping. There is a table in the ring for the steward, “writer” & judges. Stewards carry small whiteboards around the perimeter of the ring to announce the classes – no shouting out classes or numbers. Each judge has a “writer” who records the judge's comments on each dog as they are examined for the evaluation sheets.

Every dog receives an evaluation card signed by the judge. Here is what an evaluation card looks like:

The dogs & bitches are judged by different judges at the same time so it was difficult to follow the action in both rings. Class descriptions can be found at the F.C.I. website but a big difference is you cannot obtain a championship on a dog until it is at least 24 months old. Unlike here where we can finish dogs as puppies, the Europeans place greater emphasis on the development & maturity of a dog more than youth.

Breed: 99 A Weimaraner Short-haired
 Name of the dog: Halmar's Evening Star Nrd Rdx
 Pedigree number: NHEB2755751
 Date of birth: 03.10.2009
 Sex: female
 Microchip: 44AE08506A
 Class: CH
 Owner: J Marsen - Mosterman B Josee Sales
 Judge: Shirley Sue
 RESULT: Excellent, Very good, Good, Sufficient, Disqualified, Cannot be judged, Very promising, Promising, Sufficient promising
 PLACEMENT: I, II, III, IV
 TITLE: CAC, Reserve CAC
 Signature of the judge: Shirley Sue

You cannot win any points toward championship in these classes:

- Minor Puppy – up to 6 months old
- Puppy – 6-9 months old
- Junior – 9 -18 months old
- Veteran – 8 years & older

You can win points toward the CACIB (international certificate of beauty) in these classes:

- Intermediate – 15-24 months old
- Open – 15 months & over
- Working – 15 months & over
- Champion – 15 months & over

Additional classes are Brace, Breeder's & Progeny which are some-what like our stud dog & brood bitch class.

Here's a photo of a Brace in the main ring:

And here's a photo of the Breeder's Group:



Weimaraners are in Group 7 which consists of pointing breeds only. So no retrievers or spaniels in the group in which Weims compete. Group 7 is composed of “Continental Pointing Dogs” and “British & Irish Pointers & Setters” which include a lot of breeds not recognized in the U.S. For more information see: <http://www.fci.be/en/nomenclature/7-Pointing-Dogs.html>

The judging at the Italian Weim Club Show was similar to that in the U.S. The dogs enter the class in catalog order & the judge does an individual physical exam with individual gaiting. The entire class is sent around together to evaluate side gait. Cuts, if necessary, are made & classes placed.

There was an Italian judge for the dogs & an Australian judge for the bitches. The Italian judge was fun because before placing large classes she would send the dogs around the ring & start clapping. This was a signal for the spectators to start clapping & everyone continues clapping as the dogs keep going around the ring. Then she placed them as they circled her starting with the 4th place & finishing with 1st. It's fun for everyone but the handlers who were exhausted & likely dizzy after all the running in circles.

Whenever a class is placed everyone runs into the ring to get photos while the judge & handler set up. No professional photographers – just friends leaping over the ring gates to snap photos like this:



The winners receive sashes, ribbons & trophies like loving cups. They do not receive the more practical trophies we seem to prefer such as buckets, towels & chairs. Then the best dog & best bitch winners are judged for Best of Breed:



At the end of the show the Weim Club of Italy served a wonderful lunch with champagne, pizza, fabulous deserts & a hunk of the best Parmesan cheese I ever ate.

There were several other “club shows” going on that day in adjacent rings. I was surprised at the number of dogs in the building which were allowed to run loose in the rings! Owners would take their dogs in the rings & let them run loose for exercise – without any collar at all. One person took 3 Irish Setters & did this, then one young setter ran out of the ring & toward the door of the building! No one seemed to mind or get upset about loose dogs.

All dogs had seriously long nails, which didn't seem to bother anyone but us Americans. Grooming is minimal with no artificial products put on the coat & some dogs are not even bathed. It is not unusual for dogs to come right out of the field & into the show ring. Can you imagine the reaction if our U.S. judge's had to examine a dirty, smelly bird dog? Except in very limited circumstances the laws prohibit European breeders from docking tails & removing dewclaws. I found the tails didn't really bother me at all, but the dewclaws are ugly. Some Weims were aggressive toward other dogs walking past them which was disconcerting. Prong collars are also prohibited so just like our shows I saw many people get dragged around by their dogs.

