Welcome to the following new members

Ashley Dornak  Lisa Lipton

Bids for the National Specialty, to be held two years hence, must be sent to the Vice President no later than February 15th. For example: The application for 2021 must be sent to VP by February 15th of 2019.

The reason for the change in deadline for submitting a bid to hold a National Specialty is that it will give the Treasurer more time to do the Estimated Budget and also give time for the Board and the person or group that submits the bid time to get any questions answered so that the Bid can be voted on at the Annual Board Meeting and announced at the Annual Membership Meeting.

With February 15, 2019 being the deadline for submitting a bid for the 2021 National Specialty it is not too early to start working on a location. There are several prime locations that are booked 5 years forward. If you have a location that you would like to see our National Specialty held several years down the road there is no reason you can not start planning now.

Additional Nominations for 2019 Officers & Board Members

2019 Nominations for the Board and Officers of the Club by the membership at large deadline is October 20th. Procedure for nominating additional members is:

(b) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made in writing addressed to the Recording Secretary and received by her or him within thirty (30) days of the date of the mailing of the list of nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee. The additional nominations must be signed by five (5) members and accompanied by a written acceptance of each additional nominee, including the nominee’s bio, if they wish it included in the ballot. No person shall be a candidate for more than one (1) position.
The Board at the request of an APC Lifetime member the Board has approved the purchase of lifetime pins to replace the plaque given to future Lifetime Members.

**Pointer Points Correction**

The Best Brood Bitch at the 2018 National Specialty was

**Ch. Malmason Alydar Shining Example JH**

Congratulations to Jean Smith for winning the 2019 logo contest.

She did a fabulous job!
FDA Investigating Potential Connection Between Diet and Cases of Canine Heart Disease -
July 12, 2018

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is alerting pet owners and veterinary professionals about reports of canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) in dogs eating certain pet foods containing peas, lentils, other legume seeds, or potatoes as main ingredients. These reports are unusual because DCM is occurring in breeds not typically genetically prone to the disease. The FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine and the Veterinary Laboratory Investigation and Response Network, a collaboration of government and veterinary diagnostic laboratories, are investigating this potential association.

Canine DCM is a disease of a dog's heart muscle and results in an enlarged heart. As the heart and its chambers become dilated, it becomes harder for the heart to pump, and heart valves may leak, leading to a buildup of fluids in the chest and abdomen. DCM often results in congestive heart failure. Heart function may improve in cases that are not linked to genetics with appropriate veterinary treatment and dietary modification, if caught early.

The underlying cause of DCM is not truly known, but is thought to have a genetic component. Breeds that are typically more frequently affected by DCM include large and giant breed dogs, such as Great Danes, Boxers, Newfoundlands, Irish Wolfhounds, Saint Bernards and Doberman Pinschers. It is less common in small and medium breed dogs, except American and English Cocker Spaniels. However, the cases that have been reported to the FDA have included Golden and Labrador Retrievers, Whippets, a Shih Tzu, a Bulldog and Miniature Schnauzers, as well as mixed breeds.

Diets in cases reported to the FDA frequently list potatoes or multiple legumes such as peas, lentils, other “pulses” (seeds of legumes), and their protein, starch and fiber derivatives early in the ingredient list, indicating that they are main ingredients. Early reports from the veterinary cardiology community indicate that the dogs consistently ate these foods as their primary source of nutrition for time periods ranging from months to years. High levels of legumes or potatoes appear to be more common in diets labeled as "grain-free," but it is not yet known how these ingredients are linked to cases of DCM. Changes in diet, especially for dogs with DCM, should be made in consultation with a licensed veterinarian.

In the reports the FDA has received, some of the dogs showed signs of heart disease, including decreased energy, cough, difficulty breathing and episodes of collapse. Medical records for four atypical DCM cases, three Golden Retrievers and one Labrador Retriever, show that these dogs had low whole blood levels of the amino acid taurine. Taurine deficiency is well-documented as potentially leading to DCM. The Labrador Retriever with low whole blood taurine levels is recovering with veterinary treatment, including taurine supplementation, and a diet change. Four other cases of DCM in atypical dog breeds, a Miniature Schnauzer, Shih Tzu and two Labrador Retrievers, had normal blood taurine levels. The FDA continues to work with board certified veterinary cardiologists and veterinary nutritionists to better understand the clinical presentation of these dogs. The agency has also been in contact with pet food manufacturers to discuss these reports and to help further the investigation.

