

# *Topknot News*

*Summer 2019*

*The Newsletter of the Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.*



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## *Letter from the Editor — Brian Wood, Topknot News Editor:*



Welcome to the Summer 2019 Topknot News. It marks the first issue by the new team of Karen Irazabal, Linda Kramer, Mary Blacker, Stir Greer and me. Look through the issue to see brief bios of our team. We have also had invaluable help from behind-the-scenes AHCA members.

I was raised on a farm in Montana and spent many years working with my family here, marrying and raising my own family. At some point, the farm got too small and while I still live on it, I have had several other careers. For the last eighteen years I have been transportation supervisor at the public school I attended as a kid. My wife Laura and I started raising Afghan Hounds late but it seems like many dog years ago. Looking back now, it has been a challenging, heartbreaking and rewarding experience. I would retire from my day job but I wouldn't be able to afford my dogs.

This issue of Topknot News begins a new adventure with having dog ads included. They provide momentos for our Members and help support the Club.

Look for the Breeders' Cup report from our President, along with news of the upcoming National!

—Brian Wood, Editor

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### *Save the Dates!*

The 2020 National Specialty will be Monday, September 28 — Friday October 2, 2020

The 2021 National Specialty will be Tuesday, October 5 — Saturday, October 9, 2021

*Both National Specialties will be held at the Roberts Centre!  
Wilmington, Ohio*

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## 2020 Rescue Calendars:

Calendars are \$22, US postage paid  
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Alabaster, AL 35007

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### VERY IMPORTANT

When paying by Paypal, you MUST include your Name & Address in the COMMENTS, as well as specify how many calendars you are ordering!



## Monkey Whisker Metamorphosis:

The general public is often amazed at the transformation that takes place, whereby monkey whiskers fill then fall from puppy muzzles revealing the lovely foreface of the adult Afghan Hound; whereby the fluffy dorsal hair is shed revealing the short saddle hair; and whereby the topknot continues to grow and surmounts the head with silken glory.

The Afghan Hound, King of Dogs, but also Sorcerer of Change?

## From the Corresponding Secretary — Dorma Sue Busby:

The Election results for the AHCA 2020 National Specialty Judges are:

Regular Classes Bitches & Intersex	D. Scott Pfeil	93 votes
Regular Classes Dogs	Pauline Hewitt	75 votes
Sweepstakes	Michael Liss	107 votes

There were a total of 240 ballots returned, two of which were incorrectly marked and not counted.

There were a total of 379 votes cast for Regular judges and 236 cast for the Sweepstakes judge.

The Specialty will be held at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, OH, September 28 – October 2, 2020.

## *President's Message – Russ Hastings:*



Welcome to the first issue of Topknot News produced by our new editor, Brian Wood and his team. We hope you enjoy the Magazine, and if you do, please let Brian and his team know. The Board approved the offering of dog advertising in Topknot News starting with this issue. That has been an often requested feature, and we hope you will all enjoy it as well as avail yourself of the opportunity to place an ad. The cost is very reasonable, and proceeds will help defray the ever-increasing expense of the publication.

There is a brief article in this issue highlighting the Spring Breeders' Cup held in New Jersey. If you missed this one, you missed a great one. Our Show Chair David Giordano, assisted by members of The Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey and did an outstanding job putting on the event. In the end, we made just over \$2,000 profit and had a great time doing it.

The time for our annual National Specialty is rapidly approaching. The newly renovated Founders Inn located in Virginia Beach, VA is a fantastic venue offering all the amenities for which any discerning Afghan Hound fancier could ask. It begins on Saturday, October 26 with two Regional Specialties & Lure Coursing and ends on Wednesday, October 30 with Best of Breed Judging and our annual Awards Banquet. It will be a very busy week and some events will overlap, making it difficult to attend everything due to squeezing down the schedule as many members have requested. Our Show Chair Erica Jantos and the Board have worked hard to make this an outstanding event and we hope to see everyone there.

There has been a great deal of discussion among the membership concerning conference call BOD meetings and electronic balloting. The Board has not been idle dealing with these issues.

If you have ever participated in a phone conference call, you appreciate how difficult and frustrating they can be. As someone said, "it is like herding cats"! People speak over each other and others feel that they were never given a chance to express themselves which is frustrating to say the least. The confusion is even greater when there are 12 people on the call, all in different locations. We have used conference calls on a limited basis for very specific topics with limited success at best. We decided to try video conferencing using a system where all are visible to each other and the moderator could control who was speaking at any given time. This held great promise and some of us did a test call. Unfortunately, the "bandwidth" in some places such as Eastern TN and rural PA was insufficient to allow some individuals to participate. We have not given up on the idea but there are issues that need to be resolved before we can be successful.

Electronic balloting was approved by the membership in 2017. We prepared a request for a proposal document and sent it to four potential e-balloting services. Only two responded with viable proposals. The Board has narrowed it down to one service; however, there are some unresolved questions which we are investigating. The most critical is cost effectiveness. The cost structure contains a fixed amount with adders based on the members who decide to participate, opt-in, and those who decide not to participate, opt-out. For large clubs the fixed costs get divided over many but for a club like ours, the fixed costs per member can be significant. We are currently finalizing a study to determine if the total cost will be less than the cost to use our current system. That study will be ready for review by the Board at our meeting in October and if it is favorable, we will sign a contract with the e-ballot service and begin using that system.

I hope to see you all in Virginia Beach for a great National and updates on these and other critical issues.

—Russ Hastings, AHCA President

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## *2019 Breeders' Cup Report — submitted by Russ Hastings:*

### 31st Afghan Hound Club of America Breeders' Cup "Born to Run"

The 31st annual Afghan Hound Club of America's Breeders' Cup was held on May 3, 2019 in Tinicum Park, Erwinna, PA in conjunction with The Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey Specialty. This is the site of the annual Bucks Kennel Club show and it is a beautiful venue. The theme of the show, "Born to Run", was a fitting tribute to our beautiful breed.

Trophies were produced by renowned Afghan artist Mary Ann Giordano. The entry of 60, representing 22 liters, was judged by Darlene Anderson, a breeder of many champion Afghan Hounds under the Kulana prefix. Darlene entered the ring early on a partially cloudy day. Rain threatened but never dampened the event. Darlene worked her way through class after class of excellent puppies and in the end brought back nine class winners for her final selection.

Just prior to Darlene judging the Winners, The Afghan Hound Club of America honored Dr. Duane Butherus for his dedicated service as a founder of the event and its 31 years of success. He was presented with an engraved plaque to commemorate the occasion (C).

In the end, Darlene awarded Best in Breeders' Cup (A) to 15-18 month dog, Sunlit's King of Queens; by GRCHG Agha Dijari's Fifth Dimension of Sura x GRCHG Sunlit's Queen of Everything CGC; breeders Tara Richardson & Pam Winkelmeier & Norma Feldman; owned by Tara Richardson and Pam Winkelmeier. Best of Opposite Sex in Breeders' Cup (B) was given to 12-15 month bitch, Athene Criston Shekinah Anastasia; by CH Shekinah Stiletto X CH Criston Athene Amelia; breeder/owner Maryln Gilley, Leslie Stoffels & Christine Pinkston.

Immediately following the conclusion of the 31st Breeders' Cup, the Northern New Jersey Afghan Hound Specialty was held. The show was judged by Mr. Terrence Wilcox, Alaqudar Afghans, Victoria, Australia. Judge Wilcox awarded Best of Breed to GCHG Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo owned by Karen Wagner and Anne Arrant. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to CH Dragonfly Ecco Aries Dangerous Seduction; owned by Lucia Brown and Philip Schafmayer.

To conclude the day, The Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey hosted a delicious buffet dinner served under the tents where great food and socializing was enjoyed by all.



*Save the Date!*

AHCA 2020 BREEDERS' CUP

Friday, March 27, 2020  
Purina Farms  
Gray Summit, MO

## *Breeders' Cup Judge's Critique — Darlene Anderson (Kulana):*

What an exciting time I had Judging the 31st Breeders' Cup. To be voted by your Peers was such an Honor.

My morning was filled with such emotion. How are the Afghans today as compare to years ago when I was competing against some of the Best Breeders out there with their beautiful charges. I so was hoping I would find something that would stand out and I was not disappointed.

I was like OMG look at all these beautiful Puppies and young Adults coming to show to me. I can honestly say the Temperments were some of the BEST I have seen in a long time in the puppy classes. I maybe had 2 of all the dogs I judged that were a little difficult but for the most part the temperments were out of this world.

As my classes started with puppy dogs I found myself going back and forth on just little things to determine my class placements, but as I got to the 6-9 Puppy Bitch class I was like, WOW!!! Look at all these beautiful puppy girls and almost everyone of them had wagging tails. No shy temperments there. Such a hard class because there was such Quality in that class. All my Bitch classes were tough. Such stand out Quality!!!

I am going to shorten this a bit to get to my winners. As I lined up all my class winners I found it even harder to choose as everyone of those Afghans gave me their all. I chose 4 after a lot of careful deliberation from the 15-18 class #134 Sunlits King Of Queens a beautiful Black Afghan and from the 18-21 class #148 Tantra Here's Your Pink Slip another Gorgeous Red Male and from the 12-15 Bitch class #135 Athena Criston Shekinah Anastasia a beautiful Classic Red Bitch and 15-18 class Dragonfly Ecco Aries Dangerous Seduction another beautiful Brindle girl. Some of the toughest classes I had to pull from but narrowed it down to these 4.

As I went over each one carefully keeping in mind the characteristics of the Afghan Hound and the detailing and looking at Headpieces with those dark eyes and great underjaws. Long necks and shoulders smooth as I ran my hand over each one down the Toplines to the croups to the tails. Muscular, well-conditioned bodies with well let down hocks. Fronts were some of the best. These 4 Afghans made my choices very difficult. It was a tit for tat at this point. The hardest decision I ever had to make and I wish I could have done for all of them. It was Hard!!!

I finally gave it to the Beautiful very Stallion like Black Afghan "SUNLITS KING OF QUEENS" for the Breeders Cup and Best Opposite was "ATHENA CRISTON SHEKINAH ANASTASIA, but let me tell you, she pushed real hard for the TOP SPOT!! Afghans are looking good for the future!!!

The only thing I have to say is when asked to slow your Afghan down please listen. I had a couple that moved their dogs way too out stretched and our STANDARD calls for REACH and DRIVE. Some were way over doing it and expending way too much energy and a type of lift and drive that is not the Breed.

Again, thanks goes to all that showed to me, I had the Best time with some of the Countries nicest Afghans I have seen in a long long time. Keep up the Great work.

### *Did You Know?*

The AHCA official publication has had, at different times, three different names: Bulletin, Afghanews, and Topknot News! The very first was called "Bulletin" and was published in August 1941. The Club's third issue was "Afghanews", dated 1943 — 1944. The name "Bulletin" was used again, from 1971 — 1997. And in 1998 the Club publicaiton became "Topknot News"

If you would like to read "A Retrospective on Topknot News" by Norma Cozzoni, head over to the AHCA website, and select "Club: Newsletter" in the navigation bar, and select the Spring 2012 issue. Thank you Norma!

This and many other issues are available for you to view and download.

## Regional Club Specialties:

Please refer to the AKC or AHCA website for up-to-date show details, as information may have changed since time of printing.

Club Name	Day	Date		City	State	Super/Secretary	Breed Judge
AHC of Greater Denver, Inc. - Two Shows - Two Days	Thursday	05-Sep-2019	Regular	Greeley	CO	Jan D. Curtis	Mr. Lou M Guerrero
AHC of Greater Denver, Inc. - Two Shows - Two Days	Thursday	05-Sep-2019	Sweeps	Greeley	CO	Jan D. Curtis	Darlene Anderson
AHC of Greater Denver, Inc. - Two Shows - Two Days	Thursday	05-Sep-2019	Juniors	Greeley	CO	Jan D. Curtis	Mr. Lou M Guerrero
AHC of Greater Denver, Inc. - Two Shows - Two Days	Friday	06-Sep-2019	Regular	Greeley	CO	Jan D. Curtis	Mrs. Jan Swayze-Curry
AHC of Greater Denver, Inc. - Two Shows - Two Days	Friday	06-Sep-2019	Sweeps	Greeley	CO	Jan D. Curtis	Sandy Nelson
AHC of Greater Denver, Inc. - Two Shows - Two Days	Friday	06-Sep-2019	Juniors	Greeley	CO	Jan D. Curtis	Mrs. Jan Swayze-Curry
Finger Lakes Afghan Hound Club	Saturday	28-Sep-2019	Regular	Romulus	NY	Rau	Shelley Hennessy
Finger Lakes Afghan Hound Club	Saturday	28-Sep-2019	Sweeps	Romulus	NY	Rau	Bruce Schultz
Afghan Hound Club of Austin	Saturday	28-Sep-2019	Regular	Belton	TX	Onofrio	Ms. Nancy J Edgington
Lehigh Valley AH Association - Two Shows - One Day	Sunday	06-Oct-2019	Regular	Frenchtown	NJ	Donna Fritchman	AM - Mr. Yancy Russell
Lehigh Valley AH Association - Two Shows - One Day	Sunday	06-Oct-2019	Sweeps	Frenchtown	NJ	Donna Fritchman	AM - Robert Di Nicola
Lehigh Valley AH Association - Two Shows - One Day	Sunday	06-Oct-2019	Regular	Frenchtown	NJ	Donna Fritchman	PM - Lucy Orlowski
Northern California Afghan Hound Club	Saturday	19-Oct-2019	4-6 Puppy Regular	Pleasanton	CA	MB-F Inc.	Mr. Jaime Ganoza
Northern California Afghan Hound Club	Saturday	19-Oct-2019	Sweeps	Pleasanton	CA	MB-F Inc.	Chuck Alarcon
Northern California Afghan Hound Club	Saturday	19-Oct-2019	Juniors	Pleasanton	CA	MB-F Inc.	Nitsa Traylor
Richmond Afghan Hound Club	Saturday	26-Oct-2019	Regular	Virginia Beach	VA	Sue Busby	Mrs. Mary Gwendolen Fisher
Carolina Afghan Hound Club	Saturday	26-Oct-2019	Regular	Virginia Beach	VA	Sue Busby	Stefan Boieck
Tidewater Afghan Hound Club	Sunday	27-Oct-2019	Regular	Virginia Beach	VA	Sue Busby	Julie Roche
<b>See Centerfold for AHCA National Performance &amp; Special Event Dates</b>							
Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. - Multi Day Event	Sunday	27-Oct-2019	Juniors	Virginia Beach	VA	Erica Jantos	Ms. Erika Peters - Junior
Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. - Multi Day Event	Monday	28-Oct-2019	Sweeps	Virginia Beach	VA	Erica Jantos	Mr. Harry Bennett - Sweeps
Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. - Multi Day Event	Tuesday	29-Oct-2019	Regular	Virginia Beach	VA	Erica Jantos	Mr. Robert Stein - Dogs
Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. - Multi Day Event	Tuesday	29-Oct-2019	Regular	Virginia Beach	VA	Erica Jantos	Mr. Gene Vaccaro - Bitches
Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. - Multi Day Event	Wed.	30-Oct-2019	Regular	Virginia Beach	VA	Erica Jantos	Mr. Robert Stein - Intersex
Sand 'N' See AHC of Florida	Friday	15-Nov-2019	Regular	Ocala	FL	MB-F Inc.	Mr. Lex Robertson
Sand 'N' See AHC of Florida	Friday	15-Nov-2019	Sweeps	Ocala	FL	MB-F Inc.	Chuck Milne
Sand 'N' See AHC of Florida	Saturday	16-Nov-2019	Regular	Ocala	FL	MB-F Inc.	Mrs. Edith Tichenor Hanson
Southern Arizona Afghan Hound Association	Friday	15-Nov-2019	Regular	Tucson	AZ	Jack Bradshaw	Jon Cole
Southern Arizona Afghan Hound Association	Friday	15-Nov-2019	Sweeps	Tucson	AZ	Jack Bradshaw	Steven Klein
Afghan Hound Club of Omaha - 50th Anniversary	Saturday	23-Nov-2019	Regular	Council Bluffs	IA	Onofrio	Dr. Edna K Martin
Afghan Hound Club of Omaha - 50th Anniversary	Saturday	23-Nov-2019	Sweeps	Council Bluffs	IA	Onofrio	Debbie Golden
Afghan Hound Club of Omaha	Sunday	24-Nov-2019	Regular	Council Bluffs	IA	Onofrio	Mr. Kenneth Tippie
Afghan Hound Club of Omaha	Sunday	24-Nov-2019	Sweeps	Council Bluffs	IA	Onofrio	Rick Brown
Suncoast Afghan Hound Club of Florida	Friday	13-Dec-2019	Regular	Orlando	FL	MB-F Inc.	Mrs. Lotte Jorgensen
AHC of Greater Phoenix - Two Shows - One Day	Thursday	30-Jan-2020	Regular	Phoenix	AZ	Onofrio	AM - Rosemarie Crandahl
AHC of Greater Phoenix - Two Shows - One Day	Thursday	30-Jan-2020	Sweeps	Phoenix	AZ	Onofrio	Darlene Anderson
AHC of Greater Phoenix - Two Shows - One Day	Thursday	30-Jan-2020	Regular	Phoenix	AZ	Onofrio	PM - Sandy Frei
AHC of Greater Phoenix - Two Shows - One Day	Thursday	30-Jan-2020	Juniors	Phoenix	AZ	Onofrio	Ms. Rosemarie Crandahl