Unlike our shows with vendors of all types, the vendors were mostly dog food including lots of raw foods in much greater variety than here. But there was a wine-tasting booth which I have never seen at our shows. I gravitated toward the booth but they wanted you to buy wines which were out of my price range.

Coffee consists of a tiny ceramic cup of espresso, quickly drunk while standing at the bar. When I received my coffee I asked "Where's the rest of it?" The "barista" looked at me with derision & said, "Ugh – Americano!" and added hot water to it.

They serve "take-out" coffee in thin, flexible, plastic cups which burn your hands – no thermal, cardboard cups. But the concession stand had a nice selection of healthy foods plus wine & beer.



Exhibitors are not allowed to leave their crates in the building so at the end of the day everything gets packed up & removed.

That evening, the Weim Club of Italy had a delicious banquet on the grounds of a lovely horse farm. The food was outstanding & the judges spoke about the dogs they judged. It gave us the opportunity to mingle with European breeders in a relaxed setting & I spent a lot of time learning about their "field trials" which are completely different from ours. The evening was enjoyed by all of us.

The WDS started the next day & the Weims were judged in the morning. There was a large entry of nearly 200 Weims but I regret there were only a few longhaired Weims entered. I expected to see more longhairs but only 4 were entered & here are 3 of them:



While the show itself was exciting, the judging was abysmal. Neither the Italian judge of the bitches nor the German judge of the dogs conducted individual physical exams or gaiting except on a very limited basis. The class would enter the ring & stack & that was it. The judges would walk up & down the line of stacked dogs & pick their cuts & placements. The spectators were outraged & a protest was lodged. These exhibitors paid 90 euros per class & their dogs were not even examined. No one that I spoke with had any idea what the judges were looking for or why they chose one particular dog over another. Because no other judging was conducted this way, it appeared to me that these judges were arrogant & intentionally bucked the rules. The F.C.I. rules even state a dog is to be excused if the handler cannot gait it, yet these judges didn't evaluate the movement. It was very disappointing.

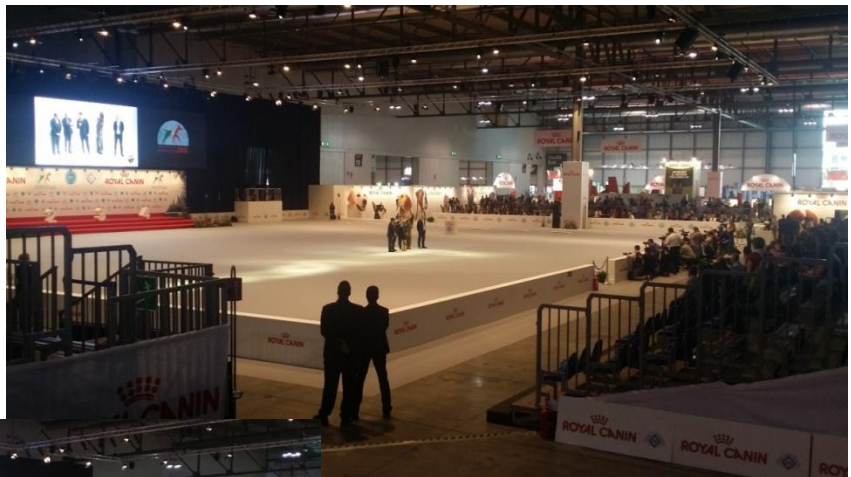
Despite this judging an American import bred by two TWC members, Joan Mulford & Betta Breuhaus, & owned by our friend Josee Sales won Best of Breed in the Championship class, which is only one of several "best of breed" classifications. Other "best of breeds" awards were issued in Junior, Puppy, Minor Puppy, Veteran, Brace and Breeder's Group and all of these went on to the group competitions. The group judging was quite the spectacle!

The groups were judged in another pavilion so we had to load everything up again in the wagon & move to a different building. The group judging was done in stages where the dogs move through a series of small rings before heading into the main ring. The real judging takes place in the small rings. That is where the dogs are individually examined & gaited by the judge who will then judge them again in the main ring. The small rings are crowded because every single group (Puppy, Minor Puppy, Junior, Veteran, Brace, Progeny, etc.) has to be individually examined so the process takes quite a bit of time. But for spectators that is where you can get a close up view of each dog. I also noticed some handlers dress differently than we do:



When the judge completes all of the individual exams then the real theatre begins. The main ring is huge & spectators are kept at a distance. There is a giant screen which live streams the action in the ring. There are stunning models in ball gowns who walk the judges into the ring. There were multilingual announcers identifying the breed of the dogs & there is very, very loud music playing the entire time. I felt badly for the young dogs, some of whom had diarrhea in the main ring – it was overwhelming!

