# To The Point

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Membership Motion 201905202-08-MM ***Motion that beginning with the 2021 Nationals, if we offer obedience, rally, and agility we open them to all breeds*** **was rescinded by the membership on the ballot sent to the membership for judges nominations.**

The motions below were approved at the May 2021 Board Meeting. The minutes were approved at the June 2021 Meeting

20200512-16-PM – Susan Bleckley was approved to replace June Johnston on the Board. (This position if for the remainder of the 2020 year)

20200512-17-PM & 20200512-18-PM – Application for the Karen Blasche Memorial Junior Scholarship was updated to include the wording “current & former juniors”.

The selection committee for the scholarship was approved. Patty Haines, Vickie McGuire and Danny Seymour.

20200512-19-PM – Marjorie Martorella was approved to replace Kelley Cheek as administrator of the American Pointer Club Chat Group Facebook Page.

20200512-20-PM – Invoice for the balance of what is owed for the new website, $1050.00 was approved.

20200512-21-PM – Approval to replace the eye test requirement with elbow as a requirement for the CHIC test.

20200512-22-PM – Approve paying for one year of Quickbooks

## AKC Delegates Report

AKC Delegates Meeting (virtual)
June 25, 2020

This was the first “virtual” Delegates meeting and no items were voted on.
The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am and adjourned by 11:40 am.
***Highlights of the meeting were:***

- Litter registrations were up 12% (May 2019 to May 2020)
- Events were down 49% from May 2019 to May 2020
- Financial Report: as per KPI’s (Key Performance Index)

5% > in revenue
Expenses are lower

Investments:

❖ Recovered losses from volatile market

❖ Over all investments down by 3%

AKC assured all Delegates and member clubs that all staff is available to assist with whatever and whenever needs they may have.

AKC will inform Delegates in July if the September meeting will be held "on site" or virtual and any items required for vote will also be included in the July notification.
Complete minutes of the June Delegates meeting is available on AKC.org.

June 16, 2020 ~ Virtual meeting
*Key issues from meeting:*

● Rules regarding Grand Champion Points and Sweeps/Futurity were approved by the AKC Board as presented.

● Chapter 10, Section 2,5 and Chapter 15, 1 - there was no report

● Chapter 16 (Regarding National Specialties) AKC permits only 1 National Specialty a year. Discussion occurred to ask the AKC Board to take under consideration (due to current Corona 19 issues) allowing "back to back" specialties in 2021 for 2020 & 2021. Committee voted in favor of the motion and will move to the AKC Board for consideration.

***AKC Parent Clubs Delegates Committee Meeting***
June 16, 2020 ~ Virtual Meeting
*Key issues from meeting:*

● Legislative: AKC is monitoring 2 thousand pieces of legislation on the Federal and State Level

● 667 regulation changes at both levels have been made

● AKC works with all legislators to keep them informed of the impact proposed legislation will have on the fancy.

● AKC currently provides any assistance to USDA to monitor dogs entering the US from foreign countries. US requirements are valid and updated health certificates with all required vaccinations and health results as certified by a US veterinarian.

● Proposed Federal legislation: "Prohibits" any dog breeder to be involved with the rescue of dogs. AKC is working diligently to inform legislatures of the negative impact of the bill.

● Disaster Trailers: 80 trailers in 23 states

● Veterinary Outreach: 6 lunches for interested veterinarian students were held throughout the nation. $35k has been distributed to 15 students. 3 / 15 awardees were active in Parent Clubs.

● Underway is development of a mentoring program for Jr's to become breeders and working with Parent Clubs to assist in various areas to learn how to become responsible dog breeders.

● The Regional Leonberger Club in VA applied to become an AKC member club. The AKC Board denied the request. Within this discussion was the terminology of "Local & Regional" The terminology is basically the same and usually depends upon the Parent Club. AKC refers to them as "Local".

