

REGIONAL SPECIALTIES

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AHA of Long Island 2/9/03
Cinzia Ayarmaretto-Camia Classes
Jan Michaud - Sweeps

AHC of Greater Denver 2/13/03
Al Weinraub - Regular Classes, Jrs
David Sorey - Sweeps

AHC of Greater Phoenix 2/27/03
Steve Kelly - Regular Classes
Rachel Rosen - Sweeps

Richmond AHC 3/9/03
Lynn Mercer - Regular Classes
Shelly Vaccaro - Sweeps

Potomac AHC 4/18/03
Mark Coccozza - Regular Classes
Barbara Henderson - Sweeps

AHC of California 5/9/03
Lynne Schanzle - Regular Classes
Harry Bennett - Sweeps

Colonial AHC 5/30/03
Reginald Nesbitt - Regular Classes
Billy Webb - Sweeps

AHCA Breeders' Cup 6/5/03
Judge to be chosen

AHCA National Specialty 10/11 -10/15
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Nutmeg AHC 10/16/03
Bobbi Keller - Regular Classes
Lex Robertson - Sweeps

Judges Education

There were 11 attendees signed up for this year's National Specialty Judges Education Workshop. Next year, I will open this up to a limited number of breeders (who might qualify but are not necessarily applying to judge) who would like to learn and observe, as students, the presentations and process of judges education. This will be answered by request and will depend on the number of judges that will have registered at that time.

AHCA is participating otherwise in Judges Educational Seminars coming up in New York in February, Harrisburg, PA in April, and pending over the Lompoc, CA weekend next summer.

Harry Bennett, AHCA JEC

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2002 Lakeshore Celebration

Well, the equipment is on its way out east, medallions are packed away, and our host hotel restored back to its original state (if that's possible)! The 2002 National Specialty and its winners now hold a place in the history of our great breed. As I peered down over the festivities below on Friday morning a sigh of relief came over me. The show had surpassed my highest of expectations. I couldn't be more pleased. However, no "one" person can accomplish a show of this magnitude; therefore no single individual can tout its success. But, I can take credit for surrounding myself with the "best and the brightest" of performance, rescue and committee chairs, who obviously were responsible for all the fine details and who, ultimately, pulled the week-long events together.

For instance, this year's high turnout of vendors and plentiful art auctions must be attributed to the diligent work of **Cindy Chandler**. Cindy was always available to lend a hand and together with **Rachel Rosen** helped bring about the sophisticated charm of our conformation ring and show decor designed and donated by **Dr. Jerry Klein**. And the 2002 logo, created by Co-chair, **Julie Roche**, beautifully depicted the celebration plans for the week and looked fantastic on the wonderful memorabilia items chosen by **Kathy Koleszar** and **Sue Busby**. Kathy and Sue manned the AHCA sales booth daily, thus sacrificing much of their own spectator time to make sure we all had our proper sizes!

A stunning gold trophy tower was illuminated each night to display the paintings, rosettes and medallions. Its construction was delayed by Sunday's winds but **Leslie Stoffels** and **Patti Price** jumped right in to help its designer, **Lynn Nelson**, get back on track. Not to forget that the trophy fund, which made the tower possible, was a result of one very generous fancy and the tremendous solicitation efforts of **Deb Coudriet** and **Carol Penta**. This year's Best of Breed and High In Trial Winners will receive custom oil paintings of their Afghan Hounds by portrait artist, **Judy Dunn**—AKA **Julie Roche's** Mom. No doubt anyone who received a custom watercolor or a print from the week's competition will cherish it for years to come. **Suzan Frazier** and **Debra Howard** enhanced the specialness of the trophies by donating custom made banners to our entry of 29 veterans.

Our official show sponsor, **Laser Lites** not only gifted beautiful baskets to our winners, together with the AHCA, they provided hospitality tote bags for all. Certainly **Paul Hewitt's** assistance in the bathing room gave many exhibitors a new meaning to grooming! And a special thank-you goes out to the **Afghan Hound Review** for their ongoing support of all of our National Specialties, offering complimentary advertising and this year making the lovely welcome party possible for exhibitors and vendors. A National just wouldn't be the same without their attendance and support.

Although unable to attend the festivities, **Dr. Ted Blackerby** graciously donated the Emergency handbooks, which were made available for all events and found in the hospitality bags, along with "to-do" guides, local area maps,

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Lakeshore Celebration pens, and a few other helpful items. **Abbe Shaw**, **Terry Chacon** and **Judy Bloom** saw this project through to its end with the hopes everyone would enjoy their totes!

