To The Point

American Pointer Club January 2019

Nothing to Report

FINAL NOTICE

Deadline for APC dues is February 15th Send check to Kelley Cheek, 19303 S Old Highway 88, Claremore, OK 74017 or pay on the APC Website.

All applications for the APC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award are due to Terry Ellis, APCCorresponding@gmail.com no later than **March 7th.** Qualifications for the award can be found in the PPG on the APC Website.

All complete applications to hold the 2021 National Specialty are due **February 15th**. Please send to Karen Spey karen.spey@yahoo.com

Upcoming APC – Public Education Committee Events

Saturday, February 9, 2019
Westminster Kennel Club
Piers 92 – 94, New York City
Contact Maggie Platt if you are available to help in the booth or are bringing a dog.

Feb 22-24, 2019

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel

Schaumburg, IL

2019 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

DATES OF EVENTS:

April 28 – Agility, Obedience, and Rally – K9JYM, Colmar, PA

April 29 – Field Trial – Clover Hollow Hunting Preserve, Slatington, PA

April 30 – Hunt Test – Clover Hollow Hunting Preserve, Slatington, PA

May 1 -3 – Conformation classes – Best Western Hotel, Bethlehem, PA

Annual Dinner and Auction – May 3rd – Best Western Hotel, Bethlehem, PA

Breeder's Seminar – May 1 – Best Western Hotel, Bethlehem, PA Watch for announcement of our guest speaker!

The next raffle will be just as exciting as the pointer statue – STAY TUNED

Leslie Hutto cold cast pointer statue raffle ends at 6:00pm February 28th. Winning ticket will be drawn that evening. Send check to Susan Savage, 8 Parkman Place, Old Saybrook, CT 06475 Tickets are 1/$10 or 3/$25.

2019 National Specialty Trophies

The following trophies for the 2019 National have not been claimed. For those who have sent their names to Christine Foreman for a specific trophy all trophies must be paid no later than April 17th in order to have your name in the catalog.

Award of Merit - $20 each
Stud Dog - $50
Best Brace - $50
Best Generation - $50
4-6 Month BOS - $8
Best in Maturity - $30
Agility – High In trial Preferred - $50
High Combined Score in Rally - $50
High Combined Score in Utility B/Open in Obedience - $50
Individual Class donation are still available. – If interested contact Christine Foreman for what is still available. $40 per class ceforeman10@gmail.com

Thank you for Supporting your Club!

INFORMATION FROM THE AKC

New Calculation for Best of Winners Points

At the December Delegates meeting a change was approved to *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 16, Section 1 in how Best of Winners points can be calculated. As always, the dog or bitch awarded Best of Winners will receive the higher number of points awarded to the Winners Dog or Winners Bitch. The change that has been approved applies to when there are no points available to either the Winners Dog or Winners Bitch. In those instances, the number of regular class dogs in both sexes are added together. When compared to the point schedule, if the total sum of regular class dogs and bitches meets or exceeds the number of competitors needed for one point in its sex, the Best of Winners will receive one championship point.

IF YOU ARE VISITING NYC AT ANYTIME STOP BY THE AKC MUSEUM OF THE DOG

AKC Museum of the Dog

More than 180 pieces of dog artwork and half a dozen interactive digital exhibits line two floors and three stories of New York City's newest museum: The AKC Museum of the Dog. The museum will officially open February 8, 2019.

The entrance to the Museum of the Dog is on 40th St. between Park Ave. and Lexington Ave.

Know Before You Go

Tickets are $15 for adults, $5 for children under 12, and $10 for students, seniors, youth, and military/veterans. You may also choose to become a member to gain unlimited museum admission plus other unique benefits.

There will be plenty of dog-themed toys and accessories to purchase in the gift shop as well.

The museum is located at 101 Park Avenue. Guests can enter on 40th Street between Park Avenue and Lexington Avenue. Museum hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday.

If you are ever traveling in the southern states take the opportunity to visit the Field Trial Capital of the World!

