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SPECIALTIES

January - None

February -Nutmeg AHC 2/11
Doug Gaudin Classes
Kerry Pope Sweeps
AHA Long Island 2/12
Joe Inguaggiato Classes
Henry Dietzgen Sweeps

March - Tidewater AHC 3/11
Jaime Ganoza Classes
Jerry Bazar Sweeps
Richmond AHC 3/12
David Cochrane Classes
Gerri Cumberland Sweeps
AH Breeders' Cup 3/24
Debbie Webb
AHCG Phoenix 3/25
Ken Tippie Classes
Bruce Clark Sweeps
AHCG Phoenix 3/26
V Hamilton-Preston Classes
Ann Sterner Sweeps

April -Tara AHC 4/16
Helen Stein Classes
Dennis Sprung Sweeps
AHC Dallas 4/29
Gill Ullom Classes
Anna Stromberg Sweeps
AHC Dallas 4/30
Reggie Nesbitt Classes
Billy Webb Sweeps
Potomac AHC see Sept.

May -AHCNorthern NJ 5/5
Georgianna Guthrie Classes
Michael Work Sweeps
AHC California
AHCSW Ohio
AHCG Columbus

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UPCOMING EVENTS

THE AFGHAN HOUND BREEDERS' CUP

The Breeders' Cup is upon us. And if you have considered but have not yet donated to support this endeavor, please do so. All contributions are gratefully accepted. Also, please note that a list of contributors will be in the catalog. And thank you to all of you who have generously contributed thus far. There will be a welcome get together on Thursday night with a cash bar. The lunch the day of the Breeders' Cup is \$8.50/person which is an assortment of wrap sandwiches, salads, salsa and a drink & dessert. The Dinner on Friday night is a wonderful southwestern buffet for \$29.50/person. Reservations go to Eileen Laudermilch, 5902 E. Emile Zola Ave, Scottsdale, AZ 85254-3718 and must be received by March 18th. Email is Herrhounds1@cox.net.

THE 2006 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

To All the Afghan Hound Regional Clubs

The 2006 National will be upcoming in September 2006, our Venue will be the Lancaster Host Hotel in beautiful Lancaster PA.. The 06 Autumn Fantasy will be hosting a Top 20 Competition and we are requesting the help of all the regional clubs to be the Sponsor of this Event.

In the very near future, you will be getting a formal notice from Fran Reisman, the Chairperson for this event. Our National Committee is requesting that each Regional Club donate \$ 50.00 to help put on this event. This will help support us in putting on an event that all will remember.

In return for this support, we will give each club a free quarter page advertisement for their specialty event in 2007.

Please be on the look out for the letter from Fran and I do hope that each and every club will assist us in putting together a great event for the entire fancy to enjoy.

Please let your club members know about this event and our request, and if you have any questions, please feel to contact me at beachbrook@prodigy.net or you may call me at 1-301-797-7638.

Best Regards

Tony Saia
Show Chairman 2006
The Autumn Fantasy

The Afghan Hound Club of America proudly presents the 70th Annual Specialty Show on Sunday, September 17, 2006 through Thursday, September 21, 2006 at the

**Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center
2300 Lincoln Highway East (Route30)
Lancaster, PA 17602**

e-mail: info@lancasterhost.com

Nestled in the heart of Lancaster County's historic Pennsylvania Dutch Country is the Lancaster Host Resort- a perfect venue to showcase our beautiful breed and a great location to enjoy This Autumn Fantasy Week. You can take a swing at the 18-hole championship golf course, dive into the indoor/ outdoor swimming pools, play tennis, basketball, volleyball and even ride a bicycle on the 225 acre property.

The show area is a totally secured 24,000 square foot Expo Hall with convenient access from all sides. Most Events will be held in the Expo Hall.

Hotel & Reservations Hotel information can be accessed at: www.lancasterhost.com Call 1-800-233-0121 to make reservations. A special \$90.00 plus tax per day room rate has been arranged for us. Please be sure to mention the AHCA event when making reservations.

Judges

The judges for 2006 are: Betty Richards Dogs and Intersex
Romayne Strilka-Switch Bitches
Barbara Cassidy Sweepstakes

The AHCA National Specialty will be followed by these specialties at the same location:

Friday Sept 22nd: The Potomac Afghan Hound Club

Saturday Sept 23rd: The Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Club

Dogs: Dr Barry Deitch

Regular Classes: Roberto Velez-Pico

Bitches and Intersex: Mrs Janis Reital

Sweepstakes: Honi Reisman

Top Twenty: This event will happen on Sunday evening. Fran Reisman and I are working on the rules / regulations of this event. I have booked the Las Vegas Style room for this event. Additional details will follow from Chairperson Fran Reisman, David and Tony. Each Regional Club will be requested to donate \$50.00 to help put on this event. As a result of this donation, we will offer a cash bar, and desert table for all to enjoy.

