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President's Message

Well, summer is coming to an end faster than we would like as always. I hope you have enjoyed your summer spending time with family, friends, and your dogs. Hopefully, you have completed any projects that you might have planned to do. If you are going to shows, good luck and remember to have fun showing your Pointer in whatever venue you choose. Remember, the 2024 National will be in Doswell, VA, home of Secretariat, so keep your eyes open for information in the future.

The nominating committee has completed their task and the slate has been emailed out to everyone. It takes a village with a common goal to keep things moving in a positive direction for our club. I appreciate their time and efforts. There are many longtime members in our club that have a lot of knowledge about the club, dog shows, breeding, etc. Don't hesitate to ask them questions because we can learn so much from them.

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



Motion to approve moving \$30,000 into a BofA Business Savings Account

[20230808-41 PM](#)

Motion to approve Pointer Club of Southern California – Specialty, November 4, 2023

[20230808-12 EV](#)

Motion to approve Wilderness Pointer Club Field Trial – October 13-15, 2023 [20230808-13 EV](#)

Motion to approve APC Specialty October 1, 2025 Morris and Essex Kennel Club. [20230808-14 EV](#)

It is with great sadness to inform the members that Lifetime Member Ann Zapun (Taunton Bay) Pointers passed away suddenly. Ann joined the club in 1989 and became a Lifetime Member in 2014. She was also a member of the Pointer Associates of New England. She is survived by her husband Paul.

2024 NATIONAL SPECIALTY LOGO NEEDED

The 2024 National Specialty needs a logo. We have lots of talented artistic members. Please consider submitting a logo design. The National will be held in Doswell Va. Birthplace of the famous Secretariat.

Logo should be no more than four (4) colors. Submit your design to Claire Abraham by September 7



2024 Nominating Committee Results

The results of the nominating committee were emailed to the membership on Sunday, August 27th. If you did not receive the email or have any questions, please contact Susan Savage at recordingsecretary@americanpointerclub.org.

APC needs volunteers!

AKC and the American Dog Show Judges Association is sponsoring Judges Education seminars and hands-on for several Sporting breeds during the AKC National show week in Orlando in December. The American Pointer Club was invited to participate and APC Judges Education Chair, Danny Seymour will present the seminar and hands-on.

**Tuesday December 12, 2023
3:30 pm
Orange County Convention Center**

Six Pointers are needed for the Hands-on portion of the seminar which lasts 60 minutes.

Please contact Danny Seymour if you plan to be in Orlando at that time and are willing to volunteer you and your Pointer for the Hands-On portion of the seminar.

Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay is holding their all-breed show on Tuesday December 12 and the Pointer judge is Ms. Ainslee Marie Carius from Australia.

You may contact Danny at; tapestryhall@aol.com or by cell at 724-454-7795



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES THE CREATION OF THE 'AKC PUREBRED PRESERVATION BANK'

By [Jessica Rice](#)

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The American Kennel Club (AKC®), a not-for-profit organization, the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, is pleased to announce the formation of the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank, a 501 C3, not-for-profit canine genetic material repository primarily focused on frozen semen.

The mission of the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank (AKCPPB) is to ensure the viability of purebred dogs both now and in the future, particularly in low population breeds. While coordinating efforts with non-profit breed-specific clubs, the AKCPPB will educate breeders, clubs, and the public about the importance of safeguarding frozen semen and protecting purebred dog breeds for future decades.

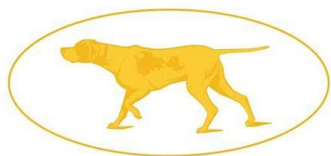
The project began in 2021, with the recommendation from AKC's President and CEO Dennis B. Sprung that AKC explore establishing a frozen semen program which would increase gene pools, ensure saving of quality producers, and make it easy for each Parent Club to take this step for their breed. There is no cost to the owner/donor or Parent Club to donate genetic material.

“The preservation of purebred dogs is at the core of the AKC's mission,” said Dr. Charles Garvin, Chairman of the AKCPPB. “Preserving the genetic materials of our dogs, via frozen semen, will undoubtedly prove valuable for breed preservation, reducing the risk of extinction in breeds with lower popularity and allow us to do the important work of improving our breeds. The AKC is pleased to offer this valuable service and look forward to the many ways it will enhance the legacy of our beloved breeds.”