Union Springs, Alabama

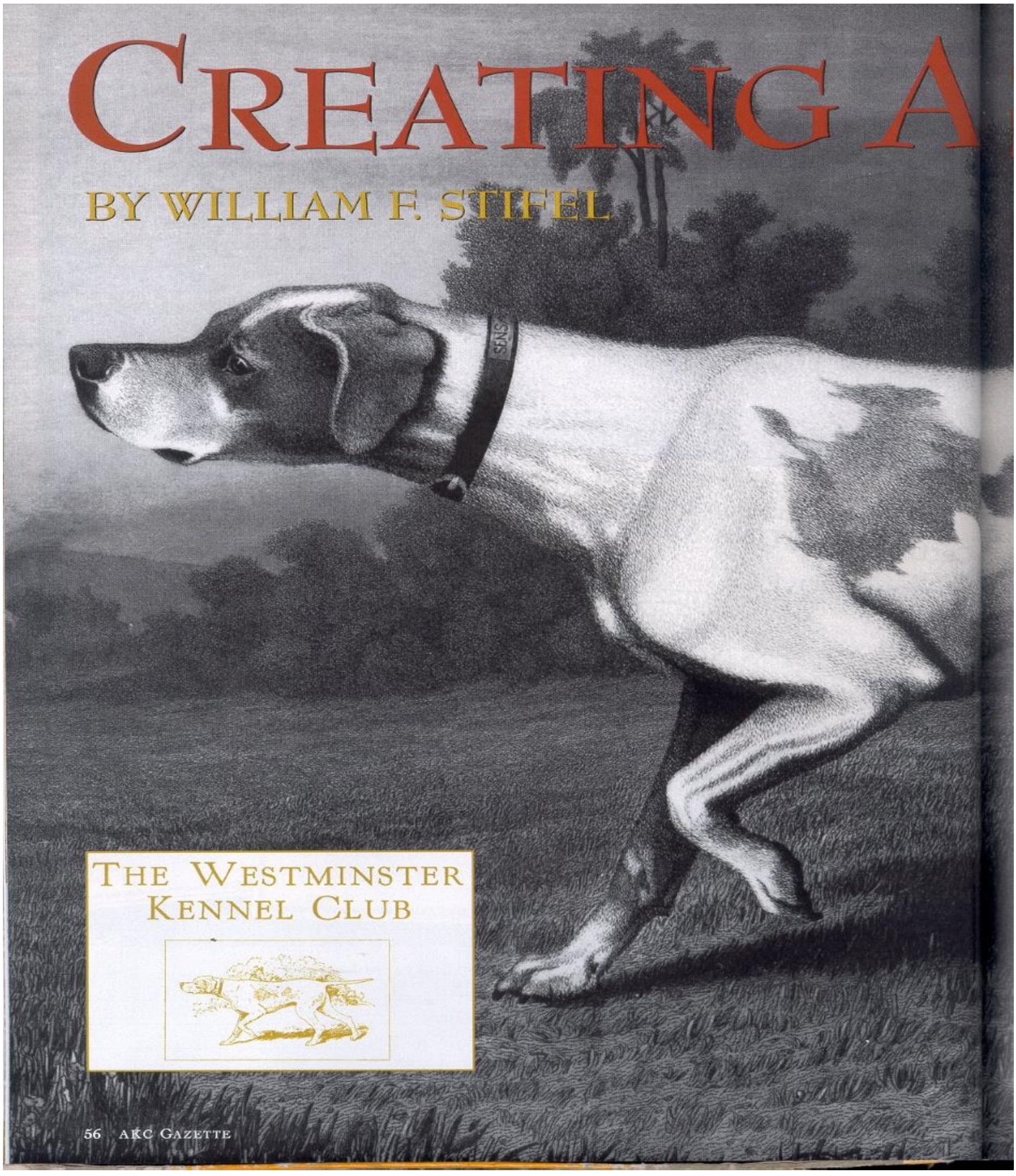
The city of Union Springs, the Bird Dog Field Trial Capital of the World, welcomes hundreds of tourists during the field trial season. Field trials in the state of Alabama begin in October and continue to March. In Bullock County, they are held on some of the best plantations in the nation. Union Springs hosts the prestigious National Amateur Free-For-All and the National Open Shooting Dog Championship in February each year. In February, downtown stores have window displays decorated by local organizations using a field trial theme. Visitors often stop to take photos of the **Bird Dog Monument and Field Trial Mural**, each a tribute to the dogs and the men and women who compete in the sport of Field Trials. Many festive activities held in conjunction with the trials make a visit during this time a memory to be treasured.

