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NEW TO THE WEBSITE
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WATCH FOR MONTHLY POSTS AND DEADLINES

Deadline for returning the Retention and Recruitment Survey to Danny Seymour, tapestryhall@aol.com, is November 11th Don't forget!

President's Message

The Show Chair for the 2023 National has resigned. As nobody else stepped up to fil the position from the board, I am now the Show Chair and Louis Krokovar volunteered to be my Assistant Chair. Here is the list of committee chairs:

2023 National Committee Chairs

Show Chair	Marjorie Martorella- marjetta@optonline.net
Asst. Show Chair	Louis Krokovar- louis@newdaydevelopment.com
Chief Ring Steward	Annie Westermann eawestermann2016@gmail.com
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Fundraising/Raffle Chair	Susan London – shadybrookny@gmail.com
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Trophy Chair	Jean Smith – majestypointers@outlook.com
Ways & Means (Apparel)	Claire Abraham- outlawgwp@aol.com
Welcome Bags	Amy Dean dogmadnz@gmail.com
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It is challenging picking up the pieces at this point. We will be working hard to post information on the website as soon as possible. If anyone wants to offer assistance with one of the committees, please contact the chair of the committee. All help will be greatly appreciated. We will be supporting the entry all days of the Peach Blossom Cluster:
Wed.- Atlanta KC- Jason Hoke breed judge and Rally
Thursday- Valdosta KC- Breed Judge- Sam McDonald / National Sweeps- Laura Heidrich and Agility
Friday- Valdosta KC- Breed Judge- Kim Meredith/ National Futurity & Maturity- Hailey Griffith and Obedience
Saturday- Our National- Breed Judge- Stephen Rose

Marjorie Martorella

Reinstated members to the APC - Ed, Kelly and Owen Shupp

Motion to approve dedicate the 2023 National Specialty to Jack Haines – 20220913-40 PM
Motion to approve APC Supported Entries on Wednesday, April 12th, Thursday, April 13th, and Friday, April 14th at the Perry Cluster Dog Show. 20200913-10 EV
Motion to approve Lisa Lipton, Danny Seymour and Marva Petrequin to the Finance Committee. 20220913-42 PM
Motion to approve Erica Bandes and Danny Seymour to represent the APC at the Meet the Breeds in the field 20220913-43 PM
Motion that a Board Member shall serve on the Nominating Committee and the President will conduct a meeting with the Nominating Committee (call or zoom) to go over the procedures including confidentiality. 20220913-44 PM

Update profile settings

APC Members – Now is the time to update your profile on the APC Website. Did you move, change your email, or join a Regional Club? On the Website after you sign in you will see your information. If you make any changes, please remember to scroll to the bottom of the page and click on save.

AMERICAN POINTER CLUB
National Field Trial Standing Committee
Prairie Wind Ranch, Payette, Idaho
Saturday October 8, 2022

Meeting Minutes

The NFTSC members gathered for the annual meeting during the running of the 2022 National Field Trial Championships. Members present were Debby Freidus, Deb Harper, Susan Bleckley, Tracy Black and Angela Schillereff. Jamie O'Donnell, Judith Hamilton and Chuck Savage were absent. The meeting was called to order by the chairman Angela Schillereff at 1:05 pm and the first matter of business was addressed.

Old Business

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in APC newsletter

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

The 2022 event is well underway and the event has been running smoothly with lots of helpers. Prairie Wind Ranch has a beautiful clubhouse complete with full commercial kitchen, bathrooms, laundry and showers, bar and big screen TVs all with a view of the starting line for the championship course. We had prime rib dinner Friday night and Saturday night we will have our oral auction and live entertainment with JR Lawing playing guitar. We have extra NC apparel and Susan Bleckley will post it on the website to help sell the remaining inventory. This year's event was dedicated in memory of Jack Haines, lifetime APC member and one of the foundingmembers of the NFTSC.

A proposal was submitted by committee for the 2023 National Field Trial Championships to be held at Mingo Sportsman Club in Ohio. The tentative dates are October 8-12, 2023 and will be confirmed by Bill Monk. Tracy Black and Angela Schillereff would co-Chair, and Debby Freidus would be the Secretary. Our proposal will be sent to the APC board for approval once we have confirmed our dates.

