To The Point

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May Presidents Message

I am pleased to inform you that we are making great progress on the new website and it will soon be launched. It was dormant for two years, so there was tremendous updating needed. With some training, committee chairs and officers will be able to update their own sections, no longer needing a webmaster. Cannot thank Susan Bleckley enough for the hours and hours (well over 100!) she has spent on this project. She is now taking a photo class to assist her with the site. Also, thanks to Laurie McCarty for doing some necessary membership list editing. Kim Yocklin has also volunteered to post information. Any member who has website knowledge and word press, please let Susan Bleckley know at apcweb20@gmail.com.

Your Board has a monthly conference call on the second Tuesday of each month. If you have something you want to bring to the attention of the board, please send it to Richard Rogers at avalongreatdanes@hotmail.com . Clubs requesting approval for a supported entry or a specialty, need to send it to Susan London at apccorresponding@gmail.com . The forms are on the website with the deadline for submission.

The ballot for judges' nominations for the 2023 national have been sent. We have sadly not had any member in the western states make a suggestion of a venue or put in a bid for their area. The months for a national have been changed to March, April and May. A suggestion with an All-Breed Club should include companion events and available field trial grounds in the vicinity. A suitable hotel with meeting rooms and banquet facilities needs to be included. Failure to have any suggestions from the western states will mean the national would rotate to the east coast. I would suggest the eastern states send in suggestions as well. These suggestions also need to be sent to the Corresponding Secretary.

Finally, we may be seeing a light at the end of the tunnel. More and more states are releasing restrictions and gradually businesses are starting to open with the exception of NYC, New Jersey, PA and MI. I see that there are some clubs planning on holding shows in Springfield, MA. this fall. The National Field Trial Championship is also scheduled for their 25th Anniversary trial in Fort Robbins, Nebraska on October 5th -9th. I am planning on attending and hope to see some you there as well.

Take care. We will get through this!

New Lifetime Members - Douglas Applegate and Cheryl Buchanan – see bio's below

For the future, Board Meeting reports will be published one month after the meeting in order to have the Board approve the minutes at their next meeting.

DEADLINE

June 12, 2020

Judge Nominations and Membership Question regarding Companion Events at National Specialties

DO NOT FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR BALLOT

Message from Lee Ann Stagg

NOTICE: For any of you who have dogs that are eligible for the 2020 bench futurity stakes (which will be held in conjunction with the 2021 National, since the 2020 National was cancelled), you should have received (or will soon receive) the one-time enrollment for the 2021 Maturity stakes which these same dogs will be eligible to compete in the same day (different judges for the 2020 Futurity class and 2021 Maturity class). This is a one time enrollment that is due back to me by August 1st. There is an error in the cover letter that states that the enclosed form is for Futurity, but it is actually Maturity, as the form itself states. If you have any questions, please contact me. Ppoint97@aol.com

2020 Futurity/Maturity Judge – Amy Westerman

2021 Futurity/Maturity Judge – Patti Lillesand

APC Health Committee Report

After doing some research and multiple telephone discussions, the APC Health Committee recommended to the APC Board that our CHIC Required Testing should be changed to drop eye testing and substitute elbow testing. Elbow testing is easily done at the same time as hips. At their May 12, 2020, the Board approved the change.

The rationale for this was the finding that, in cumulative years of testing, CHIC has not found any instance of eye issues while they have reported a small number of elbow issues (5.56%). They report abnormal hips at 7.20% and abnormal thyroid at 4.89%. All other CHIC tests remain optional for all responsible breeders to use as they deem appropriate.

Dogs that have already attained a CHIC number will retain that number. I will keep you all up to date.

Howard B. Spey MD, Chairman, APC Health Committee

New Lifetime Members

Douglas Applegate

I was born and raised in Sioux City, IA, but I call Phoenix, AZ home now. My first pointer entered my life at the age 5. Trixie was a Black and White stray who adopted me and started my lifelong journey with Pointers. Many years later, I am currently owned by an Orange and White girl who is disappointed we are not showing this weekend.

Along the way I have had the chance to develop lifelong friends in the dog world. As part of the club I have chaired in the past the awards committee for several years.

