To The Point

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President's Message

Kudos to all of the committee chairs and the Officers and Directors of our club for their hard work at the National in Florida. We also thank the judges who are responsible for drawing a good entry in the breed. Unfortunately, a severe storm hampered us from holding the auction after the dinner. Many members who planned on attending the dinner left to avoid the storm. We are thinking of having a couple of raffles with some of the higher end items that were donated.

We are already making plans for 2022 in Louisville. The date for all conformation judging will be March 16th. Sweeps will be in conjunction with the Thursday club, Mid-Kentucky, and Futurity/Maturity in conjunction with Louisville KC on Friday. We are supporting all four of the All-Breed Clubs in the cluster. More information on the scheduling of the companion events will be announced shortly. The field events will be on Monday and Tuesday March 14 – 15. All information will be posted on our website.

We are asking our artistically talented members to submit a logo for this national. Keep in mind the location so it is easily associated with Louisville and Kentucky. The Board will choose the best design and the winner will receive a free dinner at our Awards Dinner. More information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Some of you have already stepped up and volunteered to chair a committee position. There are several openings available. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out. You may want to check out the job descriptions for each committee in the National Specialty Guidelines. They can be found on the website in the section on Club Business and Guidelines/Policy & Procedure Guidelines.

Although there are still closings and travel restrictions in place, things are slowly coming back. Looks like the worst of the pandemic is behind us. Enjoy the spring weather with your dogs!

Marjorie

Kim Yocklin approved to post Events on the APC website – **20210309-11-PM**

Motion to approve Tom Bradley's revised article on "How to Judge a Pointer" - **20210309-13-PM**

Motion to approve Barbara Proctor as Parliamentarian for the General Membership meeting **20210309-14-PM**

DESIGN A LOGO FOR THE 2022 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

1. Logo design should be representative of the area. (Louisville, KY)
2. Include date of the National (March 14-18, 2022)
3. Limit the number of colors to 4 and be sure to have clean lines on the design. The more colors the more expensive to embroider.
4. Size of logo 4" x 4" or no more than 6" x 6".
5. Deadline for submission to the Board is July 1st. Send to Susan London at apccorresponding@gmail.com
6. Winner wins a free dinner at the Annual Dinner.

New APC Lifetime Members

John Albee	Tammy Albee
Karmen Couret	June Dennis
Frank DePaulo	Jack Haines
Maggie Platt	Jody Ripstein
Dara Spey	Judy Bryant-Vilwock

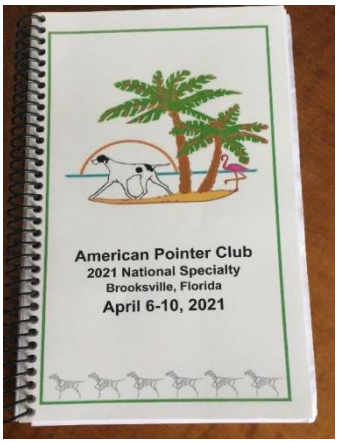
2022 APC National Specialty

Believe it or not work has already begun on the 2022 National Specialty that is being held In Louisville, KY, the week of March 13th.

The following are committees that have had volunteers step up and committees that need volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to chair any available committee, please contact Marjorie Martorella

Show Chair – Cindy Lane Smith – elreatta@gmail.com
Asst Show Chair – Marjorie Martorella – marjetta@optonline.net
Chief Ring Steward – Annie Westermann – eawesterman2016@gmail.com
Apparel –
Auction – Richard Rogers – avalongreatdanes@hotmail.com
Banquet
Catalog Advertising – Lisa Lipton – ldlipton@aol.com
Catalog Sales –
Companion Events -
Field Trial/Hunt Test Chair – June Johnston – jjjohnston88@comcast.net
Ribbons – Diane Townsend – townsend_diane@frontier.com
Trophies – Lydia Frey – lydiafrey@mac.com
Welcome Bags –
Welcome Party –

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



There are two catalogs available from the National.
$25.00 Marked and Mailed.
Contact Susan Savage for payment information - susietemple@yahoo.com

Last chance to own one of the Pointer Barn Jackets –
They are no longer being made.
Available sizes are – 1 small, 2 mediums and 1 large.
Price - $28.00 includes shipping.
Contact Susan Savage for payment information - susietemple@yahoo.com

Candid Photos from the National

Thanks to Meredith McGee and everyone who contributed a basket to the very successful raffle.