Since Cliff Mesnard and Meredith Mays no longer rent horses, we will need to secure another wrangler for our event. Bill Monk will confirm the availability of Jessica to do the food for our event. We plan to use the clubhouse to set up our trophy tables and have dinners in the evenings. Breakfast and lunches will be at the outdoor pavilion. We need to see about getting a dog wagon and driver and will ask Bill Monk if any MSC members could provide this service. We also need new a new bird supplier for Mingo since our previous supplier passed away.

All committee members were encouraged to submit names of prospective judges for 2023.

There was no more business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Angela Schilleref

APC Dues are due starting November 1st through December 31st.

You can find a fillable renewal form on the APC Website

About APC>Applications and Forms

2023 National Specialty

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Wednesday, April 12th	Thursday, April 13th	Friday, April 14th
APC Supported Entry	**APC Supported Entry**	**APC Supported**
Breed Judge – Jason Hoke	**Breed Judge – Sam McDonald**	**Breed Judge – Kim Meredith**
Rally	**APC National Specialty Sweepstakes – Judge - Laura Heidrich**	**APC National Specialty Futurity**
	Agility	**Judge – Hailey Griffith**
		Obedience

Saturday, April 15th - APC National Specialty – Breed Judge – Steve Rose

Juniors Judge – Kelly Shupp

Do not forget to visit the STORE on the Website

Just added – National Championship Apparel - Buy on the Website or send a check to Angela Schillereff with your order. Her email is sikennels@aol.com Her address can be found on the Website

Sizes available are on the Website

Hat - $20

T- Shirts - Men's & Ladies Sizes - $20

Hoodie - $40

Congratulations Candence

GCH CH JJJ Jag's Ice Queen Episode JH DJ earned her tracking title TDU handled by 14 yr. old Candence Manno.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

theriogenology foundation
The Future of Animal Reproduction

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION
PREVENT TREAT & CURE

Join us in November 2022 as we host a series of Canine Breeder Excellence Seminar Tracks!

All webinars will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30 pm CT

- November 2: Dr. Natalie Orner - "Canine pregnancy diagnosis and C-section staging"
- November 9: Dr. Amber Nebel - "Best practices for timing canine chilled or frozen breedings "
- November 16: Dr. Sara Lyle - "Canine neonatal resuscitation and coefficient of inbreeding-the good, the bad and the ugly!"

Registration is $20 per session or $50 for the series and available until 24 hours prior to each session. Veterinary student registration is at no cost.

Register here: https://www.theriofoundation.org/events/register.aspx?id=1683098

All times are listed in Central Time. All proceeds will benefit the Theriogenology Foundation education programs.

Theriogenology is the branch of veterinary medicine concerned with reproduction, including the physiology and pathology of male and female reproductive systems, and the clinical practice of veterinary obstetrics, gynecology, and andrology. The Theriogenology Foundation supports education and research in animal reproductive medicine.

Visit: www.akc.org; www.akcchf.org/research/therio-residency/; and www.theriofoundation.org for additional information regarding these organizations

AKC New Titles

More information on the following two AKC announcements can be found on their Website.

American Kennel Club is excited to announce the new AKC FIT DOG Titles. These titles are designed to provide a structured, individualized fitness plan that you and your dog can do together.

There are 3 levels of AKC fitness titles—Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Each title requires a specific number of activity points to be completed, which varies based on title level. Review the Participant Guide for more details.

Bronze – 5 Points **Silver – 10 Points** **Gold – 20 Points**

Within each title, there are 6 categories of activities to choose from to earn your points. AKC FIT DOG titles are noncompetitive, and dog owners may choose different activities to earn titles.

You may begin earning points now and be the first to receive a title when the program goes into effect in January 2023.

Announcing the Second Annual 2022 AKC FIT DOG Turkey Trot

It's almost Thanksgiving! We are pleased to announce the second annual AKC FIT DOG Turkey Trot.

What is it?

The AKC FIT DOG Turkey Trot is a virtual 5K (3.1 miles) that people do with their dogs. This non-competitive 5K Turkey Trot can be done all at one time, or in smaller segments on multiple days so that everyone (people and dogs) can participate at their own pace. This can be a walk or run activity.

Proceeds will be donated to the AKC Humane Fund (http://www.akchumanefund.org/). This is the time of year to give thanks for what we have and to help others. The AKC Humane Fund assists women's shelters that accept pets, supports the AKC's Rescue Network to help rescue dogs, and promotes responsible dog ownership through outreach and education.