Committees are as follows:

Exhibitor Hospitality - Julie Szymanski
Judges Hospitality - Connie & Duane Butherus
Trophies - JoAnne Buehler
Dinner- Chris Pinkston
Master of Ceremony - Tom Cozzoni
Grounds - Floyd Gale & Jay Johnson

Raffle - Debbie Coudriet
Publicity - Jim Coudriet
Lure Coursing - Michele Trifiro
Golf Tournament - Beth Ber- man & Gene Blake
Vendors - Chris Kaiser
Top Twenty - Fran Reisman, David Giordano, Tony Saia
Obedience - Open
Cups/Tee-Shirts & Souvenirs - Kathy Kolezar & Dorma Sue Busby
Decorations - Chuck Milner
Flowers - Connie Butherus
Juniors Demo & Party - Jodi Garnder
Rescue Raffle - Barbara Hastings
Catalog Advertising - Cindy Chandler
Pool Party and Art Auction - Judy Hein and Bruce Good-speed
Breed Education / Seminar and Buffet Dinner - Karen Wagner & Beth Bergman
Chief Ring Steward - Open

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The following is a VERY tentative schedule for the Specialty week

Sunday September 17, 2006	Lure coursing AKC and ASFA - may be offsite The Top Twenty Competition - At the host hotel Cash bar & Dessert table
Monday September 18, 2006	Obedience and Agility competition Puppy and Vateria Sweepstakes Judge Barbara Cassidy Vendors Reception - Wine and Cheese Afghan Hound Breed Symposium and Buffet Dinner
Tuesday September 19, 2006	Golf tournament open to golfers and "wanna be" golfers Junior Showmanship Conformation judging - Dogs Judge Betty Richards Winners Dog Junior Demo/ Pizza Party for Juniors
Wednesday September 20, 2006	Membership Meeting - morning Rescue Meeting Canine Good Citizen Test Liberty Class Conformation judging - Bitches Judge Romaine Strilka Switch Winners Bitch Evening Pool Party/Barbecue/Art Auction
Thursday September 21, 2006	Parade of Veterans Rescue Parade Triathlon High scoring Obedience Dog Best Junior Handler Best in Field Best of Breed Judge Betty Richards Best Puppy Best Bred By Exhibitor Stud Dog Brood Bitch Awards Banquet
Friday September 22, 2006	Potomac Afghan Hound Club Specialty Dr. Barry Deitch Dogs Janis Reital Bitches & Intersex
Saturday September 23, 2006	Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Club Specialty Stephen Fisher Classes Honi Reisman Sweepstakes

SPECIALTIES CONTINUED

June - AHCG Chicago

Colonial AHC	6/2
Hobart Brown	Classes
Christine Pinkston	Sweeps
AHC St Louis	
Evergreen AHC	

July - Finger Lakes AHC

AHCG Portland	
AHCG Milwaukee	
G PittsburghAHC	7/1
Sandra Frei	Classes
Kathryn Carr	Sweeps
G Pittsburgh AHC	7/2
Robert Godfrey	Classes
Anita Richards	Sweeps
Monterey Bay AHC	
Sand & Sea AHC FL	7/7
Lee Gindlesperger	Classes
Carol Penta	Sweeps

August - GTwin Cities AHC 8/25

Helen Stein	Classes
Sandy Nelson	Sweeps
Mid West AHC	

September - AHCG Denver

AHCG Detroit	
AHC America	9/17 - 9/21
Betty Richards	D & I
Romayne Strilka-Switch	B
Barbara Cassidy	Sweeps
Potomac AHC	9/22
Dr Barry Deitch	Dogs
Janis Reital	Bitches & Intersex
Lehigh Valley AHC	9/23
Stephen Fisher	Classes
Honi Reisman	Sweeps

October - N California AHC

AHC Memphis

November - S Arizona AHA

AHC Omaha

December - None

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If no judges are listed, the show
was held in that month last year.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Afghan Hound Club of
America, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
October 16, 2005
Sacramento, CA

Board Members in attendance:

JoAnne Buehler, Abbe Shaw,
Gill Ullom, Jan Lucree, Linda
Jackson, Sue Busby, Betsy
Hufnagel, Helen Stein, Le
Hedstrom, Donna Amos.

Board Members Absent:

Claudia Jakus, Harry Bennett

Report of the President:

JoAnne thanked everyone
for the hard work and good
attendance at Board meetings
and National events during
her tenure as President.

JoAnne reported the Tax
Deductible 501(C)(3) status
for AHCA Rescue was
officially in place now, the IRS
documents arriving in the last
week. She also had discussed
the concerns raised by
members of the AHCA rescue
with the attorney who set up
the Trust for us, Ed Sledzik.
He said that the AHCA
Rescue Charitable Trust
complies with IRS standards
as it is set up within the club.
The Trustees should address
the other issues as they set up
the By Laws.

JoAnne reported that \$250.00
was received from Philippe to
cover the cost of the trophies
for WB at the 2003 specialty,
which had not been returned
upon her losing the points
from AKC. This politely
resolves the issue.

JoAnne reported that a letter
was sent in response to the
second member-to-member
complaint, indicating that the
Board would not entertain the
complaint.

Invalid ballots are still an issue.
Jan will compose an article for
Topknot News about member
responsibilities in casting valid
ballots.

Treasurer's Report:

Linda reported that the rescue
accounts will be combined
into the one 501(C)(3) account
- AHCA Rescue Charitable
Trust Fund, now that the Trust
is official. The use of Pay Pal
at this year's National will
be reviewed after the show.
Since credit cards seem to be
the mode of choice for many
people today, Linda will check
on a seasonal credit card
account with Wachovia.