## *Meet the Balance of the Topknot News Team:*



**Mary Blacker** — Mary Blacker bought her first Afghan Hound as a teenager in 1952. Two years later she began showing Kuri, Zaamarakuri of Ghazni, to his championship, 4 group firsts and a Best in Show. She organized the Afghan Hound Club of Southwestern Ohio and later joined the AHCA in 1956. Mary's adult life with her husband Lloyd took her into business and teaching school in Dayton, Ohio while also continuing with successfully showing and breeding Ledgewood Afghan Hounds. After Lloyd passed away, Mary moved to Florida and shares her life with Ch. Kasban's Dixie Moon.



**Karen Irazabal** — Having begged for an Afghan Hound for about three years, Karen was given her first one by her parent for Christmas in 1974. Although she was AKC registered, she was just our pet and did everything with us. When Karen was married and had her two boys, she did not get another dog until she was divorced and her sons were teenagers. She decided that she wanted a show potential puppy. She had never shown, had never taken a conformation class and knew nothing other than she wanted to try it. Needless to say, it was not easy to find someone that would sell her a show potential puppy. Karen finally acquired her first puppy and finished her bitch's AKC Championship and Canadian title. This bitch gave Karen her first litter. Karen has enjoyed showing, judging Sweeps and occasionally breeding since then.



**Linda Kramer** — Linda and her husband Roy got their first Afghan Hound in 1977 from a man looking to rehome him. Sam, a black mask red was a joy and Linda's heart for the next 13 years. Sam was followed by Abby, purchased as a pet in 1990 who turned out to be Linda's first show Afghan Hound. Abby was a beautiful red brindle and she lived to be 15 years old. Abby was joined by sisters Tally and Tess in 2004. Tess was Linda's first Champion and Tally was her second. They were both beautiful black & silvers. Linda's present Afghan Hounds are black mask red CH Bella who is six and rescue Georgi who will be eight in December. Linda is a foster failure and Georgi has been in residence since 2013 and Bella was added six months later. Linda says, "As long as I am able, I will continue to have at least one Afghan Hound in my life". Throughout the years, Linda and Roy did conformation shows and a little lure coursing. Mostly they had the dogs as family members and loved them.



**Stir Greer** — Stir Greer and Todd Hensley bought their first Afghan Hound in 1993 after Stir saw an ethereal creature at work; a 6 mo old black mask silver bitch had come into the veterinary clinic for surgery. Twenty-six years later, their home is still graced by Afghan Hounds, a sport-mix from a local shelter, and as you see, Pekingese. Current activities include breeding, showing, agility, herding, photography, and of course, lots of grooming.

## *Committee Profile Photos:*

If you would like to update your profile photo, please send to Linda Kramer [benitoafs@verizon.net](mailto:benitoafs@verizon.net) or Stir Greer [stirgreer@gmail.com](mailto:stirgreer@gmail.com) for use in the next Topknot News.

## Agility Committee Report — Mikki Razor:



The Agility Trial for the National will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019, indoors, in Sanford, NC. We are going in as a supported entry. The only cost to the AHCA for the trial will be the ribbons. All entry fees will be paid by the teams that are going to enter the trial. After posting the information, it looks like it will probably be a small entry.

The photographer is not allowed to photograph without paying a vendor fee to the club holding the trial, so I will take my tablet along and shoot videos and stills of the runs. If any entrant wants a picture, it will have to be taken at the National site by the show photographer.

The Agility Trial Premium List for the National has been forwarded to Eddie Kominek. He will be posting it on the web site.

The following Afghan Hounds have earned an Invitation to the AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando, FL in December:

GCHB DC Komar's Ris'NSmoke MC OA MXJ OF	"Piper"
MACH Popovs Purrfection At Cayblu CD RE SC MXG MJC RATO	"Suzette"
CH Simoon's SnowDance At Dawn AX AXJ MXP3 MZXPB MJP	"Snow"
GCH CH Stormhill Cosifantutte She B'Dazzl'N MX MXJ MJB MXF T2B BCAT	"Dazzle"
CH Wynsyr Foxrun It's All About Cadence MX MXJ NAP NJP	"Cadence"

## AHCA Library/Archives Committee Report — Helen Stein:



This report is in bullet form with not much new going on.

- I have a new address (sent info to Sue Busby) and will update any AHCA publications that contain the former address. ALL Library materials are in storage until late July, at which time I'll have them moved here to Florida.
- I hope to get permission to have access to data entry on the AHI Pedigree Database. I have a large amount of info that I'd like to add. Also, in my research, I see a lot of information that is incorrect. I'd like to be able to make these corrections with approval from administrators, and of course I will work with Eddie on this.
- If AHCA has not already done this, I request that the Board consider making a donation of \$100 to AHI Pedigree Database to help cover operating costs.
- Sent the list of Best of Breed Winners of the National Specialty 1940-2018 to Erika Jantos for inclusion in the show catalog. If any Board member would like a copy of this, please let me know and I will send the Word document to you.
- I've been added to the AKC Library & Archives mailing list and will keep the Board updated on communications from AKC L&A. They are encouraging all clubs to digitize club information, minutes, communications and all photos and store them with AKC.
- The Library will have a booth at the National but I will not be present at the booth during Bitch judging, but I will have some AHCA members manning the booth at that time. I'll be there during Dog classes and Best of Breed judging.
- I have arranged with Erika to have a large TV screen and run videos continuously of previous shows as well as other videos in the library. The indoor venue will allow me to have other memorabilia on display such as Kay Finch clothing items, several scrapbooks and a couple of the Kay Finch ceramic items that have previously been pictured in Topknot News.

I look forward to seeing you all at the National Specialty!

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## AKC Delegate Report — Connie Butherus:



Since my last Delegate's report to you there have been two meetings of the AKC Delegates. This report will summarize both of them. In June the AKC Delegate's meetings were held on June 10 and 11. Several subcommittee meetings were held on Sunday June 9th.

Significant items for Parent Clubs at those meetings were:

- The AKC has established an Anti Breeder Harassment task force as a result of increasing reports of incidents;
- Nine additional Parent Clubs have become AKC Member Clubs and several have Delegates. I am on a subcommittee working with the non member clubs;
- Parent Clubs are urged to have ongoing monitoring of their breed's site on the AKC Marketplace. Concerns should be reported such as fraudulent claims of Parent Club membership or images, photos, videos which do not correctly represent the breed. An AKC Parent Club Tool for site management is now available. Further information is available at [akcmarketplace@akc.org](mailto:akcmarketplace@akc.org). (The AHCA has a Board member who is monitoring the Afghan Hound area.)
- The AKC Board will publish guidelines regarding the Canine College courses. It is the responsibility of the Parent Club Board to oversee the approval of the product either directly or delegated.
- A show site directory for Parent Clubs is being developed by a subcommittee of the Delegate Parent Club Committee. It will include a checklist for selecting and negotiating a host hotel. More to follow re this.
- Parent Clubs are urged to use the report entitled Parent Club Registration Statistics distributed by the AKC in March to all Parent Clubs regarding the status of their breed from 2008 through 2018. The data is significant with regard to Breed sustainability.

The September Delegate meetings were held on the 9th and 10th. However as a member of the AKC Board appointed Nominating Committee for the class of 2024 this task consumed the two days and evenings preceding the actual meetings.

At the September meeting the Delegates elect the members for the various Committees such as Canine Health, Dog Show Rules, etc. I was fortunate enough to be re-elected to serve another three year term on the Parent Club Committee. This Committee is a working group that advocates and supports all matters relevant to AKC Parent Clubs. Currently we are working on a Code of Ethics survey, Best Practices for Parent Clubs, Specialty Show Site Directory and most recently we established a breeder education sub committee.

The AKC Pet Disaster Relief Trailer project continues to thrive. Currently there are 76 trailers in 29 states with 18 more in the pipeline. Several clubs are raising funds for an additional 7 trailers. Donations from Clubs and AKC Reunite total \$2,456,000 to date.

Parent Clubs are requested to update their breed brochure which is included with the AKC registrations packets. It was reported that revisions are ongoing as the Clubs submit their updates.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation Parent Club Conference held in August was well attended and received very positive reviews. Thirty Veterinary students were funded to attend this scientific gathering. The AHCA was represented by Anna Tyler. Also from the AHCA was Duane Butherus, a CHF Board member and former CHF Chair.

The AKC Legislative area is currently monitoring over 2200 separate bills having to do with proposed legislation regarding all matters concerning dogs such as dog ownership, dog breeding, spay/neuter, care and conditions, leasing of dogs, grooming services to cite but a few of the issues.

The Breed Sustainability Committee reported that there are over 90 million dogs residing in 58 million households in the US. The purebred dogs community (us) can not supply the demand based on the data available from the AKC.

The AKC Marketplace announced a 25% discount for Parent Club members using their services.

The Canine College group continues developing their breed courses. They reported having conducted an evaluation study of the first several breeds participating. The Parent Club Committee has requested the actual data from this study. More to follow.

The business meeting was preceded by an outstanding presentation on "AKC Purposefully Bred Pure-Bred Dogs" by Bill Shelton and Doug Johnson both of whom have been recognized as AKC Breeder of the Year (Herding and Sporting Groups respectively).

They stressed the need for the fancy (again us) to rescue a breed by breeding a litter. It is up to us to sustain the breeds and meet the demand. They noted that less than 5% of dogs in shelters are purebred and attribute this to the careful screening many breeders do in their puppy placements. They lamented that our message has been taken over by the rights groups and it is up to us to take it back. For example:

The Dog Pound is now a Shelter; Mut/Mongrel is now a Rescue; and Boarding Kennels are now Resorts, Spas, Doggy Camp, Doggy Care etc. All kinder and gentler terms or in other words, rebranding.

They further emphasized the need for accountability in our breeding programs and to adopt the goal of breed preservation. Our breeding programs must be purposeful, not random. The plus side of a purpose bred dog is that it is predictable in many aspects, such as appearance, health and temperament.

They urged all Parent Clubs to have comprehensive breeders education program, to establish breeders committees and to change the focus from showing to breeding in order to sustain the breeds. In brief - preservation, purposeful and accountable was the message. This program would be highly informative for the AHCA Breeders Education Seminar.

The Delegates passed three amendments in the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. The first one will allow Clubs to "efficiently" close out a ring. In plain English this will allow the afternoon judging schedule to eliminate starting times for the after lunch judging. The breeds to be judged can be listed in a continuing sequence for the afternoon rather than in specified time segments. Exhibitors need to be aware that their breed judging time will depend on earlier absentees.

The second to pass was a rewording of the section regarding identification (jewelry, lapel pins, name tags etc.) of a person or dog during exhibition.

The last one addressed permitting move ups when awards have been disallowed in non-regular classes.

The President, our own Dennis Sprung, reviewed the many AKC accomplishments since the 9/11 attack in 2001. The terrorist attack occurred during the 2001 September Delegate meeting. He listed the numerous programs since that time which now exist as the AKC gives back to the fancy. Among those cited were awards, achievement medallions, grants, funding, legislation, scholarships, Museum of the Dog relocation, Legislative Lobby days and Canine Excellence Awards which recognizes the human/canine bond.

The financial report cited registration increases of 2.7% in litters and an 1.8% increase in dogs to date this year. In addition we were informed that revenue is up and cost are down, investments are up by 12.35% (\$12.3 million), with net assets of \$69,374,000. Looks like money begets money.

Our next meetings will be held in conjunction with the AKC show in Orlando on Friday the 13th of December. Ominous date.....not superstitious.....however.....fingers crossed just in case.