The FDA encourages pet owners and veterinary professionals to report cases of DCM in dogs suspected of having a link to diet by using the electronic Safety Reporting Portal or calling their state's FDA Consumer Complaint Coordinators. Please see the link below about "How to Report a Pet Food Complaint" for additional instructions.
Additional Information

- Questions & Answers: FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine’s Investigation into a Possible Connection Between Diet and Canine Heart Disease
- How to Report a Pet Food Complaint
- Veterinary Laboratory Investigation and Response Network (Vet-LIRN)

Getting to know your Hall of Fame Past Members and Dog

MARY RICHMOND

MARY RICHMOND - Beginning with Ch. Richland’s Herewith Startler in 1951, Mary and husband Frank (F.T.) continuously bred champions and top producers, including Ch. Richland’s Stylish Flyboy, Richland’s Fancy Me, Ch. Richland’s Denwood Rou, Ch. Richland’s Merrie Rose, Ch. Richland’s Merrie Rou, Ch. Richland’s Stylish Commanche, etc. for more than thirty years. Their prefix has contributed to the foundation stock of many extremely successful breeding lines, notably Shandown, Ry-Hi, Pandel and Belarm, itself drawing on Hall Of Fame Ch. Elstone Citadel and great American lines such as Denwood and those of (HOF) Clayton Purdy’s, including Herewithem. Mary was the APC’s first Futurity judge in 1985 and has also judged the National Sweepstakes.
CH. MIHASKI’S MR. CHIPPS

CH. MIHASKI’S MR. CHIPPS - (Ch. Elstone Citadel x Fayllyn Of Crowlcroft) (w.4-22-44) Bred by Charles Siever and owned by Sam Sullivan (HOF), “Chipps” is a litter brother to (HOF) Mark Bryant’s Ch. Bryant’s Bright Future. Sired by one of the pillars of the APC Hall Of Fame, his dam is Herewithem bred through Ch. Fishel’s Latest News back to HOF Ch. Governor Moscow. Becoming a Champion in 1946 this handsome liver, white and ticked goodwill ambassador won many Groups, 5 Best In Shows and the first APC Specialty held in 1951 (after the club was reorganized). He is the sire of 7 champions and is found in the pedigree of FOUR Hall Of Fame inductees through Truewithem High As A Kite: Ch. Truewithem A Taste Of Triumph, Ch. Marjetta National Acclaim, Ch. Cumbrian Black Pearl and DC Woodspoint Remington, CD MH VAX.

W. ENOS PHILLIPS

W. ENOS PHILLIPS - (~1977) Using the “Harbor Hill” prefix since before 1910, this long time pointer man and sporting dog judge produced scores of fine dual-purpose (including solid colored) dogs. He authored the classic “The True Pointer And His Ancient Heritage” in 1970, a work much sought after today. He owned litter brothers Ch. Rementer’s Vanguard and Hall Of Fame Ch. Maryjay’s Majesty in the 1960’s.

FRANCES T. (MRS DOUGLAS) HILL

FRANCES T. (MRS DOUGLAS) HILL - Affectionately known as “Granny”, she purchased the “Denwood” prefix from Mr. P. H. Powel in the late 1940’s and continued the program as “Hill’s Denwood” then “Denwood” through the 1970’s. Her Hill’s Denwood Guy and Hill’s Denwood Jeremy were champions in the early 1950’s and are in many pedigrees with Richland, Pocatalico, Rock Falls, and Kenmure. She was quite interested in field trials and famous for her solids and Norwegian imports during the 1950’s and 60’s. Frances Hill served on the APC Board of Directors in 1957.
CH. MARYJAY’S MAJESTY

CH. MARYJAY’S MAJESTY - (Ch. Shelbark’s Twenty Carats x Bryant’s Buckeye Sterling) (w.1-24-61) Bred by Mary J. Brown, “Teddy” was owned by APC Hall Of Fame member Enos Phillips and handled by Charley Meyer. He is a line-bred son of HOF Ch. Shelbark’s Twenty Carats and littermate to Ch. Bryant’s Buckeye Top Brass and Ch. Rementer’s Vanguard. Teddy won 2 APC Specialties in 1963 and ’64. He also won 124 BOBs, 61 Group 1’s, 36 other Group placements and 13 Best In Shows. He produced 6 champions in three litters out of Truewithem bitches and played a major role in the foundation of the prepotent Truewithem bloodlines. In addition to his sire, Teddy has three other Hall Of Fame stars in his background, Ch. Drumgannon Dreadnought, Ch. Elstone Citadel and Ch. Governor Moscow. Through his daughter Ch. Truewithem Majestic Triumph he appears in the pedigrees of FOUR HOF pointers, Ch. Truewithem A Taste Of Triumph, Ch. Marjetta National Acclaim, Ch. Cumbrian Black Pearl and DC Woodspoint Remington, CD MH VAX.

American Kennel Club National Championship – Dec. 15-16, 2018
Entries Close 11/14/18
Superintendent – Onofrio

Breed Judge – Mr. Michael Faulkner
Sporting Group Judge – Mr. Thomas Bradley, III
Best in Show Judge – Elliott Weiss

Best Bred By Exhibitor
Sporting Judge – Mrs. Danelle room
Best Bred By Exhibitor Judge – Mr. Ed Biven

Owner Handler Series
Best Owner Handler Judge – Mr. Charles Olvis
Sporting Breed and Group – Dr. Anthony DiNardo

Westminster Kennel Club – February 11-12, 2019
Entries Close – 12/7/18
Superintendent – MB-F, INC

Breed Judge – Mr. Thomas Bradley, III
Sporting Group Judge – Mr. Douglas Johnson
Best in Show Judge – Mr. Peter Green