Committee Reports

Breeders' Cup

Sharon Watson and Wynne
Kalish reported on the Breeders
Cup:

2005. The Breeders' Cup went
well. The entry was good and
it appeared to be well received.
A small profit was made.

2006 Abbe reported that the
2006 Breeders' Cup will be held
on Friday, March 24th in Mesa,
AZ, followed by the Phoenix
Specialty Shows on Saturday
and Sunday.

2007 The 2007 Breeders' Cup
is in the Midwest.

The Afghan Hound Club of
Dallas would like to host the
show in Ft. Worth, TX. on
Friday, April 27, followed
by back-to-back specialty
shows by the Dallas Club.
The Midwest AHC is also

interested in hosting the 2007 Breeders' Cup in Ohio on April 13.

Delegate's Report

Connie submitted a report, which was presented at the general membership meeting. She has asked Judy Bloom to report on this year's National Specialty site on the AKC Site Locator website. She also recommended that we put a link on the AHCA website to the AKC Outreach Program. Connie recommended that the Board take no position on PAWS legislation at this time. She will put out a lot of information on both sides of the issue at the Annual Meeting. A motion was made, discussed and passed to refrain from taking a position on PAWS per Connie's recommendation.

Health Report

A motion was made and passed to ask Eileen Lauder Milch, as Canine Health Outreach chair, to promote permanent identification and DNA for all dogs. She will set this up for the 2006 National Specialty.

Breed Education Report

Sandy Frei reports that over 100 people signed up for this year's seminar on chylothorax. Sandy solicited additional monetary support for the seminar and raised over \$900.00. A motion was made and passed that any leftover money will be split between the Morris Animal Foundation for chylothorax research and future Breed Education seminars. Sandy was asked to

submit a report on this year's symposium for publication in the AKC Gazette.

Library Report

Helen reported that materials from the library would be on display for three days at the National. She also reported that the redraft of INTRO will be ready for proofing at the next Board meeting.

Lure Coursing Report

Janet Lenobel has taken over as Chairman. She reported that the AHCA held a 2-day lure coursing trial in Chattanooga, TN in September. There were over 75 entries. Jan Curry, Jan Lucree and Ruth Reynolds were the AHCA members who put on the lure coursing with a great deal of help from the workers in the local club. Janet asked that the Veterans Class age be made the same for both AKC and AFSA coursing trials held AHCA. A motion was made and passed to make the Veteran Class age 6 years old for both AKC and AFSA coursing at AHCA trials.

Membership Report

Betsy reported that the AHCA is using the new revised membership applications. The first readings from the last board meeting were unfortunately not published in Topknot News yet due to Sharon's illness last spring, and, so, could not yet be voted on at this meeting. They will be voted on at the first Board meeting of 2006 along with new first readings from this meeting.

National 2006 Report

Tony Saia is Show Chair for

the 2006 National Specialty. The show is scheduled for September 17 - 21, in Lancaster, PA. The rooms will be \$89.00 per night, plus taxes. There will be a Top Twenty event on Sunday evening. Potomac AHC and Lehigh Valley AHC will hold specialties immediately following the National.

Obedience , Rally and Agility Claudia would like some help with statistics. (Any volunteers?)

Public Education

Janie Getz will coordinate the "Meet the Breed" at the AKC/Eukanuba show in Tampa in January 2006.

Other Reports

The Hastings submitted a Rescue report for the agenda at the general membership meeting, as did Bobbi Keller for the Giving Back program.

New Business

There seems to be a lack of "continual awareness" by Board members as people come and go. Some important issues like insurance coverage are not well understood. JoAnne suggested the AHCA establish a small new committee to remain aware of the details of our coverage. A motion was made, discussed and passed. JoAnne will contact Tom Cozzoni and Bud Ledbetter to serve on an ad hoc committee to make recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned. The next Board meeting will be February 11 in New Jersey.

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AHCA National 2005

It was most likely in 1965 that I attended my first National. It was in an ornate ballroom of a swanky New York City hotel. I can remember lots of dogs and lots of people with a frenetic energy surrounding them. Everything was crammed in a room where the people were only slightly outdone by their Afghan Hounds' glamour. It was all so exciting for this kid from suburbia....fast forward forty years to 2005.

I've long lost my youth and with it went my hair, but the emotions the breed instilled in me throughout the decades have never waned. Features of the breed taught to me by many of the pioneer breeders would become set in stone. The breed has held true to tradition in many respects as most of us worked hard to protect and preserve the unique breed that held us captive throughout the ages. I'm sure that sounds really far out and maybe somewhat weird...but when I walked into the ring to judge the AHCA national this year I carried thoughts of what Sunny Shay would expect of me...what would Babbie think.. Is Kay smiling down on that one...or Mary Nelson would approve...I was prepared to judge our breed with its past as my hope for its future.

A California specialty has always had a particular allure due to the location. The flora and fauna were in abundance. The weather maintained its expected temperature range with only a slight ripple in what was predicted. The entire week supported the vision of the show chairman's ability to stage a wonderful eclectic event benefiting the Afghan Hound. Judy Bloom and her committee should be very proud of their accomplishments. I might be one of the only humans to sort of enjoy the odd shaped ring. The shape and undulating terrain made most of the entry kick it up a notch when it came time to show me they had what it takes to wear the badge of "sight hound". The "Conni Miller

"lurking somewhere inside me was pleased! The minor adjustments in ring procedure were quick fixes and I think the viewing audience got their money's worth.

