



## **DIVE Into SPLASH AWAY WATER TRIALS**

**Two PWDCA Water Trials  
Hosted by the United Sunshine States PWD Club  
Saturday and Sunday October 8 - 9, 2022**

**Location of Both Trials:  
Lake Keowee  
High Falls County Park  
671 High Falls Road, Seneca, SC 29672**

**ENTRY LIMITED TO:  
The Greater of 35 Entries or 8 Hours Judging Time Per Judge, Per Day**

**PRACTICE DAY: Friday October 7, 2022**

**JUDGES:  
Frank Cardillino – Cambridge, MD  
Cindy McCullough – Houston, TX  
Provisional Judge both days (under Cindy McCullough) – Sue Lefebvre**

**ENTRIES OPEN **ON-LINE ONLY AT [USSPWDC.org](http://USSPWDC.org)**  
8:00 am EDT August 29, 2022**



**ENTRIES CLOSE 5:00 pm EDT September 12, 2022**

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

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

John Brock - Trial Chairperson

Marilu Novy - Trial Secretary – overlook3pwd@gmail.com

Tom Leather - Chief Steward

Judy Leather - Hospitality

Vickie Baker – Web Site

Additional Assistance Provided by:

Amanda Ellery - Equipment

Nancy Vencill, Pam Oberst - Raffle/Auction

Awards - Lydia Moyer

Zac Crump - Communications

**Officers of USSPWD Club**

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Treasurer – Pam Oberst

Directors – Lori Torriero, Zac Crump, Leigh Stafford

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**Directions to Trial Site:** The park is located at High Falls County Park, 671 High Falls Road, Seneca, SC 29672. Enter the park and follow the directional signs to the trial site.

**Veterinarian:** Walhalla Vet. Hospital: 314 South Hwy #11, West Union SC 29696. Ph: 864-638-5436

**Emergency Vet:** Upstate Vet. Emergency and Specialty Care, 393 Woods Lake Rd., Greenville, SC 29607. Ph: 864-233-7650

**Dive Into Splash Away Water Trial**  
**Hosted By The United Sunshine States Portuguese Water Dog Club**  
**High Falls County Park – Seneca, SC**

**Judging Program and Notice to Exhibitors**  
**Judges: Frank Cardillino and Cindy McCullough**

Judges' 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 judges' discretion. The following is offered only as a guide to help estimate trial time.

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| <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 2:00, 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 per the PWDCA Water Trial Manual. 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 2022 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 August 29, 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 September 12, 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 if you do not clear the wait list. If you pull your entry before the closing date you will receive a refund less a \$3.00 handling fee. All refunds will be issued 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 **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:** Public restrooms are available for all participants.

**Dogs on Leash:** Dogs must be kept on a **6-foot (or shorter)** leash or confined to crates at all times, except when participating in a warm-up session or while being judged. No flexi-leads will be allowed on the trial site grounds. **These rules will be enforced.**

**Practice Day:** Practice runs will be offered in **10-minute increments** on Friday from 8:00 until 2:00 (last slot 1:50). You must be present to sign-up, and you can only practice dogs you are handling and are entered in the trial. You can sign up for only one spot per dog. A sign-up sheet will be available; please indicate how many boats you will need and if you will need a land steward. Steward and rowers will be made available from volunteers on the day.

**Order of Judging and Judging Program:** The order of judging within each test level will be determined by a random drawing on or about September 14th, 2022. 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: OCT. 8 Blue Site- Master, Courier; Red Site- Working, Apprentice and Junior with order reversed on OCT.9. This schedule is subject to modification depending on entries.**

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. This award is only available to dogs working on their AWD Title and who have not previously won this award.

***The Working Water Dog Award:*** At the Saturday Trial a Special Award will be given to the Member's Working Water Dog who, in a qualifying run, completes the 3 Article Overboard Exercise in the fastest time. This award is only available to dogs who are working on their WWD or WWDX Titles and who have not previously won this award.

***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 and the Buoy Ball Placement exercises in the fastest combined time. This award is only available to dogs who are working on their CWD or CWDX Titles and who have not previously won this award.

***The Amazing Ace Master Water Dog Award:*** In honor of Amazing Ace - 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 all MWD dogs who have not previously won this award.

## PET-FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATIONS in Seneca for 2022

### HOST HOTEL:

#### **The Comfort Inn & Suites – Clemson**

1305 Tiger Blvd, Clemson, SC

15 miles from site.

SPECIAL RATE: \$86 + tax per night plus a one-time only pet fee of \$25

CODE: USS Portuguese Water Dog

Rooms at above rate: Wednesday October 5 through Monday October 10 - CALL: 1-864-653-3600

### OTHER OPTIONS:

#### **The Quality Inn**

226 Hi Tech Road

Seneca, SC - 13 miles from site

For Reservations: Call 864-888-8300.

#### **Days Inn**

11015 N. Radio Station Road

Seneca, SC – 13 miles from site

For Reservations: Call 864-885-0710

**RV RESERVATIONS:** To rent an RV: [RVSHARE.com](http://RVSHARE.com)

**RV/Camping Sites at High-Falls County Park** - site of the trial.

91 Sites - 20 or 30 amp service (some 50 amp sites) and water - Dump Station

**South Cove County Park** - 12 miles from trial site

1099 South Cove Road, Seneca, SC

86 Sites - 20, 30 and 50 amp service and water - Dump Station

**Call Reserve America at: 1-855-622-6727 or go to [reserveamerica.com](http://reserveamerica.com) for reservations.**

**Please complete the on-line entry forms for Volunteer Positions, 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:** coffee and a variety of breakfast foods 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:**

**Saturday:** TACOS: 2 flour tortillas or 2 corn tortillas CHOICE of one: Beef, Chicken, or Black Bean. CHOICE of one: Mild Red Salsa or Medium Salsa Verde



**Sunday:** SUB SANDWICHES: Served with Lettuce & Tomato CHOICE of one: Ham, Turkey or Roast Beef CHOICE of one: Cheddar or Provolone cheese. VEGETARIAN: Gluten-free Pasta Salad with chickpeas, carrots, tomatoes, zucchini and squash with Italian Vinaigrette and dinner roll

**Lunches will be served with chips, cookies, brownies and \$15 per lunch.**

**Meet the Judges:** Friday October 7th 5:30pm, Vickie and Greg Baker will host a Meet the Judges reception at their home in Seneca, SC.

**Saturday October 8, 6:30 pm** <sup>Banquet</sup> **Auction and Raffle:** at the Lighthouse Restaurant 1290 Doug Hollow RD Seneca about 20 minutes from the park. Banquet Dinner includes a full cash bar, chicken selection, vegetarian lasagna and a carving station. Plus salad, desserts and coffee. The evening will also include Water Trial Awards presentations, a basket raffle and auction.

**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:** Frederick Choi is back!!! He will be taking photos both days of the trial. Photos are \$50 per run and need to be paid for in advance.

**EVENT T-SHIRTS:** We are offering ladies and unisex limited edition USSPWDC t-shirts featuring custom artwork. Please see the detailed information listed in the t-shirt section of the water trial entry on USSPWDC.org. The artwork was created by David Wenzel.