***AKC Hunt Test and Field Trial Delegates Committee Meeting***
June 17, 2020 ~ Virtual Meeting
*Key issues from meeting:*

● AKC Staff report (Doug Lijungruan)

● AKC had 2 weeks to get staff working from home with an enormous backlog of event cancellations, registrations, etc. due to Corona 19.

● AKC needed to provide "best practices" to clubs regarding all events. There are 26 different events and AKC developed 19 Best Practices and released them at the same time.

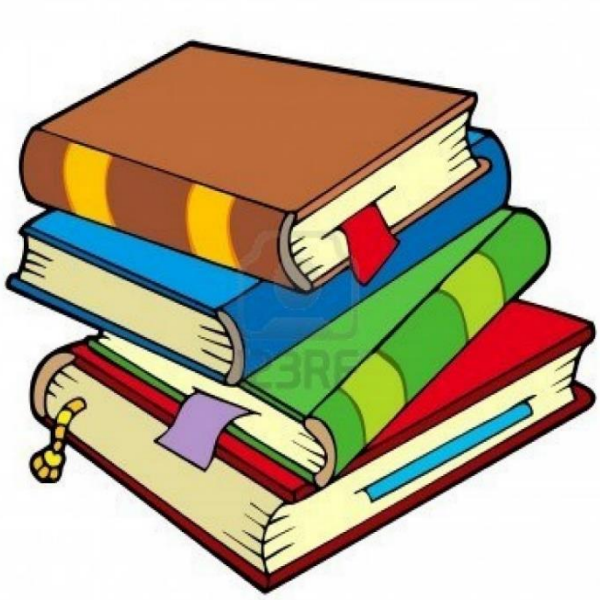
● Field Events: Field Events are often lax or late in reporting their events status and

results, so in consideration of that there has been a significant impact from 2019 to 2020. April 2019 to April 2020 was down 97% for Field Trials and 100% for Hunt Tests. June 2020 has seen a slight improvement as restrictions are easing up due to Corona 19. Particularly in remote areas of the nation based on local jurisdiction.

- Rule of "Starter Dogs": Walking a dog to the starting line "does not count" as a starter. Dogs must actually start and judges who previously allowed a dog to walk to the starting line but did not start was considered unallowable and no longer should be allowed.
- HT & FT premium lists "No Longer" have to include the street address of judges
- Clubs may offer "Special Events" at their HT/FT events "with" AKC approval
- Regarding impacts of Corona 19 on events, it was noted that one member reported they are scheduling a Field Trial in PA in June and they have received a record entry. It was also reported that one conformation show scheduled soon, met their limit within 2 hours of opening and another show met their limit within the first two weeks. Also reported was the challenge of one show ( because of local regulations) was permitted to have only 200 people at one time in the building and monitoring the numbers within, those exiting and those allowed to enter.
- Committee asked AKC staff member if AKC has developed liability waivers for clubs to use regarding the Corona 19 epidemic? AKC is aware of some clubs who have developed their own policy but AKC has no official position. AKC believes the information printed on the back of the entry form should suffice

Respectfully submitted,
Danny D. Seymour
Delegate, American Pointer Club, Inc.

## A discovery in my summer reading



Every summer I make sure I have time to read a few good books. This summer I decided to take the easy road and started reading a series of books by an English author who dealt with the English countryside and murder. Basically, the main character is sent from the US to scout locations for a Documentary being produced on the life Jane Austen. After reading the 6th book in the series I decided to read the complete works of Jane Austen. My first choice is Sense and Sensibility, published in 1811, but set in southeast England between 1791-1794. I was only into the first few chapters when a new character (Mr. Willoughby) appeared to help one of the main characters Marianne) in distress. He was out hunting with his two pointers when he came upon her having slipped and fallen. When the story was told about helping the young lady back home, the owner (Sir John) of the cottage the family was renting was asked if he know who Mr. Willoughby was. His answer was "**He is a pleasant, good humored fellow, and has got the nicest little black Bitch of a pointer I ever saw. Was she out with him today?"** As I am reading on it seems he has a pointer at his feet a lot of the time. Looking forward to finding more references to his pointer as I continue on in the book.