### *Awards Committee Report — Barb Hastings:*



Everything is going well, the Board and newly elected President will have to find a replacement for me as of February 1, 2020. Amy Mero has offered to send out the BOW medallions, but cannot commit to do the Awards for the National. And with this in my rear view mirror, I add something that makes me smile: "Having more time to go fishing with my husband!"

## Canine Health Committee Report — Anna Tyler:



We are making good progress and I am pleased to write the following report:

- 1) Dr. Diane Brown (CEO) and Andrea Fiumefreddo, Director of Programs for the AKC Canine Health Foundation, have submitted the application for AHCA Chylothorax Research to the William E. Dean III Charitable Foundation. The application was submitted in May well before the deadline of July 1, 2019. The Foundation indicates that decisions will be made about 4 months later approximately November 2019.
- 2) Dr. Gary Johnson, the researcher at the University of MO, has agreed to start the research project with four Chylothorax affected blood samples instead of five. As we learn of more dogs being affected with this devastating disease, I am sure we will be adding samples to this number over time.
- 3) Dr. Brown and Andrea Fiumefreddo have been in communication with Gary Johnson and have written a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a budget for the AHCA BOD to review at the July meeting. They are also making themselves available if the BOD wants to set up a conference call to discuss the details if necessary.
- 4) AKC CHF will request a full proposal from Dr. Johnson and incorporate a hopefully positive determination from the William E. Dean III Charitable Foundation in November. The BOD will know more at this time and share the information with the General Membership on how and when the research will proceed.
- 5) Also, the Researcher is requesting as many healthy, non-affected blood samples from Afghan Hounds as possible to be sent to them. They have so few samples from our breed that it would be very beneficial to have more healthy blood samples to compare and test. Please send these to:  
Dr. Gary Johnson, AHCA Chylo Research, 320 Connaway Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211.
- 6) So far, all those who have sent in blood samples have done so as a donation to the research and have not requested reimbursement. We thank you! It is not inexpensive to ship blood samples over-night, about \$75.00 plus the vet charges. It does not go unnoticed and is much appreciated!
- 7) Anna Tyler will be attending the AKC CHF Parent Club Health Conference August 9-11, 2019.

The following Regional Specialty Clubs donated to make this possible: Midwest, Austin, Finger Lakes, Greater Twin Cities, Nutmeg, Greater Detroit, Potomac, Southern Arizona and Evergreen. A report will be written and any hand outs from the sessions will be shared and added to the AHCA Web Site in the Health section.

AKC Canine Health Foundation - Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. Donor Advised Fund  
2nd Quarter 2019 Statement (1/1/2019-6/30/2019)

1/1/2019 Balance	\$2,484.25
Contributions	\$3,078.68
PPCPP Contribution	\$1,212.82
Investment Earnings/(Losses)	\$667.55
Research Support*	\$0.00
6/30/2019 Balance	\$7,443.30

*Support AHCA Chylothorax Research*

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/chylothorax-research>

## AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Conference 2019

Next year will mark the 25th Anniversary of the AKC Canine Health Foundation. The CHF is the largest funder of canine health research in the WORLD, having invested 44.6 million dollars in research grants to advance the health of our dogs. Currently, the CHF is funding over 10 million dollars in 23 research program areas.

The biennial parent club conferences bring together researchers, parent club representatives, veterinarians, and at least one veterinary student from each vet school to interact and discuss the latest discoveries in canine health. Many of the presentations from the meeting as well as other health topics are made available as a free webinar series sponsored by the CHF. They are available at [akcchf.org/vetvine](http://akcchf.org/vetvine) and I'd encourage you to take advantage of this rich resource.

As an AHCA member, I am incredibly proud to represent our club as we have been supporters of the CHF from the very beginning. Dr. Duane & Connie Butherus and Dr. Jerry Klein have been actively involved from the start. CHF is guiding the AHCA through the first ever research into Chylothorax disease and your donations of money, samples and health information is vital to this project.  
— Anna Tyler

## Judges Education Committee — Harry Bennett:



In January 2020, we will participate in the Arizona Dog Judges Education workshop in Phoenix, AZ. Christine O'Connor will make the presentation.

We are ongoing working with AKC in the creation of its webinar for the breed. I am always looking for good photographs and request that anyone who has any photos depicting the Afghan Hound representing the quality of the dog in whole or in part to please email them to me. This is for the use of education, any dog, any color.

For decades we are used to seeing beautiful pictures of our dogs. The studio situation provided by AKC for shooting our breed did not work for us. AKC has willingly put it in our hands to provide those proper photos that we will use.

## Inventory Committee and Ways @ Means — Dorma Sue Busby:



To purchase Parent Club Logo Items, past Breeders' Cups Items, & past National Specialty Items, contact me at [barakiafs@peoplepc.com](mailto:barakiafs@peoplepc.com) or 810-241-2529 (mobile) or 586-933-5682 (home)

Payment is available via Paypal, Visa or Mastercard.

Please note that prices do NOT include postage.

## Breeders' Cup Items

### 2014 Breeders' Cup

Travel Bags Royal Blue 15 \$5.00



### 2016 Breeders' Cup

Catalogs 12 \$5.00



### 2018 Breeder's Cup

Logo Coaster set/4 \$5.00  
T-Shirts 2x - 2



## 2015 National Items

Purple exhibitor tote bags \$1.00  
Catalog 12 \$5.00

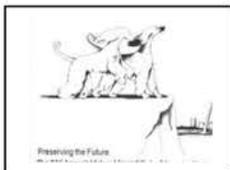


## 2017 National Items

White T-Shirts w/ orange silkscreened logo  
S-4, L-10, XL-8 \$5.00

1/4 Zip Shirts Green (embroidered dark blue)  
S-2 M-2 L-4 XL-10 \$5.00

Catalogs (marked) 10 \$5.00



## Parent Club Logo Items

### WAYS & MEANS

PC Lapel Pins 14K gold plated  
Tie Tac or Safety Pin catch \$15.00

Teal Bath Towels 2 \$10.00



## 2018 NATIONAL SALES ITEMS



Bling T-Shirt  
Various  
Colors  
\$25.00



Logo  
Turquoise  
Sweatshirt  
\$25.00



Baseball Cap \$20.00



Logo Fleece  
Jacket \$30.00



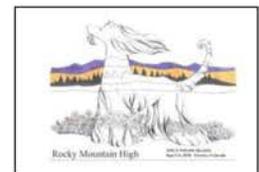
Logo Fleece  
Vest \$25.00



Logo Turquoise  
Hoodie \$25.00



Logo  
Lightweight  
Hoodie  
\$25.00



## 2018 NATIONAL SALES ITEMS

Catalogs (marked) 20 \$5.00

Black Hoodie Sweatshirt Zip Front \$30.00

Black Hoodie Sweatshirt Pullover \$25.00

Teal Hoodie Sweatshirt Zip Front \$30.00

Teal Hoodie Sweatshirt Pullover \$25.00

Teal Sweatshirt \$20.00

Purple Fleece Vest \$25.00

Black Lightweight Hoodie long sleeve \$20.00

Blue Lightweight Hoodie long sleeve \$20.00

Black Long Sleeve T-Shirt Back Logo \$20.00

Blue Short Sleeve T-Shirts Back Logo \$20.00

Teal Long Sleeve T-Shirt Back Logo \$20.00

Teal Bling Long Sleeve T-Shirt Front Logo \$25.00

Blue Bling Short Sleeve T-Shirt Front Logo \$25.00

Black Bling Long Sleeve T-Shirts Front Logo \$25.00

Black Bling Short Sleeve T-Shirts Front Logo \$25.00

Purple Bling Hoodie Long Sleeve Front Logo \$25.00

Grooming Aprons Bling \$25.00

Baseball Caps 8 \$25.00

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S-1, M-1, L-2, 2X-1 \$30.00

S-3, M-4, L-4, 2X-1 \$25.00

XL-1 \$30.00

M-3, XL-2 \$25.00

S-1, L-1 \$20.00

S-1, XL-1, 2X-2 \$25.00

S-4, M-4, L-2, XL-2 \$20.00

S-1, M-1 \$20.00

S-1, M-4, L-4, XL-3, 2X-2, 3X-4 \$20.00

S-3, M-3, L-2, XL-3 \$20.00

S-6, M-4, L-7, XL-6, 2X-5 \$20.00

S-3, M-2, L-2, XL-9, 2X-8 \$25.00

S-4, M-5, L-3, XL-6, 2X-6, 3X-5 \$25.00

S-2, M-3, L-3, XL-8, 2X-10 \$25.00

S-1, M-4, L-4, XL-3, 2X-2, 3X-4 \$25.00

2X-2 \$25.00

8 \$25.00

Black - 3 Teal - 9 \$20.00

## *Junior Showmanship Committee — Alicia Jones:*



I will be posting an announcement for the Young Sportsman Scholarship on the AHCA Facebook page. This seems to be the best way to get the word out to potential recipients.

Christine O'Connor has donated a purple Chris Christiansen ringside tote for Best Junior Handler for the 2019 National Specialty. I will be paying for the tote to be embroidered. This will be in the Premium List as the trophy for Best Junior.

## *Lure Coursing Committee — Eddie Kominek:*



The AHCA ASFA trials held in Limestone, TN on July 13, 2019 and July 14, 2019 had entries of 32 and 25 dogs respectively. The trials began at 7AM each day and finished at 1PM on Saturday and at 11:30 AM on Sunday.

There was a dinner on Saturday night at the home of Eddie and Selma Kominek on the property which consisted of grilled brats, kraut and a spread of sides and was attended by 20-25 people.

Gross income from the Trial was \$1016 with a net income of \$331 going to the AHCA.

We are planning a Fall ASFA Trial, probably in October or November at Kominek Farms with the date to be determined.

Bob Jordan will speak about preparations for the 2019 ASFA Trial at the meeting.

## *Mailing List Committee — Dorma Sue Busby:*



I have been working on the 2019 Directory, making all changes to Regional Clubs, Board of Directors and the membership.

Bob Jordan sent me the updated paid dues roster and even a number of those had to be changed.

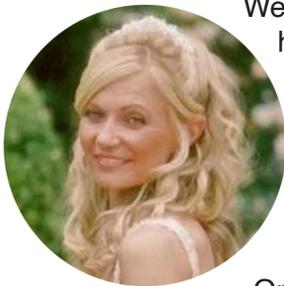
I am bringing a mock up of the final Directory for all to view. I will have this ready for mailing after this board meeting. As always this is a work in progress.

### *Members!*

Membership Directories have been mailed

If you have any changes in your contact info, please contact Dorma Sue Busby at [barakiavs@peoplepc.com](mailto:barakiavs@peoplepc.com) 810-241-2529 (mobile)

## *Meet the Breed Committee — Anna Stromberg:*



We thank the Parent Club for the confidence to present our breed to the public at these highly attended events. Yet again, we had two very well attended gatherings in Orlando during the 2018 AKC Royal Canin National Championship and Sunday activities on Pier 94 preceding the 2019 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in NY.

Again, I cannot speak highly enough about our volunteers. It has been a struggle in the past for the New York event to find fanciers willing to share. This year we had plenty of volunteers and excellence all around among dogs and their humans.

Orlando has the wonderful Florida Afghan Hound community supporting it and we never lack volunteers or dogs of all varieties. I must mention Linda, Mark and Erin McCullogh who came with their dog Bowmor, their time and even a beautiful backdrop they purchased and donated. Linda and Erin set up and took down the display in Orlando to much gratitude from undersigned and the entire family came to New York and worked the whole day in the abbreviated booth compared to the splendor of the Orlando venue. We also must mention Dru Sheppard and Anette Smith from the Jersey shore with Dru's two adorable young Afghan Hounds! It was a first for Dru and the girls but what a crowd pleasing duo they were!

"Veterans" Diana Kassir and Arya scooted down from 92nd Street to give their flawless presentation to the huge crowds! Our resident WKC insider, Joanne Andersson, was present naturally and was an asset like few in history and with answers to just about any questions asked!

We are looking forward to this years' event in December and we are waiting with bated breath about news for New York after Pier 92 was condemned.

We will get back to the club with any news we receive and we would appreciate any emails regarding the matter to be forwarded to me.

We enjoy this opportunity to promote purebred dogs in general and Afghan Hounds in particular.

## *Mentor Program Committee — Chris Pinkston:*



"Have you made any new friends today?" is a question often asked by parents on the first day of school. There's real value in taking a few minutes to be kind to a new person at very little 'cost' to you. A first, or early experience, can be a make-or-break moment for a new person attempting to crack into the sport. Powerful men and women in dogs should remember that they started out new at one time. And here are some examples to make my point.

Overheard recently at a dog show:

Kid with his parent: "Hi! Can I pet your dog?"

Exhibitor: "Sure, but not right now. He's getting ready to go into the ring, but if you'll wait a few minutes, you can meet him."

Exhibitor shows his dog and is seen (by me) upon exiting the ring to be looking for the child and his dad. He walks over to them and allows them to greet his dog and later pet him.

Result: a good impression of dog show people, a nonthreatening moment for a dog who is unphased by a child (and we all know that not every dog is okay with kids), and everyone comes away with a positive experience.

Another example... Overheard recently at a dog show:

New exhibitor with a young, poorly groomed dog: "Excuse me, how do I get her feet to look like that?"

Exhibitor: "Give me a couple of minutes and I'll show you how to do one foot and you can do the rest that way. You probably want to clean up the saddle, too."

Result: A new exhibitor may stick around for a second show, join a club and become a contributing member.

By far, the positive instances outweigh the negative. Every person interested in our unique breed is valuable. You will be remembered by your patience and kindnesses.

If you have any small or large experiences to share, please let me know.

## *Obedience, Rally & Versatility Committee — Lynda Hicks:*



Participation in Companion events with Afghan Hounds seems to be on a definite increase. January thru May, Afghan Hounds have earned an impressive 43 companion titles, including 5 obedience, 9 rally, 10 CGC's, 7 trick, 7 scentwork, and 5 therapy.

The first weekend in May was a record-breaker in at least a decade for attaining Companion titles with Afghan Hounds. There were 7 titles earned that weekend, including 1 obedience, 5 rally, and 1 CGC.

AKC provided a report that an impressive 55 Afghan Hounds received the Achiever Dog Certificate during the Achiever Dog Certificate Program's pilot year. AKC reports the program was well received and indications are that they will continue the program permanently.

Advanced recognition has been earned this year by two Afghan Hounds.

