

Welcome to 2017!

What a great summer of Conformation and Performance wins for so many of our members and their wonderful PWDs! Congrats to all!! The Board has been working hard to enhance our Club. We have developed a new set of By-laws that will be easier to follow and implement. We first need to attain AKC approval, and then we will put them to vote with our members.

2017 is going to be an exciting year, with many activities and opportunities to contribute your time and skills, meet other PWD enthusiasts and have a great time! These include important breed eye-health screenings, regional and national events, breed specific water training and trials, and workshops. All of these promise to be fun events for sport, socializing, and supporting our club. Below you will find dates and information on scheduled events – mark your calendar! Check the website for updated information as all final plans come together.

Letters have gone out to all members with a reminder of your status, and dues. Deadline for dues is January 31,2017. If you need to make any changes to your membership or contact information, please do so when you remit your dues.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who contributed their time, energy, expertise, and most important – good humor - this past year. We are going into 2017 stronger than ever! I cannot stress enough that this club is successful because of the commitment of our members – events and sponsorships cannot happen without your help, and we are counting on you.

I hope you are all having a wonderful – and busy! – time with your pups! We have such a wonderful and enthusiastic breed and it is a privilege to have them in our lives. Packet makes me smile every day.

Sally

WINTER 2017

Festivus!, January 29,2017 1-4PM

Performance Plus, Raynham, MA

Annual meeting, potluck dinner, vendors, educational clinics, puppy parade and more. CERF (eye exam) conducted by Dr. Stephanie Pumphrey, DVM, DACVO.

AKC “A” Matches

Winter 2017, dates TBD

Location, TBD

First of two “A” Matches. Completion of two “A” Matches will allow our club to hold a Regional Specialty in 2018. More details to follow.

SPRING 2017

Dry Dock Water Workshops

Spring, 2017, dates TBD

Location, TBD

The Water Committee, lead by Karen Ash, is hosting two Dry Dock Workshops in preparation for summer Water Camp, Training and Trials. Valuable for both experienced and inexperienced teams. If you want to learn more about Water Work, these workshops are essential! And fun!

SUMMER 2017

Ladies Dog Show, June 3 & 4

Cracker Barrel Fairgrounds, Wrentham, MA

Contact: Paula Markiewicz, dandelionpwds@gmail.com

The Conformation Committee, lead by Paula, is working on our Supported Entry in the show.

Help Needed: basket raffle & trophy donations. Trophy donation deadline December 10.

Contact Paula if you wish to participate.

Water Camp, June 17 & 18

YMCA Camp Lyndon, Sandwich, MA

Contact: Karen Ash, saltydawgpwds@gmail.com

Water training for beginners and advanced teams. Board Meeting and Member Meeting on Saturday afternoon followed by a BBQ. Limited cabins available on site. More details to follow.

FALL 2017

PWD National Specialty, September 8 - 15

Crown Plaza Hotel, Warwick, RI

Co-sponsored by Mayflower PWD Club, PWDs Northeast and Nutmeg PWDC. Our dogs will compete with PWDs from across USA and Canada in all phases of Conformation and Performance. We have not hosted a National event since 2008 and will need everyone to pitch in! To get an idea of the size and scope of this incredible opportunity, check out the 2016 event at <http://www.pwdcaspecialty.org> More details to follow.