Has anyone else read any books that mention a Pointer? Please send me the title and author. I will put it in the next newsletter.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

Presented by ROYAL CANIN

## APC SUPPORTED ENTRY

Provided by Royal Canin & AKC:

BOB: $100.00

BOS: $50.00

BBE: $100.00

# TROPHY DONATIONS NEEDED!

## AVAILABLE TROPHIES:

## WINNERS DOG: $30.00

## RESERVE WINNERS DOG: $20.00

## RESERVE WINNERS BITCH $20.00

## ALL CLASSES AVAILABLE: $5.00

## DONORS WILL BE LISTED IN THE SHOW CATALOGUE

**Deadline: August 15, 2020**

If you would like to sponsor one of these trophies, please contact Lydia Frey at snowbrookdogs@gmail.com

**Notify Lydia Frey of what class you are interested in sponsoring and mail your check to June Johnston, Treasurer, 1038 Clyde Boyd Rd, Ashland City. TN 37015**

**AMERICAN POINTER CLUB**

**25TH ANNIVERSARY**

**NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## M & W Trooper Saddle Raffle

**Generously donated by APC member Tracy Black**

**As a fundraiser for the 25th Anniversary Championship**

**Gorgeous black leather with brass fittings**

**Padded seat and a medium tree**

**Tickets are $20 each**

**To purchase tickets please contact:**

**Angela Schillereff (503) 803-0994 SIKennels@aol.com**

**Debby Freidus (203) 789-3354 Blackthornpt@earthlink.net**

**Drawing to be held at Fort Robinson State Park**

**during the running of the National Championships**

**on Thursday, October 8, 2020**

***Do not need to be present to win***

# Up-Coming Events

## The following events are still being held as of 6/28/20

### Pointer Associates of New England Hunt Test

**Sunday, Sept 6, 2020**

**Dr. John Flaherty Field Trial Assoc, East Windsor, CT**

**Contact Debra Freidus for more information: blackthornpt@earthlink.net**

### Colorado Pointer Club Field Trial

**Saturday, Sept. 19 to Sunday Sept. 20, 2020**

**Saturday, Sept. 26 to Sunday Sept. 27, 2020**

**Rudy Buden Ranch, Stoneham, CO**

**Contact Jack Haines for more information: pointer3383@aol.com**

### APC 2020 National Field Trial Championship

### 25th Anniversary

**Monday, Oct. 5 to Friday Oct. 9, 2020**

**Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford, NE 69339**

**Contact Angela Schillereff: sikennels@aol.com**

**Debra Freidus: blackthornpt@earthlink.net**

### Wilderness Pointer Club of Virginia Field Trial

**Friday, Oct. 23 to Sunday Oct. 25, 2020**

**Dick Cross Wildlife Management Area**

**Contact Kim Yocklin: kyocklin@gmail.com**

# Blue-Green Algae and Dogs: Symptoms and Prevention

**Key Points**

- Blue-green algae are toxic and deadly when consumed in high concentrations
- Dogs are more vulnerable to blue-green algae poisoning because of their likelihood to play
- This bacteria is often found in non-flowing freshwater during hot seasons
- How Do Dogs Ingest Blue-Green Algae?
- Dogs more than other animals are vulnerable to ingesting the toxic algae because of their tendency to play in the water. If your dog is a fetcher and catches tennis balls or other round-shaped toys, this can lead to greater water ingestion and even water intoxication. Dogs may also lick the toxic bacteria off their fur or paws.

