

## 2009 Specialty Events

We are hoping that you will take the time to join us for some of our events that we have planned for both you and your dog(s). We would like to make this week a memorable week for all. Our goal is to provide education and fun through out the week.

**Bird Dog Match:** This match has been held in conjunction with the IWSCOPS specialty for a number of years. It is open to any IWS regardless of age or gender (yes altered IWS are allowed to show) provided they can qualify by retrieving a bird. Any IWS that already has any type of field title is pre-qualified and does not need to partake in the qualification event. This year the dogs will have the opportunity to qualify on Sunday, May 3 after the WC/WCX event. It is yet to be determined if we will have any opportunity to do last minute qualifications on Monday, the day of the Bird Dog Match.

Once the dogs have qualified they are entered into the match and that is run just like any other conformation event except for there are fewer classes and puppies are allowed. This year we will have some absolutely wonderful trophies. Best in Match will be a pottery lamp with an IWS motif. The other prizes will also be hand done pottery with IWS motif.

The judge will be Jack McDaniel. This is a casual and fun event and you could be thrown out of the ring if you and your dog are not having a good time. In previous years the entry has been 30-45 dogs. We highly encourage you all to consider joining us in celebrating our dogs doing what our dogs were bred to do.

**Costume Contest:** Another traditional event at IWSCOPS specialties has been the Costume Contest. We have only two categories; Youth and adults. It is people's willingness to participate that makes this such a fun event. There are no rules. You can put only your dog(s) in a costume or you can put both yourself and your dog(s) in a costume.

**Canine Carnival:** This is a new event for IWSCOPS. We held our first one in 2008. But everyone had such a good time we are going to offer a larger and more improved Carnival at the 2009 Specialty. This event will be held on Wednesday. Be looking for games like Musical Chairs and Tennis Ball Bobbing and many more. There will also be a "Pawcasso" booth for your dog to find the inner artist in it.

**Ice Cream Social:** On Sunday we will start out with an Ice Cream Social. At this time there will be a demonstration of the IWS Drill Team, Irishcapades.

**New Member Roundtable:** This will be for people to get to know more about both the IWSCA and the breed. Open to all. We encourage all IWSCA Members to attend as we will be looking for pairing of people for mentorship.

**Presentation by Patti Strand:** Tuesday we will have the pleasure of a short presentation by Patti Strand, AKC Board Member and NAIA director. This is a must attend if you are at all concerned about the future of the whole dog world. This presentation is eye opening. There are a number of different conceptions and misconceptions about what NAIA does. This is an opportunity for you to hear from the director and ask the questions you would like answers to.

**Canine Anatomy and Breeder's Roundtable:** Thursday there will be a presentation on canine anatomy by Hal Engel and a Breeder's Roundtable that will be open to all. Hal will also do private assessments of your dog by appointment. This will be an open format of discussion and will be driven by questions you ask.

**Thyroid Blood Draw:** Once again you will have the opportunity to have your dog's blood pulled to be sent in for the Thyroid Study. This is a good deal as the cost of the draw and the shipping is covered by the club. You need only pay the cost of the actual testing done on your dog.

**CGC Test:** This will be offered on Thursday. See additional flyer in this packet.

**Weather and Hospitality:** We will be making our choices on where hospitality will be set up depending on the weather. Argus Ranch offers a beautiful setting with many options but choices of how to use these options will often be decided on that day's weather.

**SUNDAY:** Bird Dog Tryouts and Ice Cream Social and presentation by Irishcapades

**MONDAY:** Bird Dog Match and Costume Contest and New Member Roundtable

**TUESDAY:** Presentation by Patti Strand

**WEDNESDAY:** Canine Carnival and Breeder's Roundtable with Hal Engel

**THURSDAY:** Thyroid Blood Draw and CGC

The above schedules are tentative. The events are not. And this schedule only reflects events that are not part of any scheduled show event or regular IWSCA meetings and gatherings