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Fall 2003

Calendar of Regional Specialties

WE RODE THE WAVE.....

Specialties are listed by the month they have been held.

If no judges are listed, the specialty is not set for 2004.

JANUARY - None		29 Breeders' Cup , G Detroit AHC	
		TBA	AHBC
FEBRUARY -		Betty Richards	Breed
7 Nutmeg AHC -		30 Greater Detroit AHC	
Jay Hafford	Breed	Gene Vaccaro	Breed
James Blanchard	Sweeps	Bruce Clark	Sweeps
8 AHALong Island -		JUNE -	
Peter Machen	Breed	Evergreen AHC	
Dale Henry	Sweeps	AHCGreater Chicago	
12 AHCGDenver -		G Pittsburgh AHC	
Abbe Shaw	Breed	JULY -	
Rudy Ayala	Sweeps	Finger Lakes AHC	
26 AHCGPhoenix -		AHCGreaterPortland	
Doug Gaudin	Breed	Monterey Bay AHC	
Penny Whitaker	Sweeps	AHCGreater Milwaukee	
MARCH -		AUGUST -	
6 TidewaterAHC		G Twin Cities AHC (not 2004)	
Richard Souza	Breed	Mid West AHC	
Jim Prosapio	Sweeps	SEPTEMBER -	
7 RichmondAHC		AHCG Denver II	
Chris Kaiser	Breed	Tara AHCOA	
Brigitte Kaiser	Sweeps	OCTOBER -	
APRIL -		G Twin CitiesAHC 2004	
16 Potomac AHC -		Lehigh ValleyAHC	
Colleen Khoury	Breed	Northern California AHC	
Alicia Morrison Jones	Sweeps	National 2004 - see page 11	
18 AHCSW Ohio		NOVEMBER -	
Kent Delaney	Breed	AHC Memphis	
TBA	Sweeps	AHCG Houston	
AHCGColumbus		Southern ArizonaAHA	
30 AHCNNNew Jersey		AHC Omaha	
Lynda Race	Breed	DECEMBER - None	
Dean D'Aquila	Sweeps		
MAY -			
AHCCalifornia			
Colonial AHC			
AHCSt. Louis			
AHC Dallas			

We almost did! The wind and the rain predicted came on schedule but was not as severe as it might have been. Rain for Sweeps and wind for Best of Breed came separately and judging proceeded without a hitch.

Saturday - Lure Coursing
Results from akc.org

Lure Coursing Trial Stakes

[Open AFGHAN HOUNDS R A Figg D Como](#) (9 Starters)

1st [CH Shekinah Prima Donna JC](#),
M Ross/L Stoffels/M Ross (**5 points**)

2nd [Lenobel Sofisticatd Siloette JC](#),
J Lenobel/B Lenobel (**3 points**)

3rd [Shekinah King Richard JC](#),
M Ross/L Stoffels/M Ross (**2 points**)

4th [My Ways' Martial Law JC](#),
M Giordano/D Giordano

5th [Pam-Mel Penhebogyydd SC](#),
N Mayfield

[Special AFGHAN HOUNDS](#)

[R A Figg](#) [D Como](#) (3 Starters)

1st [DC Tamrick Xanadu High](#)
[Treason MC LCX](#), H Alderson/R
Brown (**5 points**)

2nd [DC Tamrick's Forgery MC](#), R
Brown

3rd [DC Llacue's Malaguena SC](#),
M Trifiro/D Lake/M Cuevas/J Llano

Lure Coursing Test Stakes

Qualify D Como (11 Starters)

Dragonfire's Irrepressible, M Morris
Dragonfire's Kitchen Witch M Morris
Elmo's Enter The Dragon, K Marzak
P Belmont
Evensong Barber Of Seville,
F Beerman/J Beerman
Llague's Aloof Zero Tolerance,
M Ross/M Ross/J Llano/M Cuevas
Pahlavi Witch Doctor, S Greer
K Wagner

Lure Coursing Test Stakes

Qualify R A Figg (9 Starters)

Dragonfire's Irrepressible, M Morris
Dragonfire's Kitchen Witch, M Morris
Dragonfly Bravissimo, K Pugh
Elmo's Enter The Dragon, K Marzak/
P Belmont
Evensong Barber Of Seville,
F Beerman/J Beerman
Evensong Clair De Lune,
M Trifiro/D Lake
Llague's Aloof Zero Tolerance,
M Ross/M Ross/J Llano/M Cuevas
CH Triplicity Encore Billy The Kid,
W Dennis/P Yeloushan

AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA

Oct 11 2003 Warwick, RI Entry: 15
AFGHAN HOUNDS Judges:Denise
Como,Rita Figg
Open(8,1 NQ)
1.Burton,Shekinah King
Richard,M.&M.Ross/L.Stoffels B32
2.Scirocco,Evensong Bolero,D.Lake/
M.Trifiro 24
3.Quaesar,Evensong Clair De
Lune,M.Trifiro/D.Lake 16
4.Lindsay,Ch.Shekinah Prima
Donna,M.&M.Ross/L.Stoffels 8
N.Karma,Tahkira Give Em
Hell,Trifiro/Lake/Ferguson
Field Champions(4,1 NC)
1.Larson,FC Tamrick's Grand
Larceny,LCX,LCM2,ORC,GRC,
R.Brown
2.Guilty,BII,DC Tamrick Xanadu
High Treason,LCM
2,SC,GRC,ORC,Brown/Alderson 12

3.Taelie,FC Tamrick's
Conspiracy,LCM 2,Harris/Brown 8
4.Tanist,FC Twyshire
Tanist,F.Ch.,SC,N.Mayfield 4

Veteran(1)

1.Pandy,DCLlague'sLa
Traviata,ICM,Trifiro/Lake/Llano/
Cuevas R4

Single(1)

1.Barkie,Aries
Northstar,N.&J.Krysiak

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Sunday Obedience and Agility
Results from Claudia Jakus
AHCA Obedience and Agility Ch.

The performance events this year,
excluding coursing, did not pull a
big entry, but the entry they did pull
certainly offered much entertain-
ment.

Our agility entry pulled 3 dogs for
standard and the same 3 for
jumpers. One entry was unable to
make the National, which we all
know can happen after we have sent
in our entry, and the two remaining
were great competitors, however
neither qualified. Lisa Bryant's dog
did a great job in jumpers for being
his first show. He kept Lisa as well
as the other spectators on pins and
needles as he almost finished the
course and qualified.
Naturally we want all dogs to make a
qualifying score and when no one
qualifies down to the last run we are
all hoping against hope. Loki was
almost there, Lisa was a nervous
wreck and her voice kept getting
higher and higher-low and behold at
the last obstacle-the tire-he just
decided to do that famous halt all e.

afghans know how to do when they
don't want to do something. The
moans from the audience were quite
audible-but that's the way it is in
performance events.