Gisela Bailey's "Hope" Circle of Hope, UD BN RA, received the advanced obedience award of Utility Dog. Hope is only the 23rd Afghan Hound to achieve that title.

Ellie Stonequist's GCH DC Perfection Cheri-A Frosted Ice, CD, RA, SC, RKN, THDD became the 5th Afghan Hound to hold the Distinguished Therapy Dog title, and the first since 2014. This requires a remarkable 400 therapy visits.

The Afghan Hound Club of America will again hold independent all-breed rally trials in Leander, Texas on August 3 & 4. All 4 trials reached their entry limit within 3 days of the release of the Premium List. In 2018, the club made a profit of over \$1,000 on these trials. We expect approximately the same profit this year to help offset the expenses of holding Companion Events at the upcoming National Specialty.

The 2019 Obedience, Rally & Versatility committee consists of me as Chair, and members Shelley Hennessee, Claudia Jakus, Toni King, Dr. Cathy Kirchmeyer, and Vicki Fagre-Stroetz. Any other AHCA members who may be interested in serving on our committee is welcome. Please contact me.



*Five of the titles were earned in Texas at the same location, and the other one was in North Dakota. Pictured below (L to R) Top row: Nina, Tucker; Bottom row: Kloud, Tavo, Rozie.*



*Pictured far left: Khaleesi, in ND*

## Regional Clubs Committee — Amy Mero:

I have received packets from and approved shows for 12 clubs.



### Regional Clubs:

Please remember to submit a Show Report,  
Judge's Critique & Photos to the Topknot News Team!

## Rescue Committee — Martha Powell:

2019 has been a busy year for Rescue. I have placed eight Afghan Hounds whose owners passed away or moved to nursing homes.



Two Afghan Hounds adopted in previous years have had to be placed with new families. In one instance the owner got the opportunity to rescue an Afghan Hound from a friend who was crating her dog for almost 20 hours a day. But my adopter couldn't handle the responsibility of an additional Afghan Hound, so I placed our previous adoption with a new family. He's mixed in great with their dogs and is doing well. I'm still trying to find a home for the second Afghan Hound. He's become aggressive towards

the other family dogs without provocation. I'm going to have to find a home with no other pets for him. He loves people, so hopefully I can find the right situation for him.

In addition to the Afghan Hounds mentioned previously, I have placed five other owner-surrendered dogs, and one dog from Craig's List. Thank goodness I was able to get the dog who was listed on Craig's List. It has been a long time since I have encountered an Afghan Hound who was so absolutely terrified of anything and everything, and obviously abused. He is with a wonderful family in Tennessee now who have worked miracles with him. He was only 38 pounds when we got him, and he has already gained about 7 pounds. Every week they are seeing progress in his comfort level and his ability to tolerate sounds, noises, other people, and pets.

I am so grateful for all the loving families who are willing to adopt these Afghan Hounds and give them the good home and love they deserve.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the National in Virginia Beach. If you have any items that you could donate for our Rescue table that I will have at National, it would be so appreciated. Please let me know if you're going to bring anything for the Rescue table.

## Statistics Committee — Carol Rivette:

**2018 Competition Statistics:** *Compiled by Carol Rivette, Statistics Committee Chair and Cathy Kirchmeyer, Mikki Razor, Lynda Hicks and Claudia Jakus (Committee Members)*



### The Top-Producing Sire — 12 Champion Offspring

GCHG CH Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension Of Sura; *Owner:* Suzanne J Neill & Jamie Souza Bartlett & Christine O'Connor; *Breeder:* Stefan Boieck

### The Top-Producing Dam — 7 Champion Offspring

CH Charteroak Quinta; *Breeder/Owner:* Gene and Shelly Vaccaro

### The Top-Winning Dog in Breed competition — 1170

GCHP CH Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension Of Sura; *Owner:* Suzanne J Neill & Jamie Souza Bartlett & Christine O'Connor; *Breeder:* Stefan Boieck

**The Top-Winning Bitch in Breed competition – 708**

GCHS CH Victorias Jp Pallasathena M-Topone; *Breeder/Owner:* Shinobu Iijima Nodashi

**The Top-Winning Dog in Breed Competition – Owner Handled — 675**

GCHS DC Bakura Suni Formula One RA MC LCX2 BCAT CGC TKN; *Owner:* Toni D King & Lynda and James Hicks; *Breeder:* Toni D King & Lynda Hicks

**Top Junior Handler – 88**

Madeline Michelle Buehler

**Top Lure Coursing dog AKC — 160 pts**

GCH DC Suni Sir Viveur RE MC LCX2 BCAT CGC TKN; *Breeder/Owner:* James and Lynda Hicks

**Top Lure Coursing dog ASFA – 50**

Evensong's Sit Down You're Rockin' The Boat SC FCH; *Owner:* Robert D. & Linda Jordan; *Breeder:* Michelle & Dominique Trifiro, Carol J & Jim Chapek

**Top Lure Coursing Combined AKC and ASFA Total Points – 163**

GCH DC Suni Sir Viveur RE MC LCX2 BCAT CGC TKN; *Breeder/Owner:* James and Lynda Hicks

**Top Agility AKC MACH Afghan Hound – 277**

MACH Popovs Purrfection At Cayblu CD RE SC MXS MJG RATO; *Owner:* Cathy Kirchmeyer; *Breeder:* Faye Tromp

**Top Agility AKC PACH Afghan Hound – 76**

CH Simoon's Snow Dance At Dawn AX AXJ MXP3 MXPB MJP; *Owner:* Dwight & Nancy Caswell; *Breeder:* J & S Plank & R & C Penta

**Top NOTRA Racing Afghan Hound — #1**

Inisfree Sirae Duet Titan King's Ranch ORC; *Owner:* Nathan Wattenhoffer; *Breeder:* Anna C Tyler & Cynthia Byington & Louise Paulson & Lorene French

**Top LGRA Racing Afghan Hound —10.00**

Inisfree Sirae Duet Titan King's Ranch GRC; *Owner:* Nathan Wattenhoffer; *Breeder:* Anna C Tyler & Cynthia Byington & Louise Paulson & Lorene French

**Highest Point Total in Obedience – 567.5**

MACH Popovs Purrfection At Cayblu CD RE SC MXS MJG RATO; *Owner:* Cathy Kirchmeyer; *Breeder:* Faye Tromp

**Top AKC Rally Afghan Hound – 304**

Bharasseyduran Ariel At Cayblu, RE SC; *Owner:* Cathy Kirchmeyer; *Breeder:* Inge Frerichs

**Best in Advanced Rally – 282**

FC Zoso's Azar In The Dark RA SC; *Owner:* Karen Hudman; *Breeder:* Jerre Ford

**Best in Excellent Rally – 304**

Bharasseyduran Ariel At Cayblu RE SC; *Owner:* Cathy Kirchmeyer; *Breeder:* Inge Frerichs

**2018 Miscellaneous Statistics:**

**New Canine Good Citizen**

Mahrani Heaven On Fire Stormhill CGC — Mary Offerman & Terri Vanderzee & Sandra Frei

GCH CH Suni Time After Time At Oreia BN RN JC THDX CGC — Claudia R Jakus & Lynda Hicks & Stephen J Cerovski

Just To Fall In Love Of Meadow Valley CGC — Sophia Pierce & Darla Hitchborn

GCH CH Napier's Innuendo CGC — Diane DeJuan & Sandra Redding & Bianca DeJuan

GCH CH Stormhill's Make A Wish BN RN JC CGC — Mary Offerman & Terri Vanderzee & Sandra Frei  
Matich's A Lady In Paris CGC — Jessica Matich  
CH Sars Summerwind Its All About Annie! JC CGC — Nancy Thompson & Pamela K Unterseh  
GCH CH Polo's Chanson Noire A Bakura CGC — Toni King  
Hosanna Always Spunky CGC — Melissa Kelley  
Kalani I'm Goin With The Flo CGC — Ellie Stonequist & Barbara Benson  
Silver Moon Rising FDC CGC — Ms. Christina Newsome  
Keymah Tittybaby Two De Isfahan CGC — Mimi Yeager

### **BCAT**

Debmar Foot Stomping BCAT — Deborah Bahm  
Debmar Footloose BCAT — Deborah Bahm  
Debmar Magic Is Afoot BCAT — Deborah Bahm  
Debmar Something's Afoot BCAT — Deborah Bahm  
GCHS DC Bakura Suni Formula One RA MC LCX2 BCAT CGC TKN — Lynda Hicks & Toni D King & James Hicks  
GCH DC Suni Sir Viveur RA MC LCX2 BCAT CGC TKN — Lynda Hicks & James Hicks  
DC Suni's Stardrift'N Cowboy SC BCAT — Lynda Hicks & Debra Howard & Ruth Booker & James Hicks  
Scarlett O'Hara Del Gran Pamir BCAT — Patricia Dahlman  
Elan Sebring Firecracker JC CA BCAT — Pamela J Hewitt & Melanie Hewitt  
Inisfree Sirae' Notorious Duet SC CAA BCAT CGC — Julia Callaghan & Lorene French  
Komar's Smok'N Gun SC CA BCAT CGC — Julia Callaghan  
Tiara's Thieves In The Temple SC CA BCAT — Debbie R. Du Vall  
Windigo Ashante Livin' On A Prayer BCAT — Deborah S Peters & Jen Trinqu  
Twyshire Play With Fire CA BCAT — Roberta K Buchanan  
CH Zavin's Fast Love RI JC BCAT CGCA CGCU — Beth Erisman-Thomas & Michael Quinn & Tabitha Thomas & Steven Cory

### **Scent Work**

She Rides The Short Bus CD BN RAE JC NAP NJP NFP SIN SEN — Dr. Cheryl A. Helsing  
Wynsyr's Pin-Up Girl CD BN RAE JC NAJ ACT2 SIN SEN — Dr. Cheryl A Helsing  
Thaon's Alchemy FDC SIN TKP — Mary Sonnen & Jay T Hafford & James P Blanchard & Richard Sonnen

### **Stunt Dog**

Boanne's In Hot Pursuit CA SDPRO — Becky Reynnels & Anne Evans  
Jolie Jalouse SDPRO — Mr. Ben Rangel

### **Therapy Dog**

Ahava Jumpin Jive O Rafa THD CGC — Cathy Smart

### **Trick Dog**

Thaon's Alchemy FDC SIN TKP — Mary Sonnen & Jay T Hafford & James P Blanchard & Richard Sonnen  
CH Boanne-Burrllom's Forbidden Secret CGC TKI — Tracey Reakes & Anne Evans  
GCH CH Sootaan's Let's Give Them Something To Talk About TKN — Ms. Sue Mcdonald & Ylla Carson & William D Carson  
DC Asia Soraya Tazi Of Suni RE SC THD CGC TKN — Claudia Jakus & Lynda Hicks  
GCH CH Suni Time After Time At Oreia BN RN JC THDX CGC TKN — Claudia R Jakus & Lynda Hicks & Stephen J Cerovski  
Just To Fall In Love Of Meadow Valley CGC TKN — Sophia Pierce & Darla Hitchborn  
GCH DC Perfection Cheri-A Frosted Ice CD RA SC THD TKN — Ellie Stonequist  
Komar's Fly'N Klouds TKN — Ms. Leila Sesmero  
GCH CH Polo's Chanson Noire A Bakura CGC TKN — Toni King  
CH Xzotika's Rik-O-Shay CD RAE AX OAJ CGCA TKN — Mrs. Mikki Razor & Jarnell Carter  
Monarch Of The City TKN — Karin Shapiro  
Winterberry's Way To Go Cocoa Chanel TKN — Hope Mayes-Anderson

## *Topknot News Committee — Brian Wood:*



I would like to thank the Board and President Russ for giving me the opportunity to be editor of the Topknot News. I had worked with the previous team for four years. The new team of Karen Irazabal, Linda Kramer, Mary Blacker, Stir Greer and I, along with some behind the scenes help, are looking forward to getting the Summer 2019 issue in the mail prior to the National. We are also looking forward to include Committee reports from the July Board meeting. There will be a report on the Breeders' Cup and Regional Specialties along with some articles that will hopefully be of interest to members.

We expect to experiment with 'dog ads' in this upcoming issue along with those for products and services. These dog ads would include show and performance event wins, litter and breeding announcements, memorials and other life events. We are looking at \$75 for a full-page ad and \$40 for 1/2 page. \$75 will pay for the ad and another page of normal content in the newsletter. Hopefully this will help defray the already reasonable cost of the Topknot News for the Club. Thank you for supporting this endeavor.

As the new editor of Topknot News, I would like the following item considered at the July Board meeting: Regional Clubs should be required to have in their Judges' contracts that part of the assignment would be to provide written critiques for both Sweeps and Regular Classes. Those critiques would be published routinely in Topknot News.

The thinking behind this proposal:

- 1) Regional Clubs put much thought into selecting judges for their Specialties. The Judge's impression of the entry along with critiques is of great interest to all Afghan Hound fanciers and would provide popular content for the Topknot News.
- 2) Publishing critiques provided by Regional Clubs, along with their results and photos, promotes the Clubs and AHCA to the fancy at large. It should stimulate interest among non-members in the Club, membership, etc.
- 3) Other Parent Clubs publish specialty judge critiques in their newsletters. For the AHCA, it would become part of the Club legacy. The critiques would be available via website for future members and Regional Specialty Club members when choosing judges.

## *Website Committee — Eddie Kominick:*



The website is running well. National item sales have been doing well on the website. Approximately five people have called in for assistance with seat sales. Only two have had items manually sold through the system.

*AHCA Rescue Hotline*

1-877-237-3728 or 1-877-AF-RESCU

*Well Wishes & Tributes:*

Please advise any member of the Newsletter team  
if you learn of a Club Member needing Well Wishes  
or if you learn of the passing of a Club Member.

## *Specialty Show Report — Evergreen AHC — submitted by Karen Irazabal:*

The Evergreen Afghan Hound Club had only one of their two Specialties at Argus Ranch For Dogs this year along with the Hound Specialties. The Show site property has been taken over by family of previous owners, and it may be possible that there will no longer be shows at this site. As usual, it was a hot day but not as brutal as some have been in the past.



This year's Evergreen Afghan Hound Club Specialty was dedicated to the Memory of Debbie Bigelow, long time member of the EAHC. Debbie loved and showed her Afghan Hounds for years, pictured above (left) with her dog Dylan.

BOB was Breeder/Owner Handled MBISS Ch Nordicwinds Diamond X Of Raffica, Owned and loved by Lauren Wilson, pictured above (right).