Shelley Hennessy was not only honored as one of our coursing judges this year, she held the titles of Obedience & Triathlon Chair as well. It was no surprise that these performance events ran smoothly. Our hats also go off to Agility Chair- **Julie Messersmith**, Coursing Chair - **Denise Phelps**, and new AHCA member & Trial Secretary- **Nora Mayfield**. These ladies did a wonderful job providing our Afghan Hounds the opportunity to show off their beauty, brains and of course, athleticism.

If you've never been a show secretary for a regional specialty club, then you have no idea of the countless hours donated to produce a premium list or a show catalog for a multi-event national specialty. And, the fun only begins when the first entry arrives. **Joan Baukus**, assisted by husband **Dr. Erv Baukus**, took on this year's tedious task. The end result – perfection! **Ellen Petryca**, Assistant Show Secretary, flew in from California to offer her expertise and flawlessly opened show activities in Joan's absence. Their contributions were immense!

Dr. Midge Martin, Chief Ring Steward, and her host of volunteers kept ring activity flowing smoothly while **Kathy Aure**, our official announcer, held back her tears as she read the rescue & veteran stories to the 2002 music selection, recorded and donated by **Dr. Michael Suess**. Not a dry eye was present as our 2002 Rescue Chair, **Doug Vinson** and our wonderful judges **Sandy Frei** and **Helen Stein** presented rosettes and banners to the 17 rescue dogs. Words of thanks should be given daily to Doug and his rescue angels for their

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never-ending acts of love and devotion to all Afghan Hounds in need.

Connie Butherus, a self-proclaimed worker bee, offered help wherever and whenever it was needed with a main responsibility of catalog sales. Surely to be a collectable, the 300-page catalog was in hot demand this year. It featured 182 color ads solicited by **Lou Anne Vaughn** and designed by **Laurie Goodell**. The completed catalog clearly exemplified Laurie's overwhelming dedication to this show and her passion for our breed. **Ken and Donna Amos** accepted the charge of hospitality chairs thus providing transportation for our judges and arranging a wonderful judges' dinner. Additionally, they opened up their new Frank Lloyd Wright home on Thursday evening to host a cocktail party for all spectators and exhibitors.

And then there was the Monsters Ball! It is certainly amazing what a few drinks, a bonfire, and a costume to hide behind can create! Many have said we're an aging group, however I think that statement can, now, be easily debated! The "decorate your tent competition" provided a one of a kind ambiance for this special evening, with Best In Show tent awarded by the hotel staff to Laurie Goodell and Reserve BIS tent to Cindy Chandler. Kerry Pope of Australian fame walked away with not only Winners Dog but also with best costume. We can all thank **Sharon Pearce** and **Sue Mackler** for making the night a memorable one.

Photography this year was simply outstanding! **Michael Graat**, our official show photographer, provided winners with an instant vision of their win using high tech cameras and computer equipment. Coupled with a beautiful beach setting, this year's memories should be met with few complaints. I'm sure we'll be seeing lots of Michael in the future!

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And, **Jan Reital** and **Sandy Frei** can once again take credit for a successful Breeders' Symposium. Attendees dined on Italian cuisine and listened to **Michael Canalizo** discuss "The Art Of the Game"-Conditioning and Presentation of the Afghan Hound. Michael presented a wealth of information so even the most seasoned of exhibitors could take away something from the evening.

The annual awards dinner is always a spectacular conclusion to the week's events and **Lynn Mercer** and **Anna Johnston** made sure this year's banquet was no exception to the rule. Gorgeous floral arrangements together with mirrors and sconces adorned each table. The Grand Vista Ballroom glistened from their expert preparation. **Mrs. Betty Stites** again officiated this year as our Master of Ceremonies. She's a hard act to follow and even after two attempts at the podium to thank everyone, I still missed many people who offered their help and support over the year. One person in particular that I forgot to acknowledge was our president, **Harry Bennett**, who had faith in me to make the right decisions to see this event through. So to Harry, I hope you'll accept my sincere thank-you for one of the greatest gifts of all - your trust.

In closing, to all of you that have offered me your thanks, praise, and appreciation please know that the pleasure was mine!

See you in Rhode Island in 2003.
Donna Broucek
2002 National Show Chair

Comments

from **Rosemarie Crandahl**
Sweepstakes

I very much enjoyed judging the Afghan Hound Club of America National Sweepstakes.

I would like to start this critique by thanking the exhibitors for bringing me such quality puppies. The overall entry of this sweepstakes was very exciting to me as was the presentation of the classes as well.

My line up for Best in Sweepstakes was a sight I will not forget.

My Best in Sweeps came from the 6-9 puppy bitch class. She is "Elan Sebring Legally Blond," a very beautifully moving bitch. When she entered the ring and gave her all, I knew she would give the other girls a run for the "roses" and she did. She came out the winner.

My Best of Opposite in Sweeps came from the 12-15 puppy dog class. He is "Buena Vista Justice For All Arioch." This dog is also very sound, has a well-structured body, perfect timing in his movement, and he places his feet correctly when he moves.