Details

- Between September 29 and November 30, 2022, you and your dog can walk/run your 5K.

- The 5K (3.1 miles) can be walked/run all at once for people and dogs who are fit, or you may break your 5K into as many days/sessions as you need to keep you and your dog safe.
- You and your dog can do the Turkey Trot on your own, with a group of friends and their dogs, or with your AKC FIT DOG club.
- This Turkey Trot can be done anywhere that you and your dog are welcome to walk/run – in a local park, on a trail, or in your neighborhood.

Registration Fee

- $20 AKC Humane Fund donation, includes the 3" Turkey Trot medal with a ribbon.

How It Works

- Between September 29 and November 30, 2022, complete the 5K (3.1 miles) with your dog. This can be all at once, or in as many days/sessions as you need.
- Document your distances and times on a smartphone, smartwatch (or similar device), or on a written log.
- Order your attractive AKC FIT DOG Turkey Trot medal.

The AKC FIT DOG Turkey Trot is done on an honor system. We are allowing medals to be ordered now so that AKC FIT DOG clubs and participants have them in time for Thanksgiving Turkey Trot photos.

AKC will contact participants after November 30 to ask about results (days, times, distances, etc.).

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

AKC PAC: ***Help Support Dog-Friendly Government Officials***

The American Kennel Club has taken the lead in supporting legislation across the country that protects the rights of responsible dog owners. The AKC Political Action Committee gives us an additional tool with which to interface with legislators. Through the PAC, we can demonstrate a uni- ty of purpose that helps us advance a positive legislative agenda. The AKC PAC collects voluntary contributions from individuals and uses these donations to support candidates who defend dog owners' rights and can effectively influence legislation impacting animal owners.

Your donation will be pooled with contributions from AKC club members across the country to strengthen our support for reasonable, enforceable laws that protect the health and welfare of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who take their responsibilities seriously. Contributions to this fund are not deductible on federal tax returns. Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed $200 in a calendar year. The maximum annual contribution to the AKC PAC is $5,000. All contributions are voluntary.

AKC Canine Legislation Support Fund: Support Responsible Dog Owner Rights

The American Kennel Club has been advocating for purebred dog owners since our founding in 1884 and the Government Relations department was founded in 1990 to enable the AKC to take an even more active role in protecting owners' and breeders' rights. The right to own and breed dogs responsibly is seriously threatened by the introduction of repressive canine legislation at the state and local levels.

Combating negative canine legislation is a costly endeavor. In response to the many inquiries, we have received about where clubs could send donations to support AKC's efforts, we have established Canine Legislation Support Fund

an account devoted solely to government relations efforts. Any assistance you or your club chooses to provide will greatly enhance our efforts to defeat the onslaught of repressive legislative initiatives and ensure our rights, not only at the present time but for generations to come.

Contributions can be made on-line or via check made payable to the American Kennel Club and the memo line on the check should indicate the funds are to be utilized for "Government Relations Costs". Contributions to this fund are not tax deductible.

The following was sent to me by an APC member and asked that it be included in the newsletter.

These dogs breeders stood ringside with their arms crossed… things don't go unnoticed
An important read for anyone who shows dogs; clap for every single veteran, every time. Like him or not, or like his owner or not.
An article taken from Showdog-Magazine ~author unknown

The Veteran Dog

In the 24 hours since the following occurred, I can hardly believe the outpouring of comments and feelings that it has evoked

.

It all began 6 months ago and came to a head when I attended yesterday's meeting of our local breed club. This incident caused me much heartfelt pain that it made me wonder why I should "even bother."

I came close to not renewing my membership - and I am a founding member of this club. To be perfectly honest, the ONLY reason I renewed was because I am the Rescue Coordinator for the club. And I had not attended a meeting since "what happened" happened.

I wasn't even going to attend the meeting until I noticed when checking the entries on-line that there was a certain lone entry listed... I knew then that I must attend and I must finally speak my mind...and my heart. I sat down at my computer and carefully composed my thoughts. Tears came to my eyes as I wrote it and I feared that I could not read it aloud to the membership. And that was the case. As the President called out a request for "meeting adjourned," I stood up and said "I have one more thing" and handed the copy to a good friend who was seated next to me. "I'm afraid I won't be able to read this to you all, but if Mary would, I'd appreciate it".

