

TO THE POINT



American Pointer Club

January 2017



The Board has elected Frank DePaulo to replace Sally Barton. Sally resigned her position on the Board effective 12/31/16. Frank will serve for the remaining year of Sally's term.

Membership Renewals are now DUE!! Please send your renewals to Kelley Cheek, 7024 S. Indianapolis Ave, Tulsa, OK 74136. You may also pay through Paypal. Please contact Kelley if you have questions or need help. Her email is kelly@HollyfrostPointers.com

Welcome to new APC members Julia Cunningham and Appaiah Ballachenda

The following 2017 APC Committee Chairs have been approved: If there is a committee that any member has an interest in helping, please contact the chairman directly.

Standing Committees

Agility Statistics – Chris Dewey lazlitenin@aol.com
AKC Gazette Columnist – Helyne Medeiros seasydehm@aol.com
Audit Committee – Lee Ann Stagg ppoint97@aol.com
Awards/Plaques & Certificates – Sarah Rogers racecitypointer@gmail.com
Awards/Bench Statistics & Histories – Karen Blasche blaschet@aol.com
Awards/Field Statistics – Deb Freidus blackthornpt@earthlink.net
Awards/Obedience & Rally Statistics – Lisa Canfield canfield3@comcast.net
Awards/Versatility – Kathy Shorter kbshorter@verizon.net
Companion Events – Deb Harper pointgolddeb@netzero.net
Event Coordinator – Patricia Newton – apccorresponding@gmail.com
Field Futurity/Maturity- Tracy Haines pointer3383@icloud.com
Judges Education – Susan Bleckley susanbleckley@gmail.com
Multi-Venue Pointer – Deb Harper pointgolddeb@netzero.net
Health & Research – Pam Waitman fairhavn@sbcglobal.net
Show/Futurity/Maturity – Lee Ann Stagg ppoint97@aol.com
Junior Committee – Diana Chan chan.dianam@gmail.com
Legislative Liaison – Marjorie Martorella marjetta@optonline.net
National Field Trial Standing Committee – Jack Haines pointer3383@icloud.com
National Specialty Guidelines Committee – Susan Savage susietemple@yahoo.com
Trophies – Perpetual/Challenge – Diane Townsend townsend_diane@frontier.com
Pointer Points Editor – Theresa Lyons pointerpointseditor@gmail.com
Policy, Procedure & Guidelines Manual Review – Susan Savage susietemple@yahoo.com
Public Education – Christine Foreman ceforeman10@gmail.com
Scholarship Chair – Katie Hornick kasiedoc@roadrunner.com
Sunshine – Susan London shadybrookny@gmail.com
Website Liaison- Marjorie Martorella marjetta@optonline.net

Special Committee

Website Revision Committee – Valerie Stern valerie.stern@sbcglobal.net

2017 National Specialty Information



Hotel Raffle – You cannot win it if you are not in it!!!!



Win a free week stay at the hotel. The winning ticket will be drawn on Friday, March 3. Plenty of time before entries close for those who had not decided if they are coming.

1 ticket - \$5.00; 3 tickets - \$10.00; 10 tickets - \$20.00; 40 tickets - \$50.00; 100 tickets - \$100.00

Members may obtain raffle tickets one of two ways:

1) Send check made payable to APC to Susan Savage,
8 Parkman Place, Old Saybrook, CT 06475

2) Pay via PayPal using the below link:

www.americanpointerclub.org/PayPal.shtml

**note: go to bottom of page and put amount in Miscellaneous Items.*

Thyroid Testing –

APC will be holding its 4th Thyroid Clinic at 2017 Nationals! It will take place Thursday afternoon, May 4, and the location will be announced soon. Please contact Pam Waitman at fairhavn@sbcglobal.net, or check the APC website, for the instructions and forms you'll need to complete ahead of time.

Complete information can be found in the premium list.

Microchipping

Debra Freidus will again be offering microchipping for just \$40/dog. It's a small effort that could easily save your dog's life if you become separated. Plus, permanent identification is required for entering test results into the OFA database. Please contact Debby at blackthornept@earthlink.net to schedule, or if you have questions.



The following trophies are still available for sponsorship. Please consider sponsoring a "Best of" or just class placement. Contact Karen Drumm – drummpoint56.3@gmail.com

Reserve Winners Dog
Reserve Winners Bitch
Best in Field
Stud Dog
Best Brace
Generation Class
Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes
High Scoring Dog Agility Preferred
High Combined Scoring Utility – Obedience
High Combined Score in Rally

You may also sponsor any placement in any class – \$40 for an entire class – 1st through 4th or \$20 for first place and \$20 for 2nd – 4th. All sponsorships are greatly appreciated.

Contact Kevin Freeburn, kfreeburn@sheetz.com if you are interested in sponsoring Hunt Test ribbons. Kevin is also looking for donations for the auction to be held at the Field banquet. Please let him know if you have items he can use!!

2018 National – APC is still in need of someone to step up and Chair the 2018 National Specialty. No Chair – No Specialty!

2019 National – Hard to believe but it is time to start putting together an application to hold the 2019 APC National Specialty. All applications must be complete and in the hands of the Vice President for presentation to the APC Board meeting on May 2, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Savage at susietemple@yahoo.com National Specialty guidelines can be found on the APC Website.

Judges Education: There is an upcoming Judges Education event for those interested.

