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Breeders' Cup - Sharon Watson & Wynne Kalish	Obedience - Debbie Petersen
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Lure Coursing - Janet Lenobel	Ways & Means - Sue Busby
Mailing List Coordinator - Claudia Jakus	Web Site - Chris Kaiser
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Personal Notes

- Our condolences to Jan Reital and her family on the untimely passing of her husband Richard.
- Sympathies to Beth Berman on the loss of her beloved husband "Bobby" (Robert).
- Congratulations to Lex Robertson on the birth of his second grandson, Kade Alexander, son of Amber and Ian Robertson.

The following section of Policies and Procedures lists the responsibilities for sponsoring a new member for AHCA membership:

154.0 SPONSORSHIP OF APPLICANTS:

154.1 Two letters of sponsorship from AHCA members in good standing must be submitted for each applicant. The sponsorship letters are to be forwarded directly to the membership chairperson. No action will be taken on an application unless both sponsoring letters have been received.

154.2 Letters of sponsorship must originate from separate households; that is, letters from a husband and wife or two persons residing in the same household do not constitute two letters of sponsorship for an applicant. However, a single sponsoring letter may apply to husband and wife applicants.

154.3 At least one of the sponsors must have visited the applicant's home and have viewed the facilities provided for housing dogs. The acceptability and/or nature of such facilities must be referenced in the sponsorship letter. Sponsors should be more than passing acquaintances of the applicant - sponsorship should not be taken lightly.

154.4 Members of the board of directors may sponsor applicants for membership. Only one sponsorship letter may originate from a member of the board of directors for an applicant. (3/04)

154.5 AHCA members may encourage persons they feel meet the requirements to apply for membership. Sponsorship of applicants is limited to two (2) per calendar year. (7/02)

154.6 Sponsorship of a prospective new member requires that the sponsoring member be a member of the AHCA continuously from the time the application is submitted until it is either accepted or rejected by the board.

154.7 A letter is to be published in Topknot News annually in the first issue of Topknot News outlining the responsibilities for sponsoring a new member for AHCA membership. Sponsors must be fully committed to supporting any applicant they recommend. (11/85, 7/02)

Upcoming Specialties and Shows

2-9-08 – Nutmeg AHC – Reg. Classes – Age Gjetnes/Sweeps – Holly Jorgensen

2-11-08 – AHALI – Reg. Classes – Dr. Gyorgy Tesic (Hungary)/Sweeps – Ms. Karen Staudt Cartabona

2-29-08 – AHC of Gr. Milwaukee – Reg. Classes – Georgiana Guthrie/Sweeps – Alan Saiko

3-6-08 – AHCA Breeders' Cup** See below

3-7-08 – Tidewater AHC – Reg. Classes – Helen Furber (Australia)/Sweeps -Susan Bahary

3-8-08 – Tidewater AHC – Reg. Classes – Hobart Brown/Sweeps – Mrs. Sherrill Wallack

3-9-08 – Richmond AHC – Reg. Classes – Valerie Hansen/Sweeps Janet Lenobel

3-22-08 – AHC of Greater Phoenix – Reg. Classes – Roberta Keller/Sweeps – Robin Wochner

3-23-08 – AHC of Greater Phoenix – Reg. Classes – Betsy Hufnagel/Sweeps – Sharon Pearce

4-11-08 – AHC of California – Reg. Classes – June Leitch(Scotland)/Sweeps-Denise Schwebke
Followed by Back to Back Hound Classic Shows

4-19-08 – Greater Columbus AHC – Reg. Classes – Pam Levander/Sweeps – Marilyn Thompson

4-26-08 - AHC of Dallas – Reg. Classes – Eugene Blake/Sweeps – Rick Martin

4-27-08 – AHC of Dallas – Reg. Classes – Stephen Fisher/Sweeps – Yvonne Ljungkvist (Sweden)

5-2-08 – AHC of Northern New Jersey – Reg. Classes – Pam Bruce (Canada)/Sweeps Peter Green

5-24-08 – AHC of Southwestern Ohio – Reg. Classes – Lucy Orlowski/Sweeps – Bonnie Witmeyer

5-30-08 – AHC of St. Louis – Reg. Classes – Angel Sandoval Flores (Mexico)/Sweeps – Robert Hofstetter

6-6-08 – AHC of Greater Chicago – Reg. Classes – Karen Dumke/Sweeps-Connie Butherus
Followed by 100th Anniversary of The Wheaton Kennel Club shows – Judges Delberta Gogulski and Honi Reisman – supported entries.

