



## **SPRING Into SPLASH AWAY WATER TRIALS**

**Two PWDCA Water Trials  
Hosted by the United Sunshine States PWD Club  
Saturday and Sunday June 25 – 26, 2022**

**Location of Both Trials:  
Pyne Road Park, West Point Lake  
4481 Roanoke Road, LaGrange, GA**

**Saturday: Master - Junior  
Sunday: Junior - Master**

**ENTRY LIMITED TO: The Greater of 35 Entries or 8 Hours Judging Time Per Day  
PRACTICE DAY: Friday June 24, 2022**

### **JUDGE:**

**Alan Reisdorf - Athens, GA**

### **PROVISIONAL JUDGE – SUNDAY**

**John Ellery – Temple, GA**

**ENTRIES OPEN **ON-LINE ONLY AT USSPWDC.org****

**8:00 am EDT May 23, 2022**

**ENTRIES CLOSE 5:00 pm EDT June 6, 2022**

**Day of Trial entries will be accepted if space available.**

**USSPWDC**



**SUMMER 2022**

## **United Sunshine States Portuguese Water Dog Club Host Committee**

John Brock - Trial Chairperson  
Lori Torriero - Trial Secretary – lorit43082@gmail.com  
Tom Leather - Chief Steward  
Judy Leather - Hospitality  
Lydia Moyer - Awards  
Amanda Ellery – Equipment  
Vickie Baker – Web Site  
Raffle/Auction – Nancy Vencill, Pam Oberst

### **Officers of USSPWD Club**

President - Lizette Wagoner  
Vice President - Karen Childers  
Secretary - Debbie Jackson  
Treasurer – Pam Oberst  
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### **PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB OF AMERICA 2022 Officers**

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**Directions to Trial Site:** The park is located at 4481 Roanoke Rd., Lagrange, GA 30240 (State Rd. 109). Enter the park and follow the directional signs to the trial site.

**Veterinarian:** LaGrange Veterinary Hospital, 1200 Lafayette Pkwy, LaGrange, GA 30241, 706-882-1063

**Emergency Vet:** Auburn University Small Animal Clinic, Auburn University, 334-741-7488

**Spring Into Splash Away Water Trial**  
**Hosted By The United Sunshine States Portuguese Water Dog Club**  
**Pyne Road Park, West Point Lake, LaGrange, GA**

**COVID Precautions**

COVID precautions will be taken in accordance with the guidelines issued by the State of Georgia at the time of the water trial. Those who feel comfortable wearing a mask are encouraged to do so.

**Judging Program and Notice to Exhibitors**  
**Judge: Alan Reisdorf. John Ellery, Provisional Judge (Saturday)**

**Judge's briefings will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday.** Judging will proceed in catalog order as determined by lot, except for bitches in season who will be judged out of order each day after all other dogs have been judged. Exhibitors whose bitches have come in season should notify the trial secretary or judge upon arrival at the site. Lunch and other breaks will be at the judge's discretion. The following is offered only as a guide to help estimate trial time.

<b>Junior:</b>	<b>6 per hour</b>
<b>Apprentice / Working:</b>	<b>4 per hour</b>
<b>Courier / Master:</b>	<b>3 per hour</b>

**Trial and Equipment Check-In** will be available as follows: **Friday 12:00 to 3:00, Saturday and Sunday 7:00 to 9:00 for late arrivals and move ups.** Please have your equipment checked as soon as possible.

All exhibitors, handlers and stewards are required to wear USCG approved life vests and protective footwear. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Teams earning a title on Saturday and wishing to move up on Sunday should complete a "Move Up" form, available from the trial secretary, as soon as the first title is earned.

The test area will be clearly marked, as will areas for spectators, crating of dogs and practice or warm up. Only the dog competing will be allowed in the test area. Dogs not in the test area must be on leash or crated and under control at all times.

**NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS**

The Water Trials will be held in accordance with the provision of the PWDCA Water Trial Manual 2020 edition. Copies of the manual may be downloaded free of charge from the PWDCA website ([www.pwdca.org](http://www.pwdca.org)).

**Eligibility:** Minimum age of handlers is 9 years old. Participants aged 9 through 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present at the trial site while they participate.

On each day a dog may only be entered and exhibited at one test level. Minimum age of dogs is six months old on the day of the Trial to enter the Junior Water Dog Level and one year of age to enter the Apprentice level, unless the dog has successfully passed the Junior Level.

