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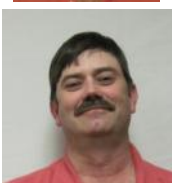
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Letter from the President

Terry Reed

Hello IWPA Members,

I hope you are all having a great summer.

It is my honor to have once again been voted as your President at the Annual Board Meeting this past June. Not a whole lot of changes were made at this last board meeting but there have been some exciting additions.

Especially of note is the IWPA Hall of Fame. As you may recall from last season the board adopted the Hall of Fame and tasked the committee with developing the application and certificate. All this was finalized at the meeting this past June. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find the information and application for the Hall of Fame. I think this is a very appropriate way to honor retired dogs that have accomplished so much.

Also as many of you may recall Phil Goerner and Bob Sencenbaugh, the organizers of the 2011 Championships donated proceeds to the Weld County Fallen Officers Memorial. I am pleased to tell you that the Memorial has been completed and was dedicated on June 23, 2012. The IWPA has not one, not two, but three of the pavers used to build the memorial. Look for pictures of the Memorial in this or future issues of Pulling Power.

I would also like to welcome the new board members, Rodney Martin, and George Ferrari and thank them for running in the last election. And a big thank you to Cheryl Martin, Bob Sencenbaugh and especially Brand New Guy, Sean Hammell for being willing to accept appointment's to fill the board. That being said it is not too early to be thinking of running for the board, elections will be here before you know it.

In closing I wish all of you a safe and happy continuation of your summer and good luck this season.

From Your Sanctioning Director and Statistician Sue Ferrari

Are we all ready for the new season? I sure do hope so.

The only changes you will be seeing from me, as far as sanctioning goes will be in the what you receive back in your sanctioning packet that I mail. There will be fewer copies of the various forms, as we try and keep the postage costs down this year. If there is any way you can receive this packet via email, you are helping your organize save a few \$\$.

Handlers and organizers, please watch your dogs and pulls closely this year. If you find any errors, the sooner you let me know, the better for all involved. When you wait until the end of the whole season, it does cause problems for everyone. You are all doing great at remembering to call your dog the same name, all season.

We will be cleaning up the data base this year. One of the items being changed is the Breed category. If your dog is a mixed breed, of any sort - it will now be listed as mixed or unknown under the breed. If you have a pure bred and by some error it doesn't show this in the listing, please let me know as soon as possible. This is just part of the housekeeping we are going to be doing.

There is one thing I would like to point out to everyone on the Working Dog Degree paperwork. The form actually reads (at an IWPA Sanctioned or IWPA Approved pull) for it to be considered as one of the qualifying pulls. This does mean that pulls at other pulling venues with other groups, probably will not qualify for one of your legs. If you are unsure, please don't hesitate to ask myself or someone else on the Board.

Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions or concerns. My home phone is 509-966-1133 and yes it does ring quite a few times, but there is an answering machine, just wait for it. Also, if you could please remember what time zone you are in and how it relates to PST, I would really appreciate it. Just because it is 8am where you are, it might be 5am where I am. My home email is ferrari1133@msn.com and I do check this daily.

Thanks so much, and have a great season.

Sue Ferrari
Sanctioning & Statistician

From the Judge's Chair George Ferrari

Just a friendly reminder to all you Organizers and Chief Judges. I have been receiving a lot of paperwork that is not completely filled out. It might seem like a lot to fill out the whole form when nothing really happened at your pull, but we need to have everything documented. If there ever was a question or complaint, we need to know this information.

Thank you for your cooperation.

George Ferrari
Judge Chairperson

Championships 2012

The WOW Factor, and it truly was, WOW this year. Between having some great sponsors, great competition and a great fund raiser, we really couldn't have asked for more. Cabela's was such a gracious host allowing us to take up the parking lot and announcing many times during the day that we were out there and what we were doing. We had a large group of spectators both days, all day long.

Marcia, Marcia, Marcia. The t-shirt design was WOW - just wonderful! What a great job you did on the design, and I'm sure the two featured dogs are pretty darn proud that you picked them.

We saw dogs and handlers from Pennsylvania, Vermont, Connecticut, Colorado, Canada, California (I think we got all the C states) and Washington. We wished we could have seen more of you, but we completely understand why you couldn't make it out West. But you really missed a great time.

Snow competition saw 29 competitors on a great natural snow track. Wheel competition saw 44 dogs out competing. If you haven't seen the photos, please go out to www.photohaus.lifepics.com and log in with the user name iwpaphotos@gmail.com and your password is pulling dogs. Feel free to order any of the photos if you would like.

All through the weekend we had a silent auction going on to benefit the Dogs 4 Diabetics. The bidding got pretty crazy just before we shut it down on Sunday. We even had some of the public entering bids on some of the items. A special thanks to everyone who bid on items, and I hope you got what you wanted. I know that I did, mostly. It is our honor to be sending a check for \$1900.00 to this group, from all the profits made at the auction and at the pull. Please check out their web site to see all that this group does for those affected by this disease.

Thanks again to everyone who helped out. From truck drivers, cart handlers, timers and judges - we certainly couldn't have done it without each and every one of you.

Your 2012 Championship organizers,
Donna Daymude
Sue Ferrari
Marcia Ezell

From the Hall of Fame Chairperson Robbie Reed

What an exciting time in the IWPA. If you have a *retired* dog that has earned Regional and/or Championship Medals they might be eligible for the IWPA Regional and/or International Hall of Fame. This new project is now up and running. Check out the application for specific requirements. Applications must be submitted to the Hall of Fame Chairperson. All International Hall of Fame Applications will be submitted by the Hall of Fame Chairperson to the Board in the order of receipt. Only 3 dogs a year will be inducted into the International Hall of Fame. Don't worry if your application for an International Hall of Fame is not one of the first 3 submitted then it will be considered in subsequent board meetings for induction. The Regional Hall of Fame applications will all be considered and those that are eligible will be inducted after verification.

All Hall of Fame inductees will be listed in the Newsletter and on the IWPA Web Site.