6-8-08 – Sand 'N Sea Afghan Hound Club of Florida – Reg. Classes – Le Hedstrom/Sweeps – Pam Little-Bryant

8-22-08 – Gr. Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club – Reg. Classes – Carol Esterkin/Sweeps – Darlyn Pfeiffer

See below for AHCA National dates and schedule followed by the Greater Detroit AHC – Reg. Classes – Jane Jantos-Sheppard/Sweeps – Lex Robertson – followed by back to back all-breed shows with Betty Stites and Carol Reisman.



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The 2008 Breeders' Cup will be held on March 6 (Thursday), 2008 at:
Holiday Inn
8 Crawford Parkway
Portsmouth, VA 23704
757-393-2573

We want your experience at the Breeders' Cup to be one you will never forget, but we need your help. We need YOUR Trophy Donations!!! We will accept any amount, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00, \$250.00, \$500.00 and as high as you want to go. You may send the Trophy Donations to the people below and make your check payable to Afghan Hound Club of America. Don't forget to put your name on it for listing in the Breeders' Cup catalog. Send to:

Cindy Chandler
717 W. Superior
Osceola, IN 46561

or

Linda Shipley

540 Elden Dr. NE
Atlanta, GA 30342-2036

or if you want to pay by Paypal, go to the Paypal site (<https://www.paypal.com>) and make a Trophy Donation (with your name clearly shown and mark as Trophy Donation) to:

GBAZAR@AOL.COM

The Puppies are all counting on YOU to help make this a successful Breeders' Cup and 20th Anniversary !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Many thanks to all who have already sent your donations in!

There is still time to get your litters nominated and those individual youngsters entered for the "20th Anniversary" of the Afghan Hound Club of America Breeders' Cup 2008.

Make your plans to attend this prestigious event which begins on Thursday March 6 at the beautiful waterfront hotel in historic Portsmouth Virginia. The votes have been cast and counted and the Breeders' Cup Judge will be Mr. Emmet Roche of Qamari Afghan Hounds.

Thursday evening following judging, join your fellow exhibitors for a "Party" hosted by the Afghan Hound Review and several regional specialty clubs. The party chairmen are Mr. Tony Saia and Mr. Floyd Gale.

Friday, March 7 kicks off the first Tidewater Afghan Hound Specialty. Mrs. Helen Furber will travel from Australia to pass judgment on the sure-to-be-wonderful entry. Sweepstakes judging will be done by Mrs. Susan Bahary from California.

Friday Night Lights will light up the Ballroom for the Tidewater Dinner Party. It is a 'must do' event complete with a delicious meal, entertainment and an auction of rare and precious items.

Saturday, March 8 will be another great day of showing dogs at Tidewater Afghan Hound Day #2. Mr. Hobart Brown will judge this Specialty on what is his 30th Anniversary of judging dogs (Stay after judging for a Celebration and a Free Dinner for all). Mrs. Sherrill Wallack from Canada will judge the Sweepstakes.

To make reservations for these three events call the Holiday Inn Portsmouth, Virginia at 757-393-2573. Ask for the Afghan Hound rate of \$72.00 per night. Air travel should be into Norfolk, Virginia or to Newport News, Virginia (a bit farther).

For additional information regarding the Breeders' Cup entries contact Sharon Watson (salem82@madbbs.com), Wynne Kalish (wynnek@bellsouth.net), or Breeders' Cup Chairman Jerry Bazar 757-467-9556, gbazar@aol.com. For premium lists for the Tidewater Shows contact show secretary Tracee Elwess at telwess@cox.net

Richmond Afghan Hound Club Specialty

Sunday March 9, 2008

Closing Date Wednesday February 13, 2008

Regular Class Judge: Valarie Hansen
Sweepstakes Judge: Janet Lenobel
Junior Showmanship Judge: Nancy Bodine

Show Secretary: Nancy Leuba
9555 Persimon Tree Rd. Potomac, MD 20854
301-299-3989

Location:
Clarion /Red Roof Hotel- Richmond Airport
Sandston VA

Reservations & Rates:

Clarion (804) 222 6450 \$68.99

Red Roof (804) 440-5770 \$49.99

Complimentary:

Saturday Night Hospitality Party

Sunday Morning Continental Breakfast

Sunday Afternoon Lunch

**Western Hound Association's
"The Hound Classic"
New Show Sight
Silverado, California For 2008
(Orange County)**

"You can't stop progress," said Lou Guerrero, WHA VP/Show Chairman, when he announced that the 2008 all Hound Show will relocate to the private Oak Canyon Events park for the April 2008 back to back shows.