I wish these two Sweepstakes winners much success.

While all of the class winners were outstanding, these two were very equal in my choice.

Flash! Legislation Update

The California Breeding legislation is dead; the local folk in Idaho are working hard against a Breeding Restriction bill up there. FAA has granted an extension to their comment period, and New Jersey is looking into "Pitbull" restrictions. More for the next issue.

from JoAnne Buehler, Chair

Critique & Comment

The women of Stormhill have had a long history with the Afghan Hound Club of America both as breeder/exhibitors and judges. Virginia Withington, my mother, had the honor of judging the National when it was held at the Statler Hilton in New York City in 1971 and 1981. I had the honor of judging bitches and Intersex at the National in Phoenix in 1986 and dogs and Intersex this year in Chicago.

You couldn't have asked for a more perfect venue to showcase our breed. I felt there wasn't a dog that wasn't shown to his best advantage in this ring.

I have always felt that Afghans look their best when shown outdoors in a large grassy ring versus shown indoors on carpeting. This year's National was very reminiscent of the San Diego National with the beautiful large grassy ring that was located on the back side of the hotel overlooking beautiful Lake Michigan.

The dog classes were judged on Wednesday. I had an entry of 82 class dogs. There were some very nice dogs to choose from. Some of the classes were steeped in quality while others were not. It was a pleasure to award Winners Dog to the beautiful brindle domino XENOS JOSELITO from the Open Dog class. He is a beautifully balanced dog both standing and moving. Nice arch of neck, good topline, beautiful tail, in excellent condition and shown to perfection by his handler. Reserve Winners Dog was between the 12-18 month brindle dog ETRIGAN THE PRETENDER and the Bred by Exhibitor and Best Bred by in Show OBIWAN TRUE BLUE. I awarded reserve to the 12-18 dog. He is a raw talent that gives you moments of brilliance. He is very houndy with tremendous reach and drive. I think he is one to watch in the future. The Bred by dog is a very handsome upstanding masculine dog with good reach and drive as well. I also awarded him Best Bred by Exhibitor in show.

Friday, Helen Stein and I began the day helping pass out the ribbons in both the Parade of Rescue and the

Parade of Veterans classes. Hearing the stories of each and every rescue dogs is such an emotional experience. It was quite a sight seeing both the rescue dogs and the veterans being paraded around the ring so proudly with their owners/handlers. Special thanks to Darlyn and Stephen Pfeiffer for showing CH. STORMHILL'S KISMET OF CALAIS (Kissy) in the Veterans Class.

At noon, 82 beautiful specials entered the ring for Best of Breed judging. It was quite a sight when they all convened in the ring for a group photo. I had each dog come in individually so that I could get a good look at each of them by themselves while I checked each one off in my book. I then divided them into groups of 10. From each group I would select the dogs that I wanted to keep in for further consideration. After judging all the dogs, the dogs selected from the first cut came back in and then I made my final cut of the day from which the winners would ultimately be selected. There were many dogs that had to go out in the first and second cuts that would normally have stayed until the end at most shows.

When each of the dogs first came in individually my eventual Best of Breed winner, CH. XANDALI ISABEAU OF BOANNE, made such an impact on me that I remember telling myself that it was hers to lose. She never faltered. She is a timeless beauty who put on the performance of a lifetime. She has a lovely head, with a beautiful dark eye and wonderful chiseling. She has a strong arched neck, good angulation both front and rear, deep chest, lovely coat, and beautiful ringed tail. She gives you that complete picture both standing and moving. She moves as if she is on air. Her conditioning was impeccable. She may be nine years old on paper and have had two litters but you would never believe it seeing her in all her glory. She owned the ring that day.

Best Opposite Sex went to the brindle domino CH. GAZON THE TRUTH BE TOLD. He is a very handsome, masculine dog. He has a pretty head, strong arched neck, good topline, beautiful tail. He has that easy, floating movement. He looks as if he could be a littermate to the Winners

Dog. I noticed in the catalog that they are both out of the same sire Ch. Gazon Say What you Mean. Since there can only be one Best of Breed winner, the Award of Merit was instituted at the national to provide the judge with an award for dogs that he/she feels are of exceptional quality and worthy of the top award. This year's Award of Merits went to AM/CAN CH. POLO'S IN THE AIR TONITE FCH., CH. THAON'S WANNADANCE, CH PIZZAZZ PEPPERMINT TWIST OA NAJ JC, CH. BAAKARA'S GRACE OF MY HEART and CH. TANTRA'S SOME LIKE IT HOT.

Best Puppy was awarded to the lovely moving black and tan bitch KASBAN DARK ANGEL OF WINSONG who was also Winners Bitch from the 9-12 month class under judge Helen Stein.

