

To The Point



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President's Message

Now that we are in the fall season, lots of activities are beginning including our National Championship. This year it is in Payette, Idaho on October 5th thru the 9th. Also in October, the Wilderness Pointer Club is hosting back-to-back specialties and a hunt test on October 21st-23rd and field trials from October 28th -30th. These are held in Cartersville, VA.

The Board also approved a Retention and Recruitment Committee. You will soon be receiving a survey via email from our Corresponding Secretary. Please take the time to respond to this survey. Danny Seymour, Maggie Platt and Louis Krokover worked diligently on this committee.

Another committee that was formed is the Finance Committee. It is long over due and hopefully will be very beneficial to the club. On this committee are Lisa Lipton, Marva Petrequin and Danny Seymour.

In my last President's Message, I mentioned that the AKC was hosting a Meet the Breeds in the Field. They will be filming the pointing breeds working in the field. I want to thank Erica Bandes for representing our breed in this project. This will be held in November.

When you are asked to serve on a committee or as an officer, before accepting the position, please first review the job description in the Policy and Procedure Guidelines. This will ensure that there are no misunderstandings or oversights and that things run smoothly.

Enjoy the cooler weather and do something fun with your dogs!

Marjorie Martorella

2023 National Specialty

Congratulations to Lydia Frey for submitting the winning 2023 Logo



Believe it or not it is time to start thinking about the 2025 National Specialty

As they say in real estate – Location, Location, Location. The last 5 Specialties have been in the east. Time to hold one in the middle or western part of the country. The application to hold a specialty can be found on the APC Website > About Pointers> Applications and Forms.

The **COMPLETED application**, is to be submitted to the APC VP **no later** than the Annual Board Meeting two years prior to the year the National will be held (For example, the bid for 2025 should be submitted by the annual Board meeting 2023. Bids will be reviewed by the APC BOD. If two or more sites are proposed for the same year, first consideration will be given to the applications that are the most complete and inclusive. **Dates for the APC National must be between March 1 and May 31.**

2022 American Pointer Club National Championship October 5-9, 2022 Payette, ID RUNNING ORDER

OPEN PUPPY CLASSIC

Judges: Justin Allen & Matthew Solt

Brace	Call Name	Owner	Handler
1A	Lena	Schillereff	Schillereff
1B	Trixie	Spillman	Spillman
2A	Elsa	Deleonardo & Walter	Deleonardo/Walter
2B	Recon	Crane	Crane
3A	Sean	Schillereff	Schillereff
3B	Allie	Nollette	Deasy

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Judges: Justin Allen & Matthew Solt

Brace	Call Name	Owner	Handler
1A	Star	Schillereff	Schillereff
1B	Wyatt	McDermitt	Vater
2A	NV	Lueck	Schillereff
2B	Thor	McDermitt	Vater
3A	Hope	Lueck	Schillereff
3B	Jill	Yamashita	Yamashita
4A	Bullet	Schillereff	Schillereff
4B	Yeager	Petrequin, Harper & Pate	Harper
5A	Fanny	Lueck & Pfeifle	Schillereff
5B	Archie	Meyer	Vater
6A	Joe	Mesnard	Mesnard
6B	Taco	Smith	Yamashita
7A	Speck	Schillereff	Schillereff

7B	Virgil	McDermitt	Vater
8A	Bo	Mesnard	Schillereff
8B	Gunny	Schaff	Schaaf
9A	Bena	Schillereff	Schillereff
9B	BYE		

OPEN DERBY CLASSIC

JUDGES: Bill Monk & R J Marquart

Brace	Call Name	Owner	Handler
1A	Lena	Schillereff	Schillereff
1B	Toby	Lawing	Lueck
2A	Mara	Rodriguez	Schillereff
2B	Recon	Crane	Crane
3A	Johnny	Lueck	Schillereff/Lueck
3B	Trixie	Spillman	Spillman
4A	Sean	Schillereff	Schillereff
4B	Elsa	Deleonardo & Walter	Deleonardo/Walter

NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Judges: Bill Monk & R J Marquart

Brace	Call Name	Owner	Handler
1A	Jill	Yamashita	Yamashita
1B	Bo	Mesnard	Mesnard
2A	NV	Lueck	Lueck
2B	Bullet	Schillereff	Schaaf
3A	Thor	McDermitt	Yamashita
3B	Joe	Mesnard	Mesnard
4A	Hope	Lueck	Lueck
4B	Yeager	Petrequin, Harper & Pate	Harper
5A	Bena	Schillereff	Yamashita
5B	Star	Schillereff	Mesnard
6A	Fannie	Lueck & Pfeifle	Lueck
6B	Gunny	Schaaf	Schaaf
7A	Taco	Smith	Yamashita
7B	Speck	Schillereff	Mesnard

AKC Delegate's Report / September 2022

The third quarterly Delegates Committees and Delegate Meeting were held on September 12 & 13 in Newark, NJ. I attended the Field Trial & Hunt Test and Canine Health committees.