**What Causes Blue-Green Algae?**

- Nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen
- Stable, slow-moving, or stagnant water
- Hot temperatures
- Intermittent exposure to high light intensity

**Tips to Avoid Blue-Green Algae Poisoning:**

- Keep your dog leashed around bodies of water, especially if the water appears dirty, foamy, or has mats on the surface of the water.
- Don't let your dog drink out of ponds and lakes
- Harmful algae blooms, which can be blue, vibrant green, brown or red, are sometimes mistaken for paint floating on the water. Be aware the toxins aren't always visible.
- Toxic algae often stink, sometimes producing a downright nauseating smell, yet animals may be attracted to the smell and taste of them, according to the EPA.

What Do I Do if I Know my Dog Has Been Exposed to Blue-Green Algae?

Rinse your dog off immediately with clean water if he comes in contact with blue-green algae. Call your veterinarian immediately.

Signs/Symptoms Your Dog May Have Ingested Blue-Green Algae:

Symptoms, which usually arise anywhere from 15 minutes to several days after exposure may include:

- Diarrhea or vomiting
- Drooling
- Neurologic signs such as:
- Weakness
- Disorientation/confusion
- Collapse/unconsciousness
- Seizures
- Breathing difficulties

If any of these signs occur, contact your vet immediately. If caught early enough, your vet may be able to flush out the toxins before your dog becomes completely affected.

## Re-MACH-able Pointers!

***By Deb Pereira, June 2020***

The MACH title (Master Agility Champion) and the PACH (Preferred Agility Champion) titles are considered the pinnacle of achievement in agility. Many dogs spend a lifetime working towards their Agility Championship, and in Pointers only ten dogs have achieved the MACH title and five dogs have achieved the PACH title through January 2020. Only a few of these have achieved multiple MACHs/PACHs, with the most thus far being a MACH4/PACH1 combination achieved by two dogs. A previous article in Pointer Points provided a detailed analysis of what it takes to achieve these titles, thus this article will provide only a brief summary.

Dogs are required to jump standard jump heights based on the dog's height at the shoulders in order to achieve the MACH. The PACH is an equivalent title and is awarded to dogs that jump one jump height lower than their standard jump height. Some dogs jump at Preferred height their entire careers, while others move to Preferred as they mature so they can continue to easily play the agility game as they get older.

Dogs cannot start competing in AKC agility until age 15 months, which is a factor of the extensive training required and the physical demands placed on the dog, both requiring a level of maturity. All dogs must progress through the levels of Novice, Open, Excellent, then Masters. Only after entering the Masters level can dogs start to work towards their Agility Championship. At the Masters level, in order to earn a qualifying score (Q) the dog must earn a perfect score of 100, and must complete the run under the posted course time which is based on course distance.

To achieve the Agility Championship title, dogs must earn 20 Double Q's (QQ's) and 750 points. To earn a QQ, the dog must qualify in both Master Standard (STD) and Master Jumpers With Weaves (JWW) on the same day at the same trial. The dog also accrues one point towards their Agility Championship title for each second under the allowed course time. For most dogs, the rate limiting factor towards achieving the Agility Championship title is earning the required 20 QQ's, and most of our Pointers had their 750 points before their 20 QQ's when working towards their first MACH.

### Re-MACH-able Pointer Superstars

To date ten Pointers have earned the MACH1 title, seven have earned MACH2, five have earned MACH3, and three have earned MACH4. Five Pointers have earned PACH1, and one Pointer has earned PACH4. There are two exceptional Pointers who have earned five total Agility Championships, their MACH4 plus a PACH1.

The first Pointer in history to earn the MACH1 title was *OTCH MACH3 Longtrail Piece Of My Heart UDX6 MXC MJC* (Chamber) who earned the MACH on 4/5/2003 at age 5.6 years. The youngest Pointer to earn MACH1 was *CH MACH2 Black Alder Denali JH MXS MJC OAP NJP MXF T2B3* (Deena) who earned the MACH1 on 2/22/2015 at age 3.8 years, and the oldest to earn MACH1 was *CH MACH Eclipse Final Fling NTHFLD VCD2 RE TDX MH MXB MJS OF* (Fancy) who earned her MACH1 at age 8.3 years. Note that all three of these accomplished Pointers have titles in multiple venues, including Obedience, Rally, Conformation, Tracking, and Hunt Tests.

