



# TOPKNOT NEWS

The Newsletter of the Afghan Hound Club of America  
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## SPECIALTIES

### 2005 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

THE AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 17TH -21ST FOLLOWED BY THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AFGHAN HOUND CLUB REGIONAL SPECIALTY OCTOBER 22ND. FOR THOSE OF YOU WITH ANY ENERGY LEFT, THE DEL VALLE KENNEL CLUB SHOWS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 23RD AND 24TH..THESE ARE THE LARGEST ALL BREED SHOWS ON THE WEST COAST, AND THE AFGHANS ALWAYS HAVE A NICE BIG RING.

THE HOST HOTEL FOR THE NATIONAL SPECIALTY WILL BE THE RED LION.

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THE JUDGES FOR THE NATIONAL SPECIALTY ARE MICHAEL CANALIZO DOGS & INTERSEX DUANE BUTHERUS BITCHES & MICHAEL DUNHAM SWEEPS AND VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES...

THE JUDGES FOR THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SPECIALTY ARE LEE CANALIZO REGULAR CLASSES BONNIE PEREGOY SWEEPSTAKES.

THE JUDGES FOR DEL VALLE ARE STILL BEING NEGOTIATED. I WILL POST THE INFORMATION AS SOON AS I KNOW.

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS AND I WILL DO MY BEST TO ANSWER THEM.

JUDITH ANNE BLOOM SHOW CHAIRMAN

January - None

February

AHALI 2/11/05

Jean Jacques-DePas Classes

Sandy Velozo-Walsh Sweeps

Nutmeg AHC 2/12/05

Betsy Hufnagel Classes

Harry Bennett Sweeps

March

Tidewater AHC 3/12/05

Jane Jantos-Sheppard Classes

Suzie Donarico Sweeps

Richmond AHC 3/13/05

Peter Belmont Classes

Julie Roche

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As I write this it's just over two weeks from the end of the 2004 National, and on this Saturday morning, I couldn't be more pleased that I have nothing better to do than to sit here, drink my coffee, and type this article! It's a great feeling to NOT have a "to do" list that gets longer instead of shorter!

## NATIONAL

Putting a National together is never the effort of one or even a few people, but the effort of many from all over the country who work together. These are the people who pitch in and work hard because they want their National Specialty Show to be a success. Starting with lure coursing on Sunday with Jan Swayze as secretary and Lynne Miller as chairman. We had a beautiful scenic site for the day's events with perfect weather for lure coursing. The site was made safe for the dogs thanks to Max Ross and his "Minnesota" relatives, and thanks to Brian Lenobel, Al Saiko, Vicki Faegre-Stoetz, Steve Cory, and my husband Ken, who all spent part of their Saturday securing the lure coursing field by installing nearly 1,500 feet of fencing! These are the kind of hard working people who make these events successful.

## 2004.

Asking people for donations year after year is one of the most difficult jobs, and I was lucky to have a hard working, dedicated lady to spearhead the trophy donation committee, Deb Coudriet. She deserves enormous thanks for her fantastic results. Thanks also to Janet Williams and Kathryn Carr who helped Deb.

The troops swooped in on Sunday to set up the show site in the Atrium of the Holiday Inn. Sue Medure, Janet Williams, Ken and Donna Amos, Jerry Barnes, Beth and Tom Collins, Al Saiko and Rich Hanson were there to set up and help decorate. What an amazing job Sue Medure and Beth Collins did with the ring decorations. It was truly a beautiful Northern Lights ring. Thanks to Sandy Perkins and Cynthia Dunahey who were not scheduled to fill welcome bags, but pitched in and completed the huge job on Sunday afternoon. Cindy Chandler was there to set up the vendor booth spaces, and, as always, did a fabulous job. Cindy is the energizer bunny—she never stops. Plus, Cindy and Sue Mackler made the week more relaxing for many of us by providing some very tasty beverages! That's what I call hospitality!

## NORTHERN LIGHTS

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## Class Placements in Conformation National Specialty 2004

Sweepstakes - Barb Bornstein  
6-9 dogs: 1 Deloubelle Taza Excalibur  
2 Deloubelle You Bet I'm Good

9-12 dogs 1 Kashan Simbah of China  
chimes 2 Wynsyr Gentleman Jack  
3 Llacue's Aloof The Power of Dreams  
4 Watling st Pale Desert Moon

12-15 dogs 1 Kasban American Idol  
2 Kassar's Windwalker of Skyview  
3 Bijan Tango In Concert 4 Majic Red  
Bear-en

15-18 dogs 1 Andros Touching Your Emo-  
tions 2 Abaca Sha-Cone the Boy From Oz  
3 Mykhan's Kruisin' in Kolour 4 Kryslaur's  
Just Jack

6-9 bitches 1 Taza Deloubelle Double  
Take 2 Sha-Cone Abaca Delovely 3  
Cyan Good Seeing 4 Cyan Seeing Stars

9-12 bitches 1 Joha Galaxy Solo Swift-  
wind 2 Kasban Saharah of China Chimes  
3 Regimes the Dream by Picasso 4 Jovan  
Paris

12-15 bitches 1 Kasban Calla Lily of  
Winsong 2 Goldmine I've Got Rhythm  
3 Goldmine Kisses On Your Neck 4 Cal-  
ais My Fair Lady

15-18 bitches 1 Arcana Suhden's Ms  
America 2 Summerwind-Sars Dorianne  
Grey 3 Sha-Cone abaca Cabaret Pamelon  
4 Mykhan's kolour Konfetti

Best in Sweeps - Joha Galaxy Solo Swif-  
twind  
Best of Opposite - Kasban American Idol

DOG CLASSES Gill Ullom  
6-9 1 Cyan Unanticipated Phenom  
2 Deloubelle You Bet I'm Good 3 De-  
loubelle Taza Excalibur

9-12 1 Kasban Simbah of China Chimes  
2 Regime's Guinness at Tanqueray 3  
Wynsyr Gentleman Jack 4 Watling St  
Pale Desert Moon

12 -18 1 Kasban American Idol 2  
Kassar's Windwalker of Skyview 3  
Kryslaur's Just Jack 4 Mykhan's Kruisin'  
in Kolour

Bred by Exhibitor 1 Khafka's Exotic  
Spice 2 Criston Star of Siam 3 Abaca Sha-  
Cone the Boy from Oz 4 Sars Summer-  
wind Soul's Reflection 2