A life-size bronze statue of an English Pointer sculpted by Robert Wehle was unveiled in Union Springs, Alabama, on February 21,1996. It pays tribute to Bullock County's unexcelled upland hunting bird dogs and the Bullock County residents elected as members of the Field Trial Hall of Fame in Grand Junction, Tennessee.

The larger than life Field Trial mural on the north side of the building located at 140 N. Prairie Street was dedicated on February 9, 2017.

It was commissioned by the Tourism Council of Bullock County with donations from field trial enthusiasts from all over the United States. This classic field trial scene was painted in downtown Union Springs by renowned muralist Wes Hardin and represents the competitive and social events that highlight Bullock County field trials.

With Westminster just weeks away we thought you might like to read the following article on Sensation. He is the Pointer in the Westminster Logo. This article was published in the February 1999 AKC Gazette.



SENSATION

The Westminster Kennel Club's enduring symbol, a beautiful Pointer named Sensation, has surely lived up to his name over the years.

At the heart of our sport stand our dogs — and at the heart of the Westminster Kennel Club, which this month stages its 123rd annual show, stands one dog in particular. Appropriately named Sensation, he is a legendary show dog and lasting sire that, as the club's longtime insignia, has come to symbolize the spirit of the famous show. A statuesque Pointer as grand and glorious as the tradition surrounding Westminster, Sensation has stood ever at the ready, watching over the club since the late 19th century.

In 1876, George deForest Grant, a charter member of the Westminster Kennel Club, sailed to Europe for the purpose of acquiring "a fine Pointer dog." While in Wales, Grant chose Sensation, claiming he was the best dog he had ever seen. The lemon-and-white male, weighing about 70 pounds, was by R.J. Lloyd Price's Jim, out of J.D. Humphrey's Nell. Whelped in 1874, he was imported to the U.S. on Nov. 10, 1876. Sensation's official name was changed from Don, which remained his call name when he worked in the field.

Some Stunning Performances

With his distinctive profile, Sensation was reputed to have the best head of any Pointer in America and probably in England. Dog men of the day knew Sensation's head as well as lovers of the turf knew the shape of the great trotting horse Hambletonian. Sensation began his show career in America with several stunning performances: He placed first and earned a special prize in Baltimore in 1877, and continued his winning ways the following year with firsts and special prizes in Boston, St. Louis and Baltimore.

Sensation also competed in the field — most notably in 1880 at the renowned Eastern Field Trials. Stephen T. Hammond of Springfield, Mass., trained and handled the dog for the event. According to *Forest & Stream*, a popular weekly sporting journal of the day, Sensation's entry there was a surprise to many, and his performance astonished all but a few. There had been a lot of talk among sportsmen that Sensation was only a show dog; now they had a chance to judge from a practical test whether or not they were right.

When it was all over, *Forest & Stream* concluded that Sensation could have done better — and would have if he "had been placed in proper hands in his early days." But the spectators and reporters were nonetheless duly impressed. "We shall never forget the 'Ah' that came up from the crowd as Sensation pointed, or how the Westminster Kennel Club stock went booming," reported the journal about a heat in which Sensation was braced with a black-and-white ticked Setter bitch.

"Naturally, we consider Sensation to have the grandest style we have ever seen in a pointer. His nose is as keen as a briar, and his movements graceful in the extreme," continued the journal. Sensation, who was all of 6¼ years-old at the time, defeated his bracemate,

This spread: A steel-plate engraving of Sensation on point, produced by W. Wellstood & Co. in 1879. Left: The Westminster insignia, inspired by the engraving, from the 1936 show catalog. Above right: Westminster's first catalog, featuring a head study of Sensation.

went on to take third in the stake and won the silver cup for Best Pointer in Trial. "All the harm we wish those that have spoken slightingly against the old dog is that they had been present and seen what we did."

A Comfortable Old Age

Throughout his career, Sensation headed the list of Westminster's own Pointers that were presented at the annual show. All kennel clubs in those days owned dogs that competed at other clubs' shows, but were displayed for exhibition purposes only at their own events. After his debut in 1877, Sensation came back every year, often with several kennelmates, until he retired. During that time, over 120 Pointers were shown in competition at Westminster each year, among them as many as a dozen of Sensation's get.

