

# To The Point



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## President's Message

Well, the National is over and in the books for another year. Congratulations to all the winners! I hope you had a good time if you were able to attend. It's always good to reconnect with friends, make new friends, and hang out with your dogs. It's like a tailgate party where everyone's favorite team is the Pointer. The 2024 National will be in Doswell, VA, home of Secretariat, so keep your eyes open for information in the future.

I want to thank those board members that did attend the national for all their hard work. I was unable to attend as I had my 2<sup>nd</sup> knee replaced just 2 weeks before the national. I especially want to thank Leslie Puppo for taking care of the ribbons for me. I also want to thank Susan Bleckley for stepping in to do my presidential duties along with being our acting treasurer.

We are currently working on the 2022 statistics for all the companion and performance 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.

I would like to take a moment to remember two members of our club that passed away prior to the National, Anne Cullen-Tormey and Tere Dillingham Woody. It's always sad to have a friend pass away that you have known for a long time. Please take time to enjoy your friends because you never know what tomorrow will bring or take away.

If you have any concerns or questions, don't hesitate to contact myself 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

## Vice- President's Message

I would like to thank Maggie Platt for being our teller at the 2023 Annual Membership meeting. A thank you also to all those board members and members who attended. We know you have a busy schedule and you still took the time to come and participate. Unfortunately, we were short just 3 members for a quorum so the meeting was immediately closed after the tellers report.

As sitting President, informally, I did share some board concerns and also received some membership concerns. There were wonderful comments and suggestions which were documented to take back to the entire board. Details are included on the minutes page. As always for over 50 years it is my honor and privilege to serve those who hold the "Pointer" in such high esteem.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Bleckley  
Vice Presiden



Motion to accept the resignation of Susan London as Recording Secretary [20230314-17a PM](#)

Motion to accept the resignation of Ashleigh Oldfield as Board Member and Public Ed Chairman  
[20230314-17b PM](#)

Motion to accept Susan Savage as Recording Secretary [20230314-18 PM](#)

Motion to accept Debra Freidus to replace Susan Savage on the BOD [20230314-19 PM](#)

Motion to accept Leslie Puppo Rogers to replace Ash Oldfield on the BOD [20230314-20 PM](#)

Motion to add Susan Savage to the BofA Bank Account [20230314-21 PM](#)

Motion to put cash in the envelopes of Futurity Class winners up to \$300 instead of a check [20230314-22 PM](#)

Motion to change the deadline date to receive a CHIC nomination from February 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31 of every year.  
[20230314-23 PM](#)

Motion to approve Marva Petrequin as Volunteer Coordinator for APC [20230314-24 PM](#)

Motion that Danny Seymour will acquire trophies for BOB, BOS in Sweeps & Veteran Sweeps, BOB, BOS Futurity and Maturity [20230314-25 PM](#)

## INTERESTING 2023 NATIONAL SPECIALTY FACTS

### ENTRIES BY STATE

Canada & Others	11
Massachusetts	4
Connecticut	6
New Jersey	10
Pennsylvania	7
Maryland	4
Virginia	5
West Virginia	1
North Carolina	16
South Carolina	10
Georgia	1
Florida	13
Alabama	3
Tennessee	2
Mississippi	2
Kentucky	3
Ohio	7
Indiana	4
Michigan	7
Wisconsin	3
Minnesota	5
Illinois	3
Nebraska	5
Louisiana	2
Arkansas	4
Texas	1
Colorado	6
California	3
Washington	3

# 2024 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

March 28-30, 2024

Doswell, VA

## NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGES

**Futurity – Cheryl Buchanan - March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Sweepstakes – Tammy Albee - March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Breed – Wayne Cavanaugh – March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Junior Showmanship – TBD**

**Field Trial – March 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>    Hunt Test - March 26<sup>th</sup>**

### Karen Blasche Junior Memorial Scholarship Winner



O'Malley McGee

I am a sophomore at Auburn University majoring in Wildlife Ecology and Management. I showed a pointer in juniors and to her Silver grand championship. She and I won numerous scholarships including making it to the junior finals at Royal Canin twice and at Westminster. I have finished 4 champions from my co-bred litter from the bred-by class and 5 finishing total. I am showing two bred by here at the national this week along with my veteran junior dog and my bred by special.