"We were so pleased with our location at Hidden Valley in Irvine this past April, and were really distressed to learn that the property, as well as adjoining Raging Waters, had been slated for redevelopment next year. However, I feel the new location will prove every bit as exhibitor friendly as last year's site."

The new show site is 15 minutes from Orange County/John Wayne airport, and close to many of the hotels previously available to last year's exhibitors. In addition, it has level grass and asphalt areas for overnight and day of show parking. There are two large exhibition areas, permanent restroom facilities and a small lake on the grounds. The grass ring areas are surrounded by old growth California oak and sycamores, providing deep shade for grooming areas as well as picnic tables.

Oak Canyon adjoins 17,000 acres of privately owned ranch land that was opened to the public by the Irvine Company in 1993. It is located next to Irvine Lake, a 600 acre reservoir stocked with bluegill, catfish, trout and bass.

The Hound Classic, the First All Hound Group Show in the country, held back to back shows last year and drew an entry of over 1200 dogs. This year's shows will be preceded by specialties on Friday, April 11th, 2008, including Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club, back to back Southern California Whippet events and the **60th independent specialty of the Afghan Hound Club of California**. The two Hound Classic Group Shows will follow on April 12-13, 2008.

For more information, contact: Lou Guerrero imgx6@aol.com

**2008 National Specialty – Frankenmuth, Michigan, September 21 through September 25
The Afghan Hound Club of America proudly presents the
72nd National Specialty Show
on Sunday, September 21, 2008 through Thursday, September 25, 2008 at the**

Bavarian Inn Lodge
One Covered Bridge Lane
Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734
Phone 1-888-775-6343

The 72nd National Specialty will be held the week of September 21, 2008 through September 25, 2008 at the renown Bavarian Inn Lodge in the heart of downtown Frankenmuth, Michigan. Nestled on the banks of the beautiful Cass River, the Lodge is a world-class getaway destination featuring exceptional hospitality, superb amenities and authentic Bavarian architecture and decor. Additional information

regarding the hotel and surrounding area can be found on the hotel's website (www.bavarianinn.com). We have obtained group room rates as follows:

Room	Rate
Standard - 2 Double Beds	\$109
Standard - 1 Kingsize Bed	\$109
Whirlpool Suite - 1 Kingsize Bed + Sofa Sleeper	\$169
Family Suite - 2 Double Beds+ Sofa Sleeper	\$169

Reservations must be made by mail, FAX or e-mail ONLY. Reservations will not be accepted by phone. Complete the Reservation Form following the instructions on the form and return directly to the Bavarian Inn Lodge. There are two parts to the form. Be sure to complete and include both pages of the form. The form can be downloaded from the National - 2008 page of the Parent Club website.

Judges

Regular and Non Regular Dog Classes: Mr. Alan Weinraub
 Regular and Non-Regular Bitch Classes and Intersex: Mr. Jay Hafford
 Sweepstakes: Mrs. Brenda Brody
 Junior Showmanship: (To Be Announced)
 Lure Coursing: (To Be Announced)
 Obedience: (To Be Announced)
 Rally Obedience: (To Be Announced)

More information will be posted as it becomes available.

Schedule of Events

The following is a current schedule of the specialty week as of 10/20/07:

Sunday September 21, 2008	Lure Coursing, AKC and ASFA (Offsite) Board Meeting Special Event (to be announced)
Monday September 22, 2008	Obedience/Rally Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes Vendors Reception with wine and cheese
Tuesday September 23, 2008	General Membership Meeting Conformation Judging - Dog Classes Winners Dog Junior Seminar Rescue Meeting Regional Clubs Breed Education (Buffet Dinner)
Wednesday September 24, 2008	Judge's Study Group Liberty Class Conformation Judging - Bitches Winner's Bitch Art Auction (Hors d'oeuvres / Cash Bar)

