

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON DACHSHUND CLUB &  
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DACHSHUND CLUB  
LICENSED FIELD TRIALS**

**MWDC -Thursday – April 30, 2026, Event #2026074501**

**WPDC - Friday – May 1, 2026, Event #2026192402**

**MWDC- Saturday – May 2, 2026, Event #2026074516**

**WPDC - Sunday – May 3, 2026, Event #2026192401**

**Tri-County Beagle Club  
297 Dutch Road, Carrolltown, PA 15722**

Brace on Rabbit

This Field Trial will be held under the rules and procedures of the American Kennel Club.

Roll call for all stakes will begin at **7:30 a.m.** local time. Dogs must be present on the grounds when entries close at the end of rollcall to be officially entered. Be sure you have all of the information you need to complete the entry forms. Entry forms are attached and will also be available at the trial.

**Entry Fees: \$25.00 per dog per stake entered. Please make checks payable to Metropolitan Washington Dachshund Club (MWDC) on Thursday and Saturday and Western PA Dachshund Club (WPDC) on Friday and Sunday. IF PAYING BY CASH, ONLY EXACT AMOUNT WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

|  | Thursday<br>April 30 | Friday<br>May 1     | Saturday<br>May 2   | Sunday<br>May 3     |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Open Dogs  | Sherry Ruggieri      | Jess Labelle        | Monica Galley       | Stacey Sullivan     |
| Open Dogs  | Michael Pitisci      | Carrie Hamilton     | Heidi Meyers        | Alice Moyer         |
| Open Bitches   | Carrie Hamilton      | Eric Pepe           | Kathy Johnson       | Michael Pitisci     |
| Open Bitches   | Debbie Senkbeil      | Sherry Ruggieri     | Jess Labelle        | Karen Jones         |
| FC Dogs  | Jessica Campbell     | Karen Jones         | Barbara Sharrah     | Dave Kerr           |
| FC Dogs  | Stacey Sullivan      | Deb Rowe            | Stacey Sullivan     | JR Wright           |
| FC Bitches   | Dave Kerr            | Jessica Campbell    | JR Wright           | Deb Rowe            |
| FC Bitches   | Barbara Sharrah      | Kathy Johnson       | Alice Moyer         | Debbie Senkbeil     |
| Consecutive<br>Running Order   | FCD, OD,<br>OB, FCB  | OB, FCB,<br>FCD, OD | OD, FCD,<br>FCB, OB | FCB, OB,<br>OD, FCD |
| If eligible, winners of the Open & Field Champion Classes will run at the conclusion of the afternoon classes each day, for Best Open, Best Field Champion & Absolute. Absolute Judges will be selected on the day of the trial. |                      |                     |                     |                     |

Trial will be run rain or shine.

**The field trial committee reserves the right to alter the running order  
in any manner to expedite the trial.**

**All Exhibitors are expected beat the brush and keep the grounds clean. Thank you for contributing to a fun and successful trial.**

**The handler of a dog that kills a rabbit on the grounds under any circumstances will pay Tri-County Beagle Club \$30.00.**

# METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON DACHSHUND CLUB

## FIELD TRIAL CHAIR

Mark Mechler  
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## FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY

Meredith Averitt  
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Toano, VA 23168  
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## FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE

Mark Mechler, Pam Mechler, Meredith Averitt, Karen Jones, Randy Eltringham, Nancy Prouty and any other MWDC members present.

## METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON DACHSHUND CLUB OFFICERS

President – Paul Martin, 4583 Kabletown Road, Charles Town, WV 25414  
Vice President – Pam Mechler, 12461 Wendell Holmes Road, Herndon, VA 20171  
Recording Secretary – Monika Martin, 4583 Kabletown Road, Charles Town, WV 25414  
Corresponding Sec – Cathy Kelly, 1438 Montford Drive, Charlotte, NC 28209  
Treasurer – Karen Jones, 6683 Ridgeway Drive, Springfield, VA 22150

## AWARDS, RIBBONS, TROPHIES

**The Dachshund Club of America Inc.** (Sheila Parish, Trophy Chairperson, P.O. Box 17164, Urbana, IL 61803) in support of the April 30th and May 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Trials of the Metropolitan Washington Dachshund Club offers, **OPEN TO ALL DACHSHUNDS**, for outright award, its statuary bronze Dachshund plaques by Katherine Ward Lane or Chris Baldwin (each plaque winner to retain only one, the largest plaque won in competition at this field trial) as follows:

|                     |                                 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 12 to 19 starters   | Sunburst Medallion for Absolute |
| 20 to 83 starters   | “5” Bronze Plaque for Absolute  |
| 84 or more starters | “8” Bronze Plaque for Absolute  |

**THE DACHSHUND CLUB OF AMERICA INC.** further offers, open to all Dachshunds for outright award, its Brass Sunburst Medallion to the winner of the **Open Dog Class** and **Open Bitch Class (or the Open Combined Class)** and the **Field Champion Dog Class** and the **Field Champion Bitch Class (or the Field Champion Combined Class)** when starters in the class are 12 or more.