In general, there were dogs presented to me that were of good type with pretty heads and eyes, good balance...standing and moving, good toplines, tails, correct coat texture and large feet. Temperaments for the most part were good. However, there were a few shy ones in the dog classes. There were some poor toplines...dogs with long backs and long loins. There were dogs that had good reach and drive but lacked the spring in their gait that is unique to the Afghan Hound. I did see some sickle hocks as well. There were many dogs in good condition but there were also some that were quite soft. These dogs were bred to go over rough terrain so conditioning should always be of utmost importance. I only had two bites that were slightly off. However, I did see some mouths with quite a few missing teeth. I don't have a problem with a couple of missing premolars but I do have a problem with missing molars. I know that the standard only mentions what type of bite they are supposed to have and that they are to have a strong underjaw. However, they need their teeth and strong underjaws to be effective hunters.

THANK YOU to:

. to the breeders and exhibitors for giving me the opportunity to judge their beautiful dogs.

CRITIQUE - BITCHES

. Donna Broucek and her hardworking show committee for putting on such a wonderful and memorable "Lakeside Celebration".

. Michael Canalizo for his excellent presentation at this year's AHCA Breeders' Symposium.

. Midge Martin for assembling such a stellar group of ring stewards...Bobbi Keller and Laurie Goodell for dog judging. Connie Butherus, Betty Stites, and Sandy Weinraub who helped during the Rescue and Veteran's parades. And to Jan Reital and Gill Ullom for specials. Thanks to all of you for all your hard work and for helping me to keep my ring in order.

. Ken and Donna Amos for their hospitality.

. Special thanks to Jan Reital for her friendship and support during the week.

Congratulations to Lynne Miller for retiring the Virginia R. Withington Memorial Trophy for High in Trial in Obedience. This trophy was first offered in 1992 by Dave and myself. It was to be won three times by the same owner but not necessarily with the same dog. Either a member or a non-member of the AHCA could retire the trophy. Lynne retired the trophy this year with a 195 from the Novice B class with her dog CH. UTCHATI UNFORGIVEN, JC.

I walked away with many wonderful memories from this year's National. Aside from the many beautiful dogs that I had an opportunity to judge were the words spoken by Donna Broucek at the awards banquet. Donna talked about how her disease has been able to affect her physically but it can't touch the memories and the many friends that she has made over the years through her involvement with the sport. Those words made me reflect on the sport of dogs and how it has enriched my life in so many ways. Thank you Donna for putting it all in perspective.

from Sandy Frei

The Afghan Hound Club of America held its 66th Specialty Show at a beautiful show site in perfect weather. This made my assignment of judging Bitch Classes all the more enjoyable, as I was prepared for any kind of weather! Show Chairman Donna Broucek along with her fantastic husband, Dennis Brown, did a bang-up job in making this a wonderful specialty, with every detail covered. Thank you to the members of the AHCA for inviting me to judge at this show!

I judged many lovely bitches and found several that I could have easily named Winners Bitch. My final choice was a bitch from the 9-12 month Puppy class; nearly a year old. She has a very pretty head with strong underjaw and nice detailing and dark nicely shaped eyes. Her expression is elegant and aloof WHEN she is behaving (which did not always happen). Moving, she covers ground freely and with a confident attitude. This bitch has lovely square balance and a long, low set tail, well-muscled hindquarters and prominent hipbones. She was at her best when posed alone — on her own — in the center of the ring. Elegant. Snazzy. Spirited. (WB Kasban Dark Angel of Winsong)

Reserve Winners Bitch was from the Open class. This is a leggy, short backed bitch with a strong underjaw and pretty, chiseled head with a dark almond eye. She is free moving and coordinated and has a classy, aloof appearance when standing.(RWB Landwehr's Bayou Blues Amare)

I must mention the beautiful class of 6-9 month puppy bitches. There were many puppies in this class that I liked very much, nice and square with proud carriage (not too upright, though) and free, coordinated movement. Wonderful temperaments and most were quite soundly built and sound moving.

Brood Bitch: A very nice entry of three families, my first place was a very lovely bitch herself, and her three offspring were all very similar in balance, type and movement. . (Ch Pahlavi Total Indulgence SC, F Ch)

Junior Showmanship: A very poised young man was my choice for Best Junior Handler. He was subtle in his handling and he moved as a team with his dog, at a proper speed. His dog was impeccably presented and this young man was very aware of how his dog responded to him. The other entrants in Jr. Showmanship were also quite good, although some are more smooth and natural than others in moving and stacking their dogs. These young people have put a lot of time and effort into maintaining coats and developing a rapport with their dogs, and they are all to be applauded! (Best Jr. -Kyle Conner)

Field Trial Bitch: First place is a very coordinated and athletic bitch with square balance and confident carriage. Quite patterned and she makes an exotic picture when standing.(FC Llacue's Malaguena F Ch GRC ORC)

Again, I know that so many of you worked very hard to make this show a success. The Afghan Hound Club of America Specialty Show is always a very treasured time for me and to think that we are all following in the tradition of so many wonderful Afghan Hounds and their breeders and owners from the past — well, that is awesome. "True to tradition throughout the Ages." Thank you.

