

# To The Point



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## President's Message

2020 has been a challenging year for everyone. Your Board had to make some serious decisions such as cancelling the National Specialty as well as the National Championship. In reality, the choice wasn't ours, it was forced on us by the state's government. Many of these states are still in lockdown mode causing economic woes for many Americans. We are all hoping with the vaccines available that we will soon be over this pandemic and be able to get back to normal.

The APC Board was able to accomplish a lot through the pandemic. We launched the new website. It is still a work in progress and we really need to add members as webmasters. If you have knowledge of Membership Works or Wordpress, please let us know. There is currently only one member with the ability to post on the website. That puts a lot of pressure on our webmaster, Susan Bleckley.

We also passed a motion stating that the APC can hold their nationals in conjunction with an All-Breed Club. With this in mind, the Board approved the 2022 National to be held in Kentucky and 2023 in Perry Georgia. Bids for 2024 need to be in by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. If no bids are received, the Board will look into having the National with another All-Breed Club. We would like the members to make suggestions of clusters within the months of March, April or May. Ideally the cluster would be at least three days and offer companion events. There should also be field trial grounds nearby.

I want to thank the current board for their service. We were able to accomplish a lot. I look forward to working with the new board members who were elected this year. They are Claire Abraham, Jane Johnston and Ashley Dornak.

Hoping 2021 will be a huge improvement for everyone.

## APC DUES

**2021 APC Membership Dues are due by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Final day for the Treasurer to receive dues is February 15<sup>th</sup>. After that date you must reapply for membership. If you are mailing a check please be aware that the Postal System is backed up and taking many days to deliver first class and Priority Mail.**

Welcome to our newest APC member

Tracy Holmgren Tracy resides in Osgoode, Ontario, Canada

RESULTS OF OFFICERS AND JUDGES BALLOT

2021 APC OFFICERS

President – Marjorie Martorella	2020-2021 Board – Melissa Joens
Vice President – Karen Spey	Georjean McDermott
Recording Secretary – Ashley Dornak	Susan Savage
Corresponding Secretary – Susan London	Diane Townsend
Treasurer – June Johnston	2021-2022 Board - Claire Abraham
AKC Delegate – Danny Seymour	Jane Johnston
	Maggie Platt
	Angela Schillereff

BREED JUDGE FOR 2023 – Steve Rose

**Believe it or not it is time to think about the 2024 National Specialty  
Specialty Bids are due by February 15, 2021**

**Gets those bids in for an independent specialty. All the information  
needed can be found in the National Specialty Guidelines on the  
Website. Go to About APC then click on Club Business & Guidelines.  
Open Policy Procedures Guidelines**

Send Completed bid to Karen Spey – [karen.spey@gmail.com](mailto:karen.spey@gmail.com)



## AKC Delegates Report

### December 2, 2020

**Committee Meetings were held November 16-18, 2020** which I was unable to attend. Minutes are available on the AKC website.

#### **AKC Forum:**

(December is the introduction of Board candidates and Q & A)

Candidates nominated by the nominating committee were:

Rita Biddle – Ingham County KC (Running for second term)

Thomas Davies – Springfield KC

Dominic Carota – Pharaoh Club of America (Elected in 2017 and currently serving as Vice Chair)

Thomas Powers – Beverly Hills KC (re-nominated and currently Chair)

Additional nominees:

Patricia Cruz – Heart of the Plains KC

Gregory Paveza – Elm City KC

(APC members are encouraged to contact any BOD member to express support for any candidate)

#### **Delegates Meeting:**

- Called to order by Ceo Dennis Sprung @ 12:30 pm ET

- Financial Report

Net Operating Income: 4.3 million

KPI (Key Performance Indicators) were discussed indicating those areas of greatest income and areas of greatest Expenses and how those areas are relevant to KPI's.

Income areas:

**Registration:** 9.4% > over October 2019 (214,000) 417,000 were registered which is 18% better in 2020.

**Labor:** Significantly down due to staff layoffs

**Investments:** Investment performance is up 2.19% over 2019

- Amendments:

The following amendments or By Law changes impact APC

**Article 4, Section 1** – To allow All Breeds, Multi-Breeds and Specialty Parent Clubs to become members of the AKC *The original amendment was amended to change "Multi-Breeds" to "Group". The amended version was approved.*

The call for the amended question resulted in Article 4, Section 1 approved in the affirmative by 78%

**This amendment restricts Regional Specialty Clubs within the Parent Club to become members of the AKC.**

*(The APC BOD was unanimous in their support of this Article)*

**Chapter 16 – Championships** – Allowed Parent Clubs who cancelled their 2020 National Specialty to offer two National Specialties in 2021. Delegates voted in the affirmative by 98% (Your delegate voted yes) Note: 97 National Specialties were cancelled in 2020.