My assignment was for all dog classes and Best of Breed. I should mention that shortly before the day of the show I could/would officially announce that this assignment would be the last time I would judge the breed in the USA. I accepted a position with the American Kennel Club and would no longer be able to judge in the United States. I can only judge outside of the United States for the foreseeable future. Many people were upset with my choice to curtail judging and had they known this would be my last assignment they would have made some different decisions that could have affected the entry. Oh well...It's not the first time I've surprised a few of you!

The entry of class dogs was well off for correct type and good coordinated movement. As I worked through the classes I could see a strong winner's class being assembled. Each class had a standout and the Bred-by class stood tall with more than a few! The decision for first in that class was made with only the slightest of margins. If the stamina of one were crossed with the elements of type with another I would have found the "perfect one", but we all know that wasn't going to happen and the results will stand as recorded. When the winner's class came in I was pleased to see a line of Afghan Hounds of a certain make and shape that defines the breed. Each of them had clear details that could be useful in breedings of the future.

The final three for Winners were the 9-12 Puppy, the BBE, and the Open Dog. These Hounds had many desirable traits, a certain posture standing and an ease of gait that appealed to me. It literally got down to the last of three turns around the ring until one of them elevated himself to the win. That moment happened when the Open

dog was on the last lap and took it upon himself with no help from his handler to "Take Over". He pulled himself up and out as if he saw something he wanted...I guess he wanted winners because I saw that look and it won it for him! Reserve Winners went to the 9-12 Puppy that got his "sea-legs" as the class went on.

Best of Breed day dawned bright and clear, which also meant a warmer day would be expected. I set out having each entry lap the ring to be checked for attendance which also gave them a "Moment in the sun" for photo op's and a chance to get a feel for the ring. Then they all assembled for the traditional AHCA Best of Breed Photo. From that point on I took a fast glimpse of each line before they exited the ring...I would begin to judge the last line left in the ring, which were the start of the males. I would make a broad cut on type from each sex. With each subsequent round cuts were made on the details and movement of each exhibit. From that point forward it got much more intense. I was pleased to have very subtle variations on which to base the final cut. Now is the appropriate place to give kudos to my excellent team of stewards...I'm sure I wasn't their run of the mill judge and they kept everything running so very well.

Some of the noticeable distractions were/was the disregard to our standard's intentions on trimming. I have yet to ever see an Afghan Hound that never grew a single hair on their tail...and it was most noticeable on a near perfect tail... Only a few temperaments fell short of acceptable. It's no secret that I can, and do, make requests of handlers as to how best to present their charge to me...most took it as the well-intentioned suggestion it was meant to be. I really didn't see any "red flags" that might be of concern for future breeding. Most of what I objected to were man-made more than hereditary...and that's a good thing!

The end is near...the end is near!

My final cut was breathtaking! They didn't all look like cookie-cutters per se, but there was no mistaking a similarity amongst them. Most of the ones left standing had a square outline, long, strong necks, and a keen gaze which served them well on the move. I had a Black/Tan bitch with so much exoticness and a gait that was truly effortless. (Reigh & Dewey, [who should have had a day doing what I was, judging a national that is!]) would be beaming at her). There was a blue bitch with a headpiece to be prized. My Dad, (one of the last "Head Hunters" in the breed) would have approved of her totally! A brace of black bitches of exquisite type vied for a strong BOS, (any black bitch in my ring has a hard act to follow and both of these girls had what it takes to win it all...but it took another day and a different Canalizo to decide that...oops! But alas, it was ultimately a battle of the boys!

The Best of Breed dog shared the many of the finer details of the other males, but there were few things that tipped the scales in his favor. One being his short hocks, his correct silky coat texture, a reach of neck that had substance, a set under front that worked well in motion with his rear and last but not least was his very correct size. Anyone who knows me will attest that I'm flexible on size in our breed...there are other features that I look to reward before size, but in an entry such as that at a National...size does matter! For those fortunate to have seen Ch. Khalife of Grandeur, (an influential sire that stamped the look of Grandeur on many) the resemblance would have been palpable. Having many correct sized dogs made it easy to stay within the standard in the end. Both my Best of Winners and Best of Breed fit the standard well in that regard. One of the last males standing was a steel blue with a great outline. A short hard back with a croup and tail that was textbook. The other AOM was a Blk/Masked silver with perfect coat, a handsome head and a style that

makes one fall in love with the breed.

In closing I want to say that judging your breed's National is everything you can imagine and then some. I will always remember the majesty of the day which was made possible by all those who share the love of the Afghan Hound to the extent that so many of us do. You're all very special and I'm proud to share your passion for the Afghan Hound.

Michael Canalizo

2005

(see page 14 for names)

2005 AHCA Breed Symposium

First of all we would like to thank Dr. Jonathan McAnulty who is doing the clinical study for surgical procedures for chylothorax at the University of Wisconsin Vet School for taking time out of his busy schedule to come and speak to us on the topics of chylothorax, lung torsion and hemangiosarcoma at this year's breed symposium. We had over 150 people sign up for the event. Also, thank you to the many members and Afghan specialty clubs (including the Afghan Hound Club of Greater Portland) that donated to the breed symposium fund so we could bring in a speaker of Dr. McAnulty's caliber to speak to our group. Finally, a special thank you to Pat and Ed Gilbert for donating their time to host Dr. McAnulty and for helping to set up the equipment needed for his presentation. It was because of these donations that the Afghan Hound Club of America was able to make a second donation of \$500 for Dr. McAnulty's study. Finally, thank you to Eileen Laudermilch and Colleen Ayling for checking in all the attendees for the event.

