

COME PLAY WITH BIGFOOT IWPA CHAMPIONSHIPS



**MAY 11 & 12, 2024
GRAND RAPIDS, MI**

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IWPA

INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION



Welcome to Grand Rapids, Michigan!

Region 6 would like to welcome everyone to Patterson Ice Center here in Grand Rapids, MI for the 2024 Championships.

We hope everyone will have a fun filled weekend, and it will be filled with lots of friendly competition and making many memories.

We will all enjoy watching some amazing dogs compete for medals and special awards on both wheels and snow.

There will be some fun awards handed out at the dinner on Saturday night along with the club special awards so please come and join us.

Also available there will be an opportunity for you to have your photo taken with our guest of honor "BigFoot". There will be props provided to make your photo special. You will need to provide the camera.

We look forward to seeing everyone. Good Luck to ALL!!!!

I would like to thank all my volunteers from Region 6 that have helped in so many ways to make this an event to remember. I would also like to thank all the volunteers at the site that make this event run smoothly. A Big thank you to Patterson Ice Center for hosting this event. So, if you see any of these people, please tell them "Thank you". Those 2 small words go a long way. I couldn't do it without all your help.

Carol Gerke
Region 6
Championship Host

A Message From The President

On behalf of the *IWPA* Board of Directors I would like to welcome you to the 30th Annual *IWPA* International Championships, Come Play with Bigfoot.

Thank you to our hosts, Carol Gerke and Region 6 for putting together this year's event. I have no doubt that it will be full of fun, good competition, and memories.

You have worked hard for your dogs to earn the privilege to compete this weekend. Congratulations to all of you.

As the weekend progresses be sure to thank your hosts. Also be sure to browse through the silent auction items, you're sure to find something. I hope you all left space in your vehicle to take stuff home.

So, without further ado let's get the weekend started. Good luck to everyone.

Terry Reed
IWPA President

Together we can build a better *IWPA*

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Your Championship Judges

Judge	Region	Petoskey, Michigan
Randolph Gerke – Chief	6	Grand Rapids, MI
Theodore Gerke	6	Grand Rapids, MI
Melissa Kehler	7	Woodbury, TN
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Stephanie Stoll	6	Lake City, MI
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Schedule of Events

At

**Patterson Ice Center
2550 Patterson Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546**

LODGING INFORMATION

Red Roof

5131 28th St
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
(616) 942-0800
Limit 2 dogs, <80 lbs., No Fee

Comfort Inn

4155 28th St., SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
(616) 957-2080
\$25/Pet/Night

Roadway Inn

4855 28th St., SE
Grand Rapids, MI
(616) 957-3000
\$20/Pet/Night

Campground Information

Ionia State Recreation Area
Yankee Springs State Park
(800) 447-2757

Friday, May 10th

Early Registration (\$20 USD/Dog) & Weigh-In	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Dinner & General Meeting	6:30 pm
Membership Meeting	Immediately After

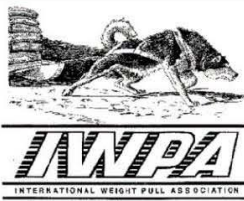
Saturday, May 11th

Registration (\$20 USD/Dog) & Weigh-In	7:00 am - 8:00 am
Handler's Meeting	8:30 am
Wheel Pulls Begin	9:00 am
Dinner & Awards Banquet	6:30 pm

Sunday, May 12th

Registration (\$20 USD/Dog) & Weigh-In	7:00 am – 8:00 am
Handler's Meeting	8:30 am
Snow Pulls Begin	9:00 am

On Site Camping Available for Self-Contained Camper Units at Patterson Ice Center



IWPA Record Holders

WHEELS/NATURAL SURFACE

Class	Dog	Handler	Region	Pulled	Breed	Location/Year
10	Monarch Joseph	Robbie Reed	9	295	Mixed	Estes Park, CO (2019)
20	Sanchez	Trent Vance	4	935	Pitter-Patt	Kalkaska, MI (2005)
35	Two Dogs	Larry McGee	3	2000	American Pit Bull Terrier	Greeley, CO (1997)
40	Gracie	Damon Keels	6	2135	American Pit Bull Terrier	Kalkaska, MI (2005)
60	Throttle	Jim Walters	9	3985	Mixed	Estes Park, CO (2019)
80	Sky	Chris Stock	9	3980	American Bulldog	Estes Park, CO (2015)
100	Chevy	Darryl Spauldin	4	4900	American Pit Bull Terrier	Cheyenne, WY (2001)
120	Maynard	Derrick Exstrom	9	4045	Rottweiler	Greeley, CO (1997)
125	Neebles	Mark Landers	9	3980	American Bulldog	Evans, CO (2007)
150	Delbert	Debbie Lee	7	3800	Alaskan Malamute	Estes Park, CO (2019)
Unl	Sly	Frank Wells	9	5395	English Mastiff	Greeley, CO (1997)

WHEELS/ARTIFICIAL SURFACE

Class	Dog	Handler	Region	Pulled	Breed	Location/Year
10	Chewy	Carol Dodds	7	307	Poodle	Grand Rapids, MI (2018)
20	Kora	Justo Montanez	11	1550	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	Cicero, NY (2014)
25	Obie	Courtney McDermott/ Eric Markson	5	450	Mixed	Grand Rapids, MI (2016)
35	Willey Makett	Anita Persinger	4	2030	American Pit Bull Terrier	St. Louis, MO (1995)
40	Lucy	Eli Landers	9	2090	Patterdale Terrier	Spokane, WA (2004)
60	Lyra	Jessica Joyce	11	3250	American Pit Bull Terrier	Cicero, NY (2014)
80	Dixie	Daryl Anderson	4	3810	American Pit Bull Terrier	Spokane, WA (2004)
100	Chevy	Darryl Spauldin	4	4700	American Pit Bull Terrier	Leavenworth, WA (2000)
120	Ox	Ron Poitras	5	4400	American Bulldog	Leavenworth, WA (2000)
125	Dezzy	Jenna Starr	11	4475	Greater Swiss Mountai Dog	Grand Rapids, MI (2022)
150	Delbert	Debbie Lee	7	4475	Alaskan Malamute	Spokane, WA (2017)
Unl	Tank	Darwin Lumbattis	3	6075	Mastiff	Grand Rapids, MI (2022)

IWPA Record Holders

SNOW/NATURAL SURFACE

Class	Dog	Handler	Region	Pulled	Breed	Location/Year
10	Monarch Joseph	Robbie Reed	9	42	Mixed	Estes Park, CO (2019)
20	Destiny	Philip Beauvais	8	275	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	Butte, MT (2023)
35	Swampdog's Diffy	Todd Pederson	7	440	American Pit Bull Terrier	Delaware, PA (1999)
40	Diamond Lil	Dean Mircos	9	930	American Pit Bull Terrier	Loveland, CO (2003)
60	Cody	Larry Brillart	11	1100	Siberian Husky	Loveland, CO (2003)
80	Eli	Bill Arndt	9	1130	Mix	Estes Park, CO (1994)
100	Shaq	Chris Stock	9	1700	Oklahoma Bulldog	Loveland, CO (2003)
120	Mack	Fred Jenson	9	1270	Alaskan Malamute	Estes Park, CO (1994)
125	Swampdog's Bugg	Todd Pederson	7	1500	American Bulldog	Loveland, CO (2003)
150	Moses	Mark Pickrel	11	1500	Alaskan Malamute	Loveland, CO (2003)
Unl	Chunka	Nathan Sellers	2	1390	Alaskan Malamute	Cheyenne, WY (2001)