American Bred 1 King Rebel of Malachi,  
JC 2 Myway Young at Heart Tristar

Open 1 Deloubelle Casbar Full Power  
2 Karakush In Champagne 3 Khafka's  
Song Sung Blue 4 Sky Hi's Whirlwind  
Dreamer

Winners Dog Khafja's Exotic Spice  
Reserve Deloubelle Casbar Full Power

### BITCH CLASSES - Bobbi Keller

6-9 1 Sha-cone Abaca Delovely 2 Taza  
Deloubelle Double Take 3 Deloubelle  
Maya Taza Exquisite 4 Cyan Seeing Red

9-12 1 Joha Galaxy Solo Swiftwind 2  
Watling St Moonlight Fantasy 3 Ara-  
besque Sex in the City 4 Kasban Sharah  
of China Chimes

12-18 1 Arcana Suhden's Ms America 2  
Boanne's Fanci This Kiss 3 Kasban Calla  
Lily of Winsong 4 Summerwind-Sars  
Dorianne Grey

Bred by Exhibitor 1 Thaon's Stardance  
2 Criston Moonlight Becomes Me 3  
Sharrah's Nharaka 4 Suncrest Chardon-  
nay

American Bred 1 Hosanna Price Above  
Rubies 2 Suncrest Merlot

Open 1 KLhafka's Eyes of the Tiger 2  
Boanne's Love Song of Dhivia-Jenfield  
3 Agha Djari's Living Proof 4 Dolce  
Gabbana of Damos

Winners Bitch - Thaon's Stardance  
Reserve Khafka's Eyes of the Tiget

Field Trial - 1 DC Allure's Ready or Not  
SC 2 DC Allurre's Double Exposure MC

Best of Breed Ch Maya's Teh-Oo-Seh of  
Simoon

Best of Winners - Thaon's Stardance  
Best of Opposite Ch Polo's In the Air  
Tonite

Award of Merit  
Ch Fabelhaft Zoot Suit  
Ch Jorogz' Hearts Celebration  
Ch Etrigan the Pretender  
Ch Beachbrook's It's Raining Men  
Ch Regime's Picasso of Keystone

Best Puppy Joha Galaxy So;o Swiftwind  
Best Bred by Thaon's Stardance

## Performance Events

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP - Duane  
Butherus  
Novice Junior 1 Richard Farley

Open Junior 1 Hannah Bevan

Novice Senior 1 Megan Johnson

Open Senior 1 Tara Richardson 2 Tasha  
Huling 3 Dana Washington

Best Junior - Hannah Bevan

OBEDIENCE Daniel E Herald

Novice A NQ

Novice B 1 Myway Young At Heart 191  
2 Ishkur's Athena 190

Open A 1 Ishkur's Athena 190.5

Veterans 1 Ch Fabelhaft Majic Silver  
Lining 2 Dream Come True of Grandeur

Brace Myway Young At Heart Tristar  
Dream come True of Grandeur 183

Highest Scoring in Regular Classes Myway  
Young at Heart Tristar

Highest Scoring Ch of Record Ch Fabelhaft  
Majic Siilver Lining

LURE COURSING ASFA - Kay Nieren-  
garten, Judy Jazdzyk

Open Stake 1 Shekinah Steel Magnolia JC  
2 El Zagel Dani Girl 3 El Zagel Summer At  
Cameo 4 Shen O Shahzada /cream Casino

Field Champion 1 BII BC tamrick Xanadu  
High Treason LCM4 LCX ORC GRC  
2 FC Tamrick's Conspiracy 3 Dc Shekinah  
King Richard SC 4 Cameo's Unsolved  
Mystery

Veteran Stake 1 DC Tamrick's Grand Lar-  
ceny LCM2 LCX ORC SGRC

Single Stake 1 King Rebel of Malachi JC  
2 Utchati American Valor JC

Best in Field Shekinah Steel Magnolia JC

Stud Dog - Ch Gazon the Truth Be Told

Brood Bitch - Ch Raffica's Heart of  
Mykhan

see Page 7 for AKC trial results

## JUDGES' COMMENTS

Gill Ullom Dogs & Intersex With Afghan entries down over the last few years, I was pleased with the numbers at this year's National. Of course this does present a dilemma, that being, the quality ran very deep in several of the classes and I was forced to leave rather nice quality dogs out of the ribbons. Then again, what a nice dilemma to encounter. The facility for this year's event was excellent, nice size ring, and the balconies for those staying in the suites presented a nice birds-eye view of all of the activity. I do think some dogs look better and perform to their utmost when being exhibited in a big grassy outdoor ring. Certainly I wouldn't take anything away from Sandy Nelson and her committees for a wonderful indoor venue, it is just a fact that some dogs do better outside as well as some at an inside venue.

My **Best of Breed** winner (**CH. MAYA'S TEH-OO-SEH OF SIMMON**) is a great representation of what the Afghan is all about. As I indicated at the awards dinner, there have been very few dogs that have brought me to tears and this is one of them. I just hope that some day each of you will experience those feelings about our breed and a particular dog or bitch. (Just as a side note, Ch. Mecca's Falstaff & Ch. Rajah's El Cid were the first for me.) The longer she was in the ring the better she performed, with that great silhouette of the angles, as she moved around the ring. When I approached her, she was literally gazing right through me! She felt good to go over with her shoulder angulation (and placement of her withers) and the return of the upper arm. I really liked the way her neck flowed into her shoulders and topline. The attitude she expressed on the free stack is just another

aspect of what makes our breed unique. This was her day! My **Best of Opposite** winner (**CH. POLO'S IN THE AIR TONIGHT**) is an impressive dog with a stallion attitude as though he owned the ring. His effortless powerful gait was a pleasure to watch. He was clean coming and going and was in immaculate condition.

The five Awards of Merit (**CH. FABELHAFT ZOOT SUIT, CH. REGIMES PICASSO OF KEYSTONE, CH. ETRIGAN THE PRETENDER, CH. JOROGZ' HEARTS CELEBRATION AND CH. BEACHBROOK'S ITS RAINING MEN**) were an impressive group. On another day, any one of them could have received the nod. When I look at this group, I am assured that we are continuing to breed to the standard and not just swayed with "the fad of the day". Now lets be realistic, no dog or bitch is perfect in every way, but those important qualities (type) that make our breed unique are at the forefront of the minds of those breeders who respect the standard.

