



# Portuguese Water Club of America

19th PWDCA National Speciality  
San Luis Obispo, CA October 4-8, 2010

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The 19th PWDCA National Specialty was hosted this year at San Luis Obispo, California, October 4-8, 2010. The winner of the Best in Breed was “Ladybug” Aviator’s Luck Be A Lady who continued her campaign as the top winning Portuguese Water Dog of all time. Judge Karen Arends judged the Best of Breed competition on Friday and said, “My BOB was an outstanding example of proper balance between correct Portuguese Water Dog type, strength, femininity, athleticism and grace – all of these traits blending beautifully with a true ‘Here I am’ PWD attitude”.

Hosted at the Embassy Suites, the “SLO-Commotion at the Ocean” began with Water Trials, Tracking and Agility before the Conformation events began on Monday. Located at nearby Laguna Lake Park, the event was arranged in a beautiful show setting between the shores of the narrow lake and rocky low mountains, creating a natural wind tunnel from the Pacific. The first two days brought high winds and rain, but by Wednesday, the promised ideal weather appeared for good.

Show Chair Sherry Hanen and her Leadership Team of Judy Archambeau, Gail Browne-McDonald, Susan Cucura, Kathy Esslinger, Linda Kelly, Don Neimann and Cheryl Smith worked with over fifty sub-committees and 100 volunteers to make the event memorable and fun. Sherry worked with her team for two years with weekly conference calls and meetings and her attention to detail was evident for the event. Starting with a Portuguese Festa to kick off the week of conformation events, PWD owners and breeders enjoyed two banquets, wine tasting from the area’s world-class vineyards, a SLO farmer’s market, a boutique, health seminar and breeder’s education and multiple opportunities to enjoy local wineries, bistros and shops. A highlight of the week was the celebration of Kitty Braun’s 90th birthday, honoring her decades of dedication to the breed.

The PWDCA has long been committed to rigorous health testing for its breed to continue to make the breed one of the healthiest in the AKC family. In addition to GCG/TDI Testing, a Health Clinic was operated on Thursday for the entire day. Nearly 100 tests were administered in addition to 40 pre-tests done for Optigen Prcd-PRA, GM-1 Storage Disease and JDCM Juvenile Dilated Cardiomyopathy. Tests and AKC Registrations were added on-site to the PWD Data Base developed and administered by Karen Berggren that has health records of thousands of PWDs.

Futurity classes were judged by Ms. Brytt Hasslinger. Of the 41 entries, the winners were:

Best Senior Puppy in Futurity – Del Sur's Pepsea Please  
Breeders: Lana & Chay Woodburn  
Owners: Lana & Chay Woodburn

Best Junior Puppy in Futurity – Aviator's Comic Relief  
Breeders: Cathy Dugan & C. & G. Hamilton  
Owner: Anne Ausich & Cathy Dugan

Sweepstakes with 115 entries was judged by Dr. Lou Guthrie. Winners were:

Best in Sweepstakes: Cutwater Jagger's Platinum Record  
Breeders: Jane Harding  
Owners: Bullis Jenna

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes: Aviator's Comic Relief  
Breeders: Cathy Dugan & C. & G. Hamilton  
Owner: Anne Ausich & Cathy Dugan

Regular classes brought 309 entries to the ring, including 71 Best of Breed entries. Judge Karen Arends judged the entry and produced the following winners:

Best in Specialty Show – GCH Aviator's Luck Be A Lady "Ladybug"  
Breeder-Owner: Cathy Dugan & S. & C. Kuehn,  
Owner: Cathy & Mike Dugan, Victor Malzoni, Jr & Jerson Valle

Best of Winners – Akire How Deep is Your Love Del Sur  
Breeder: Ebba Patrick & Erica Griesbach  
Owner: Lana Woodburn

Best of Opposite Sex – CH Spyglass Legend of Bahia  
Breeder: Scott and Barbara Henley  
Owner: Margaret Rembleske

Select Dog – CH Del Sur's Keno of Cascade  
Breeder: Cynthia Thorson & Lana Woodburn  
Owner: Cynthia Thorson

Select Bitch – CH Roseknoll's Emerald Sea  
Breeder: Charles & Susan Teasley & Lynn & Bill

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Owner: Paula & Maskey Heath & Charles & Susan Teasley

Winner's Dog – Cascade Cee Deegee  
Breeder: Cynthia Thorson  
Owner: Cynthia Thorson & Eric Schurman

Best Veteran – CH Cortereal Seakiss of Starview VCD1 RE OAP AJP  
Breeder: Bobbe Kurtz  
Owner: Judy & Torin Knorr

Best Junior – Katie Maxurowski  
CH Del Sur's Bold Moves

Awards of Merit –  
CH Armada's Lady of the Lake  
Breeder: Lana Langley  
Owner: Lana Langley  
CH Aviator's Asta Primadona  
Breeder: Mike & Cathy Dugan  
Owner: Matthew Davis & Bill Waters, Mike & Cathy Dugan  
CH Cortereal Seakiss of Starview VCD1 RE OAP

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Breeder: Bobbe Kurtz  
Owner: Judy & Torin Knorr  
CH Del Sur Keno of Cascade  
Breeder: Cynthia Thorson & Lana Woodburn  
Owner: Cynthia Thorson

CH Downeast Elf About Town CWDX RN CD  
Breeder: Steve & Christine Dostie  
Owner: Steven & Christine Dostie  
CH Elk Run Lancelots Du Lac AX AXJ  
Breeder: J'nevelyn Martin & Joanne Forsythe

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Owner: Susan Neal & J'nevelyn Martin  
CH Roseknoll's Emerald Sea  
Breeder: Charles & Susan Teasley & Lynn & Bill Maas  
Owner: Paula & Maskey Heath & Charles & Susan Teasley  
CH Questar's Thunder and Lightening  
Breeder: Marilyn Rimmer  
Owner: Marilyn Rimmer

Stud Dog – CH Del Surs' Keno of Cascade  
Breeder: Cynthia Thorson & Lana Woodburn  
Owner: Cynthia Thorson

Brood Bitch – CH Baymist Capricious Breeze  
Breeder: Jean & Bob Combs  
Owner: Judy & Paul Archambeau

Brace 1st – CH Rustyco Nod to the Working Man and CH Rustyco Leonor

Breeder: Julie & Ty Rust  
Owner: Janet Voss & Julie & Ty Rust  
Owner: Lynda & Charles McCallum, Julie & Ty

Rust

Best Puppy – Questar Rounding the Windruff Mark  
Breeder: Marilyn Rimmer  
Owner: Carol Mattingly & Marilyn Rimmer & Ann

Bowley

Best Bred-By-Exhibitor – Sapphires Cooleo  
Breeder: Carol & Roger Arbuthnot & Dottie Dalegowski  
Owner: Carol & Roger Arbuthnot