Helen Stein

Obedience 2002

The 2002 Nationals this year will go down as a wonderful event. Great hotel, great weather, great people and great dogs!!!

Shelley Hennessy was obedience chairman and did a wonderful job. Kent Delaney was our judge and he is always a joy to have judge. He not only puts the exhibitor at ease but knows the "quirks" of the Afghan Hound. Much laughter was heard during various performances which also put the dogs more at ease. If it is too quiet in a place then they become a little nervous too-so the best is to just go on with your business as you would at a normal dog show-that is what most of them are used to.

We had a total entry of 13, with 10 dogs entered. The hotel was kind enough to let us use the ballroom for this event which is much nicer in many respects than outside. We would not have been able to use the sweepstakes ring as it would have been full of "cookies" which are a great temptation to obedience dogs. There was a minor equipment failure, which Shelley and Kent were able to work out and I don't really think it affected any of the dogs. Much to everyone's delight more chairs had to be brought in for seating as we had quite a few turn out to watch. Even Michael Canalizo and Rosemary Sutton-could it have been they were both there to support dogs they bred? The breakdown of dogs entered are as follows: Utility A-1 dog, Open A-1 dog Open B-2 dogs, Novice A-3 dogs and Novice B-4 dogs, Graduate Novice-1 dog, and Veteran Class-1 dog.

I am so pleased to report that out of the 10 dogs entered-7 qualified. Our High In Trial went to CH. Utchati Unforgiven, JC owned by Lynne Miller. This year we had a possibility of 2 different owners retiring the Gini Withington Challenge Trophy. Lynne Miller retired this trophy by going HIT 3 times at the AHCA National Specialty - not necessarily with the same dog. She remarked she has been showing to Kent since 1978, 3 times at the AHCA Nationals and this is the first time she has qualified.

By the time the pictures were taken on the beach, a group picture of all the dogs that qualified it was almost 8PM-the owners, the judge and the dogs were all ready for their evening meals. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!

Claudia Jakus Obedience Chair

2002 AHCA AGILITY TRIAL

from Julie Messersmith, Nat'l Chair
After a year of preparation, the day of the 2002 AHCA Agility Trial finally arrived. Bright and clear, with a nip in the air and some dew on the grass, it was a perfect fall morning for the Hounds to display their talents. We had a wonderful entry of 12 dogs competing in a total of 23 runs. Judge Lisa Haidle designed fast, flowing courses tailored just for Afghan Hounds to enjoy. Lisa was organized and efficient, keeping us right on schedule with a smile. She truly enjoyed her job and gave the Hounds every opportunity to succeed. The Afghans and their owners rose to the occasion and earned six legs, the most

qualifying scores we have ever achieved at our National agility trial!

The trial was held at the beautiful Greater Racine Kennel Club property, a bit of a drive but fully appointed with the all-important fenced field and lovely agility equipment on site. Fueled with coffee and Krispy Kremes, our wonderful gang of volunteers made quick work of setting the courses and being in their places during judging. Thanks so much to all of you who helped out, I truly appreciate you! Some new changes were put into effect by AKC as of September 1, 2002 and introduced at our trial. Weave poles are now required in all Novice classes, a

difficult task but one which our Novice dogs tackled with ease. A new class has also been implemented. It is called the Preferred Class and is open to any dog who wishes to participate but they must start at the Novice level. The same course is used at each level as in the Standard and Jumpers with Weaves classes but the dogs are given 5 more seconds of time and the jump height is lowered 4". We had a few hounds participate in this new class and even had our High In Trial winner come from this class!

Now for the results! Congratulations to the following Afghans and their hardworking owners who qualified in this year's trial.

Novice B Standard:

First Place: "Lacey", Ch Sebring Majic Angel Face, SC, NAJ. Owned by Terry & Sue Anderson.

Second Place: "Caramel", Ch Fabelhaft Majic Silver Lining, CD, SC, NA, NAJ. Owned by Shelley Hennessy.

Excellent A Standard:

First Place: "Ditto", Ch Pahlavi Dancin' With 'th Devil, OA, NAJ, NAC, JC. Owned by Julie Messersmith.

Novice Preferred:

First Place: "Corn", DC Chaparral Cornsilk, CDX, OA, OAJ. Owned by Shelley Hennessy.

Open Jumpers With Weaves:

First Place: "Oliver", What a Twist of Fate, CDX, NA, NAJ, JC. Owned by Kathy Pugh.