**Winners Dog (KHAFKA'S EXOTIC SPICE)**, from the Bred-By-Exhibitor Class, is a very houndy dog with tremendous reach and drive in his powerful gait. The dog was in excellent condition with good angulation front and rear. He had a nice arched neck and a good topline. As I looked at this dog on the free stack, I thought, if he slipped his lead, he could retreat to the woods to kill a deer. **Reserve Winners Dog (DELOUBELLE CASBAR FULL POWER)**, from the Open Class, is an impressive dog with a smooth springy gait. He was clean coming and going with beautiful head piece. This dog was also nice to go over, not over done in any way. I understood later that he was Best in Sweeps at last year's National. He emerged from the Open class with several very

capable dogs oh so close. The second place blue brindle was an impressive looking dog and was handled to perfection. I really liked his exotic expression on a very houndy head piece. His movement was balanced with spring and I am sure that he will do very well for himself.

The American Bred class had two contenders with the cream dog going first. He was a nice mover and very much the look of the Afghan (type) with good angulation front and rear.

The Bred-By-Exhibitor class was one of the classes where the quality ran deep. I think this was one of my best classes of dogs (as one would expect at the National). After the first place dog, which was WD, the second place brindle dog was a strong contender. This dog's head and expression had great Afghan character. He had good angulation front and rear and a beautiful spring in his gait and was very clean coming and going. The third place black dog had beautiful carriage and felt great under all of that coat. His head was just a bit heavy for me, but masculine, and I think carried well with his body. He was a "ham" and having a great time in the ring. The fourth place dog, again a well balanced dog, was clean coming and going, with great style on the individual go around.

In the 12-18 Month Dog class, first was a striking white dog with a piercing masculine expression. He had an effortless smooth gait with a good front and rear. I would suggest that this young dog has a great career ahead of him. The second place black & silver dog while working on his confidence the ring, had a beautiful head with moments of great balance as he circled the ring. Third place was a brindle and with his young handler presented a good

## Bobbi Keller - Bitches

Ullom Continued

team. This young dog had good front and rear angulation and his coat pattern, complete with bare pasterns, is another unique characteristic of our breed. The confidence he expressed in the ring demanded your attention. The fourth place dog, another brindle had a majestic striking look and nice easy balanced gait.

9-12 Puppy Dog Class, the first place black masked fawn male, mature for his age had a nice smooth gait with a nice head and expression. The second place black & tan, again with that expression as though he is looking through you, had a nice head, neck and topline, with a smooth balanced gait and he was really challenging the first place dog. The third place shaded mask red dog was a houndy dog with an exotic expression and he had a very wide open side gait with lots of spring although there were moments when his timing was not always smooth. The fourth place cream dog was a nice houndy puppy having a great time in the ring. One could definitely see the potential of this young dog as he did have moments of great style as I put him through his paces.

6-9 Puppy Dog Class, the first place blue puppy was clean coming and going with a nice balanced gait and houndy look for his young age. The second place black & tan didn't quite have himself ready to be competitive, but had nice angles all around and the third place black puppy had an admirable expression but unsure of himself in the ring and difficult to evaluate on the move.

It was nice to see two entries in the field dog class. Both of the brindles were Dual Champions each having nice easy flowing gait with the first place dog being just a bit smoother on the go around.

First, I would like to congratulate Sandy Nelson and her staff for putting on an outstanding 68th National Specialty. The hotel was very welcoming, the ring was huge, and there was lots of room for exhibitor grooming and vendors ringside. The ring decor and photo backdrop were outstanding, and really made the theme "Northern Lights" come alive.

I was privileged to judge the bitch classes, and I absolutely adored my winner's class. Every one of these beautiful girls is deserving of their titles. They were as follows:  
1st 6-9 puppy bitch: Sha-Cone Abaca Delovely- very aptly named, as she is lovely, beautiful pale blue brindle, soundly made and very sure of herself.  
1st 9-12 puppy bitch: Joha Galaxy Solo Swiftwind- powder puff blue, a bit bigger than I normally like, but very feminine and beautiful, and moved like a dream. She also was Best in Sweepstakes and Best Puppy.  
1st 12-18 bitch: Arcana Suhden's Ms. America- red brindle and of a very proper size. This very pretty and feminine girl charmed and moved her way through a very competitive class.  
1st Bred By Exhibitor: Thaon's Stardance- absolutely gorgeous black/blue bitch. Beautiful everything from head to tail. She was beautifully presented with great style and grace. She literally owned the ring. It was

my great pleasure to award her Winners Bitch, and Gill Ullom also awarded her BOW and Best Bred By Exhibitor  
1st: American Bred: Hosanna Price Above Rubies- a very nice red brindle of proper size, she was a very pleasant surprise to find in this underrated class.  
1st Open bitch: Khafka's Eyes Of The Tiger- Beautiful blue brindle domino. This bitch is divine with everything in the right place. She was also handled with great style and dignity. My final decision finally came down to her and my Bred By Bitch, with Thaon's Stardance simply exhibiting greater style and movement. I was very pleased to award her Reserve Winners Bitch.

In closing, I would like to thank the membership of the AHCA for inviting me to judge the bitch classes of the 68th annual specialty.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE**  
Purpose: to improve our website chaired by Sandy Frei .

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## Barb Bornstein - Sweepstakes

It was a pleasure to judge Sweepstakes in St. Cloud, Minnesota. My Sweepstakes entry was wonderful, but judging Sweepstakes can be problematic because of several factors. While the Sweeps judge has the first opportunity to see the Afghan Hound youngsters, these youngsters do not always perform at their best. The youngsters have traveled for a day, or for several days, they are bathed and groomed and then introduced to a new venue, new people and a new surface to move on. Often these youngsters are tired and a bit unsure and do not perform at their best. The judge must go with what he or she can.... finding winners from each class that day. It was not uncommon for the Regular Class judges Gill Ullom or Bobbie Keller to reverse some of my placements as my second place winners had settled down rightfully winning blue ribbons in their regular classes.

