



THE
TAILWAGGER

Art by Karen Wood on twitter @KarenWoodArt

“All his life he tried to be a good person. Many times, however, he failed. For after all, he was only human. He wasn’t a dog.”

Charles M Schulz (cartoonist, “Peanuts”)

Upcoming Events

Friday May 26th

Spokane Kennel Club Obedience Trial & Rally Trial

Spokane Country Fair & EXPO Center



Saturday May 27th

**Spokane Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show,
Obedience Trial & 31st Rally Trial**

Spokane Country Fair & EXPO Center



Sunday May 28th

All Breed Dog Show, Obedience Trial & 32 Rally Trial

Spokane Country Fair & EXPO Center



June 2 – 4th

GSSSC Agility Trials

Spokane Fairgrounds



June 9 – 11th

UKC Obedience Rally Trials

Lilac City Dog Training Club



June 23 – 25th

AKC Scentwork Trials

SDTC



June 30 – July 2nd

All Breed Agility Trial

Spokane Agility Club

July 8 – 9th

All Breed Agility Trial

SDTC



July 28 – 30th

GSSSC Obedience/Rally

SDTC



August 11 – 13th

Agility Trials

SDTC



IECC SPRING EVENTS

Conformation Specialties and All Breed Obedience/Rally Trial

By Suzanne Schwab

Our annual Conformation Specialties and Obedience/Rally trials held in Moses Lake on April 14 gave many of our members a chance to show off their gorgeous collies. We had a total of 117 entries for our two conformation specialties, and member Melinda Barber got to take home the big Best of Breed prize for her gorgeous rough male GRCHS Moxie's Rocknrolla IT (known to his many fans as Caper) at the afternoon specialty. Of course, lots of work goes into putting on this big show. Linda Ward worked on the specialty throughout the year, hiring judges, applying to AKC to hold the event, coordinating with the Ephrata-Moses Lake Kennel Club and the Grant County Fairgrounds to hold the event, being the club contact with our event superintendent (Baray Dog Shows), managing the finances, and ordering ribbons, and helping with ring clean-up after the shows were over. In addition, this year Linda also took on the added task of setting up the lovely display table in memory of long-time member Joan Meagher. The table displayed some great photos of Joan and her collies over the years, and it was a pleasure to see Joan's husband and long-time supporter Michael, and Joan's daughter Shannon at the specialty. Tanya Ward helped with transport of all the challenge trophies, ribbons and other show stuff to and

from the specialty, and with set up and tear down of the display tables after the shows were over. Eileen White worked with our vendor to provide a table full of gorgeous trophies, transported the trophies and set up the trophy table, and helped with ring stewarding. Suzanne Schwab was the chief ring steward. Sharon Holden purchased the judges' and ring stewards' lunches and arranged for their delivery to Moses Lake, and Sherry McCauley purchased and hauled beverages and snacks and set up our ring-side hospitality table, set up and cleaned up after the judges' and ring stewards' lunches, and along with Suzanne cleaned up the hospitality table after the specialty. Sherry, Suzanne, Ali Seeber, and Melinda Barber hauled tables and chairs and set up the potluck after the specialty, and Ali and Melinda organized our raffle and were persuasive and persistent in selling tickets. And speaking of raffles, a big thanks to our newest members Susi and John Czarnek for the donation of the beautiful, and highly coveted hand-made quilt for our raffle. Many hands contributed to the final clean up after the potluck: Linda, Tanya, Suzanne, Sherry, Ali, Melinda, and Teri Leitchy. Thank you one and all for your contributions to a day of collie competition and camaraderie.