By the time of his last exhibition in 1886, Sensation had become the property of Robert C. Cornell. Cornell, a charter member of the club, wanted to give the dog a comfortable old age and took him into his own home. He wrote to *American Field* about it, noting that the dog was "very gray but … lively." When Cornell took Sensation in the field that fall, he "found his nose as wonderfully keen as ever, and his head as level as it always has been. Of course, he goes slow, and I shall never work him hard again."

Above: A photo reproduction of J.M. Tracy's oil painting of Sensation, right, and Croxteth, owned by A.E. Godeffroy. Left: Robert C. Cornell, who took in Sensation during the dog's old age. Right: Sensation's original pedigree.

A year and a half later, in June 1887, Cornell wrote another letter, a portion of which appeared in *Forest & Stream*. "I regret to say old Don is dead," he wrote. "He passed away quietly on Sunday last simply from old age. I have been expecting his collapse for some time, as he had outlived the usual span of dog life." It was a great personal loss to Cornell.

"Never shall I forget the good old dog, and I never shall have quite the same feeling for another. The most satisfactory days I have ever had in the field have been with Don." Sensation was buried at the foot of the flagstaff in front of the Westminster clubhouse in Babylon, Long Island, along with "many other Pointers that … were the greatest of their day." On the top of the flagstaff was a weathervane with the figure of a Pointer — pointing always into the wind.

An Indelible and Enduring Image

Sensation has had a long run as Westminster's logo. A likeness of his head appeared on the cover of Westminster's first show catalog in 1877, before the club was even incorporated, and quickly became the club's official insignia. That likeness often appeared on catalogs through 1935.

In 1936, the insignia was changed to a full figure of Sensation on point, which was modeled very closely on a steel-plate engraving published by W. Wellstood & Co. in 1879. Wellstood publicized the print at the show that year by offering an artist's proof as a prize "for the best dog, bitch, or puppy sired by Sensation."

Fifty-seven years later, when the new insignia first appeared on the catalog, the *American Field* commented at length. Although they took exception to "the rather abrupt rise over the loin," they urged all who wanted to take on "the important role of judge" to study and remember "this interesting, yea, educational, picture of an early famous champion."

This same basic image has appeared on virtually every Westminster catalog since 1936. Only the style has changed from the original black-and-white drawing. Since 1983, Sensation has appeared as an embossed silhouette in gold with a gold shadow beneath him and gold foliage behind him, all on a royal purple background. But the dog's form — his head, body and pose — is unmistakable and, like Sensation himself, unforgettable.

William Stifel is a former AKC president and board member. He is currently writing a history of the Westminster Kennel Club.

Q&A: A Sensational Price

Q: "I have made a bet that the Pointer Sensation cost the Westminster Kennel Club the equivalent of $1,000 or more, in currency, including duty, if any duty was paid, and all the costs of importation. Have I won or lost?"
— S., of Baltimore, 1877

A: "You lose. The total cost of Sensation to the Westminster Kennel Club was not much more than half the sum you mention. Being imported for stud purposes no duty was demanded."
— Forest & Stream, Feb. 1, 1877

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Getting to know your Hall of Fame Past Members and Dog

It has been discovered that in the Hall of Fame Bio for Mrs. Floyd Evans in the December 2018 newsletter that Jennella B. (Mrs. Floyd B.) Evans' first name has been misspelled and one other error in the write-up. Karen Blasche apologies for the errors. The corrected copy is below. A special thank you to Wendy Tyler, her niece, for giving Karen the corrections