Chylothorax is the accumulation of free floating fatty fluid in the chest that results in restricted breathing. It occurs in both cats and dogs, but Afghan Hounds appear to be particularly affected. The disease is poorly understood, with no treatment advancements made in the past 20 years. Current treatment involves binding the thoracic duct, which runs alongside the aorta and is part of the lymphatic system. This procedure has a failure rate of 40 to 50 percent. The investigators are testing two new surgical treatments to determine whether either procedure could become the new standard for treating chylothorax in dogs.

To date, three afgghans have gone through Dr. McAnulty's trial and two have survived after surgery using the techniques he is studying.

To read more about chylothorax and Dr. McAnulty's clinical trial go to:

<http://www.vetmed.wisc.edu/dss/ChyloThoraxTrial/page1.php>

We still have the handouts that were written by Dr. McAnulty on the chylothorax, lung torsion and hemangiosarcoma and a DVD of the breed symposium. If you are interested, please send a check made out to the AHCA for \$12 to Sandy Frei at:

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Sandy Frei and Midge Martin, co-chairpersons

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MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

After five years as Recording Secretary, I am turning those responsibilities over to Sandy Nelson, who will to a fine job. To make the job a little easier and to make sure that your votes are counted, I have the following suggestion:

FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS ON THE BALLOT

The ballots are sent to a CPA and counted by that person. If you do not follow directions, your vote will be disqualified. They are very precise. This past year, votes were not counted for the following reasons:

- a. Number of ballots did not match the number of members on the return address. If two members live in the same household and choose to get separate mailings, the ballots must be returned separately.
- b. No return address on the envelope addressed to the accounting firm. The CPA checks the envelopes against a list of current members. No name – no vote. Even the United States Postal Service encourages you to put a return address on your letters.
- c. Ballots received after the cut-off date. You usually have a month to return the ballot. Don't wait until the last possible moment.

Your vote is your voice in the Afghan Hound Club of America. Make sure it is heard.

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**California Gold - Afghan Hound Club of America - 69th National Specialty
Afghan Artists Showcase & Friends of the Fancy Art Auction**

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Auctioneer: Darlyn Pfeiffer

Auction Item	Donor	Artist
1 Afghan Memory Box	Ann Sterner	Ann Sterner
2 Assorted greeting card collection	Ann Sterner	Ann Sterner
3 Cream Afghan sculpture in repose w/hat	Anne Evans	Anne Evans
4 Afghan Head Study	Woodie Ayers	Kay Finch
5 "Gazebo" original oil painting	Kathy Korelec	George Finch
6 Cream Statue	Vinnie Leap	Artist Unknown
7 Afghan etching on glass	Peter Belmont	Peter Belmont
8 Bone shaped stained glass with afghan head & paw	Donor Unknown	Artist Unkno
9 Micah Bell	Donor Unknown	Artist Unknown
10 Standing cream afghan sculpture	Donor Unknown	Artist Unknown
11 Afghan on Crate -Original Giclee on canvas	Terry Chacon	Terry Chacon
12 Black head study of artist's bitch with flowers WB Nat'l	Aatik	Margaret Hughes
13 The Adventures of Sultan	Janet Riggs	Crucwys/St Justh
14 "Gabriel Whisp" Giclee print of original	Linda Jo Bugbee	Linda Jo Bugbee
15 Afghan painted on slate	Jay Hafford	Mimi Baker
16 "Wisdom" Reproduction on canvas	Ann Sterner	Ann Sterner
17 Stepping Stone w/self-masked apricot afghan	Madeline Boucher & Ray Telleff	Artist Unknown
18 Plate w/Rudiki Head Study	Kimberly Lindsey	Kimberly Lindsey
19 Original Watercolor - Afghan in Blue	Peter Belmont	Peter Belmont
20 Tank Top by Pam's Art	Pamela Patterson	Pamela Patterson
21 Tote Bag with afghan hound by Patty's Closet	Pat Kunich	Pat Kunich
22 Abstract Afghan Hound Wall Hanging	Peter Belmont	Peter Belmont
23 "Smitten" Giclee Print 18/100 signed by artist	Gwen Griffin	Gwen Griffin
24 "Beautiful Day" Mixed Media Original	Donna Jean Zatkhoff	Donna Zatkhoff
25 Tim, A Dog of the Mountains", c 1940	Janet Riggs :	M. & H Johnson
26 1950's Print attributed to Kay Finch 4/10	M & L Tayeb	Att. to Kay Finch
27 Afghan Hound Whimiscal Figure dressed in vintage fabric adorned with antique sulphedes w/ dog head	Janet Riggs	Jack Roads
28 "Afghans in Morning Light" signed archival Giclee print	Violet Skiles	Violet Skiles
29 "That's IncRowiddle" Original acrylic painting	Janet Riggs	Maija Peebles
30 Bitch w/puppy on rug -Original Pencil Sketch	Connie Evans	Connie Evans
31 Hooded sweatshirt w/purple sparkle afghan -	Jen Robinson	Jen Robinson
32 "Red, White & Blue" reproduction on canvas		
Introduced at 2005 Breeder's Cup	Mimi Baker	Mimi Baker
33 Oil painting of Blue Afghan	Aatik	Margaret Hughes
34 "Adoration" Ltd. edition print of original 26/200	Sharon V. Jackson	Sharon V. Jackson
35 "Phoenix" mixed media original	Donna Jean Zatkhoff	Donna Zatkhoff
36 Tile w/standing black masked red afghan	Le & Carol Hedstrom	Heidi Choquette
37 Tile w/two afghan hound head studies	Le & Carol Hedstrom	Overexyn
38 Tin Elephant Bell	David Cox	Artist Unknown
39 Royal Daulton Moving Afghan Hound	Judy Bloom	Royal Doulton
40 Comforter in colors of California Gold National w/matching tote bag	Judy Bloom	Artist Unknown
41 Stepping Stone w/black & tan afghan	M Boucher & R Telleff	Artist Unknown
42 Blue Afghan - original acrylic	Kimberly Lindsey	Kimberly Lindsey
43 Chain Saw Afghan Head Sculpture	Carrie	Carrie
44 "Camel Thorne" mixed media picture	Mike Dunham	Mike Dunham
45 Red Steel Silhouette of afghan hound in heart	Stone Saluki	Evelyn Andrews
46 "Soul Mates" painting	Betsy Hufnagel	June Griffith
47 "Six Pack" watercolor	John Fahey	John Fahey
48 "Meeting in Another Dream" signed print 135/300	Sharon V. Jackson	Sharon V. Jackson