The judge watches as each dog enters the ring as they are announced by breed name in alphabetical order. There are numerous people in the ring directing the handlers as to where to position their dogs which helps maintain order in the ring. The dogs enter at a trot & then are lined up.



The judge starts with the first dog & cuts 10 dogs total as they move down the lineup. Those 10 dogs then line up at one end of the ring while the rest are excused. Just making a cut is a huge win. These 10 dogs are each individually examined in both a stack & by gaiting. This is the second time this judge evaluates these dogs in this manner.

Then the judge awards the placements starting with the 4th place & finishing with the 1st place. As each dog is placed they go to stack on a raised platform on one side of the ring.

Professional photographers jump into the ring & take numerous photos. Several Weims in the various group categories earned group placements so we were able to cheer on our friends.



Josee Sales and her Weim "Cliff" (Multi Ch. Driftwood's Quik Draw) were BOB and 3rd in Group 7 at the World Dog show.



We did not return the remaining days for the other groups or best in show. But it was an educational & memorable experience.

Mary Ann Hall

Brags

Please email your brags in the exact format below to Betta (quiksilvr@bellsouth.net) and Helen (helen.sanderford@gmail.com). Please write up the brag for us so that we can copy it from your email and paste into the newsletter. That's much easier for us, and your brag will say exactly what you want it to. Breeders can brag on dogs that they have bred, whether they co-own them or not. Thanks!!

NEW TITLES

Master Hunter Advanced

- **QuikSilvr Gotta Special Feeling, AX OAJ MHA SDX**

(Ch. OB's 38 Special x Ch. QuikSilvr Gotta Believe, RN JH SD NRD V BROM) earned her Master Hunter Advanced title July 11, 2015. She is the first Weimaraner on record to achieve this title. "Blush" was bred by Babetta Breuhaus, and is owned, trained and handled by Sami Simons.



Retrieving Dog Excellent and Versatile Excellent

- **GCh. QuikSilvr Bet The Max, JH NSD RDX VX**
(Ch. Smokey Topaz Grey Hawk, CD RN MH VX x Ch. QuikSilvr Bet On Tess, JH NSD NRD V) earned his RDX at our ratings on 6/28. This title also qualifies him for his VX title. Max is bred, owned and handled by Betta Breuhaus.
- **Ch. QuikSilvr Just Dare Me, JH SD RDX VX**
(Ch. QuikSilvr Dare to Believe, MH SDX RDX VX2 BROM x Ch. Driftwood's Once Upon A Time, JH NSD NRD V) earned his RDX at our Ratings on 6/28. This title also qualifies him for his VX title. Flick was bred by Joan Mulford, TJ Palmer, & Babetta Breuhaus and is owned and handled by Betta Breuhaus.



Retrieving Dog Excellent

- **Ch. Hallmar's Urban Sombrero, SH SDX RDX VX**
(BIF, BIM Am/Can Ch. Valmar's Unanimous Decision, NSD BROM x BIF Ch Hallmar's Jurisprudence, MH SDX RD VX) earned his RDX at our Ratings on 6/28. Percy was bred by and is owned by Mary Ann Hall & Bill Hall, and was handled by Bill.



Retrieving Dog

- **Ch. Hallmar Sumthin Bout A Southern Girl Tayla, CD BN NSD RD V**
(DC Ardreem Wolf Von Betelgeuse, JH SDX NRD VX x Ch. Hallmar's Serenity Now, VCD1 BN RN MH OJP SDX RDX VX3) earned her RD at our Ratings on 6/28. Parker was bred by Helen & Joel Sanderford & Mary Ann Hall and is owned and handled by Janet Boggs.



Retrieving Dog

- **Ch. QuikSilvr Bet The Limit, JH SD RD V**
(Ch. Smokey Topaz Grey Hawk, CD RN MH NRD VX BROM FROM x Ch. QuikSilvr Bet On Tess, JH NSD NRD V BROM) earned her RD at our Ratings on 6/28. Lizzy was bred by, and is owned and handled by Betta Breuhaus.



Retrieving Dog and Versatile Excellent

- **GCh. QuikSilvr Gotta Be Special, SH SD RD VX**
(Ch. OB's Thirty-Eight Special x Ch. QuikSilvr Gotta Believe, RN JH SD NRD V BROM) earned her RD at our Ratings on 1/30. This title also qualifies her for her VX title. Kaylee was bred by, and is owned and handled by Betta Breuhaus.