Janet Lenobel put on a great show
with her young dog also. With a little
more training he will ready to go in
no time.

Janet never seemed to get out of
breath as she followed him all over
the course . Both dogs seemed to
enjoy what they were doing and were
having a good time. That's what it's
all about - keeping it fun.

The facility was great - such a great
training facility for both Obedience
and Agillity. A big "thank you" goes
to Kathy Pugh for making the
arrangements and to all those who
came out to help set up and take down
the courses.

Obedience

Obedience pulled a total eentry of 12
- quite a respectable entry for Af-
ghans. It is unfortunate that none of
them qualified, but a big hug goes to
each and every exhibitor for making
the effort to train their dogs in
Obedience. We all know Afghans are
not the easiest to work with. The
judge, James Ashton, certainly had a
sense of humor when it came to
Afghans, but try as he did to have one
qualify it was not to be.

Last year at the National we had for
the first time Sub-Novice which
basically is the same thing as Novice
except that everything is done on a
leash and you cannot qualify from this
class although they are scored and
placements are awarded. This year I
was excited to see we had 4 entries.

All of the dogs performed well.

1st - Sanshee Limahl Kindred Spirit-
Clarissa Skawski
2nd - Myway Young at Heart TriStar-
Deborah Anthonijasz
3rd - Sanshee Limahl Diamond Lil-
Edith Shortt
4th - Ch. Elan Sebring Muscle Beach-
Elizabeth Bryant

I truly know all of these dogs will be attaining the title of Companion Dog this year and I want to congratulate them as well as all the other exhibitors for a job well done.

Kathy Vrabel deserves to be thanked for making the arrangements for the matting, ring stewards and everything else that goes along with being obedience chairman at the National.

Triathlon

We had 2 participate in this event this year and again neither qualified. The rule reads "the winner of the Triathlon must receive a qualifying score in coursing and obedience in order to win". If neither qualifies in either of these events there will be placements but no Triathlon winner.

Laurel Deptuch was on a 2-month trip across the United States. She is from Vancouver Island and attended last year's National in Chicago. She and her niece embarked on this adventure with the National in Rhode Island being their destination so she could compete with Tazi in the Triathlon. What an exciting adventure they had traveling and seeing the United States! While Tazi did not win the Triathlon he did get a first place-so perhaps we will see them again next year in Minnesota.

SWEEPSTAKES **Sunday Oct 12, 2003** **Judge: Jan Swayze**

6 -9 Puppy Dogs
1 - Abaca Sha-Cone the Boy From Oz - Shaw/Chacon

2 - Buena Vista Wind Chill Factor - Murphy
3- Sanallah's Rendezvous O'Bryan/Weinraub
4- Buena Vista Blueprint in Ice Murphy
9-12 Puppy Dogs
1 - Boanne's Matisse - Tedeschi/evans
2 - Khafka's Exotic Spice - Gallardo/Duque
3 - Boanne's Michelangelo Evans/Kinley-Blewett
4 -Criston Star of Siam - Guarino/Pinkston/Smith
12-15 Puppy Dogs
1 Deloubelle Casbar Full Power (Can)Taillon/Lavigne
2 -Regimes Picasso of Keystone - Godfrey
3 - Pahlavi Move It On Over Wagner
4 -Evensong Bolero - Trifiro/ Lake
15-18 Puppy Dogs
1 -Kameron's Black Jack - Gatling
2 -Baraki's Spirit of Freedom Cook/Busby
3 Dragonfly Storm Warning - Brown
4 -Dragonfly Lord of the Rings Eaton/Truesdale
6-9 Puppy Bitches
1 -Messenger's Hot Baby Hot - Jones/Campbell/Morrison/ Reital
2 Willowmoor Dealer's Choice Matarozzo
3 -Willowmoor Play To Win - Matarozzo
4 Tifarah's The Real Thing - Devine/Reital
9-12 Puppy Bitches
1 -Boanne's Zarafina - Evans/ Blewett
2 Deloubelle She Color My Life (Can) - Lavigne
12-15 Puppy Bitches
1 -Sha-Cone ABaca Adelaide - Chacon/Shaw
2 -Yantra Siren of the Sea - Cunningham/D'Ignazio
3 -Deloubelle Maya Casbar's Dream - Lavigne/Rahaman/ Cassidy

4 -Allure-Rustic Cover Girl - Norris/Wolfe
15-18 Puppy Bitches
1 -Kameron's Sacred Obsessions - Gatling
2 -Deloubelle Sweet Satine (Can) - Belanger/Lavigne
3 Triomphe Nevermind - Feldman/Uihlein

Best in Sweepstakes - Deloubelle Casbar Full Power (Can) 10/5/02
Breeder: Louise Quimet Lavigne & B&K Cassidy By Ch Gazon the Truth Be Told x Ch Deloubelle Black Magic Owners Christian Taillon & Louise Lavigne

Best of Opposite Sex - Messenger's Hot Baby Hot 2/13/03 Breeders: Alicia Jones Lauren Morrison Janis Reital By Ch Aviva T'All Black JC x Ch Tifarah's Go Baby Go JC Owners: Alicia Jones & Campbell, Morrison, Reital

Monday October 13, 2003

Dogs Mr. E M Gilbert JR (56d 5 pts)

Puppy 6 - 9 Mos.

1 Abaca Sha-Cone The Boy From Oz, Shaw/Chacon
2 Sanallahs Rendevous, K O'Bryan/S Weinraub
3 Suncrest Sauvignon Blanc, J Hastings/A Hastings
4 Buena Vista Blueprint In Ice, L Murphy
Puppy 9 - 12 Mos.
1 Criston Star Of Siam, L Guarino/C Pinkston
2 Boanne's Matisse, J Tedeschi/A Evans
3 Boanne's Michelangelo, A Evans/B Blewett/G Evans
4 Deloubelle Casbar Absolute PWR Hamel/Lavigne,

12 - 18 Mos.

1 [Myways' Look At Me Now Tristar](#), J Scott/M Giordano/K Pugh/D Giordano
RW

2 [Myway's Fly Me To The Moon](#), K Hudson/K Hudson/M Giordano/D Giordano

3 [Regimes Picasso Of Keystone](#), R Godfrey

4 [Deloubelle Casbar Full Power](#), C Taillon/L Lavigne

Bred By Exhibitor

1 [Yantra Knight Star](#), I D'Ignazio/G Cunningham

2 [Pahlavi Move It On Over](#), K Wagner

3 [Evensong Bolero](#), D Lake/M Trifiro

4 [Stillwinds Intimidation](#), D Bates/S Haggerty

American Bred

1 [Lorenwood Mr Ohio](#), K Schieck/A Schieck/LVining Sinclair

2 [My Ways' Nice And Easy Tristar](#), D Giordano/M Giordano/K Pugh

3 [Aries Northstar JC](#), N Krysiak/J Krysiak

4 [Dragonfly Bravissimo](#), K Pugh

Open

1 [Ingenuie Sebaztian](#), A Stromberg/C Helio/M Pakarinen/K Juslin **W**

2 [Khandhu Amore Amalfi](#), K Pope/P Hewitt/R Bennett/P Hewitt/W Bennett

3 [Etrigan The Pretender](#), J KelbermanP Roe/B Kinley-Blewett/K

4 [Triplicity Encore Oliver](#), B Feldman/W Dennis/P Yelous

Winners Dog:

Ingenuie Sebaztian 1/23/00

Breeder: Kristoffer Juslin

By Ch Boanne's Dragonheart

x Scaramis Pardon Me Boys.