*First Pointer MACH – Chamber - owned by Julie Hill, achieved his MACH on 4/5/2003*

*Youngest Pointer to MACH - Deena, owned by Deb Pereira & Phyllis Kroll, achieved her first MACH at age 3.8 years*

The average age to earn MACH1 was 6 years, with a range of 3.8 to 8.3 years. If you look at the amount of time from earning the first leg in agility of our Pointers, it took an average of 4.1 years from their first Novice Q until their MACH1.

The first Pointer in history to earn the PACH title at age 7.3 years old was *CH PACH Black Alder Laughing Annie CD RE JH MXP17 MXPG2 MJP9 MJPG PAX3 NFP (Annie)*, who was also the first to earn the PAX, PAX2 and PAX3 titles.

*First Pointer PACH – Annie - owned by Deb Pereira & Phyllis Kroll, achieved her PACH in September 2014*

Here is the list of Pointers achieving one or more Agility Championship to date:

- MACH Martini's Double Oh Seven RN MXS MJS OF (Seven)
- MACH Eclipse Jjj First Light VCD1 RN JH MXB MJS OF (Kona)
- CH MACH Eclipse Final Fling NTHFLD VCD2 RE TDX MH MXB MJS OF (Fancy)
- CH MACH2 Rejoy's I Love Laverne CD RA JH MXG MJB2 (Laverne)
- MACH2 Moorland Up And Running UDX OM1 MXS MJG NAP MXF (Race)
- OTCH MACH3 Longtrail Piece Of My Heart UDX6 MXC MJC (Chamber)

- MACH4 R U Gunnarunnamok Skeets RN MXS2 MJS2 NAP NJP OF T2B (Skeets)
- GCH MACH4 PACH Coralwood Wynot Brew Crew CDX RN JH MXG2 MJB2 MXP3 MXPB MJPB PAX XF (Rookie)
- CH MACH4 PACH Black Alder Denali JH MXS2 MJG2 MXP3 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX MXF T2B4 (Deena)*
- CH MACH4 Cinnakerrys' Dakota Breeze MXS2 MJG2 XF T2B2 (Dakota)
- CH PACH Black Alder Laughing Annie CD RE JH MXP17 MXPG2 MJP9 MJPG PAX3 NFP (Annie)
- PACH Tahari's Kick It Up RN MX MXB MXJ MJS MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX OF (Flicka)
- PACH4 Tahari's Zara Peggy Sue MX MXJ MJB MXP10 MXPC MJP13 MJPB2 PAX4 MXF MFPS TQXP T2BP2 (Zara)

*still actively competing as of April 2020

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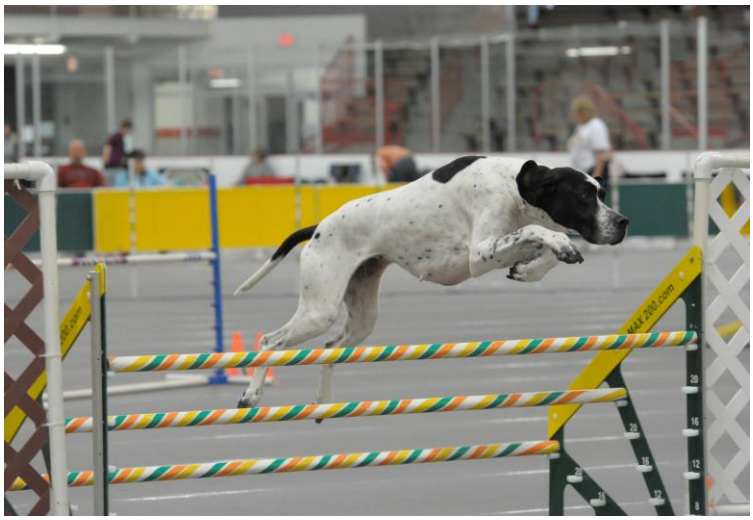