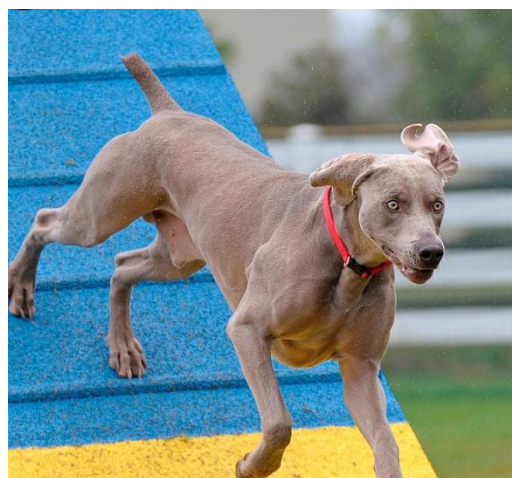
Novice Retrieving Dog

- **QuikSilvr's Over Dressed, NSD NRD**
(Ch. Jamspirit Marksman, CDX RA SH OA NAJ BROM x Ch. QuikSilvr Over The Rainbow, MH SDX RDX VX2) earned her NRD at our Ratings on 6/28. Gucci was bred by Betta Breuhaus and is owned by Mark & Cynthia Tilley, Sami Simons, & Betta Breuhaus, and was handled by Betta.



Master Agility

- **Starbuck Fern Hill Zublitz Solar Intention, MX, MXJ**
(UCD UCH GCH GraytSky's Stratus Sphere VCD1 BN RE MX MXJ VX x Starbuck Fern Hill Solar Flare BN JH NRD NSD CGC V) finished his Master Agility title at the May 2015 Capital City Cocker Club trials in Fredericksburg, VA. "Zor" was bred by Sally Feltner and Rusty Jenrette, and is owner handled by Stewart Pennell.



CONFORMATION WINS

World Winner 2015

- **International Ch. Driftwood's Quik Draw**
(GCh. QuikSilvr Bet The Max, JH NSD RDX VX2 x Ch. Driftwood's Once Upon A Time, JH NSD NRD V) went Best of Breed and 3rd place in Group 7 at the World Dog Show in Milan, Italy on June 11, 2015. "Cliff" was bred by Joan Mulford, TJ Palmer, & Babetta Breuhaus, and is owned and handled by Josee Sales of the Netherlands.



PERFORMANCE ACHIEVEMENTS

Masters Jumpers Legs and Master Standard Legs

- **Ch. Grayhart's Special Request, CDX RA JH AX AXJ NSD RD VX2**

(Ch. OB's 38 Special x Ch. Graytsky's I'm Not Really a Waitress, CD RN AX OAJ V BROM) earned a masters jumpers and masters standard leg with 2nd and 3rd places at the Chattahoochee Weimaraner Club agility trial in Perry, GA July 8-9. "Mia" then earned 2 more masters jumpers legs and a masters standard leg with a 2nd place at the Tarheel Weimaraner Club trial in Sanford, NC. These qualifying runs earned her an additional 55 MACH points. "Mia" was bred by Linda and Walter Hartheimer, and is owned, trained, and handled by Jessica Scharff.



Dock Novice Legs and Dock Junior Legs

- **Hallmar's All-American Girl, CA NSD**
(DC Ardreem Wolf Von Betelgeuse, JH NRD VX x Ch. Hallmar's Serenity Now, VCD1 BN RN MH OJP SDX RDX VX3 CGC) earned 4 Dock Novice legs (with 3 1st places and a 2nd place), and 4 Dock Junior legs (with 3 3rd places) at the Dock Diving trial at Teamworks on 7/11 & 12. She needs 1 more leg at each level to finish those 2 titles. Charley is owned and was bred by Helen & Joel Sanderford & Mary Ann Hall, and was handled by Helen.



2015 - 2016 TWC Calendar of Events

Sept. 5	Club Meeting, Backyard Bistro, 6:30PM	Raleigh, NC
Sept. 19	AKC Responsible Dog Owner Day	Raleigh, NC
Jan. 24	TD only Tracking Test, pending AKC Approval	Alton, VA
Mar. 26	Sweeps and Specialty, pending AKC Approval	Raleigh, NC
July 22-24	Agility Trials, pending AKC Approval	Sanford, NC

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<http://www.weimclubamerica.org/events/index.html>