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The deadline for each month's issue is the first day of the preceding month.

Membership: Are You on the List?

This is the final call for membership renewal. The following names are members whose dues have been received. If you do not see your name here, please bring your dues to the May meeting, or send them to Marge Ruppel at 2391 Karen Lane, Snellville, GA 30036.

Regular membership is \$15/person; associate of \$12.50; and family is \$25 for regular or \$20 for associate.

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Lura Chacon

Lanier Deal

Tom Dickey

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Sheila Elwin

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Sue Hammerbeck

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Les Pekarski & Shirri Peak

Janet Pickney

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Marge Ruppel

Larry Shaw

Mark Steverson

Randy Tincer

Karen Turner

Doug & Chelle Vinson

Maurice & Mary Woulfe

Emi Yang

Current Associate Members

Katherine Armato

Carol Cox

Ellen Craig

Sabrina Magee

Suggest a Meeting Location

The May meeting will be held at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Marietta, rather than the usual Picadilly Cafeteria.



The base of our membership has shifted somewhat, and MAWA is now taking suggestions for new meeting locations.

We will probably try to alternate between the northwest side and the northeast side of town.

Make your suggestions at the next meeting, or email them to the editor at sheilaelwin@yahoo.com.





Whippet Events

May 10
June 14
August (Day TBD)

MAWA Meeting
MAWA Meeting
Annual MAWA Picnic

Newsnotes



Happy Birthday

• **ASFA Yahoo Group:** any member of any Region 7 of ASFA now has a Yahoo group discussion list. All club delegates are encouraged to join, as is

any member of any Region 7 club. Look for ASFAReg7 on the Group page of www.yahoo.com to join.

14-15 Maurice Woulfe
5-7 Dr. James Gray
5-7 Lanier Deal
5-16 Tom Dickey

BRAGS

LURA CHACON: My dog, Blake, Am., Int., Pr, Las Americas *Ch. Lurdie's Esprit d' Monet*, sired 2 litters in Puerto Rico. At the Caribe KC AKC shows, Tessa, Dariel's *Grotesque Art*, without benefit of show training, handling classes, or fun match shows, made her ring debut at the Caribe KC AKC shows the beginning of April.

She won the Bred By Exhibitor bitch class, and then proceeded to capture Winner's Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Breed, Hound Group 1, and topped it all off by going all-breed Best in Show under Dr. Robert Smith. That was any exhibitor's dream come true! Then the following day Tessa did it all over again and won her 2nd BIS and moved 2/3 of the way to her Championship by again winning Best in Show, this time under international judge, Mr. J. Becerra, accumulating 2 5-point majors from the Bred By class, undefeated for the weekend!

Congratulations to co-breeder/owners, the Arzuaga and Tofos families, co-handler, JoAquin, and loving, spoiling owners, Richy and Ricardo.



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“The Whippets” Change Surf Life Saving History



In Australia, surf life saving is a popular sport traditionally dominated by big men. After 90 years of dominance by big men, a team called “The Whippets” changed all that!

Because they average 50 pounds lighter and five inches shorter than the average surf boat rowing team, yet still are extremely fast, they became known as “The Whippets.” Like their canine counterparts, they don’t let size get in the way of speed and performance.

Australia was the first country in the world to have surf life saving clubs. They are highly trained volunteers who protect beachgoers from dangerous surf conditions, and have been responsible for saving thousands of lives over the years. The competitions test the skill and endurance of these teams.

Last year, “The Whippets” won the A Grade National Final, beating over 5000 other competitors from around the world!

Thanks to www.whippet.com for this information.

MAWA MINUTES

April 12, 2005

Present: Lura Chacon, chair; Sheila Elwin, Sue Hammerbeck, Janet Pickney, Marge Ruppel, Shirri Peak, Les Pekarski, Chelle Vinson, Doug Vinson

January minutes were read.

President’s Report: No report

Corresponding Secretary’s Report: Marge Ruppel reported that Emi Yang received a letter from the AKC about MAWA’s show request. The issue has been resolved.

Treasurer’s Report: February’s closing balance — \$5,174.08; closing balance as of April 12 — \$5,129.08.

COMMITTEES

Show: Regarding Emi’s letter from the AKC, Marge reported that Emi spoke with Randy Tincher, and the application was already filed.

Field Report: Sue Hammerbeck applied for dates. One was initially wrong, but was corrected. All dates were accepted. Region 7 has a Yahoo group for any interested. MAWA needs to find a chair, filed secretary, etc., for the Monday trial in September, currently scheduled for Conyers. However, Les Pekarski will investigate the Coweta County fairgrounds as a possible preferred site. If Coweta costs the same or is cheaper, the location will be moved there from Conyers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Constitution: Sheila Elwin will ask the AKC for the changes they suggested, which were lost in her hard drive crash.

Membership: Marge Ruppel reported 24 paid, regular members, and five paid, associate members. A final call will go out in the May newsletter. Sue Hammerbeck will check into fees for club incorporation.

Rescue: The Vinsons have a rescue whippet, Annie, a plump, five-year-old-ish “stray” found in Ellijay. She is a very alpha bitch, but is great with humans (clingy and loving); white with fawn coloring. The also have a whippet mix who is very scared of humans, but loves cats and dogs. Both are crate trained.

NEW BUSINESS

Picnic: Sheila Elwin will check on availability for the August picnic to be held in Pine Lake.

Meeting Locations: Suggested that we alternate restaurants for future meetings. The May meeting will be held at the Spaghetti Warehouse on Delk Rd., in Marietta.

Brag: Les Pekarski was featured in the *Performance Sighthound Journal* as a “living legend, aka the lord of lure coursing.”

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Upcoming Meeting:

NOTE NEW LOCATION



May 10, 2005

7:30 p.m. - Eat, Greet, & Meet

Spaghetti Warehouse, Delk Road Exit off of I-75

(just north of I-285)



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