49 "Pieces of a Dream" signed print 34/200	Sharon V. Jackson	Sharon V. Jackson
50 Silhouette of two afghans under a tree	Diana Fife	Diana Fife
51 Two Silk June Boone Ties	June Boone	June Boone
52 Blue Afghan w/lime green background oil painting	Aatik	Margaret Hughes
53 Original Pen & Ink Afghan Head Study	Al & Sandy Weinraub	Robin Vasquez
54 Original - Standing black & tan afghan in flower garden	Caroline Collins	Caroline Collins
55 Original - Abstract study of black & silver afghan	Caroline Collins	Caroline Collins
56 Red brindle afghan - Original Watercolor	Judy Bloom	Robin Punsalan
57 Print of black masked red afghan 33/100	Donor Unknown	Mimi Baker
58 "Flirt" blue brindle - original watercolor	Judy Bloom	Robin Punsalan
59 Mother & Son afghan pencil study print 7/150	Judy Bloom	Z. Lynch
60 Sterling Silver Afghan Head Study Pin	Maary Ann Giordano	Mary Ann Giordano
61 14K Gold Afghan Pin Sitting	Sandra Frei	Artist Unknown
62 Wooden Plaque with afghans on stone	Don & Georjean Jensen - Pamir	Mimi Baker
65 Original oil of Salukis and Afghans on cliff	E & R Rechler	George Finch
66 "Courtyard" Acrylic on Canvas Board	Ellen Valentine	Ellen Valentine
67 Coral & Turquoise Necklace w/Silver Afghan Head	June Boone	June Boone
68 Afghan Hound w/Christmas Bear Ceramic Sculpture	Robert Godfrey	Kaye Nusenski
69 Painted Blue Afghans on Treasure Box	Caroline Collins	Caroline Collins
70 Purple stained glass w/clear glass etching of afghan head	Caroline Collins	Caroline Collins
71 Barbi's Afghan Beauty	Janet Riggs	Matel/Unkown
72 Metal Running Afghan Wind Chime	Jan Butler	Jan Butler - Cynergy
73 Painted Water Goblet w/black masked red afghan	Donor Unknown	Artist Unknown
74 Cream Ceramic Jewel Box w/afghan head study	Donor Unknown	Artist Unknown
75 Commissioned Sculpture of your choice reflecting 2x \$ bid	Betty Salmon	Betty Salmon - Sculptures in Clay
160 White Original Artwork of the California Gold Logo	Michael Dunham	Michael Dunham
77 Original Color Artwork of the California Gold Logo	Michael Dunham	Michael Dunham
78 Plate w/red masked afghan	Janet Williams	Janet Williams
79 Canvas/PVC Dog Bed	Anonymous	
80 Ceramic Afghan	June Leitch	June Leitch
81 Afghan Print	June Leitch	June Leitch
82 Afghan Print	June Leitch	June Leitch
83 Afghan Print	June Leitch	June Leitch
84 Afghan Print	June Leitch	June Leitch
85 Afghan Print	June Leitch	June Leitch
86 Cal. Gold Ring Placements - Metal Art	Evelyn Andrews	Evelyn Andrews
87 Cal. Gold Ring Placements - Metal Art	Evelyn Andrews	Evelyn Andrews
88 Cal. Gold Ring Placements - Metal Art	Evelyn Andrews	Evelyn Andrews
89 Cal. Gold Ring Placements - Metal Art	Evelyn Andrews	Evelyn Andrews
90 Vase w/two Afghans in the wind -original	Val Hiller	Val Hiller
91 Afghan T-Shirt - original artwork X/L	Connie Nibarger	Connie Nibarger
92 Assorted Original Afghan Notecards	Connie Nibarger	Connie Nibarger

The First Ever Friends of the Fancy Art Auction

California Gold Auction A Huge Success

The First Ever Friends of the Fancy Art Auction, surpassed even my wildest dreams with generosity, quality, quantity, of the donations and Exhibitor attendance!!!!!! The responses we received from throughout the country was overwhelming. It was such a pleasure to get to know some of the artists and donors through e-mail and phone calls.