SNOW / ARTIFICIAL SURFACE

Class	Dog	Handler	Region	Pulled	Breed	Location/Year
10	Chewy	Carol Dodds	7	90	Poodle	Grand Rapids, MI (2018)
20	Bridget	Jenny Cousino	6	425	Terrier	Kalkaska, MI (2005)
25	Ripper	Diane Krupski	6	135	Patterdale Terrier	Grand Rapids, MI (2016)
35	Jackie	Bob Bonacorsi	4	1005	American Pit Bull Terrier	Grand Rapids, MI (1998)
40	Honeysuckle	Rodney Martin	9	861	Norwegin Elkhound	Grand Rapids, MI(2018)
60	A.I.D.E.W.	Clay Fonvielle	8	1597	American Pit Bull Terrier	Grand Rapids, MI (2022)
80	Scout	Darwin Lumbattis	3	2161	Mixed	Grand Rapids, MI (2018)
100	Ranger	David Gallagher	5	2105	Alaskan Malamute	Enfield, CT (2010)
120	Bubbadog	Bob Bonacorsi	4	2630	Alaskan Malamute	Grand Rapids, MI (1998)
125	Hope	Richard Felice	9	2010	Mixed	Grand Rapids, MI (2022)
150	M.J.	Stephanie Pitz	6	2105	Saint Bernard Cross	Enfield, CT (2010)
Unl	Riddle	Joal Brisbois	6	2630	Mastiff	Grand Rapids, MI (1998)

2023-2024 Regional Medalists on Wheels

Region 2

80# Class

Gold Chase

125# Class

Gold Rona

Region 3

60# Class

Gold Baby

150# Class

Gold Queen Boudicca

Region 4

40# Class

Gold Jingle

150# Class

Gold St. Nick

Region 6

10# Class

Gold Bug

20# Class

Gold Stevie

Silver Dexter

Bronze Puck

40# Class

Gold Dragon

Silver Sheldon

Bronze Jesse

60# Class

Gold Magillacudie

Silver Hurricane Clyde

Bronze Juniper

80# Class

Gold Aspen

Silver Matilda Louise

Bronze Zeus

100# Class

Gold Duke

Silver Leo

125# Class

Gold Madd Maxx

Silver Cooper

150# Class

Gold Sage

Gold Rocky

Region 6 (cont.)

150# Class (cont.)

Silver Cooper

Bronze Riley

Region 7

20# Class

Gold Rebel Rose

Silver Felix

Bronze Tinker

40# Class

Gold Deuce

Silver Esmerelda

Bronze Cruella

60# Class

Gold Hudson

Silver Averi

Bronze Malcolm

80# Class

Gold Phoebe

Silver Hudson

Bronze Ursula

100# Class

Gold Balto

125# Class

Gold Cinder

Silver Lego

150# Class

Gold Magnus

Silver Block

Region 8

20# Class

Gold Magic Mike

40# Class

Gold Amara

60# Class

Gold A.I.D.E.W

100# Class

Gold Azai

Region 9

10# Class

Gold Monarch Joseph

Region 9 (cont.)

20# Class

Gold Ruby Mae

Silver Baron Benjamin

Bronze Magnus

40# Class

Gold Lily

Silver Spider

Silver Kai Bear

Bronze Willow

60# Class

Gold Midus

Silver Dexter

Bronze Molly

80# Class

Gold GrimmLoc

Silver Firefly

Bronze Princess Mary

125# Class

Gold Big Head

Silver Draco

Bronze Cache

150# Class

Gold Countess Keturah

Region 11

60# Class

Gold Sebastian

80# Class

Gold JoJo

Silver Miley

100# Class

Gold Pepper Potts

Silver Wanda

Bronze Xela

125# Class

Gold Dezzy

Silver Yeti

Bronze Han Solo

150# Class

Gold Rhoda

Region 13

60# Class

Gold Zuka

Silver Milenko

Region 14**60# Class**

Gold Qui-Gon Jinn
Silver Caedus
Bronze Kali

Region 14 80# Class

Gold Katara
Silver Aloy
Bronze Jypsy

Region 14 (cont.)**100# Class**

Gold Evolution's Draken
Silver Neron

Region 18**40# Class**

Gold Jinx
Silver Kovu
Bronze Joy

60# Class

Gold Ripley
Silver Koda
Bronze Jipsi

2023-2024 Regional Medalists on Snow

Region 3**60# Class**

Gold Baby
Silver Paige

80# Class

Gold Grunt

150# Class

Gold Queen Boudicca

Region 6**10# Class**

Gold Bug

20# Class

Gold Dexter
Silver Stevie

40# Class

Gold Dragon
Silver Sheldon
Bronze Jesse

60# Class

Gold Hurricane Clyde
Silver Magillacudie

80# Class

Gold Aspen

100# Class

Gold Duke

125# Class

Gold Madd Maxx
Gold Cooper

Region 6 (cont.)**150# Class**

Gold Rocky
Silver Sage

Region 7**20# Class**

Gold Felix

40# Class

Gold Esmerelda
Silver Deuce

80# Class

Gold Phoebe
Silver Ursula

125# Class

Gold Lego
Silver Cinder

150# Class

Gold Block

Region 9**10# Class**

Gold Monarch Joseph

20# Class

Gold Baron Benjamin
Silver Ruby Mae
Bronze Magnus

Region 9 (cont.)**40# Class**

Gold Kai Bear
Silver Lily

60# Class

Gold Midus
Silver Molly

80# Class

Gold Princess Mary
Silver Firefly
Bronze GrimmLoc

125# Class

Gold Big Head
Silver Cache

150# Class

Gold Countess Keturah

Region 11**80# Class**

Gold JoJo

100# Class

Gold Wanda
Silver Money
Bronze Xela

125# Class

Gold Dezzy
Silver Momba

Veterinary and Vet Tech Services will be available on-site courtesy of

Mac's Landing Veterinary Services of Fennville &
 Plymouth Road Animal Hospital of Grand Rapids.

If Emergency Services are needed, please notify any Championship Judge.

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What is Beer City Dog Biscuits?

“Beer City Dog Biscuits is a non-profit company located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, dedicated to crafting delicious and nutritious dog treats. Beyond our product, our core mission is empowering people with disabilities through the creation of our dog biscuits. Each treat is hand-made and packaged with care by our Brew Bakers, a team of intellectually and developmentally disabled adults who are the core of our company’s culture and business process.”



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The 10# Class Qualifiers

Bug

Age: 7 Years Old
Owner: Diane Krupski

Region: 6
Breed: Chihuahua
Residence: Kalkaska, Michigan

Junebug is a typical chihuahua, 10 ft tall and bullet proof. She doesn't care how big the other dog is, including our 85 lb. mastiff mix at home, she will go after him all teeth for looking at her wrong, which is funny cuz she would only be a small snack for him.

When it comes to pulling she is not overly enthusiastic, she would rather be home curled up under a blanket. I think that's why she only has one speed, slow!!

But overall she's a great little dog and definitely our princess.



Mojo

Age: 7 ½ Years Old
Owner: Robbie Reed

Region: 9
Breed: Chihuahua/Chinese Crested Mix
Residence: Greeley, Colorado

Mojo (Royal's Jumping Monarch Joseph) or Monarch Joseph, is a Chi (ch e) Chi (ch eye) mostly Chihuahua and Chinese Crested. He is owned and handled by Robbie Reed of Greeley, Colorado. A side note, Terry just calls him a "Lil' Mut". Robbie just calls them "Munchkins". This is Mojo's seventh year pulling. One of Mojo's funniest quirks is that he loves to jump and jump and jump! Mojo's personal best on natural wheels is 295 pounds and on natural snow is 190 pounds. Mojo's personal best on artificial wheels is 225 pounds. And on artificial snow is 51 pounds. Mojo is the reigning *I/WPA* Record holder in the 10-pound class on natural wheels pulling 295 pounds and natural snow pulling 42 pounds. Mojo is this season's Gold Medalist on snow and wheels. It's hard to believe that Mojo and Benji are litter mates!



2023-2024 Region 9 10-pound Class Gold Medalist on both Wheels and Snow.

The 20# Class Qualifiers

Baron Benjamin (Benji)

Age: 7 Years Old

Owner: Robbie Reed

Region: 9

Breed: Chinese Crested/Chihuahua Mix

Residence: Greeley, Colorado

Royal's Snuggling **Baron Benjamin** is the Region 9 20-lb. Silver Medalist on Wheels and Gold Medalist on Snow. Benji is a Chi (ch eye) Chi (ch e); mostly Chinese Crested (the powerful kind) and Chihuahua. He is owned and handled by Robbie Reed. The same side note as with Mojo, Terry calls him a "Lil' Mutt". Robbie just calls them "Munchkins". This is Benji's seventh year pulling. Benji has outgrown his litter mate Mojo, now pulling in the 20-pound class. Benji is quite a snuggler! Nothing pleases him more than to snuggle up with someone! Oh yeah, and that massage he gets from Terry! Benji's personal best on natural wheels is 265 pounds and 245 pounds on natural snow. His personal best on artificial wheels is 325# pounds and on artificial snow is 38 pounds. It's hard to believe Benji and Mojo are litter mates!

