

# To The Point



American Pointer Club

July 2019

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## Welcome to the following new members:

John & Carol Lossing

Mary Creiger

Genea White Jones

## Upcoming APC and Regional Club Events

### September

Greater Delaware Valley Pointer Club – Specialty in conjunction with Somerset Hills Kennel Club, September 7, 2019  
Breed Judge – Jim Reynolds Sweepstakes Judge – Mr. Biermann  
Superintendent – MBF  
Contact: Karen Spey [Karen.spey@yahoo.com](mailto:Karen.spey@yahoo.com)

Greater Delaware Valley Pointer Club– Supported Entry – in conjunction with Westchester Kennel Club – Sept 8, 2019  
Breed Judge – Mr. Robert L Vandiver Sweepstakes – Mrs. Kelly Shupp  
Superintendent – MBF  
Contact: Karen Spey [Karen.spey@yahoo.com](mailto:Karen.spey@yahoo.com)

Pointer Associates of New England – Specialty in conjunction with Northwestern Kennel Club, Goshen, CT – September 21, 2019  
Breed Judge – Mrs. Nancy Simmons Sweepstakes – Ketlyn Barber  
Superintendent – MBF  
Contact: Debra Freidus – [blackthornpt@earthlink.net](mailto:blackthornpt@earthlink.net)

Pointer Associates of New England – Supported Entry -Northwestern Kennel Club, Goshen, CT – September 22, 2019  
Breed Judge -Joy Brewster  
Superintendent – MBF  
Contact – Debra Freidus – [blackthornpt@earthlink.net](mailto:blackthornpt@earthlink.net)

Pointer Associates of New England – Field Trial, East Windsor, CT -September 28-29, 2019  
Contact – Debra Freidus – [blackthornpt@earthlink.net](mailto:blackthornpt@earthlink.net)

Colorado Pointer Club – Field Trial - September 28-29, 2019 - Rudy Budin Ranch, Stoneham, CO  
Contact – Jack Haines - [pointer3383@gmail.com](mailto:pointer3383@gmail.com)

*It is with great sadness that the APC has lost a true friend to the breed and the club. She will be missed by many of us whether we knew her for over 40 years or just met her in the past several years. Her legacy will carry on in the club wherever the APC logo is printed.*



**KAREN BLASCHE 1944-2019**

APC HISTORIAN & STATISTICIAN —SERVED FOR OVER 3 DECADES  
APC SECRETARY MULTIPLE TERMS  
APC BOARD MEMBER MULTIPLE TERMS  
DESIGNER OF THE OFFICIAL APC LOGO



Karen was truly THE BEST AMBASSADOR THE AMERICAN POINTER CLUB has ever had. Her love of the POINTER, life, people, writing, history, reading and art was a wonderful gift the APC might never see again. She shared her talents and time freely with us, and with such enthusiasm and love without ever seeking recognition.

I have never met a person who did not enjoy spending time with Karen. She always had a smile and enthusiasm for everyone. She shared her knowledge, her wonderful record keeping and organization skills by coming year after year to our Nationals to make sure our members could see APC HISTORY.

She treated everyone the same, equally with gusto and respect. Karen had respect for people having different opinions than hers, the differences and being able to remain friends. Her friends were way beyond volumes, loyal, loving. Sadly, they are hurting from the loss of a truly great friend.

We met Karen and Ted at the Beaver County KC shows, here in the Pittsburgh area over 40 years ago next week, while they were visiting Ted's family. We were showing Honey and she fell in love with her. That was the start of our Group, the "K&K" team friendship in dogs, golf, art, books, collecting and sharing each other knowledge freely. She taught me a lot and I shared mine with her. She is the only person I have ever knew who both of us could talk at the same time and we always knew exactly what each other said. Dave and Ted couldn't believe it! Think we drove them nuts with that.

Karen was a treasured APC Life Time Member. Our loss is great, but the gift Karen gave the APC of her time and talent will be treasured by our members forever in her historian records.

Rest peacefully our friend, we will miss you but we should celebrate and acknowledge the gift you have give us.

Kathy Parks

## 2019 APC NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

OCTOBER 9-13, 2019

MINGO SPORTSMAN'S CLUB near Bloomingdale, Ohio

For more information contact Deb Freidus – Field Trial Secretary

[blackthornpt@earthlink.net](mailto:blackthornpt@earthlink.net)

or

Angela Schillereff – Field Trial Chairman [sikennels@aol.com](mailto:sikennels@aol.com)



### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** **Trophy and Rosette Sponsorship**

Please donate towards the National Field Trial Championships by sponsoring a trophy or set of rosettes for the 2019 event. Your name will be included in the National Catalog list of donors. The following trophies and rosettes are available:

#### **Open Puppy Classic**

Rosettes -1-4 place \$40  
First place trophy \$50  
Second place trophy \$25  
Third place trophy \$25  
Fourth place trophy \$25

#### **National Grand Championship**

Rosettes – 1-4 place \$40  
First place trophy \$100  
Second place trophy \$75  
Third place trophy \$50  
Fourth place trophy \$50

#### **Field Futurity**

Rosettes – 1-4 place \$40

#### **Open Derby Classic**

Rosettes- 1-4 place \$40  
First place trophy \$50  
Second place trophy \$25  
Third place trophy \$25  
Fourth place trophy \$25

#### **National Grand Amateur Championship**

Rosettes – 1-4 place \$40  
First place trophy \$100  
Second place trophy \$75  
Third place trophy \$50  
Fourth place trophy \$50

Please contact Debra Freidus [blackthornpt@earthlink.net](mailto:blackthornpt@earthlink.net) to secure your sponsorship.

