

To The Point



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President's Message

Our National may be in the history books but the club is involved in many other activities. We participated in a Meet The Breeds in Tampa thanks to Lydia Frey who manned the booth with her Pointer ambassadors. There is another upcoming event in Dallas on June 25 & 26. If you are able to participate, please contact Ash Oldfield.

There are a couple of Judges Seminars for Pointers. One is in Greenville, SC. If you will be at these shows, please let Danny Seymour know if you can bring a dog to the hands-on portion. Also, Susan Bleckley will be doing a seminar at the Houston cluster. Again, let her know if you will be in attendance.

There is also a National Championship October 5-9 at Prairie Wind Ranch, Payette, Idaho. Information can be found on our website. Several of our local Pointer Clubs are holding specialties, hunt tests and field trials in the coming months. All of this information is also on the website.

It is not too soon to suggest a venue for the 2025 National. We now know that having our National in conjunction with an All-Breed Cluster can work. If you are familiar with a cluster that offers companion events and also has field trial grounds in the vicinity in the months of March through May, please contact Susan London. All bids and suggestions are due by February 2023 after which the board will choose a venue if no suitable suggestions are submitted.

Enjoy summer with your Pointers!

Marjorie

POINTER POINTS IS BACK!

Pointer Points will be published digitally twice a year. There will be a National Specialty edition and a National Championship edition in the fall. The 2022 National Specialty edition will be out shortly with results, pictures and historical specialty information.

Watch your email for the link to this exciting issue! The link will also be available on the APC website at americanpointerclub.org.



Member Reinstatement in April: Tom Bradley, Karen Drumm

Motion to [hire](#) a parliamentarian for the 2022 Annual Meeting – [20220405-18 PM](#)

Approve APC Supported Entry in conjunction with the New Brunswick KC – March 25, 2023
[20220405-06 EV](#)

Approve a Digital Pointer Points to be published twice yearly - [20220405-19 PM](#)

Motion to remove all junior members (under 18 years of age) from the Facebook Chat Group - [20020405- 20 PM](#)

Editor's Note:

The memorial service for Dawn Meller is on Thursday, June 16th at Benchfield Farms, the home of Linda Bunning. For more information contact Linda at 302-84-413

Meet our new APC Lifetime Members

Barbara Critchley

As a breeder and exhibitor of Cocker Spaniels I fell in love with a beautiful b/w Pointer girl being shown at my local shows in the 1970's and was determined oneday I would own a Pointer. It was 1981/82 that my dream was realised with a male O/W from the Crookrise bloodlines, and so the Whipspan Pointers started their journey. In the later 1980's I was contacted by Karen Detterich (Paladen Pointers) and we have been very good friends since this time and through Karen joined the membership of APC. I have followed the Club all these years always looking forward to the wonderful newsletter magazines and following all they have achieved on health issues and promoting our beautiful breed as a family member and for various activities, and feel honoured and privileged to have now received a most lovely pin badge for 25 year membership, thank you so much.



I have visited the Speciality several times and love the whole experience, attached is a photo of myself having handled and won the Hunters Class 15th May 1999 with Am.Ch. Whipspan Bayeax owned by Mrs. Margot Jacobs, an experience which is forever in my memory.

Best Wishes for future success. Barbara Critchley (Whipspan Pointers)

Jennifer Nesbit-Gardzina



I started in Purebred Dog Sports in 1989. I started with a friend of my family by training and handling for Open All Age stakes, Shoot To Retrieve and Grouse Trials. This friend also took me to a show and that was something that I really wanted to pursue at some point.

All was put on a brief hiatus while I served in the Army as a Military Police Officer from 1992 to 1998 but in 1995, I was able to get a dog of my own. I wanted a dog that could be a conformation dog and something that Jennifer could still do field work. After much searching, I decided on the Pointer and never looked back. During these early years, Barbara Hershberger and David Hayes encourage me to join the APC which I did.

I continued in Pointers and have bred several litters under the kennel prefix Evermore.

Nancy Mori



I became involved in the sport of purebred dogs after getting my first Pointer from Erica & John Bandes of Kinnike Kennels in 1996.