A dog must have an Apprentice Water Dog (AWD) title to enter the Working Water Dog (WWD) level, a WWD title to enter the Courier Water Dog (CWD) level, and a Courier Water Dog Excellent (CWDX) title to enter the Master Water Dog level. A Junior Water Dog Certificate is NOT required to enter the AWD level (provided dog is over one year of age).

**Acceptance of Entries:** **ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON-LINE AT USSPWDC.ORG.** If you need assistance in completing the on-line entry, please contact Vickie Baker at [usspwdc4me@gmail.com](mailto:usspwdc4me@gmail.com). **Entries open at 8:00 am EDT on Monday May 23, 2022.**

**Your entry will be deemed as valid at the time PAYMENT FOR YOUR TRIAL ENTRY FEES, via Pay Pal or Credit Card, are received on the Club's website**

Each trial will close when the maximum number of entries for that trial is reached. **Entries must be received by the closing date, 5:00 pm EDT June 6, 2022, after which they may not be accepted, canceled, or substituted.**

**Wait List:** If entries in excess of the limits are received before the closing date, the excess entries will be assigned to a wait list.

**Refunds:** No refunds of entry fees or other purchases will be made after the closing date, **for any Reason.** Entry fees and other purchases will be refunded in full if you do not clear the wait list or if requested prior to the closing date; however, the refund will not be issued until after closing.

**Move-Ups:** A regular entry may be moved to a higher test level before either trial if the dog is eligible for the higher level. The Trial Secretary must be notified in writing by filling out a move-up form **at least one-half hour before judging begins for the day.**

**Non-Regular Entries:** Exhibition (FEO) entries will be accepted if either trial does not fill with regular entries. Day of trial entries will be accepted up to judging limits. If day of trial entries exceed available openings, entries will be chosen by random drawing.

**Substitute Stewards:** A handler may use his/her own substitute steward only in the circumstances as prescribed in the Water Trial Manual. **The substitute steward must complete a Substitute Steward Participation Agreement on-line at USSPWDC.org.** Substitute stewards must be familiar with and conduct themselves according to the applicable provisions of the Manual. The Trial Secretary must be notified of any change of Substitute Steward **at least one-half hour before judging begins for the day.**

**What to Bring:** Tents, crate(s), towels, chair(s), foul weather gear, sun protection, leash, water dish, dog food / treats, etc.

**Restrooms:** Portable bathroom facilities will be available at the site. Other restroom facilities are within a three-minute walk.

**Dogs on Leash:** Dogs must be kept on leash or confined to crates at all times, except when participating in a warm-up session or while being judged. **This will be enforced.**

**Practice Day:** Practice runs will be offered in 15-minute increments on Friday from 8:30am until 3:00pm (last slot 2:45). You must sign up on the USSPWDC.org web site. You can only practice dogs you are handling and are entered in the trial. You can sign up for only one spot. Stewards and rowers will be made available from volunteers on the day. **Please note there WILL NOT be a practice site during the trials.**

**Order of Judging and Judging Program:** The order of judging within each test level will be determined by a random drawing on or about June 9, 2021. A judging program containing the days' tentative event schedules and order of judging teams will be e-mailed to each entrant. The order of judging of test levels will be: **Saturday - Master Water Dog, Courier Water Dog, Working Water Dog, Apprentice Water Dog, and Junior Water Dog; Sunday - Junior Water Dog, Apprentice Water Dog, Working Water Dog, Courier Water Dog, and Master Water Dog.**

For the Saturday trial, a coin toss during the Master Judge's briefing will determine which Package, A or B, will be performed for Master Water Dog. For the Sunday trial, the package that was not performed on the Saturday trial, will be performed.

**Bitches in Season:** Bitches in season will be judged at the end of each day after all other dogs have been judged. The owner or handler of any such bitch must notify the trial secretary of the bitch's condition before the start of the day's judging. Bitches in season must be housed in the handler's car except during a practice or competition run. Handlers may not bring bitches in season to the test area or the surrounding area until they are instructed to do so by the judge or the judge's designee.

**Awards:** Ribbons will be awarded for each qualifying performance at all levels including FEO entries. In addition, club mementos will be given for all new Titles or Certificates earned as well as all qualifying legs towards a Title.

**The Following Special Awards are also being provided by the Club for Members Only:**

**The Meg DeFore Apprentice Water Dog Award:** In honor of Meg DeFore, a founding member of the Club. At the Saturday Trial a Special Award will be given to the Member's Apprentice Water Dog who, in a qualifying run, completes the 5 exercises in the fastest total time. FEO entries are not eligible.