Hope to see your applications,
Robbie Reed

IWPA Board Meeting
Estes Park, CO
June 2, 2012

Meeting called to order by President Terry Reed at 8:25 am

Present: Terry Reed, Cheryl Martin, Sue Ferrari, Brenda Lemon and Bob Sencenbaugh

Absent: Ken Blackburn, Stephanie Pitz, David Gallagher

Guest: Robbie Reed, Rodney Martin

Reports:

Vice President: Brenda Lemon provided a written report with her observations through the year. She advised most complaints she heard about were in regard to the Web Site.

Secretary: accept the minutes from the 2011 board meeting. MSC

Treasurer: Cheryl Martin provided a written financial report.

Promotions: Brenda Lemon advised she worked with Wendy Leister trying to increase Region 11 Membership. No report in regard to club promotions.

Sanctioning: Sue Ferrari provided a written report. In brief the report indicated there were 126 pulls sanctioned; 2 were Championship Pulls and 6 were fun pulls. One pull needed to be rescheduled due to a death in the immediate family of the organizer. The organizer and others in the area made sure that everyone was aware of the change in date, and had someone at the site both days in case anyone did show up for the event. Additionally all pull request paperwork and money came in a timely fashion. No outstanding problems noted.

Statistician: Sue Ferrari provided a written report. In brief the report indicated all pulls reported back. Three (3) organizers were fined for not having their paperwork and/or fees returned in a timely fashion. Two (2) were at the end of the season causing some delay in getting the information out for the Championship invitation letters. Additionally there are still some issues with what people are naming their dogs at pulls (not using the same name) and what is in the database. As for paperwork submitted by organizers some feel the need to write something on each line of the Finish Report; the biggest issue is putting NP on every line even if the dog simply times out or couldn't complete the pull.

Judges: George Ferrari submitted a written report. In brief the report indicated there were 41 certified judges (the same as last season). Every organizer submitted the Judges Report for all sanctioned pulls. No complaints against any judges filed. There was a complaint about an organizer running a novice class and sanctioned class together at the same time. George addressed this with the organizer. The DQ's were cited for the following reasons; 8 stepped over the line, 7 called/talked to the dog before crossing the finish line, 1 leash thrown, 1 dog touched the handler and 4 handlers touched the dogs. George also noted at one pull the only dogs pulled were the Chief Judge/Organizers. He suggested this is not a good practice and feels this may need to be addressed within the rules.

Standing Rules: Kitty Alvarado, NA

Medals/Awards: Donna Libbey submitted a written report providing the number of Working Dog medals she currently has in stock. Terry Reed provided a written report of the numbers of Regional Medals and Championship Medals in stock including ribbon counts. Donna Libbey indicated she had received about 30 Working Dog Degree Applications.

Elections: Stephanie Pitz, no report submitted, Stephanie e-mailed Secretary Kitty Alvarado that she mailed results but they had not been received as of the board meeting date.

Membership: Rodney Martin provided a written report. In brief the report indicated there were a total of 185 memberships this year; 44 new single, 14 new family, 70 renewing single, 53 renewing family. The membership count this year increased 32 memberships from last year. The membership appears to be taking advantage of the early discounts in that 87 memberships were submitted prior to September 1st (over 47 percent) with the remaining being submitted throughout the season.

Championship: Bob Sencenbaugh provided a written report. In brief the report indicated there were a total of 29 entries for the Snow Pull and 45 entries for the Wheel Pull. There were 2 tracks available for the wheel pull however; we used only 1 track to keep the pull running a little longer for Cabela's. The best track and cart were used. The Wheel pull ended about the same time as the snow pull and was not overly prolonged.

Cabela's was very pleased with the Championships. The IWPA raised about \$1200.00 for the Dogs for Diabetes.

Personnel: Bob Sencenbaugh provided a verbal report advising there were no personnel issues this season.

Drug Testing: Robbie Reed provided verbal report in that drug testing was not completed at the Championships.

Drug testing funds are available to be completed in upcoming Championships. Some factors in the decision for not testing this Championship include a possible low turnout and the expense of drug testing (50 tests must be submitted to receive a cost break in testing fees).

Regional Coordinator: Robbie Reed reported she did not have any major issues this season. The only concern was no one in Region 4 came forward after repeated requests for a region rep. Robbie also received Region Meeting Minutes from Region 2. Robbie only received about 6 emails of inquiries on the club; all were sent on to the appropriate Region Reps. Many telephone calls had been received/answered and passed on.

Newsletter: Robbie Reed provided a written report. In brief the report indicated the average annual cost per membership for a Newsletter is \$32.28 which is a very minimal increase from the previous season. One continued issue in producing the newsletter is importing Pull Results in the format that is sent from Sue Ferrari (Statistician). Due to this issue composing the newsletter is very time consuming as nearly each line must be reformatted. Sue and Robbie to work on this program issue in hopes of resolving the problem. Robbie also suggested that obtaining (either renting or purchasing postage/weighing system would help speed up the process in mailing the newsletter. This will be discussed in new business.

Animal Welfare/Education: Ken Blackburn absent and did not submit a written report

Grievance: Dave Gallagher absent and did not submit a written report.

Web Master: Donna Daymude absent and no report submitted. Discussion by the board in regard to complaints they had heard; Website not getting updated soon enough and results posted. Terry Reed reminded everyone and suggested they pass on the Website is not the official notification media, it is the Newsletter. Also the Domain will expire in June; we will need to find a new domain.

Web Site Inquiry: Brenda Lemon submitted a written report. In brief the report indicated Brenda received 29 web site inquiries over the season. Brenda passed on information to the appropriate Region Reps also.

Hall of Fame: Robbie Reed advised the forms have been created. Once the form is approved it will be posted in the newsletter for submissions. Robbie also provided copies of the Certificates proposed for approval. To be discussed under unfinished business.

All reports accepted as written and/or provided. MSC

Unfinished Business:

Approval of IWPA "Hall of Fame" application

Changes in the form; submitted to the Chairperson not the Board; MSC

Certificates; Approved Template

Plaques; Approved Template

A motion was made to accept all certificates/plaques with the few noted changes; MSC.

Last season a motion was carried to submit a \$250.00 donation to the NAIA that was not completed. The Board took a break to submit the donation via Internet.