At Erica's encouragement, and despite having "no real interest in showing dogs", I stepped into a show ring for the first time in my life when my pup was 6 months old. I later became involved with hunt tests and field trials, which is where I find my greatest joy and peace - watching & working with our beloved breed as it does what it was put on this Earth to do. I have several mentors and have made many friends through my involvement in the breed and for that, I am grateful.

Within the realm of the APC, I have held the position of Treasurer and have served on several national specialty field event committees during my 25 years in the club. I breed, occasionally, under the Winterfell prefix.

Jean Smith

My love affair with Pointers began when I was a child. My grandfather's best friend and family MD had Pointers. They were the sweetest dogs and I begged for a Pointer. My family hunted Ducks and Rabbits, so we always had Labs and beagles.

When my husband Dan and I were newly married, my father passed away on Christmas Eve. I was devastated.

Some friends of mine wanted to cheer me up. They found a dog for me, and I wanted him without knowing anything about him. So, on January 24, 1986. my friends arrived at my home with a beautiful liver and white Pointer. I was so surprised and of course he became my constant companion. It wasn't long and I had more Pointers and began showing and doing Hunt tests.

I got my foundation Bitch from Margie Martorella (Marjetta). I will always be grateful for years of mentoring.

I'm pleased to have bred GCH. Majesty It's Good To Be King (Vinnie), who I still miss every day. In 2021. I was so honored when my Girl Ch. Majesty Some Kind Of Wonderful (Lacey) won Best of Breed at the National Owner Handler series finals. All these years my dogs have given so much to me and every day is a treasure with them. I have designed three APC National Logos and this year was chair of the Basket Raffle.

I lease industrial property's, do art, and love to garden, and spend time with my dogs.

Jean Smith
Majesty Pointers



Paul Wessberg



I began working for Michael Zollo in 1985 and through him acquired my first pointer Ch Luftnase Basic Black who was a litter mate to Ch Luftnase Albelarm Bee's Knees. I then acquired Ch Luftnase Cara I bred the two to produce Ch Hampton's Wicked Game and Ch Hampton's Suicide Blonde, who both went to live at Phyllis Kroll's home in Vermont. From then on Phyllis and I co-bred dogs. In 2005 I was given Ch Black Alder Dashiell Hammett, who produced some nice pups for Kim Earle and Rachael Murphy and myself. Dashiell produced Ch Fieldstone Alydar Heaven in Your Eyes whom has done very well producing some very nice dogs. Then to bring it up to date we have Ch Hampton's Fieldstone Sweet Talkin Guy at Alydar (Henry) who j finished with back-to-back 5 point majors the week of the National Specialty. I was the show chair for the 2016 National Specialty in Florida and served one year as Vice President of the APC

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES 2022-2023 VETERINARY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

New York, N.Y. –The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred dog registry and advocate for all dogs, continues its commitment to students pursuing veterinary studies with the announcement of the 2022-2023 AKC Veterinary Outreach Scholarship recipients.

These scholarships aim to support those with backgrounds in AKC events and programs seeking to promote animal health and medicine. A total of \$70,000 in scholarship money was awarded, twice the amount awarded last year, with awards ranging from \$2,000-\$10,000.

Diana Chan was awarded one of the four \$5,000 scholarships.

Congratulations Diana.

Changes to AKC Pointing Breed Field Trials

1. **Roading Behind the Gallery** This is a change to allow roading of dogs behind the gallery at the option of the host club. Previously roading was allowed at the option of the host club if the trial lasted more than three days. Clubs that do not want to allow roading shall state this in the premium. This change becomes effective June 1, 2022. (Procedure 6-Q, Rooding Behind the Gallery)

2. **Grand Field Champion Titles Followed by a Number** This is a change to provide for a number to be added after the Grand Field Champion (GFC) title or the Grand Amateur Field Champion (GAFC) title indicating the number of times a dog has met the GFC or GAFC criteria. Grand points earned back to the introduction of Grand stakes in 2014 will be credited toward this title. This change will become effective September 1, 2022. Updated title certificates will be issued at that time. (Chapter 14, Section 7. Grand Field Championship)

