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Presidents Message

This has been quite a year. None of us have ever lived through a pandemic and pray we never do again. Our lives have been dramatically changed, we have lost loved ones and friends to the virus. Some have lost jobs and businesses. Schools have been closed and parents are coping with home schooling and going to work.

We in the dog world have also been affected as so many of our shows have been cancelled. Some areas of the country have been hit harder than others. In the Northeast, there have been no shows since the 2nd week of March. Our Governors have restrictions on people from certain states coming into their state mandating a 14-day quarantine.

The APC was forced to cancel our 2020 National as well as the National Championship. There are however a couple of upcoming events for our breed. The Pointer Club of Southern California is holding back to back specialties on October 16th. Wilderness Pointer Club is also holding back to back specialties on Oct. 22nd followed by three days of Field Trials. There is also a supported entry in Oklahoma City on October 31st.

While these events are going forward, we see shows cancelled even into March of 2021. Many of us have had litters this year. It is going to be challenging to socialize the puppies in certain areas where events are still being cancelled.

These are unprecedented times. Stay safe everyone.

August Board minutes approved at the September Board meeting

Motion approved not to hold agility, obedience, or rally at the 2021 National Specialty 20200811-44-PM

The Show Chair and chair for Field, Agility, Obedience and Rally should be local if possible but not required - 20200811-45-PM

Approve Caper contract – 2020811-46-PM

Approve revised logo – 2020811-47-PM

Approved order newest design of old APC patch - 2020811-48-PM Photo of Patch is on page 7 Of this newsletter.

No annual awards for 2020 – 20200811-49-PM

RV RESERVATION FORM 2021 NATIONAL IS ON PAGE 8 OF THIS NEWSLETTER

FUTURITY REMINDER

Due to the fact that the dates for holding a National Specialty have been moved from April – June to March – May litters born between September 2 – October 1, 2020 will have the choice to choose whether to enter the 2021 or 2022 Futurity.

No litter may be nominated for BOTH Futurities. Each Breeder can choose which one they want to enter. Any questions contact Lee Ann Stagg – ppoint97@aol.com

New Futurity Application is included in this newletter Please note Additions in red at top of application

2021 Officers and Board as Nominated by the Nominating Committee

President – Marjorie Martorella (NJ)
Vice President – Karen Spey (NJ)
Corresponding Secretary – Susan London (NY)
Recording Secretary – Ashley Dornack (VA)
Treasurer – June Johnston (TN)
AKC Delegate – Danny Seymour (VA)

Board members for 2021-2022
Claire Wisch Abraham (VA)
Maggie Platt (MA)
Angela Schillereff (OR)
Kim Yocklin (MD)

Fill one-year vacancy
Susan Savage (CT)

(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 email notice or mailing of the list of nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee, or no later than November 1, whichever comes first. 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

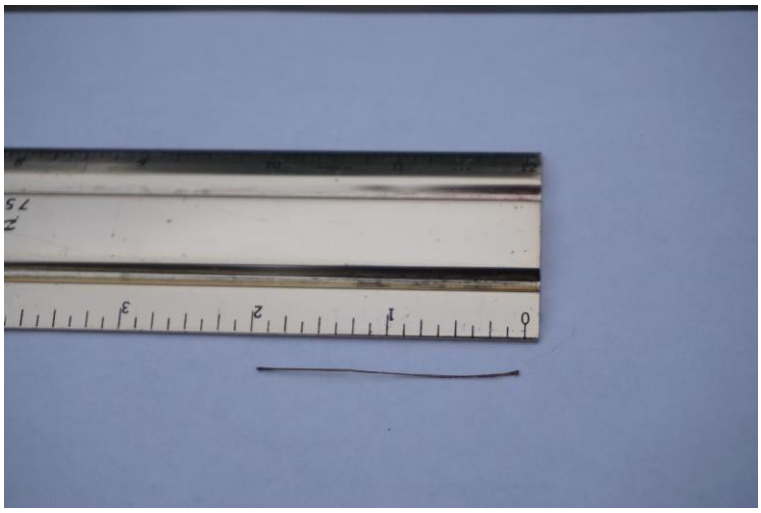
Deadline for additional nominations to be received by the Recording Secretary is ***October 22, 2020***