I must say, as the items started rolling in, I just thought it could not get any better, with such wonderful artists sending their best works, like Ann Sterner, June Leitch, Mary Ann Giordano, Gwen Griffin, Linda Jo Bugbee, just to name a few. Well, it did the generous donations from the Weinraubs, Betsy Hufnagel, the Hedstroms, Jay Hafford, Michael Dunham, Bobbie Godfrey, Sandy Frei, showed the Fancy was reaching out too!

I have to say the Crown Jewels of the Auction were the Kay Finch, Banu Head Study, donated from the private collection of Woody Ayers, made for some lively bidding, with a final winning bid of \$4250.00. And let us not forget, the George Finch Original Oil of Afghans and Salukis on a cliff, donated by Roger and Evelyn Rechler, that commanded a winning bid of \$2800.00! It was also wonderful to see the Parent Club and Rescue share this event, which I feel helped make this first ever effort such a huge Success!!!!!! On behalf of all of us who worked on the Auction, Judy Bloom, Susie Daft, Janet Riggs, Calvena Evetts, Sharon and Jennifer Pearce, Sandy Frei, Patricia Silverman, to All of the Artists, Members of the Fancy, and Bidders.....A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!It was your generosity that made it all possible!

And if you missed, it, you'll have another chanceas this will not be the last!

Col. Darlyn Pfeiffer

President's Message January 20, 2006

The last two years as your President have been a whirlwind. Success is measured in many ways. Along with what some think of as "bad" issues, are all the truly wonderful events and accomplishments of any term, and so, too this one. We now have a tax deductible 501(C)(3) Rescue Charitable Trust structured within the umbrella of the AHCA. This is great tool for rescue as we go forward. We had an outstanding 2004 Breeders' Cup in Detroit, MI, a wonderful 2004 National in St. Cloud, MN, followed by a very successful 2005 Breeders' Cup in Frederick, MD. This was capped off in October with a beautiful 2005 National Specialty in Sacramento, CA. All of these events take the uncompensated time and efforts of your fellow AHCA members. Without them, these events would not happen.

Unfortunately a member-to-member complaint turned into a convoluted lawsuit during my tenure, but fortunately a very competent attorney was recommended to the AHCA on short notice. Ultimately this resulted in the AHCA prevailing in our motion to dismiss the lawsuit.

My term wraps up with the 2006 Eukanuba/AKC invitational Show, just held January 14 - 15 in Tampa FL. The AHCA "Meet The Breeds" booth got rave reviews and earned a Hound Group 4th. Thank you to Janie Getz and new AHCA members Marcia and Dominick Morelli who organized and put it together. Many thanks, also, to all the AHCA members and non-members who gave of their time to man the booth. Next it will be California's turn host this great show.

Thanks for a great two years and all the memories: please be sure to stand up and be counted this year by working to make both the 2006 Breeders' Cup and National Specialty Show outstanding events!

JoAnne

Report on the Bitch Classes at the 2005 AHCA Nationalt

Optimally, the national Specialty should represent a snapshot of the "state of the breed". The bitch classes at the 2005 AHCA specialty indicated that the state of the breed in Afghan Hounds is in pretty good shape. I found many bitches that I liked, very few that bothered me, and a few that thrilled me.

I always hope that a lot of puppies will enter, as they represent what is currently being bred, and are a harbinger of the future. I had very few 6-9 month puppies, but the winner was a very promising youngster.

The winner in the 9-12 month class was a thrill, and I eventually awarded her Reserve Winners Bitch against fantastic competition. She was hard, houndy, athletic and moved with great ease. Bitches between 9 and 18 months are so beguiling. They tend to have the bloom of youth, and are often in superb muscular condition ^ probably due to a lot of puppy romping.

I found the quality in the 12-18 month, BBE and Am Bred classes did not extend very deeply. The class winners were excellent, and most of the placements were very good, then the quality fell off rather quickly. This was disappointing as the BBE and 12-18 month classes usually show great depth of quality at large specialties, and I was looking forward to working hard to sort out a large group of deserving bitches in those classes.

The Open Bitch class blew me away! I had to work very hard to sort them out, weighing strength against strength, excellent vs. very good. So often at specialties the open bitch class doesn't have t

the depth of quality of some of the earlier classes, but this one was different. I finally ended up with a bitch that reflects pretty much everything that one would want square, with big, balanced movement, marvelous head carriage when moving, and an impeccable topline. She was easily my Winners Bitch.

After I sorted the Open class out, just for the thrill of it, I asked the handlers to space themselves out, give their bitches a good amount of lead and requested that they take them around the outside of the ring and ...Let them fly!! I'm afraid this wasn't a very good example to the prospective judges being mentored at ringside, as they were quite rightly instructed on not moving Afghans too fast around the ring, but this was the National, and I wanted to recreate the excitement that we all had when we first saw a ringful of Afghans running around the ring.