Nomination of Officers:

President Nominations: Terry Reed (6)

Vice President Nominations: Bob Sencenbaugh (3), Brenda Lemon (2)

Treasurer Nominations: Cheryl Martin (6)

Secretary Nominations: Robbie Reed (4), Kitty Alvarado (2)

New Business:

President Terry Reed called new business to order.

President Terry Reed thanked Kitty Alvarado for serving many years as the IWPA Secretary.

Board Members present; President Terry Reed, Sue Ferrari, Rodney Martin and Brenda Lemon
Absent; Stephanie Pitz and George Ferrari. Stephanie was not able to make the meeting but prior to the meeting suggested Bob Sencenbaugh to fill a vacant position as he had submitted his nomination request 1 day late. A suggestion was made to accept Stephanie Pitz motion via proxy for Bob Sencenbaugh to fill a vacant position and Rodney Martin second; MSC.

Bob Sencenbaugh made a motion for Cheryl Martin to fill a vacant position, Sue Ferrari second; MSC.

President Terry Reed stated he had talked to Sean Hammell in Region 3 who said he would be interested in filling a one year board position appointment. Bob Sencenbaugh made a Motion for Sean Hammell to fill one board vacancy, Rodney Martin second MSC.

The 2012-2013 IWPA Board of Directors will be as follows; President Terry Reed, Vice President Bob Sencenbaugh, Treasurer Cheryl Martin, Sue Ferrari, Brenda Lemmon, George Ferrari, Sean Hammell, Stephanie Pitz and Secretary to the Board Robbie Reed.

Cheryl Martin advised she got a receipt from previous Secretary Kitty Alvarado for her internet service reimbursement for \$49.95 (phone/internet/long distance then the bill jumped to \$55.62 for the Feb-March 2012 billing due to the end of a promotional rate. The bill documents charges for each service; local phone service \$35.00, long distance service \$10.00 and internet \$30.00 without the promotional discount. Sue questioned why internet was paid anyway. Terry advised at the Board Meeting held in Nashville, TN Kitty advised the prior board agreed to pay the Secretary's Internet service. The new board that year voted to pay for the Secretary's Internet Service within a reasonable amount. Bob Sencenbaugh made a Motion to reimburse Kitty the amount of \$30.00 for each month Internet Service only, not the \$55.62, Brenda Lemon second; MSC.

Committee Chair Appointments by President Terry Reed are as follows;

Promotions	Brenda Lemon
Sanctioning	Sue Ferrari
Statistician	Sue Ferrari
Judges	George Ferrari
Standing Rules	Robbie Reed Secretary
Medals/Awards	Donna Libbey
Elections	Stephanie Pitz
Membership	Rodney Martin
Championship	Bob Sencenbaugh
Personnel	Bob Sencenbaugh
Drug Testing	Robbie Reed
Regional Coordinator	George Ferrari
Newsletter	Robbie Reed
Animal Welfare/Education	Brenda Lemon
Grievance	Sean Hammell
Web Master	Sheryl Franklin
Web Site Inquiry	Sean Hammell
Hall of Fame	Robbie Reed

Web Master Position

Sheryl Franklin submitted a letter of interest to Brenda Lemon. Sheryl is the owner/operator of Franklin Communications Services. Sheryl feels there are easier and more user friendly ways to access the clubs web site. She has been a weight puller for years and a current IWPA member. Sheryl was advised of the \$100 per month stipend by Brenda Lemon and agrees to this stipend. Cheryl Martin made a motion to use Sheryl Franklin as the Web Master and Bob Sencenbaugh second; MSC.

The paid stipend for statistician was discussed. Sue Ferrari stated she will continue as Statistician if possible. Bob Sencenbaugh made a Motion to keep the stipend at \$100.00 per month (twelve months per year), Rod Martin second; MSC.

Cheryl Martin suggested another position to be paid a stipend should be the Newsletter. Cheryl suggested pay \$100.00 per month (10 months a year) for compensation in the creation and printing/distributing the Newsletter. Cheryl feels the current budget will cover this expense easily. This is a time consuming process and required by our Constitution.

Bob brought up also paying a stipend to the Treasurer. Sue made a motion for the Newsletter Position be paid \$100.00 per month (10 months) and the Treasurer be paid \$100.00 (12 months), Bob Sencenbaugh second; MSC These stipends to begin July 2012.

Sue Ferrari reported the Sanctioning postage in the 2010/2011 season on average cost \$3.75 per packet mailed out; the 2011/2012 season postage went up on average to between \$4.00 to \$5.00 per packet, some as high as \$8.00 dependent on zip code. Sue suggested to mail only 1 copy of each form and the organizers be responsible to make their own copies of each form or increasing the sanctioning fees. After much discussion Sue Ferrari made a Motion for the Sanctioning Director to mail out only one (1) copy of each form to eliminate the need to raise Sanctioning costs, Bob Sencenbaugh second; MSC.

Sue Ferrari as Statistician would like to take the old data base and save it; clean out breeds and dogs start a new database and list the pure breed name and any mix breed as simply "mix". Bob Sencenbaugh made a Motion to purchase 2 external storage devices (8GB) thumb drives (one as a back up database), Brenda Lemon second; MSC.

Brenda Lemon brought up the east coast was trying to pick up new members. Brenda suggested to get younger kids involved and would like to see a Junior program like UKC Junior Program and given their own awards; MWP and BBP. Brenda suggests that organizers provide Junior awards. Brenda will write an article for Newsletter suggesting this. Brenda Lemon brought up Debbie Lee also talking about having the same 2 carts at Championships; IWPA to purchase the 2 carts and have the carts available for use to organizers to rent/borrow. The Board discussion included cost to the club for expense/maintenance and traveling expense which would not be a feasible project.

The Board reviewed all the following Forms with noted changes; Sanctioning, Membership- \$5 discounts continued, Judge renewal form, Working Dog application-IWPA SANCTIONED/APPROVED pull specifies what events would be eligible (Sanctioning to put an article in the Newsletter with further explanation), Judges renewal; change dates and adding if the judge is the only person there pulling they must have someone else judge them, Judge Apprentice Application, Final Results, Judges Report, Handler Meeting sign in, Finish Report (NP defined as dog did not pull starting weight, DQ is a dog disqualified, Weight Pull Score Sheet; delete fail code, Complaint Form, Membership Receipt, Provisional Membership Form, Hall of Fame; add the Chairperson contact information.

