

To The Point



American Pointer Club

November 2018



**Reinstated members: Laura Heidrich– Kim Yocklin
Welcome Back**

The Lifetime Pins have arrived. If you are a Lifetime Member and would like a pin, please send a check made out to the APC for \$6.00 per pin and send to Susan Savage. 8 Parkman Place, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.



From our Trophy Chairman

Hello Fellow APC Members,

The year is coming to an end, and the planning for the 2019 National Specialty is in full swing.

I'm writing to invite you to donate to our 2019 APC National Specialty Trophy Fund. Our awards consist of beautiful slate and stone pieces. We are also accepting sponsorship for the larger Rosettes. Attached is a list of the major awards and prices.

To make a specific donation for the Trophy of your choice, please contact Christine Foreman at ceforeman10@gmail.com. To make a general donation to the Trophy Fund, please mail a check to our Treasurer, Kelley Cheek: 19303 S Old Highway 88, Claremore, OK, 74017. All checks to be made payable to American Pointer Club, and please indicate "2019 Trophy Fund" on the check. You may also pay through the APC website.

Thank you for your support and generosity,
Christine Foreman
2019 Trophy Chair

See List of Available Trophies on following pages

Pointers and their handlers shine at the National Dog Show held on Saturday, November 17th.

Best Junior – Fred Ortiz who handled GCH Dobe's Den MS I'm On Fire JH owned by Claire Wisch Abraham & Daniel Breim

Reserve Best Junior – O'Malley McGee who handled GCHB Southern Enough Said CGC JH owned by O'Malley, Meredith McGee and Tina McDonnell.

On Sunday, November 18th at the Philadelphia Kennel Club Show O'Malley McGee handled her pointer to win Best Junior

Congratulations to both Junior Handlers



For All Juniors and Future Juniors!!!!

“Junior Handler Clinic with the Professionals”

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania Thursday, May 2, 2019

All current and future Junior Showmanship participants are invited to attend our FREE clinic. This is your opportunity to receive individual instruction (with your dog) from AKC registered professional handlers, to better enable you to present your dog in the show ring.

More information will be available in the Premium List

2019 NATIONAL SPECIALTY RAFFLE

Leslie Hutto

Stone Cold Cast Pointer Statue
made especially for the American Pointer Club.

Ticket Prices

1 ticket - \$10.00

3 tickets - \$25.00

Drawing will
take place on

February 28th



Send checks made out to the American Pointer Club
to Susan Savage, 8 Parkman Place, Old Saybrook, CT 06475
or pay on APC Website.

Will deliver to National Specialty if the winner is attending.
Shipping will be the responsibility of the winner, otherwise.

The Following is a List of Trophies that are still available

Award of Merit	\$20 ea	APC Logo Slate Coaster Set
Stud Dog	\$50	Etched Slate Plate
Best Brace	\$50	Etched Slate Plate
Best Generation	\$50	Etched Slate Plate
1 st – 4 th Placement per Class	\$40	APC Logo Coasters
Reserve Best Junior	\$35	Custom Made Ribbon Pillow & 8 x 10 photo donated by David Sombach
2 nd - 4 th Placements in		
Junior classes	\$8 each	APC Logo Stone Coaster
4-6 Month BOS	\$8	APC Logo Stone Coaster
SWEEPSTAKES		
BOS Puppy in Sweeps	\$25	APC Logo Slate Coaster Set
BOS in Veteran Sweeps	\$25	APC Logo Slate Coaster Set
Sweepstakes class	\$40 per class	Etched Wine Glasses
FUTURITY/MATURITY		
BOS in Futurity	\$25	APC Logo Slate Coasters
1 st – 4 th Placements in		
Futurity classes	\$40 per class	APC Logo Stone Coasters
Maturity	\$30	APC Logo Slate Coasters
AGILITY		
High in Trial – Regular	\$50	Etched Slate Plate
High in Trial – Preferred	\$50	Etched Slate Plate
1 st -4 th Placement in		
classes	\$40 per class	APC Logo Stone Coaster
Rally		
High Combined Score in Rally	\$50	Etched Slate Plate
1 st -4 th Placement		
	\$40 per class	APC Logo Stone Coaster
Obedience		
High Combined Score	\$50	Etched Slate Plate
Utility B/Open		
1 st – 4 th Placement		
	\$40 per class	APC Logo Stone Coaster
Classes		