2023-2024 Region 9 20-pound Class Bronze Medalist on both Wheels and Snow.



Dexter

Age: 3 ½ Years Old

Owner: Diane Krupski

Region: 6

Breed: Patterdale Terrier

Residence: Kalkaska, Michigan

Dexter has been a great dog to own, he can be a spass at times, like when someone gets up to leave our house, he circles around them and cries, (telling them not to go) anyone can come in but he wants everyone to stay, lol.

This will be his 3rd championship, last year surprising me with a silver medal on snow. He is still learning but is coming along great without pushing him too hard.

He is definitely my buddy.



Felix

Age: 8 Years Old
Owner: Missy Kehler

Region: 7
Breed: Terrier
Residence: Woodbury, Tennessee

Surprise, surprise, surprise! **Felix**, is 8 years old !! When did that happen??? Felix is a wired haired terrier mix, who seems to have his barker set on "bark at everything and anything" has turned out to be quite the working little dog! The only time he is not barking is when he is in harness working. He came to us as a rescue in 2018. Rehoming him proved difficult due to his "I put the terror in terrier" personality. On a whim, I put a harness on him to see what he would do. Here we are a few years later still working hard in harness, and still as noisy as ever. His UKC registered name is: "Felix Never Shuts Up". I know this little dog drives me absolutely crazy with his incessant barking, but he has turned out to be a good dog. His devotion to me is unmatched, and I feel honored that he chose me. It's true what they say, one man's trash is another man's treasure



Regional Gold - 20lb class on snow - 2023-2024
Regional Gold - 20lb class- both snow and wheels- 2022-2023
Regional Gold - 20lb class-2021-2022 snow
Regional Gold - 20lb class 2019-2020 wheels
Regional Silver - 20lb class 2018-2019 wheels

Regional Silver - 20lb class-2023-2024 wheels
Regional Silver - 20lb class-2021-2022 wheels
Regional Gold - 20lb class-2020-2021 wheels
Regional Gold - 20lb class 2019-2020 snow
Regional Gold - 20lb class 2018-2019 snow

Bronze-20lb class-Championships wheels 2023
Bronze 20lb class Championships wheels 2019

Bronze-20lb class - Championships wheels 2018
Silver 20lb class Championships both snow and wheels 2022

Magnus

Age: 9 Years Old
Owner: Mary Felice

Region: 9
Breed: Miniature Schnauzer
Residence: LaSalle, Colorado

Magnus is the son of Evil Puppy Ceasar and has now earned the nickname of evil spawn. In many ways he is his father's child (now if only he would pull like his father). Besides being Mary's cuddle puppy and knowing the fuzzier and softer blankets are the better. While losing his work out partner in Dec., 16 year old aunt, He is now working out with the two newest members of the Misfit Mutts crew a 5 month old baby miniature schnauzer and a 4 month old baby husky/shepherd mix, plus playing some with Big Head. The 2023/2024 season ended with his person best of 445 pounds on wheels- dirt, 230 on wheels – carpet, 225 pounds on snow- natura and 127 on snow- artificial. As Magnus, Julian (Magnus' co-handler) and I learn each other's habits I look forward to seeing how close we can come to breaking a few of his dad's personal bests., we do have some big paw prints to follow and fill.



2023/2024 Regional Bronze on Wheels and Snow

Rebel Rose

Age: 8 Years Old
Owner: Missy Kehler

Region: 7
Breed: Boston/Corgi Mix
Residence: Woodbury, Tennessee

Rebel Rose is a boston/corgi mix...or what I like to refer to as my Borgi. When we got her, we were told she was a Boston Terrier. Surprise, she's not. It's ok, because Rose is the best of both breeds. Rose makes us all laugh with her clownish antics, and her impish personality. Rose is not a hard working dog, but she does enjoy working in harness. She loves the camera, and is always up for striking a pose. And that nose! Oh how that sniffer of hers is always working overtime! Maybe some nose work classes might be in order for her during the off season. It has occurred to me that she is actually going to be 8 years old this July!! Oh my, where has the time gone Miss Rose!?!.



Regional Gold 20lb class wheels 2023-2024
Regional Silver 20lb class snow 2021-2022
Regional Silver 20lb class wheels 2020-2021
Regional Bronze 20lb class wheels 2019-2020
Regional Gold 20lb class wheels 2018-2019
Regional Gold 20lb class wheels 2017-2018

Regional Gold 20lb class wheels & snow 2022-2023
Regional Bronze 20lb class wheels 2021-2022
Regional Bronze 40lb class wheels 2020-2021
Regional Silver 20lb class snow 2019-2020
Regional Bronze 20lb class snow 2018-2019

Bronze 20lb class Championships on snow 2023 Silver 20lb class Championships on wheels 2023
Gold 20lb class Championships snow & wheels 2022 Gold 20lb class Championships wheels 2019
Bronze 20lb class Championships Snow 2019

Ruby Mae

Age: 2.5 Years Old
Owner: Micah Wacker

Region: 9
Breed: Brussel Griffon/Terrier Mix
Residence: Greeley, Colorado

Ruby Mae, handled and owned by Micah Wacker, and together they are part of the Chaos Crew. This is Ruby Mae's second year to attend Championships. She is the 20 pound Gold Medalist from Region 9 on Wheels and the Silver Medalist on Snow. Her most weight pulled during the 2023/2024 Season was 275 pounds on wheels and 175 pounds on snow. In her free time, Ruby Mae enjoys terroizing the cats outside and barking at every car that pulls into the yard. She is a Brussel Griffon/Terrior Mix. She truly has a heart of gold and will do almost anything for her little human, Micah.



Tinker (the Stinker)

Age: 8 Years Old
Owner: Missy Kehler

Region: 7
Breed: Cairn Terrier Mix
Residence: Woodbury, Tennessee

Tinker is a cairn terrier mix. She came to live with me in the fall of 2017. She's been bounced around a few homes in her short life span picking up some bad habits along the way. Most people fell for those little brown eyes, the slight underbite that sets her lower teeth out, and the wired, wispy hair. Then they get the shock of that tenacious terrier personality. Then they wonder what the hell happened and how do they contain it. Most people have opted to rehome her. I've chosen to redirect that crazy energy into harness work. I have had more than my fair share of "no pulls" and her giving me the fuzzy middle finger in the weight pull chute. Tinker and I have gone a few rounds on who the boss really is, and what the house rules are. Just when I think we broke one bad habit, she develops a new one. She is a good little dog though, and life would be boring without her.



Regional Bronze - wheels-20lb class 2023-2024
Regional Bronze - wheels-20lb class 2020-2021
Regional Bronze - snow- 20lb class 2019-2020
Regional Silver - snow-20lb class 2018-2019

Regional Bronze – wheels-20lb class 2022-2023
Regional Silver – wheels-20lb class 2019-2020
Regional Bronze-wheels-20lb class 2018-2019
Regional Silver-wheels-20lb class 2017-2018

The 40# Class Qualifiers

Amara

Age: 7 Years Old
Owner: Clay Fonvielle

Region: 8
Breed: American Pitbull Terrier
Residence: Houston, Texas

Sister of the legendary Boogiemán of Team No F.E.A.R., **Amara** is the reigning four time National Champion on wheels and two time National Champion on snow. I decided to bring Amara out a final time to extend her legacy. However, this will be her retirement pull for *IWPA*. Amara will be 8 in September, and she is the Region 8 gold medalist on wheels.



