President’s Message

We all know how difficult 2020 was to everyone around the globe. The pandemic closed down schools, churches, stores, restaurants, gyms, salons and yes, even dog shows. In some areas of the country, there hasn’t been a show since October 2019. Our own club had to cancel our National Specialty as well as the Field events and even the National Championship. Some of the local Pointer Clubs also cancelled events due to the pandemic.

The American Pointer Club is a National Club. All of our members should be on the same playing field to compete for awards. That was not a possibility in 2020. Some of our members had underlying health problems that made them more susceptible to the virus. Others were caring for their parents and wouldn’t risk getting them infected. Some were laid off and had no income. For many we have not seen our relatives since Christmas of 2019. Attending shows was not an option. These were some of the reasons the Board acted as they did.

I believe maybe six states had shows in 2020. Handlers drove thousands of miles to show their clients dogs. Due to quarantine regulations, travelling out of state was not a possibility for the average person. Some exhibitors with toy breeds flew to shows with their dogs in Sherpa bags. Obviously not an option for our breed.

On the August 2020 board conference call, the board moved not to do the ratings this year due to the pandemic. The rationale was that because the vast majority of our members were unable to participate in events, it wouldn’t be fair. This was announced to the membership in the September Newsletter that is sent to all members. The Board did not hear one complaint. It wasn’t until a member spoke to a board member in February and mentioned looking forward to seeing the stats. When she was told of the Board’s decision, she put an eye-catching post on our Chat Group and that is when the negative comments erupted. One person said that they should make a motion at the General Membership Meeting to prevent the Board from not offering all awards in the future. Does anyone really think this is necessary? Have we forgotten that we are dealing with a pandemic? The last one was 100 years ago. Not likely to happen again in our lifetime!

The reason the Board agreed to continue with the Top Sire & Dam awards was because of the importance of the continuity of these records. Karen Blasche started this over 35 years ago. Eliminating one year would negate all the work Karen had done over the years.

Don’t we have enough dissension in our country without bringing it into our club? Attending a National should be an enjoyable experience. For some this will be the first show they have participated in over a year. Let’s try our best to be respectful of each other and not look to divide the club. If you are unhappy with the actions of the Board, you can run for office and get involved in the running of the club.

Welcome to our newest members: Christopher, Elizabeth, and Cadence Manno

Approved January Motions

The Bracco Italiano Club of America has requested APC to allow a Judges Education Seminar for Bracco Italiano’s during the APC National week. The Bracco Italiano Seminar will not interfere with the APC Judges Education. 20210112-02-PM

Claire Abraham has been approved as the moderator on the American Pointer Club Chat Group. 20210112-04 PM

Eliminate the fundraising committee as a Standing Committee – 2021112-04-CM

Hold monthly Board meetings using Zoom – 20210112-05-PM

Correction to Standing Committees as published in the January Newsletter

Agility Statistics – Diane Townsend - 20210112- 03-CM
National Specialty Deadline Dates

Deadline for ordering apparel – 3/5/21
See order form on the website.

Catalog Ad – 3/10/21
Ordering a Championship plaque – 3/12/21
Application can be found on the website under About Pointer – Applications & Forms
Entries to Show and Field Events – 3/17/21
Pre ordering a Catalog – 3/31/21
Dinner Reservations – 3/31/21

CATALOG ADVERTISING

"Picture is worth a thousand words"

Ads are great for advertising your “Special” dog either
one from today or from yester years......
Deadline for submission: March 10, 2020
Full page, black & white......$60 Inside front or back cover.................$100
Full page, color......................$85 Business card (black & white only) .......$20
OPTIONS: CAMERA READY OR LET US DESIGN AN AD FOR YOU.
If paying on the website add $4 cc processing fee if over $50 - under $50 add $2 cc processing fee

PLEASE SUBMIT PICTURE(S) AND AD INFORMATION VIA EMAIL AS AN ATTACHMENT TO:
LISA LIPTON * ldlipton@aol.com
Or mail to Lisa Lipton, 3737 Greenway Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117
Questions? Email or Call (410) 736-3185
ELECTRONIC ADS AND/OR PICTURES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:
FULL PAGE AD must be no more than 4 1/2” inches wide by 7 1/2” inches high.
SET UP THE PAGE WITH 1/2” MARGINS, IN A BOOKLET FORMAT
PHOTOS: Camera ready files accepted : PDF, PSD, JPG, TIF.
TEXT: in either Microsoft Word or via email.
Pictures will be returned at the show. For best results photoscans should be done at a minimum of 300 DPI.
Ads formatted for full page 8 1/2 x 11 will appear very small when reduced to catalog size.