### **SWEEPSTAKES — SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019 — JUDGE: MS. SUSAN PAINE**

#### **Best in Sweepstakes**

PROHPHECY'S DESTINY; *Breeder:* Nancy J Shandre & W. Jiandong. By GCH Prohphecy's Command Performance Jaada - CH Da Cheng Regna. *Owner:* Nancy J Shandre.

#### **BOS to Best in Sweepstakes**

CALLOWAY SEBRING FIRE AND RAIN; *Breeder:* Pam Brannock & Dr Jerry Klein & Melinda Rumpf. By CH Elan Sebring Fire Bomb - CH Calloway Monkey Shine Of Mihdian. *Owner:* Dianne Kroll.

### **BREED CONFORMATION CLASSES — SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019 — JUDGE: NANCY EDGINGTON**

#### **Winners Dog**

CALLOWAY SEBRING FIRE AND RAIN; *Breeder:* Pam Brannock & Dr Jerry Klein & Melinda Rumpf. By CH Elan Sebring Fire Bomb - CH Calloway Monkey Shine Of Mihdian. *Owner:* Dianne Kroll.

#### **Reserve Winners Dog**

SUNWARD KARAKUM; *Breeder:* Alexey Kutuzov. By Sunward Orthodox - Sunward Galatea. *Owner:* Denise Kelly.

#### **Winners Bitch & BOW & BBE**

MAHRANI HEAVEN ON FIRE STORMHILL CGC RN; *Breeder:* Sandra Frei & Terri Vanderzee & Mary Offerman & Suzanne Eaton. By GCHG Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo - GCH Stormhill's Glimpse Of Heaven. *Owner:* Mary Offerman / Terri Vanderzee & Sandra Frei.

#### **Reserve Winners Bitch**

PROHPHECY'S DESTINY; *Breeder:* Nancy J Shandre & W. Jiandong. By GCH Prohphecy's Command Performance Jaada - CH Da Cheng Regna. *Owner:* Nancy J Shandre.

**Best of Breed & BOHS**

CH NORDICWINDS DIAMOND X OF RAFFICA; *Breeder:* Lauren Wilson & Jody Wilson & Garret Games & Sue Games. *By* CH Raffica No Stripes Here Samar - GCH Rafficas Jamocha Of Tru'Gait. *Owner:* Lauren Wilson.

**Best of Opposite Sex**

CH STORMHILL'S FEELS LIKE HEAVEN; *Breeder:* Sandra Frei & Terri Vanderzee & Mary Offerman & Suzanne Eaton. *By* GCH Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo - GCH Stormhill's Glimpse Of Heaven. *Owner:* Sandra Frei / Terri Vanderzee & Mary Offermann.

**Best Veteran**

GCHS KALANI KAIKAMAHINE ME KALEO; *Breeder/Owner:* By GCH Lafara's King of Hearts O Kalani JC - DC Kalani Razzle Dazzle SC. *Owner:* Richard Brown / Barbara Benson.

**Award of Merit**

GCH STORMHILL'S COSIFANTUTTE SHE B'DAZZL'N MX MXJ MJB MXF T2B; *Breeder:* Lynn Vining & Sandra Frei. *By* Thaon's Star Tenor - Stormhill's Wish Craft. *Owner:* Robin Cohen / Robin Kletke.

**Select Dog**

GCH STORMHILL'S WISH UPON A STAR; *Breeder:* Sandra Frei & Garret Games & Terri Vanderzee & Mary Offerman. *By* Tahkira Stralian Idol - GCH Stormhill's Sweet Dreams Of Raffica. *Owner:* Sandra Frei / Terri Vanderzee & Patricia Silverman & Dick Hafner.

**Select Bitch**

GCH KALANI HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU, KID; *Breeder:* Barbara Benson & Maria Falkenheimer. *By* GCH Wynsyr Summerwinds Paladin Got Mo Attitude! - CH Xandali Joie De Vivre Of Lafara. *Owner:* Barbara Benson / Richard Brown.

**Best Puppy from the Regular Classes**

RAFFICA'S THE AMERICAN DREAM; *Breeder:* Garret Games & Jian Dong Wang. *By* GCH Raffica's Valymir Sweet Victory - Wintown Grazioso Happy Clover. *Owner:* Garret Games.



from Left to Right: WINNERS DOG, WINNERS BITCH / BEST OF WINNERS, & BEST IN SWEEPS.



BEST PUPPY

*Attention Regional Specialty Clubs!*

Please forward Catalog & Photographs, along with a summary of the Event for everyone to enjoy, to Karen Irazabal [azariafghans@aol.com](mailto:azariafghans@aol.com) — We'd love to cover your event in Topknot News!

Dear AHCA Membership,

As you may know, the Board of the Afghan Hound Club of America has been considering how to best schedule, plan and execute our annual National events for the last several years. Specifically, our efforts have been focused in two areas: planning our shows at least two years in advance, and creating known locations. Planning with greater lead times allows us to choose our preferred dates, set our desired schedule based on our needs (rather than being subject to venue availability), and improve the overall quality of our events. Similarly, returning to known locations allows us to build long-term relationships with the venues, allows us to secure and forecast optimal pricing, and creates predictability which will result in efficient planning, better cost management and the opportunity for continuous improvement.

To that end, the Board is making two Announcements regarding upcoming National Specialties:

First, We are excited to announce that both our 2020 and 2021 National Specialties will be held at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, Ohio. The board voted unanimously to sign a multi-year contract with the Roberts Centre as the opportunity to secure this highly coveted show location was one we thought we could not pass by. So for the next two years, the National Specialty dates will be:

The **2020 National** will be **Monday, September 28 — Friday, October 2, 2020**

The **2021 National** will be **Tuesday, October 5 — Saturday, October 9, 2021**

Relatedly, it is important to the Board that all Regional Clubs have the opportunity to participate with the National. In the coming weeks, we will be announcing a "Lottery" for all Regional Clubs who are interested in being invited to host a show with the 2021 National Specialty. Look for more details on this new program in the near future!

We will also be moving our annual Breeders' Cup deadlines to allow for this same advanced planning, and we will soon be announcing deadlines for all future Breeders' Cup and National proposals. So if you are interested in hosting a National Specialty or Breeders' Cup in your region, you should be working on those proposals now.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to optimize our Club's processes. We hope you agree that creating known and dependable timelines, locations and processes around these major annual events are in the best interest of everyone - Judges, Exhibitors and Afghan fanciers alike.

Sincerely,

Afghan Hound Club of America Board

H. Russell Hastings, Jennifer Taylor, Dorma Sue Busby, Eddie Kominek, Robert Jordan, Beth Anne Hall, Linda Jackson, Alicia Jones, Christine O'Connor, D. Scott Pfeil, and Anna Tyler

## *Breeders' Corner — Brian Wood, Shining Mountain Afghan Hounds:*

A new column for advice, questions and shared experiences like my recent Facebook IM. Please make this column your own and send an email to [brian@shiningmtn.com](mailto:brian@shiningmtn.com).

JohnQ: Hi is wondering how much are u asking for the Afghan hound puppies bc I'm really interested in one but I can only spend up to 500 for one please message u asap thank u

Breeder: I understand your budget constraints. However, Afghan Hound puppies normally go for \$1500 or more. It is usually possible to get a retired brood bitch or stud dog or retired adult show dog for the amount you can spend. I might even have some

JohnQ: Ok

JohnQ: I don't want papers it would only be a pet I want to train it as a therapy dog and search and rescue dog if ur willing to do payments I would go higher on what I can spend bc I would love a puppy

JohnQ: Please think about it ok

Breeder: Normally breeders don't take payments because Afghan Hounds are so rare that puppies are in pretty good demand

Breeder: also, every breeder who has taken payments got burned at some point in the past

JohnQ: When i make a promise to do something I stick with it I'm not that kind of a person I have been screwed over by alot of ppl and I don't do that it's not in my nature to thatok but I do understand but No one will trust me and this is y I don't like ppl bc they judge me before they even get to know me if u don't want to sell one to me that's fine I will just not even both u anymore

Breeder: It's not that I don't trust you. I obviously don't know you. I will be having future litters. If it's possible to save up for a puppy and you are still interested, we can go for it at that time.

John Q: I dont think I will from u sorry i will find some way before then but thanks any way

Breeder: Thanks for your interest

JohnQ: U basically only want money u should get a full time job

Breeder: I am sorry you feel that way. I have a full time job. That's how I can afford to raise Afghan Hounds.

JohnQ: Then u should be able to take payments or sale just one puppy for 500\$

Breeder: When I wrote that I have a full-time job to support my Afghan Hounds, I was hoping to convey the message that it is an expensive endeavor. My wife added up one year's expenses a while back and it totalyed \$20,000. There are years that there is absolutely no income from the dogs to offset the expenses. I understand that you don't require a registered puppy. But the expenses of showing the parents to their championships, possibly purchasing breeding stock or paying stud fees, health testing, building and maintaining facilities, the cost of breeding and raising litters, and all the rest go on whether an individual puppy leaves with its 'papers' or not.

JohnQ: I know all that ok I been family members that breed dogs when I was younger ok

JohnQ: So please just leave me alone I will find a new breeder who is willing to help me out bc u wont so bye

JohnQ: Ans work with me on getting a puppy

*Specialty Show Report — Midwest AHC — submitted by Karen Irazabal:*

Midwest Afghan Hound Club - August 8, 2019

Judge Regular Ramon Valenzuela Podesta — Judge Sweeps Tony Saia

BOB: GCH Pahlavi Running With Scissors (Wagner)

BOS: CH Grazioso JP Victory Mover (Murakami)

WD/BOW/BBE: Jolie Live Not on Evil (Taylor)

RWD: Singh Nazira Evening in Paris (Richmond & Baker)

WB: Malisco's Not A Stranger To The Dark (Robertson)

RWB: Singh Nazira Some Enchanted Evening (Richmond & Baker)

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## *Who?* The Judges

### **NATIONAL CONFORMATION, Held onsite at the Founder's Inn**

Dogs & Intersex – Robert Stein

Bitches – Gene Vaccaro

Sweepstakes, Triathlon Conformation, Breeders Class – Harry Bennett

Juniors – Erika Peters

### **OBEDIENCE & RALLY, Held onsite at the Founder's Inn**

Lynne A Currie

### **AGILITY, Offsite in Sanford, NC**

Brian Branc

### **AKC and ASFA LURE COURSING, Offsite in Dendron, VA**

Donna Richards and John Arvin

### **REGIONAL SPECIALTIES**

Richmond Afghan Hound Club, Mary Fisher (UK)

Carolina Afghan Hound Club, Stefan Boieck (DE)

Tidewater Afghan Hound Club, Julie Roche (USA)

## *Where?* the Hotels

Reservations can be made at the Negotiated rates via the National website:

[www.ahcanational.com](http://www.ahcanational.com)

Host Hotel: (Sold out) Founder's Inn and Spa, Tapestry Collection by Hilton, 5641

Indian River Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23464 129.00 per night, 50.00 non-refundable dog fee

Offsite Hotel: (15 minutes from show site) Hyatt Place Virginia Beach Town Center,

335 Independence Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 99.00 per night, 75.00 pet fee



## When? The Schedule

Please consult the final judge's program for the final scheduling.  
**All times are approximate.**

### Saturday, October 26th

Agility (*Off Site*) *All day*  
 Richmond Afghan Hound Club *Morning*  
 Carolina Afghan Hound Club *Afternoon*

### Sunday, October 27th

Tidewater Afghan Hound Club *Morning*  
 AHCA Lure Coursing (*Off Site*) *All day*  
 Junior Showmanship *Evening*  
 Vendor Trick-or-Treat Party *Evening*

### Monday, October 28th

Obedience/Rally *Morning*  
 Sweepstakes *Morning*  
 Triathlon *Afternoon*  
 Regional Club Meeting 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
 Educational Event 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

### Tuesday, October 29th

Dog Judging *Morning*  
 Judges' Education *Morning*  
 Bitch Judging *Mid-Morning*  
 General Membership Meeting 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
 Art Auction 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

### Wednesday, October 30th

Parade of Rescues/Veterans *Morning*  
 BOB, NOH, Stud/Brood, Best Puppy, BBE, Breeders Class *Mid-Morning*  
 Masquerade Awards Reception 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
 Masquerade Gala Dinner 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm



Tidewater Afghan Hound Club



## What? The events NOT to miss!

Reservations can be made at [www.ahcanational.com](http://www.ahcanational.com)

like to pay by check? Please contact Bob Jordan at [treasurer@afghanhoundclubofamerica.org](mailto:treasurer@afghanhoundclubofamerica.org)

### Trick-Or-Treat Welcome Party Sunday October 27, 2019:

Meet with your old friends or find some new. Pick up your reusable Logo shopping bag and shop the vendors. Each Vendor will have a free treat for the attendees. Silent Auction presented by the Carolina, Richmond and Tidewater Clubs! *Free, no reservations needed*

### Chylothorax Research Blood Draw Clinic Monday October 28, 2019:

Support the AHCA Sponsored Research. Need healthy non-affected Afghan Hounds - Vet Techs to draw blood and ship overnight to Chylo Researcher.

Sign up in advance with Anna Tyler – [Inisfree1@Charter.net](mailto:Inisfree1@Charter.net)

### Educational Symposium Monday October 28, 2019:

#### **The Genetic Health of The Afghan Hound: Practical Information for Breeders and Owners**

Presented by Jerold S. Bell, DMV, Tufts University.

An Afternoon presentation that analyzes the Afghan Hound gene pool, discussing how different types of matings manipulate the gene pools of our dogs.

**Menu:** Light appetizers to include cheese display, dips, cookies and soft drinks.

**Reservations necessary** 20.00 per person,

### AHCA Annual Art Auction Tuesday October 29, 2019

One of the most anticipated events of the year, the 2019 AHCA Art Auction will be like no other. A select group of artists will be offering ORIGINAL works made in "The Spirit of Independence".