My Best Opposite to Best in Sweepstakes was a young male KASBAN AMERICAN IDOL who was stunningly beautiful. He was on his way to BIS but was only outshined by the dynamite blue bitch, JOHA GALAXY SOLO SWIFT-WIND, who simply refused to let down. This classy young bitch carried her royal attitude through the Liberty class and Gill also awarded her Best

Puppy in Show. Both the BOS and the BIS winners won their classes under Gill and Bobbi. I was disappointed in some exhibitors who openly displayed displeasure at their placements under me. Come on folks its only one show! One exhibitor purchased a still photograph of her dog in full stride bringing this photograph to me in order to inform me how wrong I was that I did not place her Afghan Hound. While the still photo of the dog was very lovely it did not illustrate how hard the dog's feet were hitting the ground, nor the wasted motion of the topline. The photograph did not reveal the movement of the dog either coming or going. Exhibitors should think twice about doing this type of thing to a judge and not use a single picture of their dog to intimidate or embarrass a judge. It doesn't work and only makes the exhibitor look very foolish. Besides, I have a very good memory when it comes to judging dogs.

Sandy Nelson outdid herself chairing this National. And no, the rumor is not true that the National will be held in St. Cloud every three years. This facility was wonderful and there were many comments from exhibitors about the pleasantness of the hotel staff. Minnesota has long been known for its quality of workers and outstanding service so none of this came as a surprise to me. The Northern Lights theme will shine on for years to come. It was a fabulous show and great fun besides.



### AHBC 2005

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Thursday April 21, 2005

AHBC - Judge Floyd Gale

Friday April 22, 2005

Potomac AHC Specialty

June Leitch Classes

Walter Greene Sweeps

Saturday April 23, 2005

Old Dominion KC

new indoor location

Rita Figg Classes

Carl Sanders Sweeps

Sunday April 24, 2005

Baltimore KC

same location as Sat.

Monica Canestrini Classes

Litter entries due by 2/28/05 \$35

Individual get entries of litters

already entered 1/21/05 \$20

All individual get entries due by  
2/21/05 \$25

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National - Sandy Nelson cont.  
On Sunday evening a wonderful welcome party was hosted by the Afghan Hound Review, the Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club, and all of the vendors. This was no small contribution as hotels do not charge Sam's Club prices for their hors d'oeuvres. Thanks goes to each for their contribution.

I am grateful for the extra help from Michael Canalizo who filled in as announcer for Connie Butherus until she could arrive from Australia. It was a good opportunity for me to get to know Michael a little better and find that he has a great sense of humor. I needed to laugh. Even though Connie Butherus traveled all the way from Australia to the National, she arrived with great energy and did a wonderful job announcing. Thank you, Connie, for your dedication. Thanks also to JoAnne Buehler who was always close at hand to give needed advice and help with what she could. Along with Brian Lenobel, JoAnne stewarded nearly the entire week. Thanks also to Midge Martin who took charge of the ready ring.

The beautiful logo created by Janet Williams was displayed on the sales items chosen by Sue Busby. Sue Busby, Claudia Jakus, Jan Lucree, Linda Jackson, Eileen Laudermilch, Becky Morissette and Phyllis Roe helped at the sales table throughout the week selling the Northern Lights memorabilia. These people deserve a huge thank you for their hard work and dedication.

It was my pleasure to have Laser Lites, USA sponsor Northern Lights. I am proud and thankful that they agreed to sponsor the 2004 National, and I hope that you enjoyed the use of the Laser Lites product they provided in the dog-wash room. The winners received beautiful baskets filled with Laser Lite products, and even I received a basket from Laser Lites that I continue to enjoy!

Ed and Pat Gilbert presented a fantastic Breed Education seminar. They put so much effort into making the seminar memorable and educational, and are to be commended. Christine Pinkston did a wonderful job planning dinner for the seminar and for the awards banquet, and I am grateful for her expertise in this area, as well as for the help from Alice Hastings.

Thank you to Patrick Byrne for singing the National Anthem on Thursday. He has a wonderful voice and it was so enjoyable to have a soloist. Patrick, I hope you can do this for other Nationals as well—it was a very special gift.

To a person who does not have an Afghan Hound, is not a member of the AHCA, is not a member of any regional club, but shows up at many of our Nationals just to help out, Jerry Preston, thank you for helping with the catalog and welcome bag table. He was there every

day, all day. Thanks also to Carol Hedstrom, Anna Johnston and Steve Cory for helping Jerry.

The support from Barb Bornstein during the planning of the show is so very much appreciated, and a huge thanks to her husband Lee Bornstein for putting together the great slide show of candid shots shown at the awards banquet. I truly enjoyed seeing the pictures, because I missed so much of the show! To Duane Butherus, thank you for the work you did as Master of Ceremonies. Duane was gracious enough to agree to do this job just prior to the show. It's not something you can just get up and do, it takes research to get the information together, and I saw how hard he worked at that. Let's not forget our fantastic auctioneer, Darlyn Pfeiffer! She is a special woman that makes people smile wherever she goes. The auction was the best because of her.

Months before the show Anna Johnston, Lynn LaBahn, Sandy Perkins, Julia Drees, Cynthia Dunahey, Janet Williams and I brought glue guns together to create the centerpieces and name place markers for the awards banquet. Making these for the banquet was by far my greatest pleasure as I got to know these people better. They are truly amazing women, who put a great amount of effort into making the 2004 show the best it could be. Ken Nelson and Mick Williams cut all the wood for the centerpieces and name

place markers for the awards banquet, and Janet Williams wrote each name on the name place markers. John LaBahn took time out of his busy job schedule to make us the huge welcome banners, wine labels, posters and buttons for our show. All these things added so much to the decorations and memorabilia. If I had to point to just one accomplishment to be proud of from this event, it would have to be the deep friendships that the Afghan Hound people in the Minnesota area made while working with each other on this show. We are truly proud of each other for the strong effort and work put into making the 2004 AHCA National a special event.

A huge debt of gratitude goes to Janet Williams, Mick Williams, Sue Medure, Lynn Labahn, John LaBahn, Pam Ristau, Vicki Fagre-Stroetz, Beth Collins, Tom Collins, Al Saiko, Rich Hansen, Steve

Cory, Cynthia Dunahey, Sandy Perkins, Julia Drees, and Jerry Barnes.

Thank you to Helen and Bob Stein for taking charge of judges hospitality. To Pam Ristau for making the beautiful Best of Breed Quilt. To all the people who donated items for the auctions, to the vendors, to Afghans On Line, to everyone who attended and entered, and to all those who helped that I may have missed, thank you for your support.