**Chapter 14 – Rules for Pointing Breed Trials** – Parent Club whose National Field Trial was cancelled in 2020 may hold two in 2021. Delegates voted 99% in the affirmative. (Your delegate voted yes.) Amendment change that had minimal impact on APC.

**Article VIII, Section 7** – When there are no additional nominees for BOD which has presented by the Nominating Committee by November 15<sup>th</sup>, the AKC Executive Secretary shall determine at the annual meeting

the slate elected. (The purpose of this proposed amendment was to reduce the cost of printing ballots. (Your delegate voted in favor of this amendment) 97% voted in the affirmative

#### **Other Business:**

AKC has established a program to support the Museum Of Dog (MOD) called Champions for our Cause. It is a competition to see which club can garnish the most contributions to the MOD. AKC will assist and monitor contributions via club websites. The winner will receive special recognition on the MOD Hall of Fame in NYC. Contributions run from \$25 to \$1000.

If the APC is interested in participating: contact may be made @ *museumwebsite*.

The Delegates Meeting adjourned @ 2:38 pm ET.

### **US Department of Transportation Revises Airline Service Animal Rules.**

**The final rule defines a service animal as a dog, regardless of breed or type, that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a qualified individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.** This change in definition significantly aligns DOT's definition of "service animal" with the definition that the Department of Justice uses under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

The changes also clarify that emotional support animals (ESAs), comfort animals, companionship animals, animals being trained to be service animals, and species other than dogs are not considered to be "service animals" under the new DOT definition. Instead, airlines may recognize and accommodate emotional support animals as pets. Many commenters, including airline industry stakeholder groups, disability rights advocacy organizations, and animal interest groups, [including the American Kennel Club \(AKC\)](#), cited safety concerns with the previous recognition of ESAs as service animals, including the growing trend of individuals misrepresenting their pets as service animals and the number of online mental health professionals willing to provide pet owners with emotional support animal and psychiatric service animal documentation in exchange for a fee.

### **2021 National Specialty Information**



### **2021 NATIONAL SPECIALTY BASKET RAFFLE**

**Bring a basket – win a basket**

**Plan now to bring a basket to the Specialty for the raffle.**

**Raffle tickets will be sold at the show.**

**For more information contact:**

**Meredith McGee [irishstarr@me.com](mailto:irishstarr@me.com)**

# SILENT AUCTION

## AND LIVE AUCTION

After many months of being housebound I bet some of us have found Pointer paraphernalia that you would love to pass on to other Pointer lovers.

Contact: Richard Rogers [avalongreatdanes@hotmail.com](mailto:avalongreatdanes@hotmail.com)

Please send a list and general description to let Richard know the items you are donating to the auction.

Auction items may be brought to the National or may be shipped directly to:

Richard Rogers  
6220 Sherrills Ford Rd.  
Salisbury, NC 28147

**Please Note! Do Not Ship/Mail Before March 1, 2021**

Welcome Bags

Help to fill the bags

Contact Ashley Dornak if you have any items to contribute to the welcome bags. Please send your contributions to Ashley Dornak, 6010 Firewood Trail, Greensboro, NC 27410. **Do not send to the hotel.** Thank you. All items must be to Ashley by April 7<sup>th</sup> the day of the welcome party.



## Past winners of the APC National Specialty continued



**1982 - Ch Humble Acre Head Hunter**

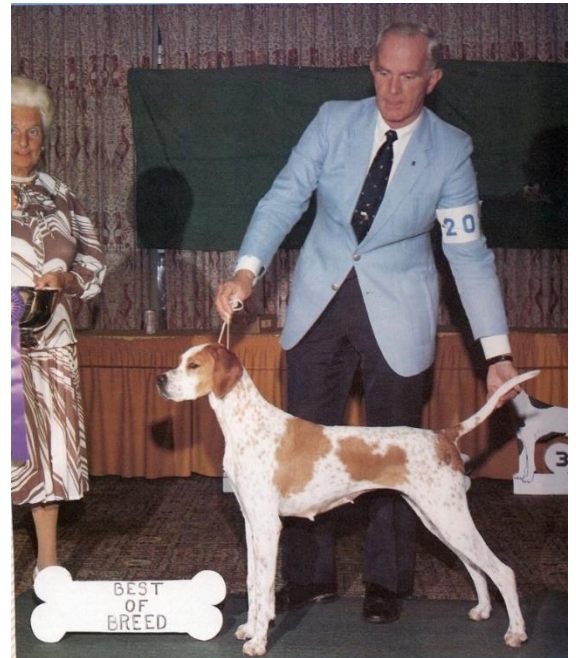
Breeder: Jeanne Ellis

Owner: Frank & Paula Nykiel

**1983 - Ch Woolmers Apricot Lil of Pipeaway**

Breeder: Miss D R H Powell

Owner: Alan & Sonnie Novick



**1984-86-87-90 Ch. Jason of Kinnike**

Breeder: Kinnike Knls. Reg.

Owner: Freda D Mill