As they say: "All names and breed have been changed to protect the innocent".. I can't honestly say that anyone concerned in this incident is innocent, but the purpose of this is not to further embarrass anyone involved. This, BTW, did not occur at a Specialty, just at an All-Breed Show, in a non-regular class.
The following is what I wrote: I see that the *Smiths* have entered their dog in the Veterans Class. Apparently there is no one in this Club who knows that it is customary to offer a round of applause for those that are entered.

Six months ago, at this same show, I entered my Veteran Dog in this same class. Not one person applauded. Not one person came up and said anything. Not one person came over to give him a kind word or a pat. Not one person made him feel he belonged again.

He was no threat to anyone. He wasn't going to beat anyone, take any points, or win anything. He was just an old dog who thought he was special again - back in the ring for the first time in many years. Maybe he even recalled his "Glory Days".

He would have loved to have met anyone there. He would have welcomed you like an old friend. You didn't have to say anything nice about him if you didn't want to. But just in case you can't think of anything to say about a Veteran Dog, here are some suggestions: "It was nice to see him out there." Or go up to him and tell him he's a "Good Boy." Or tell his owner that you are glad that they brought him.

Those aren't exactly compliments, but they will please his owner and make him glad that they brought him. I don't think that's asking too much.

One day, all too soon, all your beautiful young dogs will be old dogs too. Maybe one day you'll enter them in a Veterans Class. And I hope that you do.
Or, like many of us, you remember that old friend, now gone, and wish you still had the chance. They deserve it. It may be their final time in the sun - their last time out in front of people. Their last time to ever be in the ring.

My old dog is a Fool. He thought he was wonderful that day. He thought he belonged. Instead, he was ignored. I have thought about this for 6 months now, and wasn't going to say anything. But on his behalf, and that of any other Veteran, I hope that something like this never occurs again.

As a Club of (Breed) Fanciers, you should feel ashamed. Even if you dislike the dog or his owner, at least show Good Sportsmanship and do the Right Thing. Show others that you have respect for your breed. Make that Veteran Dog feel wanted and special again. Let him know that you are glad to see him. It will make his day. You may never get the chance again. Thank you.

As Mary began reading it, the hush that fell over the room was incredible. Bless her heart, my friend Mary broke into tears as she struggled through reading this. EVERYONE in the room lowered their heads, and many of them began to cry also, including the President (who is a man).

I tried my best to hold my head up and refrain from tears, again. The President strode over to where I was sitting and in a broken voice said, "Jim.....I am SO sorry. He is such a wonderful dog. There is no excuse for what happened to you. And to him."

As I started to say that I "wasn't going to say anything" again, the room nearly burst with everyone trying to talk at once. The discussion that followed was both eye-opening and of valuable purpose. Many came up tome in tears, with hugs and apologies.

I am a very private and shy person, not given to sharing my deepest feelings easily. This had been an incredibly difficult thing for me to do, but in honor of my Veteran and all the others out there, I felt it must be done.

Was it worth it?

When *Mr. Smith* took his lovely 12 1/2 year old dog (neutered due to testicular cancer) into the ring, our entire membership remained - and applauded and "whooped and hollered" him with every move. The Judge moved to the center of the ring on his final go round and applauded, as did her ring stewards. Others nearby, watching other breeds, came over and remarked on how wonderful it was to see a Veteran being treated like that. Many, (Including me) asked to take his picture. Everyone complimented him and his owners.

If only my old dog had enjoyed such a day...Was it worth it? You tell me...
Sorry for the length of this, but so many in other breeds who heard about what happened have already asked me for a copy of my written paper that I thought perhaps it was something that needed to be shared. Amazing how quickly word spreads amongst us dog people. It's often said "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." But I know one old dog who taught something of great value.
~author unknown

UPCOMING REGIONAL CLUB EVENTS

Pointer Associates of New England – Hunt Test – Saturday, November 6 – 7
Flaherty Field Trial Area, East Windsor, CT
Chair – Susan Gregory
Contact – Deb Freidus – blackthornpt@earthlink.net

Pointer Club of Southern California – Specialty – Saturday, November 5th
Location – Industry Hills Exposition Center, City of Industry, CA
Breed Judge – Richard Powell
Event Chair – Renee Thurber renee@danelen.com
Event Secretary – Susan Bleckley – pointerclubofsocal@gmail.com

RESULTS OF REGIONAL CLUB EVENTS

The results of the Wilderness Pointer Club Specialty will appear in the November newsletter.