**Yes, I am pleased that it's over, and pleased that so many people enjoyed themselves. That's what made it worth the effort for me. That, and winning the quilt!**

**Sandy Nelson**

### **Nationals Lure Coursing**

from: Lynne Miller

We had a fabulous time at the lure coursing this year. The field was rolling hills which the hounds loved. The gallery had a good view of the proceedings. The weather was perfect for an athletic competition. And the fall colors just added to the beauty of the day.

Thank you to Sandy Nelson and her crew for all their hard work in setting up the fence and providing our free breakfast. Thank you to all the folks who helped make the trial run so smoothly. A HUGE THANK YOU to all the angels who stayed and helped take down the fence!

Results in the ASFA trial:  
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### **AKC Trial**

Open

- 1 Tasha Forever a Treasure  
Tasha Owner Dennis and Suzanne Mehlretter
- 2 Buckaroo Utchati Buckaroo  
Banzai, JC Owner Lynne Miller
- 3 Tenor Le Nobel Sofisticatd  
Siloette Owner Brian and Janet Le Nobel
- 4 Hannah Shekinah Steel  
Magnolia, JC Owner Max Ross, Mary Ross, Leslie Stoffels

Veteran Stake  
1 Guilty BII DC Xanadu  
High Treason Owner Rick Brown & Heather Alderson

& James Scholtz & Megan Johnson

Field Champion  
1 Spice FC Utchati  
American Dream, SC. Owner Lynne Miller  
2 Blurr DC Allure's Double  
Exposure Owner Todd & Stephanie Norris  
3 Taelon FC Tamrick's  
Conspiracy Owner Tricia Harris & Rick Brown  
4 Burton DC Shekinah King  
Richard Owner Max Ross & Leslie Stoffels

Conformation Champion  
1 Grumpy DC Allure's Ready  
or Not, SC. Owner Todd & Stephanie Norris  
2 Larson DC Tamrick's  
Grand Larceny. Owner Rick Brown

Best of Breed Spice  
Winner of the runoff between the ASFA Best of Breed winner and the AKC Best of Breed Winner SPICE

FC Utchati American Dream,  
FCh. 2004 Best In Field

Any errors are unintentional.

Lynne Miller  
Utchati Hounds  
Get the Bunny



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The list of current chairpersons will appear in each issue of Topknot News and in the Membership List. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or just want to say "Thank you," chairpersons may be reached as listed.

## Juniors Rule !

Where has this year gone? I can't believe that it has been over a year since I was asked to chair the Junior Committee for the Afghan Hound Club of America. What a labor of love! Afghans and young people who love this breed as much as I do, it can't get any better than that. But yes, I have found that it does. Getting to know these wonderful young people is a great reward. They all have such a bond with their Afghans. Win or lose the bond of love and friendship is there. In their hearts their special Afghan is always number one.

I especially love the great sportsmanship shown by the juniors. They are there for each other lending leads, brushes and congratulations for the day's wins. If you have ever watched the juniors, I'm sure you were very impressed with their handling. It is a wonderful group of young people with very bright futures in the sport of dogs.

As the junior chair I had the task of determining a Best Junior Handler for the year 2003. It took many, many hours to go through a year of AKC show result magazines. As I filled out a result sheet for each junior I was amazed at just how many juniors are showing an Afghan. We all know it's not the easiest breed or the flashiest breed for a junior, and then there is the dedication to the grooming. With all that in mind the numbers are amazing. In 2003 there were 41 juniors showing an Afghan. These same juniors traveled and showed their dogs in 33 different states. There were 16 Best Junior Handlers at all breed shows

and 15 Best Junior Handlers at Afghan specialties. These same juniors won placements at 222 shows or went on to win Best Junior Handler. WOW! With many hours of adding up each junior's numbers I finally came up with a Best Junior Handler for 2003. This well deserved and earned honor went to Tara Richardson, a very talented young woman. Tara won Best Junior Handler nine times last year at all breed shows. Tara achieved a total of 418 points for 2003. (One point is given for each dog defeated.) Tara shows Ch. Kattana A Few Good Men JC as her junior dog and in the breed ring. She is an awesome handler. I enjoyed watching her in juniors and in the Best of Breed ring at the National. Our second place junior was Stevie McDowell. Stevie's total points were 204 and Best Junior was achieved four times at all breed shows. I felt this deserved a mention because Stevie lives in Alaska! Wow, no sled dog for Stevie.

This year we also selected a 2003 AHCA Young Sportsman Scholarship winner. The young sportsman scholarship is awarded to a unique individual that is able to balance school and the sport of dogs. This individual is a full time student in high school or college and participates in information and performance events for Afghan Hounds. The 2003 scholarship winner was Krystyn Jones. Krystyn is attending Youngstown State University where she is studying physical therapy. Krystyn is another remarkable young woman that we are very lucky to have in our breed. Krystyn also had the honor of winning the 2004 AHCA Breeders' Cup with Kryslaur's Just Jack. What a great win. Krystyn will

have bragging rights for many years to come.

In a blink the 2004 National came and went. What great memories of this National, beautifully done by Sandy Nelson and her committees. Every National is different and each is special in its own way, "You betch ya!" The 2004 National had a great feel of warmth and closeness. Three floors of spectator rooms that overlooked the ring, the vendors and the grooming area were all in one space. This mixture made for one big block party like atmosphere. No matter what was happening in the ring there were always interested spectators watching. The junior seminar "Rising Stars" was no exception. I think we had just as many adults watching and listening to catch a few pointers. We were very lucky to have the highly respected and knowledgeable Mr. Michael Canalizo as our guest speaker. Mike put the juniors through their paces and gave them valuable tips and pointers on showing and grooming. I can't thank Mike enough for his contribution to our up and coming "Rising Stars". The seminar was followed with a pizza party for the juniors.

The Rising Stars seminar certainly paid off for Hannah Bevan and her junior dog Stormy. Hannah was awarded the Best Junior Handler honor at the 2004 National from the Open Junior class. Hannah showed Stormy to perfection. Hannah has a wonderful friendship and loving support from Darla and Larry Miller who co-own Stormy with her. I have watched Hannah in juniors for several years now, she just keeps improving her skills. Hannah has shown sev-

eral other breeds in the past. When Darla and Larry offered her Stormy they just clicked and needless to say they have had a fun year.