Non-US Afghans have done well in recent years at the National Specialty, and this year was no exception. I discovered that not only the Winners Bitch but also the first three placements in the Open class were non-US bitches. Winners dog was also an overseas entry. I believe that this pattern is due to the fact that high-quality non-US entries might have completed their championships earlier if their entire show career had been in the US and would then be competing in the Specials class at our National rather than in the Open classes.

It is a high point in a breeder-judge's life to judge the National Specialty, and I was thrilled to have this opportunity.

By: Duane Butherus.

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AHCA2005 National Specialty
Sweepstakes Critique
Michael Dunham
Coastwind Kennels

Judy Bloom with Janet Riggs and their committees did an unbelievable job of mounting this 69th Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty. It will certainly go down in the breed's history as one of the most memorable.

I would like to thank my ring stewarding team for their expertise in keeping the sweepstakes events moving perfectly.

The Veteran Sweepstakes was a new class this year for the AHCA. It is a competition that is held at Nationals of other breeds and we looked forward to this event. I have to say that afterwards I had mixed feelings about this kind of competition. I know that it was a debate in many regional clubs whether or not to have veterans as a competitive class. I think it is inherently unfair for our breed.

In the regular classes I found the overall quality was alright. The heads were nice with good eyes. Expressions were for the most part vacant and soft. The bites were fine. Necks were also fairly good with good length. The "beautiful" arch that we like to see was not to be found. The shoulders in a majority of the exhibits were good and a few were more upright and so interrupted the smooth outline regardless of the attempt by some owners to hide this with hair. Toplines were strong, although a few moved with sloping backs. Tails were nearly all very good, however I did notice several that looked altered. The quarters, front and rear, were also good; some more balanced than others resulting in a variety of side gaits. A few had the proper spring in their movement, another feature that is nearly extinct.

Overall lack of fitness was the most glaring problem. There was no muscle mass in the majority of the exhibits, even in the senior classes. I think breeders have forgotten that these dogs are hunting, running Sighthounds. Most of the entry, in my opinion, were overcoated, some to a fault. I saw shaving from under the eyes all the way down to the sternum, and saddles stripped to a two inch width down the back. There were, regretfully, few, if any naturally patterned dogs. It's unfortunate to say that the "American Show Afghan" was alive and well in the Sweepstakes.

Ultimately the Best in Sweepstakes and Best Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes were of very high quality. The Best of Opposite bitch came into the ring in full reconnaissance mode. She was very hard and sound at both ends. Her expression was fierce and her attitude tough. Her coat was totally appropriate for her frame. She reminded me of one of my all time favorites, the great Westminster group winner, Ch. Akaba's Blue Devil. Her spectacular male counterpart was also very fit and had wonderful houndy qualities.

My thanks to all who entered. It was very educational and fun for me.
(see page 14 for names)

For reference re judges' comments

Best in Sweepstakes : Amina Cold Xotica Owners Robin Wochner and G Rasmussen

Best of Opposite Sex : Mahar's Toot Toot Tootsie Owners Dianna Smith and Lucy Orłowski

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes : Ch Dhivia Jenfield Desert Arrow Owners Beverly Mackenzie and June Beard

Best of Opposite Sex: Ch Llacue's Karamoor Amapola Owners E & H Laudermilch , M Cuevas and J Llano

Winners Dog: Waiting on a Sunny Day Owners Sven Westerblad and Elisabet Levon

Reserve Winners Dog: Cynergy's Aviator O' Verpatsha Owners Jan Buttler and Pat Sheets

Winners Bitch: Rima Von Haussman Owner Divoney Rasera

Reserve Winners Bitch: Regimes All About Eve Owners Robert Godfrey and Chris West

Best of Breed: Ch Elan Sebring the Matrix Owners R & C Irwin, Jerry Klein and Lex Robertson

Best of Opposite Sex:: Ch Beachbrook It's Raining Men Owners Tony Saia and Floyd Gsle

Awards of Merit

Ch Thaon's Stardance Owners Jay Hafford, Jim Blanchard and Lynn Vining

Ch Cavu Sonicaid of Karamoor Owners Jeanine Rendon and Betsy Hufnagel

Ch Arabesque Sarah Brightman Owner Dean D'Aquila

Ch Elmo's Men Are From Mars Owners Heidi Cole and Peter Belmont

Ch Elmo's Everybody Says I Luv U Owners Joanne Weatherly and Peter Belmont

Miscellaneous Statistics -

Number of Conformation Champions 1934 to July 2005 7442

Number of Obedience Dogs Titled 1940 to July 2005 924
(includes CD 924 CDX 113 UD 18)

Number of Lure Coursing Dogs titled (AKC) 1991 to July 2005 851
(includes JC 851 SC 206 FC 111)

Number of Agility Dogs with titles 1996 to July 2005 44
(includes all titles NA 39 NAJ 28 OA 18 OAJ 18
AX 8 AXJ 5 MX 5 MXJ 3)

Number of Regional Clubs 32 one in formation

Most Champions Produced Summerwind 145

Top-Producing Sire Ch Pahlavi Puttin' On the Ritz 85

Top-Producing Dam Cypress Slightly Kaotic