3. **Regional Championship Stakes and Titles** This is an expansion of AKC's Pointing Breed Field Trial program to provide Regional Championship stakes. The highlights of the Regional Championship stakes are – • A Regional Championship must be run as a Grand Limited stake. This means each brace must be run for a minimum of one hour and all dogs entered must meet the Limited stake qualification. • There must be a minimum of 13 starters for the stake to count as a Regional Championship. If there are less than 13 starters, the stake reverts to a regular Grand Limited stake. • The winner (1st place) of a Regional Championship stake will earn a Regional Champion title. Performance Events Department • There shall be four Regional Championship prefix titles – Regional Field Champion (RFC), Regional Amateur Field Champion (RAFC), Regional Walking Field Champion (RWFC) and Regional Amateur Walking Field Champion (RWAFC). Dogs that win more than one Regional Championship of the same type shall have a number added after the title (RFC#). • Dogs that place in Regional Championship stakes shall earn points under the regular point schedule. If a dog is not a FC or AFC, the points shall be credited toward these titles. If the dog is a FC or AFC, the points shall be credited toward the Grand Field Champion or Grand Amateur Field Champion titles. Scheduling and Applying for Regional Championship Stakes • Each Parent Club that has been approved to hold a National Championship Field Trial will be granted the right to hold Regional Championship stakes, with the number indexed off the breeds participation in the sport. The Performance Events department will determine the number of Regional Championship stakes per Parent Club. • Parent Clubs may hold Regional Championship stakes under their name or may designate local specialty clubs to hold Regional Championship stakes. Parent Clubs are not obligated to utilize all their Regional Championship stakes. • Regional Championship stakes hosted by a Parent Club or a local specialty club may be open to their breed, or it may be open to all breeds. Host clubs may not open the event to a select group of breeds unless permission is obtained from the Performance Events Department. • Each Regional Championship stake will have its own event number. A Regional Championship may be held in conjunction with a local field trial, in which case the club shall submit two event applications – one for the local trial and one for the Regional Championship stake. • Regional Championship stakes must be applied for using the Regional Championship Event Application. • It is expected that Parent Clubs will provide for Regional Championship stakes that serve all segments of the sport – All-Age/Gun Dog; Open/Amateur; Horseback/Walking; and all regions of the country where practical. • Clubs may submit regional championship event applications after July 4, 2022. More complete details regarding Regional Championship stakes can be found online.

4. **Gunners Can Ride ATVs/UTVs at Field Trials & Hunting Tests** This is a change to allow gunners to ride ATVs/UTVs when gunning on course is required. This change applies to both Field Trials and Hunting Tests at the option of the host club, provided land use regulations allow. This change is effective immediately. (Procedure 8, Motorized Vehicles)

5. **Pointing Breed Field Trials Sponsored by Other Organizations** Under Board Policy, AKC clubs have never been allowed to hold UKC Pointing Breed field events. With the American Field being purchased by UKC, the AKC Board at their November 2021 meeting, voted to no longer allow AKC clubs to hold events sponsored by the American Field effective July 1, 2022. This means there will be no more AKC/AF dual licensed trials, and further that AKC clubs may not



**Be sure to visit the Pointer Store on the APC Website
There are a few apparel items left from the National Specialty.
Sizes limited. Also available are APC car magnets and APC patches.**

APC RESULTS

Results of the 2022 National Specialty are posted on the APC Website.

APC AND REGIONAL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

APC Classic Field Trial – June 2, 2022 – Flaherty Field Trial Area, East Windsor, CT

Contact – Deb Freidus – Blackthornpt@earthlink.net

PANE Spring Field Trial – June 3-4, 2022 – Flaherty Field Trial Area, East Windsor, CT

Contact – Deb Freidus – Blackthornpt@earthlink.net

APC Supported Entry – Sunday, July 2, 2022 in conjunction with Lawton Dog Fanciers Association all breed show, Oklahoma City, OK

Superintendent: Onofrio

Breed Judge – Pat Trotter

Sweepstakes Judge – Erin Roberts

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