Welcome Party

American Pointer Club, Inc. Donor Advised Fund

1st Quarter 2021 Statement (1/1/2021 - 3/31/2021)

1/1/2021 Balance	**$14,356.48**
Contributions	$0.00
PPCPP Contribution	$1,313.28
Investment Earnings/(Losses)	$706.56
Research Support*	$0.00
3/31/2021 Balance	**$16,376.32**

Committee Chair Reports For 2021 Annual General Membership Meeting

Report on the AKC Gazette Pointer Column

January 2020 issue: 'Insights on Junior Showmanship' By guest columnist Jenna Krucek.
April 2020 issue: 'Pointers' By guest columnist Tom Bradley, lll
October 2020 issue: 'Be A Mentor' By guest columnist Christine Pinkston.
January 2021 Issue: 'Type and Movement- It's Not A Matter of Either/Or! By guest columnist Andrew H Brace.
Permission has been granted by the AKC for all Pointer columns to be published on the APC web site.

Anyone interested in writing an article for the Pointer column please contact me, I am also looking for photos of Pointers at home with their families, working and doing performance events.
My contact information can be found on the American Pointer Club web site.
Thank you,
Helyne E Medeiros

Judges Education Committee Report:

April 2021
The following has been accomplished within the last year:
Judges Education Committee appointed:

Thomas Bradley,III	APC Division 1 - New York
Erica Bandes	APC Division 2 - Virginia
Paula Nykiel	APC Division 3 - Missouri
Geri Griffin	APC Division 4 - California

The committee is in the process to review the current JE PowerPoint presentation and collectively make any revisions to present to the BOD for approval.
Two new additional APC mentors have been approved:
Laurie McCarthy - Florida
KC Shore - Florida
Judges Education Seminar and Hands On scheduled April 8, 2021 during the National Specialty have 8 registrants at this date (3-16-21)
JE ringside mentoring will be offered on April 9 and 10 , 2021
Judges Education is available to all APC Regional Clubs and is encouraged at Specialties as well as Field Events. Please contact me for assistance to schedule a JE Seminar and Hands On and Ringside mentoring at Specialties and JE Education and Hands On during a field event.
Judges Education Seminar and Hands On will also participate when feasible at selected invitational events.
Respectfully submitted,
Danny D. Seymour APC Judges Education Chair
April 2021

Karen Blasche Memorial Junior Scholarship Selection Committee, Report

One application for the scholarship was received
The committee of Patricia Haines, Vicki McGuire and Danny Seymour reviewed all credentials and awarded the first scholarship to:
Ms. Diana Chan
Old Saybrook, CT
1st year student at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine,
Tufts University
Medford, MA
Further information regarding Ms Chan can be found in a future publication of the APC monthly newsletter.
Respectfully submitted,
Danny D. Seymour
Chair, Karen Blasche Memorial Junior Scholarship Selection Committee

Versatility committee. There were no awards in 2020.

Kathy Shorter

Public Education: to date, no shows have had "Meet the Breed" events
Tina McDonnell

National Field Trial Standing Committee report

Plans are well underway for the 25th anniversary National Field Trial Championships. It was originally scheduled for 2020, but had to be cancelled due to the closure of all events held at the Fort Robinson State Park by the state of Nebraska.

This year we will plan to celebrate the 25th anniversary event at Mingo Sportsman Club near Bloomingdale, Ohio. The dates for the Championships are October 6-10, 2021. These grounds are familiar to our group as we have hosted numerous National Field Trial Championships here, the last time being in 2019.

We will have special commemorative awards for our Silver Anniversary. Sportdog and Purina are corporate sponsors and donate toward our event every year. We appreciate their continued support. We would welcome any donations for our silent auction.

Mingo has a nice clubhouse for banquets and an outdoor pavilion for breakfast and lunches close to the starting line. Meals will be available on site and a special judges' banquet is planned during the week of Nationals. We will be monitoring the local requirements pertaining to Covid-19 restrictions and if necessary, make adjustments as needed at the time. The NFTC premium and more event details will follow in the upcoming months in the APC e newsletter *To The Point*.

We encourage all APC members to come watch our beloved bird dogs run. We will have a wrangler for rental horses with advance notice and a dog wagon is available for those who do not wish to ride in the gallery.