A word of caution

By
Barbara Carmam

Each year, prior to pheasant hunting season, I always take my Pointers to Lake Nockamixon State Park, which is located in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The 5,000 acre park is a superb location for it has bountiful acreage and diverse terrain to condition my Pointers. The dogs absolutely love the bucolic landscapes and their ability to do what Pointers love most- search for birds and exercise. During this morning's training session, our beloved Pointer, Ace, began to incessantly sneeze. Quite naturally, any dog can sneeze; however, I sensed something was awry when her sneezing would not subside.

Luckily, I am employed by a local veterinary hospital where I took Ace for an assessment. It is worthy to note that before Ace was sedated, she continued to sneeze. The veterinarian used an otoscope and speculum to detect a small object two inches inside of her nasal cavity (please see attached photo). With a pair of hemostats and some luck, the veterinarian removed a pine needle two inches in length from her nose. Had the pine needle remained in her nasal cavity, it could have migrated further potentially causing serious complications. In fact, an endoscope could have been required to remove the foreign object. In the end, due to the work of an outstanding veterinarian and Ace's resilience, we achieved a peaceful resolution to this possibly dangerous situation.



I am delighted to report that Ace is fine, and she was back in the fields this morning hunting for birds. Always remember, that if your dog is sneezing while out in the fields, it is important to consult your veterinarian.

American Pointer Club, Inc. / Delegates Report

Dog Show Rules Committee September 9,2020 /Virtual Meeting

- AKC permits 2 Specialties in 2021 which will expire at the end of 2021
- Tuesday webinars @ 5:00 pm have been very successful for prospective judges as well as those interested in other breeds. Several Parent Clubs have made presentations. (Incl. APC)
- AKC will approve up to 3 conformation events in one day awarding CH points
- Currently, clubs may request an exemption of up to 300 miles out of their territory to hold an event.
- Events and Covid 19 regulations: Determination to hold events indoors or outdoors may be determined on the day of the show
- Junior's may compete up until their 19th. Birthday

Field Trial & Hunt Test Committee September 11, 2020 / Virtual Meeting

- The Orlando show is still scheduled with a large entry expected and without the Meet the Breeds.

- AKC staff member, Doug Ljungren reported the following event comparisons "2019 to 2020"

Fat Cat: 150% > 120%
Hunt Tests: 100% > 100%
Field Trial: 100% > 90%

Field event's are steadily returning to participation %'s to 2019
Club's are limiting entries and are meeting those limited entries very early
Covid 19 issues still impacting participation but clubs are managing pandemic issues with little disruption.

- Field Trial: for a dog to be disqualified, an injury must occur and the event committee must collect information regarding the alleged injury. This HAS NOT been approved by the Board.
- Discussion occurred to encourage Parent Clubs to offer education and awareness of dogs natural instinct and ability in the field. Hunt Tests should be encouraged. Mainly this discussion was focused on Retrieving dogs but was applicable to all sporting breeds.

Parent Club Committee September 14, 2020

- The following current committee members are running for re-election:

Alan Kalter, Helen Prince and Karen Burgess

- The following candidates are also running for the committee:

Katie Campbell / Basenji Club of America
Richard Warbachon / Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of American
Maggie Stauss / Shiba Inu Club of America

- ***Pet Disaster Trailer:*** 433 people or organizations contributed / $1.8 million dollars donated / $150k contributed by AKC Re-Unite/ over $2 million contributed over all to the fund.