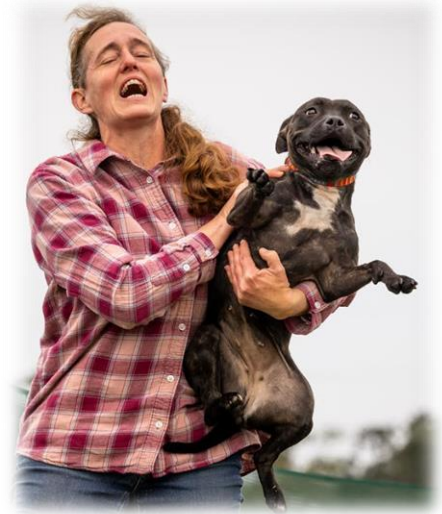
Cruella

Age: 2 Years Old
Owner: Missy Kehler

Region: 7
Breed: Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Residence: Woodbury, Tennessee

This is **Cruella's** (WK9 Don't be cruel to me Ella) second year working in harness. We don't have a lot of high expectations for her as she learns the ropes. Our main focus is making sure she has fun! We got Cruella shortly after our senior Staffie, Bobber, suddenly passed away. Oh, how Ella reminds us of Bobber in so many ways! She's sweet, fun, an instigator, drama queen, and did I mention vocal? If she is not the center of attention, she will let you know about it. Her BFF is our St. Bernard, Cinder. When Ella gets too out of hand, Cinder will just sit on her to "quiet her down". Ella has earned her CGC , TKN , and ATT titles through the AKC already!

Regional bronze-wheels-40lb class 2023/2024
Regional bronze-wheels-40lb class 2022/2023
Regional silver-snow-40lb class 2022/2023



Deuce

Age: 5 Years Old
Owner: David Heffelfinger

Region: 7
Breed: Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Residence: Woodbury, Tennessee

Again, where did the time go? Can't believe **Deuce** (Pandemonium's WK9 Let's Deuce It) is 5 years old already! Deuce and Esmerelda are like night and day. Esmerelda is a free spirit, while Deuce likes routine and structure. Deuce is very much like a small bull in a china shop. He tries to be graceful but fails miserably at it. He is sweet, lovable, and eager to please, though he does have a tendency to buckle under pressure. Everyone and everything is his BFF. Deuce does so well with Dave handling him.

Gold-wheels 2023-2024 Silver-snow 2023-2024
Regional Gold-wheels-40lb class 2022-2023
Regional Bronze-snow-40lb class 2022-2023
Regional Silver-snow-40lb class 2021-2022
Regional Silver-wheels-40lb class-2020-2021
Regional silver-wheels-40lb class 2018-2019
Championships Silver- wheels and snow-2023



Regional Gold-wheels-40lb class- 2021-2022
Regional bronze-wheels-40lb class- 2019-2020

Esmerelda

Age: 6 Years Old
Owner: Missy Kehler

Region: 7
Breed: Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Residence: Woodbury, Tennessee

Esmerelda (WK9's Rising Star of Esmerelda)! Where has the time gone? Hard to believe my sidekick is 6 years old this year! Esmerelda has earned her ATT , CGC, TKN, BCAT and Fit Dog titles through the AKC. She has also earned her SPOT and UWP through the UKC. She is also a registered therapy dog and is starting to earn her therapy dog title through the AKC. She is vibrant, and full of life. She has the most infectious smile and expressive eyes. She loves a good challenge, and keeps me on my toes. We LOVE hiking in the woods. I am looking forward to expanding our horizons in the near future with tracking, rally and scentwork to name a few.



Regional Silver 40lb class wheels 2023-2024
Regional Gold 40lb class snow 2023-2024
Regional Silver 40lb class wheels 2022-2023
Regional Bronze 40lb class wheels 2021-2022
Championships silver 40lb class wheels 2022

Regional Gold 40lb class snow 2022-2023
Regional Gold 40lb class snow 2021-2022
Championships bronze 40lb class snow 2022

Jinx

Age: 2.5 Years Old
Owner: Philip Lynn

Region: 18
Breed: Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Residence: Jacksonville, Florida

Quinlent "Smashes and Trashes". This is the Pull Season for us. Until recently, we only pulled at home in our backyard with a makeshift sled. **Jinx** practices Lure racing, Wall Climbing and Pulling. She has increased the weight each event and is gaining confidence with respect to the competition environment. I am certain that she will continue to impress me as we progress in the sport. When not chasing, pulling or climbing something, Jinx is pampered by my step-daughter. Photo credit goes to Ed Perry.



Region 18 Regional Gold Medalist 2023-2024

Kai Bear**Age: 2 Years Old****Owner: Rochelle Wacker****Region: 9****Breed: Husky/Pit Mix****Residence: Greeley, Colorado**

Kai Bear, handled and owned by Rochelle Wacker. Kai Bear is about 2 years old and is a Husky/Pit Mix. He is the 40 pound Silver Medalist on Wheels for Region 9 and the Gold Medalist on Snow. This is his first year pulling with *IWPA* and his first year to attend Championships. Kai Bear came to us shortly after losing our beloved Dottie, but he quickly attached himself to Rochelle, as he was in training to be a service dog. He is currently Rochelle's ESA and we are in the works to finish his training as her Service dog. Kai Bear loves to curl up on the couch and veg out in his free time or chew on his favorite toy for hours.



The 60# Class Qualifiers

A.I.D.E.W.**Age: 3 ½ Years Old****Owner: Clay Fonvielle****Region: 8****Breed: American Pit Bull Terrier****Residence: Houston, Texas**

Ch Fonvielle's O.S.S.C.O.T.N.F, affectionately known as **A.I.D.E.W.** is the reigning 2X wheels and snow national champion and the gold medalist on both surfaces representing region 8. In 2023 A.I.D.E.W finished the year off earning his Open Obedience (CDX) title at the Houston World Series of Dog Shows and his PSA 1 title. He also won multiple weight pull championships last year. He is showing in Utility in the obedience the ring and a week before championships he will attempt his PSA 2 title. He also enjoys nosework, swimming and Top Dog. This 3.5 year old APBT dives into any task enthusiastically and he maintains quite the sense of humor.



Averi

Age: 4 Years Old
Owner: Reagan Hart

Region: 7
Breed: American Staffordshire Terrier Mix
Residence: Knoxville, Tennessee

A Whole Lotta **Averi** (handled by Brianna Stock) is so thankful to have been introduced to the great sport of weight pull! In the Fall of 2020, when he was just 9 months old, he was admitted to a local veterinary clinic in Knoxville, TN with a life threatening small intestinal obstruction. His former caretakers surrendered him, and the clinic then proceeded with surgery. Averi not only survived the long operation, but he would soon blossom into a confident, fearless, tenacious young pup. Throughout his recovery he & I were never apart as he endured a total of three surgeries in his first few months of life. As Averi regained strength, it became apparent that he was “A-Whole” lot of dog to handle! Being a novice in the world of dog sports, I happened upon a local weight pull competition at a nearby dog training facility. Immediately I knew this was a job for Averi! Ever since our humble beginnings, Averi has pulled with all heart. Working together as a team has taught me much about myself as I hope to one day grow into a confident and experienced handler! As a founding member, Averi is proud to represent Scruffy City Strong Dogs, a new weight pull club based out of East Tennessee! Averi had quite an impressive 2023 season! Most notably he was awarded his first ever *IWPA* MWPP award! When Averi is not practicing his drag work, he enjoys shredding squeaky toys, swimming and most importantly... CAR RIDES! :) 2023-2024 Silver Regional Medalist on Wheels



Baby

Age: 6 Years Old
Owner: Darwin Lumbattis

Region: 3
Breed: American Bulldog
Residence: Butte, Montana

This is **Baby's** 3rd season competing. One the harness is on, it's all business. She has earned 6 regional gold and 3 international silver medals. Baby always gives her 100% on both snow and wheels. She has grown into a great companion and has come so far. Good luck to all. Baby and Darwin of Butte America.



Hurricane Clyde**Age: 11 Years Old****Owner: Carol Gerke****Region: 6****Breed: American Pitbull Terrier****Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan**

I am getting older and I don't always listen to Carol. I enjoy going to events but I don't always feel like competing, but I know I can do it but most of the time I don't want to pull but I like to see the look on Carol's face when I sit down and give her the gargoyle look. But if her son Ted handles, I know I better give a better effort.