What a great year getting to know some of these wonderful young people. The National was such fun with the junior seminar and then watching everyone in the junior ring and in the class rings. Each and every junior at the National did a wonderful job. We really have some very special young people who are interested in this magnificent breed that we all love so much. Stop by the junior ring and watch their magic, it will amaze you. You just might feel the need to support or mentor a junior, the rewards are priceless.

If you are a junior and have questions or comments of would like to write an article of interest for or about juniors please contact me at [jmgafghan@aol.com](mailto:jmgafghan@aol.com) or mail your article to:  
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Juniors please feel free to drop me an email or letter introducing yourself and a little about yourself. I would like to feature a couple of juniors for each publication.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL AND  
BEST OF LUCK IN 2005 !**

**Jody Gardner - Junior show-  
manship Chair AHCA**

**JUNIORS DID YOU KNOW?  
New AKC Junior Rules for 2005**

Effective as of January 1, 2005 the junior classes will change. The classes are being divided into three age groups: Junior 9-11, Intermediate 12-14 and

Senior 15-18. These changes will allow juniors closer in age to compete against each other. This will also give them more opportunities for success in their classes. Competition will be required for a Best Junior to be awarded. If you would like more information on or about juniors visit the AKC website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). Juniors can sign up for the AKC junior newsletter for all the latest information and articles about and for juniors.

### *In Memoriam Judith Tilton-Vaughn*

*TILTON-VAUGHN, Judith Anne Age 53, of Middletown, OH, passed away November 13, 2004 at Madison County Hospital. She was born on October 19, 1951 in Franklin, Ohio. She worked as a Data Entry Clerk for IKO*

*Productions also worked in the Art Department for Crystal Tissue. She was a member of Cincinnati Kennel Club and Afghan Hound Club of Southwest Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents, William J. and Nellie (nee Becker) Tilton. She is survived by her husband of 19 years, Rick Vaughn; Uncle, Jack Tilton; cousins, Susan Tilton and Mark Tilton. Memorials: Take the Lead Foundation, P.O. Box 6353, Watertown, New York 13601  
Published in The Middletown Journal on 11/16/2004.*

**Judy would have become a member at the next Board meeting. She will be missed.**

### *In Memoriam Laura Murphy*

*Laura Lee Murphy 54 of Clyde died September 4, 2004. Born August 23, 1950 in Johnstown, daughter of Joseph Jr and Patricia L (Crawford) Murphy. Preceded in death by her mother, Patricia. Survived by her father, brother James and sister Patty Jo Hoffman and aunt Treva Jane Garron. Laura taught elementary education at United School District for 30 years. She was a member of the Greater Pittsburgh Afghan Hound Club and held many positions over the years. For years she was the Rescue person and was always keeping a senior around if she couldn't find the right home. She was also a member of the Parent Club.*

*Laura loved life, her dogs, cats and even fish. They were her kids! Under the kennel name of Buena Vista, she was a Breeder of Afghan Hounds and Dachshunds for around 30 years. She was quite successful in both breeds. I am not sure how many Afghans or Dachshunds she finished, but one of the most memorable moments, was when she won Winners Bitch at the National in 1994 with Ch. Buena Vista Constant Craving and also Best of Breed with Ch. Buena Vista Khabardar. She was so happy she couldn't stop crying. Laura loved her dogs very much and before she died she made sure that were all taken care of, which was very important to her. I will miss her every much as I am sure many will. We all lost a great lady.*

*Anne Evans*

## DELEGATES REPORT

(The highlights of the September Delegates Meeting were included in my report at the AHCA Annual Meeting in October.)

On September 13 and 14, the quarterly meeting of the Delegates was held in NYC. The Delegates' List prior to the meeting was alive with discussion about the Online Breeders Classified (OBC) initiative. The 348 delegates arrived at the meetings armed with facts, fiction, opinions, comments, suggestions and ready for prime time.

The major portion of the caucus on Monday was devoted to the pros and cons surrounding the OBC. Excellent points were offered by both supporters and opponents of the program. OBC was to have been up and running by July, we were told, but was being held off until after the Delegates meeting. Some of the concern on the part of the Delegates seemed to be that the OBC was to have been in place before the member clubs, their respective members, nor their Delegates to the AKC had the opportunity for comment, input, or review. Additional topics at the Caucus were votes to be taken the next day and the response of the dog fancy to the recent Florida hurricanes.

The Parent Club Committee took up the balance of the day. The committee agenda was full as was the meeting room.

Mike Leosis (AKC Staff) reviewed the approval process for Regional Specialty Clubs. Among the criteria were territory, reason(s) for formation, By-laws, elections, accomplishments, number of households represented and radius distance.

Additional topics discussed were:

The Show Site Directory and Parent Club access to this. A letter was sent to each Club's Corresponding Secretary and a second letter will be sent as it was reported some Clubs were having difficulty with access.

The upcoming parent Club Conference

- The Dock and Crop Issue
- Selection criteria use for judges for the AKC Invitational Show
- OBC and the role, impact on and concerns of Parent Clubs
- Stud book content and its ownership by the AKC (This has implications for Parent Clubs that publish pedigree books using this content).

On Tuesday morning we began with the Delegate's forum. The chair of the Conflict of Interest committee, David Merriam gave a status report of that Committee's activities. The charge to the Committee was to examine the existing provisions and make recommendations for possible change. Relevant documents have been reviewed by the Committee as well as the New York State Not-For-Profit

statutes. The need to redefine the principles of Sportsmanship for all involved in the sport (Judges, Exhibitors, Staff, etc.) as well as what is the expected conduct at events were presented. The Chair asked for comments and suggestions and stated to date there were about 8-10 responses. He responded to questions and was asked to provide the proposed content for comment when it is completed.

Following the Committee report the Chairman of the Board, Ron Menaker and the President, Dennis Sprung responded to Delegate's questions (it seemed that some of the questions were more of a statement than a question) Information about the upcoming AKC Invitational show was provided by Ron, the show chair, and concern was raised that the AKC Invitational as currently planned will conflict with shows held on that weekend around the country. The first three Invitationals were held during the week and avoided weekend days. The next show Jan 15 and 16, 2005 will air live on TV both Saturday and Sunday nights. Thus the date conflict.

