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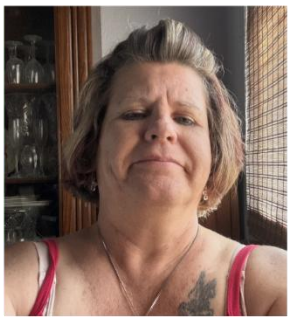

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2026/2027 season

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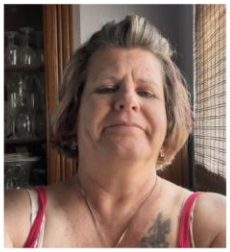

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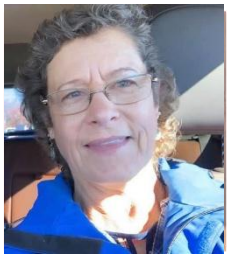

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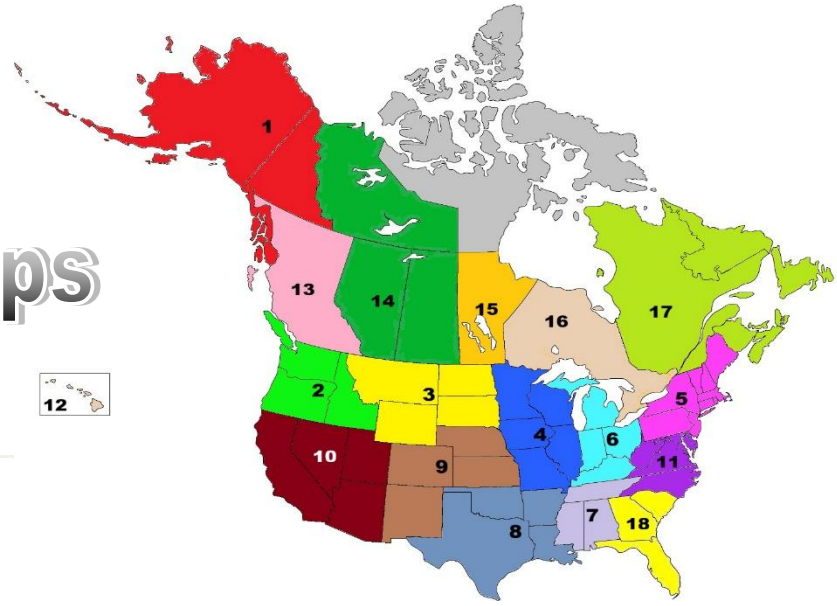
Regions and Reps



Region 1 – Alaskan and Yukon Territory
Rep - Whitney Weston

Region 2 – Washington, Oregon, and Idaho
Rep - Sean Hammell

Region 3 – Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota
Rep - Darwin Lumbattis

Region 4 – Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, and Wisconsin
Rep - Connie Meech

Region 5 – New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and New Jersey
Rep - Todd Sheehan

Region 6 – Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky
Rep - Jean Wilson

Region 7 – Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi
Rep - Sheryl Franklin

Region 8 – Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas
Rep - Clay Fonvielle

Region 9 – Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico
Rep – Cheryl Martin

Region 10 – Arizona, Utah, Nevada and California
Rep – Debbie Lee

Region 11 – West Virginia, Virginia, Washington DC, Maryland, Delaware and North Carolina
Rep – Debbie Lee

Region 12 – Hawaii
Rep – Whitney Weston

Region 13 – British Columbia
Rep – Sean Hammell

Region 14 – Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Northwest Territories
Rep – Sean Hammell

Region 15 – Manitoba
Rep – Whitney Weston

Region 16 – Ontario
Rep – Sean Hammell

Region 17 – Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and New Brunswick
Rep – Sean Hammell

Region 18 – South Carolina, Georgia, Florida
Rep – Sheryl Franklin

From the President:

We have been advised there's a very good possibility of a bid coming in soon for Championships to be held on the East Coast next year. Look for more information in the November Newsletter!

For now, enjoy your time with your pups, make new friendships, and get prepared for the change in seasons! For some of us, the snow will be flying before we know it!

Your President,

Jean Wilson



Madd Maxx – Region 6



Harley – Region 6



Jingle– Region 4



Kia – Region 6

DID YOU KNOW...?

Cooper – Region 6

Even if you won't be taking your dog to Championships or if you don't place in the top three in your region for the year, your dog can still earn medals and certificates for recognition!



