

## **Most Versatile Weimaraner**

### **Rules and Scoring**

In as much as the WCA 2003 Versatile Expo is a celebration of the great versatility represented in our wonderful breed, the Sacramento Valley Weimaraner Club wishes to specially recognize the Most Versatile Weimaraner, according to their performance at the Expo.

The Most Versatile Weimaraner (MVW) scoring system explained below is used to test a dog in four areas of versatile performance, and to identify the dog that exhibits the highest level of performance in the broadest range of tasks. Patterned after the Weimaraner Club of America Versatile Ratings, the system gives equal weight to four areas of versatile performance: Agility, Obedience, Shooting, and Retrieving. The Tracking Dog Test is not included in the scoring system because of the difficulty in insuring that all dogs who may wish to enter the Tracking Dog Test can be accommodated. A Tracking Runoff (see below) will be used as a tiebreaker however, if the need should arise.

Scoring is composed of two factors: level of achievement, and level of difficulty. Points for level of achievement are awarded based on the finishing position of the dog, relative to all dogs in the class (not relative to only dogs competing for MVW). The points awarded for achievement are multiplied by the level of difficulty factor, to obtain a score for an individual trial or test. The scores for all trials and tests entered by a dog are added together to obtain an overall score. Points are awarded in the following 4 areas: Agility, Obedience, Shooting, and Retrieving. In order to be considered for the MVW designation, a dog must score points in at least two of these areas. If no dog in the competition scores in at least two areas, the MVW designation will be withheld.

#### **Agility**

The level of difficulty factor is determined according to the following schedule:

- 3 Excellent A/B Standard/Jumpers
- 2 Open Standard/Jumpers
- 1 Novice A/B Standard/Jumpers

Achievement points will be awarded as follows:

- 5 1<sup>st</sup> place
- 4.5 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- 4 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- 3.5 4<sup>th</sup> place
- 3 Qualifying round

The score from agility for a dog shall be obtained by taking their single highest scoring run, Standard or Jumpers, from the Weimaraner-only competition. Runs in the all-breed competition will **not** be considered. As the MVW designation seeks to mirror the WCA Versatile Ratings Standards, runs in the Preferred class will not be recognized in the point standings. The maximum possible number of points from the agility trial that will count towards the MVW designation is 15.

#### **Obedience**

The level of difficulty factor is determined according to the following schedule:

- 3 Utility A/B
- 2 Open A/B
- 1 Novice A/B

Achievement points will be awarded as follows:

- 5 1<sup>st</sup> place
- 4.5 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- 4 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- 3.5 4<sup>th</sup> place
- 3 Qualifying round

Scores from only a single class may count towards the MVW designation. Handlers competing in both the Open and Utility classes must indicate on their MVW Entry Form, which class, Open or Utility, they wish to use for their MVW score. The maximum possible number of points from the obedience trial that will count towards the MVW designation is 15.

### **Retrieving**

The level of difficulty factor is determined according to the following schedule:

- 3 RDX
- 2 RD
- 1 NRD

Achievement points will be awarded as follows:

- 5 Passing score
- 2 Passing one portion of the test (land or water) but not the other.

For purposes of the MVW competition, a dog must enter the Retrieving Tests at the level of their current title (if any) or at a higher level. Accordingly, dogs who have already earned an RDX rating may be retested at the Versatility Expo at the excellent level. A dog can use only one retrieving test towards their MVW score. For dogs entering the test at multiple levels (entering both RD and RDX for instance), the first occurring test that they have entered (according to the published running order in the premium list) is the one that will be used for the scoring of points, regardless of whether the dog actually runs that test or not. Specifically, dogs will not be allowed to drop out of a test, for which they have submitted an entry, in order to have a different test count towards MVW.

### **Shooting**

The level of difficulty factor is determined according to the following schedule:

- 3 SDX
- 2 SD
- 1 NSD

Achievement points will be awarded as follows:

- 5 Passing score

The "first occurring test" rule as explained above for Retrieving will also be used for scoring the Shooting Tests.