For more information please contact:
Debby Freidus, event secretary
Angela Schillereff, event chairman

2020 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT This year, the APC welcomed two new junior members. The new members were personally welcomed to the club, informed of the various ways that the club supports its junior members, and invited to contact the committee chair with any questions, concerns, or ideas. In 2021, the committee plans to reach out to current junior members, reminding them of the support available to them by the club. The committee welcomes any input in the way of supporting its junior members.

Diana Chan

2020 Report of the APC Health Committee

This past year has been very difficult for all of us as well as for the Health Committee. In spite of the Covid-19 pandemic, the committee accomplished three objectives:

1. Our CHIC requirements were Hips, (radiographed for Hip Dysplasia), Thyroid (autoimmune thyroiditis), and Eyes. With the approval of the Board, this was changed to Hips, Elbows, and Thyroid (autoimmune thyroiditis). In six years of record keeping, CHIC had received no reports of eye problems in Pointers. They did have reports of thyroid issues in Pointers so we felt that this would be a more valuable tool for our club members.
2. We arranged for Dr. Victor Stora, an excellent speaker from the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School, to speak at our Health Seminar. His topic would have been "The Genetics of the Stud Dog, Stud Dog Management, and Semen Cryopreservation". Unfortunately, when the 2020 National was cancelled due to the Pandemic, the Health Seminar was not able to be presented.
3. The committee was asked to rank several areas of study which the AKC-Canine Health Foundation felt would be appropriate for Pointers. We identified two areas, either or both, to which some of our Donor Advised Fund should be allocated. These are Epilepsy Studies and Dermatology and Allergic Diseases. The final selection and the amount to be released is yet to be decided by the Board at its next meeting.

I have enjoyed working with my very professional committee this year and wish to thank them all for their time and effort.

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard B. Spey MD, Chairman

Committee: Dr. John Bandes, Diana Chan, Dr. Debra Freidus, Dr. Patricia Haines and Dr. Kate Hornick

Policy, Procedures & Guidelines Manual –Policy, Procedure & Guidelines Manual is a constant work in progress. When necessary I update the manual and then every few months, I send it to be posted on the website.

National Specialty Guidelines –After every specialty, the guidelines get a few tweaks here and there. The following motions were approved and added to the National Specialty Guidelines list of motions at the end of the Guidelines. The following motions that pertain to the National Specialty were passed by the Board or the Membership in 2019 and 2021 201905202-08-MM - Beginning with the 2021 Nationals, if we offer obedience, rally, and agility they be open to all breeds. 20190711-14-BM - Increase the Parade of Champions entry fee at the National to $25.00. Motion to rescind 201905202-08-MM "Motion that beginning with the 2021 National, 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 in 2020. 20200204-03-PM - Approve change of dates to hold National Specialty from April, May, June to March, April, May 20200811-45-PM - The Show Chair & Chair for Field, Agility, OB/Rally should be local if possible but not required. 20210209-04-EV - Increase the entry fee for the 6-9, 9-12 and Bred by Exhibitor classes to $25.00. I have added a section referencing holding a National Specialty with an All-Breed Club and what is required from the group (members or Board) for approval of the location. I have also referenced that individuals can recommend a location for the specialty to the Board by sending in that location to the Corresponding Secretary. If no complete application has been sent to the Board for either an independent or all-breed show by the February 15th deadline then the Board will consider the locations sent in by the members.

Susan Savage

Newsletter Editor –I began the newsletter in 2016 when I was President of the APC. I felt it important that the membership get more information than what is given them in Pointer Points that was published only a few times a year. I continue to try to bring transparency to the membership and provide a little APC history, health information and upcoming events/results. I do have two concerns that I do not know how to solve.

1. Have important information submitted to me in a timely manner. I appreciate Marjorie Martorella, President, asking that reports be sent to me by the 20th of every month. Unfortunately, not everyone is sending those reports. The past few years the Recording & Corresponding Secretaries and AKC Delegate have been particularly good about sending information. I try my best to think of what should be added, but it is very important that chairs of committees especially before a National send information for the newsletter. Many think that if it is on the Chat Group that is all that is necessary.

2. My second concern is how to get the membership to read the newsletter. It is the Official Publication of the APC and contains notices that are important to the membership. The Chat Group does not reach all APC members, where the Newsletter does. I am open to ideas from the Board and Officers on what more they would like to see in the newsletter and how to get the members (including the Board) to read the newsletter. The reason I am writing about

how to get members to read the newsletter are the questions that keep being asked on the Chat group when the answers are published in the newsletter and on the website.