Preservation of genetic material is not just for the breeds with lower-than-average levels of breeding activity. Any breed could be susceptible to genetic bottlenecks or difficulties as the discovery of new diseases emerges or other crises arise. Storing diverse genetic material could address unknown future health concerns and rejuvenate breeding programs.

To learn more about the AKCPPB, please visit: <https://akcppb.org>

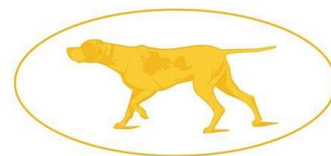
Westminster Kennel Club Judges for 2024



Best in Show – Mrs. Roselind Kramer

Sporting Group – Mr. David Kittredge

Pointer Breed Judge – Gerardo Bernard



Ch Pennine Prima Donna – Ward Blinks

Congratulations to Diana Chan on receiving her third AKC Veterinary Outreach Scholarship



Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine student, Diana Chan, V24 (she/her), received an AKC scholarship for the third consecutive year, in the amount of \$5,000. The award aims to support individuals with backgrounds in AKC events and programs seeking to promote animal health and medicine.

Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC vice president of sport services, applauds this year's winners. "These students have not only shown their dedication to bettering the lives of animals through their study of animal health and medicine, but they've also balanced it with AKC events and more, rising above the challenge ... we're excited to see the difference they make in the world of veterinary medicine."

Diana Chan, V24, earns third AKC Veterinary Outreach Scholarship

Born in Hartford, Connecticut and raised in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, Diana was among two students to receive an AKC Scholarship for the third consecutive year. After taking a dog handling class at a young age, Diana later became a handler, showing dogs in junior showmanship and in the breed ring.

She gained experience working for a professional handler during the summers and went to Australia after graduating from high school to serve as a handler. She is also an AKC junior showmanship judge and thankful to the Windham County Kennel Club for sponsoring the scholarship and appreciative of AKC's continued support.

"My involvement with the AKC has truly shaped the woman I am today," says Chan. "Showing dogs and working in the handling business has given me confidence and helped me to face and overcome personal challenges."

In addition to her coursework, Diana worked part-time at a small animal general practice prior to the start of clinical rotations in the spring.

She also volunteered for a week through Rural Area Veterinary Service (RAVS) in South Dakota as a vet student after two previous volunteer stints as a technician. RAVS offers free veterinary care to companion animals on native American reservations. She plans to spend two weeks in Ecuador this coming March offering free veterinary care to companion animals. This program is sponsored by the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine.

Diana holds an associate degree in veterinary technology from Northwestern Connecticut Community College and a B.S. in animal science from the University of Connecticut.

After graduation, she plans to move back to Connecticut and return to the privately-owned small animal general practice, where she has gained much experience. "I started at this hospital as an extern in 2017 and worked there as a certified vet technician prior to enrolling at Cummings School. I have wonderful mentors and supportive colleagues there that I would be honored to work with again."



APC EVENT RESULTS

APC Supported Entry -Simi Valley Kennel Club = August 25, 2023

Breed Judge – Mrs. Polly Smith

BOB/G3 – GCHS Aspyre Cat Got Ur Tongue – Owners: Dr Howard Spey, Karen Spey, Dr. William Truesdale, Tina Truesdale.

Select – Ch Royal’s California Dreaming JH – Owners: Louis Krokover, Dr. Dana Bleifer, Bianc Bleifer-Fragoulis

WB – Finley Farm’s Kiss Me Deadly – Owners: Bernice Jensen, Doug King. Stacy Weatherford.

RWB – Tahari N Clearcreek’s Whatever Will Bee at Solivia – Owners: Bernice Jensen, Katey & Dennis Brown, Doug King.

UPCOMING APC AND REGIONAL CLUB OCTOBER EVENTS

American Pointer Club National Field Trial Championship – October 4-8, 2023, Mingos Sportsman Club, Bloomingdale, OH

Wilderness Pointer Club – Field Trial – October 13-15, 2023, State River Farm, Dillwyn, VA

Pointer Associates of New England – Field Trial – October 21-22, 2023, East Windsor, CT