**Menu:** Greek Salad, Puttanesca Chicken, Crab Stuffed Sole w/ Lemon Caper Dill Cream Sauce, Rappini, Edamame Pasta w/ Garlic, Tomatoes, Anchovies, Olive & Capers, Dessert

**Reservations necessary** 45.00 per person, 50.00 two weeks prior

### "Come as you WERE" A Masquerade Awards Dinner Wednesday October 30, 2019

'Tis the Season and Attendees will be encouraged to "Come as you Were" Historic costume dress. Awards will not only be awarded to the best dogs of the year, but also the best of the Costumes of the evening! **Menu:** Mixed Greens, Fig, Goat Cheese & Walnuts. Entrée Options: Prime Rib w/ Roasted Mushroom Horseradish Sauce, Seared Atlantic Salmon w/ Grilled Fennel & Dill Beur-blanc Sauce, or Vegetarian Mushroom & Root Vegetable Pie. Dessert : .Bourbon Bread Pudding

**Reservations necessary** 50.00 per person, 55.00 two weeks prior



## Give! Donate NOW

An event of this scale would never happen without the yearly contributions from the AHCA members and the Afghan Hound Community at large. As a donor we want to insure that each of our contributors are appropriately recognized for their generosity. All trophy donors will have their names listed on the General Trophy page in the Show Catalog. Any amount is welcome and appreciated. Those who donate \$50.00 or more are entitled to receive a Free Catalog and other Gifts. Note that the deadline is **October 5, 2019** for inclusion in the show catalog and website (of course we'd still happily accept contributions after that date — we just want you to get the credit you deserve!).

DONATE via [www.ahcanational.com](http://www.ahcanational.com)

OR Send Donations to: Eddie Kominek 123 Glendale Road, Limestone, TN 37681

[eddie@kominekafghans.com](mailto:eddie@kominekafghans.com)

[trophyfund@afghanhoundclubofamerica.org](mailto:trophyfund@afghanhoundclubofamerica.org)

## *Friends with Spirit Sponsorship Packages*

### THOROUGHGOOD Sponsorship: \$300

Signed Limited addition (1 of 30) Print of Signature Silhouette Work "Spirit of Independence" • Logo and sponsorship recognition on Specialty website and in the catalog • 2019 National Catalog (thirty available)

### FERRY Sponsorship: \$100

Set of Note cards of Linda Deutsch silhouette prints • Logo and sponsorship recognition on Specialty website and in the catalog • 2019 National Catalog

### FOUNDERS Front Row Sponsorship: \$100 (SOLD OUT)

### FOUNDERS Second Row Sponsorship: \$70

Two second row seats October 28-30 • Logo and sponsorship recognition on Specialty website and in the catalog • 2019 National Catalog

## **Bathing Station Sponsored by Laser Lites**

Bathing Station Sponsored by Laser Lites - A two tub bathing station featuring Laser Lites products will be available for all exhibitors and attendees. The Bathing Station will be located steps away from the Grooming area and have hot and cold running water. Reservations will be required at high demand times.

Saturday 10/26 — Wednesday 10/30 from 8:00AM — 10:00 PM

Contact Darla Miller at [ldmiller@fuse.net](mailto:ldmiller@fuse.net) with your FIRST and LAST name for scheduling and more information.

Spirit of Independence, the 2019 AHCA National Specialty

Show Chairperson: Erica Jantos (206) 427- 3929 EST [vomvamuse@hotmail.com](mailto:vomvamuse@hotmail.com)

# AZARI AFGHANS + CHINESE CRESTEDS

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEXT PLANNED BREEDING



Ch Azari's Jeweled Star Of Raffica (Redford Daughter)



Ch Raffica's Living On The Edge Of August Knights (Leo Son)

Occasional puppies and retired show dogs available to loving homes

We want to wish everyone good luck at the National in Va Beach!

Karen Irazabal RN  
Azari Afghans & Chinese Cresteds

[Azariafghans@aol.com](mailto:Azariafghans@aol.com)

# *Kominek Afghan Hounds*

## **FC Kominek's Lucius**



**2018 AHCA National Specialty  
Reserve Winners Dog & Best in Event**



**Breeders:  
Eddie & Selma Kominek  
Kominek Afghan Hounds  
205-757-0290**

**Owner:  
Mike Terry**

# *In Memory of Carol Ness Sahiba Afghan Hounds (1939 - 2018)*

Carol & Brimstone, Nov 1980, BIS SBIS Ch Sahiba Battle Cry CD,  
at the first AHC of Central Ohio Specialty  
held in conjunction with Central OH KC, Group 1



Oh how we would howl with laughter as I drove to dogshows and back with her company via phone. We finally met when I came into town to breed my Tova to Arnold. Exceptional wit and memory, Carol introduced me to people and dogs I never knew as we tweezed apart pedigrees, and everything, as you know, led back to the Royal Flush litters! It was a number of years before we discovered our shared hatred of the Hokey Pokey, but we immediately found our shared love for Denzell! Carol knew all my dogs by their voices on the phone, and I knew hers. "Tell Popo to shut up!" Ha! as if that would work when he got on a roll! Her assessment of dogs and people I found to be spot on, although with a generosity of spirit too much a rarity in recent years. I can't look at photos of her last homebred litter without thinking of Peter (Sahiba Downtown Lights was called PeeBee). And Carol never had trouble holding up her end of the conversation. Sometimes I would invoke our 30% rule ("Stir gets to talk 30% of the time"), which again, brought howls of laughter! Thank You, Carol, for sharing so much with me ... your dogs, your friends, your family, and so much of yourself, Stir

## Featured Article:

### AFGHAN HOUND, A Preliminary Population Genetic Analysis by Carol Beuchat PhD, January 2014

This is a preliminary analysis of a pedigree database that covers the period from 1915 to 2013. We have additional analyses to do, and we'll also be adding more summary information and explanation for those that aren't familiar with these kinds of analyses. In the meantime, you can learn some basics here:

- Why you need to understand population genetics - "The elevator pitch"
- What population genetic analysis can tell you about your breed
- How to use kinship data
- A similar analysis of the Chinook

#### Synopsis

The earliest pedigree records in the database are from 1915, and to the present day the database documents 206,733 dogs. The breed underwent an extraordinary period of popularity beginning in about 1960 that lasted through about 1975, after which the population dropped precipitously. Since 1985, there has been a steady decline in the number of dogs registered.

Inbreeding and strong selection have reduced genetic diversity in the breed over the last 100 years. The present population has an average coefficient of inbreeding of about 20%. At 25%, the entire breed would on average be as closely related as full siblings. Genetic diversity has also been lost because only a fraction of available animals have been used for breeding. Over the life of the breed, about 33% of females have been bred and about 19% males. In the current population (animals born 2005-2011) these numbers are lower by about half - only 14.3% of females and 10.7% of males have produced offspring.

From the original founder population of about 30 dogs, the genetic diversity has been lost over the generations such that for the current population the effective founder number is only 8; i.e., about 75% of the original genetic diversity of the breed has been lost.

#### Basic statistics

##### All dogs (1915-2013)

Number of dogs = 206,733

Males = 97,290

Females = 104,854

Dogs with offspring:

Total = 52,408

Males = 18,540

Females = 33,906

25.4% of all dogs have offspring

19.1% males have offspring

32.3% of females have offspring

##### Current reproductive population (2005-2013)

Number of dogs = 12,009

Males = 5,562

Females = 5,610

Dogs with offspring:

Total = 1,207

Males = 511

Females = 699

11.5% of all dogs have offspring

10.7% males have offspring

14.3% of females have offspring

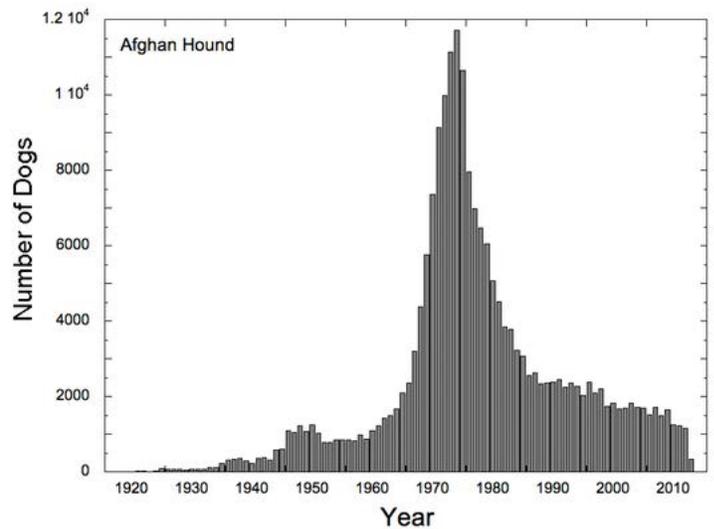
*"Genetic diversity has also been lost because only a fraction of available animals have been used for breeding."*

**Number of dogs registered (in database) per year since founding**

The breed underwent a very significant and rapid population explosion after 1960 that peaked in about 1974 then fell even more rapidly.

Population explosions from a small number of dogs can result in widespread dissemination of mutations, especially if there is a popular sire.

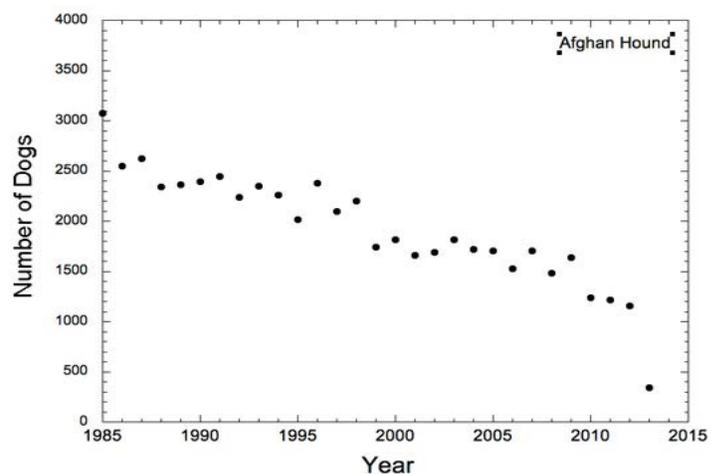
Rapid population declines are genetic bottlenecks and can be associated with loss of genetic diversity.



**Number of dogs registered (in database) 1985-2013**

The population size of the breed has been in decline since 1975, first with a steep drop in popularity then a slower but steady decrease since about 1985. At its current rate of decline, the breed would be projected to go extinct in about 2025.

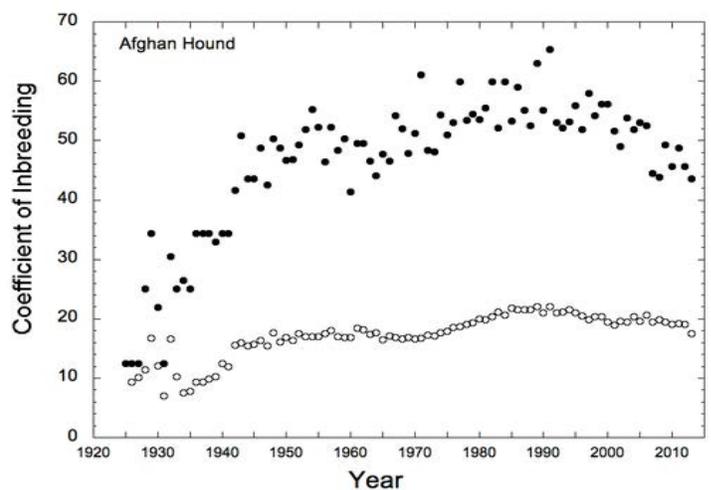
The most recent point (2013) has fallen off the trend line, but this is probably a consequence of incomplete records for the most recent year.



**Mean (open circles) and maximum (closed circles) Coefficient of Inbreeding (COI) by year**

The COI of a half-sib mating is 12.5% and a sib-sib mating is 25%. The average level of inbreeding in Afghans is about 20%. There are consistently dogs being produced with COI in excess of 45% and even as high as 60%.

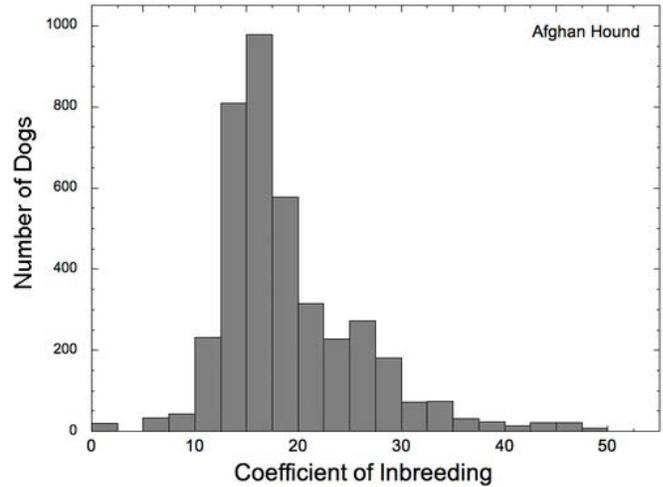
The COI is the probability of inheriting two copies of the same allele from an ancestor common to both parents. Recessive alleles are harmless if there is only one copy, but if two copies are inherited the mutation is expressed. These data show that the risk of producing dogs that are homozygous for a gene that might result in a genetic disorders is on average 20%.



In populations of wild and domestic animals, COI is managed so that it stays less than 5% if possible, because above this there are increasing signs of inbreeding depression. A COI greater than 10% is considered unacceptably high to maintain a sustainable breeding population of animals.

**Frequency histogram of Coefficient of Inbreeding for Reference Population (2010-2013)**

Most of the reference population has a COI above 10%.

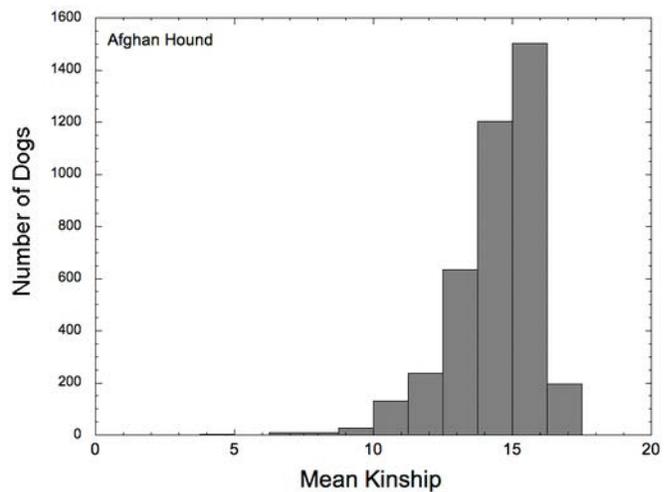


**Frequency histogram of Mean kinship (MK) for Reference Population (2010 - 2013)**

Kinship is an index of the degree of genetic similarity or relatedness between two animals. (You can read more about kinship here.) If a pair of dogs has a kinship of 10%, the coefficient of inbreeding of a litter by them will be 10%.