Field Trial & Hunt Test Committee:

- AKC staff reported that Beta Testing is being used for service dogs in flight and there is an increase in the use of Sporting Dogs as service dogs. Sporting dogs, in addition to their keen sense are also less threatening when used directly with human contact regarding detection work. Many local and state law enforcement agencies are using sporting dogs and in particular Labrador Retrievers.
- AKC staff also reported in 2021, there were 17 state bills introduced in state legislators to ban Field Trials & Hunt Tests.
- Dog trainers in California must disclose any convictions of animal cruelty. The proposed bill included 13 points of regulations which included Boarding Kennels.
- Event Materials & Supplies are seeing an improvement in all areas and the availability of birds has increased 20%.
- AKC Pointing Breed Parent Clubs have been invited to participate in "Meet The Breeds in the Field" November 19, 2022 at Oak Hill Farm in north central North Carolina.

The event will video each of the 15 pointing breeds in the field, either working as a brace or individually. AKC also intends to use drones to video portions of the event. I asked AKC if the videos would be available to parent clubs to incorporate in their judge's education programs and the answer was yes!

At the September APC Board meeting, the BOD voted to ask Erica Bandes of Columbia, VA if she would represent APC? Erica has been involved with Pointers for over four decades producing dual champions as well as National Specialty Dual champions. Erica accepted the request and will represent APC at the AKC "Meet The Breeds in the Field" event.

Providing commentary for all of the pointing breeds represented will be sporting breed expert and AKC judge, Michel Faulkner.

Canine Health Committee:

- Continued discussion regarding "Semen Preservation" occurred as it pertained to multi-sired litters, eliminating additional fees and including within a will, provisions for the transfer of ownership.
As many of you may recall, I reported in September of 2019 that the Otterhound breed was near extinction because of the low number of registered dogs and because of limited semen preservation. The Otterhound Club of America organized a valiant effort to turn all around and help preserve the breed. Recently, two newly born Otterhound females were registered using semen that was 20 years old!
- AKC reported the following information:
 - Only 40% of puppies born are registered
 - Only 7% of parent club members are breeders of their breed
 - AKC maintains zip codes of all registered breed owners.
 - AKC does not track gender of Juniors & Juniors have declined by 50% in the last ten years.

The above information is important as it then asks the question; "Who does health testing"?

Delegates Meeting:

The key points from the meeting were:

Chairmans Report / Tom Davis

- The “1 + 1” rule established during Covid to encourage fewer absentee entries has showed to be effective. The breeds to receive the “1+1” must meet the minimum for points in their breed.
- Educational webinars in all areas of education have increased
- Digital archives for breeds are available
- Litter registrations are maintaining themselves compared to 2021
- All AKC Delegate and Board minutes are available on the akc.org webpage under “About AKC”

Presidents Report / Dennis Sprung

- New Resource - “Economic Benefits of Dog Shows & AKC Impact by States”
Tool used to show local state lawmakers the impact dog shows have on their community. It has proven helpful to show lawmakers when this has an impact on pending legislation which can often be negative to the dog world.
The average dog show exhibitor spends over \$800.00 in a weekend (Fuel, food, lodging, misc.)
The 2022 survey will enhance the study by including data on Performance Events and Air B&B's!
The importance of community revenue obtained by Dog Shows is relevant.
- There is a great need for conformation stewards and AKC is developing training courses which will be available on line for future education and training.
- October 15, 2022 AKC is hosting a “Meet The Breeds” in Columbus, Ohio

Financial Report (CFO)

- KPI's (Key Performance Indicators) & 6 mos. operating report:
 - Litter Registrations are 2.5% higher from same period in 2021
 - Registration down slightly
 - Sports & Events is 21%> from 2021
 - Entries are 24%> from 2021
 - YTD revenue is \$38.2 million dollars
 - Investments have had a 13% negative performance to date

Proposed Charter & By Laws or Rules Changes:

Chapter 16, Section 2

Amended the rule to provide the opportunity for class dogs placing 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in a group to be awarded Championship points. Added language on the methodology calculating Championship points for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th group placement. (Effective January 1, 2023)

Inserts for the above rule changes have been created and added to the digital version of the [Rules Applying to Dog Shows](#) available on the AKC website.

(Your Delegate was instructed by APC BOD vote to vote against this rule.)

Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds

Chapter 14, Section 2

Modified to refine how Derby Stakes placements qualify a dog to enter a Limited stake at field trials for pointing breeds. (Effective September 30, 2022)

Chapter 14, Section 2A

This section was added to provide for the number of qualifying placements based on the number of starters at field trials for pointing breeds. (Effective September 30, 2022)

Additionally; the Delegate body voted on **Article VII, Section 1 of the Charter & By Laws removing term limits for AKC Board members.**

98 Delegates voted against the change

171 Delegates voted for the change

A 2/3 majority was not received, therefor the change was not approved and term limits remain.

(Your Delegate was instructed by the APC BOD to vote against this change)

The above information is provided to you in summary fashion only and as always, the full minutes are available at:

www.akc.org "About AKC"

Respectfully submitted,

Danny D. Seymour

AKC Delegate

American Pointer Club, Inc.

The following are excerpts from an e-newsletter from Dennis Sprung and the AKC titles "To The Core" This publication will give a brief update of the work occurring within the AKC and will become a regular publication.

Operations:

In an effort to improve and modernize a key component of our electronic systems, the Sports & Events and IT departments have launched a multi-year project focused on one of its core computer systems called the Competition Management System (CMS). CMS is used to manage a wide variety of data that pertains to AKC sports including: event applications and results, club information, judge information, owner details, dog placements and titles, and event site facts. These improvements will help us better serve you, our valued customer and improve AKC operations.

Communications:

AKC Communications has been very focused on messaging to the general public. Fresh off of a highly productive 200th breed media blitz, they have turned their attention to pet theft. With the marked increase of pet theft, AKC and AKC Reunite have been positioned as key resources for media outlets, including Good Morning America which can be viewed [here](#). They are also preparing for a media campaign in Columbus, OH for AKC Meet the Breeds and getting ready to kick off their holiday safety campaign designed to educate dog owners on how to avoid the numerous holiday hazards from September to December.

Sports and Events:

2022 is shaping up to have the highest number of events and entries ever, with figures approaching:

Most AKC events – over 24,500 events

Most entries in events – over 3.4 million

Most unique dogs entering AKC events

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of clubs, exhibitors, judges, Board and staff, more dogs are staying active and enjoying themselves while engaging in multiple AKC activities.

Government Relations:

Our Government Relations department is hard at work protecting the rights of dog breeders, owners and your dogs. These efforts are occurring at the federal, state and local levels. The department recently held the 4th AKC National Detection Dog Conference August 23-25th in Raleigh, NC. The conference garnered an abundance of positive feedback and was a hub for the sharing of ideas. In addition to that important work, Vice President of Government Relations, Sheila Goffe, published an opinion piece about the need for domestically bred detection dogs in an article with The Hill, which you can read [here](#).

Mid-Year AKC Litters registration numbers for Pointers

Twice a year the AKC sends statistics to the club which include among other things the number of registered litters, number of puppies total and the number of average number of puppies per litter. We have received the mid-year report. The report shows the past 10 years, but below you will see those numbers for the past 4 years. If anyone is interested in seeing the entire report, contact Marjorie Martorella. She will be happy to forward it to you.

	2019	2020	2021	2022 – Mid-Year (as of 6/30/22)
Registered Litters	41	51	58	32
Total # of puppies	253	322	356	216
Average # per litter	6.17	6.31	6.14	6.75

Regional Specialty Results

Greater Delaware Valley Pointer Club – September 10, 2022

Sweepstakes: Judge Mr. Neal Goodwin

BSW – Blackthornes Nevermore - Owner: Stacey Smit, Montgomery, NY. Breeder: Debra Freidus DMV.

BOSSW -Penzance Racecity On Solid Ground - Owner - Owner: David Gerzabek & Cheryl Gerzabek & Maggie Platt & Sarah Terns, Breeder: Maggie Platt Sarah Terns.

Breed: Judge Mrs. Paula Nykiel

WD – Solivia Marimilla Hooray, Hooray Owner: Rodrigo Moreira & Dennis Brown & Katey Brown, Acton, MA. Breeder: Dennis Brown & Katey Brown & Thomas H Bradley III & Anne Cullen-Tormey & Julian Mc Connie

RWD – Penzance Racecity on Solid Ground Owner: David Gerzabek & Cheryl Gerzabek & Maggie Platt & Sarah Terns Breeder: Maggie Platt Sarah Terns.

WB/BOW – Penzance Racecity Maya Angelou Owner: Joseph Sullivan & Elizabeth Sullivan & Sarah Terns & Maggie Platt, . Breeder: Sarah Terns & Maggie Platt Neil Dean & Amy Dean.