Owners: Anna Stromberg and

Heilo, Pakarinen & Juslin

Reserve Winners Dog:

MyWays Look At Me Now

Tristar 9/9/03

Breeders: Kathryn Pugh, D & M Giordano

By Ch Polo's in the Air Tonite x

Ch MyWays Back to the Future,

SC. Owners: Jaime Scott &

Giordano & Pugh

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Tuesday October 14,2003 Bitches - Judge Eugene Blake

Bitches (44b 5 pts)

Puppy 6 - 9 Mos.

1 [Asia Ascencia](#), M Moss/L Wilt/D Bates

2 [Willowmoor Play To Win](#), J Matarazzo

3 [Tifarah's Shawnlu Ameristar](#), L Hedstrom/C Hedstrom

4 [Willowmoor Dealers Choice](#), J Matarazzo

Puppy 9 - 12 Mos.

1 [Deloubelle She Color My Life](#),

2 [Boanne's Zarafina](#), A Evans/B Blewett/G Evans

3 [Elmo's Moonstruck](#), J Tedeschi/P Belmont Jr

12 - 18 Mos.

1 [Kameron's Sacred Obsession](#), R Gatling

2 [Allure-Rustic Cover Girl](#), S Norris/E Wolfe

3 [Evensong Clair De Lune](#), M Trifiro/D Lake

Bred By Exhibitor

1 [Sha-Cone Abaca Morning Mist](#), J Bartley/A Shaw/T Chacon

2 [Yantra Siren Of The Sea](#), G Cunningham/I D'Ignazio/D Cunningham

3 [Paladin Fabelhaft Barbiedoll](#), M Liss/J Dalton

4 [Beaujon Dream Wizard Widfara](#), D Beauregard

American Bred

1 [Tristar Come Fly With Me Myway](#), K Pugh/D Giordano/M Giordano

2 [Yantra Ocean Call](#), J Cunningham/G Cunningham/I D'Ignazio

3 [Dragonfly Heaven Sent](#), E Ruppel

4 [Sanshee Limahl Diamond Lil](#), E Shortt/R Shortt

Open

1 [Grazioso JP Red And Hot](#), MITO **W**

2 [Cynergy's Moonlight Madonna](#), C Buttler/J Buttler

3 [Beaujon Dream Catcher Blue](#), L Dufresne/D Beauregard

(Ed. note) 1st in Open and Winners Bitch was DQ'd for paperwork

problems with AKC.. There are there-

fore only 3 places listed in Open. Khafka's Eyes of the Tiger (Spain)

bred and owned by Philippe Gallardo.

Winners Bitch:

Grazioso JP Red and Hot (Japan) 5/16/01

Breeder: Masoto Ito By Ch Tifarah's Victory Per former x Gengala Alternate View Owner: Masaoto Ito

Best of Breed:

Ch Polo's in the Air Tonite

11/28/98 Breeder:

Lorianne Amadeo By DC Kabik's My Nite N

Shiny Armor FC, ORC, FC

x Kabik's Cash & Carry

Owner: Lorianne Amadeo.

Best of Opposite Sex:

Ch Kavrab's Dancin' in

Your Dreams , JC 9/26/99

Breeder: Kathleen Vrabel &

Leslie Nelson By Ch Gipsy

Mr Blue Sky x Ch Kavrab's

Dream Vision Sheimar CD,

JC. Owner: Kathleen M S

Vrabel

Awards of Merit:

Ch Gazon the Truth Be Told

2/28/97 Breeder: Jym &

Debbie Webb By Ch Gazon

Say What You Mean x Ch

Qamari Airs Above the

GroundOwner: Beth Collins

J & D Webb, P Edwards

Ch Thاون's Wannadance

11/11/96 Breeder: Jay T

Hafford. By Ch Artistry the

Talisman x Ch Thاون's

Comedienne Owner: Gayle

Irwin, Hafford & Blanchard

Ch Fabelhaft Zoot Suit

9/5/97 Breeder: James

Dalton By Ch Mithra

Gabriel of Etrigan x Ch

Paladin Fancy Pants Trinity

Owners: Ken & Lin Vali -

maki & J Dalton

Ch Tifarah's First Rate Act

5/7/00 Breeders: Chuck Milne & Janis Reital By Ch Genesis-Ambelike Silver charm x Ch Tifarah Arcana Sister Act Owner: Janis Reital

Ch Tantra's Some Like It

Hot 1/29/99 Breeders: Dennis Yeloushan & Bracken By Ch Tahkira Hell Raiser x Ch Triplicity Little Girl Blue Owner: Karen Wagner & Jeff Bracken

Best Puppy :**Abaca Sha-Cone the Boy**

From Oz 4/8/03 Breeders: Abbe Shaw & Terry Chacon By Ch Abaca Sh-Cone Pamelon's Merlot x Ch Khandhu After Midnight Owners: A Shaw & T Chacon

Best Bred By Exhibitor :**Sha-Cone Abaca Morning**

Mist 10/3/01 Breeders: Abbe Shaw, Terry Chacon & P & L Patterson By Ch Abaca Sha-Cone Pamelon's Merlot x Ch Abaca Sha-Cone Golden Jubilee Owner: Shaw, Chacon & J Bartley

Stud Dog:**Ch Boanne's Dragonheart**

2/20/98 Breeder: A Evans & L Robertson By Ch Mithra Gabriel of Etrigan x Ch Xandali Isabeau of Boanne Owner: Anne & George Evans

Brood Bitch:**Ch MyWays Back to the**

Future, SC 5/12/97 Breeder: D & M Giordano By Ch Kabik's Bravehearted MyWay

x Ch Kymbalon's Goin Myway Owners: D & M Giordano and K Pugh

Brace:**Ch Kavrab's Pieces of a**

Dream, JC 9/26/99

Kavrab's Flight of Dreams

JC 9/26/99 Breeder: K Vrabel

By Ch Gipsy Mr Blue Sky x Ch Kavrab's Dream Vision Sheimar Owner: Kathleen Vrabel

Best Junior Showman:**Katelyn D Vrabel****Comments from Judge****Mr Ed Gilbert, Jr**

I thank the AHCA and its members for the honor of being selected to judge dogs at the 67th National Specialty. As a judge, student of the breed, ex-exhibitor, and owner of two Afghan Hounds, I am aware of what an exhibit means to the breeder, owner and handler - it is a privilege to be honored with your entry. My ring was the proper size to showcase the Afghan Hounds. The weather was great for the dog judging - Pat and I brought the weather in from California.