JENNELLA B. (MRS FLOYD B.) EVANS – (1906 – 1995) Mrs. Evans was a powerful name in the Pointer world in the 1950's, 60's and 70's. She bred, owned and imported some of the top winning and producing pointers of that era. The most noteworthy was Ch. Crookrise Danny Of Muick with multiple Bests In Show, Group 1 at Westminster 1964 and Top Sporting Dog in 1964. His picture is still used in the AKC's "The Complete Dog Book" as the standard Pointer. Other notable BIS pointers Jennella owned and exhibited were Ch. Crookrise Breeze and Ch. Richland's Herewith Startler II, all handled by Harry Sangster and his assistant, Corky Vroom. The "Tyler's Showfield" pointers were equally impressive. Bred by niece Wendy Tyler, Ch. Tyler's Showfield Sugar was whelped in 1956 and won many BIS and was twice BOB at Westminster (1961 & 63) for Jennella. Sugar lived to be 18 years of age! Ch. Tyler's Showfield Aubrey (a "Breeze" son) is the sire on which the Humble Acre line was founded, and the impact of which can be seen today in any line that carries Sydmar or "Deputy". He is also the sire of Connie Taylor's foundation bitch, Ch. Point Blank Sundial Of Lor. Another of Jennella's pointers deserving mention is Ch. Crookrise Link, who can be traced through the kennel of Cumbrian. Link's son, Ch. Crookrise Enoch was the sire of 63 champions. Mrs. Evans was one of the founding members of the Pointer Club Of Southern California with the first meeting being held at her home in Pasadena in 1969. She was an APC member for many years.

DC WOODSPOINT REMINGTON, CD MH VAX

DC WOODSPOINT REMINGTON, CD MH VAX - (Woodspoint Covey, MH x Scanpoint Checker Decker, JH) (6/11/92 – 11/2/03) – Bred by Jeffrey C. Woods, this gifted black and white bitch brought distinction to herself and the pointer breed with her exceptional achievements in a variety of venues. Owned by Cathleen A. Davidson, "Remi" was shown to her conformation championship in 1994. As a field dog, all ten of her field points were earned in Gun Dog stakes. She had over 30 field trial placements and was the APC's #1 Gun Dog in 1998 with top five rankings in the three previous years and again in 1999. Remi's owner trained and handled her to her Senior Hunter title before the age of eighteen months and then to her Master Hunter title in 1997. She also achieved the NAVHDA Natural Ability title. To further demonstrate her versatility, Remi attained her CD in Obedience in three straight trials in 1998. She is the first Versatility Award Excellent in the breed, and has produced a VAX as well. Her pedigree features a MH sire who is the product of Swedish imports; her dam's Scanpoint bloodlines trace back four generations to Ch. Ruten's Continuation, Norwegian import sire of two Hall Of Fame pointers (DC Scanpoints Touch O'Troll and Ch/OTCH Scanpoint's Sunrise Serenade). Also four generations back on her dam's side is Hall Of Fame Ch. Marjetta National Acclaim with his HOF

dam, Ch. Truewithem A Taste of Triumph and the TEN Hall Of Fame pointers behind her. Remi produced four Champions, one becoming the only Dual Champion to be produced by a Dual Champion bitch.

CH SYDMAR THE HEARTLESS WENCH

CH SYDMAR THE HEARTLESS WENCH - (Ch. Pipeaway The Ruthless Rake x Ch. Sydmar Crystalline) (4/3/89 – 10/28/02) – Her sire was a dashing black and white Group placing English import who became an APC Top Producer with 27 American Champions. Her dam, also Group placing, was the result of judicious inbreeding on an outcross to famous English and American bloodlines tracing back to SIX Hall Of Fame luminaries: Ch. Counterpoint's Lord Ashley, Ch. Shelbark's Twenty Carats, Ch. Finefields Cover Girl, Ch. Elstone Citadel, Ch. Drumgannon Dreadnought and Ch. Governor Moscow. Orange and white like her dam, "Blair" was shown to her championship by her breeder-owner, Paula Nykiel and to Best In Sweepstakes and Best Bred By Exhibitor at the 1990 APC National Specialty. Through collaboration with Sally Barton, Blair moved to Coralwood to be bred to Ch. Sydmar Coralwoods Grand Slam on a co-ownership basis. After the litter was whelped in 1993, as mutually agreed, she became Sally's outright. The breeding to "Mickey" was so successful that it was twice repeated, resulting in 22 of her 31 champions (the other nine by English import Ch. Pipeaway Billy Bingo). With Champion #30 in 1999, Blair became APC's new All-Time Top Producing Pointer Dam, now totaling 31 Champions from four litters, all breeder or owner handled. Numerous sons and daughters have won top honors at shows and specialties and several have become top producers themselves. Not to be outdone by her illustrious offspring, Blair won the 1998 APC Best Veteran Bitch and Best Brood Bitch at the same time her son x Mickey was winning the National Specialty. In 1999 (at age 10), she won APC Best Veteran in Sweepstakes and Best Brood Bitch while her daughter x Billy was winning BOS at the same National. Sally credits her mother, and dog mentor, Ruth Barton with much of Blair's well-being and success, as she resided with her (when she wasn't in the whelping box) and lived the life of luxury that she so deserved. Blair was named Top Sporting Dam by Dog World in April 2008.