Thursday September 25, 2008	Junior Showmanship Competition Parade of Veterans Parade of Rescue High Scoring Obedience Dog and Rally Best Junior Handler Best in Field Conformation Best of Breed Competition Best Puppy Best Bred By Exhibitor Best Stud Dog Best Brood Bitch Awards Banquet
Friday September 26, 2008	Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club Specialty Sweepstakes - Lex Robertson Regular Classes and Jr. Showmanship - Jane (Jantos) Sheppard
Saturday September 27, 2008 Sunday September 28, 2008	Monroe Kennel Club All Breed Shows Judges- Carol Reisman, Betty Stites

2008 BREEDERS' SEMINAR

Dr. Carmen Battaglia will be our presenter for the upcoming seminar. His background includes educator, dog breeder, AKC Director, Licensed AKC Judge and author. Along with his years of experience, he has earned a reputation as a knowledgeable, dynamic presenter in the area of dog breeding. The topic for our Tuesday evening seminar/buffet will be "Pedigree Analysis, Formula Breeding, selection of Stud dog and puppies." See you there and bring a friend.

Special Event

The 2008 'special event' mentioned on the above schedule shall be:

Under The Starlight

An invitational competition to be judged outside on Sunday evening, starting at 6:00 p.m. The judging panel is to be a surprise, but will consist of 4 judges, 2 hound specialists and 2 breeder judges. Judging will be on a point system and you, the spectators, will have a chance to vote on your favorite. The dog with the most spectator votes will receive bonus points on their score sheet. Your admission fee of \$15.00 will include ringside seating, appetizers, a light supper and cash bar (menu yet to be decided). There will be a commemorative catalog available – 8 x 10 with full page photos and bios of each entrant.

Dogs will be invited to compete based on the following criteria:

Any dog in the Top Twenty of either the All-Breed or Breed point systems (as published by Canine Chronicle or Dog News) by May 31, 2008 shall be invited. Any dog with an American All-Breed Best-In Show win from September 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008 shall qualify. Any dog with an American Specialty Best of Breed win from September 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008, shall be invited. Any AHCA National Specialty Best of Breed winner, any AHCA Best in Breeders' Cup winner, any AHCA National Best in Sweeps winner from the last 8 years shall all qualify. Entry fees will be \$50.00 and will include a Rosette with the dog's name printed on it as well as a copy of the catalog for each entrant. There will be a prize of **\$500.00** to the winner of this invitational.

All judging will be completed that evening, with the winner announced at the end of that night's competition. If your dog qualifies, please send an e-mail to majicaf@aol.com as that will help to make sure all dogs receive their invitations. The invitations will be mailed by June 20, 2008, with entries closing

on July 31, 2008. This event is sponsored by the Afghan Hound Review and will be organized by Cindy Chandler. Anyone wishing to help, we need assistance with fund raising, etc. Please contact Cindy (1-847-323-1494) or Fran (1-805-963-9419)

Committee Reports and Minutes from the latest Board Meeting

AKC Delegate Report

Sept 9 & 10, 2007

Newark Airport Hotel

Sunday, September 9 began early with the Parent Club Committee meeting to review the Parent Club Conference held in July. We assessed the evaluation forms and discussed the content presented. The 301 attendees provided excellent feedback and documented a high degree of satisfaction with the program. AHCA representatives in attendance were Linda Jackson and Abbe Shaw.

The afternoon session of the committee (open to all delegates) was very well attended as usual. The issue of event service fee increases generated the greatest amount of discussion from both the committee members and delegates in attendance. This fee will be in addition to the 50 cent recording fee will become effective in 1-1-08. The rule reads a "\$3.00 event service fee for the first entry of a dog and a \$3.00 service fee for each additional entry of the same dog in the regular and non-regular recordable single entry class" will be required. Excluded are events such a sweepstakes, futurities, brace, team, multi-dog classes or special attractions (I raised the question of charging the additional \$3.00 fee for Junior Showmanship entries. We were told it would be taken up with the AKC Board).

The tandem issue, also an agenda item, is the application fee increases effective 1-1-07. For specialty clubs with entries of less than 30 in the previous year in any event offered there will not be an increase we were told.

In addition to the above two other significant agenda items were covered:

- An AKC proposed Pilot Program working with Parent Club rescue groups to obtain ILP numbers for dogs placed through club rescue
- A group realignment proposed project which grew out of a session at the Parent Club Conference. This is in an infant state to date with growth and development yet to occur. More to follow I am sure.

