

WATER TRIAL - 2012

The Portuguese Water Dog Club of Greater Chicagoland held its water trial August 11th and 12th at Sterling Lake, Wadsworth, Illinois. We were blessed with decent weather; light breezes, no rain and moderate temperatures. Our judge, Cindy McCullough, was very helpful and patient with our green handlers and dogs. Water trials are a huge amount of work, all done by volunteer club members and non-members that are entered in the trial. Cindy Petrey, as first time Trial Secretary, started the paperwork months ago and continued to keep everything organized through break down on Sunday. Tim O'Neill, Chris and Midge Ihrig made sure the boats were in good repair and delivered to the trial site early Saturday and Sunday morning. Jim Criner, after rowing on Saturday, made sure the boats were loaded properly and returned to Casa Lago. Patty Johnson, in addition to organizing the workers, supplied lunch for the judge and workers and managed to steward for several levels - all while trialing two dogs. Special thanks go to our rowers, every trial needs good rowers, and these people not only rowed but also served as stewards.

Jim Criner, Tim O'Neil, Pat DeVries, Debbie Gressle, Lisa Humke, Lynne Renaud, Joe Koehler

Other volunteers served as table, land and gate stewards. Thank you to:

CY Suszycki & Jim Audensmoore, Dianna LaMantia, an extra thanks for the hot corn on the cob her family served for lunch on Sunday. Michelle Downey, Carolyn Shere, Brian & Sherri Kobylinski, Nigel Clark.

I'm sorry more club members did not come out to watch the water trial – it is truly amazing to see these dogs do what they were bred to do.

We had many dogs attempting a new level this year, and several are very close to qualifying the next time out.

Now to the qualifiers:

Saturday:

Junior:

Marshview Uh, How You Doin'? "Joey"

Owner: Jan Kasper & Pat DeVries

Handler: Julie Vanderbush

Bayswaters Burning Down The House "Sizzle"

Owner & Handler: Lisa Humke

Working:

Great Lakes Pirate Treasure AWD "Jewels"

Owner & Handler: Cynthia Suszycki

Courier:

Ch. Bayswaters Voyager on the Nautilus "Nemo" CD MX MXJ MXB XF CWD

Owner & Handler: Lisa Humke

Sunday:

Apprentice:

North Shore's All That Jazz AX AXJ "Jazz"

Owner & Handler: Cindy Petrey

Courier:

Ch. Bayswaters Linda Lace "Lacey" RN CD OAJ NAJ OA WWD GROM

Owner & Handler: Lynne Renaud

Congratulations to all of the qualifiers!