Good Luck to all the competitors.



Juniper**Age: 3 Years Old****Owner: Chai Oudbier****Region: 6****Breed: Aussie/Poodle Mix****Residence: Dorr, Michigan**

Juniper is a 1st year weight puller, only having "graduated" in January we are excited to have a chance to prove his versatility. From service work to sporting, he gives it his all... when he feels like it. but regardless of the outcome of every sport we try we are here for fun.



Magillacudie (Gilly)**Age: 6 Years Old****Owner: Randy Gerke****Region: 6****Breed: Catahoula Mix****Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan**

I have enjoyed my life with Randy and competing in the sport of weight pulling for the past 3 years. (I was a couch potato for the first 3 years of my life). I enjoy going for car rides and just being with Randy and his wife Carol.



Malcolm**Age: 16 Months Old****Owner: Allison Weaver****Region: 7****Breed: Siberian Husky****Residence: Rockwood, Tennessee**

This is both he & his handler's first year doing *IWPA*, and he is hooked. **Malcolm** was originally purchased to be a show dog but quickly made it obvious that he was so so much more than the average show dog. Mal is breaking Sibe stereotypes in multiple sports, his favorites being: disc, nosework, freestyle, & weight pull. His handler is having a blast watching him think through the higher weights & seeing the confidence and determination in him when he starts digging in. He is doing such an amazing job at such a young age. It will be really cool to see what he can do in *IWPA* when he is fully grown! GO MUSH PUPPY!!



Regional Bronze Medalist on Wheels 2023-2024

Midus**Age: 8 Years Old****Owner: Mary Felice****Region: 9****Breed: Mix****Residence: LaSalle, Colorado**

Yes we still think **Midus** (handled by TJ & Julian Felice) should have been named **MiDass** (with a silent D). Midus is great at making our “evil puppy” look like a saint, He now hangs most of day and all night with co co-partner and 2-legged brother TJ (however I am unsure who gets in the most mischief), and like a toddler believes everything **SHOULD** and does revolve around him. He loves to escape from his kennel at night and jump hide in the blankets on Richard and Mary’s bed if one of them gets up. Midus has also now learned that “puppy time out” is another word for kennel but it’s when he has gotten in trouble. The 2023/2024 season he 2-legged buddy TJ, was finally able to start pulling him. Each year of pulling we see more of Sasha in him whether it be how he acts when time to be hooked up to the cart wanting to sit in the chair between pulls or just everyday life. Midus still must have Grimmloc as a pillow or and pile of blankets that he must his face buried as much as possible. He also has decided he does not like the two baby girl puppies around him (unless he is sleeping and so are they). This 2023/2024 season has ended with Midus personal bests of 1400 on snow and wheels- carpet = 2300 and 1520 on wheels – dirt.

**2023/2024 Regional Gold on wheels & Snow**

Molly**Age: 9 Years Old****Owner: Rochelle Wacker****Region: 9****Breed: Husky/Malamute Mix****Residence: Greeley, Colorado**

Molly, owned by Rochelle Wacker and handled by both Rochelle and Marlo Wacker. She is almost 10 years old and is a Husky/Malamute mix. She has been pulling since she turned one and really enjoys making her mom happy. She is the 60 pound Bronze Medalist for Region 9 on wheels and the Silver Medalist on Snow. Her most weight pulled for the 2023/2024 Season on wheels was 1155 pounds and on snow 730 pounds. Molly really loves being outside when it isn't overly cold and likes to play with her new brother, Shappa. She does get mad if she doesn't get to go when the other dogs are loaded in the car, as she knows that she should be pulling as well. During the summer, her favorite time is when she gets to go camping and playing in the rivers.



The 80# Class Qualifiers

Aspen

Age: 3 Years Old

Owner: Zach Scholzen

Region: 6

Breed: Alaskan Malamute

Residence: Hastings, Michigan

Aspen is a 3-year-old female Alaskan Malamute. We started pulling with her just after she turned one. She loves treats, attention, snow, running in FastCAT events, hiking, bikejoring, and canicross. Like a typical Malamute, she can be stubborn but is very intelligent. She is cautious of strangers but once you earn her trust she's a big lovebug.

Regional Gold Medalist on Wheels 2023-2024



Grimmloc

Age: 12 Years Old

Owner: Richard Felice

Region: 9

Breed: American Pit Bull Terrier

Residence: LaSalle, Colorado

Grimmloc, AKA Cookie Monster, unlike our other dogs Grimmloc follows our past Pit Bull (Galyith) paw prints and when pulling loves to be driven. Grimmloc and attended many seasons of pulls and many championships. While he will still be attending the pulls and championships the 2023/2024 season will be his last to pull, and now will be helping to train the two new puppies on doggie manners, how to walk on leash and stay in yard off the leash. He will be ending his pulling career with personal bests on wheels- dirt is 3840 pounds and wheels- carpet is 2950 and on snow – natural is 1180 pounds and snow- artificial is 510 pounds. Grimmloc is a big baby right down to a bedtime and crying if his is not curled up in bed with Richard by what he feels his bedtime is or crying in early morning when Richard leaves him for work. While shopping at home Depot is his favorite past time he also enjoys any trip to town with Richard, stealing cookies Mary makes as they cool, eating ice cubes, walking around carrying stuffies, chasing his feline friend, riding the back of Richard's ATV with his goggles on, swimming, stealing Mary's chair and getting into anything he can, including mud, or just relaxing out in the sun.



2023/2024 Season Regional placement - Gold on Snow and Bronze on Wheels

Grunt**Age: 2 Years Old****Owner: Darwin Lumbattis****Region: 3****Breed: Mixed****Residence: Butte, Montana**

Grunt! Because he can sometimes make qualifying pulls and he's the only one in his class in this region, we might try Champs. Three regional gold medals. Good luck to all.

Grunt and Darwin of Butte America.



JoJo**Age: 7 Years Old****Owner: Jenna Starr****Region: 11****Breed: Greater Swiss Mountain Dog****Residence: Knoxville, Maryland**

S'Rendi's Hop On Pop "**JoJo**" is a 7 year old Greater Swiss Mountain Dog and is also an Izzy granddaughter. JoJo was Gold in the 61-80 lbs class on both wheels and snow. JoJo is a lot of fun to watch pull. She has a huge heart and does not give up easily. She won Most Weight Pulled Per Pound at the 2018 GSMDCA National Specialty. She is also known for her hugs!



Matilda Louise**Age: 2 Years Old****Owner: Carol Gerke****Region: 6****Breed: American Pitbull Terrier****Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan**

This is my 1st year competing in this sport. Carol has started by training slow so it will be fun for me. (I am such a Diva). She has given me Uncle Tyson's harness to wear. I can feel him giving me pointers. I know I have some pretty BIG paw prints to fill trying to follow in his legacy. I hope I can do him (and Carol) proud.



Phoebe

Age: 5 Years Old

Owner: Dave Heffelfinger

Region: 7

Breed: St. Bernard

Residence: Woodbury, Tennessee

Phoebe (WK9's Sing Me Smelly Cat Phoebe) and Ursula are littermates that are named after the characters from "Friends". Phoebe is a lot like the character she is named after. She is full of personality, fun, adventurous, zany, and most importantly devoted to Dave. Phoebe is the smallest of the Bernard Brigade that we have, but she is the mightiest. She pulls with her heart and soul. She competed at St. Bernard Nationals this year, and took Best Body Percent and Most weight pulled. Phoebe has earned her therapy dog novice title, and is completing her Therapy dog title with the AKC by visiting Veteran's and participating in the R.E.A.D program at two local elementary schools. She was also recently featured on the local news stations for her work at the elementary schools.



Regional Gold - wheels and snow- 80lb class 2023-2024

Regional gold-wheels and snow-80lb class 2022-2023

Regional silver - wheels-100lb class 2021-2022

Regional gold- snow-100lb class 2021-2022

Regional Gold-wheels-80lb class 2020-2021

Championship gold-snow-80lb class 2023

Championship bronze-wheels-100lb class 2022

Championship bronze-wheels-80lb class 2023

Championship silver-snow-100lb class 2022

Princess Mary

Age: 6 Years Old

Owner: Terry Reed

Region: 9

Breed: Boxer

Residence: Greeley, Colorado

Ivy (Royals Ivory **Princess Mary**) is the Region 9, 80-pound Class Bronze Medalist on Wheels and Gold Medalist Snow. Ivy is making her third trip to the *IWPA* Championships.

