

TO THE POINT



American Pointer Club

April 2017



Welcome to our newest Junior Member – Hannah Hunyady

The Board passed the following motion:

All ads for Pointer Points and Specialty Catalog must be paid in full at the time of reservation. 20170413-13-BM

Dear APC Members

I want to thank you for your donations to this year's National Specialty Trophy Fund. You all have been very generous. As you will see at the show, we have wonderfully crafted trophies this year from several artists. We are so lucky to have a membership that truly appreciates the distinction of a National Specialty. I also want to thank Susan Savage who helped me behind the scenes. I'm looking forward to this wonderful annual event. Safe travels and see you at in PA.

Karen Drumm
2017 Nationals Trophy Chair



**NEW THIS YEAR AT THE NATIONAL – YOU CAN NOW PAY
BY CREDIT CARD FOR YOUR CATALOG, APPAREL, ETC.**

MEET & GREET

**JOIN US AT THE WELCOME PARTY ON MAY 2ND AT 6:00 PM IN 'THE FOUNDRY'
FOR FOOD AND DOOR PRIZES**

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE AND LOCATION

**THYROID TESTING AT NATIONAL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD, Room 105**

Immediately after Veterans Sweepstakes

All information and forms for the thyroid testing can be found on the APC Website under the 2017 National Specialty information.

News from the American Kennel Club:

SCENT WORK

The American Kennel Club, the leading authority on dogs, is pleased to announce the launch of its newest sport, AKC Scent Work. Scent Work is a sport that mimics the task of working Detection Dogs - such as narcotics dogs or explosives dogs - to find a specific scent and communicate to the handler that the scent has been found. It is a positive, challenging activity that allows dogs the opportunity to use their strongest natural sense in a way that is fun, engaging, and that builds and strengthens a foundation of trust between the handler and the dog.

In AKC Scent Work the dog is searching in a pre-defined search area for the hidden odor, which is either an essential oil or handler scent, depending on the class. Searches take place in a variety of environments, including an area with Containers, Interior, Exterior, and Buried. There are four difficulty levels for each element—Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Master—and factors such as the size of the search area, the number of hides, whether the number of hides is known or unknown to the handler, and the maximum height of the hides will change with the difficulty level. The most accomplished dogs will also be eligible for The Detective Class, which contains many hides in a variety of environments.



Annie Oakley, famous woman known for her marksmanship and Fred her personal hunting dog.

BREEDERS SEMINAR AT NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Please join us for the 2017 Health Seminar on Wednesday evening, May 3rd, at the host hotel in the Lehigh Room. The Dessert Social will begin at 7pm and the Health Seminar will begin at 7:30 pm. Our speaker will be Eddie Dzuik, Chief Operating Officer of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals. His topic will be "Utilizing Genetic Tests and Health Screenings in Planned Breedings". He will cover how utilizing genetic testing and health screenings are important tool sets for responsible dog breeders. Health screening allows breeders to apply selective genetic pressure to reduce the incidence of inherited disease, gives the responsible dog breeding community additional credibility in combating anti-breeder public sentiment, and since the majority of puppies produced end up as family pets - aids our efforts to produce healthy puppies that not only conform to the standard, but will become lifelong healthy companions for their owners and families. The discussion will include a question and answer session.

Eddie holds a BS in Economics, an MBA from the University of Missouri, and is currently working on his second Masters in Data Science and Analytics at the University of Missouri.

Eddie spent the first 16 years of his professional career with a Fortune 100 IT firm, leaving them in 2001 to become Chief Operating Officer of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals. With the OFA, he has the unique opportunity to combine his business and management experience with his love of dogs and passion and interest in canine health.

He is a full-time advocate for canine health and welfare promoting responsible dog ownership and breeding practices.

Plan now to come at 7 pm for dessert and socializing, stay for this outstanding presentation. Please let Pam Waitman know at fairhavn@sbcglobal.net if you're planning to attend, so we can plan for enough seating, refreshments and handouts. See you there.

Upcoming Regional Events

Pointer Associates of New England - Field Trial - June 2-4, 2017

Flaherty Field Trial Area - East Windsor, CT

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