There are 106 trailers nationally /6 trailers were deployed since May 2020 for various disasters

- ***Veterinary Outreach:*** 11 virtual meetings are scheduled w/ veterinary students starting the week of 9/20/20
- ***Juniors:*** AKC is developing best practices to "Attract, Engage & Retain" to assist all club to develop Junior programs.
- ***Show Site Survey:*** For all Parent Clubs to use to report on their national specialties regarding location and support services. Available on akc.org/search
- ***Code of Ethics Report: "may"*** be sent to Parent Clubs by AKC in October
- ***Reaching out when Fanciers are in Need Committee, Report:*** *Forms are available regarding "Notice of Dogs In the House", Emergency Contact #, Power of Attorney for Dogs, guidelines from*

  Parent Clubs to Local Clubs and vs/vs when fanciers are in need OR to make members aware of such services.
- ***Parent Club Breeder's Committee Report:*** Parent Clubs are urged to form Breeder Education Committees. AKC is preparing guidelines for Parent Clubs and they are forthcoming.
- ***Regional Parent Clubs becoming member clubs:*** Currently there are 20 Regional Specialty Clubs. Last one approved was in 1945. The last submitted for approval was in 2005. Parent Club Committee recommended the By Law change be approved as submitted. (At the Delegates meeting the By Law change was approved as submitted – no Regional Specialty Clubs permitted to apply as a member club)
- ***National Specialties 2020/2021 in 2021:*** Reported that many Parent Clubs are taking advantage of two Nationals in one year.
- ***Market Survey (Kirsten Balhke):*** CAT, (Coursing Aptitude Test) Agility, Hunt Tests all are 95% to 99% for the three months of June, July and August in comparison to same period in 2019.

September 14, 2020 Virtual Delegates Meeting:

This was the first "virtual delegates meeting" held by AKC. Several committee's held virtual meetings which were successful and generated good attendance but this was the first virtual delegates meeting.
It was reported over 400 delegates were in attendance and one of the largest held. For the most part the technology portion of the meeting was fine until about half way through the 3 hour meeting. The audio was fine and clear but the video portion kept flickering off and on making it very difficult to concentrate on the meeting. Even more cumbersome was the voting mechanism for the latter half of voting. When it worked it worked well….check "yes or no" and click submit. However, with a flickering screen almost the full 1 minute time allocation to vote came close to be being used!

The following is the summary of the Delegates Meeting:

- Delegates meeting brought to order by president Sprung at 12:00 pm ET.
- Sherwyn Dog Training Club was approved membership by a 99% vote
- Chairman's Report: (Thomas Davies) Thanked AKC staff for the tremendous

efforts made during the pandemic to maintain all aspects of the organization. He also thanked the many clubs who are making efforts to return to events following state and local Covid 19 guidelines successfully. Several states were mentioned as holding events this past summer with record number of entries not only in conformation but events as well.

- President's Report: (Dennis Sprung) Repeated accolades for AKC staff and indicated many were doing additional responsibilities due to several staff layoffs. He was hopeful AKC would return to normalcy with all events equal to or surpassing pre-pandemic records. Overall he reported AKC is managing well and is moving forward to provide full service and support for all events.
- Financial Report: (Ted Phillips)

>Litter registrations up and the highest since 2009
>Dog registrations up 16% over 2019
>3.8% increase in benchmark of AKC investments
> $135 million in assets

- Proposed Amendment Changes (10 voted on)

There were 3 proposed changes that generated discussion and they were:

Chapter 3, Section 8-A – Rules Applying to Dog Shows

Would create a Bred-By-Exhibitor Puppy class *at the discretion of the club*. The class would provide the opportunity for breeders to exhibit their puppies in an age appropriate class without risk of sacrificing their opportunity to attain the Bred By Exhibitor medallion. Your delegate voted in favor of this amendment. A 2/3 majority was required for approval and the majority was not reached, therefor the amendment was not adopted.

Chapter 11, Section 8-A, Rules Applying to Dog Shows

Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, which *removes the requirement for an injury to have occurred* for an Event Committee to disqualify a dog that has attacked a person or a dog at it's event, presenting a hazard to persons or other dogs.