IECC Tracking Dog Test

By Suzanne Schwab

Unfortunately, our long cold winter with fields covered with icy frozen snow did not provide the best conditions for getting out and training our tracking dogs this year. Luckily, tracking conditions were better on the west side of the state so we had a nearly full entry despite the limited number of local dogs ready to enter our April 30 TD and TDX test. Of 7 TD entries, we had 5 passes, and our 1 TDX entry made an excellent showing until she got fooled by a second cross track. Because of the complicated logistics of plotting test tracks, the ratio of helpers to exhibitors at tracking tests is always high. This year, Linda Ward hired judges, did most of the paperwork (event application, premium list, entry confirmations, catalog, event reports) and as chief tracklayer made sure everyone got to their tracks at the right times. Mauvorneen Daspit spent the night camping out in the boonies so that she could be on hand first thing in the morning to serve as our event secretary. Suzanne Schwab assembled and transported the 90-ish flags needed to mark the tracks, recruited and scheduled the small army of workers, helped

drive tracklayers to their destinations and laid our TDX track. Our TD tracklayers included Eileen White, and Sherry McCauley. Ric White was on hand both days to drive judges to the various tracks, and Eileen made sure we had our popular beer stein trophies on hand for the successful tracking teams. In addition to these club members, IECC is indebted to several non-members who also made very generous contributions of their time (and travel expenses) to help at our test. Sil Sanders came over from Stanwood WA, Tanja Klagge came down from Midway BC, Maggy Susman came over from Wenatchee WA, and Lori Crumpler made the trek from Newport WA to assist as tracklayers and cross trackers. Closer to home, Gene Daspit was everywhere on Saturday and Sunday driving tracklayers and judges, and helped manage entries prior to the test. *We are grateful to all our dedicated tracking enthusiasts for helping make us the only collie specialty club in the US to hold annual AKC tracking tests.* Here's hoping for a nice damp but relatively ice-free winter next year so that some of our local collies will be ready to partake in next year's event.

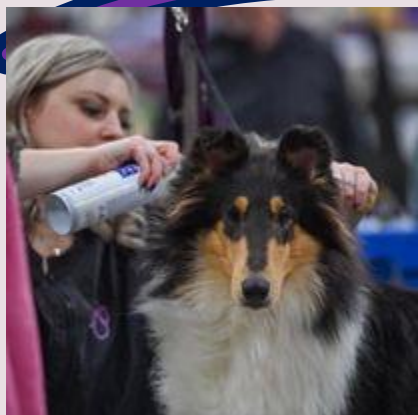


2023 Good Sportsmanship Award

This year's Good Sportsmanship Award goes to Allison Seeber!!

Ali owns and shows a beautiful rough collie named Huck. She also shows her beloved Shiba Inu, Wrex, and does so with outstanding success all while always being pleasant and kind and quick to smile. Busy, stressed or not, she will stop to answer questions about showing and do so with utter grace; Ali is consistently there to help anyone at the show. She's also Secretary of the club and volunteers at many other IECC events. And . . . she does alllll this while working and going to school! The quote she has on her Facebook page says a lot about who she is and why she has won the award this year:

"It's easier to hate than it is to learn. Choose to play on hard mode."



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

2023 Collie Club of America's Shining Star Service Dog Award

SINKONA'S DUTCH DREAM ISLE OF ARRAN - "Arran"

5 YEARS DOB: JANUARY 9, 2018

Sire: ENCORE'S TOUCHING THE SKY RN

Dam: GCH CH PACH UCDX Sinkona's Dream Catcher CDX BN GN GO RE HSAd HSAsM MSP6
MSPS MJP6 MJPS PAX MFP T2BP CA BCAT CGC GE - "Elsa"

Breeder's: Linda Marie Ward & Tanya A Ward

Owner: Linda Metz -The Netherlands



Arran is an assistance/service and support dog.

Linda Metz was born in 1968, three months premature and a difficult birth, leaving her with Cerebral Palsy which impacts her arms and legs.

Tasks Arran regularly preforms/items he retrieves:

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| <i>TV remote</i> | <i>Telephone/cell phone</i> |
| <i>Wallet</i> | <i>Walker</i> |
| <i>Hairbrush</i> | <i>Blanket</i> |
| <i>Leash</i> | <i>Harness</i> |
| <i>Mail</i> | <i>Pulling & Pushing</i> |



As a breeder I am extremely proud of Linda and Arran. This journey has been inspiring.