There are three levels available for both wheels and snow pulls. The qualifications are as follows:

Wheels:

"Working Dog"	4 pulls at 12 times body weight or more
"Working Dog Excellent"	4 pulls at 18 times body weight or more
"Working Dog Superior"	3 pulls at 23 times body weight or more.

Snow:

"Working Dog"	4 pulls at 5 times body weight or more
"Working Dog Excellent"	4 pull at 10 times body weight or more
"Working Dog Superior"	3 pulls at 15 times body weight or more.

Each pull can only be used for one achievement. All pulls for a single medal must be achieved in a two-year period. The form to complete can be found at: http://iwpa.net/Forms.html which also has the $10 fee payment link.

The form only is at: http://iwpa.net/files/Working%20Dog%20Degree%20Application%2026-27.pdf

Please email to Connie at connieisnow@aol.com . If you have questions, call her at 314-458-4800.

Treasurers Report for October 8, 2026

Sean Hammell

2026-2027 IWPA Income Statement as of October 4th, 2026

	Yearly Budget	Actuals			
	2026-2027	July	August	September	Total
Opening Balance:	17,774.72	17,774.72	16,575.91	15,911.12	17,774.72
Revenue:					
Memberships	2,900.00	295.85	170.15	40.04	506.04
Sanctioning	1,575.00		140.00	284.48	424.48
Organization Entry Fees	900.00				
Championships Drug Testing Entry Fees	300.00				
Championships Travel Entry Fees	300.00				
Judge Certification	275.00		54.77	25.10	79.87
Working Dog Certification	50.00			19.48	19.48
Total Revenue:	6,300.00	295.85	364.92	369.10	1,029.87
Expenses:					
Contractor Fees	825.00	75.00	75.00		150.00
Championships Judges Fees	800.00				
Awards	1,200.00		654.71		654.71
Championships Member Travel	300.00				
Championships Drug Testing	300.00				
Insurance	1,800.00	625.00	300.00		925.00
Postage	100.00	209.16			209.16
Website	225.00				
Misc Board Expense	710.00	582.50		179.88	762.38
Bank Fees	40.00	3.00		(3.00)	
Total Expenses:	6,300.00	1,494.66	1,029.71	176.88	2,701.25
Profit (Loss)		(1,198.81)	(664.79)	192.22	(1,671.38)
Ending Balance:	17,774.72	16,575.91	15,911.12	16,103.34	16,103.34

* Prepared on a cash accounting basis
* Please forward any questions on the financials to the Treasurer, Sean Hammell - internationalweightpullassoc@gmail.com

CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS BEING ACCEPTED NOW

It's that time of season for interested organizers to start thinking about applying to be a Championship Host. This past season the rotation for first bid was with the Mid-East District of Regions 4, 6, 8 & 15. This season the first bid went out to the East District of Regions 5, 7, 11, 16, 17 & 18. Since no bid for Championships was received by anyone in these regions by September 15, 2026, bidding is open for any District. If you are interested, now is the time to start planning.

Be sure to contact Emmanuel Faxio efaxiosr@yahoo.com for an application.

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Pull Calendar

October 17 - 18, 2026
Jackass Flats - LINE PULLS
Region: 11 Gates, North Carolina (440 Reynoldson Rd)
Wheels :Sat10/17/202 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- Pull Start 9:30 AM
Wheels :Sun10/18/202 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- Pull Start: 9:30 AM
Fees: $10/Dog
Contacts: Debbie Lee, 757-353-2607 [Dreamweaverpeafowl@gmail.com]
Chief Debbie Lee, 757-353-2607 [Dreamweaverpeafowl@gmail.com]
Prizes: Trophies for most Weight/Percentage. Certificates for all successful pulls
Novice Info:
Comments:
Sponsors: Harnesses by Carol, MAWP, Tidewater Block
Lodging:
Directions:

October 31, 2026 -- November 1, 2026
5M Fall Pull - LINE PULLS
Region: 9 LaSalle, Colorado (300 Pine St)
Wheels :Sat10/31/202 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 10:00 AM Pull Start: 10:30 AM
Wheels :Sun11/1/2026 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM
Fees: $15.00
Contacts: Cheryl Martin, 970-396-1811 [clmartin703@gmail.com / fivemkennel@gmail.com] OR Rodney Martin, 970-396-1811 [clmartin703@gmail.com / fivemkennel@gmail.com]
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Prizes: No prizes awarded
Novice Info:
Comments:
Sponsors:
Lodging:
Directions:

November 1, 2026, **F U N P U L L**
November Fun Match in Baxter - NO LINE PULL
Region: 7 Baxter, Tennessee (1196 Bloomington Rd)
Wheels :Sun11/1/2026 Weigh-in: 10:00 AM Pull Start:11:00 AM
Fees: $10.00
Contacts: Sheryl Franklin, 610-792-4597 [sheryl@sheryl.org]
Chief Sheryl Franklin, 610-792-4597 [sheryl@sheryl.org]
Prizes: TBD
Novice Info:
Comments: Harnesses to lend.
Sponsors: theworkingk9.com, Middle TN Weight Pullers
Lodging:
Directions: Directions: Exit 280 on I-40, North on Rt 56, after 1st light ,1 mile to 4-way flashing light, go straight, 2 miles to 4-way flashing light, go straight, 2 miles to Rt 291, turn right, 1 mile to pull site on the right

Turkey Trot PM - NO LINE PULL
Region: 6 Petoskey, Michigan (420 N Ellsworth Rd)
Snow :Sun11/15/202 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 11:30 AM Pull Start: 11:30 AM
Fees: $15/$10
Contacts: Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com / barrywilson0431@gmail.com] OR Barry Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com / barrywilson0431@gmail.com]
Chief Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com / barrywilson0431@gmail.com]
Prizes: TBD
Novice Info: Novice welcome - $5 entry fee. Not eligible for points or awards.
Comments: PM pull will start 1 hour after AM pull completes but no earlier than 11:30 am.
Sponsors: Team Newf
Lodging:
Directions:

December 6, 2026, **F U N P U L L**
December Fun Match in Baxter - NO LINE PULL
Region: 7 Baxter, Tennessee (1196 Bloomington Road)
Wheels :Sun12/6/2026 Weigh-in: 10:00 AM Pull Start:11:00 AM
Fees: $10
Contacts: Sheryl Franklin, 610-792-4597 [sheryl@sheryl.org]
Chief Sheryl Franklin, 610-792-4597 [sheryl@sheryl.org]
Prizes: TBD
Novice Info:
Comments: Harnesses to lend.
Sponsors: theworkingk9.com, Middle TN Weight Pullers
Lodging:
Directions: Directions: Exit 280 on I-40, North on Rt 56, after 1st light ,1 mile to 4-way flashing light, go straight, 2 miles to 4-way flashing light, go straight, 2 miles to Rt 291, turn right, 1 mile to pull site on the right

December 12 – 13, 2026
Jackass Flats - LINE PULLS
Region: 11 Gates, North Carolina (440 Reynoldson Rd)
Wheels :Sat12/12/202 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM --Pull Start:9:30 AM
Wheels :Sun12/13/202 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- Pull Start:9:30 AM
Fees: $10/Dog
Contacts: Debbie Lee, 757-353-2607 [Dreamweaverpeafowl@gmail.com]
Chief Debbie Lee, 757-353-2607 [Dreamweaverpeafowl@gmail.com]
Prizes: Trophies for most Weight/Percentage. Certificates for all successful pulls.
Novice Info:
Comments:
Sponsors: Harnesses by Carol, MAWP, Tidewater Block
Lodging:
Directions:

Please share some pictures as a brag session with us! Submit to:
Dreamweaverpeafowl@gmail.com.
Please give your dogs name and region.



Cooper – Region 6

Saint Nick – Region 4





Rocky – Region 6



Sprite – Region 6

Judges List October 2026

Region 3 Darwin Lumbattis
Region 4 Connie Meech
Region 4 John Podolak
Region 5 Todd Sheehan
Region 6 Barry Wilson
Region 6 Jean Wilson
Region 7 Sheryl Franklin
Region 7 Missy Kehler
Region 11 Debbie Lee
Region 11 Brenda Lemon

Please help us grow and become a Judge, Cart Help or supporter in any way.

Thank You!