### 2023 CHIC Award Winner

**GCH Southern Springpoint What Will People Say JH BCAT CGC FITS**

**Owned by Cynthia Brink**

Clearances: OFA Excellent Hips & Elbows, Thyroid; Eye & Cardio

Meisje was nominated at the age of four with numerous titles, nearly GCH Bronze. Meisje exemplifies the Pointer even temperament in both the field and home; one of the first dogs to receive Fit Dog Silver.

IABCA International Champion, multiple groups placing.

UKC Show Champion, Multiple BIS and RBIS, #8 Pointer 2021

AKC NOHS Lifetime Bronze & Silver, Top #10 NOHS Pointer 2019-2021, Puppy of Achievement

Exclusively owner handled.





**We are pleased to share that the video “Meet the Breeds in the Field” has been added to the Canine College and is available for viewing. This video features 15 Pointing breeds, discussing the major physical characteristics of each breed (form), followed by an amazing video of each breed working in the field (function). The video is approximately 45 minutes in length and should be a must see for all current and prospective Sporting breed judges. To view the video it may be accessed from the “video” tab within the Canine College.**

### **AKC April 2023 Updates to Clubs**

**Rally Choice – New Rally Class – Effective June 29, 2023** This class is required to be offered at all regular Rally trials. The Rally Choice class will be added to the panels of all Rally trials held on or after June 29, 2023.

**Elimination of Ownership Requirement in Junior Showmanship Made Permanent** The AKC Board of Directors approved a pilot program at their May 2022 meeting, which eliminates the requirement that a junior handler be an owner of the dog they are exhibiting. The pilot program has been positively received. The pilot program will remain in effect until July 1, 2023, when a permanent revision of the Junior Showmanship Regulations will become effective.

## **More Opportunities in 2023**



**If your club has held 2 specialties or has 2 specialties scheduled in 2023, do not forget AKC policy now allows AKC Specialty Clubs to hold up to 4 specialties a year or 5 specialties if one is in conjunction with the breed's National Specialty.**

### **Why this is important:**

**This gives Specialty Clubs the opportunity to support their breed!**

## APC SUPPORTED ENTRY RESULTS

### New Brunswick KC - March 25, 2023

#### **Sweepstakes- Judge- Susan London**

Best in Sweeps- Blackthornes Nevermore- Stacey Smit

Best of Opposite- Bookstor Fabello Errol Flynn-Howard & Karen Spey and Ash Oldfield

#### **Breed Judge- Ms. Denys Janssen**

BOB & GR 1- GCH Aspyre Cat Got Your Tongue= Howard & Karen Spey & Dr. William & Tina Truesdale

BOS- GCHB-Seasyde's Heart of Rock N Roll JH BN- Lisa Canfield & Helyne Medeiros

BOW- Solivia Luftnase Hush, Hush at Onsage- Brody & Margaret Cavanaugh

WD- Bookstor Fabello Errol Flynn-Howard & Karen Spey and Ash Oldfield

RWD- Majesty Bark at the Moon- Jean & Daniel Smith

WB- Solivia Luftnase Hush, Hush at Onsage- Brody & Margaret Cavanaugh

RWB- Blackthornes Nevermore- Stacey Smit

Select Dog- Penzance Racecity on Solid Ground- Cheryl & David Gerzabek & Sarah Terns & Maggie Platt

Select Bitch- Ch. Blackthorne N Tahari Lunar Eclipse at Broadway- Peggy & John Albee Jr. & Frank DePaulo & Debra Freidus