What Dog Owners Need to Know About the FDA's Grain-Free Diet Alert

The [FDA launched an investigation](#) into potential links between canine heart disease and diet — specifically grain-free diets. We've compiled the information you need to know to understand this recent development.

What is the FDA Investigating?

It is easy to jump to conclusions anytime we see an FDA headline about pet food. After all, our dog's health is important to us, and we know that diet can make a big difference in a dog's wellbeing. We reached out to Dr. Jerry Klein, the Chief Veterinary Officer of the AKC, to hear his thoughts on the investigation.

"The FDA is investigating a potential dietary link between canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) and dogs eating certain grain-free pet foods. The foods of concern are those containing legumes such as peas or lentils, other legume seeds, or potatoes listed as primary ingredients. The FDA began investigating this matter after it received a number of reports of DCM in dogs that had been eating these diets for a period of months to years. DCM itself is not considered rare in dogs, but these reports are unusual because the disease occurred in breeds of dogs not typically prone to the disease."

What is Dilated Cardiomyopathy?

Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) is a type of canine heart disease that affects the heart muscle. The hearts of dogs with DCM have a decreased ability to pump blood, which often results in congestive heart failure.

Some breeds, especially large and giant breeds, have a predisposition to DCM. These breeds include [Doberman Pinschers](#), [Great Danes](#), [Newfoundlands](#), [Irish Wolfhounds](#), and [Saint Bernards](#). While DCM is less common in medium and small breeds, [English](#) and [American Cocker Spaniels](#) are also predisposed to this condition.

When early reports from the veterinary cardiology community indicated that recent, atypical cases in breeds like [Golden Retrievers](#), [Labrador Retrievers](#), [Whippets](#), [Bulldogs](#), and [Shih Tzus](#) all consistently ate grain alternatives in their diets, the FDA took notice.

Should you be Concerned About Grain-Free Diets?

According to Dr. Klein, "At this time, there is no proof that these ingredients are the cause of DCM in a broader range of dogs, but dog owners should be aware of this alert from the FDA. The FDA continues to work with veterinary cardiologists and veterinary nutritionists to better understand the effect, if any, of grain-free diets on dogs."

Getting to know your Hall of Fame Past Members and Dog

SAMUEL B. SULLIVAN



SAMUEL B. SULLIVAN - (4/15/1899—2/14/99) Samuel Bud Sullivan started the “Finefield” kennel prefix in 1923 naming it after his wife Frances Finefield. He began with English and Irish setters, but pointers became his real love. He started with field trial dogs, but in 1931 became interested in bench dogs and finished his first bench champion that year. Sam finished more than 50 Finefield champions (including the setters). He was one of the earliest members of the American Pointer Club, always serving in some capacity as an officer or director. As a member of the Western Pointer Club he penned the Pointer column in Popular Dogs during the 1940’s and 50’s. During that time he became a catalyst in urging APC’s reactivation. In the late ‘50’s he helped to craft the present Pointer standard. Sam was chairman of the Hall Of Fame committee and saw it to fruition in 1974. He bred and/or owned many influential pointers, including Hall Of Fame Ch. Mihaski’s Mr. Chipps, (winner of the first APC Specialty after the Club was reorganized in 1951), HOF Ch. Finefield’s Cover Girl, Ch. Finefield’s Fancy Pants, Ch. Finefield Fabian, Ch. Finefield’s Maid Of Mihaski, Ch. Finefield Fleetwood and Ch. Finefield’s Bold Venture. Besides having the desire to hunt, Sam was a fanatic about his pointers having beautiful heads and shoulders, points in which they excelled.