Cheryl LaDuc Buchanan

I breed pointers under the kennel name Cookieland and have been fortunate to have bred top winning show dogs, and hunting titled dogs, including two dual champions. My hobbies are bird hunting, fly fishing, knitting, gardening, cooking/baking and reading. I met my husband Rick at a hunting dog training seminar 15 years ago and together we have traveled the country hunting and fishing. I love to travel and attended Crufts the last two years seeing beautiful dogs at the shows and exploring Scotland and England for the first time. We escape weekends to our camp in the Adirondacks and when not at camp I work as a senior associate in an architectural firm in Albany NY, where I specialize in k-12 school and college/university architecture.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 1ST – APC SPECIALTY in conjunction with Morris and Essex Dog Show

Somerset, NJ

OCTOBER 5/9 – 25TH ANNIVERSARY APC NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford, Nebraska

A SPECIAL THANKS TO TWO OF OUR APC MEMBERS DOING THEIR PART TO HELP OUR MOST VULNERABLE DURING THIS TIME

Marcia Loughner

I started making masks for hospitals and nursing homes and anyone that needed one. I especially wanted them to go to nursing homes as they seemed to be the most in need and because my 97-year-old mom was in one in NJ. Unfortunately, my mom died in April of Covid. I have made around 350 masks so far and am still making them. If anyone knows of a nursing home in need please contact me. Woodbine319@yahoo.com

Sally Barton

In Mid-March I was substituting when the school system by orders of the Governor shut down for 4 weeks; only to be eventually closed the rest of the academic school year. So basically, I was retired once again.

One day I received an email asking to help a friend who was an RN in a care facility by making masks. She sent me some online patterns and I thought why not. So, I told Allison we had a care project. She was on board and started cutting material to make 30 masks.

Well those 30 masks were just the beginning of something bigger. As more and more people were required to wear masks, our meager number of 30 has grown into sewing and giving away over 700 masks.

Allison does the cutting of material and elastic, her mom, Michaeletta helps turn the fabric, and I do the tucks and sewing. If there is a need, we will continue making masks asking that the kindness be passed forward.

If you need a mask, please just ask. You can contact me on Facebook or coralwood@frontier.com Special shout out to Susan London for sending the mask tee shirts!

2019 APC Veterinary Scholarship Recipient

My name is Shelby Baden and I am a third-year veterinary student at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM). I grew up outside of Atlanta and went to the University of Georgia for my undergraduate studies as well – Go Dawgs! After graduating, I spent the next four years working in France and California. It was during this time that I decided that my passion resided in veterinary medicine. Upon finishing veterinary school, I intend to work in small and exotic animal general practice. I am also currently working on my Small Animal Veterinary Acupuncture Certification at the Chi Institute. I love that acupuncture offers an alternative approach in the management of chronic diseases and am excited to incorporate it into my future practice.

Over the past three years, I have become extremely interested in mental health among veterinary professionals. I have devoted a significant amount of time to promoting this cause, both through social media and yoga. I became a yoga instructor during my second-year of veterinary school and taught once a week for my peers at the CVM. I also taught goat yoga at a local animal rescue, which I plan to continue as much as I can while on clinical rotations. Additionally, I have a passion for shelter medicine and volunteer at a local rescue in Athens, GA, both through spay and neuter clinics and fostering. Personally, I have one dog, a 3-year-old black lab mix named Apollo. He definitely has the energy of a pointer and is the perfect companion during veterinary school.

I am honored to be the recipient of the American Pointer Club scholarship as I continue to work towards my veterinary degree. It is though through organizations like APC that I hope to promote continuing education and responsible breeding to all of my future clients. I am grateful for organizations like these who support veterinary students while we pursue our education.

Past winners of the APC National Specialty continued

1947-1950 Club was inactive

1951

Ch. Mihaski's Mr. Chipps
Breeder – Charles Siever
Owner – Sam Sullivan

1952 & 1953

Ch Trueluck's Challenge
Breeder/Owner: Clayton S Purdy

1954 & 1955 & 1956 & 1957

Ch. Vilmar's Lucky
Breeder/Owner: Mary Ann Wadsworth