Her personal best pulls are 1750 pounds on carpet, 1085 pounds on dirt and 730 pounds on natural snow and 317 pounds on artificial snow. Ivy has also been known to sit and not pull at all!

It will be hard to tell which Ivy will show up this weekend!!!



Ursula

Age: 5 Years Old
Owner: Missy Kehler

Region: 7
Breed: St. Bernard
Residence: Woodbury, Tennessee

Ursula (WK9's The Stars Will Show The Way Ursula) is a littermate to Phoebe. They are both named after the characters in "Friends". Ursula is a super sweet and gentle gal. She's not quite the puller like her sister, Phoebe. Actually, it has taken her a little time to "catch on" to the whole idea. Now she understands that if she works, she gets to go with us to the events. It's been fun watching her learn as she goes.



Regional silver - 80lb-snow- 2023-2024
Regional Bronze-80lb-wheels-2023-2024
Regional silver both wheels and snow 2022-2023
Regional Bronze -wheels- 100lb class - 2021-2022
Regional Bronze -snow- 100 class- 2021-2022

Zeus

Age: 3 Years Old
Owner: Jason Wilson

Region: 6
Breed: Siberian Husky/Pitbull Mix
Residence: Indian River, Michigan

Zeus was rescued from a puppy mill in Northern Michigan when he was 6 months old. He'd shown he had an abundance of energy and affection. Zeus started working at pulling shortly after his first birthday in August 2021 and was showing quite a bit of promise. Zeus passed away shortly after the start of the 2023-2024 season, never having the opportunity to show his true potential. His family and his sister miss this sweet boy dearly.



2023 – 2024 Regional Bronze Medalist on Wheels
2022 – 2023 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow and Wheels
2021 – 2022 Regional Gold Medalist on Snow
2021 – 2022 Regional Silver Medalist on Wheels

The 100# Class Qualifiers

Balto

Age: 5 Years Old

Owner: Ian Kiser

Region: 7

Breed: Siberian Husky

Residence: Cookeville, Tennessee

Balto is Ian's very first of what would become 5 huskies. Ian and Balto found weight pull when looking for a local sport that would teach Balto how to work in harness. Since starting weight pull, Balto has won one bronze and two gold regional medals in the 100 pound weight class and has also pulled Ian for miles of dryland mushing in Tennessee, Michigan, and Alabama. Balto can sometimes be challenging for his junior handler who has to work hard to motivate him to pull. Despite his challenges, Balto has a wonderful personality, and joins Ian camping, hiking, kayaking, and attending junior ranger camps.

Regional Gold Medalist on Wheels 2023-2024



Duke

Age: 6 Years Old

Owner: Ted Gerke

Region: 6

Breed: St. Bernard/American Bulldog Mix

Residence: Grand Rapids, MI

I am a 90# very happy dog and I really don't know how big and strong I really am. I like to pull (sometimes). I just love to be with my people. I hope I can make Ted (and Grandma Carol) proud of me this year at Championships.



Money

Age: 2 Years Old
Owner: Jenna Starr

Region: 11
Breed: Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
Residence: Knoxville, Maryland

GCH Dahlgren's Bring On the Rain with Swiss Run "**Money**" is a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog and she just turned 2 years old. Money qualified to pull on wheels in the 81-100 lbs class and was Silver on Snow in the 81-100 lbs class.



Pepper Potts

Age: 4 Years Old
Owner: Valarie Thawley

Region: 11
Breed: Alaskan Malamute
Residence: Newark, Delaware

Pepper Potts is a 4 yr. old Alaskan Malamute with the power channeling from her Grandfather "Raider" and her Great Uncle "Bogie". She's totally awesome in everything she takes on and beating a lot of the boys on her way. She's My Girl Power!

Regional Gold Medalist on Wheels 2023-2024



Wanda

Age: 2 Years Old
Owner: Jenna Starr

Region: 11
Breed: Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
Residence: Knoxville, Maryland

GCH Crown's Take My Breath Away at Dahlgren "**Wanda**" is a 2 year old Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, who we got at 18 months old and she just started pulling in 2023. Wanda was Silver on wheels in the 81-100 lbs class and Gold on snow in the 81-100 lbs class.



Xela**Age: 6 Years Old****Owner: Jenna Starr****Region: 11****Breed: Greater Swiss Mountain Dog****Residence: Knoxville, Maryland**

GCH Dahlgren's Seven Deadly Sins WWD WWDX WWDS ACE3-Bronze ATT ACT BCAT CGCA CGCU TT TKI VHMA "Xela" is 6 years old and another Izzy granddaughter. Xela was Bronze on both wheels and snow for Region 11. Xela has a bit of a slow start, but she is not one to give up easily once she starts.



The 125# Class Qualifiers

Big Head**Age: 4 Years Old****Owner: Richard Felice****Region: 9****Breed: American Bulldog****Residence: LaSalle, Colorado**

Big Head is a big baby, just turning 4 on March 15th, who believes he is a lap dog and always trying to lay on Richard's lap. He loves to play with TJ, the baby puppies, and chase the cats. Mornings he can be found watching out the window as TJ gets on the school bus. This was his 2^{3rd} year pulling and 2nd year with Richard as the owner and handler. This was his first full year without competing against his sisters Hope and Lacy. Big has yet to learn how strong he is, who knows he just may break his sister Hope's artificial snow record one year. So far Big's personal bests are 2350 pounds on wheels-carpet, 2300 pounds on wheels-dirt and Snow- natural 1220 pounds he has yet to pull on artificial snow, this championship will be his 1st time to pull on artificial snow.

2023/2024 season regional placement is gold on both wheels and snow.



Cinder**Age: 3 Years Old****Owner: Dave Heffelfinger****Region: 7****Breed: St. Bernard****Residence: Woodbury, Tennessee**

Miss **Cinder** (WK9 From Cinder a Lilly Blooms CGC TKN) is Block's half-sister. See what we did there: Cinder - Block? We got Cinder shortly after Lilly, our senior St., passed away. There was a HUGE hole in the household without Lilly, and we needed to fill it Cinder has been a great addition to the family. She is a sweet, gentle giant with the softest, most expressive eyes. Her and Cruella are BFF's, and when Cruella starts to get too pushy like Staffie's do...well, Cinder just sits on her. Cinder only has a few pulls under her belt, and isn't quite sure what all this harness work is about. So again, no big expectations at Championships. She has competed at the St. Bernard Nationals, and has earned her CGC and TKN titles.



Regional Gold-wheels- 125lb class- 2023-2024
Regional Bronze-wheels- 125lb class- 2022-2023

Regional Silver-snow-125lb class- 2023-2024
Regional Silver-snow-125lb class- 2022-2023

Cooper**Age: 8 Years Old****Owner: Jean Wilson****Region: 6****Breed: Newfoundland****Residence: Petoskey, Michigan**

Cooper, (Mr Happy Tappy Toes) was rescued on 02/09/22. He was a throw-away, used up Amish Stud & was a blank slate without even a name. We've brought out a sweet, gentle boy that only wants to be loved. He tap-dances when waiting for his meals, hence his registered name. We fondly call him our "little short fat dog" because of his stocky build. After being miserable for his first 6 years of life, we felt he earned the right to travel with us to Montana to the 2023 Championships where he surprised everyone by earning 2 Silver Medals. We couldn't be prouder of this rescue's heart.