The Board discussed the internet for the Secretary position being paid by the IWPA. It was suggested this not be paid any longer. Sue Ferrari made a Motion, Bob Sencenbaugh second; MSC.

Ribbons/Awards purchase discussed; the total number the IWPA has for Regional Silver and Bronze are okay but will need 100 Gold and/or whatever number we would get a price break, Championship Medals we will need to order a full

year 20 each Gold, Silver and Bronze. Also purchase ribbons so all ribbons will appropriately match for the medals we currently have that do not have ribbons. Sue Ferrari made a Motion for purchases, Brenda Lemon second; MSC. The Board discussed purchasing Pitney/Bowes type machines for postage stamping for the Newsletter and Sanctioning. Bob Sencenbaugh made a motion to purchase two (2) postage/stamp/weigh machines and Rodney Martin second; MSC.

The Board discussed Financial Payment options for Canada conversions. Cheryl Martin was assigned to research options and report back to the board.

Cheryl Martin advised she will revise the proposed budget adding the following items; HOF \$200 expense, \$100 for Newsletter stipend (10 months), \$100.00 per month stipend for Treasurer (12 months), Promotions line item expense and Domain expense line item.

The Board discussed Pulling Rules, Section 5, number 14 and decided that no action was needed.

The Board discussed the Annual Board Meeting location for 2013; decided on June 1-2, 2013 in Seattle, WA.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob Sencenbaugh, Sue Ferrari second; MSC. Board Meeting adjourned at 1225 PM.

msn **now** WHAT'S TRENDING
Monday, June 25, 2:38 pm



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10 hrs ago
Watch a man
find out he's
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Modern pooches hounded by depression, anxiety, stress

9 hrs ago

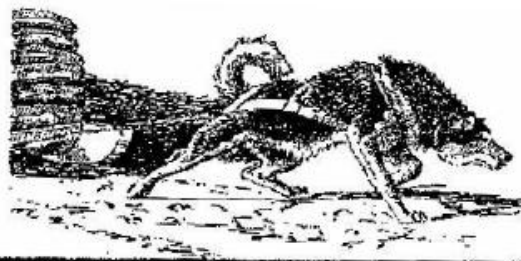
A study of 1,300 dogs has found they're just as crazy as we are. A survey by U.K. vet Dr. Claire Corridan suggests a covering 80 percent of dogs suffer from a range of mental disorders including "hyperactivity" (running up and down the fence barking like idiots); "fears" and "phobias" (mailmen, vacuum cleaners); obsessive-compulsive disorders (tail-chasing); "separation anxiety" (peeing on the floor when you get home from work), and depression. Dr. Corridan puts canine disorders down to our weird, detached modern way of life. "We all have busy lifestyles, so quite often cats and dogs are spending less time with their owners and less time being socialized." Sound familiar, computer-face?

Proposed 2012 Budget

GENERAL FUND	PROPOSED	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Membership	7100													0
Sanctioning	4600													0
3.00 per dog	7100													0
Judge Certification	500													0
Ads/Promo	175													0
Working Dog	200													0
\$1.00/dog drug test	1800													0
\$1.00/dog travel	1800													0
Other	0													0
Transfers	0													0
Total Income	23275													0
GENERAL FUND														
Newsletter copies														
Newsletter discounts	-100													0
Newsletter stipend	1000													0
Newsletter	1200													0
Postage	600													0
Sanctioning	2000													0
Expenses	300													0
Board Conf Call	500													0
Board Meet Travel	3000													0
Board Meeting	600													0
Membership	500													0
Regional Reps	100													0
Medal/Awards	2250													0
Awards Mailing	275													0
Hall of Fame	200													0
President	200													0
Vice-President	50													0
Board Secretary	100													0
Treasurer	1300													0
Board Members	100													0
Rules	300													0
Judge Chair	100													0
Elections	200													0
Championship Travel	1800													0
Championship Chair	500													0
Champion Judges	1250													0
Drug Testing	1800													0
Working Dog	200													0
Insurance	500													0
Statistician	1200													0
Webmaster	1200													0
Website	200													0
Bank-fees checking	50													0
Bank-fees savings	0													0
Champion apparral	400													0
Returned Checks	0													0
Board Equipment	300													0
Promotions	0													0
TOTAL EXPENSES	23275													0
Beginning Bank Balance														20946.52
Ending Bank Balance														20946.52
Savings Acct + Interest	7264.18													

New Member

Renewing Member



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(Please print clearly in black ink)

DUES MUST BE PAID IN U.S. CURRENCY. Both Discounts may apply.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP (An individual membership consist of one adult 18 years and older at the start of the pull season).

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

\$40.00

Paid by check number _____

Paid by cash _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (A family membership consists of two head of household adults or one or two parents and children under 18 years of age at the start of the pull season).

Name of Primary _____

Date of Birth _____

Name of Second Adult _____

Date of Birth _____

Family _____

Date of Birth _____

Date of Birth _____

\$45.00

Paid by check number _____

Paid by cash _____

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (A member under the age of 18 at the start of the pull season, and has a sponsor who is a member of the IWPA in good standings.)

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Sponsor's Name _____

Sponsor's Signature _____

\$40.00

Paid by check number _____

Paid by cash _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

For returned checks the *IWPA* will charge the check writer for cost incurred or a MINIMUM of \$25.00

Please submit Application with fees (make checks payable to the *IWPA*, do not mail cash) to:

Rodney Martin
Membership Chair
3407 17th Ave

Evans, CO 80620 USA

E-mail: M5MKennel@aol.com

Signature _____

Date _____

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International Weight Pull Association

Working Dog Degree Program

Your dog must meet the criteria below to be eligible for the various working dog degrees. When your dog has achieved the required number of pulls for a degree (at an IWPA Sanctioned or IWPA Approved pull) and you have completed the application forms for each pull, send the forms and \$10 for each certificate requested to the Working Dog Chairperson, after September 1 in the following program year. Your certificate will be mailed to the address on the application form. Please complete all blanks on the forms to aid in the processing of the certificates. All pulls required for a certificate must be achieved in no more than two consecutive program years. The program year is from September 1 to August 31 the following year.