OHBOB- Solivia Luftnase Hush, Hush at Onsage- Brody & Margaret Cavanaugh

## APC Specialty Supported Entries at National Specialty

### Sample of Supported Entry Trophies at the National Specialty



Results on next page

### **Atlanta Kennel Club – April 12, 2023**

#### **Breed Judge – Jason Hoke**

BOB/GR1/BIS - GCH Aspyre Cat Got Your Tongue - Owners: Howard & Karen Spey & Dr. William & Tina Truesdale  
BOS - CH Tahari N Clearcreek Spirit in the Night – Owners: Linda Cayton, Jenn Irwin, Frank DePaulo  
SEL – GCHG CH Solivia’s Defining Moment at Playlist Owners: Sebastian & Kimberly Lourier, Parker Lourier  
SEL – CH HH Min View Rain or Shine at Solivia – Owners: D & K Brown, A Tormey, J Hynes, E Shupp  
WD/BOW/BBY – Solivia’s Freiheit “N Suncrest Promises Promises – Owners: Dennis & Katey Brown, Anne Tormey, Greg Speeks  
RWD – Seasyde Rapture of Zephyr - Owners: Brittan Carella, K Carella, J Griffith, H Medeiros  
WB – Sstarr Malmason The One Where No Ones Ready – Owners Cynthis Nordskog, L Starr, B Kriven, O’Malley McGee  
RWB – Southern Oldtown 7<sup>th</sup> Color of the Rainbow – Owners Tina McDonnell, Elizabeth Stocker, Lydia Frey  
BOBOH/OHG!/RBISOH – CH Southern Where Did My Manner Go? – Owners: Tina McDonnell & Lydia Frey

### **Valdosta Kennel Club – April 13, 2023**

#### **Breed Judge – Danny Seymour**

BOB/Gr2 - GCH Aspyre Cat Got Your Tongue - Owners: Howard & Karen Spey & Dr. William & Tina Truesdale  
BOS - GCHG CH Solivia’s Defining Moment at Playlist Owners: Sebastian & Kimberly Lourier, Parker Lourier  
SEL - CH Tahari N Clearcreek Spirit in the Night – Owners: Linda Cayton, Jenn Irwin, Frank DePaulo  
SEL – CH HH Mtn View Rain or Shine at Solivia – Owners: D & K Brown, A Tormey, J Hynes, E Schupp  
WD – Coralwood Kanix the Closer – Owners: Sally Barton, Allison Sparks  
RWD – Starstrk Alydar Mr. Misunderstood – Owners: Elisabeth Delponte, K Reisenweaver, M Huston  
WB/BOW – HH Shine Bright Like a Diamond at Mtn View – Owners: Ed & Kelly Schupp, Dan & Natalie Zeamer  
RWB – Majesty a Thousand Wishes – Owners: Jean & Dan Smith  
BBY/G2 – Sstarr Malmason the One at the Beach – Owners: Lisa Starr, B Kirven, O’Malley McGee  
BOBOH – GCH CH HH Wynot at Flint in Heavy Cover – Owners: Karen Gaupp & K Shorter

### **Valdosta Kennel Club – April 14, 2023**

#### **Breed Judge – Ms Kimberly Anne Meredith**

BOB/Gr3 - GCH Aspyre Cat Got Your Tongue - Owners: Howard & Karen Spey & Dr. William & Tina Truesdale  
BOS -CH Tahari N Clearcreek Spirit in the Night – Owners: Linda Cayton, Jenn Irwin, Frank DePaulo  
SEL - GCHG CH Solivia’s Defining Moment at Playlist Owners: Sebastian & Kimberly Lourier, Parker Lourier  
SEL – GCHS Daykeyne I Have A Secret – Owners: D Nimmons=Marvin & Tabatha Buckley-Bettis & Mark Bettis  
WD – Majesty Bark At The Moon – Owners: Dan & Jean Smith  
RWD- Seasyde Papture of Zephyr – Owners: Brittany Carella, K Carella, J Griffith, H Medeiros  
WB/BW – Majesty All Eyez On Me – Owners: Dan & Jean Smith  
BBY/G2  
WB/BW – Majesty All Eyez On Me – Owners: Dan & Jean Smith