



We Did It!

In the next edition of SSCA's 'Pepper N Salt', you'll see the article we contributed that provides a newcomer's perspective on hosting the National Show. It was a huge undertaking, and you have a lot to be proud of, RRSSC! We had a ton of "thank you's" from appreciative attendees and judges. Our beloved breed demonstrated their versatility in the many performance and companion sports in which they competed, and they were awarded multiple Best In Show wins. That's great recognition for the breed!

Yet, in every crowd there are always some that find fault – and they usually speak more often and are the loudest. We took from them the constructive criticisms we could apply and combined them with the many things we did right in our 'Lessons Learned' document. We trust the national club will find it useful as they revitalize the National Specialty Guidelines.

It's no secret that these days many clubs either no longer have enough volunteers or no longer have the motivation to host the National. We stepped up and got 'er done. Thank you, RRSSC!

5 Things planned in the next six months :

1. Puppy Parade
2. Club Meeting and Dinner
3. Holiday Party
4. Intro To Dog Sports
5. Annual Meeting and CGC



What It Cost Us

All that focus on the National cost us. We sacrificed our local get-togethers and events to put all our efforts toward the national show. I'm sure many of you felt the absence of good connection during this 'forming and norming' period of our early club life.

Focus on Us

With the National finally behind us, we now turn our focus back to us and our region. It's time to reconnect. I've been told by reliable sources that our club's open friendliness and sense of camaraderie are a topic of discussion in other clubs. Let's build on it! Here's what we have in the works:



Puppy Parade

October 15, 2022 – Schnauzerize the Puppy Pageant at Lowe's. This is a special event being held only at the Lowe's Store in W. Spring on Kuykendahl Road (just north of Houston). It's a little celebration of Lowe's partnership with PetSmart and they're inviting dog owners to bring their four-leggers to the party. There will be vendors and vets set up in the parking lot and a Puppy Parade is planned. If you're in the area, come join us!

Club Meeting & Dinner

October 22, 2022 – Meet-up at Belton. Club meeting and a night out together. There are several excellent local restaurants (Napoli's? <https://napolisbeltontx.com>) or we could have <https://millerssmokehouse.com> and bring it to the show site. We'll have extra crates available at the Belton show in case you want your pup to relax there while we eat.

Holiday Party

December 10, 2022 – Holiday party in Dallas. We're working on securing a venue where we can have food, drinks, and perhaps a white-elephant gift exchange. Want to suggest a place? Let us know!

Intro To Dog Sports

January 2023 – Houston area fun/training event. We'll introduce our dogs to 2 sports in one day. Options include Agility, Rally, Urban Rats (similar to Barn Hunt) Dock Diving, Frisbee Foundations, Scent Work, and Treibball (started in Germany, it has been deemed as "ball herding" or "dog soccer.")

Annual Meeting & CGC

March 25, 2023 – Annual meeting at Fort Worth. We hope to hold a CGC event at the show.. We're planning get-togethers, but for sure let's not forget to meet for breakfast at the Ol' South Pancake House! (<https://www.olsouthpancakehouse.com/>)



More Ideas

Glamping – How about a “glamping trip” together? We’re looking at several locations and possibilities where we and our dogs will be welcome. This is a big MAYBE until I have more info on costs.

- In the Texas hill country, on 17 acres with creekfront access to Johnson Creek, there is a large lodge where we can gather and on-site cabins with kitchens and full bathrooms for sleeping. Timing-wise, we thought we might try to combine this with the local Kerrville show happening just 30 minutes down the road in March.
- On Lake Houston, just 45 minutes north of Houston, this “luxury campground” offers RV camping, cottages, Glamping Wagons, and Safari Tents for rent. It offers a resort-style pool and hot tub, clubhouse, outdoor games, and a boardwalk on Lake Houston.

Grooming Nights – We’re looking for a grooming facility where we can meet once a month for grooming socials. Grab some grub, bring your pup, and let’s be chums! This will not be a watch-and-learn grooming seminar but rather a time for us to groom our dogs while catching up on the latest with each other.

The Year In Review

Our mission in everything we do is to promote the hallmarks of the Standard Schnauzer, mentor new owners, and develop friendships with like-minded people along our journeys. That's the RRSSC – and like the nature of our dogs – we stubbornly hold to it.

- We continue to grow with 37 Households of 50 Members, and 4 new applicants pending.
- We have 2 members of our club also serving on the board of the national club.
- We supported multiple AKC Meet The Breeds events with awesome representatives.
- We’ve contributed to the library of information on Standard Schnauzers with articles, updates, pictures, videos, and educational documents.
- We mentored new owners as they tried out new sports and began showing.
- We’ve assisted with Rescues of Standard Schnauzers in need.
- We hosted the National Show in which we had phenomenal entries and completely sold-out the trophies in record time.
- We’re networking the Standard Schnauzer community together by facilitating two recurring calls:
 - The Breeder’s Forum is a bi-monthly call to discuss breeding best practices, resources, products, health, nutrition, puppy rearing, contracts / legal stuff, and more.
 - Regional Club President’s Forum is a quarterly call that fosters better community between the nation’s SS clubs..



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