Requirements for Certificates

Snow

1. IWPA Working Dog: the dog must pull 5 times its own body weight in 4 different pulls on snow.
2. IWPA Working Dog Excellent: the dog must pull 10 times its own body weight in 4 different pulls on snow.
3. IWPA Working Dog Superior: the dog must pull 15 times its own body weight in 3 different pulls on snow.

Wheels

1. IWPA Working Dog: the dog must pull 12 times its own body weight in 4 different pulls on wheels.
2. IWPA Working Dog Excellent: the dog must pull 18 times its own body weight in 4 different pulls on wheels.
3. IWPA Working Dog Superior: the dog must pull 23 times its own body weight in 3 different pulls on wheels.

Working Dog Degree Program Application Form

SNOW

IWPA Working Dog	(5 times body weight) _____	4 individual pulls required
IWPA Working Dog Excellent	(10 times body weight) _____	4 individual pulls required
IWPA Working Dog Superior	(15 times body weight) _____	3 individual pulls required

WHEELS

IWPA Working Dog	(12 times body weight) _____	4 individual pulls required
IWPA Working Dog Excellent	(18 times body weight) _____	4 individual pulls required
IWPA Working Dog Superior	(23 times body weight) _____	3 individual pulls required

Event Date _____ Event Name _____

Event Location(City, State/Prov) _____

Track (check one) Natural _____ Carpet _____ Snow _____

Dog's Name _____ Breed _____

Registered Name, if applicable _____

Dog's Wt. At Pull _____ Weight Pulled _____ Times Body Weight _____ Time _____ (seconds)

Owner's Name _____ Region # _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

I hereby certify that the above information is correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

If this is not an IWPA Sanctioned Pull, the judge's signature must accompany this application.

I hereby certify that this information is correct.

Judge's Signature _____ Judge's Name Printed _____ Date _____

**INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION
WEIGHT PULL SANCTIONING APPLICATION**

(ALL BLANKS MUST BE FILLED IN)

Sanctioned Pull____ Other (Novice, Fun, Etc.)____ Wheels____ or Snow____

Pull will be run – Class by Class____ or Concurrent____ or Combined Classes____

Title of Event_____

Street Address of Event_____

City and State/Prov. Of Event_____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Region_____

Organizer (person responsible for event)_____

Organizer Address_____ Phone (____)_____

City and State/Prov. _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Date of Event_____ Weigh in Time_____ Start Time_____ Entry Fee_____

Purse/Prizes _____

Date of Event_____ Weigh in Time_____ Start Time_____ Entry Fee_____

Purse/Prizes _____

Sponsor _____

Name of required I.W.P.A. member _____ Phone (____) _____

Name of Chief Judge _____ Phone (____) _____

If you would like to receive the Sanctioning Packet electronically put an 'X' in this box.

Please included your email address: _____



Send application plus fees to sanctioning director:

Sue Ferrari
807 Ghormley Rd
Yakima, WA 98908

Phone 509-966-1133
Fax 509-972-2070
E-mail ferrari1133@msn.com

\$35.00 Per Sanctioned Pull (U.S. Funds Only)

\$25.00 Per Other Pull (U.S. Funds Only) (NSF Check fee will be cost incurred or a minimum of \$25.00)

This application can not be processed without the signature of the organizer regarding the reading and understanding of the Sanctioning Rules printed on the reverse.

Signature of Pull Organizer _____ Date _____

For the use of the Sanctioning Director

Date this application received _____ Date and amount of Sanctioning Fees received _____

Date Sanctioning approved/rejected _____ Date information sent to Newsletter _____

Date notice of approval and sanctioning packet or rejection (must include explanation of rejection) sent to

Organizer _____ Date Sanctioning fees sent to treasurer _____ Date postmarked _____

INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION WEIGHT PULL STANDING RULES ON SANCTIONING

In order for your pull to be sanctioned and to count for points.

Any organization who wishes to put on a pull approved by the I.W.P.A. shall require the organizer or any of the officials to have an I.W.P.A. membership and use I.W.P.A. weight pull rules which include having an I.W.P.A. certified and approved judge.

A sanctioning application must be filled out by the organizer and delivered into the hands of the I.W.P.A. sanctioning director no later than the 15th of the month preceding the month in which the event is to take place, provided the event is scheduled between the 15th through the end of any given month. Pulls scheduled from the 1st through the 14th of any month must be received no later than the 15th of the month two months prior to the weight pull event. For example, an event scheduled for December 7th must be received no later than October 15th, an event scheduled for December 28th must be received no later than November 15th. **No exceptions to this rule will be made!!** It is the organizer's responsibility to ascertain if this application has been received by the Sanctioning Director.

Newsletter pull calendar information is taken from the sanctioning application; therefore, ALL questions must be answered. It may be considered false advertising for any organizer to falsify or fail to follow the information provided on the sanctioning request. False advertising will be grounds for placing the organizer on probationary sanctioning status.

The following list of information from your weight pull must be sent to the **Sanctioning Director** with a postmark no later than 5 days after the last day of your pull:

1. Weight Pull finish report
2. Organizer's report
3. Financial report with ALL monies due the IWPA for the \$5.00 per dog fee. For pulls held in Canada \$5.00 are payable in U.S. funds only. (Motion6/07)
4. All regular and provisional membership monies received at your pull with completed membership forms must be sent to the **Membership Director** with a postmark no later than **5 days** after the last day of your pull. New members are to be given the membership receipt included in your packet as proof of membership until their card is sent to them.
5. Send **Judge's Reports** to the **Judge Chairperson**
(The penalty for failure to meet the 5 day postmark requirement will result in a fine of not less than \$20.00 and \$5.00 per day for each day after 6 days that the pull results are not postmarked. Failure to pay a fine may result in loss of sanctioning and/or points). **Exception—Organizers of pulls held the last two weeks of the season are required to submit finish reports to the sanctioning director and FAX or OVERNIGHT their finish report, finance report, and organizer report to the statistician within one working day. (motion 5/98)**

Any grievances by an organizer or judge should be in writing, postmarked no later than 72 hours after the end of the weight pull event, and sent to the Sanctioning Director who will present the written grievance(s) to the I.W.P.A. Board of Directors **within two weeks of the receipt of the grievance**, for deliberation.

