

2018 Nationals Event Details

Wednesday, August 8th—Welcome Day

Welcome table starting 2:00 p.m. Come to the St. Croix Inn Lobby to check in, and to pick up your Welcome Bag and name tags. Also, sign up for the Welcome Pizza Party if you haven't done so already.

Judges Education Seminar

The seminar will be held at the St. Croix Inn, beginning at 2:30 p.m., and includes a presentation with a "hands-on" – an opportunity for the judges to go over some dogs. Members may attend, if there is room, and receive the education materials at cost – See Judges Education Seminar sign-up form.

Welcome Pizza Party (Free to Members)

Join us for a Pizza Party at 5:00 p.m. at the St. Croix Inn. Greet and meet your AWS friends from across the country! The club is sponsoring the party and will provide the pizza – cash bar. Join in the fellowship, food and auction. **WHAT TO BRING:** - wine, spirits, beer or other beverage representing your state for a fun auction. Please let us know if you're attending— See Meal Reservations sign-up form.

Health & Genetics Seminar

Join us at 7:00p.m. at the St. Croix Inn for an important seminar for our breed: "**Basic Genetics for the Responsible Breeder: Promoting Health and Vigor in a Small Gene Pool.**" Presented by Eva Furrow, VMD, PhD, Diplomate ACVIM; and Brian Husbands, DVM; both professors at University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine; Brian is an AWSC member and AWS owner.

DNA Sample Clinic

Following the Health & Genetics Seminar, at St. Croix Inn. See **AWS DNA Sample Collection Clinic Continues!** for further details. (*Not for dogs who were sampled at 2017 Nationals.*)

Thursday- August 9th - Specialty Day

The National Specialty Show will be held indoors at the Solon Springs Community Center, 11523 South Business Highway 53, Solon Springs. Grooming space and electrical outlets are available. See premium list for entry forms – online entry is available. Our show secretary: Gordon Show Secretary, 9122 Trevarthon Rd, Orlando, FL 32817, Tel: 407-657-0733, www.gordonshowsec.info If you do not receive a premium list by email, you can find it at www.gordonshowsec.info or americanwaterspanielclub.org/. **The closing date (date your entry must be received) is July 18th by 6:00 PM, EDT.**

Judges for the National Specialty are:

Ms Barbara L. Burns Juniors, Conformation, 4-6 Month Puppy
Dr. Stephen Bloom Puppy Sweepstakes
Ms Karen J. Anderson All Obedience & Rally Classes

The **sequence for judging** is obedience, rally, sweepstakes, junior showmanship, and then conformation. After the regular conformation event, we will hold the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy event. Entry forms found in Show Premium — See www.gordonshowsec.info

Canine Good Citizen, and Trick Dog —following the National Specialty Show. The evaluation will be held at the Solon Springs Community Center. The evaluator is Carolyn Kraskey, an AWSC member and AWS owner. See the **Canine Good Citizen and/or Trick Dog Info and Entry Form.**

Trash Duck Challenge — following the National Specialty Show, at the Solon Springs Community Center. A fun match for you and your dog —involving bumpers! You know they love them! See **Trash Duck Challenge!** for further details. No advance sign-up required.

DNA Sample Clinic

From 7:30 AM to 12 Noon, at Solon Springs Community Center. See **AWS DNA Sample Collection Clinic Continues!** for further details. (*Not for dogs who were sampled at 2017 Nationals.*)

(Thursday, Cont'd) AWSC Awards Banquet, National Photo Contest, Brown Bag Raffle —

The **Annual Awards Banquet** will be held Thursday evening at the St. Croix Inn banquet area. The Social Hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner following at 6:00p.m. See **Meal Reservations** on americanwaterspanielclub.org/ to make yours.

Club Awards will be announced.

National Photo Contest—The entries to the National Photo Contest will be displayed and voted on by attendees at the Awards Banquet. Remember to enter your favorite AWS photos. The People's Choice winner will be featured on the Spring 2019 **AWSC Review**. See details and entry form at **2018 AWSC MEMBER PHOTO CONTEST** on americanwaterspanielclub.org/.