The day concluded with the Delegate Caucus. In this informal forum delegates raise issues, concerns, problems in a give and take manner. No minutes are recorded at these sessions which probably contributes to the quite frank and open atmosphere. This session was no exception. Issues raised and commented on included:

- The status of a potential Delegate alleged to have embezzled money from a club (I kid you not!)
- The pending vote regarding a delegate and the AKC Board member unseated by the member club
- Event service fee (see above) and the suggestion the fee be based on a sliding scale based on size of entry, or another valid consideration rather than one flat fee regardless of any other consideration
- Proposed Amateur Owner Handler class to replace the Novice class and it does not seem to please anyone! This proposal is scheduled to be voted on at the December 07 meeting. However, many delegates have questions as to the reasons for yet another class (has anyone considered the low entries in American Bred? --why another class?)

The Monday sessions were led off by the Delegate Forum. The speaker was Patti Strand, AKC Board member as well as the National Director of the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA). Her address "Overcoming the Radical Animal Agenda" outlined her path to becoming a leading force in combating anti dog legislation and the animal rights movement. She outlined measures that must be taken by the fancy in order to preserve and promote the ownership of and participation in the sport of pure bred dogs.

The actual delegates meeting began with the election for the 10 Delegate standing Committees. With nearly 65 individuals running for the 40 available positions it was probably a daunting task for the tellers. I was a candidate for the Parent Club Committee and was re-elected for another 3-year term (Whew!).

Five proposed amendments were the next item of business.

The amendment which would allow an AKC Board Director to continue to hold the Board position after resigning or being removed from the Delegate position by the individual's member club was postponed by the requesting member club. This will now be voted on at the December 07 meeting – we think.

Three Field Trial amendments were passed which is usually the case. The conventional wisdom holds that if the Field Trial delegates want the change, let them have it.

The proposed final amendment was changed to read “at the meeting preceding the annual meeting, each candidate for Director (AKC Board) shall be allowed one speech for three minutes”. This moved the speechifying to the winter meeting rather than immediately before the voting at the Annual Meeting held in March. The reasoning behind this is sound as few delegates are persuaded at the last minute and many (possibly most) have been instructed by their individual clubs as to whom to support. The March speeches thus did not serve their intended purpose.

The Chair's report focused on the financial aspects of the organization in light of declining registration numbers and currently event fees not covering the costs to the tune of approximately \$10.5 M. Hence the new fees and the “pay to play” approach. He also reviewed no less than 12 new or improved programs and expenditures (financial support) put into effect in the past few years.

The President addressed the various achievements such as Responsible Dog Ownership Day, AKC Educational Matches and the plan to establish another AKC 501c3 organization (in addition to Canine Health Foundation (CHF), Companion Animal Recovery (CAR) and the Museum of the Dog). The new fund will be the AKC Humane Fund and will have “membership” for those who donate.

The CFO, Jim Stevens presented the big money picture with gains and losses. Apparently the investments are doing well with a reported 7% increase as of July.

In the open forum/new business portion of the meeting several delegates spoke to specific issues:

- Acknowledgement of the death of Chet Collier, former AKC Director
- A request for additional information about the new Fund (see above)
- The proposal to permit mixed breed dogs in companion events
- The AKC/CHF relationship and structure or proposed restructure

As the meeting adjourned the Delegates Committees met (again) to organize (or reorganize) their structures based on the election results.

The next meeting will be held in Long Beach, CA December 3 & 4 following the AKC/Eukanuba show.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Butherus
AKC Delegate for the AHCA

Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program

The Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. through its participation in the Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program has a great opportunity to enhance the health and well-being of the Afghan Hound. Like the 162 other clubs participating in the program, the Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. earns funding for important canine health studies, education efforts and rescue programs when Pro Club members declare the Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. to receive matching funds and submit their weight circles.

As of 9/30/07 the Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. has 254 members declared for the PPCP Program. From January 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007, **54** members have submitted weight circles resulting in a total of **\$ 889.58** accumulated thus far for the 2007 Program.

The best way to increase the earnings is by spreading the word:

To AHCA members who are already Pro Club members: Encourage them to declare for the PPCP Program by calling 1-877-776-2582 and encourage them to submit weight circles to the Purina Pro Club.

To AHCA Members who feed Purina but are NOT members of Pro Club: Make them aware of the PPCP Program and encourage them to join Pro Club, declare for their breed and submit weight circles to the Pro Club.

