

To The Point



Official Publication of the American Pointer Club

March 2023

Officers and Board Members of the American Pointer Club

President – Diane Townsend
Vice President – Susan Bleckley
Recording Secretary – Susan Savage
Corresponding Secretary – Tonya Saksa
Treasurer – Acting Treasurer Susan Bleckley
Delegate to AKC – Danny Seymour

Directors 2022/2023
Debra Freidus
Louis Krokover
Marva Petrequin
Leslie Puppo Rogers

Directors 2023/2024
Jane Johnson
Mick Osman
Angela Schillereff
Hayley Thompson

President's Message

Well, the National is almost here. I hope you got your entries in! Remember to order your apparel, catalogs, banquet dinner, etc. You may have heard that we had some board members resign mostly due to personal reasons, Susan London, Ash Oldfield, and Lisa Lipton. However, they have been replaced and we have added Deb Freidus and Leslie Puppo to the board and Susan Savage is our Recording Secretary. Susan Bleckley is acting treasurer as we look for someone permanently to do the job. If you have any interest in the treasurer's job, please reach out to me or any other board member. Susan has spent countless hours making it so our club members can pay for almost everything on our website and cleaning up the accounting side of things. There is no way we can ever repay her for her time. If you see her at the National, please thank her for everything she does for this club. We are currently working on the 2022 statistics for all the companion, performance, and conformation events. They will be done after the national and we will list the winners in the newsletter as we did last year and hopefully Theresa Lyons will do another Pointer Points as a tribute like last year. If you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to contact me or any of the board members. Remember to always enjoy the journey with your dogs because there are no guarantees in life.
Boiler Up & Hammer Down

Diane Townsend



Welcome to our new members: **Sirka Hennig & Laurent Planchon**

1. Motion to contact Mel Gravely, our Parliamentarian, for clarification on a Point of Order that was called by Louis Krokover Bleckley/Petrequin [20230214-05 PM](#)
2. Motion to approve the Judges Education budget request for \$60.00 Bleckley/Thompson [20230214-07 PM](#)
3. Motion to approve Sunshine Committee Budget for \$500.00 Bleckley/Johnston [20230214-06 PM](#)
4. Motion to approve Historian Budget request for Scanner Osman/Petrequin [20230214-07 PM](#)
5. Motion to have "The AKC Best Practices Finances & the AKC Parent Club Best Practices Finances webinar (02/23) be placed in the APC Archives and scripted within the PPG for the APC Treasurer as a reference resource". Seymour/Krokover [20230214-09 PM](#)
6. Motion to reinstate Jenn Pahl as the chair of the Karen Blasche Memorial Junior Scholarship Committee Bleckley/Savage [20230214-02 CM](#)
7. Motion to approve Hayley Thompson as Gazette Columnist Bleckley/Savage [20230214-03 CM](#)
8. APC Supported Entry – Oklahoma City Kennel Club, May 27, 2023 Bleckley/Osman [20230214-03 EV](#)
9. Motion to approve the spending of not more than \$450.00 to set up Gravity Forms in Membership Works Bleckley/Petrequin [20230214-10 PM](#)
10. Motion to approve payment of \$430.00 for QuickBooks by February 18, 2023 Petrequin/Savage [20230214-11 PM](#)
11. Motion to change crate tags to medallions in PPG. Seymour Bleckley [20230214-12 pm](#)
12. Motion to give Susan Bleckley permission to correct the accounting in Quick Books under the Purina and Health, Judges Education, Public Health Banner Petrequin/Osman [20230214-13 PM](#)

2023 National Specialty Important Information

All approved APC mentors who are interested in presenting Judges Education seminars and would like to attend a 45 min. "presenters' workshop" at the National Specialty in Perry, GA at 2:00 pm Friday April 14, 2023, contact Danny Seymour (APC Judges Ed. Chair) no later than Friday April 7th

Danny may be reached at : tapestryhall@aol.com

2023 Annual Meeting

The 2023 Annual Meeting will take place on Friday, April 14th in the Multi-Purpose Building on the grounds of the Perry Cluster. The tellers (Maggie Platt & Sarah Terns) will be stationed at the ring gate at 7:30 PM to greet you and check you off the membership list. The meeting will start promptly at 8:00 PM.

Multi-Venue Program

Every Pointer who participates in two or more venues shall be eligible to receive a medallion.

There are 3 total venues: Field (Field Trial & Hunt Test), Companion (Obedience/Rally/Agility), & Conformation.

