

ON POINT



American Pointer Club

January 2016

Welcome to the first edition of On Point. The Officers and Board members want to make “communication with its members” a top priority. One way to keep you informed of Club business each month is this brief newsletter, providing general business updates from the Board and other information we think you might find interesting.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15, 2016 – DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR RENEWAL FORM



Your APC Club Officers and Board members have been busy this month, with two meetings already in the books. We have approved the Standing and Special Committee chairs, which includes

a new addition to the list of standing committees. The Club now has a Regional Club Coordinator chaired by Karen Drumm. This position will serve as a special support for the Regional Clubs in communicating with the membership events and other activities.

All committees are listed on the APC website. The Board has approved having an outside audit of the books, and the Health & Research Committee is working on a health statement for the new puppy buyers on the AKC website. The Board had the first monthly report from the Website Committee on their progress for the new Club website. Motions from the meeting are on the APC website. Look for two ballots to arrive in the mail – ballot to approve the Bylaw changes and to vote on judges for the 2018 National.

Welcome New APC Members

Lynn DeGennaro-Leotta—Staten Island, NY

Jackson Lane—Little Rock, AR—Jr member

Allison Sparks—Richmond, IN— Jr. member

O'Malley McGee—Anderson, SC—Jr. member



2016 National Specialty

*March 16 – Entries Close
Catalog Ads Due

*March 31 - Dinner
Reservations Close for the
Banquet

Welcome Party is April 5th – let Karen Spey know you are planning to join us by contacting her at karen.spey@yahoo.com

!!!Change of Address for RV Reservations!!!

Send RV Reservations to:
Dan Stolz/Mary Manning
29491 Cochiti Lake Dr
San Antonio, FL 33576

2018 National Specialty Bids Due to the Board by April 5th! Contact Susan Savage if you need help putting your bid together. Guidelines for the National Specialty can be found on the website.

Health & Research

THYROID TESTING REBATES: APC members can receive a rebate of \$32.50 to cover a portion of the cost for thyroid testing on your Pointer. Simply have your thyroid testing done locally, and submitted to an OFA- approved lab (see their website for the forms); when you receive your results from OFA, forward a copy along with the completed Thyroid Testing Rebate Request form. It's that simple! Take advantage of this rebate BEFORE May 20, 2016, when the offer expires. Questions & form request, may be referred to Pam Waitman at fairhavn@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming APC Supported Events

March 11, 2016 – **APC Agility Trial**,
Hampton, CT For more information,
contact Deb Pereira
pereiradebra@yahoo.com

March 28, 2016 – **APC Supported Entry**
New Brunswick Kennel Club, Edison, NJ
Sweeps Judge – Libby Naimo
Breed Judge – Bonnie Linnell Clarke
Superintendent – Jim Rau Dog Shows
Entries close – March 3, 2016

Upcoming Regional Club Events

Colorado Pointer Club - Field Trial - March 19 & 20,
2016
Budin Ranch - Stoneham, CO
Contact Information: [Jack Haines](mailto:Jack.Haines@pointer3383.aol.com)
<pointer3383@aol.com>

Wilderness Pointer Club of Virginia, Inc. - Field Trial
March 24 & 25, 2016, Dillwyn, VA
Contact Information: [Erica Bandes](mailto:Erica.Bandes@kinnike101.gmail.com)
<kinnike101@gmail.com>
Wilderness Pointer Club of Virginia, Inc. - Hunting Test
March 26 & 27, 2016, Dillwyn, VA
Contact Information: [Erica Bandes](mailto:Erica.Bandes@kinnike101.gmail.com)
<kinnike101@gmail.com>

Going to Westminster? Plan on stopping by **Meet the Breeds on Saturday, February 13th on Piers 92 & 94**. Join Christine Foreman, our Public Education Chairman, to tell all those attending about our wonderful breed. At the same time go check out the agility and cheer on our pointer participants. You will not be able to miss the crowds of people cheering on the dogs as they go through their agility course.

Pointers will be in the **Breed Ring, February 16, ring 4 at 9:00**. Hope to see everyone there.

If you need to change your address/phone#/email on the APC website, go to the members only page. On the top left sidebar, directly under APC Members Only Website click on My APC Info and make your changes.

AKC NEWS

Grand Championship levels become titles

Effective April 1, 2016 the Grand Championship levels will become titles. The change will be retroactive to the beginning of the program. Dogs that earned an achievement level (Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum) in the past, will have it officially added on their record. Going forward, title certificates will be issued when a dog achieves the required points needed. Additionally, dogs can earn multiple levels of the Grand Champion Platinum title for every 800 GCH points earned. This will be displayed by a multiplier such as GCHP2. Below is a simple table of the new title abbreviations and the number of points needed for the title

TITLE	ABBREVIATION	POINTS
Grand Champion Bronze	GCHB	100
Grand Champion Silver	GCHS	200
Grand Champion Gold	GCHG	400
Grand Champion Platinum	GCHP	800

New Agility Program

The AKC Agility Department is excited to announce the launch of a new, beginning level agility program called ACT (Agility Course Test). The ACT program officially launches on March 1, 2016. This program is designed to introduce beginning dogs and handlers to the sport of agility.

There are two classes – ACT 1 and ACT2. There will be an ACT page on the AKC website where forms and information can be accessed. They have also set up a mailbox for the ACT program act@akc.org. ACT related questions can be sent to this mailbox.