Connie Butherus was the Chief Ring Steward and Connie selected an excellent group of workers. The Stewards made my job of judging easier. My in-ring Steward, Linda Lee Jackson, was so upbeat and pleasant, always smiling - her positive outlook made my job of judging easier.

The trophies were some of the best I have ever seen, thanks to Deb Coudriet and the artist Cynthia Byington - Sirae'. For those of you who did not take the opportunity to view the trophy table you missed an outstanding display of Afghan Hound art.

There were so many workers that combined to make this a great Specialty, thank you to all the workers - especially Shelly and Gene Vaccaro and Carol and Bob Penta.

My procedure showcased each dog by having the dogs enter the ring in catalog order, one at a time and circle the ring. This permitted the ring side to follow in their catalog as to who the dogs were and make their own judgments on the dogs. A National Specialty is where you showcase your exhibit - you not only show to the judge but you let the ringside view your entry.

A dog show is an athletic event and the exhibits must have a supple muscle tone and the coat needs to be in prime condition. Length of coat does not determine condition of coat - silky and fine texture is the key to the Afghan Hound coat. Too many dogs in the Bred By, American Bred, and Open class were shown out of condition. All the puppies were shown in proper condition. The future of the Afghan Hound is assured with the puppies in all three dog puppy classes.

The temperaments on the entire entry of dogs was quite good. As I remember there were only two dogs that were overly shy.

There were many fine textured silky coats - but some of that may be to the great improvements in coat products and grooming techniques. The statement "should be shown in its natural state: the coat is not clipped or trimmed" today is almost 100% ignored. As a judge I seldom penalize this, as it is a man made fault, and only the novice does it incorrectly.

Many Afghan Hounds are being improperly trained for movement. Read the Standard. The Afghan Hound has a spring in his gait -5

only when running free and moving at a gallop. He does not have this spring during the show ring trot. At the trot the hind feet are placed directly into the foot prints of the front feet - they do not over reach, or kick back into the air with wasted motion. It is a trot, not a race, and the proper trot has great style and beauty.

As I committed to provide comments on my placings to Afghan Hound Review, I will only give an overview in this article.

Afghan Hounds. Puppy 6 to 9 Month Dogs

The five dogs in this class were all quality Afghan Hounds. What a joy to judge quality! An outstanding class both stacked and moving.

Afghan Hounds. Puppy 9 to 12 Month Dogs

An all quality class both stacked and moving.

Afghan Hounds. Puppy 12 to 18 Month Dogs

Absolutely beautiful class both stacked and moving.

Afghan Hounds. Bred By Exhibitor Dogs

The Bred By Class should be the most outstanding at any show. This class did not have the depth of quality that I was expecting. The dogs that placed were quality exhibits.

Afghan Hounds. American Bred Dogs

Another class that had a lack of depth of quality, while those that placed had quality.

Afghan Hounds. Open Dogs Class lacked in depth of quality, yet those that placed were outstanding examples of the breed.

Afghan Hounds. Winners Dog

#41 Ingenue Sebastian

Absolutely gorgeous Black and Silver dog that showed very well. Came from the Open Class. Balanced front and rear angulation, neck flowed into a practically level and firm topline, proper spring of rib, good length of rib cage, strong loin, prominent hip bones, proper slope to croup, excellent tail set and tail, exotic expression with mandarins, I loved him. He just personifies what I consider the King of Dogs. He had a good attitude with an exotic or eastern expression. He is not over angulated, he is properly angulated. He is not overdone. And he doesn't do the big extended reach and drive which is incorrect for the breed. He drives beautiful and properly with no wasted motion. A King of Dogs.

Afghan Hounds. Reserve Winners Dog

#157 My Way's Look At Me Now Tristar.

My reserve came from 12 to 18 month dog class. He was pushed very strong by the second in Open, which was a beautiful black masked red. I just felt that the type on this dog was outstanding. The difference to me was the withers area, rib cage and loin. This dog has a beautiful flow of neck into a strong topline, good length of rib cage and good depth, proper proportion between the rib cage and the loin. This dog is an absolutely gorgeous black and tan. A beautiful curl to the tail, it's a natural tail not a set tail. Beautiful outline, just a little more maturity and he may have gone Winners.

I thank the exhibitors for their entries, the Show Committee for their great work, and the AHCA for providing the venue for showcasing the Afghan Hound - the King of Dogs. Remember we do this all for the preservation of our breed and the unconditional love they give to us. We can be proud that we are a world wide community dedicated

to the preservation of the Afghan Hound. The contributions of the breeders in the United States have aided in the preservation of the breed world wide. The AHCA National is truly an International showcase for this King of Dogs. Thank you for letting me be a part of this.

Ed

Critique from Eugene Blake

First of all I would like to thank the members of the Afghan Hound Club of America who voted for me to pass judgment on their dogs at the National Specialty.

I have participated in the National Specialty since the early 1960's as a breeder, exhibitor and a professional handler.

I would like to point out a couple of things about my critique: In my opinion most people think that in a critique a lot is said about an animal between winning and losing. My Mentor who taught me about critiques was a very good friend and judge of dogs and goats, Norman A. Austin. Norman explained to me that you don't have to write a book about your placements to point out the differences although in some of the classes I went a little bit farther in pointing out the differences.

6-9 Puppy Bitch

1st place was a very nice bitch with pretty head and eye. She had good chiseling for a puppy and good expression. Her balance was good and in proportion with her body. I would have liked a little better tail.

2nd place bitch had a pretty head and eye with a lot of bone and substance yet not too much. Nice top line and croup.

3rd place was a nicely proportioned bitch with nice balance. She was not as strong in head or elegance as my first two placements.

4th place was a nice bitch as well. Beautiful head and eye. I would have liked her to move out a little more.

9-12 Puppy Bitch

1st place was a bitch with a nice head and eye. Good balance in proportion to her body. She had good carriage. I thought she was a little weak in underjaw.

2nd place was a nice bitch with good neck and shoulders, good top-

line and hipbones. Nice short hock. I thought she was a little weak in underjaw and her temperament could have been better.

3rd place bitch was a nice balanced bitch. A little bit heavier in bone and a little coarse.

12-18 Bitches

1st place was a nice bitch with good head and eye, good underjaw and balance. I would have liked her to have had a little better expression.

2nd place was a houndy bitch. Lovely neck and shoulders, topline and hipbones. I thought she was weak in underjaw and expression. Her temperament could have been better.

3rd place bitch had good neck and balance in proportion to her body. Her expression could have been better as well as her temperament.