MVP Bronze for 2 venues

MVP Silver for 3 venues

MVP Gold for 4 venues

In addition, any Pointer that participates in at least two venues & qualifies in at least 1 event is eligible to receive the MVP rosette. Supplemental ribbon tabs will be added to the rosette for dogs who earn a Q/placement per each venue qualified. A maximum of 1 qualifying ribbon tab per venue will be added.

Qualifiers are defined as:

Field venue: Placement in a field trial class or qualifying score in the Hunt Test

Obedience/Rally/Agility: Qualifying score

Qualifying Score Conformation: BOB, BOS, SD, SB, AOM, WD, WB or winning any conformation class (with competition)

at the National Specialty. MVP Committee Chair: Susan Bleckley Committee members: Diane Townsend, Sarah Terns MVP Participants must register each dog during the APC National Specialty with one of the committee members to track each dog's participation and achievements. Awards will be available for pickup at the Annual Awards dinner.

Any questions feel free to contact Susan Bleckley – vicepresident@americanpointerclub.org

REGISTERED NAME	AKC NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH	BREEDER	OWNER
-----------------	------------	---------------	---------	-------

DATE	EVENT	PARTICIPATED IN PLEASE CHECK BOX	STATE QUALIFYING SCORE	DESCRIPTION	
	CONFIRMATION				
	OBEDIENCE				
	RALLY				
	AGILITY				
	HUNT TEST				
	FIELD TRIAL				

Qualifies in at least 1 event receives a rosette. Supplemental ribbons will be added to the rosette for dogs who earn a Q/placement per each venue qualified. A maximum of one qualifying ribbon per venue will be added

For the 2023 National Specialty the field trial and hunt test events will count towards your multivenue award. Just email the form to Susan Bleckley and she will see that you received your ribbon, et

PURINA PARENT CLUB PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (PPCP)

The American Pointer Club, Inc. participates in the PPCP program to earn funding for canine health studies, education, research and rescue efforts that will benefit our POINTERS. For information about joining and becoming a Purina Pro Club Member and designating your American Pointer Club as your designee go to:

<https://www.purinaproclub.com/member-application>

Effective July 31, 2018 Purina discontinued the acceptance of weight circles and has adopted a receipt scan process. This makes it much easier and faster to have points posted into your account.

For every \$100 of qualifying points by members Purina donates \$10 to our fund through the PPCP program. Purina, AKC and the Canine Health Foundation work together to help parent clubs address and prioritize health issues affecting our Pointers and areas not previously funded.

Here's how it works:

Points are accumulated throughout a calendar year, and in June a check representing 10% of the value of submitted receipts for the year are evenly split. 50% will go to the Canine Health Foundation in the name of the American Pointer Club and is designated as the APC Donor Advisory Fund and will be specifically directed for research of Pointer health issues. The remaining 50% will be issued to the American Pointer Club and is to be used only for education, research and/or rescue efforts as designated by the Club.

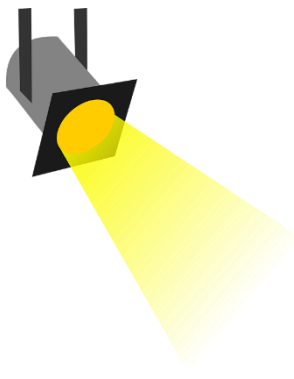
Your participation helps to provide public education, scholarships, health clinics, seminars, judges education and other programs that fall under the PPCP guidelines. So, if you feed Purina Pro Plan products please help make these and future programs available.

You must be a Purina Pro Club member to participate. Pro Club members must individually declare the participation in the program and identify the American Pointer Club as their national parent breed club by calling Purina Pro Club toll-free at 1-877-776-2582 from 7 am to 5 pm CST-Monday - Friday, or by registering at

<https://www.purinadogclub.com/member-application>

More information can also be found on our website at: <http://www.americanpointerclub.org/supports-of-Purina-pro-club/>





Marva Petrequin is APC's New Volunteer Coordinator

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

In response to the Membership survey that was done at the end of 2022 the Board saw a consistent theme. Multiple comments recommended we consider better ways to facilitate members to volunteer. The Board has approved a Volunteer Coordinator with the hopes that we can answer some of your concerns.

Marva Petrequin will be working on developing a network of volunteers as needed by the American Pointer Club based on you as a member, your skills, talents and most importantly your interests. No worries, most volunteer positions need more "interest"

than skills, and, with more volunteers, not excessive amounts of your time.