Novice Preferred Jumpers With Weaves:

First Place: "Corn", DC Chaparral Cornsilk, CDX, OA, OAJ. Owned by Shelley Hennessy.

After all the scores were calculated, it was determined that "Corn" had won High in Trial from the Novice Preferred Jumpers with Weaves class. What makes this a truly amazing win is that Corn is 13 years old! Congratulations to Shelley and Corn! Thanks to all of those who participated in our 4th annual trial, due to all of you it was a smashing success! See you next year!

AHCA National Specialty Lure Coursing Results

The trial went pretty well, the weather was good, There were no break downs thanks to Mike Scanlon, our lure operator. A lot of people came out to watch. There were a lot of happy hounds who got to run and have a good time. After all, that's what it's really about. It's nice to get a placement and a ribbon but more important is that the dogs had fun.

Thanks to everyone who helped.

ASFA TRIAL Single Stake

1st Ch Victorian Razin Cain JC - J. & D. Coudriet

2nd Ch Medina After Midnight JC - L. Goodell & A. Paulson

3rd Ch Llacue's Red Sun JC - L. & T. Polson, M. Cuevas & J. Llano

Open Stake

1st Forever a Treasure Tasha JC - D. & S. Mehlretter

2nd Blue Sky Rizing Son Noahs Pride JC - R. & R. Mason

3rd A-Tu's Do As You Please JC - C. Jahs

4th Utchati American Beauty JC - L. Miller

NBQ Utchati American Patriot JC - L. Miller

Field Champion Stake

1st BII DC Tamrick Xanadu High Treason LCM SC GRC SORC - R. Brown

2nd FC Tamrick's Grand Larceny LCX LCM2 SC SGRC ORC - R. Brown

3rd FC Tamrick's Conspiracy LCM MC GRC ORC LCX - R. Brown & T. Harris

4th FC Allure's Double Take MC LCX - T. & S. Norris

NBQ FC Pam-Mel's Pretty in Pink SC FCH - P. Hewitt

Veteran Stake

1st DC Utchati Exotica SC LCM 2 - L. Miller

2nd CH Rapahana's Sins of Night JC - L. & T. Polson

3rd DC Kameron Renegade Navajo Son SC LCM - D. Phelps

4th CH Pahlavi Dancin' with Th' Devil OA NAJ JC - J. Messersmith & J. Coudriet

NBQ CH WYNSY Cayenne JC - D. Casey & D. Carey

BOB BII Tamrick Xanadu High Treason LCM SC GRC SORC

AKC TRIAL Open Stake

1st Fajan el Durani - T. Porthan & L. Griffith

- 5 Pts

2nd Shekinah King Richard JC - M. & M. Ross & L. Stoffels - 3 Pts

3rd CDN CH Gengala Surprise Attack JC - E. & J. Granger - 2 Pts

4th Sharja Subtle Persuasion JC- J. & L. Shipley - 1 Pt

NBQ Utchati American Patriot JC
Conformation Champion Stake

1st DC Tamrick's Forgery SC - T. Brown

2nd CH Kattana Forever Free to Dream JC

Specials Stake

1st FC Llacue's Malaguena - M.

Trifiro, D. Lake, J. Llano & M. Cuevas

2nd FC Tamrick's Conspiracy LCX - R. Brown & T. Harris

3rd FC Allure's Double Exposure MC LCX3 - T. Norris

4th FC Pam-Mel's Pretty in Pink SC - P. Hewitt

NBQ FC Tamrick's Grand Larceny LCX - R. Brown

BOB DC Tamrick's Forgery SC

The ASFA & AKC BOB hounds ran off for Best in Event and DC Tamrick's Forgery SC was the winner.

Thank you, Ed Granger, for results.
Denise Phelps Nat'l Coursing Chair

NEW Versatility Award by Claudia Jakus

I was so excited this year when we presented our first ever versatility awards to 9 wonderful dogs and owners.

In 1987 the board put in a policy that stated that any dog that received 3 titles be given an award. I am not sure if anyone knew about this award- but I found it when I was reading the policies and procedures. I decided that we needed to broaden this award as we now have agility as well as AKC coursing and we needed to make people more aware it was available.

Thanks to my friends that participate in performance events we re-wrote the policy to include coursing, ASFA and AKC, breed championship, tracking, agility and obedience and to make the award retroactive back to 1987. This year as I said 9 awards were given :

Ch Jubare's Talisma Syah, SC, CD F.CH, Owners: Ken and Kathy

Hudson, Dr. B. M. Deitch

Ch Oreias Priority One, CD, NA,

OAJ, JC Owner: Claudia Jakus

Ch. Sebring Majic Angel Face, SC.