If you feed only small amounts of Purina foods and don't want to join the Pro Club, you can send your weights circles to me and I will submit them on behalf of the AHCA. Thanks to Anna Tyler for coming up with this idea and sending in weight circles!

To non-AHCA members--A person does NOT have to be a member of the AHCA to "declare" for the Afghan Hound with Purina's PPCP Program.

Please visit the AHCA website and select the "Purina PPCP" button for more information!

Purina thanks you for this opportunity to partner with you and the Canine Health Foundation in advancing the health and well being of the Afghan Hound.

Helen Stein

AHCA Library Report, October 2007

We've had some very exciting donations to the Library in the last couple of months!

- ◆ Linda Nothelfer donated a large hardbound book which contains the first five years of "Afghan Preview", and a binder full of the first years of "Afghan" (1984-1986).
- ◆ Sandy Frei has just donated a large box full of photos covering many years – there are many Stormhill photos and photos of other dogs and shows as well. I'll be scanning these and returning the originals to Sandy.
- ◆ Sue Busby has been keeping copies of the AKC Gazette columns and has loaned a binder of these to the Library to be copied. The earliest of these is December, 1987.
- ◆ Dr. Dennis Eschbach will soon be converting some of our VHS films to DVD. More on that will be announced in the next Topknot News.
- ◆ Bob Luzietti donated 2 reels of Super 8 film: They are labeled *1973 Tara* and *1971 Chagrin*. The "Chagrin" film would have been on the same weekend as the Midwest Afghan Hound Club specialty (a huge show in those days) and should contain many interesting Afghan Hounds. Now, to convert the Super 8 films to another medium.

Several of the above items will be on display at the 2008 National in Frankenmuth.

This is a reminder that the out-of-print *Introduction to the Afghan Hound* is available on CD (in pdf format), at a cost of \$5.00 including shipping. Order from the AHCA Library, PO Box 1177, Grants Pass, OR 97528.

Do you have photos that you'd like to have included in the AHCA's scrapbooks? Send them to me, and I will scan them and return the originals. You can also send photos in jpeg format to me at BeanieSue@aol.com. Please be sure to put AHCA Library in the subject line so your e-mail doesn't end

up in the "unknown" file. Include as much info as you can about the dog – name, parents, owners, date, etc.

Helen Stein, AHCA Librarian

Treasurer's Report- Available in hardcopy to members only

Sales committee report:

Sales at the National went well. The weather was wonderful, too wonderful. We only have a few t-shirts left due to the warm weather. We do have a number of sweatshirts and fleeces left. I have the inventory and prices attached. If anyone would like to order any items please email me at barakiafs@peoplepc.com or call me at 586-264-4292. Any purchases can be put on your Visa or MasterCard including shipping charges.

For those that would like the Afghan throw from 2005 National at a substantial reduced price only 7 left.

2007 Breeders' Cup t-shirts are also available.

Sue Busby

Ways and Means committee report:

We have a limited number of PC logo Denim shirts left. We have fleece blankets in Navy and Forest Green and our wonderful computer brief case.

Sue Busby

Awards for 2007

Congratulations to all who received awards at the 2007 National for their achievements the previous year.

Top Producing Sire – Ch. Regimes Picasso of Keystone – Owner Bobby Godfrey, et al

Top Producing Dam – (tie)

DC Allure's Dbl Red Hot Summer SC Owned by Patricia Silverman, Dick Hafner, Stephani and Todd Norris

Cypress Soprano Owned by Jia Miller, Carol Randolph, Amy Wendling

Top Dog in Breed – Ch. Elan Sebring The Matrix – owned by Pete and Rachel Irvin, Jerry Klein & Lex Robertson

Top Bitch in Breed – Ch. Thaon's Travertine owned by Jay Hafford, James Blanchard and Lynn Vining

Top Junior Handler – Hannah Bevan

Top Lure Courser AKC – DC Perfection Elmo's Solar Eclipse SC owned by Ellie Stonequist, Don Craven & Debbie Petersen

Top Lure Courser ASFA- Anuttara Loves Black Magic, LCM owned by J & S. Anthony and Amy Wendling

Top Agility - Ch. Mach 3 Bijan Lyrix Megabucks XF owned by Robin Kletke and Robin Cohen

