

Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc.  
Jane Freeman, Trial Secretary  
134 Brush Hill Road, Lyme, CT 06371



Dated Material, Open Immediately

*Water Trial Premium*

Entries Close at Secretary's Office at 5pm, August 5, 2005, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or substituted, except as provided in the Notice to Exhibitors.

PREMIUM LIST

# PWDCA WATER TRIAL

Hosted by  
**Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc.**



**54 Flint Ridge Road, Monroe, CT 06468**

**Saturday & Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2005**  
Junior Certificate, Apprentice, Working, Courier, & Versatility Trial Levels



**Judge:**  
Mary-Kay Schroeder

**PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

**Board of Directors**

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**NUTMEG PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB, INC.**

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**Nutmeg Water Committee**

Chair - Marsha Dominguez  
Jane Freeman, Jane Harding, Kathryn O'Rourke, Cheryl Rutz, Pat Stuart-Volz

**Saturday BBQ Fest**

Time: at the conclusion of the trial on Saturday August 27th

Location: Dick Kraus' home, site of the water trial.

Menu: hamburgers, hot dogs, pasta with chicken, vegetarian pasta, salad, garlic bread, assorted desserts.

Cost: \$15 per person

We hope to see all of you there to celebrate your and your friends' achievements!

Please make checks payable to Nutmeg PWD Club and send them with the reservation form below. Send to:

Jane Freeman, 134 Brush Hill Rd, Lyme, CT 06371

Questions: [JHARDPWD@aol.com](mailto:JHARDPWD@aol.com).

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Nutmeg's Saturday Night Barbeque BBQ Fest

Please send in by August 21, 2005

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

The water trials will be held in accordance with the provisions of the PWDCA Water Trial Manual, as revised through 2005 (the "Manual"). Copies of the Manual may be downloaded free of charge from the PWDCA website ([www.pwdca.org](http://www.pwdca.org)). Hard copies may be obtained from Sue Augat [augat@rcn.com](mailto:augat@rcn.com).

– **Eligibility:** Minimum age of dogs for Trial: 6 months. Minimum age of handlers: 12 years. A dog must have an Apprentice Water Dog Title in order to enter the Working Water Dog test must have a Working Water Dog Title in order to enter the Courier Water Dog test, and must have a Courier Excellent title to enter Versatility. A Junior Water Dog Certificate is not required in order to enter the Apprentice Water Dog test.

– **Event Secretary:** All entries should be mailed to **Ms. Jane Freeman, 134 Brush Hill Rd, Lyme, CT 06371. email: SBF@aol.com.** Questions regarding the Trial should go to Jane Freeman. Request for return calls will be collect.

– **Entries and Closing Date:** Entries must be made on the Official Entry Form or photocopy thereof. Entry Forms without Agreement on the reverse side of the Official Entry Form ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. Entries received without fees will not be accepted. Acknowledgment of entries will be made as soon as practicable. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. A collection fee of \$25.00 will be added to the amount of each returned check. Check should be payable to Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc.

The closing date for this Trial is August 5, 2005. Entries will close at 5 pm or on any earlier date when the entry limit is reached. After the Closing Date, entries cannot be accepted or canceled. There will be no refunds except as mentioned elsewhere in this Notice. There will be no substitutions of dogs after entries have closed. If, on the date that closes the trial, more entries are received than can be accepted, those entries will be chosen by random drawing.

**Please let the Trial Secretary know immediately if you cannot compete so that we may fill the space with someone from the waiting list.**

**Entry Limits:** The following spaces will be reserved: Apprentice: 5, Working: 5, Courier: 5, Versatility 3. The rest of the entries, including Junior Water Certificate, are taken on a first-come-first-served basis until 8 hours of judging is reached.

On each day a dog may only be entered and exhibited once at any test level

– **Waiting list:** After 8 hours of judging time has been initially allocated, all remaining trial entries will be put on a waiting list. The waiting list entries will be given judging time if any entry is withdrawn before or after the closing date. Any entries taken from the waiting list will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

– **Change of Entry Level:** If a dog entered in a title level test earns that title at another PWDCA water trial before this trial, the dog may be moved up to the next test. These changes must be sent to the Trial Secretary, **Ms. Jane Freeman, 134 Brush Hill Rd, Lyme, CT 06371. Phone 860.434.0096. email: SBF@aol.com.** =

**Non-Regular Entries** (1) Entries received before the closing date for dogs who earned titles at their test level more than 30 days before the trial date ("Exhibition Entries") will be accepted if the trial does not fill with regular entries. (2) Applications for day of trial move-ups will be accepted to the extent time is available for judging such teams, but any team which enters on this basis shall be excused after the first exercise which they fail.