**The Max-A-Million Memorial Award:** In memory of Max-A-Million Leather who was the 1st USSPWD Member's dog to achieve a CWDX title. At the Saturday Trial a Special Award will be given to a Member's Courier Water Dog who, in a qualifying run, completes the Shore Line Retrieve (2nd exercise) and the Buoy Ball Placement (5th exercise) in the fastest combined time. This award is only available to dogs who are working on their CWD or CWDX Titles. FEO entries are not eligible.

**The Amazing Ace Master Water Dog Award:** In honor of Amazing Ace who was the 1st dog ever to earn a MWD leg. At the Saturday Trial a Special Award will be given to a Member's Master Water Dog who, in a qualifying run, completes the 5 exercises with the fastest combined time. This award is only available to dogs who are working on their MWD Titles. FEO entries are not eligible.

**LODGING:**

**Home 2 Suites by Hilton**  
**120 Timberwolf Drive**  
**LaGrange, GA 30240**  
**706-668-5175**  
**Special Code: PWG**

**USSPWDC Special Rate: \$129.00+tax per night - NO PET FEES (Usually \$100 per night)**

The hotel is new with very up to date rooms and amenities, including breakfast, and has lots of green space for dog walking. It is approximately 15 minutes from the trial site.

Call the hotel directly at the number above and identify yourself as part of the PWD Group.

**The special rates are available until June 1st after that current rates plus pet fee will apply. Reservations can be cancelled up to 24 hours prior to planned stay.**

**RV Accommodations:** RV sites are available at Pyne Road Park, West Point Lake 4481 Roanoke Rd, LaGrange, GA. Call Jack Kleeman at 706-594-7586 to reserve a space.

**Please complete the on-line entry forms for Volunteer Positions and Meals, T-Shirts, and Raffle/Auction Items at [USSPWDC.ORG](http://USSPWDC.ORG).**

**VOLUNTEERS:** We would not be able to host and run our Water Trials successfully without our volunteers doing everything from site set-up / tear-down, hospitality, rowing, stewarding and much more. **Please volunteer for at least one position or more during the trial.**

**MEALS:**

**Breakfast: Dunkin' Donuts** coffee and donut holes will be available on Saturday and Sunday.

**Lunches: Friday** pizza lunch will be provided to all attendees, courtesy of the USSPWD Club.

**Saturday and Sunday Lunch** will be available for purchase with a variety of choices, in addition to chips, cookie / brownie and soft drink. Please see selections and cost on the website.

**Saturday Southern Buffet Dinner with Raffle and Auction:**

Dinner Location: Taste of Lemon Restaurant, 204 Morgan Street, LaGrange, GA. The restaurant is an old church, first built in 1889 as The First Methodist Episcopal Church. It now houses The Taste of Lemon in downtown LaGrange. See the website for more information and cost.

Raffle and Auction: A raffle basket drawing and merchandise auction will be held in conjunction with the Saturday Southern Buffet Dinner. Tickets will be sold at the dinner. **Donations of raffle items and auction items, both dog and human related, are appreciated. Please indicate you will be bringing a raffle or auction item on the on-line entry form** and bring any suitable items with you to the dinner. All proceeds will go directly to the club and support donations to PWD Health Issues.

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Olaf and Diane Christein are back!!! They will be taking photos both days of the trial. Photos are \$50 per run and need to be paid for in advance. Teams will receive their photos by USB drive within 2 weeks after the trial.

**EVENT T-SHIRTS:** We are offering Spring Into Splash Away T-Shirts in women's and men's styles. Please see the detailed information listed in the t-shirt section of the water trial entry on USSPWDC.org. The graphic was created by David Wenzel.

**NOTICE ON DOG AGGRESSION:**

USSPWD Club will follow the guidelines set forth in the current PWDCA Water Trial Manual which specifies:

**Excusals:**

A judge SHALL excuse any dog that, in the opinion of the judge: Menaces, threatens, or exhibits any sign that it may not be safely approached in a normal manner by the judge or official trial stewards. **Signs may include growling, showing or snapping its teeth, and rolling its eyes.**

**Disqualifications:**

By Event Committee:

Any dog, in the opinion of the Host Water Trial Committee, that attacks a person or another dog at a sanctioned water trial warm-up day or during the actual trial, and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified by the Event Committee.

By The Judge:

A judge SHALL disqualify any dog, in his or her opinion, that attacks any person in the ring, or leaves the ring to attack anyone else or another dog. **An attack is defined as a bite or an attempt to bite anyone, including its own handler, without valid extenuating circumstances, for example accidentally play biting.**