Payment Methods:
Checks or Money Orders: Payable to the American Pointer Club (APC), c/o June Johnston, Treasurer, 1038 Clyde Boyd Rd., Ashland City, TN 37015
You may also pay via the APC Website. When Paying on the website email June Johnston informing her of your payment.
junej@esarch.com Ads must be paid by submission deadline to be included in the catalog
VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO SELL THE CATALOGS AT THE SPECIALTY

You have the opportunity to sit ringside each day and sell the catalogs. Volunteer needs to be at the table before judging starts each day. Please contact Marjorie Martorella – Show Chair if interested marjetta@optonline.net

Pre-order
There will be a limited number of catalogs available at the show for sale.
The 2021 show catalog is a keepsake for many years to come.
Don’t miss out on getting your copy:
Pre-order Pick up at the National - $20.00 if paying by check
Pre-order if paying on the website - $22.00
Pre-order Unmarked or Marked & Mailed – if paying by check
Pre-order if paying on the website for Marked & Mailed - $27.00
See Sarah Terns at the show to pick up your catalog(s). She will be at the show ring each day before & during judging.

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PayPal – treasurerweb@americanpointerclub.org
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MASKS MUST BE WORN WHEN IN THE PARK

By entering this property, you are agreeing to hold harmless, FLORIDA CLASSIC PARK and ALL the show giving clubs.

“All attendees (ages 2 and up) are required to wear a face mask while on the event grounds. The face mask must be worn so that it covers your mouth and nose. The use of a face mask is not a substitute for social distancing. You may remove the mask while eating or drinking in the food court, but you must be stationary and maintain appropriate social distancing. No eating or drinking will be permitted ringside. If you are wearing a face shield, you must also wear a face mask. The following are not permitted: Neck gaiters, open chin triangle bandanas, or masks with holes of any kind.

Non Compliance will result in removal from the show-grounds.”
THE PARK DOES NOT OPEN FOR RV’S/CARS UNTIL 12:00 PM 4/7/21

CAMPING RESERVATION FORM

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

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. If paying on website add the required extra cc processing fee.

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

Name_______________________________________________________________

Address____________________________________________________________________

City______________________ State__________ Zip___________

Phone (         )________________  Email_______________________

30 amp_________ 50amp_________ Non- Electric_________ Amt Paid_________

Arrival Date_____________________ Total Length of Unit_________________

SEE MEREDITH MCGEE TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS
AND/OR TO DELIVER YOUR DONATED BASKET

APC is offering a “Junior Handler Clinic with Professionals” at the National Specialty
The clinic will be held shortly after the judging is completed on Friday, April 9th
Please contact Claire Abraham, outlawgwp@aol.com
if you have someone planning to attend.

Do not forget to bring or send your auction items for the Field Dinner on
Tuesday, April 6th. eMAIL Deb Freidus or send items to Deb at 388 Burlington Rd.,
Harwinton, CT 06791. blackthornpt@earthlink.net
I am a third year veterinary student from Tuskegee University pursuing a career in mixed animal medicine. I was born and raised in south Florida and graduated with a B.S. in Biology from Florida State University. I have held various leadership positions during my time in vet school including working as a microanatomy tutor, Vice President of the Dental Club, Secretary for the American Association of Equine Practitioner's, and Treasurer for my class' e-board to name a few. While I take my role as a student seriously, I always make time to have a little fun! In my spare time you can find me coaching lacrosse, enjoying the outdoors, weightlifting, or dancing with friends! Thank you so much to the American Pointer Club for this amazing scholarship opportunity that will allow me to continue working towards achieving my DVM!

Best wishes,
Natassjia Ragbeer
DVM Candidate, c/o 2022
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine

CONGRATULATION TO THE WILDERNESS POINTER CLUB FOR DONATING THEIR 2ND K9 POLICE VEST TO THE VIRGINIA STATE POLICE
Cadence (Cady) Manno

Cady is 12 years old and recently moved to right behind her Great Aunt June Johnston in Ashland City, TN. She absolutely loves her Aunt June’s pointers and helps take care of them daily. She loves to work and volunteer and would love to volunteer at APC events. She is looking forward to attending the 2022 National in Louisville, KY. She also wants to volunteer at field trial events and is interested in learning about conformation, obedience, agility and other events. She has started training with one of June’s dogs, Dibs, in agility.

Aiden Cantor

Aiden will be 10 years old in March. He is proud of all of his pointers but most of all his Cristal, Huffelpuff and the late Emma-Lou. He bred and whelped his first litter in the fall of 2020 and is looking forward to a number of events with his pick puppy Huffelpuff. He wanted to join the club to help show people pointers are truly the greatest breed there.