Corinne Boon of Encore Collies had Linda contact me when this litter was born. We had many conversations and video moments while the puppies developed. To say the very least, I was extremely tentative about sending a puppy to the Netherlands so far away. But

between Linda and Corinne, I felt that it was the correct thing to do, and this puppy was the right fit and had the testing that showed he met the health requirements. Corinne (Encore Collies) had Arran for 6 months through the required quarantine, giving him basic training and exposure to many things, while always keeping in contact with Linda and myself. But that was just the start of Arran's journey. When he arrived in the Netherlands, Linda was thrilled with him, and they hit it off right away. A true service/assistant dog can only become their best if trained correctly with the time and patience to make the team work. Linda has put in that time, patience, and training. They are constantly learning, training, and growing as a team. She always keeps Corinne and I updated.

Linda and her husband, Leo, travel all around Europe. Arran travels with them giving Linda unlimited independence. She has an electric wheelchair allowing her to go independently on



hikes with Arran. He works on and off leash, always checking in with Linda to make sure that she is safe as they explore the countryside together. They go to dog parks where he can be

just a "dog", interacting with other dogs, running and playing. But he is at her side immediately when asked. Arran's exemplary temperament shows as he gets along with any dog he encounters.

Linda and Arran have graduated from an intensive two-year service dog training program at Bulter's Mekke Assistance in Amsterdam and continually train as a team expanding his service work for her.

Arran can pick up anything that Linda drops, gently placing it back in her hand. This includes something as small and thin as a dime. He retrieves items as directed, his favorite, her smartphone! He assists Linda in removing boots, socks, pants, and shirts. He opens and closes the refrigerator retrieving specific items; opens and closes cupboards and drawers. He assists with laundry by placing dirty clothes in the washer, moving washed clothes into the dryer, putting dry clothes from the dryer into a basket.

Linda says, "As my Service Dog, Arran goes almost everywhere with me. To France, to Gravenzande with friends with physical disabilities. He adapts easily and his life motto is – the more the merrier! Anyone can walk him. He walks nicely and adapts himself. He can also handle a change of environment. Arran keeps me sharp. That's the collie way. We are always learning together; together we are a team. Arran enriches my life because he gifts my life with an everyday purpose. He is always there for me, with his lovely character. All of the rest he does for me, it's purely love and a bonus to make my life easier. I enjoy when Arran enjoys. One thing is certain, even on Holidays Arran helps me as much as possible with the tasks he has learned. What 2023 will bring us who knows?"

Aaron is a true Collie Ambassador, making friends everywhere he goes with his happy-go-lucky spirit and friendly nature. Arran is now an internationally recognized assistance dog. They were even featured in a magazine article!

I am extremely proud of this team. It is my honor that Linda and Arran earned the 2023 Collie Club of America Shining Star Service Dog Award.



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Dear Linda,

Thank you for your application and sharing your amazing story of you and your collie, Arran.

The Committee always has a difficult task choosing the Shining Star Ambassador because of many impressive applicants.

Even though you and Arran were not chosen as this year's Ambassador Team we want to acknowledge Arran by honoring him with the **SERVICE DOG AWARD**. A certificate of recognition will be sent to you under separate cover.

Sincerely yours in collies,

CCA Shining Star Committee:

Deborah W. Gates Co-Chair

Corinne Boon Co-Chair

Candy Ardizzone

Susie DeLorenzo

Candace Hunter

Jerry Sulewski

Celia Van Voorhis



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BRAGS

Tessa and Bobbie Rally Brags: 4th in Intermediate on Saturday and 1st on Sunday! Scoring a 99 to round off our Rally Intermediate Title!!

Storm and Rusty Brags: 1st in Advanced Rally on Saturday and 2nd on Sunday!

Isis and Elsa made the Bad Dog Agility for 2022. Isis is #5 and Elsa is #6. Look how close their times are.