## **Determining The Most Versatile Weimaraner**

The designation Most Versatile Weimaraner shall be awarded to the dog accruing the greatest number of points according to the schedule above. Should two or more dogs be tied for high score after the final event, the Weimaraner Agility Trial on Monday, a single winner will be selected using the following criteria. The criteria shall be applied in the order listed, until a single dog remains. Any dog eliminated at one step of the process will not be considered at the next.

1. *Versatility:* The dog scoring points in the greatest number of the 4 areas of competition (Agility, Obedience, Shooting, and Retrieving), shall be selected. In other words, given equal scores, a dog who does a good job in all 4 disciplines will be preferred over one who does an excellent job, but only in 2.
2. *Tracking Trial Results:* If, and only if, all dogs who remain tied took part in the Tracking Test, then the results of the Tracking Test will be used to break the tie. Specifically, dogs that passed the test will be selected, and dogs that failed the test will be eliminated at this step. If all dogs failed, or more than one dog passed, they will move on to the next step.
3. *Tracking Runoff:* The tracking ability of the remaining dogs will be tested. The tracks used will be similar to those used for an AKC tracking test at the TD level, however for expediency and due to space constraints, they may not fully conform to a TD track (shorter distance, fewer turns, less aging, etc.). All tracks shall be as similar as possible, with the order of run being determined by draw. Dogs will be timed on their tracks, and if more than one dog completes their track, the total running time will be used to break the tie.

The WCA 2003 Versatility Expo committee reserves the right to modify the tie-breaking rules listed above at any time up until September 26<sup>th</sup>. Any such modifications will be posted to this document. The WCA 2003 Versatility Expo committee shall be responsible for the interpretation of these rules and selection of a winner, should the need arise.

## **MVW Entry Form**

To be eligible to compete for the MVW designation, please fill out the MVW entry form below and forward it to the MVW Secretary. Note that this form only serves to notify the MVW Secretary of your intention to compete for the designation, and does not constitute an entry application for the individual events listed. You are responsible for filling out individual entry forms for each event you intend to enter, and forwarding them to the relevant event secretaries, before the respective closing dates of the events. There is no separate fee for entering the MVW competition.

ENTRY FORM FOR THE  
**MOST VERSATILE WEIMARANER**  
 DESIGNATION, TO BE PRESENTED BY THE  
**SACRAMENTO VALLEY WEIMARANER CLUB**  
 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE  
**WCA 2003 VERSATILE EXPO**  
 ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2003

*Mail this form to the MVW Secretary.*

Cydney Hansen  
 1542 Estee Ave., Napa, CA 94558

MVW entries close Wednesday, September 17 at 7pm.  
 No changes or substitutions will be accepted after the closing time.

Name of Dog	Call Name
AKC Reg. No., OR AKC Litter No. (if Dog Not Reg.), OR Foreign Reg. No.	
Date of Birth	Male or Female?
Name of Actual Owner (Print)	
Email Address	Phone Number

I certify that I am the owner of this dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I agree to abide by all decisions of the WCA 2003 Versatile Expo Committee.

**Signature of Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Trials and Tests Entered

(Please indicate with a checkmark the events you have entered.)

**Obedience Trial**

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Novice A | <input type="checkbox"/> Open A | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility A |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B | <input type="checkbox"/> Open B | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility B |

If you have checked both Open and Utility above, please circle the **one** you wish to use for MVW scoring.

**Shooting Dog Test**

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NSD | <input type="checkbox"/> SD | <input type="checkbox"/> SDX |
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If you have checked more than one box above, only the **rightmost** box checked will be used for MVW scoring.

**Retrieving Dog Test**

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NRD | <input type="checkbox"/> RD | <input type="checkbox"/> RDX |
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If you have checked more than one box above, only the **rightmost** box checked will be used for MVW scoring.

**Agility Trial**

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Novice Std A/B     | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Std     | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent Std A/B     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Novice Jumpers A/B | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Jumpers | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent Jumpers A/B |

If you have checked multiple boxes above, your single best score will be used for MVW scoring.