Kinship can be used as an index of the “genetic value” of an animal in a population. Animals for which the mean kinship is high have genes that are common in the population; animals with low kinship are likely to carry rare or uncommon alleles. In terms of maintaining genetic diversity in a population, the animals with uncommon alleles (i.e., low kinship) are most valuable.

This graph shows that offspring from most matings in the reference population will have a COI greater than 10%.



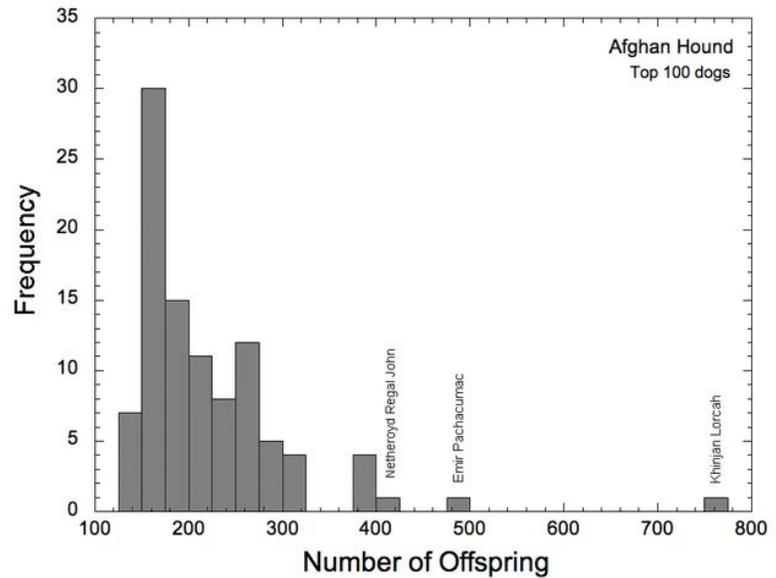
*In 2018, the AKC registered only  
68 litters of Afghan Hounds*  
— Editor

*“At its current rate of decline,  
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2025”*

*Carol Beuchat, PhD, January 2014*

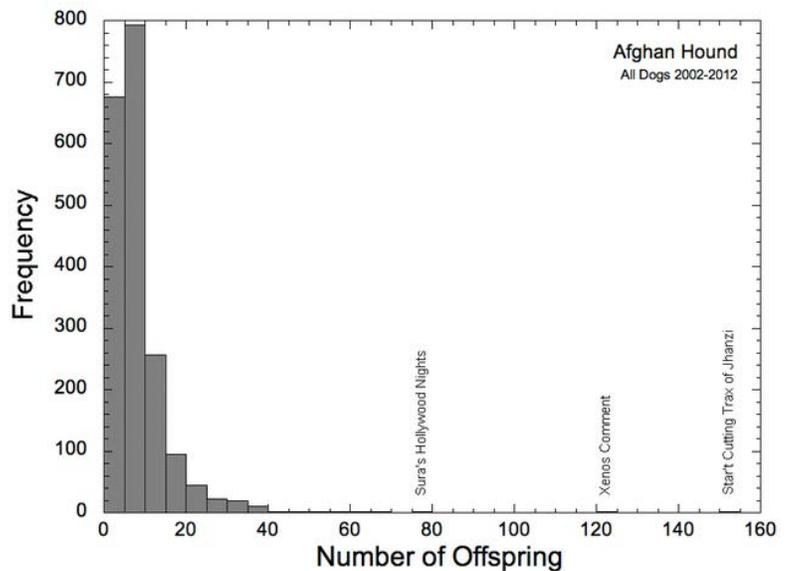
## All Time Popular Sires

1. Khinjan Lorcah (1967)
2. Emir Pachacumac (1973)
3. Netheroyd Regal John (1968)
4. Alyshan Hassan Shabbah (1969)
5. Bondor Moon Mist (1969)
6. Kyros von Katwiga (1978)
7. Kharmil van de Alumihof (1972)
8. Montravia Bondor Bolero (1967)
9. Baghari van de Zilverstrand (1966)
10. Ghorian van de Emelenberg (1965)
11. Bondor Dera Ghazi Kahn (1966)
12. Khayam's Apollo (1969)
13. Ranjitsinhji of Jagai (1965)
14. Mecca's Falstaff (1968)
15. Coastwind Abraxas (1970)



## Current Popular Sires (2002-2012)

1. Star't Cutting Trax of Jhanzi (2004)
2. Xenos Comment (2003)
3. Sura's Hollywood Nights (2003)
4. Justin T Gandamak (2003)
5. Karakush And U Know It (2003)
6. Salim von der Irminsul (2004)
7. Jovan Cruise Control (2005)
8. Be a Dream A Touch Of Freedom (2006)
9. Agha Djari's Revenge of Xenos (2005)
10. Polo's Top Gear (2006)
11. Polo's The Aviator (2006)
12. Winsong Hollywood Park (2005)
13. Bi Ju's Mahadi Caesar (2005)
14. Parvana von der Irminsul (2003)
15. Verlaine de Darjeeling (2004)



## Influential Ancestors 1915-1950, computed for all generations

Influential Ancestors of Tagged Records Lock

Ancestors: All

13 ancestors, fe=9.07, fg=8.54, fa=7.99, N=10,477, memory 0.1Mb (+0.8Mb)

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4	4	1235	ALFREDA	0.07	F	09/03/1926	0.00	1	1	2	2	0.0%	10	5	5	
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6	6	1216	RANEE	0.06	F	03/05/1919	0.00	1	1	2	2	0.0%	6	4	2	
7	7	1215	BALUCH	0.05	M	02/20/1920	0.00	1	1	2	2	0.0%	40	17	23	
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## Influential Ancestors

2010 -2013, computed for 24 generations

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## Population Statistics

These analyses provide information about the genetic status of current and ancestral populations (vs simple pedigree relationships) of the breed. For breeds with a closed stud book, the founders establish the size and nature of the gene pool. Because the stud book is closed, alleles are lost from the gene pool every generation just by chance and also by selection by breeders.

There are two important statistics in the table below.

### 1) Effective number of founders (fe)

Let's say a breed was founded with 50 dogs. After 25 years, if there were no genes lost from the gene pool, the effective number of founders would be the same as the actual number of founders so would also be 50. But genes are always lost over the generations, and the "effective number of founders" accounts for that loss. If we started with 50 founder dogs and after 25 years the effective number of founders was 25, that would be telling us that about half of the initial genetic diversity that was present in the founder animals has been lost; it's as if we started with 25 founders and there was no loss of alleles over time. So effective number of founders compared to the actual number of founders tells us how much genetic diversity has been lost over time. You will see below that I have done these calculations for various periods from the earliest records. From about 1940 onward, the effective number of founders declines steadily, reflecting the continual loss of alleles by selection or chance.

### 2) Mean Kinship (MK)

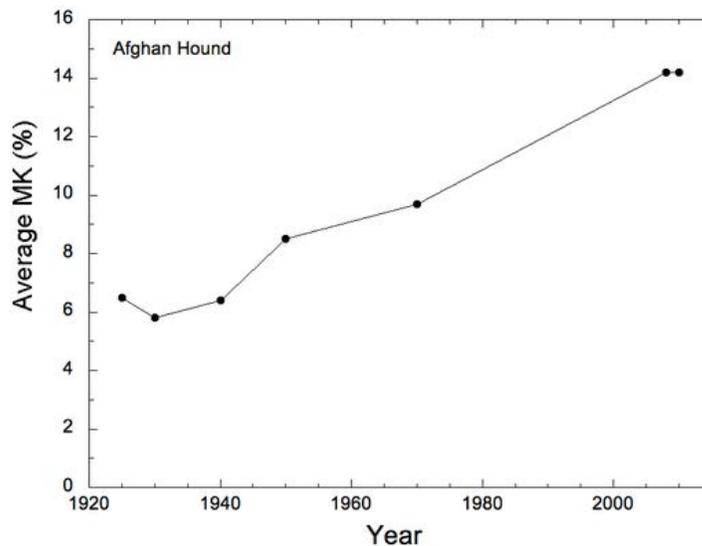
The meaning of kinship is a little tricky, but stay with me - Kinship is a measure of genetic relatedness or similarity, and it always refers to a comparison of at least two animals. For example, the kinship of two full siblings is 25% (and this is the same as the coefficient of inbreeding of their offspring if they were to have a litter). The mean kinship (MK) of an animal is the average (mean) of the kinship values of that animal with every other animal in the population. If the MK for an animal is low, it means that it is genetically less similar to the overall population compared to an animal with a high MK. The "average MK" (the average of all of the MK values) is an index of the overall relatedness of the population. For exam-

ple, if the average MK is 25%, it means that overall, the entire population is as closely related (or genetically similar) as full siblings. Likewise, if average MK is 12.5%, the entire population is as closely related as half siblings. So animals with lower mean kinship values have relatively fewer genes in common with the rest of the population, so in terms of genetic diversity they are genetically more valuable (because they have more uncommon alleles).

<b>1915-1925</b> 168 dogs fe = 9.75 average MK = 6.5%	<b>1915-1930</b> 422 dogs fe = 14.64 average MK = 5.8%	<b>1915-1940</b> 2,577 dogs fe = 11.42 average MK = 6.4%	<b>1915-1950</b> 10,472 dogs fe = 9.07 average MK = 8.5%
<b>1915-1970</b> 50,402 dogs fe = 8.85 average MK = 9.7%	<i>REFERENCE POPULATION</i> <b>2008-2013</b> 7,076 dogs fe = 8.60 average MK= 14.2%		

**Average MK (average mean kinship) for the periods in the table above, plus two “reference populations” of current dogs**

The average MK of the current reproductive population of Afghans is about 14%. On average, the entire population is more closely related than half-siblings (12.5%), but not as related as full siblings (which would be 25%).



Thanks to Carol Beuchat PhD for allowing us to Reprint this Article. If you would like to see more graphs & other articles by Dr Beuchat, please visit [www.InstituteOfCanineBiology.org](http://www.InstituteOfCanineBiology.org) — Editor

## GROUP WINNING

# GCH WYNSYR SUMMERWIND'S PALADIN GOT MO ATTITUDE!

(BIS/BISS CH PALADIN THE DARKMAN V ISAMEH X CH ALPHAVILLE'S FOREIGN COPY T'WYNSYR)



Attitude, our beautiful Mo son, is rarely shown, but has achieved some notable accolades!

He is pictured at the recent Cudahy KC show, placing second in the group under breeder-judge Michael Canazlizo.

This was only his second appearance this year. In March he won the group under breeder-judge Juan Miranda Saucedo

and was group 2 under Jamie Hubbard in Manitowoc, Wi.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the National Specilaty in Virginia Beach.

CHIC#: 140151

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**CO-OWNER:**

ROSEMARY SUTTON

SUMMERWINDS

**CO-BREEDER:**

BILL PFEFFER

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Region 4 Nov 30 LSBC, McKinney TX

# NEW CHAMPION

## CH Prohphecy's Gunn In For Glory Jaada



Silver GCH Prohphecy's Gucci Poochie Rado x CH Elan Sebring Fiore Al Fresco

TC finished with four majors, proving hair isn't everything

Owners:  
Brian Wood  
Nancy Shandre

Judge:  
Charles Trotter

## *Judge's Bios for the Upcoming 2019 National:*



### *Mr. Robert Stein — Dog Classes, Stud Dog, Intersex*

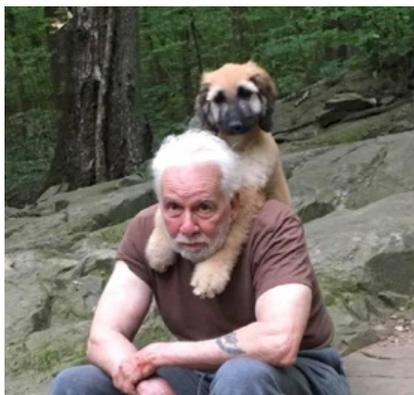
Robert Stein of Venice, Florida became interested in showing in 1955, when he acquired his first Afghan Hound. A year later, after he acquired his foundation bitch, he founded his Charaj Kennels. Mr. Stein has had an excellent breeding and showing career, marked with many champions, and specialty and group winners, as well as having the top producing Afghan Hound bitch in the country in 1970. In addition to Afghan Hounds, Mr. Stein owned and bred Salukis and has owned Chinese Cresteds and Affenpinschers.

Mr. Stein judges all breeds. Mr. Stein started judging in 1965 (in his mid-20's) and 2019 marks 54 years of judging. Assignments have brought Mr. Stein to almost every state in the union, and to Canada, Mexico, Israel,

Japan, Finland, Sweden, Puerto Rico, Australia, New Zealand and many other countries. Career highlights include judging the Hound and Working Groups at Westminster, Hound and Working Groups and Best In Show at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show, as well as breed judging several times at Westminster and at AKC/Eukanuba. He has judged the Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty 4 times, The Saluki Club of America National Specialty and the World Dog Show.

He is a retired Architect and Real Estate Developer and an Emeritus member of the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Stein is an honorary member of the Dayton Kennel Club, and is a member of the Cary Kennel Club and the Saluki Club of America.

He has been president, show chairman and treasurer of the Afghan Hound Club of Southwestern Ohio, has served Dayton Kennel Club as president, show chairman and AKC Delegate, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Afghan Hound Club of America and is now a Lifetime Member. He resides in Venice, Florida with his wife Helen, Tiki Sue (Affenpinscher), and Lily (Afghan Hound).



### *Mr. Gene N. Vaccaro — Bitch Classes, Brood Bitch*

Mr. Gene Vaccaro: My life with the Afghan Hound began in 1967, when I purchased a puppy from Sunny Shay, of Grandeur Kennels. Since then, I have been breeding and exhibiting for over fifty-four years. I began judging in 1981. Judging around the country has given me the opportunity to see dogs coast to coast, and Canada. I was honored to have been selected to judge the 2000 National Specialty, held in Florida, at the start of our country's new millennium.

During this time, my wife, Shelly and I, were fortunate to acquire Ch Odyssey's Dark Crystal, from the Masons. "D.C." later went on to become the foundation bitch for CharterOak Afghan Hounds.

Coming full circle, our latest litter, again, came from the Grandeur Kennels. We were presented with the opportunity to breed to Ch Triumph of Grandeur (TR), which has produced seven champions to date with the eighth very close to finishing.

I look forward to today's judging experience and wish to thank all the exhibitors for their entries.

