

TSJRTC Holiday Newsletter



Greetings Tri-State Members,

We hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well. To say 2020 has been a 'different' year would be an understatement. Many of us did not get a chance to play with our dogs at a trial, spend time with friends and family, or do any of the things we normally do throughout the year. However, we did get a chance to see the strength and resilience of our nation in the face of adversity, such that has not been seen before in our lifetime. It was encouraging to see so many pull together to support each other during difficult times.

As we wrap up 2020, we are planning for and notifying members of, our Annual General Meeting (AGM), scheduled for Saturday December 5th at 2:00 PM MT, to be held virtually using Google Meet. We'll be sending out emails with the details for joining the meeting via video or call in as soon as possible. This year also marks the end the 2-year terms of your current board. The board met on November 15th and discussed how to handle this year's upcoming election. It was suggested that given the circumstances of the year, we may have a difficult time recruiting members willing to run for an office. It was put forth to ask the membership if they would like to extend the current board's appointments for one year, thereby postponing the TSJRTC elections to the end of 2021, or move forward with an election in December. Your thoughts on this would be greatly appreciated. We will vote on this during the AGM.

Annual General Meeting Agenda:

- Treasurer Report
- Membership Report w/discussion of adjustment to membership length(s)
- Discussion of Rainer Hunt Classic 2021
- Discussion and Vote on board elections

Please make sure your 2020 membership is current in order to participate in and vote in the AGM. If you are unsure if you're a current member, please contact us so we can help you. Receipt of this notice does not indicate a current membership.

Plans are currently underway for the 2021 Rainier Hunt Classic, which is tentatively scheduled for July 10th & 11th 2021, and will again be at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, in Chehalis, WA. We are also planning a training/playday in Emmet, ID in March or early April. We'll have more details as the date gets closer. Volunteers are always needed, so if you would like to help, please let us know.

Due to the virus, there hasn't been much going on this year, however, some of our members got creative in looking for things to do to keep our active dog's minds busy while we were on lockdown. There was a Facebook group where you could submit video of your dog performing tricks, showing the trainability and versatility of these great little companions. The videos were reviewed by a "Do More With Your Dog" certified Judge and various titles were awarded. As an example, to earn a Novice Title the dog must proficiently perform at least 15 different tricks from a list of approved tricks to earn a Title. We saw dogs sitting pretty, rolling over, jumping from one platform to another, leaping through hoops and racing across the room to get into their crates. It's quite possible there isn't another breed who likes to show off as much as our beloved JRT's. Congratulations to Tri-State Club members: Tracy Anderson with Gem Dandy Murphy's Law for earning his Novice Title; Bonnie Cooper with Hunter Corner Snowstorm, Northwind Stormin'Norman, Northwind Fozzie Bear, Insequire Momento (aka Charm), and Conquest Mercy, all earned Novice Titles; Susan Getty with Forget-Me-Not Pedey, for earning his Expert Title and a TD-ROM for having offspring who have earned 10 or more titles; and Jude Carrelli with Bo, for earning his Champion Title, the highest most difficult title to achieve.

We did get to host one playday in June, as COVID restrictions were lifted in Idaho. We had about 45 dogs with their humans in attendance. We were able to raise over \$1,200 to have preventative maintenance performed on the club's equipment trailer. Special thanks to all that paid entry fees, participated in the 50/50 drawing, made donations, or bought one of Pat Hopkins beautifully hand-crafted stained-glass pendant necklaces. Rich Hopkins is quite the salesman and I believe sold over 20 necklaces. We played racing, GTG, Brush Hunt and new this year, Urban Hunting (Trailing and Locating). Our Urban Hunting course was loosely designed after Jacob Trullijos Urban Warfare, which many have enjoyed at the Colorado Trials. (We hope to offer Urban Warfare at the 2021 Rainier Hunt Classic). Our course included a trail of fox scent that led through downed pallets, brush and other obstacles to an animated fox pelt, complete with a fox in distress sound playing from a hidden Bluetooth speaker. Diamond Gates Jinx, owned by Chet and Donna Stewart, blew us all away with the overall fastest time/highest score of the day in this event!

As we close out this year, we would like to thank you, our members, for your continued support. Please remember, membership dues are payable on January 1, 2021. We look forward to seeing you all at the AGM and at our next trial!

We wish you all a very Happy & Safe Holiday Season!