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON DACHSHUND CLUB offers rosettes for Absolute, Best Open, Best Field Champion and for 1st through 4th and NBQ in all stakes. MWDC also offers a New Champion rosette to OD and OB place winners who complete their Field Championship due to their placement at this trial. Dog or Rabbit themed prizes will also be offered to 1st through 4th and NBQ in all stakes, Best Open, Best FC and Absolute. **MWDC thanks Randy Eltringham (Thursday) and Karen Jones (Saturday) for donating the prizes.**

This club does not agree to arbitrate claims as set forth on the official AKC entry form for this event.

## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DACHSHUND CLUB

### FIELD TRIAL CHAIR

Heidi Meyers  
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Washington, PA 15301  
[meyerske@verizon.net](mailto:meyerske@verizon.net) 724-344-5272

### FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY

Monica Galley  
135 Lambert Lane  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
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### FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE

Heidi Meyers, Monica Galley, Keith Etling, Chelsea Cibella, Rita Kepner, Jenn Hartman,  
and any other WPDC club members present

### WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DACHSHUND CLUB OFFICERS

President – Keith Etling, P.O. Box 2564, Streetsboro, OH 44241  
Vice President – Marie Hamaker, 416 Hill Street, Reynoldsville, PA 15851  
Secretary – Kari Dannemiller, 1948 Benjamin Road, Madison, OH 44057  
Treasurer – Deborah Bizek, 1237 Stanford Court, Coraopolis, PA 15108

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**WPDC thanks Sue Plance for donating the Absolute Plaque on Friday.**

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## MEALS

Tri-County Beagle Club will prepare breakfast & lunch daily and dinner on Saturday.

**Meal Reservations are required** so we know how much food to prepare. Please be considerate and **send your RSVP by Wednesday, April 23 to Rita Kepner at [rikep@aol.com](mailto:rikep@aol.com)**. Menus are listed below for your convenience. Meal tickets will be available when you arrive and must be paid for when you pick them up (cash or check to Tri-County Beagle Club).

|  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  | Sunday   |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| <b>Breakfast</b><br>@ \$7<br>donation        | Scrambled Eggs,<br>Sausage, Potato<br>Casserole        | French Toast,<br>Sausage, Potato<br>Casserole          | Scrambled Eggs,<br>Sausage, Potato<br>Casserole | Ham & Egg<br>Sandwich,<br>Potato Casserole                       |
| Coffee & Tea offered with every breakfast    |  |  |   |  |
| <b>Lunch</b><br>@ \$9<br>donation            | Ham, Green<br>Bean & Potato<br>Soup, Bread,<br>Dessert | Fried Chicken,<br>Potato Salad,<br>Dessert             | Pasta, Salad,<br>Garlic Bread,<br>Dessert       | Creamed Chicken<br>over Biscuits,<br>Mashed Potatoes,<br>Dessert |
| Iced Tea & Lemonade offered with every lunch |  |  |   |  |
| <b>Dinner</b><br>@ \$12<br>donation          |  | Taco Bar with all<br>the fixings plus<br>chips & salsa | Pizza ordered –<br>compliments of<br>Tri-County |  |
| Iced Tea & Lemonade offered with dinner      |  |  |   |  |

## CAMPING

Trial Judges and committee members are given priority for RV, Van/Car camping and Day Parking. All other camping spaces will be allocated in order of reservations received; not arrival at the grounds. Please RSVP to **Pam Mechler at [p.mechler4@gmail.com](mailto:p.mechler4@gmail.com)**, with 1) size of RV or camping space required, 2) date & time of arrival, 3) departure date, 4) the AMP hookup you are requesting. **Plan to arrive onsite at 2:00 PM or later ON WEDNESDAY, April 29, 2026.** If you arrive early, please wait outside the grounds until Pam or a Club member is there to direct you.