The first GCH/MACH4 PACH Pointer - Rookie *(owned by Joan Schmeling & Sally Barton).*

Of special note there are seven Pointers who are “dual” Champions achieving Championships in two venues (MACH or PACH and one other prefix title such as the OTCH or CH/GCH). Six Pointers (50%) also have their breed Championship, with one having her Grand Championship - GCH CH MACH2 Coralwood Wynot Brew Crew CDX RN MXG MJS XF (Rookie).

Given the time commitment and expense, why do people choose to work towards their MACH? For me, it is about enjoying the time with my Pointers, having fun doing something we love, whether it is working on skills at home, attending classes, or actively trialing. There is also a social aspect to competing in agility and spending time with friends who share your passion. It’s about truly listening to our dogs and doing what is best for them even if it means our plans and goals must change. It’s about overcoming obstacles, working through difficulties, and in the process building stronger relationships with our canine partners. It’s about stepping to the line and accepting the challenge of the course, on that day, under that judge – running the course with my best buddies then leaving with them thinking they are the bestest dog ever regardless of what happened on the course. I strongly believe keeping our dogs actively competing (or perhaps just attending classes) as long as possible is good for them and for us both physically and mentally. And at the end of the day, we get to go home with the BEST-DOG-EVER!

*[Data on Pointer statistics is accurate to the best of my knowledge. The data was gathered from multiple sources including owner queries, the AKC web site, the Dog Show Scores database, and direct emails from an AKC agility representative.]*

**American Pointer Club Scent Work Rankings**

**APC Top Overall Scent Work Pointer**
**GCHB Mi-Ti's Image is Everything CD BN RE FDC SWM SIAE TKN ATT**
(81 points)
**Owners: Liz McLeod and Shirley Baker***

**MASTER:**
1. GCHB Mi-Ti's Image is Everything CD BN RE FDC SWM SIAE TKN ATT (61 points)

Owners: Liz McLeod* and Shirley Baker

**EXCELLENT:**
1 Ch Malmason-Southern As You Wish JH SWA SCE SIE (16 points)
Owners: Mary Reeves and Beth Kirven*

2 GCH Pawsup Accustomed to Success CD BN RA JH FDC NAP NJP BCAT SWN SCE SIA SBA TKN ATT (10 points) Owners : Liz McLeod* and Jeri Foght*

**ADVANCED:**
1. GCHB Mi-Ti's Image is Everything CD BN RE FDC SWM SIAE TKN ATT (20 points)
Owners: Liz McLeod* and Shirley Baker

2. Ch Malmason-Southern As You Wish JH SWA SCE SIE (19 points)
Owners: Mary Reeves and Beth Kirven*
3. GCH Pawsup Accustomed to Success CD BN RA JH FDC NAP NJP BCAT SWN SCE SIA SBA TKN ATT (6 points) Owners: Liz McLeod* and Jeri Foght*

**NOVICE:**
1. Ch Crescendo Pawsup Everything and More JH FDC CA DCAT ACT2 SWN TKI ATT (29 points)
Owners: Liz McLeod* and Jeri Foght*
2. Corwyn's Carnegie RN NA NF SWN CGC (24 points)
Owners: Valerie Senneff* and Tammy Albee*
3. GCH Pawsup Accustomed to Success CD BN RA JH FDC NAP NJP BCAT SWN SCE SIA SBA TKN ATT
(19 points) Owners: Liz McLeod* & Jeri Foght*