– **Refunds:** No refunds of entry fees shall be made after the Closing Date except to owners of bitches in season who choose to withdraw and provide a *bitch in season* excuse from a veterinarian.

– **Bitches in Season:** Bitches in season are eligible to enter the Trial, but owners must notify the judge or the Trial Secretary of the bitch's condition before the day's judging. The bitch must be crated in a separate area designated by the Trial Site Chair and will not be allowed near the trial area until they are to be judged. Bitches in season will be judged last.

– **Order of Judging and Judging Program:** The order of judging within each test level will be determined by random drawing on or around the closing date and entrants will be notified as soon as practicable thereafter. The order of judging for the various levels will be determined at the same time

– **Substitute Stewards:** A substitute steward must be named in the entry form in order for him/her to participate in the Trial. Requests for changes of Steward must be approved by the Trial Secretary and Judge prior to the start of your trial level. A "Substitute Steward" is any person requested by the Handler/owner to act as his/her private Steward (in lieu of the official club steward) during the Trial. Substitute Stewards shall be responsible for knowledge of the Water Trial Manual and shall obey the Trial Judge.

– **Equipment:** Exhibitors may use their own water trial equipment provided such equipment conforms to the PWDCA's Water Trial Manual.

– **Vests and Footwear:** Any person in or near the water must wear a USCG approved life vest and protective footwear as stated in the PWDCA Water Trial Rules & Regulations.

– **All Dogs Present** must be held on leash or confined to their crates except when being judged. All dogs must be under control at all times.

– **What to Bring:** Crate, USCG-approved life vest (**mandatory**), appropriate protective footwear (**mandatory**), towels, chairs, shade devices, foul weather gear, trial equipment, leash, water dish, dog food, food for yourself, poop-scoop bags, sun screen, etc.

– **Trial Grounds Availability:** The Trial Grounds are NOT available before Saturday

## ***Nutmeg PWD Club Safety Rules***

**– Registration/Equipment Inspection:** Begins at 8:00 am each day and will be available half an hour before the Judge's briefing for each level. The Judge's briefing for the first level will run from 8:30 to 8:45 am.. The Trial starts at 9:00 am and runs until the judge's assignment is finished.

**– Food:** Please bring your own food and chairs. There are shade areas for you and your dog.

**– Clean Up:** You are responsible for cleaning up after your dog and yourselves. Please bring the necessary items for this purpose. Trash bins will be available.

**–Veterinarian on Call:**

There will be a veterinarian on Call.

**– Awards:** NPWDC Rosettes will be awarded on the day of the Trial to all qualifying teams. Each team which successfully passes all exercises required at its test will receive a certificate from the PWDCA, Inc. reflecting the certificate or title earned.

**– All rights** to video tape, televise, advertise, photograph, promote and otherwise exploit this event are vested in the host club. All persons and animals in attendance who appear in any resultant effort grant the use of their likeness and voice without further consent.

**Motels that take dogs:** (please verify with each hotel about the rules re: pets)

Holiday Inn of Danbury...(203) 792 4000  
Ramada Inn of Shelton....(203) 929 1500  
Ramada Inn of Danbury..(203) 792 3800  
Marriott of Trumbull.....(203) 378 1400

**– Directions to 54 Flint Ridge Road:**

**This is a private residence.**

**Please observe usual courtesies.**

**From I-84:** Take Exit 11, Route 34 Newtown. Right Turn off the ramp. Right Turn at first light onto Route 34. RightTurn at first light onto Toddy Hill Road, (Berkshire Vet. Hospital on corner). Go approx. 2.8 miles, watch for Little Brook Lane on right, just past it Turn Left onto High Bridge (blind curve). Go about 1 mile until fork in road. Bear Right onto Fan Hill Road. Go about 2 miles, past schools, to STOP sign. Turn Right onto Jockey Hollow Road. Then a quick left turn onto Flint Ridge Road. #54 is on the right.

**From Route 15/Merritt Parkway:**

Take Exit 49N (Trumbull) onto Route 25 North. Follow to end of thru-way. At traffic light Turn Right onto Monroe Turnpike/Route 111. Go about 2.5 miles. Turn Left at light onto Elm Street, just past Bill's Drive-In. Go about 2 miles. Turn left onto West Maiden Lane, just past East Maiden Lane, which is on the right. Take first Right Turn onto Flint Ridge Road. #54 is on the left.

**From I-95:**

Take Exit 27A/Route 25 North. Follow Route 25 as above.