Susan Savage

Website Revision Committee –The Website Revision Committee was formed in August of 2021 to assist in organizing the new website and keeping the website free from redundant information. It has been a task that took many hours of working with the committee. We believe the website itself is where we want it to be for the membership and the public. The website will always be a work in progress as it will constantly be updated with what new information is necessary at the time. Part of the new website is what is called Membership Works. Membership Works covers the members (who are responsible for keeping up their own information: for example change of address, new email address, etc) It is also the system that the Treasurer works with to keep the financial accounts. That part of the website is also a work in progress as it is totally different from the way the previous financial records were kept. As time goes on it should become easier for the Treasurer to maneuver. The majority members of the committee, and members in general would like to see some changes made on how the members pay for their items. For instance, it would be easier for those who chose to use Stripe to have the ability for a one stop shopping form of being able to pay for the dinner, catalog, catalog ads etc all at the same time and at the bottom where the total is shown the credit card processing fee is added automatically. Many members and the Board have asked that the ability to use PayPal be added to the website. The percentages of how the members have paid from January 1 to early March show that 38% paid by check, 34% by Stripe and 28% by PayPal. June will give me an update on these percentages next week. The membership needs to remember to use the Website especially for information like the National Specialty. Many hours have been spent on putting that information together and posted on the website only to read members asking questions on the chat group that are answered on the website. APC as a club must respect what process the members use to pay for their membership, National Specialty items, the store, etc. Thank you to Laurie McCarty for working on the membership list, Kim Yocklin for posting the updating new material quickly and Susan Bleckley for all her work as Webmaster.

Susan Savage, Susan London, Diane Townsend

Historian –Having just become Historian this year, I do not have much to report. So far, I have started a 2021 folder on the flash drive that Karen Blasche sent me just before she passed away. In the 2021 folder will be important club info that needs to be archived. Sometime this year I am hoping that all the club materials that are still at Ted Blasche's house and in Lisa Merki's possession will be sent to Diane Townsend for storage.

Susan Savage

AKC Meet the Breeds Banner

Thank you to all who submitted photos for the AKC Meet the Breed Pointer Banner. The APC Board voted the following photos shown below to be submitted to the AKC for their consideration for the pointer bann

The AKC is planning to have a Meet the Breeds in the following cities during the remaining year.

San Diego, CA	Dallas, TX	Tampa Bay, FL	Philadelphia, PA
Chicago, IL	Minneapolis, MN	Columbus, OH	New Orleans,

Results of the 2021 APC Field Trial/Hunt Test

Open Walking Gun Dog

1. Higby Rilo – (Rilo) Owner/Handler – Judith Hamilton
2. Ch Blackthorne Six Pack Scuito – (Abs) Owner/Handler – Deb Freidus
3. Withheld
4. Withheld

Open Walking Derby

1. Brackenmoor Royal Finest – (Winnie) Owner/Handler- Julie Pullan
2. Withheld
3. Withheld
4. Withheld

Amateur Walking Gun Dog

1. GCH Pointgold He's Got the Right Stuff – (Yeager) Owner/Handler – Deborah Harper, Marva Petrequin & E Pate
2. Withheld
3. Withheld
4. Withheld

Open Walking Puppy

1. Malmason V.I.P. Catchphrase CGC TKI (Vie) Owner/Handler KC Shore & Jeremy Zellers
2. Brackenmoor Royal Finest (Winnie) Owner/Hander – Julie Pullan
3. Southern Where Did My Manners Go? (Zara) – Owner/Handler – Lydia Frey & Tina McDonnell
4. Racity Rollin With My Gnomies (Phranki) – Owner/Handler – Sarah Terns/Maggie Platt

Amateur Walking Hunting Dog

1. CH Brackenmoor Something Royal JH – (Chloe) – Owner/Handler – Julie Pullan
2. GCH Dancindoll's Wicked Black Witch JH – (Sable) – Owner/Handler – Laurie McCarty
3. GCH Southern Malmason Jalapeno Business JHA – (Spicy) – Owner/Handler – Lisa Lipton & Tina McDonnell
4. CH Quail Hollow Ciao Bella – (Bella) – Owner/Handler – Kevin & Rosalie Freeburn

Rilo – 1st Open Walking Gun Dog Stake

Abs – 2nd Open Walking Gun Dog Stake