Sanctioning applications that do not include the sanctioning fees will not be accepted. Exception—When faxing application a copy of the check/money order for sanctioning fees must be faxed with the application. The original application and check/money order for sanctioning fees must be postmarked within one working day of the fax. The original application and payment for sanctioning fees must be received by the sanctioning director no less than one week prior to the event or the sanctioning may be canceled.

Organizers of events which have had sanctioning suspended after the pull will be required to mail a reimbursement to all entrants of the \$5.00 per dog fee. This reimbursement must be mailed within 72 hours of the receipt of written notice by the Sanctioning Director of suspended sanctioning. (Failure to reimburse funds when sanctioning has been suspended may mean loss of future sanctioning of event by the organizer)

The Board of Directors may not make a decision on sanctioning a pull but will make a decision regarding any grievance filed in regard to sanctioning.

If the Sanctioning on a pull is refused or the sanctioning is withdrawn from a pull, the sanctioning director will notify the organizer in writing within 2 days. A phone call or fax is a courtesy but the "in writing" is a requirement.

Cancellations of a pull will be accepted with no penalty as long as there is ample time to report the cancellation in the newsletter with the same deadlines as for sanctioning a pull. If these deadlines are not met, the organizer shall (at their own expense) send out postcards to all members to notify them of the cancellation. If this is not one, an organizer may be subject to loss of sanctioning fees. There will be no provisions for "Rain Dates". I have read and understand the above rules regarding sanctioning.

Signature of Organizer _____ **Date** _____

IWPA WEIGHT PULL JUDGE APPLICATION/TEST

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DATE _____

1. Have you attended an IWPA weight pull? _____ How many? _____

2. Have you attended weight pulls sponsored by other organizations? _____

How many? _____ Sponsored by _____

3. Have you ever helped organize a weight pull? _____ Where? _____

4. Have you served as a weight pull official? _____ Where? _____

5. Have you entered and handled a dog in weight pull competitions? _____

How many times? _____

6. How long have you been involved in weight pulls as a participant? _____

7. Are you a member, officer, etc of any service club, group or organization that might show practical experience relating to those qualifications that this office requires?

8. List three personal references that know of your qualifications for this position:

A. Name _____ Phone _____

B. Name _____ Phone _____

C. Name _____ Phone _____

9. List other qualifications not already covered, using the back of this form if necessary

I promise to uphold the IWPA Constitution, By-laws and Standing Rules, be fair and impartial in my decisions.

Signed _____ Date _____

IWPA WEIGHT PULL JUDGE TEST

To the Judge Applicant:

The following test has been designed for a more consistent and better understanding of the IWPA rules and how they should be interpreted by you the applicant. All answers are contained in the official IWPA rule booklet.

There are 50 correct answers on the test. The applicant will be required to get at least 43 (85%) of these correct. In the event that you, the applicant fail to get 43 correct answers, you will be allowed to take the test over one week after you have been notified of your failing score. Once you have passed the test, completed the Apprentice Form and paid the appropriate fee you will be added to a list of IWPA qualified judges. If you have any questions at all please contact the Committee Judge's Chairperson.

Thank you for your interest in the IWPA

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

REGION _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Total Correct Answers _____ Checked and Approved by _____ Date _____

Directions: Circle the correct answer or fill in the blank; there may be more than one correct answer on the questions.

1. What surface/surfaces are unacceptable to conduct a pull on?

- | | |
|------------|---------------------|
| a. carpet | c. sand |
| b. asphalt | d. all of the above |

2. What conditions would be acceptable in the layout of the pull chute:

- | | |
|-------------|----------------------|
| a. downhill | b. uphill |
| c. level | d. none of the above |

3. The chute barriers shall be a minimum height of:

- | | |
|--------|--------|
| a. 30" | b. 48" |
| c. 36" | c. 24" |

4. How old must a dog be to compete in an IWPA sanctioned event? _____

5. Can a bitch in season be allowed to pull or be on the premises during an IWPA event?

Yes _____ No _____

6. List the acceptable dimensions of a sled to be used for snow pulling:

Runner width _____ Runners contact surface _____

Width of the sled_____

7. What is the measurement of the bridle on a wheeled cart? _____

8. What kind of tires must be used for a wheeled cart? _____

What is the minimum height_____Maximum height_____?

What weight must it be able to carry safely? _____

9. What are the dimensions of a snow and wheeled pulling chute?

Width_____Length_____

10. Who is responsible for the overall supervision of the pull event? _____

11. Who is responsible for the completion of all forms and information required by the IWPA?

12. When may a chief judge disqualify any dog or handler for violation of the rules, or unsportsmanlike conduct, or abusive treatment of a dog? _____

13. List the weight classes of the IWPA_____

14. When a dog weighs $80 \frac{3}{4}$ lbs; what would be recorded weight be? _____

15. What weight class would a dog compete in if they weighed $80 \frac{3}{4}$ lbs? _____

16. What are the positions that a handler may take when pulling his/her dog?

17. What is the maximum allowable weight of the vehicle used for the 20# class? _____

18. What constitutes double handling? _____

19. How many tangles during the same turn constitute disqualification of the dog competing?

20. What 3 situations constitute a tangle?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

20. Who determines a tangle? _____

21. If any part of the harness or other equipment breaks and the handler chooses to attempt the pull again after repairs, where does the pull start from? _____

22. Is a sling shot start allowed? _____

23. What would constitute a sling shot start? _____

24. Where must the dog be positioned at the start of the pull? _____

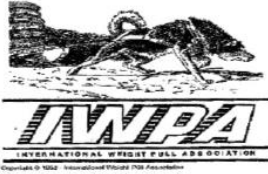
25. May handlers reward their dogs with a treat after each successful pull if the dog is outside the pulling chute? _____

26. Who determines the load increments to be pulled? _____

27. A handler steps over the bridle of the pull cart/sled without touching the equipment, the dog or the pull surface between the start and finish line. When this happens the dog follows the handler and tangles itself in the bridle. Would this be a rule violation if so what rule? _____ -

TRUE OR FALSE SECTION: Indicate the correct answer by circling either TRUE or FALSE.