Top Obedience and Top Rally – My Way Young at Heart Tristar, CDX, RE, JC, SC owned by Debbie and Chuck Anthonijsz, D & M Giordano

Versatility Award – Ch. Sars Bret Maverick CD RE NAP NJP CGC owned by Pam Unterseh

High in Triathlon - DC L'Rhel Witchwood Time Traveler, SC, CD, CGC

And for Lifetime membership achievement – Selma Tenenbaum

From Fani, who helped man the Rescue Booth at the National:

I've been to the affie nationals show and got to do lots of things. I had an important job helping with the rescue raffle table and selling tickets to everyone! We did a good job of it - lots of tickets. That green stuff wasn't too interesting but everyone gave us stacks of it! Our tables were next to the dining area so I got to sneak over and let everyone know I was starving so they shared their snacks with me. I also found that

there was a lot of good eats in these bags sitting around the crate boxes - chicken and liver and yummys till I got caught... GRINS... I might be an Afghan.

There was a sweeper stakes starting the week off but I didn't see any brooms and couldn't find any steaks. What's the deal? Just a bunch of fuzzy headed pups running around. They were really CUTE! Then there were all these gorgeous affies standing around on grooming tables getting combed on. They all got dragged around the big ring, stacked up, and poked by a stranger. What a life, poor pups. The biggest mystery was the moving room - in a door and down we would go - stop - door opened. I never quite figured that room out but we started on the top floor and ended on the ground so that was o.k. By Thursday I was exhausted and picked out my prize - a crate pad, but someone won it and stole it from me.

I had two rescue buddies from Minnesota in our parade - everyone stood around crying and clapping! WOW, us strutting our stuff. Next year all you rescues should come to Michigan and do the parade thing.

Fani from Missouri

Best wishes,

Marilyn Danko
West Missouri AHCA Rescue Group

Critiques from the 2007 National

*Thank you judges and Stephen Fisher and all his committees for a wonderful National.
Thanks also to the Afghan Hound Review for allowing the reprinting of the critiques below.*

Nancy Edgington – Puppy Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes

I have had many thrilling times breeding and showing dogs, but judging the Sweepstakes and Triathlon at the National Specialty was one of the best. My class winners were very similar to my interpretation of the standard. To me, balanced movement, balanced conformation and soundness are the key elements of an outstanding Afghan Hound. My class winners were certainly a variety of colors, but they were all balanced and sound.

My BISweepstakes was an exciting young brindle dog who gave me what I expected (and more) during the final moments, he was truly the King of Dogs that day. My BOS was an exotic, typey, patterned bitch who held her own that day, but on her terms. I expect a bright future for many of the dogs I judged.

The Veterans were very impressive and very difficult to judge. I think a few of them would have enjoyed the Parade of Veterans more. My Veteran BISweepstakes and BOSSweepstakes were houndy and balanced and with a bit more coat, could have been shown in the Breed, as they did not move or act like Veterans. My BISw dog was wonderful to watch, he truly enjoyed the applause and being in the ring, but the beautiful moving Bitch pushed until the end. It was a joy to watch them move. Both have the total balance I feel is so important to the breed. Judging the Triathlon showed me the tireless dedication of the owners. Judging this class of sound, well balanced and well muscled dogs was an honor. I wish I could have watched them in their other classes.

Overall, some young dogs were moved too fast and their spring and outline suffered. Each dog has their correct speed, please try to find it. Some shaved faces and/or necks were evident. I did not penalize the dogs for the mistakes of others. Puppies should be allowed to be puppies. Do not make them miniature adults. A few dogs lacked underjaw, there were a few bad bites and several bad tails. Shyness should not be confused with aloofness and dignity.

My ring stewards were incredible and wonderful hosts as well. This was a great show put on by a few dedicated people.

I thank each person who brought me their dogs. I do wish there were more ribbons.

Georgiana Guthrie – Dogs

It was a great pleasure and compliment to me to be chosen to judge the National Specialty for the 4th time. Of all the Nationals I have been to this one was by far the most enjoyable.

Based on the entry of fifty to sixty dogs that I had in the ring, I found that there are several different trends developing in our breed – some better, some worse.

I did find a greater number of more compact hounds, as called for in the standard, and heads did not appear to be too unbalanced or refined. I think we are also seeing a return to better underjaws.