This proposed amendment generated numerous back and forth discussion on the Delegates Discussion portal prior to the meeting. Pro for the change cited many dogs being attacked while in OB rings or dogs being attacked in the OB ring from dogs coming from outside. Several indicated being attacked in a parking lot on show grounds, one in a handicapped spot. Those against the change indicated this rule only applied outside the ring and didn't address actions within the ring.

A motion was made and second to send this back to committee for greater clarification. Since the Dog Show Rules Committee did not submit this change (AKC Staff did) the motion was amended to send it to the Dog Shows Rule Committee for greater clarification. Your delegate voted in favor of this motion. A 2/3 majority was not achieved and the

motion failed. Therefore, the original amendment change was brought to vote as presented. Your delegate voted in favor of the amendment. Once again, the amendment required a 2/3 vote to adopt. The vote was very close, and the amendment was not adopted. (I suspect this amendment change may appear at a later date in a revised form.)

Chapter 11, Section 9 – Rules Applying to Dog Shows

Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, which replaces current language with generalized language eliminating references to specific communicable diseases so that the revised section would address any health issues or diseases currently being experienced.
Your delegate voted in favor of this amendment. A 2/3 majority was required to adopt and a 2/3 majority was achieved, therefor the amendment was adopted.

- ➔ All proposed amended Article Changes were approved to move forward.
- ➔ The next Delegates Meeting will be virtual on December 2, 2020
- ➔ The meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm ET

As always, this is a summary report of the Delegates Meeting and a full detailed report is available on the Executive Secretaries section at akc.org.

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

Karen Blasche Memorial Junior Scholarship

Karen Blasche was a very active lifetime member of the American Pointer Club and her decades of volunteering her time and energy to the history of the Pointer and the American Pointer Club and official record keeper of all aspects of competition and statistics of Pointers was invaluable!

In 2019, Karen lost her battle with cancer and died quietly in her home in the state of Oregon with her husband Ted at her side. Karen leaves behind a tremendous legacy and knowledge of Pointer history, facts and data. In addition, Karen had a real interest in juniors to become involved and active with Pointers.

The American Pointer Club, like Karen, understands that education is a never-ending process and supports the growth of Juniors interested in the sport of dogs and the advancement of their own education. There is no greater combination of skills learned by being involved with the sport coupled with academic achievement.

The American Pointer Club is pleased to offer juniors the Karen Blasche Memorial Junior Scholarship to be awarded starting in the spring of 2021.

Information regarding all aspects of the scholarship may be found on the American Pointer Club website Americanpointerclub.org Application can be found under the tab Applications and Forms.

WHAT IS OLD IS NEW AGAIN

In the late 70's early 80's the APC offered patches to its members. The club is bringing back the patch with updated colors. They are available for $10.00 ea. Send a check made out to APC and send to June Johnston, 1038 Clyde Boyd Rd., Ashland City, TN 37015, or pay with PayPal Treasurerweb@americanpointerclub.org. The Stripe feature on the website is not working at the moment. Please be sure if ordering by PayPal to email June, junej@esarch.com to let her know what the PayPal charge if for.

CAMPING RESERVATION FORM FOR 2021 NATIONAL

Charge for a parking site at the Florida Classic Park is $25.00 for 30 amp and $30.00 for 50 amp per day and $15.00 per day for non-electric