Brown Bag Raffle and Auction- following Banquet

Raffle Tickets will be sold during the Social Hour. The club solicits from commercial concerns, but we need your contributions, too. Contact some of the businesses that you frequent and ask them to make a contribution. All contributors will be listed in the Fall 2018 AWS Review and on our website. To pledge your contribution, complete and send the **Raffle and Auction Donation Pledge Forms** to Mike Dismer at 233 E. Bell St., Neenah, WI, 54956, by July 18th. You can mail your donations to Patty St. Onge, 4831 S. Mill Loop Road, Maple, WI, 54854-9011. Auction items will also be offered in conjunction with other events. Please make your donation to the general fund of the club by contributing items for this event.

Friday & Saturday - August 10 & 11 — AWSC/AKC Hunt Tests

The **AWSC/AKC Hunt Tests** will be held at the Douglas County Bird Sanctuary, 13028 South Bird Rd., Gordon, WI. See **Maps, Directions, Lodging Info**. Check-in starts at 7:30 a.m.; Handler meeting at 7:45 a.m. The tests will start promptly at 8:00 a.m. For information and entry forms, see **Hunt Test/ Roustabout Premium List** at www.gordonshowsec.info **The closing date (date your entry must be received) is July 18th by 6:00 PM, EDT.**

The latest edition of "Rules and Regulations for AWSC Hunt Tests" may be downloaded from the AWSC website: <http://www.americanwaterspanielclub.org>. The AKC rules may be downloaded from the AKC website: <https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RHTSPN.pdf>.

Limited gate entries may be available depending on bird supply, weather, and time limitations. We strongly encourage you to enter by the closing date of July 18, 2018, to be assured a spot and to be listed in the catalog. Any entry received after the closing date will be considered a gate entry and an additional \$5.00 fee will be required. The drawing for running order will be held July 18th after 6:00 p.m. EDT at 9122 Trevarthon Rd., Orlando, FL, 32817. Details about the combined AKC and AWSC tests and entry forms may be found at www.gordonshowsec.info Online entries available.

Lunches will be available both days. See **Meal Reservations Form** on americanwaterspanielclub.org/ to reserve yours.

Puppy Hunt Tests after lunch on August 10th (Friday) at Douglas County Bird Sanctuary. For puppies 12 months or under. One land retrieve – c. 10 yards (or more at owner's discretion); one short water retrieve. See **Puppy Test Entry Form** on americanwaterspanielclub.org/.

Dinner, Auction, and Annual Meeting- August 10th (Friday)

St Croix Inn Banquet area. We will begin with Social Hour at 6:00p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. See **Meal Reservations Form** to make yours. Auction. The Annual Meeting will be held following dinner at 7:30 PM. Mike Zarlenga, our AKC Delegate, will make a short presentation concerning his attendance at the AKC Parent Club Summit, particularly the segment on "Breed Preservation," directed to breeds with small populations, like ours.

Youth / Junior Field Handling - August 11th (Saturday)

Douglas County Bird Sanctuary —after lunch. This event is for those under 16 years of age. Youth Division - ages 5 yrs to 10 yrs; Junior - 11 yrs to 16 yrs. The test will be similar to the Started Dog Test. There is no entry fee for this event, but you must pre-enter by July 18th to be listed in the catalog. See **Youth/ Junior Handling Event Entry Form** on americanwaterspanielclub.org/ Rosettes will be awarded.

Annual Buffet Dinner, Awards, Auction, AWSC Raffle Draw- August 12th (Saturday)

St. Croix Inn banquet area. We will begin with Social Hour at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Hunt test results will be announced. There will be quality items to be auctioned off. In the past we have had tickets to the Packers, special Brewers baseball tickets, AWS-themed art items, hunting and training gear, etc. Drawing for Winger/Electronics Raffle will be held. Don't miss it! If you would like to donate to the annual auction, see **Donation Forms**. See **Meal Reservation Form** on americanwaterspanielclub.org/

Sunday — August 12th — Roustabout

Roustabout—Check-in at 8:30 a.m. Event will start at 9:00 a.m. at Douglas County Bird Sanctuary. It is a fun event that simulates an upland game hunt. The 15-minute hunt consists of two gunners who each have only 3 shells, one AWS and 3 planted birds. It is a timed event that gives the hunter credit for unused time and shells, and for birds flushed, shot, and retrieved. Pre-entry by the closing date of July 18th is required. **No Gate Entries will be allowed.** Entry forms may be found at www.gordonshowsec.info **The closing date (date your entry must be received) is July 18th by 6:00 PM, EDT.** Online entries available.

Lunch to follow at 12:00 Noon.