ROBERT F. PARKER, D.V.M.

ROBERT F. PARKER, D.V.M. - (7/11/34 - 12/10/87) Bob was a dedicated student of the breed and its genetics. He felt the ideal pointer could not be described - it must be beheld. He got his start in pointers with a pup given to him by Ruth Williams in 1952 (for helping at the Garden) and joined the American Pointer Club in 1960 if not earlier. He served as 2nd Vice-President in 1968, President in 1975, '76 and '77, then as a Director in 1978 and '79. Dr. Parker next served as APC’s AKC Delegate from 1980 through 1982 and again in 1987 (but had to resign with deep regret due to health reasons). His kennel prefix “Truewithem” is famous for its consistency in type, a judicious blend of Bryant, Elstone and Bukany bloodlines all going back to the Hall Of Fame BIG THREE (Ch. Elstone Citadel, Ch. Drumgannon Dreadnought and Ch. Governor Moscow). His prefix became prominent in 1969 and throughout the ‘70’s and 80’s. It is now in the background of so many present day pedigrees because he chose to breed to (HOF) Enos Phillips’ excellent Hall Of Fame Ch. Maryjay’s Majesty with Truewithem Patrician, producing Ch. Truewithem Majestic Triumph. He then bred “Trump” to Bryant son and HOF Ch. Counterpoint’s Lord Ashley, which produced Ch. Truewithem Abercrombie, a Best In Show and 1977 APC Specialty winner and Hall Of Fame Ch. Truewithem A Taste Of Triumph, dam of 29 champions. They in turn contributed as dam and grandsire of the all time top-producing pointer sire HOF Ch. Marjetta National Acclaim.



CH/OTCH SCANPOINT'S SUNRISE SERENADE



CH/OTCH SCANPOINT'S SUNRISE SERENADE - (Ch. Ruten's Continuation x Ch. Scanpoint's Red Baroness) (5/4/78 - 9/93) A bench champion herself, "Sunny" is the daughter of a Norwegian import sire (who also produced Hall Of Fame DC Scanpoints Touch O'Troll) and an American bred dam tracing back to Ch. Elstone Citadel, Ch. Drungannon Dreadnought and Ch. Governor Moscow, all celebrated in the Hall Of Fame. She was bred by Karin Ashe and owned and trained in obedience by Lynn Deering. Sunny competed many times in the Gaines Regional Obedience Championships and placed in the Top Ten twice. Her High-In-Trial record has yet to be matched by another pointer. Sunny worked as a support dog, and was actively involved in therapy work and school visitations. She has distinguished herself as the first pointer in America to attain the title of Obedience Trial Champion and is possibly the second pointer in the world to hold this title. She has also earned her Canadian bench championship and Canadian CD. She spent her retirement lounging around the pool and sleeping in the Florida sunshine.

CH. MARJETTA NATIONAL ACCLAIM

CH. MARJETTA NATIONAL ACCLAIM - (Ch. Fire Signs Smackwater Jack x Ch. Truewithem A Taste Of Triumph) (w.2/6/81- 1992) Bred by Marjorie Martorella, "Deputy" was co-owned by Michael Zollo and Mrs. Alan R. Robson and always handled by Michael. His name, National Acclaim seemed prophetic when he became the third pointer in history (and the first in 54 years) to win Best In Show at Westminster in 1986. He carries the bloodlines of the two previous winners, HOF Ch. Governor Moscow 1925 and Ch. Nancolleth Markable 1932. He is strongly (75%) line bred Bryant, beginning with his dam, HOF Ch. Truewithem A Taste Of Triumph, and her littermate, Ch. Truewithem Abercrombie (Deputy's grandsire on his sire's side). Including his dam, "Donna", there are ELEVEN Hall of Fame pointers in his pedigree: Ch. Counterpoint's Lord Ashley, Ch. Maryjay's Majesty, Ch. Shelbark's Twenty Carats, Ch. Bryant's Buckeye Claudia, Ch. Finefield's Cover Girl, Ch. Vilmar's Lucky, Ch. Mihaski's Mr.