- Denotes APC Members

## Past winners of the APC National Specialty continued

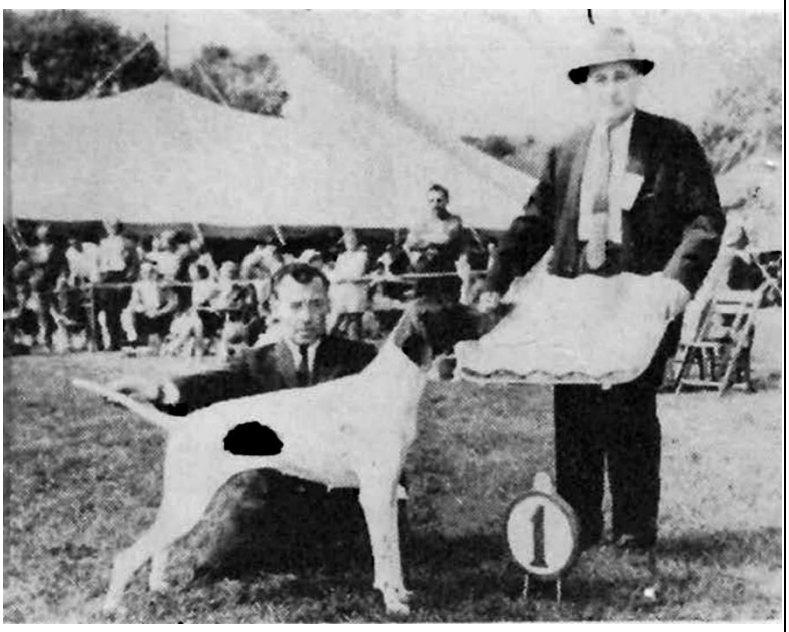
. . . TOP WINNER AT THE AMERICAN Pointer Club Spec show, Rumson, NJ, May 24. . . . . CH WOODCOCK SADDLER IS awarded BB by j Enos Phillips; handled by Harold Correll, owned by Kenmure K'ls. (Shafer foto).

**1958-1959**

**CH Woodcock Saddler**
**Breeder – Mr & Mrs Henry Wheeler**
**Owner – Dr. & Mrs. John Gordon**

**1960**

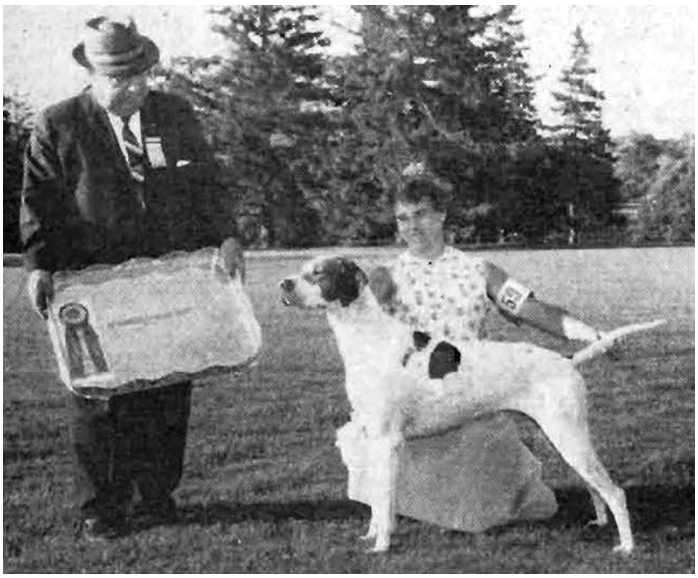
**All-Mac's Kaye**
**Breeder: Mr & Mrs McCollum**
**Owner: Mr & Mrs McCollum & Walter Schneider**



**1961**

**Ch. Rementer's Vanguard**
**Breeder: Mark Bryant**
**Owner: W. Enos Phillips**

**1962**
**Ch. Bryant's Buckeye Chien D'Or**
**Breeder: Mark Bryant**
**Owner: Mrs. Cheever Porter**



**1963 – 1964**
**Ch. Maryjay's Majesty**
**Breeder: Mary Jane Brown**
**Owner: W. Enos Phillips**