

# To The Point



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## President's Message

We are just about over the pandemic and have all been looking forward to going back to normal. Unfortunately, we find ourselves in troubling times with the war in the Ukraine and the rising inflation here at home. We are praying that the situation in eastern Europe doesn't escalate and that other countries don't show aggression. We need to keep the Ukrainian people in our prayers.

On a brighter note, plans are being finalized for the National. It will be a week of doing what we love and temporarily putting the problems of the world on hold. A couple of reminders- be sure to attend the Welcome Party on Wednesday evening at 6PM. It will be held in the Multi-Purpose Building which is where Pointers will be judged all week. We have this building to ourselves. If you want to leave tables or crates in the building, you can. Dogs, however, cannot stay in the building overnight.

Please plan on attending the Health Seminar on Thursday evening at 8 PM. In the MMH building. As breeders, the topic should be of great interest to us. Dr. Larson from the University of Wisconsin will be discussing the value of titer testing. The General Membership Meeting will be held on Friday evening.

Our Specialty will be held on Saturday. Specialty apparel will be available. We will be having a basket raffle organized by Jean Smith. She has a wonderful dog bed stuffed with great doggy items that will be raffled to anyone who donated a basket.

After the Specialty we will have our Annual Banquet and Auction. If you have something you want to donate to the auction and won't be attending, please either send it to Richard Rogers or give it to one of us who are driving.

Be well and I hope to see many of you soon.

Marjorie



Motion to approve Susan Bleckley having access to QuickBooks [20220111-02 PM](#)

Motion to remove the old website from the internet [20220111-03 PM](#)

Motion to form a Member Retention & Recruitment Committee – Members of committee, Danny Seymour, Louis Krokover and Karen Spey [20220111-04 PM](#)

Motion to approve revision of the Confidentiality form [20220111-05 PM](#)

Motion to approve the revision of the Health Statement on the AKC Website [20220111-06 PM](#)

Motion to use the statistics from the Canine Chronicle for the Top 10 Breed, Group, BIS, and Juniors for the yearly statistics. [20220111-07 PM](#)

Motion to approve Suzie Bambule to judge the 2025 Futurity [20220111-08 PM](#)

Motion to approve dividing the Bred by Exhibitor class into 6-12 month puppy and adult classes at the 2023 National Specialty [20220111-09 PM](#)

## *Very Important National Specialty Deadlines*

*March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - Deadline for applying for a title plaque  
(Application at the end of this newsletter or on the APC website)*

*Field Trial/Hunt Test entries close 8:00 pm on March 23, 2022*

*All entries close March 30, 2022 - Sweepstakes, Futurity, Obedience & Rally are in  
the Peach Blossom Cluster Premium List. Agility is a separate PL  
Breed on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> is a separate PL  
All information for the above can be found on the APC Website. Premium lists for  
all events will posted on the website when available.*

*Dinner reservations close March 30, 2022*

*The scores for Obedience will be used from the Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> trial for the High in  
Trial awards*

*The scores from Rally will be used from the Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> trial for the High in Trial  
Awards*

## *2022 APC National Specialty Schedule of Events*

*April 11-12, 2022 - Field Trial/Hunt Test  
AG Preserve, Glenwood, GA*

*April 13, 2022 - Agility\*  
Held with All Breed Companion Events  
In conjunction with the Atlanta Kennel Club  
Welcome Party - 6:00 PM - Multi Purpose Building*

*April 14, 2022 - Sweepstakes\*  
Julie Pullan - Judge In conjunction with the Valdosta Kennel Club  
This is an APC Supported Show - Breed Judge: Doug Johnson  
Obedience  
APC Health Seminar - MMH Building*

*April 15, 2022 - Futurity\*  
Megan Lane - Judge In conjunction with the Valdosta Kennel Club  
This is an APC Supported Show - Breed Judge: Peggy Beisel -McIlwaine  
Rally  
Judges Education - MMH Building  
APC Annual Meeting - TBA*

*April 16, 2022 - Breed\*  
Independent Specialty  
Steve Herman - Judge  
Awards/Auction Annual Dinner 6:00 Cocktails 7:00 Dinner*

*\*Companion and Conformation Events take place at the Georgia National  
Fairgrounds & Argicenter, 401 Larry Walker Pkwy, Perry, Georgia 3106*