NAJ. F.CH Owners: Terry and Sue Anderson

DC. Chaparral Cornsilk, CDX, OA,

OAJ, F.CH Owner: Shelley Hennessy

Ch. Fabelhaft Majic Silver Lining,

CD, SC, NA. NAJ Owners: Shelley

Hennessy and Cindy Chandler

DC Pahlavi Pizzazz, CD, NA, SC

Owner: Julie Messersmith

Ch Summerwind Oreia It's About

Time, CD, SC, NA Owners: Priscilla

Wright, Bruce and Rosemary Sutton

DC Knollkrest Anrob Aft the Zno,

CD Sc LMC2 Owners: Caryn S.

Nelson, Robert and Angela DiNicola

Ch Bijan-Lyrix Packed Powder, NA

NAJ CD Owners: Sue McDonald and

Vicki Robison

When I first got into Afghans some 20 years ago it was sort of the stigma that if you could not make it in the breed ring, then you went to performance events-I think we are progressing into the future where hopefully that stigma is no longer present. All 9 of these dogs are breed champions as well as excelling in other events. Nikki Gardner, our 20 year old that won WB along with a few other things made a wonderful comment on the coursing field. Just because her puppy would finish in the breed ring did not mean her life had ended- there was obedience, coursing, and agility. I believe if more people had that outlook we would not have the "accumulation" of dogs that many people find themselves doing. They would be spending the time training whether it be obedience, agility or on the coursing field - spending time on a 1 on 1 basis with their dogs.

A big thanks goes to Gill Ullom for designing this award and having it made. It is something that I truly think each recipient will always treasure.

from Janet Lenobel

Just a heads-up on the dues notices going out next month, December 1...

Don't forget dues are \$25.00 per member and must be paid at the latest by February 1, 2003, in order not to have a lapsed membership. I know that seems quite far away but you know how time flies at this time of year... We also would appreciate a donation in any amount for helping our rescue dogs, for maintaining the library, as well as for our Junior Scholarship Award. This year's \$500 Scholarship went to Nicole Gardner who is a sophomore at Ohio State University working toward a degree in Business. For those of you who don't know Nikki, she had a fabulous week at the Nationals when her bitch went WB, Best Puppy, and when she not only won the scholarship but the crate being raffled!

Also, in order to get your name, address, and other information in the AHCA Directory, we must have your information by February 2003.

TRIATHLON

Each year we are pleased to see there is someone that enters the Triathlon as it does require a lot of dedication and hard work to get your dog ready to compete in 3 different events. This year we had an entry of 4- and 2 were from our friend's in Canada. For those that may not be familiar with it you must compete in 3 different events, coursing, obedience and a separate conformation class-in order to win the Tri you must receive qualifying scores in obedience and coursing. The conformation portion is judged on how closely you fit the standard-not necessarily against each other. There are no placements given but only a rating of 50-100 in the conformation portion. The Tri chairman posts the scores after each event so everyone is aware of where they stand.

This year's winner was Can Ch Forever Swiftwind Klasik Kloud, F.Ch owner, Laurel & Doris Deptuch. This bitch truly is the all around dog as her scores in all events were very very high.

Congratulations to everyone that participated and hopefully in 2003 we will have more participants!!

ClaudiaJakus

Board Minutes Highlights

Present:: Harry Bennett, Abbe Shaw, Gill Ullom, Betsy Hufnagel, Jan Lucree, Barb Bornstein, Janet Lenobel, Helen Stein, Donna Broucek, Claudia Jakus

Absent: Edith Hanson, Ed Gilbert

The following motions were made and passed to include the following in Policies & Procedures:

If a Regional Specialty Club gives up the regularly scheduled Sweepstakes for the Breeders' Cup Futurity, then AHCA will pay the regional Club \$1.00 per entry.

The Breeders' Cup chairmanship does NOT exclude the chairperson from exhibiting at this event.

The following motion was made and passed:

Our AKC Delegate is directed to vote YES on the change in the Rules Applying To Dog Shows that has to do with lameness, as well as to the clarification on the AKC entry form.

The following motion was made and passed to include in Policies & Procedures:

The National Show Chair will determine the date and time of the Breeder Educational Symposium and will arrange for the meeting room and the basics for dinner. The Breeders' Education Committee is responsible for all other arrangements including speaker, dinner details, etc.

The following motions were made and passed pertaining to National Specialties:

A trophy donation of \$50 entitles a free catalog to the donor. Remove \$5.00 discount for additional entries.

Policies & Procedures 805.4 is changed to read: "The expense of these catalogs, at \$10.00 each, shall be covered by the trophy donation fund. "

The Kay Finch Challenge Trophy is retired and its possession is maintained by Betty Stites.

The National Show Chair will present a draft premium list to the board at its second annual (that is Summer) meeting for approval.