4th place was an elegant bitch. Good hipbones, neck and her balance was in proportion to her body. She was a little bit harsh in expression. Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches (very competitive class)

1st place bitch had a beautiful head, eye and expression. Good neck and shoulders, topline, hipbones, croup and carriage.

2nd place bitch had a nice head and body along with topline, hipbones and carriage. Short loin and croup. I would have liked her to have a darker eye and a longer neck for balance.

3rd place was a beautiful typey bitch. She had beautiful neck and shoulders. Lovely topline, hipbones and nice tail. Beautiful coat and lovely carriage. I would have liked a darker eye and bigger feet. She was weak in underjaw and a little underweight.

4th place had nice overall balance and a nice eye. She could have had better expression.

American Bred Bitches

1st place was a nice young bitch. Good dark eye, nice head and good expression. Beautiful proportion, good topline and length from hip to hock. She could have been thinner in back skull.

2nd place was a moderate bitch. Beautiful proportion. Could have had a longer neck to balance her out. Needs a darker eye.

3rd place had a nice head, good expression, good length from hip to hock. Nice length of croup and body.

4th place had a nice body, croup and tail. Could have had a better expression.

Open Bitches

1st place bitch had a lovely head, beautiful eye and expression, Good chiseling and underjaw. Beautiful balance, neck, body and proportion. Good topline, tail and croup. She is a good mover and is in good condition.

2nd place is a nice bitch. Nice standing with a beautiful dark eye, nice topline, tail and croup. Strong head, nice angles.

3rd place bitch had beautiful expression. Nice neck, shoulders, croup and tail. Nice balance, beautiful eye but weak in underjaw.

4th place had a nice head but could have been thinner in back skull. Good expression, beautiful proportion, good length from hip to hock. Nice long tail but a little soft.

Best of Breed

My Best of Breed dog is a very handsome stallion athlete. He has the exotic Eastern expression. He is very well balanced and proportioned from nose to tail. He has a good dark eye, good chiseling, good underjaw, good balanced neck, shoulders and upper arm. Good topline, croup and tail. He is a sound mover and in good condition - a sound athlete. He could have had a silkier coat texture.

My Best of Winners was Winners Bitch.

My Best of Opposite was a very nicely balanced bitch. Beautiful expression, good dark eye. She had good shoulders, topline, hipbones, croup and tail. Had a very easy way of moving. Could have been stronger in underjaw.

My Best Puppy was the 6-9 month puppy dog. Very nice head, dark eye. Very moderate at his age with good balance. All the parts go together when he moves. Nice promising puppy.

My Field Champion was a very, very lovely bitch that did not compete for Best of Breed. Beautiful head, eye and expression. Beautiful neck, shoulders and upper arm. Beautiful topline, croup, hipbones and tail. Very good mover. Altogether a very lovely bitch.

It was an honor and a privilege to have judged the National Specialty and I want to thank all the members and exhibitors. Thank you.

Eugene Blake

AHCA/Junior Showmanship Committee Chair Report 2003

The AHCA offers a junior scholarship award of \$500.00 to a unique young person who is able to balance school and the sport of dogs. This special individual is a full time student and participates in conformation and performance events and finds time for public education and service. The variety of activities of this unique individual is what separates the Young Sportsman from the junior handler. This is the second year the AHCA has offered the "Young Sportsman Scholarship Award". This year's winner is Jennifer Wager of Weedsport, New York. Jennifer attends SUNY Oswego with Zoology as her major and a minor in Psychology. She would like a career in Animal Behavior /Training. Congratulations Jennifer. If you would like more information on the scholarship you will find the requirements on the AHCA's web site.

The AHCA also names a Best Junior Handler every year. This award is given to a junior who handles and competes in juniors with an Afghan. The Best Junior is based on a point system, one point is counted for each dog defeated. This year's Best Junior Handler is Jennifer Hollow. Congratulations Jennifer on all your hard work.

As the new chair for the junior showmanship committee I have lots of wonderful ideas to involve young people in our breed. Here is a quick outline.

1. "Junior Corner" - A column in Topknot News in which juniors can share wins, accomplishments, service projects, public education, fun stuff- Cartoons, poems, funny stories etc.
 2. "Meet our Juniors" - Each newsletter will feature a junior or juniors. The junior may tell the membership where they live, hobbies, school interest, how many dogs they have, how they became involved with our breed etc.
 3. "Junior Membership" - I would like the parent club to offer a junior membership to the parent club. The details can be added or changed for eligibility. But as a quick outline a junior member could or would be able to attend meetings and receive Topknot News. They would have NO vote.
 4. "Junior Pin"- A pin that would be designed for juniors and hopefully by a junior. This pin could only be won as a placement in junior handling classes at the National.
 5. "Junior Seminar" - A seminar and pizza luncheon just for juniors and a guest (if they wish) during the National Specialty. Subjects will change each year according to interests of juniors. This will also give the juniors a chance to meet each other and share ideas.
 6. "Mentor a Junior list" - A list of members who are interested in helping young people with questions on the breed, grooming, handling, or even co-owning a dog with a Junior who may not be able to have a dog at home, but is interested in the breed and or junior handling. The Afghan is the popular dog that it once was in the seventies and their numbers are really down. So with that mind, NURTURE and or MENTOR a junior they just might turn out to be our future judges, breeders, handlers and yes even loving pet homes.
- If you have comments of constructive suggestions, please feel free to email or call me.
Jody Gardner/Chair Junior Showmanship

REPORTS FOR 2003 OBEDIENCE:

The following is the final number of dogs receiving obedience titles in 2003.

7 Companion Dog

1 Companion Dog Excellent.

The top obedience dog for 2002 is CH Summerwinds Fuels the Fire, CD, SC

owned by Claudia Jakus/Bruce and Rosemary Sutton.

AGILITY

The following are the final numbers for dog receiving agility titles in 2003.

3 Novice agility

5 Open Agility

3 Excellent Agility

7 Open Jumpers

1 Master Excellent Jumpers

1 Master Agility Champion 2

The top agility dog for 2003 goes to MACH 2 Karin's Midnight Fury JC owned by Karin Shapiro.

WAYS AND MEANS

IF YOU FEED PURINA PRO PLAN, YOU CAN EARN FUNDS FOR RESCUE AND HEALTH RESEARCH:

The AHCA has just enrolled in the 2003-2004 Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program. This program enables us to earn funding for canine health studies, education and/or rescue efforts specifically for Afghan Hounds. If you're a Pro Club member, please call Purina toll-free at 1-877-776-2582, or register your information on the Purina website at www.purinaproclub.com, designating your breed of choice as the Afghan Hound. You will continue to get the same benefits as always when redeeming weight circles, however Purina will ALSO donate \$10 for every \$100 of qualifying weight circle points that you redeem. This money will be split evenly between the Afghan Hound Club of America and the Canine Health Foundation. The AHCA money must be used for Rescue, Education or for Health Studies. The Canine Health Foundation's portion of the money must be used for research on Afghan Hound-specific health conditions. If you have questions on how this works for the AHCA, please contact Helen Stein.