The Delegates' meeting once called to order began with voting for the Delegate's Committees. The election was for positions on the 12 Committees. Terms of service are from one to three years. The results were announced

later in the afternoon.

The reports of the CFO, President and Chair were given and are published in the Gazette as well as on line for your reading pleasure.

The votes on rule changes were conducted with two of the five generating discussion. First was the amendment which would clarify the disqualification of dogs that repeatedly threaten or menace judges ^ or the Bad Dog goes the Dog Show rule. It was reported that in 2003 there were 126 dogs excused for the first time at shows but only 4 were excused a second time. The final wording which was adopted stated "a dog recorded as excused for threatening or menacing by judges on 2 occasions will be administratively disqualified by the American Kennel Club". Judging dogs should not be an Act of Bravery!

The second proposed change dealt with Field Trial Rules for Pointing Breeds and would have required the results of these events to be received by the AKC in 7 days " not merely mailed within 7 days. This change was presented as a hardship for these clubs and was not approved by the Delegates.

Next up was the OBC program which was presented in full for the Delegate Body. This concept, it is hoped, will

connect the puppy buying public with breeders via the AKC. Rather than going to the pet stores or other puppy outlets (Brokers, Pet Stores, „flea markets, auctions or dealers can not be listed on the AKC/OBC) the public can link up directly with breeders using the OBC via the AKC web site. Many comments and suggestions were offered by the Delegates but in general the concept seemed well received by the end of the day.

In closing a replay of a Judge Judy's TV program was screened. It was one of the best promotions for the AKC I have ever seen and without a doubt the most hilarious. It seems a puppy was purchased, turned out nothing like the breed it was purported to be and the owner took the „breeder to court. The registry the breeder used was nothing anyone had ever heard of ^ and the Judge was not amused! I lost count of the Judge's references to the AKC. It was well into double digits.

It was a great end to two very long days.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Butherus,  
Afghan Hound Club of  
America Delegate to the AKC

Personal note I was elected to the Parent Club Committee for a 3- year term.

## AHCA Rescue Report

Well another year is almost gone. I would like to report that the number of Rescues coming in have greatly decreased, but that is not the case. The numbers are about the same as last year. We have had several come into rescue in the past three weeks. I guess when you start decorating for the holidays....the dusty old dog must go. How sad. On a lighter note, our new Rescue Calendar is complete and printed. Any one wanting a copy can go to our website and download an order form..... it is very easy to fill out, and the profits go to a very good cause. We have a few copies of the book "The Road I Took to You" available and I think the Cook Book is also available. We have Christmas cards for sale.... buy now for next year! Saves rushing at the last moment. Also, our "Yarn for Rescue" project continues....we have mittens, scarves, even a child's sweater and hat set available. So visit our web- site at [www.afghanhound.net](http://www.afghanhound.net) <<http://www.afghanhound.net>> and check us out. We have much to offer! I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and your Christmas was merry, When you are sitting around the fire with family and friends and your faithful dogs.....remember those dogs who are less fortunate, those who are waiting in foster homes for forever homes.

Russ & Barb Hastings  
AHCA Rescue Chairs

## Board Highlights

Oct 4, 2004

Present: JoAnne Buehler, Abbe Shaw, Gill Ullom, Barb Bornstein, Jan Lucree, Janet Lenobel, Sue Busby, Claudia Jakus, Betsy Hufnagel, Helen Stein, Harry Bennett, Le Hedstrom.

Absent: none

### Report of the President:

JoAnne reported that she has had some suggestions for improvements to the web site. She proposed forming a one-time committee to look at potential changes in the web site. A motion was made and passed to form a one-time committee to collect input and information regarding changes in the AHCA web site.

JoAnne asked that the Annual Membership Agenda and Committee Reports be made available ahead of time to the membership. It was agreed to have them available by noon on Wednesday, the day of the meeting.

### Report of the Treasurer:

Janet provided copies of the end-of-year (2003) report that which was distributed at the General Membership Meeting.

A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

### Breeders' Cup:

Tony Saia and Floyd Gale will chair the 2005 Breeders' Cup in Frederick, MD. It will be held at the Holiday Inn at Francis Scott Key Mall. The room rate is \$99.00. They have collected contributions from four sources for the Welcome Party. The date is Thursday April 21, 2005. This will be followed by the Potomac AHC specialty on Friday at the same hotel and 2 supported entries at all breed shows, also indoor at another location, 40 minutes away.

### Canine Health:

Only three people signed up for the CERF Clinic at this year's National so the clinic was canceled.

### IT Coordinator:

Jim will work with Kathy Pugh to put together a CD with tips for care. Proceeds will benefit rescue.

### Junior Showmanship:

A Junior Jamboree was held for the first time this year on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 PM. (It was a great success!)

### Legislative Affairs:

Beth Berman has agreed to take this over after Pat Gilbert resigned.

### Library:

There was no library display at this year's National, but it should be back in 2005.

### Lure Coursing:

Policies and Procedures will be corrected relating to lure coursing awards. There should be two awards (ASFA and AKC) even if they are awarded to the same dog. The ASFA plaque should always be listed in the ASFA premium list. Garry Newton has agreed to be the AHCA Representative to the AKC Coursing Advisory Committee.

### National Specialty Show

A motion was made and passed, to buy two tubs to be used at a national event, and then auction them off. This would solve the problem of transporting the tubs from one event to the next.

### 2005 National Specialty:

Abbe reported that the 2005 National will be held in Sacramento, CA from October 17 - 21, followed by the Northern California Specialty on Saturday and two all-breed shows on Sunday and Monday.

A motion was made and passed to change the exhibiting restriction on a dog owned or co-owned by the designated people (Bench Show Committee, Show Chair, President and members of their households) to one year rather than two, prior to the National Specialty.

### Obedience:

Claudia will review the rules for Rally Obedience and add it to the options for the Versatility Award. Rally obedience will be offered at the National in Sacramento.

### Agility:

Agility at the 2005 National Specialty was discussed. Judy Bloom will look for a site within an hour of the show site, and/or the cost to rent and transport equipment if we had it at the host hotel.

### Public Education:

Janie Getz will coordinate the AHCA display at the AKC/Eukanuba Classic in Tampa on January 14 & 15 2005.