Saturday, March 25, 2017 Tar Heel Cluster at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, NC Jim Miller Building Hands-on at 3:00 – 4:00 Please advise, Susan Bleckley, susanbleckley@gmail.com if you will be able to attend the Hands-on portion of the seminar.



Upcoming APC and Regional Events:

Colorado Pointer Club – Field Trial – March 18-19, 2017

Budin Ranch, Stoneham, CO

Contact Information: Jack Haines pointer3383@aol.com

Wilderness Pointer Club of Virginia, Inc. - Field Trial - March 23-24, 2017

Dick Cross Grounds - Boynton, VA

Contact Information: [Erica Bandes <kinnike101@gmail.com>](mailto:Erica.Bandes@gmail.com)

American Pointer Club - APC Supported Show & Sweepstakes - March 25, 2017

NJ Expo and Convention Center at Raritan Center - Edison, NJ

Contact Information: [Marjorie Martorella<marjetta@optonline.net>](mailto:Marjorie.Martorella@optonline.net) Superintendent: Jim Rau
Breed Judge: Ann Yuhasz; Sweepstakes: Joy Quallenburg Event held in conjunction with New Brunswick Kennel Club

How I freaked out Diane Townsend, or, Why I don't feed Milkbones to my dogs - Kate Hornick

When I place puppies, I am usually asked what food I'm feeding, what treats I recommend, etc... as if there is some sort of correct formula for exactly how to feed a Pointer. Over the years, my dogs have been fed and done well on a variety of diets. I do have a few things that I avoid whenever possible—namely artificial preservatives such as BHA, BHT, TTBHQ and ethoxyquin, some colors and dyes, unnamed “animal protein”, soy proteins, and anything made or sourced in China. So anyway, when I told Diane Townsend I didn't feed Milkbones because they contain BHT and BHA, I think it blew her mind and now I'm writing this for the newsletter☺

BHT and BHA are synthetic analogues of vitamin E, and are often used together as preservatives in dry food. Both of these antioxidants are Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) by the FDA when used at specific levels, and they are also common preservatives in human food. There is, however, continuing controversy as to the safety of these substances. TTBHQ is an effective antioxidant for most fats and is approved for use in human and animal foods in the United States but is not approved for use in Canada, Japan or the European Economic Community due to concerns about potential carcinogenic effects. Ethoxyquin is effective at lower levels than either BHA or BHT as a preservative, but it has been linked to reproductive issues. They are all probably fine in small quantities, but when you consider that most dogs eat pretty much the same thing their whole lives, it becomes a little more worrisome. Comparing what is thought to be safe in people in low levels may not be the same in pets, since they are exposed to these things at every meal. In addition, some treats and supplements that the pet also eats every single day may have more of these ingredients. I don't think anyone knows for certain if accumulation of low doses is a problem for any of these substances, but I don't want my pets or myself to be involved in that particular experiment!

Because of this, I avoid a fair number of common treats, among them Milkbones, Pupperoni and all of the similarly vivid red-orange semi-moist treats, all of the chicken jerky treats, and any other treat made in China or of dubious origin. Instead of Milkbones my dogs get lams biscuits, which are naturally preserved with Vitamin E and contain a (relatively speaking) minimum of ingredients; we have also used Nutrisource biscuits, Bil Jac biscuits, and Old Mother Hubbard; but ready availability in 20lb boxes makes the lams a winner in my book.

In summary, there are so many food and treat options available these days; and the information available about ingredients and nutrition is evolving all the time. In order to make wise decisions when selecting dog food and treats, we should become informed consumers. Learn all you can about the various ingredients in pet food, and why they are used. Our Pointers deserve it!

2016 Health Survey Topline Results

The Health & Research Committee sincerely thanks all the participants in the 2016 Health Survey – we had record participation; 273 responses versus 120 on the last survey in 2008. We also had response that reflects our global Pointer community. We're still analyzing the data, and finalizing a complete report to share with you, but here are some topline results:

PARTICIPATION

273 – Total Participants

141 - USA

86 – UK

11 – Canada

13 – Australia

7 – New Zealand

6 - Hungary

3 - Sweden

1 each from Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Germany, Ireland, South Africa

107 – Total Breeder Participants

62 - USA breeder participants

TOP TEN HEALTH ISSUES REPORTED – based on (number of affected dogs reported):

Total Participants

1. Lipomas (119)
2. False Pregnancies (110)
3. Arthritis (108)
4. Seasonal (Pollen/Vegetation) Allergies (83)
5. Shyness (70)
6. Uterine Inertia (63)
7. Contact Allergies (61)
8. Underbite (57)
9. (Tie) Lyme Disease (53)
9. (Tie) Urinary Incontinence (53)

USA Participants

1. Lipomas (80)
2. Arthritis (67)
3. False Pregnancies (61)
4. Lyme Disease (51)
5. Underbite (49)
6. Shyness (48)
7. Uterine Inertia (44)
8. Seasonal (Pollen/Vegetation) Allergies (34)
9. (Tie) Contact Allergies (32)
10. (Tie) Epilepsy/Seizuring (32)

This has been a huge undertaking, and provides valuable data on the current health status of our breed, and critical details for decision-making on research, etc. Complete results will be ready soon. Thanks again to all who participated, and all who support this effort.

Pam Waitman
H&R Committee Chair