16" Preferred

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	13.95	TC MACH2 PACH4 <u>Milkknock</u> Tri <u>The Next Chapter</u> VCD2 BN RE <u>HSA</u> ds <u>HSB</u> d <u>HIA</u> ds <u>HXA</u> d MXB2 MJC MXP14 MXPB2 PADP MJP13 MJPB2 PAX4 MFC TQX T2B5	N Bennett/M Sullivan	5.40	4.28
2	12.21	MACH4 <u>Milkknock's</u> Go <u>For</u> The Gold CD PCD RA MXB2 MJG2 MXP3 MXPB MJP4 MJPB MXF T2B3 SWE	W Watson/S Threlkeld	5.00	3.60
3	12.20	PACH4 <u>Colebrae</u> Belfair Investing <u>In</u> Forbes RA PT FDC MXP15 MXPS2 MJP16 MJPS2 PAX4 MFP T2BP3 CGCA	K Gustafson	4.66	3.77
4	12.12	<u>Snovalley</u> Dream <u>A</u> Little Dream MXP3 MXPB MJP3 MJPB MFPB TQXP T2BP2 CGC	K Farnsworth	4.79	3.66
5	11.85	CH <u>Snovalley</u> Silva <u>Sinkona</u> VCD2 BN GN RE PT MX MXJ MXP MJP2 MJPB OF T2B CA BCAT CGC	T Ward/L Ward	4.72	3.57
6	11.59	GCH CH PACH <u>Sinkona's</u> Dream Catcher CDX BN GN GO RE <u>HSA</u> d <u>HSA</u> sM MXP5 MXPS MJP6 MJPS PAX MFP T2BP CA BCAT CGC	L Ward/T Ward	4.37	3.61
7	11.55	MACH PACH Belfair <u>The River Tweed</u> RN PT FDC MXB MJS MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX NF SCA SIA SBA SHDN CGC	H Jorgenson	4.29	3.63
8	11.50	CH <u>Rubyglen</u> Sunset Skye's The Limit RN HT MXP MJP2 XFP T2BP RATN CGC TKN	D Williamson	4.70	3.40
9	11.44	<u>Atalanta's</u> Sunset AXP MJP MFP T2BP	A Schmauder	4.36	3.54
10	11.39	GCH CH MACH Deep River She's So Fine CD BN RE PT MXB MJS XF T2B	C Singleton	4.51	3.44

GCH CH PACH Sinkona's Dream Catcher CDX BN GN GO RE HSAd HSAsM MXP6 MXPS MJP6 MJPS PAX MFP T2BP CA BCAT CGC – Elsa

February Spokane Dog Training Club Obedience Trials – Utility A 1 place – her 1st Q and my 1st every Utility leg!

Ephrata-Moses Lake Kennel Club March Agility Trials – 2 Masters Standard Preferred Q's

Spokane Agility Club April Trials – 1 Masters Standard Preferred Q – Earned her MXP6 1 Masters Jumpers Preferred Q 2nd place

Puget Sound Poodle Club Agility Trials – 2 Masters Standard Preferred Q's both 2nd place.

CH Sinkona's Black Magic BN PT NAJ NF CGC - Ebony

February Spokane Dog Training Club Obedience Trials – Beginner Novice B leg & Titla

Ephrata-Moses Lake Kennel Club March Agility Trials – 2 Novice Fast Legs with a 2nd & 3rd and her NF Title 1 Open Jumpers Q

Spokane Agility Club April Trials – 2 Open Jumpers Q's with a 1st and 2nd place and Earned her OAJ Title.

CH Snovalley Silva Sinkona VCD2 BN GN RAE PT MX MXJ MXP MJP2 MJPB OF T2B CA BCAT CGC – Isis

Ephrata-Moses Lake Kennel Club March Agility Trials – 2 Masters Standard Preferred Q's 2 Masters Preferred Jumpers Q's one with a 3rd Place. Finished her Masters Standard Preferred Bronze title (MXPB) 2 Double Q's for the weekend.

Spokane Agility Club April Trials – 1 Masters Standard Preferred Q

Pudget Sound Poodle Club Agility Trials – 1 Masters Standard Preferred Q's 2nd place.

MACH PACH Sinkona's Sapphire Mountain Breeze UDX2 OM3 BN GN GO VER RM2 RAE2 MXB MJS MXP5 MXPS MJP5 MJPS PAX MXF T2B CA BCAT TKA – Bree

February Spokane Dog Training Club Obedience Trials – Earned her Rally Advanced Excellent 2 Title (RAE2)



Congratulations to Everyone!