The sports we love doing with our dogs exist ONLY because of volunteers. If you enjoy those events and want to experience them in the future, then please volunteer. There are many layers to put on an event or work of a committee. Even if you think you are inexperienced your time and talents can be used and there are some great people to help you get started in the right direction.

Participation in our Pointer Clubs, both nationally, and regionally depend solely on volunteers to make events happen and our Clubs work. Your Clubs needs you!

Frequently we hear and was echoed in the member survey that it is always the same people "in charge"-the current volunteers, so now is the time to step up and make a difference. There will come a time when they won't be able, so help build the future of the American Pointer Club.

Let us know your interests, learn some new skills, have some fun with great people who share your love of your dogs and all that we can do with our wonderful Pointers.

We will be compiling a list of members who are willing to volunteer. Please send your contact info, interests, skills, available times - seasonal or year round, activities, projects. Any information to get you participating in the way that suits you. WE NEED YOU!! Send your info to Marva at pointgold@netzero.net

We are also looking at launching a volunteer page on our website in the upcoming months so watch for that to debut too. We will keep you posted on its status.

Needed now:

Public Education Chair- this person will help to coordinate volunteers and their canine ambassadors at events across the country such as "AKC's Meet the Breeds" and other events that might showcase our Breed. Make resources available to volunteers as needed complying with current policies and guidelines of the American Pointer Club.

There are two (2) MEET THE BREED events scheduled by AKC later in the year. If you and your Pointers are in the area and would like to volunteer:

CHICAGO, IL in conjunction with the International Kennel Club of Chicago show August 26-27, 2023

COLUMBUS, OH on October 14, 2023

If you have interest in any of the above, please contact Marva at pointgold@netzero.net

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!



MEET OUR NEWEST LIFETIME MEMBER – JULIE PULLAN

I fell in love with Pointers on a trip to England to visit my mother-in-law. She bred and exhibited Pointers in her younger years and had a lovely black and white boy bred by Cicely Robertshaw of the famous Crookrise Pointers. I acquired my first Pointer in 1997 and it did not take me long to become smitten with the breed.

I have been fortunate to have some good mentors in the breed as well as some wonderful dogs that have been BIS and BISS winners.

I enjoy running my dogs in the field and am proud that all of my dogs have working titles as well as conformation titles

AKC Delegate Meeting ~ March 2023

[AKC Board of Directors Class of 2027](#)

At the annual meeting of the American Kennel Club on March 14, 2023, the Delegates elected members to the AKC Board of Directors. The Directors elected were:

Class of 2027

- Charles Garvin, Delegate, Dalmatian Club of America
- Steven Hamblin, Delegate, Pekingese Club of America
- Daniel J. Smyth, Esq., Delegate, Burlington County Kennel Club

In addition, Dr. Thomas M. Davies (Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.) was reelected as the Chairman of the Board and Dominic Palleschi Carota (Pharaoh Hound Club of America) was reelected as Vice Chairman of the Board at a meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, convened after the Delegates Meeting.

[AKC Meet the Breeds](#)

After a wildly successful event in New York, the next AKC Meet the Breeds are in Chicago, IL (August 26th-27th), in conjunction with the International Kennel Club show and then to Columbus, OH on October 14th. APC is working to have representation at both of these events. Volunteers are needed so if you are interested please contact President Townsend or any APC Board member. Thank You!

[General Meeting Items:](#)

- Two new clubs admitted to AKC / Gloucester KC of VA & Chinook Club of American
- President, Dennis Sprung reported / 25,178 events with 3.5 million entries in 2022 or 6% >
- Registration increased in 2022 with 187,000 new breeder registrations
- Canine Health Foundation Bi-Annual conference will be in St. Louis , August 11-13, 2023

Up coming discussion items at the June 2023 Delegates Committee Meetings & Delegates Meeting:

- Should AKC Delegate judges be permitted to charge a fee for judging? (Currently they may not)
- Several Show Superintendents are not contracting with Parent Club's to do their National Specialties.
Indicating low entries, higher labor costs and availability and a small per cent of profit for such events.