### Regional Clubs:

Sand and See AHC in Florida has received AKC approval to hold its first specialty show. There are currently 37 clubs licensed to hold specialty shows. A motion was made and passed to approve no more than two (2) regional specialty shows on the same weekend (Friday - Monday), anywhere in the country. This does not affect any currently approved club situation.

### Rescue:

A motion was made and passed to place a rescue ad in Dog Fancy on a one-year trial basis.

### AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards

The Board voted for the following:  
Maxine Beam Conformation  
David Maurer Companion Events  
J J Sweezy - Performance

**Adjournment:**

Motion made and passed to Adjourn at 4:10 PM.

**Date and Location of Next Board Meeting:**

Saturday March 5, 2005, following the Phoenix Specialty at the Phoenix LaQuinta Inn.

## Judges Education

The National Specialty Judges Education Seminar took place on Wednesday, October 6, the day of the Regular Class Bitch judging. I choose this day specifically for several reasons. The attendees only have to schedule two days if they want to see the BOB competition. However, I feel the class entry is a more realistic representation of what judges will see in their ring. I like that the judges can observe the metamorphosis of our breed from puppyhood to adulthood and that there is a better chance for them to see "peculiar coat patterning".

I had ten of the twelve registered attendees present. Interestingly enough, most of them had Whippets as their background breed. A few had PBGVs in common, and only one had experience with a coated breed - Old English Sheepdogs.

I would like to publish those names so that you may know who was interested enough to want to attend and learn about our breed. They were:

MaryBeth Arthur, Pat Cunningham, David Hiltz, Dianne Kroll, Debbie Narwood, David Samuelson, Barbara Ruth Smith, and Linda Zaworski. Those Afghan Hound Fanciers who registered and attended were Patrick Byrne, Sherri Licata, and Dean D'Aquila.

I want to thank Beth Berman, Jo Anne Buehler and Helen Stein for all their help once again. I'd like to also thank those who brought dogs for the hands - on practice and those who helped with the ringside mentoring.

If you are interested in ringside mentoring next year and will be available to do so on the day of bitch judging please let me know. The number of mentors that I can use will depend on the number of people who register to attend.

Thanks,  
Harry ( Bennett )

Note: Judges Educational Seminars are open to any approved judges, prospective applicants thereof, and any Afghan Hound breeder who is otherwise fully qualified (see AKC site for present requirements to apply to judge) but not necessarily applying to judge the breed.

## From the President

**Thanks to all who came to St. Cloud to celebrate the dogs we love. "Northern Lights" – the 68<sup>th</sup> AHCA National Specialty held in October, was an experience to remember! Sandy Nelson and her team more than delivered on their promises. Sandy, Thank You From All of Us!**

**Next we have the Eukanuba Invitational and our "Meet the Breeds" booth organized by our Public Education Chair, Sandy Weinraub, assisted by all the Florida AHCA members. The event will be held January 14 & 15 in Tampa, FL. For more information visit: <http://www.akc.org/dic/invitational/2005/>**

**The 2005 AHCA Breeders' Cup will follow this on April 21, in Frederick MD, chaired by Tony Saia. The 2005 National Specialty will be held in Sacramento, CA Oct 17-21, chaired by Judy Bloom. Both events promise to keep up the stellar performances of the 2004 Breeders' Cup and the National. For more information, visit our Website: <http://clubs.akc.org/ahca/>**

**Whether you are an ardent exhibitor, loving pet home or just fancying the idea of residing with an elegant Afghan Hound, please consider joining us at one or more of these events. A happening is always something special when it involves Afghan Hounds!**

**Best wishes for 2005!**

**JoAnne**

## Breeder's Symposium

Presented by the American Kennel Club and AKC Canine Health Foundation  
Hosted by the University of Pennsylvania - School of Veterinary Medicine  
Saturday, January 29, 2005

8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Register On-line Now!

<https://www.sporg.com/servlet/LinkToEventServlet?EventId=8481>

University of Pennsylvania-School of Veterinary Medicine

3800 Spruce St.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Program check-in begins at 8:00 am on 1/29/05

Cost \$85.00 - includes materials, lunch, and parking

Topics to include:

ABC's of Dog Breeding - Claudia Orlandi, PhD

Genetics of Cancer - Beth Overly, VMD, Dipl. ACVIM

Canine Inherited Cardiac Disease - Dennes Burkett, VMD, Ph.D., Dipl.

ACVECC

Assisted Reproduction: Insights into current & future techniques for the next generation of puppies- Anne M. Traas, DVM

Feeding Dogs for Health & Longevity - Kathryn E Michel, DVM, MS, Dipl.

ACVM

Vaccinations: Less is More?! - Dr. Margret Casal, Dipl. ECAR

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Register now space limited to 250 attendees

CE units available for Veterinarians and Vet Techs

### AIRLINE NEWS

Hi Everyone

Some good travel news: The AKC has negotiated a deal with United Airlines. They have sent the AHCA and all parent clubs 40 kennel certificates for their members. These are for AHCA members and allows you to check a large kennel for the price of a small one, or \$100 each way, WHEN going to an AKC event - ie the upcoming National, Eukanuba or Breeders' Cup for example. The also have a people discount of 5% - 15%. This 800 number is for ANYONE going to an AKC event.

The people code is 515SP and you need to CALL 800-521-4041 to make your reservations. You can even use this to go to any AKC event with or without a dog.

If you would like one of the certificates, for now you will need to contact me, and I will mail them.

The program is known as PMO/AKC and runs though July 15, 2005.

JoAnne Buehler

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SPECIALTIES continued:

April

Breeders' Cup 4/21/05

Floyd Gale Classes

Potomac AHC 4/22/05

June Leitch Classes

Walter Greene Sweeps

May

AHC South Western Ohio 5/27/05

& 5/28/05

Judges TBA

June

AHC of St Louis 6/4/05

David Frei Classes

Gail Mofford Sweeps

July

Greater Pittsburgh AHC 7/2/05

Dominique Danel Classes

Kelly Ray Sweeps &

Hank Nave Classes 7/3/05

Christine Pinkston Sweeps

Finger Lakes AHC 7/8/05

Gerda Kennedy Classes

TBA Sweeps

September

Tara AHC 9/22/05

Sandra Frei Classes

Connie Butherus Sweeps

This information is taken from the website.

Regional clubs should send club information - officers, news, specialty dates and judges to:

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Specialty packets go to Harry Bennett for approval.

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