- | | | |
|------|-------|--|
| TRUE | FALSE | Dogs shall achieve traction on the same surface as that which the sled/cart rides. |
| TRUE | FALSE | The bridle for the sled or cart shall consist of light chains or steel cables. |
| TRUE | FALSE | The sled runners shall consist of a P-tex material or steel runners |
| TRUE | FALSE | If using a wheeled cart, all tires must have the same air pressure prior to the event. |
| TRUE | FALSE | A crowd barrier is required to separate the spectators a minimum of 2 feet from the pulling chute. |
| TRUE | FALSE | The dog that wins its weight class will be allowed to compete in the next higher weight class. |
| TRUE | FALSE | If the sled/cart is in motion at the expiration of 60 seconds, the dog shall be allowed to complete the pull and the actual time required to make the pulls shall be recorded. |
| TRUE | FALSE | The handler has the option to have the cart/sled placed anywhere on the start line perpendicular to the line prior to his/her dogs attempt to pull the weight. |
| TRUE | FALSE | No dogs, including those not entered in competition shall be allowed in the area ahead of the starting line, except for the dog that is pulling. |
| TRUE | FALSE | If two or more dogs pull the same weight all go out of completion on the same round; the lightest dog will be declared the winner. |
| TRUE | FALSE | If a dog is competing for best percentage, he must pull at the designated load increments. |
| TRUE | FALSE | A handler starts calling his/her dog prior to stepping over the designated 16 foot line and is in contact with the pulling surface is disqualified. |
| TRUE | FALSE | Throwing a leash is considered baiting? |
| TRUE | FALSE | Any entrant protesting a violation of the rules has 24 hours after the event to do so in writing to the Judges Chair. |



International Weight Pull Association Hall of Fame

Your dog must meet the criteria below to be eligible for the Induction into the Hall of Fame. When your dog has achieved the required number of Regional and/or Championship medals and you have completed the application form send the forms to the Hall of Fame Chairperson (refer to requirements below). Your certificate will be mailed to the address on the application form. Please complete all blanks on the form to aid in the processing of the certificates.

No active weight pulling dog will be inducted into the Regional or International Hall of Fame. The owner should not submit a request for induction until the dog is retired from weight pulling. This is open to any dog that has pulled in the IWPA and meets these qualifications, regardless of how long the dog has been retired.

Requirements for Certificates

International Hall of Fame

1. The dog must have won at least one wheel or snow International Championship Medal in 3 separate years (snow or wheel medals earned the same year are considered as 1 year).
2. Owner must submit a bio and achievements to the IWPA Hall of Fame Chairperson by May 1st which will vote and induct a maximum of 3 dogs per year into the International Hall of Fame. If the owner submits to have a dog inducted and it is not voted in, the owner can continue to submit in successive years. There is no limit to the number of times allowed for submissions.

Regional Hall of Fame

1. A dog that wins a Regional Medal on wheels or snow in 5 separate years (wheels and snow in the same year are considered as 1 year) is automatically eligible for induction into the Regional Hall of Fame.
2. Owner must submit a bio and achievements to the Hall of Fame Chairperson after the dog has earned the requirements needed.

International and Regional Degree Program Application Form

- International Hall of Fame (3 separate years)**
 Championship year _____ snow wheels (circle surface)
 Championship year _____ snow wheels (circle surface)
 Championship year _____ snow wheels (circle surface)

- Regional Hall of Fame (5 separate years)**
 Regional Medal year _____ snow wheels (circle surface)
 Regional Medal year _____ snow wheels (circle surface)
 Regional Medal year _____ snow wheels (circle surface)
 Regional Medal year _____ snow wheels (circle surface)
 Regional Medal year _____ snow wheels (circle surface)

Dog's Name _____ Breed _____

Registered Name, if desired _____

Dog's Owner's Name _____ Region # _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

I hereby certify that the above information is correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please submit all International/Regional Hall of Fame applications to the Hall of Fame Chairperson by May 1st.

Robbie Reed
P.O. Box 336452
Greeley, CO 80633

Region 5 Retiree Digger

Lorien's Irish Digger CD, RE, OA, NAJ, NF, JE, ASCA CD, CPE-Catch is a 9 year old Border Terrier.

Digger has multiple titles in obedience, rally, agility and earth dog but the one thing I had never been able to teach him was to walk on a loose lead. Three years ago a friend, who has Norfolk Terriers, told me that she had been participating in weight pulling and that there was a great place to practice in Oneida, NY. I'm always looking for something new and different to do with my dogs. At that time Digger was only 7 and he had basically quit working in obedience and earth dog. His attitude was, I've done that, time to move on, so I thought "why not" let's give this a try. Borders typically live to 15 years of age so we had plenty of time to try something new.

In 2010 we went to Lisa's to watch the March trial and we participated in the Novice pull at the end of the day. Digger took right to it and was very happy to get told to pull, I don't think he ever looked back to see what was behind him. At the end of the 2010-2011 season he was invited to nationals and received a gold medal from

Region 5 from the 20# class. At the end of the 2011-2012 season he was again invited to the nationals and received a silver medal from Region 5. Digger had turned 9 in March and I was planning on retiring him at the end of the season. He didn't like to do a lot of turns so I had started pulling him for the first round on the large cart, 225#. He did his first pull on Sat. and on the second round he just sat down and seemed to say "okay, I've done this, what's next?" I've learned that once he has decided he's done, that's



it, and that was the end of his pulling career. In two seasons he earned multiple legs at the Working Dog level, 3 legs at the Excellent level and 1 leg at the Superior level, where he pulled 425# (26.5 x his weight) and earned the award for the highest percentage for that day.

I've owned Border Terriers for 35 years, they are great house dogs, wonderful companions, extremely versatile in a wide range of performance activities and above all they like to do it "Their Way".

We are now looking forward to our next adventure

Kerry Boisvert & Digger



Cascades Black Ice aka Icy

10/4/2006 - 7/7/2012

Our beloved pet and champion crossed over the Rainbow Bridge way too soon in her life. This young lady left quite an impression on all who met her and competed against her. This past year she was your National Silver medalist on snow. In her short life she also earned a National Bronze medal on snow the previous year at Estes Park, CO.