As always, full minutes of all committee and AKC Delegates meeting are available on the AKC website @ www.akc.org

Respectfully submitted,

Danny D. Seymour

APC Delegate to AKC



2023 AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
JUDGING PANEL NOW AVAILABLE

December 16-17, 2023

Best in Show – Mr. Clay Coady
Best in Bred By – Mr. Terry Stacy
Best Bred by Sporting Group – Mr. Dana Cline
Sporting Group - SPORTING – Ms. Pluis Davern

SPORTING GROUP	BREED ASSIGNMENTS
Dr. Daniel W. Dowling	Barbets, Setters (English), Setters (Gordon), Setters (Irish), Setters (Irish Red and White), Spaniels (Boykin), Spaniels (English Cocker), Spaniels (Irish Water), Spaniels (Sussex)
Mr. Charles Olvis	Brittanys
Elizabeth “Beth” Sweigart	Bracchi Italiani, Lagotti Romagnoli, Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes, Retrievers (Curly-Coat), Retrievers (Flat-Coat), Spaniels (American Water), Spaniels (Field), Spinone Italiani, Weimaraners
Ms. Lisa E. Weiss	Pointers, Retrievers (Labrador), Spaniels (English Springer)
Dr. Jose Luis Payro	Pointers (German Shorthaired), Pointers (German Wirehaired), Retrievers (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling), Spaniels (Welsh Springer), Vizslas
Sheila Polk	Retrievers (Chesapeake Bay), Spaniels (Clumber)
Mrs. Victoria Seiler-Cushman	Retrievers (Golden)
Mr. Jon R. Cole	Spaniels (Cocker – all varieties), Wirehaired Pointing Griffons, Wirehaired Vizslas

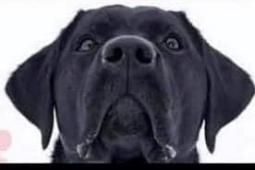
Veterinary Tidbits

THE FDA IS WARNING DOG OWNERS

The FDA released the following list of dog food brands named most frequently in dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM)

- Acana (67 cases)
- Zignature (64 cases)
- Taste of the Wild (53 cases)
- 4Health (32 cases)
- Earthborn Holistic (32 cases)
- Blue Buffalo (31 cases)
- Nature's Domain (29 cases)
- Fromm (24 cases)
- Merrick (16 cases)
- California Natural (15 cases)
- Natural Balance (15 cases)
- Orijen (12 cases)
- Nature's Variety (11 cases)
- NutriSource (10 cases)
- Nutro (10 cases)
- Rachel Ray Nutrish (10 cases)

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO FDA.GOV



The following is from the [Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine Website](#)

Canine Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM)

CAUSE: Canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) is a primary disease of cardiac muscle that results in a decreased ability of the heart to generate pressure to pump blood through the vascular system. The definitive cause of canine DCM is the subject of debate, although a number of factors including nutritional, infectious, and genetic predisposition have been implicated. The fact that canine DCM occurs at a higher incidence in specific breeds suggests a heritable genetic component to this disease, although it is likely that its etiology is multifactorial. Breeds predisposed to DCM include the Doberman Pinscher, the Great Dane, the Boxer, and the Cocker Spaniel. Dietary carnitine deficiency may play a role in some cases of Boxer DCM, and taurine responsive DCM has been identified in Cocker Spaniels.

CLINICAL SIGNS: DCM is characterized by dilation of the ventricles with ventricular wall thinning. In many cases, dilation of all four chambers of the heart is seen. The

ability of the heart to serve as a pump is diminished, and clinical signs of DCM occur secondary to either decreased delivery of oxygenated blood to the body (lethargy, weakness, weight loss, collapse), or to congestion of blood in the lungs (coughing, increased respiratory rate and/or effort, abdominal distention) or both. Cardiac dilation, decreased oxygen supply, and increased oxygen demand secondary to elevated heart rate and ventricular wall stress may predispose to the development of cardiac arrhythmias arising in either the atria (atrial fibrillation, supraventricular tachycardia) or in the ventricles (ventricular premature complexes, ventricular tachycardia). Arrhythmias may predispose affected dogs to sudden death.

DIAGNOSIS: DCM is diagnosed by echocardiography, which demonstrates the chamber dilation and indices of decreased pump function characteristic of the disease. Thoracic radiography is useful to evaluate pulmonary (lung) tissue and vessels, and may show evidence of fluid accumulation in the lungs (pulmonary edema) or around the lungs (pleural effusion). Electrocardiography may be used to characterize heart rhythm and to rule out arrhythmias; and in some cases, a 24 hour electrocardiogram ([Holter monitor](#)) may be recommended to more accurately characterize cardiac rhythm.

TREATMENT: Treatment of DCM is directed at improving systolic (pump) function of the heart, dilating the peripheral blood vessels to decrease ventricular workload, eliminating pulmonary congestion if present, and controlling heart rate and cardiac arrhythmias if present. These treatment goals are addressed by the administration of cardiac medications, which may be delivered by injection in emergent situations, or orally in patients that are more sta