2023 Championship Silver Medalist on Wheels & Snow

Regional Gold Medalist on Snow – 2023/2024
Regional Silver Medalist on Wheels (125# Class) – 2023/2024
Regional Bronze Medalist on Wheels (150# Class) – 2023/2024
Regional Silver Medalist on Wheels & Snow – 2022/2023
Regional Silver Medalist on Snow – 2021/2022



Dezzy**Age: 7 Years Old****Owner: Jenna Starr****Region: 11****Breed: Greater Swiss Mountain Dog****Residence: Knoxville, Maryland**

CH Dahlgren's The Man-Child WWD WWDX WWDS
15xACE-Platinum ATT ACT BCAT CGCA CGCU TKI
VHMA "**Dezzy**" is 7 years old. He is a grandson to Izzy
and is very much like his grandfather. Dezzy was Gold on
both wheels and snow in the 101 to 125 lbs class for
Region 11. Dezzy won Most Weight Pulled and Most
Weight Pulled Per Pound at the 2019, 2021, 2022 & 2023
GSMDCA National Specialty. He absolutely loves to pull
and loves everyone he meets. He is known for giving hugs
before and after every pull! Keep in mind if you say "hi"
to him, you will most likely get a hug too (and he might even
sneak a kiss)!!



Han Solo**Age: 7 Years Old****Owner: Valarie Thawley****Region: 11****Breed: Alaskan Malamute****Residence: Newark, Delaware**

Han Solo is a 7 yr. old Alaskan Malamute the son of
"Raider", who can when he puts his mind to it, could be
hard to beat, but he likes to discuss his options in the
middle of the wt. pull chute. My Funny man!

Regional Bronze Medalist on Wheels 2023-2024



Lego

Age: 3 Years Old
Owner: Missy Kehler

Region: 7
Breed: St. Bernard
Residence: Woodbury, Tennessee

Oh what a happy dog Lego is. He's the clown of the Bernard Bunch. Lego is still learning the ropes of competing in weight pull. He's finally starting to grow out of his "puppy brain". Still super proud of him though. He's already earned his CGC and his TKI titles with the AKC. He's also earned his WP from the SBCA. He's one leg shy of his UWP with the UKC, and he placed at the St. Bernard National weight pull. No big expectations for Championships this year, but still excited to see what he'll do.

Regional Gold - snow-125lb class 2023-2024
Regional Silver - wheels-125lb class 2023-2024
Regional Gold - both wheels and snow-125lb class 2022-2023
Regional Bronze - wheels- 125lb class 2021-2022
Regional Gold - wheels-125lb class 2021-2022



Madd Maxx

Age: 4 Years Old
Owner: Barry Wilson

Region: 6
Breed: Newfoundland
Residence: Petoskey, Michigan

Madd Maxx (Ebb Tide's Element Of Surprise RA BCAT TKA VHMP) isn't your typical Newfoundland. He's certainly earned his name, both his call name and his registered name. Maxx is driven, confident, FULL of energy, and even defiant at times. He tries hard to be the best at anything he's asked to do. He's earned his AKC Rally Advanced title, Trick Advanced title and BCAT FastCAT title, and was the fastest Newfoundland in the AKC in 2021 and 2nd fastest in 2022. Besides competing with the *IWPA*, he's also pulled several times with the *AMCA*, earning MWP each time.

Regional Gold on Snow and Wheels 2023 – 2024
Regional Gold on Snow and Wheels 2022 – 2023
Regional Gold on Snow and Wheels 2021 – 2022

Championship Bronze on Snow – 2023 Championship Silver on Snow - 2022



Momba**Age: 5 Years Old****Owner: Jenna Starr****Region: 11****Breed: Greater Swiss Mountain Dog****Residence: Knoxville, Maryland**

CH Dahlgren's Stifler's Mom from Simply Swissies "Momba" is a 5 year old Greater Swiss Mountain Dog pulled by Cynthia Collins. Cynthia is Tony's sister who is Autistic. Cynthia came to live with us in August of 2021 and one day when Momba would not pull for Tony or I, Cynthia asked if she could try her. We were both thinking there was no way she was going to pull for her, but boy did she prove us wrong. Not only did she pull that weight, but she pulled 5 more times for Cynthia. Ever since, Cynthia has been pulling Momba which is a joy to watch. Momba was Silver on snow in the 101-125 lb. class and she qualified to pull on wheels in the 101-125 lb. class



The 150# Class Qualifiers

Block**Age: 3 Years Old****Owner: Missy Kehler****Region: 7****Breed: St. Bernard****Residence: Woodbury, Tennessee**

Block (WK9's Don't Trip Over That Block CGC TKN) is the biggest of our Bernard Brigade. And being the biggest, he takes the liberty of plopping down anywhere he wants. I think everyone in the household, both 2 and 4 legged, have tripped over him at one point. Hence the name: "Don't Trip Over That Block". Block bellows when he barks, and it definitely intimidates those that do not know him. He's a sweet fellow though Block is a slow and steady type of puller, unlike Lego's "give it gas and go!" style. Even then, Block is always looking to find a way out of working. Love that big lug!



Regional Gold - snow- 150lb class 2023-2024

Regional silver-wheels-150lb class 2023-2024

Regional Gold - snow- 150lb class 2022-2023

Regional silver-wheels-150lb class 2022-2023

Regional Gold-snow-150lb class- 2021-2022

Championships Gold-snow-150lb-2023

Championship Silver-snow-150lb class 2022

Championships Bronze-wheels-150lb 2023

Countess Keturah

Age: 5 Years Old

Owner: Terry Reed

Region: 9

Breed: Bullmastiff/Rottweiler Mix

Residence: Greeley, Colorado

Royal's Sassy **Countess Keturah**, aka Tess is a 5-Year-old Bullmastiff/ Rottweiler mix. Terry calls her a Bullrottiff. She came to the Reed home at 8 weeks old. In her first *I/WPA* season as a 1-year-old she showed a lot of promise. She was a rocket ship on snow but did nothing on wheels. Her next 2 seasons were very trying. She would do drag weight all day long. Take her to a pull and she would sit down and do nothing. In fact, she did not have a qualifying pull in the 21-22 or 22-23 seasons on snow or wheels. This season she pulled on the second day of the first 2-day event of the season. We thought maybe we were getting somewhere. Then she went back to her old routine. She did not have a qualifying pull until mid-March. At the final 2 Region 9 event weekends she really turned it on. So much in fact that if Terry did not hurry, she would have run him over. Tess is the Region 9, 126-to-150-pound Gold Medalist on Wheels and Snow. Her personal best pulls are Natural Wheels 1190 pounds and Natural Snow 940 pounds. She has yet to have a qualifying pull-on carpet. Neither Tess nor Terry knows how much she can pull. Since she has finally started pulling, Terry has not let her go until she can't pull.



Magnus

Age: 4.5 Years Old

Owner: Sheryl Franklin

Region: 7

Breed: Alaskan Malamute

Residence: Baxter, Tennessee

This season is Magnus' third season pulling pro. He's still learning in weight pull and other sports. Magnus loves Rally and has earned his Rally Novice and Rally Intermediate titles. He loves Barn Hunt and now crawls through those tiny tunnels, even the tunnels that turn, a big move for him. We started taking Rodeo Dog classes in the last year and he's having fun with it. We also started agility classes last fall. He loves the tunnels & jumps and has done ok on the A frame and is learning the weaves. Classes start up again soon with the spring weather. He absolutely loves weight pull and has since he was a novice.



Region 7 Gold Medalist on Wheels 2023-2024

Region 7 Gold Medalist on Wheels 2022-2023

Region 7 Gold Medalist on Wheels 2021-2022

Queen Boudicca**Age: 2 Years Old****Owner: Darwin Lumbattis****Region: 3****Breed: English Mastiff****Residence: Butte, Montana****QUEEN BOUDICCA, BODACIOUS BITCH of BUTTE (Boudie, (Bo-D)).**

Bodie is an ENGLISH Mastiff. This is her 1st season competing, but she did qualify last season on snow earning a regional gold. This season she earned both regional gold medals. Bodie pulled in the 125 lb. class last season, 150 lb. class currently and see ya all in the unlimited next year. Good luck to all. Boudie and Darwin of Butte America.