# National Specialty Basket Raffle

**“Bring a Basket – Win a Basket”**

**Anyone who brings a basket will automatically be eligible to win this beautiful basket.**



**Any questions contact Jean Smith -majestypointers@outlook.com**



**Please consider a Trophy donation to the specialty field events**

**Please donate by March 20<sup>th</sup> to be included in the catalog**

**Donations may be made on the APC Website or sent to Debby Freidus  
388 Burlington Road, Harwinton, CT 06791**

**Please send wording for acknowledgement to [blackthornpt@earthlink.net](mailto:blackthornpt@earthlink.net)**

**Trophies: Field Trial--all stakes 1st place \$50**

**Field Trial--2nd-4th place \$40 per placement**

**Rosette Clusters: \$40 each for Hunt Test & Field Trial**

**New Title Rosettes will be provided for any dog finishing a title at the events**

**Meet our newest Junior member of the APC – Lila Holberg**



My name is Lila Holberg, I am 14, live in Seattle, and love doing Junior Showmanship! Recently I was given an awesome opportunity to co-own a Pointer, named Fidele. We learned he was retiring from showmanship so after the Orlando Finals he came to stay with our family on the West Coast! I have always been a big fan of the breed, as I grew up with a female Pointer that we rescued and then hunted with. I have a lot to learn about this breed, but I'm excited to be working with handlers within the breed, as well as to meet other Pointer people! My recently retired Juniors dog was a Wirehaired Pointing Griffon, and I am hoping to continue my Juniors career with my love for sporting dogs. My mentors in the breed, Lydia Frey and Tina McDonnell, have taught me so much about how to correctly present Pointers, and have given me a lot of insight into the breed. I am learning new things with every show, and thanks to technology, they have been able to mentor me from the East Coast! So incredibly grateful for the support and knowledge they are sharing with me. Fidele and I are already off to a great start this year, winning a college scholarship, in the LTD Juniors competition, at the Rose City Classic in Portland! Many new goals set in place for this year, and I hope to make the Pointer breed very proud!



## **AKC NEWS - Changes to Limited Events Policy for Specialty Clubs**

To provide local Conformation specialty clubs more flexibility in holding events, at their January 2022 meeting the AKC Board of Directors approved a change in the Limited Number of Events policy.

Starting with the 2022 calendar year, local Conformation specialty clubs can hold four shows per year. Previously they were limited to two shows or two days of shows per year. This change provides the clubs more flexibility in holding their shows in the way that best benefits their club. Beyond the four shows, specialty clubs can still hold up to four designated specialties and may hold one additional show to join their national specialty. There is no limit on the number of events a national club can hold.

- Local specialty clubs may hold up to four shows per year. Local specialty clubs have the option to hold one additional show in conjunction with their breed's national specialty. Local specialty clubs may hold up to four designated specialty events in addition to the shows allotted in this section. There is no limit on national clubs.

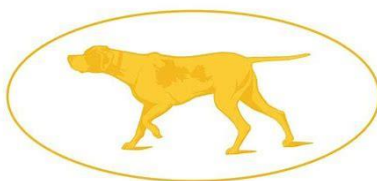
The AKC hopes that clubs utilize this policy change to strengthen their clubs and provide additional opportunities for new exhibitors, judges, and prospective dog owners to observe and learn about their breed.

## AKC Expands the National Owner-Handled Series Program

The AKC is pleased to announce the expansion of the National Owner-Handled Series by launching the NOHS Levels of Achievement program. Owners and their dogs can obtain Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum recognition by earning a pre-determined number of lifetime NOHS points.

A commemorative pin and downloadable certificate is provided for the highest Level of Achievement a dog has earned at the time the expansion is implemented. A pin and certificate will be awarded for each higher Level of Achievement earned.

Additional information about the NOHS Levels of Achievement program can be found [here](#). Comments or questions should be sent to [awards@akc.org](mailto:awards@akc.org).



## *146<sup>th</sup> Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show* *June 18-22, 2022 at the Lyndhurst Estate* *Tarrytown, NY*

The 146th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show presented by Purina Pro Plan is announcing that the postponed January 22-26 events are now scheduled for June 18-22, 2022, at the Lyndhurst Estate in Tarrytown, NY, with 19.5 hours of television coverage scheduled across FOX, FS1, and FS2. Westminster Week 2022 will kick off with the Masters Agility Championship on Saturday, June 18, 2022, followed by Junior Showmanship, Breed, Group, and Best in Show judging on June 20 - 22, 2022. The Masters Obedience Championship will be on Monday, June 20, 2022.

Breed Judge – Susan St. John Brown

Group Judge – Dr. Elliott More

Best in Show Judge – Don Sturz

### **2022 AKC National Championship Dog Show Judges**

**December 17-18, 2022**

Best in Show – Desmond Murphy

Sporting Group – James Hubbard

Breed – Clay Coady



## 2021 NEW TITLE PLAQUE APPLICATION

If your dog has earned new title(s) during the year of 2021, then you can purchase a wooden plaque with the APC logo, your dog's name, new title(s) and year engraved on that plaque. You must have earned a new title(s) in one of the following: Conformation, Field, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Tracking and/or Scent Work. These plaques will be handed out at the National Specialty. If you cannot attend this event, then it can be mailed to you. Please fill out the application below and return it to the APC Awards/Plaques Chairperson no later than **March 6th, 2022**.

### **2021 PRICING:**

5x7 Plaque > \$16.00(1 title)    6x8 Plaque > \$18.00(2 titles)    7x9 Plaque > \$20.00(3 titles)    8x10 Plaque > \$24.00(4 or more titles)

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOG'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE & DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*\*To verify your title(s) earned, please send a copy of your AKC certificate with this application.

Please check one of the following:

I will be at the 2022 National Specialty to pick up the plaque(s).

They will need to be mailed to me. (Please include \$8.00 per plaque for shipping)

Please complete one application for each eligible dog (photocopy as needed) and send to:

Sarah Terns, 34 Auburn Rd., Millbury, MA 01527 or [pointercity@yahoo.com](mailto:pointercity@yahoo.com).

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