- 50 AMP service = \$30 per night
- 20 or 30 AMP service = \$25 per night
- Camping with no electric = \$15 per night
- Camping fees are due upon arrival – cash or check payable to Tri-County Beagle Club
- **NOTE: 175 – 200 ft of extension cord is needed for electrical hookups.**
- **NOTE: The lot surface is on grade, please bring levelers.**

## DIRECTIONS

**Tri-County Beagle Club**, 297 Dutch Road, Carrolltown, PA 15727

From US-22W toward Loretto, turn onto US-219 Business North/N. Center Street. US 219 Business North becomes Plank Road. Turn right onto Dutch Road. Grounds are on your right.

## HOTELS

**Sleep Inn & Suites**, 458 Sabbath Rest Road, Altoona, PA 814-944-4499

**\*\*\*\$69 rate & no pet fee for dachshund field trials (Code: DACHS) – reserve early for best availability\*\*\***

**Comfort Inn, Ebensburg**, 111 Cook Road, Ebensburg, PA 814-472-6100

**Red Carpet Inn**, 4554 Admiral Peary Highway, Ebensburg, PA 814-472-8002

**Quality Inn and Suites**, 3306 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona, PA 814-944-9661

**Rodeway Inn**, 1500 Sterling Street, Altoona, PA 814-902-7026

**Super 8**, 3535 Fairway Drive, Altoona, PA 814-201-6909

**Sleep Inn**, 453 Theater Drive, Johnstown, PA 814-809-8506

**Comfort Inn**, 455 Theater Drive, Johnstown, PA 814-266-3678

**PLEASE BE A CLEAN, QUIET HOTEL GUEST!**

**DOGS SHOULD NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED IN ROOMS AT ANY TIME.**

## OFFSITE CAMPING

**Prince Gallitzin State Park/Pennsylvania State Park**, 966 Marina Road, Patton, PA 814-674-1000

[www.dcnr.pa.gov](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov)

## VETERINARIAN on Call

**Sylvan Veterinary Hospital**, 739 S Logan Blvd, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Phone: 814-935-8638

## JUDGES DIRECTORY

Jessica Campbell – 558 Hance Rd, Binghamton, NY 13903

Monica Galley – 135 Lambert Lane, Greensburg, PA 15601

Carrie Hamilton-Lukow – 9621 Bachelor Rd, Kutztown, PA 19530

Kathy Johnson – 221 W. Heard St., Duluth, MN 55808

Karen Jones – 6683 Ridgeway Dr., Springfield, VA 22150

Dave Kerr – P.O. Box 1231, Cambria, PA 15714

Jess Labelle – 53 Hancock Rd., Barre, MA 01005

Heidi Meyers – 178 Maple Rd., Washington, PA 15301

Alice Moyer – 79 Brighton Ct., Downingtown, PA 19335

Eric Pepe – 22 Samuel Dr., Flemington, NY 08822

Michael Pitisci – P.O. Box 492, Brimfield, MA 01010

Deb Rowe – 232 Creekview Dr., Millersville, PA 17061

Sherry Ruggieri – 215 Twin Lakes Dr., Mantua, NJ 08051

Debbie Senkbeil – 104 Piping Rock Dr., Montgomery, TX 77356

Barbara Sharrah – 7 Orange St, Holly Springs, PA 17065

Stacey Sullivan – 870 Lee Rd., Notasulga, AL 36866

JR Wright – 217 Rightmire Way, Weirton, WV 26062



## **MORE ACTIVITIES & INFORMATION**

### **PRACTICE**

Practice will be held on Thursday and Friday after the running of Absolute. Practice may be changed or cancelled at the discretion of the FT committee to help manage field conditions. The cost is \$10 per dog. One dog per person at a time. A sign-up sheet will be in Fort Dachs. Please talk to a member of the FT committee before heading out to the field. This is a great opportunity for your dogs!

NOTE: On Wednesday, April 29, Tri-County Beagle Club members will be able to practice after 3:00 PM. No other practice will be allowed.

### **SHOW ME the BUNNY**

Tri-County Beagle Club will offer “Show Me the Bunny” on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday after the running of Absolute. This is a unique opportunity for your dog to meet a rabbit nose to nose... a perfect way to get your dogs excited about getting into the field! A sign-up sheet will be in the clubhouse each day. All proceeds go to Tri-County. Cost is \$100 for a 30 minute session.

### **RAFFLE**

MWDC and WPDC will host a raffle during the weekend. Creative donations are always welcome, thank you in advance. The drawing for the winners will be on Saturday during dinner.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- There will be 2 portable toilets available.
- There will be a golf cart available to help transport dogs and people to the fields.
- GPS/Tracking collars will be permitted (as per AKC rules) during the event.
- No motorized vehicles in the field unless provided by the Club.

### **AKC DARKNESS to LIGHT**

The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone, or need help, please call 800-656-HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free 24/7 confidential services from trained crisis counselors.