Along with her two national medals, she had numerous region 2 medals. Three gold, two silver and two bronze. She was our snow puller, doing just about anything to please George.

Icy fell sick after the National Championships and we did all we could to try and help her. She tried her best, just like she did when competing. With the pain that she was in, and her body shutting down on her, we just couldn't let her suffer anymore.

I'm sure she had quite the homecoming with all the other pullers waiting for her. Rest in peace big girl.

PULL CALENDAR

September 1 - 2, 2012

Season Opener

Region 6 Kalkaska, Michigan (2489 County Rd 571 NE)

Wheels : Sat 9/1/2012 Weigh- 2:00 PM -- 3:00 PM Pull Start: 3:30 PM
Wheels : Sun 9/2/2012 Weigh- 10:30 AM -- Pull Start: 11:00 AM

Fees: \$12 for 1st dog, \$6 for each additional

Contacts: Shirley Webber, 231-258-2358 [sandtrapmutts@hughes.net]

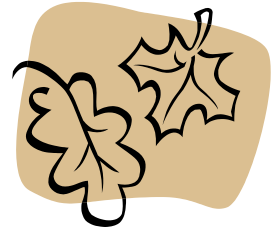
Chief James Webber, 231-258-2358 [sandtrapmutts@hughes.net]

Prizes: TBA

Novice

Comment

Sponsor Northern Great Lakes Weight Pullers



September 3, 2012

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Region 5 Syracuse, New York (581 State Fair Blvd)

Wheels : Mon 9/3/2012 Weigh- 7:00 AM -- 8:30 AM Pull Start: 9:00 AM

Fees: \$15 per dog

Contacts: Lisa Mawson, 315-280-0107 [canineculturecny@yahoo.com]

Chief Steve Jackson, 717-487-2941 [WendyL3@comcast.net]

Prizes: TBA

Novice

Comment Pre-register to receive your NYS fair admission tickets, Otherwise you will pay that fee at the gate. Please see the canineculturecny.com website for more information.

Sponsor Canine Culture

Direction New York State Fair

Unconditional Love

After a mother chimpanzee who lived in a zoo died, one of the zoo's employees took the baby chip home to care for it. It never crossed his mind that his dog who had recently given birth would adopt the chimp and raise it with her pups. Judging by the look on her face at times, she is not quite sure why this particular offspring has hands to grab her with. Now that portrays unconditional love. Something to think about! More pictures to come of this article in future Pulling Power Newsletters as space is available. Too cute to not pass on!

What a great example of the ability of a dog willing to care for another creature!



***IWPA* Region 9 Donation will forever be memorialized in the Weld County Fallen Officer's Memorial in Greeley, Colorado**

The Organizers of the 2010-2011 Championships Phil Goerner and Bob Sencenbaugh together decided to make the IWPA Championship a benefit dog pull. They had learned of a memorial being built in Weld County, the county in which they live, to honor fallen officers who had died in the line of duty. The memorial

would list each officer by name and department; giving the Weld County Community a local tribute to the officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice.



The community formed a committee

to begin the project in hopes of dedicating the memorial during the National Law Enforcement Memorial week in May 2012. Unfortunately the project was not dedicated until June 23rd, 2012 where all seven officers were properly honored for their service and sacrifice. Each one's name engraved on the black granite walls proudly displaying the badge of their law enforcement department.

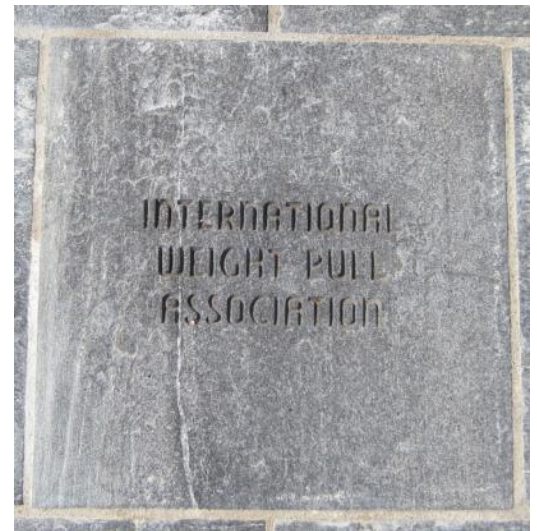
The committee asked for donations to be placed in general project funds and also for pavers that would become the tiles within the memorial. Pavers purchased could read however the donators wished (within reason).

The donation made by Phil Goerner and Bob Sencenbaugh on behalf of the IWPA would be enough to purchase 2 pavers and made a generous donation toward the general project funds. The pavers purchased for the IWPA read as follows; "IWPA INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION

HONORING THEIR “ULTIMATE SACRIFICE” and the other reading “IWPA REGION 9 2010-2011 HONORING THE FALLEN”.

While in attendance of the dedication Terry and Robbie Reed located not two but three pavers; the third reading simply “INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION”. It is unknown how the third paver came to be and will be left as a mystery. Below you will see pictures of each paver.

The IWPA was one of the first organizations to donate toward the Weld County Fallen Officers Memorial. We in Region 9 encourage everyone to do your part for your community and host pulls that will benefit your community in some way. This too will help promote the IWPA in a positive way. Region 9 has sanctioned pulls benefiting organizations such as the A.L.I.E Foundation which places blood hounds in law enforcement positions to search for missing children and adults, A Kid’s Place which is a Child Advocacy Center where child victims are interviewed and offered services, Zach’s Legacy which is a foundation which assists families with children who suffer from cancer and Dankai Animal Sanctuary which is a foundation that is a no kill shelter for abandoned/neglected animals. Search your area for a needy foundation and make a difference in someone’s life.



From the Championship Chair Bob Sencenbaugh

It is time for the Mid East District (Regions 4, 6 and 8) to begin thinking of submitting an application to host the IWPA Championships for the 2012-2013 season. You will need to have an application submitted to the Championship Chair Bob Sencenbaugh by September 15th, 2012. You can contact Bob and ask for an application to submit for consideration.



P.O. Box 336452
Greeley, CO 80633