*Show Secretary is Erica Jantos — Superintendent is Raw Dog Shows*



## *Mr. Harry Bennett — Sweepstakes, Triathlon, Breeders Class*

Harry Bennett: I played the Oboe from childhood through high school. When I got the idea that I wanted a purebred dog, I studied all that I could about the different breeds and chose the Afghan Hound. In my adolescent mind I established that the Afghan Hound is to the Hound Group as the Oboe is to the woodwind section of the orchestra.

I acquired my first Afghan Hound in 1970. I was a teen and a little hasty to get the dog, worried my parents would change their minds about letting me have one. He was not actually show quality. A neighbor who saw me walking “Kemet” introduced me to dog shows and so I became driven. I know I made a lot of mistakes with this dog, but I also learned so much, and I was encouraged every step of the way by everyone around me. People asked me to show their dogs very soon after so I think

I had a special knack.

I traveled around the country to visit different breeders and kennels. I got to see and have my hands on some of the greatest Afghan Hounds this land will ever know. These dogs were young, old, at home, or in the ring.

I wanted to get it right for myself so I contacted Fred Alderman and he sent me a beautiful puppy bitch. She grew up to be Ch. Dynasty’s Wild Child. A few years later I bought an older bitch Habah’s ‘Member Me from Larry Randall. After being awarded Winners Bitch and Best of Winners at the National, she became a champion at almost 8 years of age. From “Stringer” I bred for myself under the prefix “Wanderin’” producing some specialty winners: Ch. Wanderin’ Bad Girl, Ch. Wanderin’ Glorya, Ch. Wanderin’ Cat In The Hat. I co-owned Ch. Pahlavi Storm Warning with Karen Wagner. Some years later Karen sent me a 5 1/2 month old puppy to get ready to show. When Licorice stepped off the plane I immediately knew that I would rather co-own this one than be paid to show her and so our journey with Ch. Pahlavi Blame It On The Rain began. She became the youngest champion Afghan Hound.

I loved handling and if statistics were tabulated for the category, I would be in the top 5 individuals for having handled the largest number of Afghan Hounds to their championships. Some Afghan Hounds that I campaigned to notable ranking and high awards were: Korelec’s Kharizma of Khamelot (Westminster BOB), Kabik’s Hit And Run, Pahlavi Pyromania, Jorogz’ Juliana (youngest champion to win a specialty), Cypress Shaken Not Stirred, Aries Obsession of Sankya, Sudon’s Miss Olivia, Arcana Academy Award, and the beautiful Rhad-amanthe from France. If these dogs weren’t number one, they were certainly phenomenons in their day. I am proud to say that I occasionally showed to significant wins the beautiful Sharif’s Sky’s the Limit, Pahlavi Puttin’ On The Ritz, Yucatan’s Knight Vision, and Mijkelh Sikanni of Procyon.

I have been honored to judge the Breeders’ Cup Futurity twice and the Sweepstakes once before at our National, as well as innumerable Sweepstakes at Regional Specialties through the years. This has given me the opportunity to intimately see the Afghan hound nationally as it moves through this span of time. I have also judged Sweepstakes, Futurities, and Top Twenty competitions at many other breed national events. I love to judge but I am not through showing dogs. I have shown many breeds in many groups but try to keep my focus among the SightHounds and Toy breeds. I have been reputed with special and personal accomplishments in Borzoi, Ibizan Hounds, Salukis, Chinese Cresteds, Toy Manchester Terriers, Italian Greyhounds, and Havanaese. A recent endeavor for me as a handler is with the Coton de Tulear and newly the Biewer Terrier.

Activity in the Parent Club has always been important to me. I’ve always believed that if one can make a difference, then make a difference. In the Afghan Hound Club of America I have served in one respect or another over decades. It seems that I have found my niche in Judges Education, which was handed down to me 20 years ago.

\*Note: Harry is a past President of Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. He has served on the AHCA Board of Directors, has chaired the National Specialty ( 2000 ), and chairs the Judges Education Committee. In 2013, the American Kennel Club’s Outstanding Sportsmanship Award was bestowed on him on behalf of the Afghan Hound Club of America.

# SUNLIT'S KING OF QUEENS "PRINCE LOUIS"



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## "ANDO"



### *Champion Singh Nazira Evening Rendezvous*

*Ch. NFX Night to Remember x Ch. Cynergy's Midnight Maddnezz*

*Congratulations to Ken and Lin Valimaki on their success with their latest black dog, Champion Singh Nazira Evening Rendezvous. Ando finished in great style with 3 specialty majors.*

*Ando congratulates his sister Halle (Singh Nazira Some Enchanted Evening) on her Buckeye Bash Specialty wins, and his brother (Singh Nazira Evening in Paris) for his success at his first shows (major win). Paris and Halle are owned by Toni and Judith.*

*Breeders:  
Toni Richmond  
Judith Banker*

*"Always handled by Bobbi Kinley-Blewett"*

*Owners:  
Ken and Lin Valimaki  
Toni Richmond*

## Featured Article:

Rescued Afghan Hound Earns Utility Dog Title  
by Elaine Waldorf Gewirtz, June 07, 2019

When you think about breeds competing in Obedience and earning a Utility Dog (UD) title, an Afghan Hound probably isn't the first breed that comes to mind.

Count on Golden Retrievers, Shetland Sheepdogs, Border Collies, Labrador Retrievers, and German Shepherd Dogs to lead the pack of breeds who achieve UD's in obedience.

But Hope, a blue and white Afghan Hound owned by Gisela Bailey of Kendrick, Idaho, not only added these canine sports initials after her name but accomplished it four years after nearly dying.

### In the Know

How did this Sighthound go from a starving, emaciated dog with receding gums due to malnutrition, patches of hair with cracked and oozing skin, and sarcoptic mange, to a happy, healthy Afghan leaping over directed jumps and retrieving articles?

It wasn't easy.

Like trying to herd cats, training an independent, self-oriented, free spirit Afghan to this elite level of obedience proves challenging. According to the Afghan Hound Club of America's website, "Training an Afghan Hound for competition in obedience can be both a frustrating and rewarding experience. Afghan Hounds are very intelligent and learn quickly what you want them to do, but they often choose not to do it."

Credit Bailey for Hope's achievement. The owner has a long list of dogs with multiple titles she's prepared them to earn in companion events. These include piloting three other dogs to UD titles — a Borzoi, Valeska Bistroi Bagrijan UD GO RE and two Afghans, Zuran's Spiel der Balalaika CGC UD JC, and Karena JC RA UD NAJ OA.

"I've trained a lot of dogs in my life, but getting a dog solely to compete in obedience is never my first goal," says Bailey. "I participate in obedience to have something to do with my dogs."

But despite Bailey's training expertise, Hope's obedience career came close to never happening.

### From Heck to Hello

In the past, I adopted an Afghan rescue puppy through Afghan Hound Rescue of Southern California, remembers Bailey. "The pup came from a bad situation in Las Vegas, so I knew the challenges of getting a dog with a rough start."

For Bailey, hearing about an Afghan in need of a home this time was different. When the rescue sent a video of three Afghans on death's door, Bailey wasn't looking for another dog. "There was just something about the way Hope looked at the camera with such sad eyes that told me to say, 'yes, I'll take her.'"



Bailey communicated with Rita Kao, who rescued the dogs. Two of the Afghans were barely a year old, and Hope was three years old. Kao obtained and paid for the three dogs' medical treatment and cared for them for three months until they were well enough to travel.

From the photos, the dogs looked horrible, recalls Bailey. "They hung their heads, and their eyes looked sunken, so I wasn't sure they would survive long enough to come here," says Bailey. "The dogs had little coat, and we couldn't tell what color they were, but once the mange was gone, their coats were beginning to grow back, and they looked good."

In January 2015, when Bailey picked up Hope, she never expected the dog to take to obedience. "I knew she had a hard life before coming to me and needed more time to heal and to adapt to her new surroundings, so I promised her I would never force her to do anything she didn't want to do," says Bailey.

### Getting Started

To help Hope acclimate to her new life, Bailey took the dog along on her daily two-mile, off-leash walks in the surrounding farmland with her Borzoi and Afghan housemates. On weekends, Bailey accompanied the canine trio into nearby woods for two- to three-hour hikes.

In the beginning, I thought she was still learning English, so I didn't push any formal training but casually introduced her to some basics, says Bailey. "I use lots of treats and praise, but Hope prefers praise over food."

What did this owner learn about training a dog who understood little English?

"It's a waste of time to worry about exact words because dogs follow body language."

Bailey also discovered that Hope gets along well with her three cats and enjoys meeting other dogs and people they encounter while hiking. "She's a cat magnet and seldom lies down without her cats."

In May 2015 and only four months after bringing Hope home, Bailey entered her in Beginner Novice, and the dog earned her first title.

### Onward and Upward

The following year, Hope added Companion Dog (CD) and Rally Novice (RN) titles after her newly-chosen AKC-registered name, Circle of Hope. In national ranking, she reached number one Afghan and number three Hound status in Novice Obedience for 2016.

In March 2018, Hope earned Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) and in July, she earned her Rally Advanced (RA) title.

In February, after receiving three qualifying scores under two different judges, Hope earned her Utility Dog (UD) title. Bailey has never tried to take a dog to the next level—a UDX (Utility Dog Excellent), but in April she entered Hope with that goal.

Sadly, the Afghan refused to pick up the dumbbell or the glove as directed by Bailey. "I realized several of her teeth were loose due to the malnourishment she endured, so I took her to the veterinarian for necessary dental extractions," says Bailey.

But a sore mouth wasn't the only challenge Hope and Bailey ran up against while competing for a UDX. Living



# ATHENA



## Gold Level GCH Sura Tell Me Lies Zanza

Stevie is one of the top-winning Finn daughters in America, and is piloted to her wins in the capable hands of her best friend, Milton Lopes

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in the country, seven miles from the nearest town of only 300 people, offered few, if any, training distractions.

In obedience, training with distractions is necessary to help dogs learn to follow their handler's cues regardless of what's going on around them.

"It's a quiet town, and few people walk in or out of a store, so not much goes on to divert Hope's attention," she says.



"And if we practiced heeling or I threw a dumbbell in public,

Hope was on a leash, which she wouldn't wear during competition, so it didn't simulate a ring experience.

Bailey created two other practice opportunities by setting up a ring at a friend's house with her friend's dog and Hope. "My friend and her Golden Retriever gave us one distraction, which was better than nothing, but not enough for competition and the other town wasn't much bigger than our local one."

Another hurdle to earning Hope's UDX was the number of dog shows Bailey could enter within a reasonable driving distance from her home. "Nine weekends a year isn't a lot."

### How to Train Your Dragon

Considering Hope's history as a starving, mistreated rescue, the Afghan thrives on personal contact and likes to be held and petted.

"She wants to be with me all the time and gets so excited when I tell her, 'good dog.'"



After training multiple Afghans, Bailey believes the breed shows a sensitive side. "If you raise your voice even a little they think it's the end of the world and they shut down," says Bailey. "People say Afghans don't want to please you, but in the dog's mind they think they're doing exactly that."

Bailey says the best way to train an Afghan is to learn all you can about your dog. "Afghans are subtle and not demonstrative, but in my case, I couldn't have found a better dog if I had planned it."



# Amon Rih Arabian Horses & Afghan Hounds

MBIS Ch Jovan Cruise Control "Jag" by Ch Elf's Evening Star of Entesar "Savannah"

With his breeder, JoAnn Jones, sire of Savannah's only litter, shortly before he left us.



Bred by the Levanders & Walter Smith, co-owned by Joy Atkins-Miller and the late great Roger Elfgren



Ch Amon Rih Farouka "Lovie"  
1st first champion in the litter before Roger left us



Ch Elf's White Dove "Dovie"  
2nd champion in the litter and BIF lure courser



GChB Elf's Dorothy Lucretia "Dotty"



Judge Edna Martin after awarding Lovie, Best Brood Bitch at 2015 AHCA Atlanta, Brody, Gingilier (near Ch Amon Rih Andros Gingilier) and Galabiyah (major ptd Amon Rih Andros Galabiyah).

Lovie Offspring:



Ch Andros Adonis Amon Rih, Brody (Lovie by Ch Andros th'Art of Performance) bred by JAM, D Osuna, M & O Slosson, owned by Jordan Glodich & D Osuna



Ch Jorogz' How Sweet It is Viki Chevalier & JR Morton (Lovie X Ch Jorogz' Sweet Baby James) Bred by Joy Atkins-Miller



Ch Jorogz' Joy To The World Owned by Cory Wells & JR Morton (Lovie x Flash)



Ging (Lovie x Flash)



Galabiyah and Teri Tevlin



Amon Rih-Andros Gibbi "Gibbi"



"Jaime" (LoviexCh Jorogz' Sweet Baby James) Breeder/Owner Joy Atkins-Miller

Not pictured  
Pointed Amon Rih I'm Fire and Rain "Snuffly"  
Major/RWD Amon Rih I'm Your Handyman "Issy"  
BIM Amon Rih I'm Far Afghanistan "Khan"

# Amon Rih Arabian Horses & Afghan Hounds



*Ch Amon Rih Khemosabi  
Sire of Ch Terlez Winner Takes All by Gold Phoenix and many other major pointed near champion daughters. His 2 excellent sons died from the Ohio parvovirus outbreak.*



*Khemosabi Daughters*

*Ch Terlez Winner Takes all by Gold Phoenix  
Bred by the Farmers and Joshua Ashcroft-Ulinski  
owned and loved by Teri & DeVayne Johnson*



*Amon Rih Amira of Gold Phoenix  
(Khemosabi X Gwich'in Rosslyn Triskelion Compass Roze of Gold)  
(75% Coastwind) registered Service Dog of my niece, Olivia  
Slosson, co-owned by Joy Atkins-Miller*



*4th gen, Farishta, Andros Amon Rih Farishta  
(GCh Mahali Ensign X Andros Emotions Revealed  
Amon Rih, a Lovie dau)Farishta pronounced  
FRESH-tait's pashtu for Angel*



*Ging (Lovie X Flash)  
Chuck Trotter's ring after winning another major. He was in love  
with the bitch specials who was in full bloom He launched himself  
at her- it was hilarious*

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# Gold Level Grand Champion Kween Kleopatra of Shining Mtn

## “Kleo”



*Feddy's pic 13*

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Judge Nominations due by	October 9, 2019	
Ballots to Breeders for Vote by	October 23, 2019	
Ballots Returned are due by	November 6, 2019	
Judge Announcement	November 20, 2019	

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