September 8/9,2003 Delegate's Meeting
The Delegate's Caucus met Sept 8 and the following items were discussed:

- 1) The mandatory arbitration process which the AKC Board has proposed as a way of addressing ALL disputes such as ownership, registrations, breeding, superintendent and club matters. This has not been well received by the delegates nor the clubs they represent based on the discussion. It was announced by a Board member that the section of the proposal relative to superintendents and clubs has been postponed until 4/04 (information about this proposal has been forwarded to Harry). Of great concern to many delegates and their clubs is the result mandatory arbitration could have on their insurance.
- 2) The interrelated problems experienced by the increasing number of shows and the decline in entries. Distance between shows (200 miles) and territory, protections, difficulty finding venues and the increase in "back-to-back" shows. It seems however the total number of entries is not down but due to the increased number of shows being held the entries per show may well have declined.
- 3) Retired AKC employees being granted entire groups upon retirement. They still must pay the \$25.00 per breed, however.
- 4) The issue of Proprietary Clubs (for profit) continuing to have seated delegates (they were "grand fathered" in over the years with each change in Bylaws). However since the mid-1990s new delegates have not been seated if they "profit" in any way from their clubs.
- 5) Registrations – decline continues.
- 6) Role of the yet to be appointed new AKC President, CEO, vs. the Chairman, Delegates, staff, etc. etc. etc.

Parent Club Committee

Major agenda items consuming the balance of the day were:

- 1) Home owners insurance and the increasing number of companies canceling or declining to provide coverage to dog owners
- 2) Show Site Directory is now on the AKC web site. A letter will be sent to each Parent Club with additional information and instructions.
- 3) AKC licensed or member clubs offering non-AKC events (the AHCA may well be in a bind after 1-1-05 regarding ASFA lure coursing). The noose is tightening. I spoke at length to 3 AKC Board members about this and voiced concern on behalf of our club. I received 3 different responses:
 - a. "Do not worry" – the wording in Chapter 8 Section 4 will be changed (an email exists from the Board Chair instructing staff to hold off on enforcement of this, however the AKC staff person present at the meeting was not aware of this — so much for communication).
 - b. "Don't worry" just ignore it. It won't be enforced
 - c. "It is a regulation which must be enforced." I will keep you informed.
- 4) Reserve winners major at the National

\Specialties is now on the AKC Board agenda for October.

- 5) Parent Club conference scheduled for Oct 22, 23, 24 2004 in Cincinnati, OH.
- 6) Qualification for dogs to be shown at Crufts. Even if the dog qualifies – start early as it can take up to 7 months to clear the health process and the approved air carriers are limited. The winners of BOB, BOS and Awards of Merit at National Specialties will be eligible. Dennis Sprung will obtain additional information regarding the eligible time span for the year.

Delegate's Forum

The September 9 meetings began with the Forum which was a presentation by Bill Speck on the new event termed "Working Dog Sport". The proposed regulations governing this event – all 58 pages- can be found on the AKC web site. The stated objectives for this event are to:

- 1) Expand interest in AKC events
- 2) Increase registrations and support for obedience, agility and tracking
- 3) Bring out the "natural instincts" in dogs
- 4) Increase challenges for those dogs which participate in these events.

We were presented with multiple levels of titles, qualifications, requirements and definitions. This was concluded with a video demonstration of selected tasks and attack activity. At the most advanced level, termed the Masters level, the plan is to hold the Parent Club Boards responsible and it is to be open to Parent Club members only. Please note this is the level which incorporates the attack (bite the sleeve) activities.

A straw poll was conducted later in the day regarding this proposed event. IT FAILED by a near unanimous result. Please stay tuned – I am sure this is going to be yet another hot potato.

Delegate's Meeting

Highlights from the September 9, 2003 meeting of the AKC Delegates are as follows:

- 1) Elections were held to fill vacancies on the Delegate Standing Committees
Following the Delegate Meeting the Chair and Secretary of each committee were elected.
- 2) Chapter 14, Section 10 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers was amended to limit Derby Stakes to marked retrieves and to eliminate dogs handled from competition. The same section was amended to create an Owner-Handler Qualifying Stake.
- 3) Six delegates were honored for having served in that capacity for 25 years.
- 4) The Long Island Kennel Club was honored for 100 years as a member of the American Kennel Club.
- 5) The Parson Russell Terrier Association of America, Sagahen's Retriever Club of San Francisco, and the Sammamish Kennel Club of Redmond, WA were elected as members of the American Kennel Club.
- 6) Decline in registrations and initiatives to combat this continuing problem.

7) Financial report by the CFO in which he assured that the AKC remains financially sound.

8) The many concerns surrounding the mandatory arbitration procedure (see caucus report above).

9) The upcoming vote to be taken in December regarding the proposed change in date of the fourth quarter (December) meeting at the Invitational held in January

10) AHCA member Abbe Show was seated as a delegate from the Santa Barbara KC.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Butherus, AKC Delegate

Health Committee September 26, 2003

This report is a small summary of the activities that we are embarked upon.

The Afghan Hound Health Survey was distributed and collected last year. After some minor glitches, the data is in the hands of the data collection and analysis people and I will present the major findings at the Annual meeting, as they are not complete as of this writing.

Response from the Afghan Hound community was very poor (43 responses and 197 dogs). If we had limited the number of dogs per person, the data would be even less reliable. As it is, it would be difficult to draw conclusions from so small a sample. I will give you the top 5 disease processes found...as compared with the 3 top diseases people thought were breed representative. Thankfully. We do have a healthy breed.

Blessings and thanks to all those who participated. We will be doing a follow-up survey in 2005-6, and will hope for greater support!

I have just returned from the AKC/Canine Health Foundation

Parent Club Conference and it was a power-packed, exciting 3 days. The great news is that the canine genome will be fully mapped in early 2004. Those dedicated scientists also work in human research and are diligently working to eradicate cancer, epilepsy, and many other diseases that threaten our beloved dogs. As we identify the top diseases in our breed, I believe we need to participate in ongoing research or begin research on these health problems. To that end, we may wish to identify test requirements to acquire a CHIC number, making results available to the breeders, who are the future of the breed. More on this in my remarks.

There were presentations on reproduction, diet, clicker training, and vaccination schedules, as well as the updates on gene studies. I will make the summaries of these sessions available to Topknot News, to be published periodically.

I have been in discussions with Eddie Dzuik, COO of the OFA Foundation, and am hopeful in planning a clinic day for AHCA 2004, with a cardiologist, CERF clinic, DNA, and a panel discussion. I can only do this with your help and participation.

All in all, it has been an eventful year in canine health. I am delighted to chair this committee and hope to continue for some time.