Chippis, Ch. Elstone Citadel, Ch. Drungannon Dreadnought and Ch. Governor Moscow. His sire's dam is outcross bred with famous English and American bloodlines, including Tyler's Showfield and Crookrise, Richland, Kenmure and Bryant through HOF Ashley. Deputy is the All- Time Top Producing Pointer Sire with 109 champion get, including top winning Best In Show and Group pointers and several top producing sires and dams in the breed. He appears on the dam's side in the fourth generation of Hall of Fame DC Woodspoint Remington, CD MH VAX.



CH. COUNTERPOINT'S LORD ASHLEY



CH. COUNTERPOINT'S LORD ASHLEY - (Ch. Bryant's Buckeye Top Brass x Bryant's Buckeye Elektra) (12/22/63 - 10/5/77) Bred by Ruth Still and ultimately owned by Bill Metz and handled by Corky Vroom, "Ashley" proved to be one of the greatest show pointers of all time. He won 19 Best In Shows, 97 Group 1's and many other Group placements. He was Kennel Review's Top Sporting Dog for 1968 and 1969. He also won two American Pointer Club Specialties, 1965 (from the classes) and 1966. In 1970 Ashley capped his career by winning the Sporting Group at Westminster (where his Hall Of Fame grandson/great grandson would win Best In Show in 1986). He made an appearance at the 100th Anniversary Show at Westminster in 1974 at age 13, thrilling the crowd with his movement in that large ring. The response of the audience was

overwhelming - the more they applauded, the more Ashley "turned on". He was the sire of 20 champions, including three APC Specialty winners, Ch. Gunhill's Guy Of Wensleydale ('75), Ch. Waldschloss Thunderbolt, CD ('76) and Ch. Truewithem Abercrombie ('77). He also sired a Hall Of Fame daughter Ch. Truewithem A Taste Of Triumph, is double great grandsire to HOF Ch. Cumbrian Black Pearl and appears three times in the pedigree of HOF DC Woodspoint Remington, CD MH VAX. FIVE Hall Of Fame pointers behind his name are Ch. Shelbark's Twenty Carats, Ch. Finfield's Cover Girl, Ch. Elstone Citadel, Ch. Drummannon Dreadnought and Ch. Governor Moscow.

CH. CUMBRIAN BLACK PEARL

CH. CUMBRIAN BLACK PEARL - (Ch. Marjetta's Lord Carlton x Ch. Cumbrian Black Lace) (11/8/79 - 2/16/93) Bred by Henri B. Tuthill and ultimately owned by Nat and Gloria Reese and handled by Corky Vroom (who also handled her double great grandsire Hall Of Fame Ch. Counterpoint's Lord Ashley) "Bertha" aka "Bertie", "Bert" or "Birdie" was the Number One Sporting Dog in America in 1984. She won a total of 22 Best In Shows in her career, which was believed to have broken a Pointer record of 20 set forty-eight years earlier by Ch. Nancolleth Beryl Of Giralda. She also won 75 Group 1's, plus 50 other Group placements and 2 Specialties. Susan Bleckley handled Bert to her first Best in Show and cared for her in her retirement years. She is an outcross breeding with line-bred Bryant through Truewithem on her sire's side and English Cumbrian and Crookrise on her dam's side, which traces back in part to Herewithem exports of the late 40's. Bertie can claim ELEVEN Hall Of Fame pointers throughout her pedigree including her granddam Ch. Truewithem A Taste of Triumph, Ch. Counterpoint's Lord Ashley, Ch. Maryjay's Majesty, Ch. Shelbark's Twenty Carats, Ch. Bryant's Buckeye Claudia, Ch. Finfield's Cover Girl, Ch. Vilmar's Lucky, Ch. Mihaski's Mr. Chippys, Ch. Elstone Citadel, Ch. Drummannon Dreadnought and Ch. Governor Moscow.

