

Sunshine State Jack Russell Terrier Club – True Grit Affiliate News – June 29, 2012

A HOT Summer “Hello” from the Sunshine State! SSJRTC begins the summer season with a recent board meeting in June at which we set event dates for the rest of this year and into the spring of 2013. We have scheduled our Membership Appreciation Day for September 8, 2012 at the home of club members Todd and Debbie Smith in Umatilla FL. Russell Mania 2012 will be held November 3-4, 2012 at the Horsemen’s Park in Williston FL. Our second annual Thaw Your Paws trials will be held January 19-20, 2013 at the Ocala Horse Park.

A thorough review of our inaugural Thaw Your Paws trial held this past January revealed mostly positive experiences with the new venue. Some logistical and administrative challenges were noted and will be addressed for the 2013 event. All in all it was a very successful inaugural trial so mark your calendar now to join us for the next one and our Russell Mania trials this November. Details for these, as well as other local events and some additional dates into spring 2013, can be found on the Event Calendar page at SSJRTC.com.

At our January 2012 board of directors meeting, new board members Carole Baskette and Kathy Cullifer were welcomed. Returning board members Justin Caynor, Lisa McKinney and Karen Muth were also thanked for continuing their service through 2013. We have two officer and four director positions coming up for election during our Russell Mania trials this November. As always, SSJRTC members are encouraged to support their club with a turn on the board.

SSJRTC is pleased to announce our upcoming 15th Anniversary (2013). As many people know it takes the hard work and dedication of a lot of JRT lovers to keep a club successful for this many years. So join us in congratulating ourselves on Fifteen Fun-Filled JRT Years! Look forward to special commemorative merchandise and celebratory activities at all our 2013 trials.

SSJRTC would like to publicly recognize board director Jim Williams and his Equipment Committee: Rick Bailey, Jason Jones and Todd Smith for their extensive efforts in bringing all club equipment (and vehicles) up to snuff over the past several months. Many have seen the rehabbed racing start box, GTG and SE tunnels. Well, those are just the obvious ones! There is also racing jumps, timers, radios, trailer repairs... In some instances there have been real challenges but Jim took on this committee with dedication and resolve and his team stepped up the plate to assist. The club is fortunate to have this level of volunteerism. Thank you so much Jim, Rick, Jason and Todd! It’s important work that you do.

SSJRTC would also like to recognize two of our club members for recent accomplishments. As many are already aware, John Tyno, a past president of SSJRTC, was recently elected to the JRTCA Board of Directors. Our club is very proud of John, appreciates his past support of our club and looks forward to his contributions in the coming years—Congrats John! We’d also like to call out one of our current board members Lisa McKinney. Lisa was just commissioned to create the official logo for the JRTCA’s 30th Anniversary! We, as well as many others around the country, have long known of Lisa’s tremendous artistic talents and we are especially proud of this national recognition—You go girl!

Submitted by Melanie Heckler, SSJRTC VP