



Winter Newsletter February, 2019

Greetings from Idaho! I imagine like me, you are about tired of rain and snow and ready for warmer weather. We all have that itch and now's the time to brainstorm what we'd like to accomplish in the coming year. I for one would like to see us grow our membership this year and share the fun we have with these remarkable little white dogs. There are lots of exciting ideas out there and we would love to hear from you.

I recently had two lovely litters of puppies. I bring this up because I had the opportunity to talk to lots of different people. I was struck by the sheer numbers of folks with interest in the Jack Russell Terrier. Some had lost a beloved old JRT and was looking for another. Others were simply looking for a healthy companion or like potato chips, just one more JRT to add to their packs. Most had no idea about the JRTCA or that there is a Tri-State Club. They have never hunted their dogs, attended a trial or even had the pleasure of attending a play day. I recall attending my first trial in 1997. I was so intimidated and had no idea what I was doing or what to expect. It would be 20+ years before I ventured to another. That said, I challenge each of you to reach out to that newbie. Bring them to the trial, help them learn about showing or better yet host a play day. We have folks willing to help and we have equipment to lend our members, we just need someone to take the initiative to organize it.

PLAY DAY: The Idaho Contingent will be hosting a play day in Emmett, ID on May 5th. This is a great chance to learn about the different events. We will be offering racing, GTG, Brush Hunt and Conformation Handling. For more information contact Lynn Hawley at lynn@forgetmenotJRT.com or Susan Getty at gemdandyjrt@gmail.com

RAINIER HUNT CLASSIC XXXIV & XXXV: We are gearing up for the Rainier Hunt Classic. This year's trial is scheduled for July 6-7 again at the Southwest Washington Fair Grounds in Chehalis, WA.

We are excited to announce our judges: Lynn Clough from the UK and Ursula Schwalbe from GA will be our conformation judges. Connie McKee and Cristine Camp will judge GTG and SE, Aaron Pearson will judge T&L, Mary Hamilton will be our Racing Judge, Tara Cozad will once again judge Brush Hunt and Dawn Runk will create and judge our Rat Race Division. We are looking into building a Tri-State owned Thunder Tunnel and possibly doing a Training Day on Friday before the trial. The Training Day would cover Racing 101, Introduction to Quarry, GTG and Conformation Handling. This would be geared to novice handlers and/or novice dogs. If the training day is something you are interested in or would like to help with it, please contact Tara Cozad.

BARKBUCKS: New this year, as a special thank-you to all trial participants, Saturday awards will include Tri-State BarkBucks, redeemable at the BarkPlace Market on Sunday. The market will include dog and human snacks as well as valuable merchandise you can purchase. If you bake, bring a goodie to share or if you have items you wish to contribute, please bring them with you, we will put them to good use.

TRIAL PREMIUM: The Trial Premium is a work in progress. Ads are: \$40 for a full page, \$20 half-page, \$10 quarter page and \$5 for a business card. Please contact Deanna Gillette at plrjacks@gmail.com, she can help you with the ad. Payment can be made via the Tri-State PayPal button on the Web Site WWW.tristatejackrussellclub.com

HOTELS: We have reserved pet rooms at the Best Western (\$160, Suite, King or Double rooms #360-748-4040), the Motel 6 on Belmont (avg. \$75, King or Double rooms #360-330-2057) and the Lakeview Inn (Avg \$75, King or Double rooms #360-736-9344). You must call these hotels directly and tell them you are with Susan Getty Tri-State Jack Russell Terrier Club attending the Rainier Hunt Classic. Rooms will only be held until June 1st. We urge you to book your rooms early as Pet Friendly rooms are becoming difficult to find. The Holiday Inn Express is also pet friendly. I stayed there last year and it was very nice.

TRIAL PRIZES: We would like to support our Tri-State Crafters by purchasing prizes from them. If you are one, or know someone, please contact myself or Lynn Hawley. So far, we have heard from The Leading Lady, Glenwood Pet Awnings, Janine McClure, Kelly Steel, and Melanie Mitcham.

TRIAL DINNER AND GENERAL MEETING: We will once again have an on-site dinner and this year we are planning to have our Annual General Meeting in conjunction with it. However, we need someone willing to coordinate the dinner. If you know of a good caterer and/or would like to volunteer, please let us know.

FUND-RAISING: In the Fund-Raising department we have been discussing raffling off a choice of a Henry Rifle or a Rumba Vacuum. If you have other ideas, we would love to hear them. Kelly Melberg has agreed to Champion this effort. We are still looking for someone to run the 50/50 raffle. We hope to offer the 50/50 both Saturday and Sunday at the trial as it's a good money maker for the club and also the winners.

Melanie Mitcham will Chair this year's basket raffle with proceeds going to the JRT Research Foundation and the JRTCA Museum. She has already gotten some wonderful donations and would welcome anything you could donate. Thank you goes out to Hyper-Pets for their generous donation of various feed bowls and indestructible JRT approved toys.

FINANCIAL STATUS: Dawn Kelley, Treasurer, provided the Board a detailed accounting of income and expenditures. We are pleased to be starting 2019 with over \$5,800 in our account. This is great considering we were able to put on a first-rate trial

in 2018 and pay off the new equipment and trailer purchased from Desi Timmerman. Kudo's to the outgoing Board!

WEB PAGE: Victor Steel has agreed to continue as our Web Master. He is in the process of making some updates to the site. With the Boards approval, we will now have a page listing JRTCA/TSJRTC Breeders. This will be a free service to Tri-State Members in good standing and hopefully will drive people in the Western Region to the Tri-State page. If you would like to be included, send your Kennel Name, contact information and a link to your website to Vsteel@victorsteel.biz. Once your membership is verified, Vic will see that your information is posted.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: If you have not renewed your membership, please do so. There is a link on the Web Site so you can complete and mail your application. We accept checks or you can pay your dues using the PayPal button on the site. And if you know someone, invite them to join us as well.

Happy tails until next time,
Susan