

Regional Specialties

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Potomac AHC	4/18/03
Mark Cocozza	Regular
Barbara Henderson	Sweeps
AHC of Greater Columbus	4/19/03
Betsy Hufnagel	Regular
Dean D'Aquila	Sweeps
AHC of Northern New Jersey	5/2/03
Djordje Tesic	Regular
Karen Mays	Sweeps
Joan Horky	Obedience
AHC of California	5/9/03
Lynne Schanzle	Regular
Harry Bennett	Sweeps
AHC of Dallas	5/10/03
John Roger Morton	Regular
Claire Yates	Sweeps
AHC of SW Ohio	5/24/03
Ned Kauffman	Regular
Rick Vaughn	Sweeps
W Michigan AHA	5/25/03
Chris Kaiser	Regular
Brigitte Kaiser	Sweeps
Colonial AHC	5/30/03
Reggie Nesbitt	Regular
Billy Webb	Sweeps
AHC of St Louis	5/30/03
Dr. Gerda Maria Kennedy	Regular
Patrick Byrnes	Sweeps
Afghan Hound Breeders' Cup	6/5/03
Gail Kramer	
(see article this issue for details)	
Evergreen AHC	6/6/03
Tom Cozzoni	Regular
Chuck Alarcon	Sweeps
AHC of Greater Chicago	6/8/03
Jaime Ganoza	Regular
Philippe Gallardo	Sweeps
Greater Pittsburgh AHC	6/20/03
Ken Tippie	Regular
David Giordano	Sweeps

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The Newsletter of the Afghan Hound Club of America

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Winter 2003

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2003 BREEDERS' CUP

You are invited to "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" to Seattle, the Emerald City of the Pacific Northwest, for the AHCA's annual Breeders' Cup on June 5, 2003, to be judged by Gail Kramer. The event will be held at the Argus Ranch for Dogs, a unique facility designed specifically for dog shows and other related dog activities. You can check out the many amenities on its web site located at "argusranch.com."

Show plans call for a large outdoor grass ring with all set-up and day-of-show parking on grass as well. If the weather does not permit an outdoor ring, indoor facilities are also available with adjacent covered grooming areas. Overnight RV parking (no sewer hookup, just water and power) is available at a cost of \$12/night. Contact the show chairperson for more information and/or to make your overnight parking reservations.

Please note there is no food service at the Argus Ranch. However, Breeders' Cup exhibitors may order deluxe box lunches (Kaiser roll sandwich, pasta salad, fresh fruit cup, chips, cookie or brownie, and bottled water) at a cost of \$10 each to be delivered to the show grounds. These must be ordered and paid for in advance. Send your order, along with check payable to the AHCA, to Pam Levander, 750 N. Lamonti Drive, Otis, OR 97368, phone 541-944-2621, email nlevander@wcn.net. There will be a complimentary wine and cheese party at the show site following Best in Breeders' Cup judging.

Entries for litters (\$35) and get (\$25) are open until April 5, 2003. Mail entries with fees to : Sharon Watson Show Secretary 490 Fairmount WE Jamestown, NY 14701 salem@netsync.net

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Finger Lakes AHC 7/4/03
 Gareth Morgan-Jones Regular Classes
 Kevin Cassidy Sweeps
 Parade of Veterans & Obedience TBA

AHC of Greater Portland 7/12/03
 Lou Guerrero Regular Classes & Jrs
 Pat Kunich Sweeps
 Dan Butcher Obedience

AHC of Greater Milwaukee 7/25/03
 Terry Chacon Regular Classes
 Judy Banker Sweeps

Midwest AHC 8/22/03
 Edgar Bajona Regular Classes
 Christine Anderson Sweeps

Greater Detroit AHC 8/29/03
 Rita Figg Regular Classes
 David Cooley Sweeps

Afghan Hound Club of America
 10/11 - 10/15
 See article this issue for details

Nutmeg AHC 10/16/03
 Bobbi Keller Regular Classes
 Lex Robertson Sweeps

Northern California AHC 10/18/03
 Hank Nave Regular Classes
 Victor Barajas Sweeps

AHC of Greater Houston 11/7/03
 Terry Chacon Regular Classes
 TBA Sweeps

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<http://clubs/akc.org/ahca>
 Regional Clubs

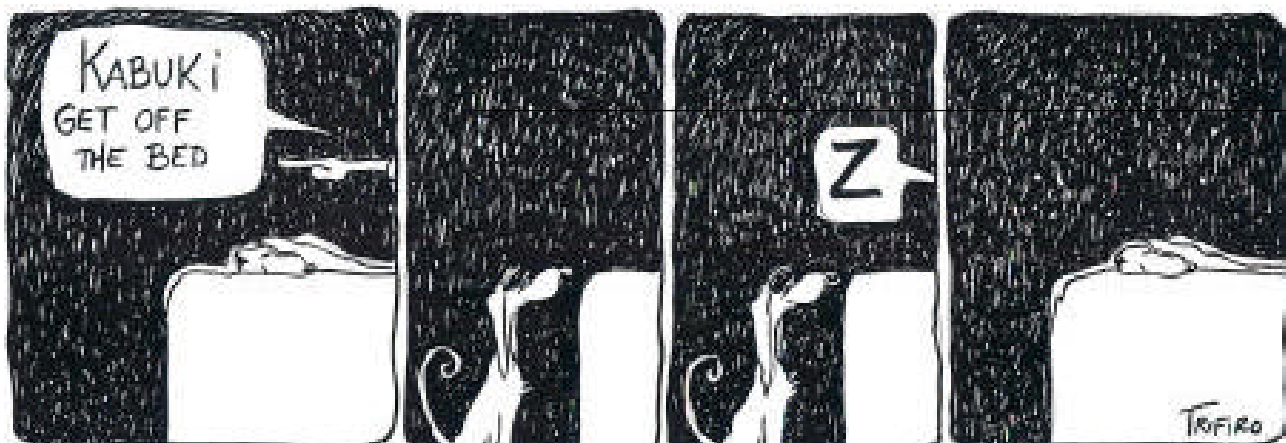
On June 6, 2003, at the same location, will be the 28th annual independent specialty show of the Evergreen Afghan Hound Club. Judges are Tom Cozzoni (regular classes) and Chuck Alarcon (Sweepstakes). Premium lists are available from Beth McKinney, Show Secretary, 909 208th Ave. N.E., Sammamish, WA 98074-6628, phone (425) 868-2829, email BCMRKM@aol.com; entries close May 21, 2003.