Respectfully submitted,
Midge (Dr. Edna K. Martin)

Legislative Report

Hawaii's quarantine rules have been eased. Previously, animals were quarantined for at least one month upon arrival. Effective June 30, pets entering Hawaii may be released in five days or less if their owners meet several pre-arrival requirements. For more information on the changes go to the Hawaii State Dept. of Ag website: http://www.hawaiiag.org/hdoa/doa_importing.htm

The Illinois legislature has passed dangerous dog legislation that also requires counties to impose animal registration and litter registration fees in June. The Governor signed the bill, but it remains unfunded. The only aspect of the bill that can / will be enforced at this point is the punishment of owners of dangerous dogs. For more information on HB184, contact Peggy Wolfe, Director, IDCBA Board.

<Pegno@aol.com> or visit the Illinois Dog Clubs and Breeders Association's Web site at www.idcba.org.

Santa Fe dog owners face stringent breeding restrictions, but at the moment, the City Council seems to be backing off.

For more information, contact Mary Tidwell with the Sangre de Cristo Kennel Club. Phone: 505-982-2961

San Antonio is facing a major struggle with the city's animal control department. No further information has been available to date.

JoAnne Buehler
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Rescue Report

1 How many rescued Afghan Hounds did you have in foster care awaiting adoption, including those healing up from surgery or other medical treatment?

11

2 How many Afghan Hounds did you take into Rescue between July 1 and Sept 15, 2003?

28

3 How many rescued Afghan Hounds did you place in new homes between July 1 and Sept 15, 2003?

19

4 How many returns did you have from unsuccessful placements during the third quarter?

1

5 Did you have to euthanize any rescued Afghan Hounds during the third quarter?

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In the last issue of TopKnot News we wrote a brief report about rescue in general and highlighted a few areas of greatest concern. Unfortunately the way it was written led some to believe that the TideWater Club was not doing its job, for this I apologize, both publicly and privately. The TideWater Club is not responsible for the state of Maryland and the TideWater Club efficiently carries out any rescue situations in their area and have been known to step outside of their area when the need arises. This is why I stated that they were doing the "best they can" because of the number of rescues they handled and the large area they appeared to be covering. So, again I am sorry for what was meant as a compliment to come across as a negative statement. Now on to other items. The total number of rescued Afghans in the third quarter decreased from the numbers in the 2nd quarter...this decrease would have been significant until the 1st of September came. It seems that these things run in cycles and perhaps with children going back to school and summer ending, people decide that they no longer want their dog. In the first week of September we had at least 9 different rescue cases going on across the United States. I am pleased to say that all these dogs are being fostered at this time and some have even been placed in new homes.

Things have now settled down. Hopefully this trend will continue and let us all enjoy the National. We will be having a Chinese Auction at the rescue table this year, I hope you can stop by and buy some tickets. We will also be having a few selected items auctioned off at the Dinner. This and our Calendar Sale will be one of our largest fund raisers and we hope to replenish some of what has been used for rescue in the past nine months. The Sandy Schwartz Memorial page in Afghan Hound Review also generated funds for rescue, as does our on going Yam Project.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Regional Clubs for doing a great job, and I would also like to thank those who do not belong to a Regional Club who step into areas that may be a great distance away to help an Afghan, when no Club is available. It is all of you, working together, for the good of the dog that makes rescue work.

Russ & Barb Hastings AHCA Rescue

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TO BE HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN
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October 3 - 7 2004
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Roberta Keller Bitches
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ROOM OR SUITE RESERVATION
WILL BE CHARGED TO YOUR
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UPON MAKING YOUR RESERVA-
TION.

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ATRIUM OF THE HOTEL. THE
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AND OBEDIENCE RING WILL ALL
BE IN THE ATRIUM.
This is a great hotel with two huge
swimming pools, a workout room,
restaurant, and bar & grille. Over 100
room reservations have been made so
far, so make your reservation early!
There are many restaurants and shops
within walking distance from the host
hotel. Several unique restaurants and
shops are also located in St. Cloud.
Visitor information will be made
available to you when you arrive at
the host hotel. There are also open
spaces for you to walk your Afghans
just a block away at Heritage Park.

CATALOG ADS.
You may advertise in color or in black
and white in the AHCA Northern
Lights 2004 catalog. All ads must be
camera ready, and photos must be
labeled for return. The ad require-
ments are shown on the Show
Secretary's web site
www.parrishdogshows.com.

The cost for ads will be as follows:
Full page color ad with one picture
\$95. Two page Color spread with a
picture on each page \$ 170.
Additional color pictures - \$20 each.
Full page black & white ad with one
picture \$60. Two page black & white
spread with a picture on each page .
\$95. Additional black & white pictures
\$10 each. Business cards (with logo
only - no photo) \$25.
Advertising deadline is August 15,
2003.
More advertising information will be
mailed out in January.

RAFFLE
A raffle will be held with ticket stubs
for the prizes being pulled at various
times during the National. Sue
Medure has been working hard on
getting the raffle tickets ready and the
raffle flyers and tickets will be mailed
in January. Prizes for the raffle so far
are, First Place: \$200; Second Place:
Front Page Ad on Afghans On Line;
Third Place: \$50 Travel Gift Certifi-
cate; Fourth Place: inside Ad on
Afghans On Line; MORE PRIZES:
Beautiful silver and beaded Afghan
Hound Necklace (beading made by
June Boone/silver Afghan made by
Monroe Jackson) and donated by
Linda Guarino; handcrafted Loon
duck decoy donated by Jennings
Decoy Co., St. Cloud, Minnesota. The
person who sells the most tickets will
get a free inside ad in Afghans on Line
and \$25.

TROPHIES
Deb Coudriet is once again the Trophy
Chairperson. Thank you Deb. She is
getting help on the West Coast from
Kathryn Carr and in the Midwest
from Janet Williams. Deb will soon be
sending out requests for trophy
donations. Early donations will help
make Deb's job easier, as will giving
just a little extra this year! Lee
Gindlesperger has been commissioned
to create the trophies for the AHCA
Northern Lights show, and I know
they will be beautiful. Lucky are
those who win one of Lee's creations!

SPONSOR
Laser Lites is once again sponsoring
the National! Their products will be
available to you for washing and
rinsing your beautiful Afghan Hounds
at the show site. In addition, winners

of most "best" classifications will
receive a beautiful basket of products
from Laser Lites! Thank you Laser
Lites for your generosity.

HEALTH FAIR
A Health Fair is being planned by
Midge Martin. More information will
be provided about this in the pre-
mium list.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP
There's much, much more going on at
this National, including a special
program for Juniors. Jody Gardner
and Pat Gilbert are putting together a
handling and grooming seminar and
party for our Junior Handlers. Bring
your juniors to the show so they can
join in on the fun.

WELCOMING PARTY
A welcoming party is being planned
for the evening of Sunday, October 3.
This party will be sponsored by The
Afghan Hound Review.