RWB - Blackthornes Nevermore - Owner: Stacey Smit, Montgomery, NY 125491945. Breeder: Debra Freidus DMV

BOB/Gr1 – GCH CH Aspyre Cat Got UR Tongue - Owner: Dr Howard Spey & Karen R Spey, Oldwick, NJ . Breeder: A Lumsden & Julie Manser & J Lumsden.

BOS – CH Solivia’s Heir Apparent - . Owner: Desiree Brock & Claire Thompson, Buskirk, NY. Breeder: Claire & Susan & Hayley Thompson & Katy Brown & Dennis Brown

Select Bitch – CH Saregresi Pure White Lace – Owner: Susan London, Marianne Gyrfas Breeder- Marianne Gyrfas BOBOH/OHG2

Select Dog - GCH CH Moorland’s Steve McQueen - Owner: Chris & Allen Armistead, Forest, VA. Breeder: Chris Armistead & Allen Armistead.

Pointer Associates of New England – September 24, 2022

AM Sweepstakes: Judge Donna Pageau

BSW – Penzance Racecity on Solid Ground - Owners: Cheryl & David Gerzabek & Maggie Platt & Sarah Terns Breeder: Maggie Platt Sarah Terns

BOSSW – Blackthorne N Tahari Lunar Eclipse at Broadway – Owners: Peggy & John Albee Jr & Frank DePaulo Breeder: Debra Freidus, DVM

AM Veteran Sweepstakes

BVSW – Ch Quail Hollow the Karma of Xen, CAX – Owner: Desiree Brock Breeder: S & K Freeburn

AM Breed: Judge James Albrecht

BOB – Ch Blackthorne Six Pack Scuito – Breeder – Owner: Debra Freidus, DVM

BOS – Ch Bookstore Fabello Picasso – Breeder - Owner: Howard & Karen Spey & Ashleigh Oldfield

BOW - Blackthorne N Tahari Lunar Eclipse at Broadway – Owners: Peggy & John Albee Jr & Frank DePaulo Breeder: Debra Freidus, DVM

Select Dog – Ch Penzance Racecity Cowboy Take Me Away Owners: Sarah Terns & Maggie Platt Breeders: Sarah Terns, Maggie Platt, Alicia Lumsden

Select Bitch – CH Saregresi Pure White Lace – Owners: Susan London & Marianne Gyrfas Breeder: Marianne Gyrfas

WD – Seasyde Imperator Nero Saxum JH – Owner: Matthew Sisk Breeders: Lisa Canfield & Helyne Medeiros

RWD – Solivia Freiheit Zoom Zoom – Owners: Mary Donnelly & Karen Drumm & Dennis & Katey Brown Breeders: D & K Brown, Tom Bradley, AC Tormey & J McConnie & G Speaks

WB - Blackthorne N Tahari Lunar Eclipse at Broadway – Owners: Peggy & John Albee Jr & Frank DePaulo Breeder: Debra Freidus, DVM

RWB – Birdsboro Night Fury at Penzance and Racecity – Owners: Sarah Terns & Maggie Platt Breeder: Erin Horan DVM

PM Sweepstakes: Judge Linda Clark

BSW – Penzance Racecity on Solid Ground - Owners: Cheryl & David Gerzabek & Maggie Platt & Sarah Terns Breeder: Maggie Platt Sarah Terns

BOSSW – Blackthornes Nevermore – Owner: Stacey Smit

PM Veteran Sweepstakes

BVSW -Ch Blackthorne Six Pack Scuito – Breeder – Owner: Debra Freidus, DVM

PM Breed: Judge: Mary Dohney

BOB – Ch Bookstore Fabello Picasso – Breeder - Owner: Howard & Karen Spey & Ashleigh Oldfield

BOS/BOW – Blackthorne Double Indemnity – Breeder – Owner: Debra Freidus, DVM

Select Dog - Seasyde Imperator Nero Saxum JH – Owner: Matthew Sisk Breeders: Lisa Canfield & Helyne Medeiros

Select Bitch - CH Saregresi Pure White Lace – Owners: Susan London & Marianne Gyrfas Breeder: Marianne Gyrfas

WD – Seasyde Casino – Owners: Julie Kempster H Medeiros, J Douthill, A Bricker, B Sawka

RWD - Solivia Freiheit Zoom Zoom – Owners: Mary Donnelly & Karen Drumm & Dennis & Katey Brown Breeders: D & K Brown, Tom Bradley, AC Tormey & J McConnie & G Speaks

RWB – Blackthorne N Tahari Special Agent at Broadway Owners: Peggy & John Albee Jr & Frank DePaulo Breeder: Debra Freidus, DVM