1. Any person who enters the water must wear a USCG approved life vest and safe water shoes that can protect their feet from sharp objects.
2. No person may use the beach or Nutmeg Equipment without signing a waiver to hold the Club harmless from damage, injury or death. This waiver must be on file with the Nutmeg Club prior to use of the property.
3. Club equipment may only be used for official Nutmeg sponsored events.
4. There must be at least two adults present on the beach when the Club boats are being used. An adult is defined as a person 16 years of age or older; however, at least one of the adults present must be 18 years or older.
5. Persons using the beach will clean up after their dogs and themselves. No glass containers will be permitted on the beach. Trash, including trash can contents, shall be removed from the beach by the end of the trial day. The last Nutmeg Committee Person on the property at the end of the day shall inspect the beach and the beach house to ensure that all trash has been removed.
6. Nutmeg Water Equipment shall be used in an appropriate manner. Boats are for the sole use of dog and handler teams practicing water work or participating in water trials with their dogs or as needed by the Club to set up a water trial site. No person shall stand on the boat platform while the boat is away from shore. All equipment is to be properly stored after use. Boats must be lifted onto land and all parts of the platform out of the water. Platforms shall be overturned at the end of the training / trialing day and oars shall be secured in the oar locker. The last Nutmeg Committee Person on the property at the end of the day shall inspect the beach to ensure the club equipment is properly secured.
7. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by their parent or guardian when on the property. Guardians shall sign a hold harmless agreement for their children and by doing so assume all risks and responsibilities for their children's actions. Guardians shall prevent their children from creating a distraction for working dogs and handlers. Unless directed by the class instructor or water trial judge, children shall remain away from the water and shall not play with club equipment. Children must wear USCG approved life vests when on or near the water.
8. Dogs shall be under the control of their handler at all times. Dogs that are considered a risk to other dogs or humans shall be muzzled while on the property or be excused by the property owner or any club official or instructor. Excessive barking will require the dog(s) be removed from the property.
9. Cigarette butts must be placed in the designated container.

## PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

I/we have read the rules and guidelines established for water trials as set forth in the PWDCA, Inc., *Water Trial Manual*, current for 2005 and have received and read the "Club Safety Rules" and above statement of conditions as provided for these water trials by the Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc. I/we agree and consent to obey and abide by all the rules and policies therein.

I/we agree that the Nutmeg Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc. has the right to refuse this entry or any entry for any cause(s) which it deems sufficient.

I/we accept full responsibility for the care of my/our dog(s) during the water trial.

I/we agree to hold the above-listed [clubs and organizations], [their] [its] members, directors, governors, officers, agents, judges, volunteer organizations, individual helpers, superintendents and/or show secretary(ies), the owner or lessor of the premises and/or any employees of the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of my/our dog(s) while in or upon the water trial premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto; and I/we personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claims.

I/we agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of my/our dog(s) by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog(s), whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage, or injury be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.

I/we hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself/ourselves, or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my/our participation in this water trial, however such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons.

Notwithstanding any of the above, in the event that I/we or my/our dog(s) suffer any damage, injury, illness, or loss (including the death of my dog(s)), during the water trial or am in any way involved in any other party's claim of damage, injury, illness, or loss during the water trial, I/we agree to arbitrate the claim according to the rules of the American Arbitration Association. I/we further agree to arbitrate any question of whether any such claim is subject to such arbitration. I/we agree that any such arbitration shall take place at an agreed upon site in the greater Stamford, Connecticut area within 45 days of the incident giving rise to the claim, or at such other place and time as the arbitrators shall agree. I/we agree that I/we will pay a pro-rated share of the costs of any such arbitration.

## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

### PWDCA Water Trial

**Saturday August 27th, & Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

Please complete ONE form for EACH dog entered. Checks made out to Nutmeg PWD Club, Inc  
Entry Fee: Junior Certificate Test: \$25.00 Title Levels: \$35:00

Mail entries to: Mrs Jane Freeman, 134 Brush Hill Rd, Lyme, CT 06371  
860.434.0096

Closing date: 5 pm, August 5, 2005

#### Saturday Entry

- Jr. Certificate
- Apprentice
- Working
- Courier
- Courier Excellent
- Versatility
- Non-Regular Entrv

#### Sunday Entry

- Jr. Certificate
- Apprentice
- Working
- Courier
- Courier Excellent
- Versatility
- Non-Regular Entrv

Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC# \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Handler: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PWCA & AKC Recognized Titles: \_\_\_\_\_

Substitute Steward(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Own Equip. Yes  No

I hereby certify I am the actual owner of the dog or duly authorized handler for the actual owner whose name has been entered above. I have read and agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side as well as the stipulations contained in the premium list plus any directive received from any official involved in staging the event. I certify and represent that the dog entered is over 6 months of age (at the time of the Trial) and is not a hazard to persons or other dogs.

Signature of Owner/Handler: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Substitute Steward: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_