On the negative side, there were way too many bad toplines. This can be caused by lack of condition or by too long a back, which does not make for a topline “practically level from shoulder to the loin.” Prominent hipbones, good croup angles and low tailsets were generally more lacking than present.

There is an increasing problem with tails which other long time breeders have also noted. This is a tendency for the entire length of the tail to be curved in a sickle like form rather than having a “ring or curve at the end.” No, they don’t run on their tails, but, the proper tail is an important part of type.

Temperaments were almost all good. I only had one puppy who in typical puppy fashion didn’t want to be touched. I’m sure this will be changed with a little more work and exposure.

After the judging someone remarked to me that all my class winners had been square dogs. This pleased me a lot as this is one of the major features that I look for. In the final analysis the Bred By exhibitor dog and the Open dog were the ones to choose between. I had no idea who the former was since I had never seen him. He was an upstanding masculine dog who in the last go around appeared to move a little more effortlessly than the Open dog. On another day the latter may have prevailed.

Bob Stein – Bitches & Intersex

I certainly enjoyed judging the Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty in Denver this year. My thanks to Steven, Bruce, the Butheruses and the rest of the committee for the great hospitality and truly memorable Specialty.

On Wednesday I had some truly beautiful bitches and I found my winner from the Open class. She had true breed type, beautiful head, eye and pigmentation and carried herself very proudly and never let down. What she lacked in coat and finish, she made up in ring presence and wonderful Afghan characteristics. My Reserve bitch came from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class and she will have her day as she is quite beautiful but not mature at only 12 months old.

On Thursday I sorted through some lovely specials and I truly could have cut quite a few more than I did but had to get down to some manageable numbers. In my final cut I had a total of eight which of course gave me the pleasure of awarding five Awards of Merit along with Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, and Best of Winners. I had three beautiful red or cream males that were quite outstanding – lots of leg – balance and with beautiful heads. I also had two lovely bitches – one red one and one black and cream that were also quite balanced with lovely heads and good movement. My Best of Winners was the cream bitch previously described. I also had the pleasure of awarding Best Bred by Exhibitor to a sound, balanced, good moving dog sent to me by Georgie Guthrie.

Which leaves me the Best Opposite and Best of Breed. I have judged these two – though not together – on a few occasions. They both have excellent Breed type although they are somewhat different. My Best Opposite dog is very square with a beautiful head and has great attitude. The Best of Breed bitch was not to be denied. She is balanced, has a lovely head, moves in a very coordinated fashion and is completely sound. Both the Breed and Best Opposite had correct coats with proper texture and lovely

long tails. As Afghan breeders and exhibitors, we should be very proud that our breed was represented around the country with these two quality typey Afghan Hounds.

Bob Stein

Results – AHCA 2007 National

BOB – Ch. Thaon's Travertine
BOS – Ch. Elan Sebring The Matrix
AOM – Ch. Stormhill's Spit-N-Polished
AOM – Ch. Cavu's SonicAir of Karamoor
AOM – CH. Khafka's Exotic Spice
AOM – CH. Cavu Wild N Naughty Nites
AOM – CH. Abaca Shacone Native Spirit
WD and Best Bred By Exhibitor – Baakara's The Way Of The Heart
RWD – Khafka's El Tocayo
WB and Best of Winners – Wynsyr Sudan
RWB – Majic Jakar Lexington Avenue
BISweeps – High Caliber's Rudy V At Lyrix
BOSweeps – JoVan Sweet Tea
Veteran BISweeps – CH. Polo's In The Air Tonite
Veteran BOSweeps – Ch. Majic Luvs T'Fly 'N It Shows SC
Best Puppy – Kasban Crème Brule
Best Stud Dog – Ch. Polo's In The Air Tonite
Best Brood Bitch – Ch. Sha-Cone Abaca Adelaide
Best Junior Handler – Jessica Rowden
Obedience HIT – Ch. Allure's Summer Sunshine SC
High in Triathlon – DC L'Rhel Witchwood Time Traveler SC
Rally – Ishkur's Athena CD

Please remember to send me updates – personal and informational – so that those can be included in the next newsletter – deadline will be April 1 for submission of information and the newsletter will be printed and mailed by April 15. I look forward to seeing everyone at Breeders' Cup! Travel safe and have a great time. And have fun with your dogs!

Cindy Chandler

p.s. Thank you Wynne Kalish for your work at printing and mailing this newsletter! Your help is much appreciated.