Susan Bleckley, Judges Education Chairman, will be contributing to the newsletter with a discussion of the Pointer Standard –Below is the first of the series. She looks forward to your comments/discussion

## “TURNING THE BREED STANDARDS WORDS INTO IMAGES”

Thank you for the invitation to share in “To the Point” This will serve as a discussion for those breeders whom may have questions about how to turn the breed standards words into images of the perfect Pointer “for them”

I say “for them” because although we all should have the same exact image in our minds, that is impossibility. If it were so then we would all be drawn to the exact same dog in, of course, the exact same color and of the exact same size.

So exactly how far can we vary apart and still stay within the standard that has been set?

As breeders who struggle with this daily you can only imagine what judges go through as they try to learn about the breed. As your teacher I am always open to learn new ways to describe our breed as thoroughly as possible albeit I’m given approximately 2 hours to share all I’ve gleaned over nearly 50 years.

I will begin this month with the following:

*I feel the standard is written as a good lawyer would present it. Start with a great opening and close with a punch.*

If you are insecure about the general description of a Pointer you can read both again and again absorb it and hold a picture in your mind.

Opening: There are many adjectives in this opening which could have easily been left out but were NOT.

The Pointer is bred primarily for sport afield; he should unmistakably look and act the part. The ideal specimen gives the immediate impression of compact power and agile grace; the head noble, proudly carried; the expression intelligent and alert; the muscular body bespeaking both staying power and dash. Here is an animal whose every movement shows him to be a wide-awake, hard-driving hunting dog possessing stamina, courage, and the desire to go. And in his expression are the loyalty and devotion of a true friend of man.

Closing: Bringing home the important points

Balance and over-all symmetry are more important in the Pointer than size. A smooth, balanced dog is to be more desired than a dog with strongly contrasting good points and faults. Hound or terrier characteristics are “most” undesirable. Because a sporting dog must have both endurance and power, great variations in size are undesirable. The Pointer standard does give optimum recommendations, although places no DQ and says overall balance is more important than extreme good virtues or bad faults.

Now of course you can..... all go to town on arguing that Arkwright said “Heads” and “Tails” are the hallmarks of the breed. *But when Arkwright said that I would believe the opening and closing above were already met?*

*Did he already have the hard driving hunting dog that was well balanced?* Was that a given in his mind so his statement reflects that NOW it is time to discuss the two attributes that set the Pointer apart.

To add to this discussion with comments/questions, that are positive of course, and can be used in “To The Point.....please feel free to contact me at: [TalkingToThePoint@gmail.com](mailto:TalkingToThePoint@gmail.com)

Susan Bleckley

## WAYS & MEANS

Judy Paris made new large pointer decals in great new colors. The decals available for purchase. The large decals measure 5 ½" high and 7" long. The small decals measure 3" high and 4" long. The large decals are available in gold, black, silver, white, purple, and red. The pointer can be purchased either facing to the left or the right. The small decal is available in pink, blue, brown, darker red, orange, neon red, bright pink, purple, black, green. They are made of vinyl and look great on a car!

### NOT ALL COLORS ARE PICTURED

Large decal - \$5.75 Includes postage

Small decal - \$3.50 Includes postage



If you are interested in a decal email [susietemple@yahoo.com](mailto:susietemple@yahoo.com).

## COMPANION APPAREL BLOWOUT SALE

The apparel is left over from Companion Committee fundraisers several years ago when agility, etc was known as Performance Events Prices on following page.



Companion Apparel	S	M	L	XL	XXL	
<b>Short Sleeve T-shirt</b>						
Camel			1			White Logo
Dark Heather			1			White Logo
Royal			1			White Logo
DT Chestnut			2			Red Logo
DT Periwinkle			1			Red Logo
<b>Long Sleeve T-Shirt</b>						
Dark Chocolate				1		White Logo
Gold			1			White Logo
Heather Cinnamon			2			White Logo
Texas Orange			1			White Logo
Medium Blue			1			Red Logo
Dark Smoke			1			Red Logo
<b>Sweatshirts</b>						
Dark Smoke			2			White Logo
Scotland Blue			2	1		White Logo
Dashing Red			3			White Logo
Sandstone			3			White Logo
Chestnut			2			White Logo
Lite Chestnut			1			White Logo
Medium Blue			2		1	Red Logo
<b>Water Bottles</b>						
<i>Aluminum</i>						
Green		20				
Black		18				

## Prices

**Short Sleeve T- Shirt - \$15.00**

**Long Sleeve T-Shirt - \$18.00**

**Sweatshirts - \$25.00**

**Water Bottles - \$2.00**

Price includes shipping

Contact Allen Armistead to order:

[Allena4me@gmail.com](mailto:Allena4me@gmail.com)

Send check to Kelley Cheek, 19303 S Old Highway 88, Claremore, OK 74017

Or pay through PayPal

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AND WATER BOTTLES WILL HELP  
FUND THE 2020 COMPANON  
EVENTS**