Region 6 Season Opener PM - NO LINE PULL

Petoskey, Michigan (420 N Ellsworth Rd)

Pull: 1 -- Organizer(s): Wilson, Jean **Wheel** on Natural Region: 6
Track: Afton Stone Crusher Dust Date: 04-Oct-26
Weather: Beautiful 60 degrees with a mix of sun and shade and a light breeze Day 1 of 1

Chief Judge: Jean Wilson

20 # Class (1 thru 20 pounds)

Judged by Barry Wilson
62# Start weight, 20# Increment, Cart weighs 42#

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Sprite	6	122	5.84	11	11.09	5.0	Donna Libbey	Mixed

60 # Class (41 thru 60 pounds)

275# Start weight, 78# Increment, Cart weighs 275#

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Jingle	4	358	24.48	44	8.14	5.0	Constance Meech	Siberian Husky

125 # Class (101 thru 125 pounds)

Judged by Barry Wilson
275# Start weight, 156# Increment, Cart weighs 275#

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Harley	6	587	6.08	112	5.24	5.0	Barry Wilson	Newfoundland

150 # Class (126 thru 150 pounds)

Judged by Constance Meech
275# Start weight, 156# Increment, Cart weighs 275#

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Madd Maxx	6	1523	6.10	139	10.96	8.0	Barry Wilson	Newfoundland
Cooper	6	1523	8.66	126	12.09	5.0	Jean Wilson	Newfoundland
Rocky	6	1523	21.57	129	11.81	2.0	Jean Wilson	Newfoundland
Kia	6	587	8.78	128	4.59	0.5	Jean Wilson	Newfoundland

Unlimited Class (over 150 pounds)

275# Start weight, 156# Increment, Cart weighs 275#

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Saint Nick	4	1835	44.01	158	11.61	5.0	Constance Meech	Newfoundland

"d/D" prefixing ***Reg*** implies a disqualification -- gets no points/contributes no points and gets no points

Region 6 Season Opener AM - LINE PULL

Petoskey, Michigan (420 N Ellsworth Rd)

Pull: 2 -- Organizer(s): Wilson, Jean **Wheel** on Natural Region: 6
Track: Afton Stone Crusher dust Date: 04-Oct-26
Weather: Beautiful in the low 60's, mix of sun and clouds with a light breeze. Day 1 of 1

Chief Judge: Jean Wilson

20 # Class (1 thru 20 pounds)

Judged by Barry Wilson
62# Start weight, 20# Increment, Cart weighs 42#

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Sprite	6	142	33.59	11	12.91	5.0	Donna Libbey	Mixed

60 # Class (41 thru 60 pounds)

275# Start weight, 78# Increment, Cart weighs 275#

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Jingle	4	587	22.19	44	13.34	5.0	Constance Meech	Siberian Husky

125 # Class (101 thru 125 pounds)

Judged by Constance Meech
431# Start weight, 156# Increment, Cart weighs 275#

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Cooper	6	1835	6.81	124	14.80	6.0	Jean Wilson	Newfoundland
Harley	6	743	4.08	112	6.63	3.0	Barry Wilson	Newfoundland

150 # Class (126 thru 150 pounds)

Judged by Constance Meech
431# Start weight, 156# Increment, Cart weighs 275#

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Madd Maxx	6	2147	7.88	139	15.45	7.0	Barry Wilson	Newfoundland
Rocky	6	1835	12.22	129	14.22	4.0	Jean Wilson	Newfoundland
Kia	6	743	15.76	128	5.80	1.0	Jean Wilson	Newfoundland

Unlimited Class (over 150 pounds)

899# Start weight, 156# Increment, Cart weighs 275#

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Saint Nick	4	1835	48.00	158	11.61	5.0	Constance Meech	Newfoundland

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I.W.P.A. Standings for the 2026/2027 Season

Type **Wheels**

Region 4 Wheels

60 Pound Class Region 4 Wheels

Total	Dog's Name	Owner	In Region										Out of Region			
10.0	Jingle	Constance Meech	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	5.0	1	5.0	2

Unlimited Pound Class Region 4 Wheels

Total	Dog's Name	Owner	In Region										Out of Region			
10.0	Saint Nick	Constance Meech	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	5.0	1	5.0	2

Region 6 Wheels

20 Pound Class Region 6 Wheels

Total	Dog's Name	Owner	In Region										Out of Region			
10.0	Sprite	Donna Libbey	5.0	1	5.0	2	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0

125 Pound Class Region 6 Wheels

Total	Dog's Name	Owner	In Region										Out of Region			
8.0	Harley	Barry Wilson	5.0	1	3.0	2	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
6.0	Cooper	Jean Wilson	6.0	2	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0

150 Pound Class Region 6 Wheels

Total	Dog's Name	Owner	In Region										Out of Region			
15.0	Madd Maxx	Barry Wilson	8.0	1	7.0	2	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
6.0	Rocky	Jean Wilson	4.0	2	2.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
5.0	Cooper	Jean Wilson	5.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
1.5	Kia	Jean Wilson	1.0	2	0.5	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0



Ember – Region 4 Novice