- These charges are based on **one** 30 amp or 50-amp service. Each outlet is numbered to correspond to your site number. Please use correct outlet. Bring 50 feet of Electric cord.
- All advanced reservations will be pre-assigned. If you wish to park together, you must send your reservation together.
- No refunds after closing date of show. Any refunds must be made in writing and confirmed by the RV show chair.
- No leaving of equipment at camp site unless paid in advance (will be removed or towed)
- There is a limited amount of handicap parking. All arrivals without a reservation will be assigned to the back row and there will be no guarantee of electric
- Please fill water tanks before arrival. Water will be available on the 100, 200 rows for **fill up only! No permanent water hookups will be allowed. Fill up and disconnect only.** Bring 50 feet of hose.
- Empty holding tanks before arrival.
- Please use caution around electrical outlets. You will be responsible for damages.
- If sawdust or chips are used in the exercise pens, it must be raked and bagged in plastic bags & put in front of the RV for pickup. **ANY TRANSGRESSIONS WILL RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF $25.00 PER DAY.**
- Most sites are 25" x 50" **Total length of unit and guest vehicles must fit inside site. NO PARKING IN RIGHT OF WAYS**
- **No dumping of holding tanks, under penalty of Florida State Law.**
- **Those wishing to stay overnight on Sunday must have permission from RV Chair and Pay an additional fee.**

FILL OUT REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN TO RICHARD ROGERS, RV CHAIR NO LATER THAN MARCH 10, 2021

Method of payment is: Check made out to APC and send to Richard with the registration form, PayPal or pay on APC Website. If paying by PayPal send a copy of payment to Richard Rogers.

Richard Rogers, 6220 Sherrills Ford Rd., Salisbury, NC 28147 avalongreatdanes@hotmail.com

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone ( )_____ Email_____

30 amp_____ 50amp_____ Non- Electric_____ Amt Paid_____

Arrival Date_____ Total Length of Unit_____

SHOW AND FIELD FUTURITY NOMINATION FORM

BITCH NOMINATION AND LITTER REGISTRATION FORM

NO REFUND FOR FUTURITY/MATURITY ENTRIES

NO SUBSTITUTING ONE PUPPY FOR ANOTHER PUPPY IN THE SAME LITTER

Form A - Nomination must be postmarked prior to the birth of the litter.
Form B - Litter Registration must be postmarked not more than 30 days after the birth of the litter.
Please make checks payable to the American Pointer Club. Payment must accompany appropriate forms and be mailed to the current futurity Chairman: Lee Ann Stagg, PO Box 4 Rayne, LA 70578

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Form B LITTER NOMINATION FEE $10.00

I hereby nominate the following litter for both the APC 20_____ Futurity AND the 20_____ Field Futurity. Enclosed is my fee of $10.00, or $20.00 if co-owned by a non-APC member. Nomination must be postmarked no more than 30 days after the birth of the litter.

LATE NOMINATION: More than 30 days, but less than 60 days after whelping. Fee: $20.00, or $30.00 if co-owned by a non-member.

Dam_____

AKC No. _____Date Litter Whelped_____

Breeder_____

Address_____City_____State_____Zip_____

I hereby enroll_____dogs and _____ bitches in the 20___ APC Futurity Stakes

Note: At least one owner of the nominated litter must be a member of the American Pointer Club for at least six months prior to nomination.

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Form A BITCH NOMINATION FEE $20.00

I hereby nominate the following dam, thus making her litter eligible for enrollment in the APC

20____Futurity AND the 20__ Field Futurity Stakes. Enclosed is my fee of $20.00 or $40.00 if co-owned by non-member

LATE NOMINATION: within 30 days of whelp $40.00 or $60.00 if co-owned by a non-member.

Dam_____ AKC No. _____

LITTER DUE_____20____

Sire_____

Breeder of Litter_____

Address_____City_____State_____Zip_____

Note: At least one owner of the nominated bitch must be a member of the American Pointer Club for at least six months prior to nomination

Rev: 9/9/20

Past winners of the APC National Specialty continued

1973

Ch Benchfield's Royal Bengal
Breeder/Owner: James B Willis

1974

Ch Crookrise Greg
Owners: Kenneth & Jane Aretsky
Breeders: Kitty Edmondson & Cicely Robertshaw (England)

1975

Ch Gunhill's Guy Of Wensleydale
Owner: P Carl Tuttle
Breeder: T & J Campbell