PARTY PARTY PARTY
Anna Johnston is working hard at
planning the BORIALLIS BASH to be
held on Wednesday evening.
Everyone on the show committee is
working hard to make this a SPECIAL
specialty for you. I hope each and
every member can make plans to be at
this AHCA National Show—Northern
Lights—to enjoy it. See you there.

Sandy Nelson
Show Chair

IN MEMORIAM

Donna K. Broucek, age 42, graduate of the College of St. Francis. Employed by Commonwealth Edison for over 20 years. A licensed judge of the American Kennel Club, she owned Kashara Kennels. Preceded in death by her mother, Maxine Hnetkovsky; maternal and paternal grandparents. Survived by her husband, Dennis Brown of Minooka; son, John, of Coal City; father, Clarence Hnetkovsky of Gardner; and sister, Jeanne Hnetkovsky of Bloomington. Besides breeding many champion Afghan Hounds, Donna bred Friesian horses and Dobermans. She was active in the Afghan Hound Club of Greater Chicago and the Afghan Hound Club of America serving as the National Specialty Chairman in 2002.

To laugh often and much
To win the respect of intelligent people
And the affection of children
To earn the appreciation
of honest critics and
Endure the betrayal of false friends,
To appreciate beauty,
To find the best in others!

To leave the world a bit better,
Whether by a healthy child,
A garden patch or a redeemed
Social condition,
To know even one life
Has breathed easier because
you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson Now

I see the time we had before
Was just a passing moment that
we can't share anymore
And I've learned that written
words are not the same
As when you take the time to say it

DONNA BROUCEK

And I wish my dreams alone could
bring back my old friend
But yesterday is just something I can't mend
And I've broken down for my lost brother, and
I've died for momma too
Now my tears falls down for you, for you

And I say one thing each day,
before I lay me down
I thank God for your sweet smile
although your not around
And I can't overcome your
memory in my mind
It's a bridge I'll never cross until
the end of time

And I wish my dreams alone
could bring back my old friend
But yesterday is something I can't mend
Cause I've broken down for my lost father, and
I've cried for sister too
Now my tears fall down for you, for you.

Provided by Sue Mackler AHCGC

IN MEMORIAM

JUDITH FELLTON

Judith Stember Fellton December 14, 1911 to November 27, 2003. Married to Herman L. Fellton from 1934 until his death in 1997. Judith was an artist and one of the founders of the Piedmont Arts Festival. She worked with the Festival for a number of years helping to guide it to become one of the region's premier arts events. Judith and her husband were animal enthusiasts who over the last 40 years bred and exhibited several top winning dogs. Both of the Felltons became dog show judges who had the privilege of officiating at shows throughout the US, as well as in Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, South America and Australia. Mrs. Fellton was a past president of the Afghan Hound Club of America and had also served as a delegate to the AKC. The Felltons also owned and bred Arabian horses that won major awards at the National Arabian shows as well as one of the first supporters of the humane society in Cobb County and developed a rescue program for Doberman Pinschers nationwide. She maintained the local Doberman rescue kennel at her home that is still active. She also was in charge of rescue for Afghan Hounds for many years. sent by Dr J D Jones

Judith Fellton; an American Original

They don't make people like Judy any more. She was a unique multi-talented lady. Artist, wife, breeder, judge, rescuer, gracious hostess, mentor and friend. She was dedicated to the things she loved:

Herman her late husband, who was her best friend and the only person we knew who could hold his ground in a debate with Judy on either dogs or horses.

Her Arabian horses which to her were living works of art.

Her Afghan Hounds — of her own Mandith Kennel, and out of any pound where she found them.

Her Dobermans, whether her show dogs, or some puppy mill breeder's castoffs.

And her friends, who came from every country where dogs were loved, and every element of American society.

We came to know her first as a rescuer, and then a friend. She always had an open door and time to share her knowledge and experience. Her enthusiasm for life was contagious, as was her love for dogs. It was impossible to talk to Judy and not learn something new about dogs or the sport of dogs, and have a good laugh at one of her stories in the process. She gave generously of her time, her experience and her knowledge. Everyone who knew her was enriched by her spirit and her knowledge. Particularly Chelle and I.

She will be sorely missed.

Doug & Chelle Vinson

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Board Highlights from Meeting held October 16, 2003
Warwick, Rhode Island

Board attendance: Harry Bennett, Abbe Shaw, Gill Ullom, Barb Bornstein, Jan Lucree, Janet LeNobel, Helen Stein, Jo Anne Buehler, Ed Gilbert, Claudia Jakus

Absent Edith Hansen, Betsy Hufnagel

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report passed.

Motion was passed to OFFER the leftover National notecards to the Breeders' Cup at \$5.00/box. This was later declined as the notecards specifically have the 2003 National Specialty logo. The surplus black statues (National placement trophies) may be used at non-conformational events.

Motion was passed that TopKnot News will be continued as a hard copy mailing to the membership.

Motion was passed that an additional box would be added to dues notice sent to each member to determine the interest in receiving club communication electronically.

Motion was passed to accept show chairperson's proposal to include Laser Lites sponsorship at the 2004 National Specialty, setting AHCA's limit as \$450.00 for one half the cost of the exhibitor hospitality bags.

Motion passed, in consideration of rising costs, lack of workers, and dwindling entries, that the Board authorizes its Liaison to the National Specialty to inform that show chairperson his/her decision to eliminate Agility at said event.

Motion passed that the next year's National Specialty receives a one page ad at no cost in current National Specialty catalog.

Motion passed that the Board will consider approval of two Specialty Shows in a given year for Regional Clubs based upon the recommendation of the Regional Clubs' Director, this taking into account a club's consistency, past performance, leadership, financial status, rescue activity when necessary, and manpower.

Motion passed that the immediate past Rescue Chairperson receive an award of a 6" sculptured bronze at the Annual Awards Banquet, provided the person served in that capacity for at least twelve months. This would be retroactive to 2002.

Motion passed to accept the first readings for membership application by the following:

Elizabeth Bryant, Linda Jo Bugbee, Stephen Cory, Floyd Gale, Ilene Greene, Tony Saia.

The following new members were accepted: Cynthia Byington, Gary Byington, Nikki Gardner, Alison Gray, Clarissa Skawski.

The next meeting will be held in Portsmouth, VA with the Tidewater/Richmond specialties, March 6 and 7.

**From the Treasurer : REMINDER
Dues - \$25 per person - are due by
February 1st.**

Please mail to:

**Janet Lenobel, Treasurer
PO Box 359
Orange Lake, FL 32681-0359**

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Judges' Education

The Judges Educational Seminar at the National was well received by 11 attendees. We had a large and varied assortment of ringside mentors and this was greatly appreciated. I'd like to also thank those who took the time and effort to bring their dogs for my use in the hands on demonstration and application. This is an important aspect of education, especially in a breed covered in hair.

Thank you!

Harry Bennett

PS: Already scheduled for next year is our participation in a Judges Educational Seminar in conjunction with the Harrisburg, PA shows in April.