Include in Policies & Procedures that any appointed National Specialty Show Chairperson, or Assistant Show Chairperson, is required to attend the prior national Specialty.

No additional fee is charged for a dog to enter the Triathlon competition.

Change Policies & Procedures 711.3 to read: "The above judges shall receive lunch for two on the day (s) of their judging and two tickets to the Awards dinner.

Add to Policies & Procedures 711.4: "The Triathlon Conformation Judge shall receive lunch for two on the day of the judging assignment and the 2" AHCA bronze medallion. "

**AND NOW -
NEWS OF 2003**

What: 2003 AHCA Breeders' Cup
When: June 5, 2003
Where: Argus Ranch for Dogs, Auburn, WA
Judge: To Be Announced

What: 2003 Evergreen Afghan Hound Club Specialty
When: June 6, 2003
Where: Argus Ranch for Dogs, Auburn, WA
Judges: Tom Cozzoni, Regular Classes
Chuck Alarcon, Sweeps

For additional information on these events contact: Leslee Greer, Show Chair, 1117 North Sherwood, Spokane, WA 99201; 509-328-2593 (evenings) or aftoo@hotmail.com

Accompanying All-Breed Shows:
What: Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc.
When: June 7, 2003
Where: Puyallup, WA
Judge: Pat Ide

What: Tacoma Kennel Club
When: June 8, 2003
Where: Puyallup, WA
Judge: Betsy Hufnagel

For additional information on these events contact: Kevin Rogers Dog Shows, Supt. P.O. Box 230, Hattiesburg, MS 39403-0230, 601-583-1110.

Check out the site at www.argusranch.com

2003 National Specialty

The 2003 National Specialty will be held in the Ocean State...Rhode Island!

The Crowne Plaza Hotel
801 Greenwich Avenue
Warwick,
Rhode Island 02886
401-732-6000

The site is beautiful. The show will be held outdoors, on the grounds of the hotel. This particular hotel was chosen because they have had numerous other breed specialties there.

They are VERY DOG FRIENDLY and experienced in handling this type of event. They come highly recommended by people in our breed who have judged there.

The dates will be October 11th - 15th. The events schedule will be as follows:
Saturday, 10/11....Lure Coursing

Sunday, 10/12..Obedience and Sweeps (Sweeps judge- Jan Swayze)

Monday, 10/13..Agility and Dogs (Dog judging - Ed Gilbert)

Tuesday, 10/14...Membership meeting and Bitch judging (Bitch judging - Eugene Blake)

Wednesday, 10/15 Triathlon, Junior Showmanship and Best of Breed (Judge-Eugene Blake)

The Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club will hold its specialty on October 16th on the same grounds.

Thursday, 10/16.....Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club
Roberta Keller judging Regular Classes and Lex Robertson judging Sweeps.

Become a part of this event. To all out there who want to contribute to this National, this is your call! Don't be left out this time because you thought you weren't needed. The last time the National was in the Northeast was in the 80's. If you have a need to be part of a monumental celebration, step up and RIDE THE WAVE to Rhode Island in 2003!!!!!!

email Shelly and Gene Vaccaro Show Chairmen
2003 National Specialty
gvaccaro@snet.net
(Co-Chairmen: Carol and Bob Penta)

Room rate for the 2003 National hotel Crowne Plaza, Warwick, Rhode Island) is \$95, as opposed to their published rate of \$229-239. It wouldn't be posted on their web site because it is a special rate set when we contracted with the hotel. The National will run from Saturday, the 11th of October through Wednesday, the 15th of October. Nutmeg will be the next day. There are all breed shows following these in New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Ohio... Start planning now and send me your questions.

from the President

I could elaborate over several pages about the huge triumph our National Specialty was. However, I will leave that to our committee people. For those of you who attended, you know and are telling those who did not. I'm sure all the glorious details will be covered.

I would like to make a special note that at this National event I was especially happy to see what I consider our reward for an endeavor AHCA undertook a year and a half ago. This club has moved to promote and cultivate our Juniors in Showmanship and Breed by offering special awards at Regional Club Specialties and an annual special award as well. This year we saw the exciting win of a young Winners Bitch beautifully handled by her young owner Nikki Gardner. The American-bred Dog class was won by a dog who is raised, conditioned and trained by his young owner handler Valerie Beckwith. Valerie is a past winner of Best Junior Handler at our National and is only recently aged out. Congratulations to both young ladies!

Shortly after the National I represented AHCA at the AKC's first Parent Club Conference in Cincinnati. This was a huge success for improving communication, sharing information, problem solving, unifying Parent Clubs, etc. It gave me the opportunity to take a good look at ourselves as a club. Everyone will benefit from this venture. I will have more to report on this in the near future.

Harry Bennett, President

BREEDERS' CUP 2003
first entries close 12/5/02
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