OTCH MACH3 LONGTRAIL PIECE OF MY HEART UDX6 MXC MJC

OTCH MACH3 LONGTRAIL PIECE OF MY HEART UDX6 MXC MJC - (Longtrail MacIsaac x Ch. Blackthorne Caneel) (8/19/1997 – 7/29/2012) – Called "Chamber" because of the perfect heart design on her left side, this willing and talented black and white bitch burst onto the Pointer performance scene at the 2000 APC National Specialty. It was her first Obedience Trial and she won the Novice B Class and High In Trial with a score of 198.5. She competed at three other Nationals and won HIT each time. Bred by Mary Beerworth and owned, loved and trained by Julie Hill, Chamber embarked on a stellar career of history-making firsts and accomplishments in both obedience and agility. She became the second Obedience Trial Champion in the breed (first went to Hall of Fame Ch/OTCH Scanpoint's Sunrise Serenade). Chamber is one of only three Pointers to earn a Utility Dog Excellent title and is the only one to go beyond with a UDX2, UDX3, UDX4, UDX5 and UDX6. Overall she earned more than 800 OTCH points and 69 UDX legs. She had one score of 200 and 16 scores of 199 or better; 32 Highest Combined Scores (in Open B and Utility) and won 47 High In Trials. Within the APC, Chamber was the #1 Overall Obedience Pointer from 2001-2006; #1 Utility Pointer from 2003-2006; #1 Open Pointer from 2002-2006 and the #1 Novice Pointer in 2001. In the realm of agility she was a pioneer by becoming the first Pointer to earn the Master Agility Champion (MACH) title and then achieved a MACH2 and MACH3. Along the way, she was the first Novice Agility Jumper (NAJ), Excellent Agility Jumper (AXJ), and Master Excellent Jumpers with Weaves (MXJ) titled Pointer as well, garnering 69 Double Qs and 2,412 MACH points. She was APC's Top Agility Pointer and #1

Excellent Pointer in 2001, 2002 and 2005. In 2001 she won the "Ultimate Dog" award at the All Star Performance Dog Association Obedience and Agility Tournament for having lost the fewest combined points In agility and obedience. On the national scene, Chamber qualified for AKC's National Obedience Invitational from 2003-2006 and was #15 in the country in All Breed OTCH points in 2006 (the only year she was actively campaigned in obedience); qualified for AKC's Agility Nationals from 2001-2006 and was invited to AKC's inaugural Agility Invitational in '06, her final year of competition. Chamber retired at the top of her game. Her pedigree traces to Hall of Fame DC Scanpoint Touch O'Troll on both sides and Ch. Marjetta National Acclaim and the ELEVEN Hall of Fame pointers behind him on her sire's side.

This is the final installment of the APC Hall of Fame Members and Pointers.

APC AND REGIONAL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

March

Colorado Pointer Club – Spring Field Trial – March 16-17, 2019 Rudy Budin Ranch, Stoneham CO

Contact – Tracy Haines - pointer3383@aol.com

APC Western Classic Field Trial – March 18, 2019 Ruby Budin Ranch, Stoneham, CO

Contact – Tracy Haines – pointer3383@aol.com

APC Supported Show – New Brunswick Kennel Club -March 23, 2019 Breed Judge – Mrs. Robyn Wallis Sweeps Judge – Beth Ann Glashoff

Contact – Marjorie Martorella marjetta@optonline.net Superintendent: Jim Rau Dog Shows

Wilderness Pointer Club of Virginia – Spring Field Trial – March 28-29, 2019 Dick Cross Wildlife Management Area, Boydton, VA Spring Hunt Test – March 30-31, 2019 Dick Cross Wildlife Area

Contact – June Johnston junej@esarch.com