Rocky**Age: 6 Years Old****Owner: Jean Wilson****Region: 6****Breed: Newfoundland****Residence: Petoskey, Michigan**

Rocky (RACH Ebb Tide's Always A Rock Star RM3 RAE3 BCAT CGC TKA) has lived up to his name in SO many ways. He has more enthusiasm than most Newfoundlands and is eager to work as my partner in whatever I ask of him. He's such a happy & loveable boy, and acts like a big goof when he gets to playing. He's earned MWP with *IWPA*, *W3PO* and *AMCA* events. He excels at AKC Rally and has been visiting residents of an assisted living facility since he was 10 weeks old. I absolutely love him being my working partner as he gives me everything he can. He's a very special boy and melts hearts in typical Newfy style. He truly has been my Rock Star.



2023-2024 Regional Gold on Snow & Wheels

2021-2022 Regional Gold on Snow & Wheels

2019-2020 Regional Gold on Snow & Silver on Wheels

2022-2023 Regional Gold on Snow & Wheels

2020-2021 Regional Gold on Snow & Wheels

2022 Championships – Gold on Snow & Wheels

2023 Championships – Silver on Snow & Wheels

Sage**Age: 3 Years Old****Owner: Stephanie Stoll****Region: 6****Breed: St. Bernard/English Mastiff Mix****Residence: Lake City, Michigan**

This is Sage's third year to compete at an *IWPA* Championship. Sage is a young dog still gathering her confidence for the sport. Sage has impressed me by pulling the most weight this year on both of our regular tracks 3091 lbs on carpet wheel in Grand Rapids Mi and 2693 lbs natural dirt wheels in Petoskey Mi. Sage's personal best on natural snow is 859 lbs and on wheels 3091 lbs. Each time we attend a pull she improves, and that's all I ask of her!!! I'm so privileged to have another dog that loves to compete in this sport!! Sage is a very sweet, calm, and loving dog. We are very excited to be attending another Championship and look forward to seeing our weight pulling family!



St. Nick**Age: 6 Years Old****Owner: Connie Meech****Region: 4****Breed: Newfoundland****Residence: St. Louis, Missouri**

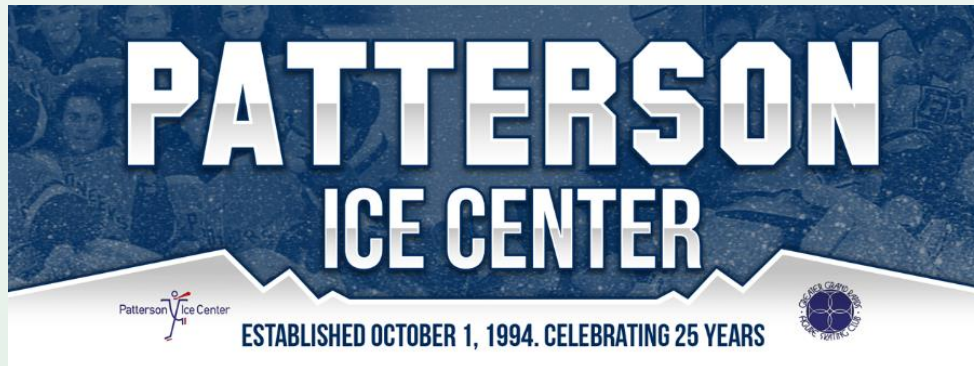
This is **St. Nick's** (CH Noble's Christmas Comes But Once A Year RE CGC) first year to compete at an *IWPA* Championship. He's a happy boy, quiet and laid back and willing to try most anything I ask of him. And, he can come to life when I ask him to. I look forward to seeing how he does at a championship event.

2023-2024 Regional Gold Medalist on Wheels

2022-2023 Regional Gold Medalist on Wheels



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The block for this weekend’s events is donated by *Consumers Concrete Corporation*. We thank them for supplying us with the weight for our pulls. Thank you Consumers Concrete!

Krem’s Catering

Krem’s Catering has always done a great job and served us excellent food for our Awards Banquets. Please be sure to thank them and let them know of your appreciation for their hard work in preparing our wonderful meal!

DID YOU KNOW?

A name you will rarely see is **Sheryl Franklin**. Sheryl is our Web Master and it’s through her hard work that all the information on the Web Site is updated regularly. Hat’s off to you Sheryl !!

Championship Wheels Medalists

10# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	6	BUG	Diane Krupski	163	28.87	23.29
Silver	9	MONARCH JOSEPH	Robbie Reed	143	10.88	15.89
Bronze	-	-	-	-	-	-
20# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	6	STEVIE	Kelli Harmon	703	10.56	41.35
Silver	6	DEXTER	Diane Krupski	423	7.88	24.88
Bronze	6	PUCK	Kelli Harmon	423	10.16	28.20
40# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	7	ESMERELDA	Missy Kehler	861	11.00	29.68
Silver	18	KOVU	Kiara Lynn	701	5.41	19.47
Bronze	6	DRAGON	Kelli Harmon	621	9.37	25.87
60# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	8	A.I.D.E.W.	Clay Fonvielle	2,701	13.84	49.11
Silver	3	BABY	Darwin Lumbattis	2,061	25.57	36.80
Bronze	9	MIDUS	Julian Felice	1,901	12.06	32.22
80# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	7	PHOEBE	Dave Heffelfinger	2,321	13.72	30.54
Silver	6	MATILDA LOUISE	Carol Gerke	2,321	17.82	35.71
Bronze	6	ASPEN	Zach Scholzen	1,361	16.39	18.39
100# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	11	PEPPER POTTS	Valarie Thawley	1,881	10.22	19.39
Silver	6	DUKE	Ted Gerke	1,481	6.73	15.92
Bronze	11	XELA	Jenna Collins	1,481	10.52	17.42
125# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	11	DEZZY	Jenna Collins	3,001	11.40	29.42
Silver	6	COOPER	Jean Wilson	2,721	49.40	22.67
Bronze	9	BIGHEAD	Richard Felice	2,441	35.03	20.34
150# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	6	SAGE	Stephanie Stoll	2,721	35.50	19.16
Silver	4	ST NICK	Connie Meech	2,721	66.14	18.39
Bronze	6	ROCKY	Jean Wilson	2,441	10.84	18.63
Unlimited	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	-	-	-	-	-	-
Silver	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bronze	-	-	-	-	-	-

Championship Snow Medalists

10# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	9	MONARCH JOSEPH	Robbie Reed	44	8.94	4.89
Silver	6	BUG	Diane Krupski	33	16.63	4.71
Bronze	-	-	-	-	-	-
20# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	6	STEVIS	Kelli Harmon	203	12.60	11.94
Silver	6	DEXTER	Diane Krupski	103	3.41	6.06
Bronze	7	FELIX	Missy Kehler	83	5.33	4.61
40# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	7	ESMERELDA	Missy Kehler	203	4.65	7.00
Silver	7	DEUCE	David Heffelfinger	163	5.94	4.08
Bronze	6	SHELDON	Kelli Harmon	163	6.06	7.76
60# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	6	HURRICANE CLYDE	Carol Gerke	285	3.49	5.00
Silver	9	MIDUS	Julian Felice	285	4.08	4.83
Bronze	3	BABY	Darwin Lumbattis	285	6.99	5.09
80# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	9	GRIMMLOC	Richard Felice	485	45.50	6.38
Silver	7	PHOEBE	Dave Heffelfinger	405	4.69	5.33
Bronze	6	ASPEN	Zach Scholzen	245	4.59	3.31
100# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	11	WANDA	Tony Collins	325	4.26	3.45
Silver	11	XELA	Jenna Collins	325	8.22	3.82
Bronze	-	-	-	-	-	-
125# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	6	COOPER	Jean Wilson	885	28.65	7.37
Silver	6	MADD MAXX	Barry Wilson	805	27.13	6.88
Bronze	11	MOMBA	Tony Collins	725	9.32	7.03
150# Class	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	6	ROCKY	Jean Wilson	525	13.16	4.01
Silver	3	QUEEN BOUDICCA	Darwin Lumbattis	525	22.29	3.80
Bronze	7	BLOCK	Missy Kehler	405	4.44	3.05
Unlimited	Region	Dog's Name	Handler	Wt Pulled	Time	%
Gold	-	-	-	-	-	-
Silver	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bronze	-	-	-	-	-	-



Some Memories From 2023 Championships

Butte, Montana