Lunch for the EAHC specialty will be a full-course catered affair consisting of grilled ribs, chicken and German sausage; garden salad, coleslaw, potato salad; baked beans; fresh-baked breads, and bottled water or soda all for \$14.50 per person. Again, reservations must be made in advance and prepaid to Pam Levander at the address above. Checks for the EAHC lunch should be made payable to the EAHC.

The host hotel for these events is the Val-U Inn, 9 14th Ave. N.W., Auburn, WA 98001, phone (253) 735-9600, and a block of rooms for exhibitors has been set aside. Daily rates are \$55 1-bed, \$62 2-beds. There is no additional fee for dogs provided you indicate you are with the "Afghan Hound group" and are participating at the "dog show" at the Argus Ranch. However, in keeping with AHCA policy, a \$100 refundable damage deposit will be required from each person keeping dogs in their room and everyone will be expected to clean up after their own dogs. There is also a Travelodge that accepts dogs located at 9 16th St. N.W., Auburn, WA 98001, phone (253) 833-7171. Rates are from \$59/night plus \$10/night fee for dogs in the room. Because of the nearby thoroughbred race track and casinos, exhibitors are urged to make their room reservations early; any of our block of rooms not reserved and guaranteed at the Val-U Inn by May 4, 2003, will become available to the general public.

On June 7 and 8, there are all-breed shows located nearby in Puyallup, Washington—Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers (judge Pat Ide) and Tacoma Kennel Club (judge Betsy Hufnagel). The superintendent for the all-breed shows is Kevin Rogers Dog Shows, P.O. Box 230, Hattisburg, MS 39403, phone (601) 583-1110.

For information about vendor space and catalog advertising, as well as any other concerns, please contact the show chairman for both the Breeders' Cup and the EAHC specialty, Leslee Greer, North 1117 Sherwood, Spokane, WA 99201, phone (509) 328-2593, email aftoo@hotmail.com.



2003 National Specialty Schedule

10/11..Saturday- Lure Coursing (held on the grounds of the hotel)

Saturday night is Welcome and Artist Night. There will be cocktails and a cash bar .

We now have a room for the artists to display their items that looks out toward the ring via sliding glass doors. It is also locked at night , so valuables don't have to be packed up at the end of each day and brought back to individual rooms. This should be a big plus for those vendors.

10/12..Sunday- Obedience (held inside the hotel) a.m.
Sweepstakes (outdoors) early p.m.
Breeder's Education Night- Buffet dinner

10/13..Monday- Agility (held in a facility 20 minutes from hotel)

Dog judging - early p.m.
Evening Surprise Party

10/14..Tuesday- a.m. Rescue meeting
Judges education
Bitch judging- late a.m.
Membership meeting- 5p.m.-8p.m.

10/15..Wednesday- Parade of Rescue and Veterans,
Juniors
Best of Breed- Immediately following Juniors
Awards Banquet- 6p.m. - cocktails
7p.m. - dinner

The schedule may be altered, but the events will be on the days described.

There will be a room with tubs for bathing dogs, along with warm water. A room adjacent to the bathing area will be set up with crates for drying of dogs. Bathing of dogs in individual's room will not be allowed. Fines will be given for any violation of this policy.

RV's must make reservations and check in with the hotel upon arrival A \$30 fee is required.

Reservations for rooms at \$95 are still available.

There are ample number of rooms available for everyone to stay at the hotel.

Call Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI at 401-732-6000 for reservations. Be sure to say you are with the Afghan Hound National. Airport shuttle service is available from T.F.Green in Providence, RI (10 minutes from the hotel).



Be sure to get your current name and address sent to Helen Stein (BeanieSue@aol.com) to ensure that you are on the mailing list to receive a Premium for the show.

All committee members are hard at work to make this National fun and void of hassles. Everything is on schedule and going well. If you haven't been asked to participate on a planning committee and want to be involved, write or call. We'll be happy to put you to work.

Hope to see everybody in RI this October.

Ride The Wave!

Shelly and Gene Vaccaro
Show Chairpersons
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Carol and Bob Penta
Assistant Show Chairpersons

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

CURRENT LEGISLATION

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published a proposed rule requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death of animals during air transport. back in October 2002. The AKC and others pushed them to extend their comment period from October 28, 2002, though the end of December 2002. The FAA did so, and took additional comments through December 27, 2002. They made it very easy to comment on line, and hopefully many Fanciers did so. There has been no additional information since this deadline, to date.

There is an effort in Hawaii to remove the state's quarantine requirements. Fanciers are hopeful their new Governor, Linda Lingle, will take note and change things. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to write to her at gov@gov.state.hi.us.

Despite dog owners' efforts, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors gave final approval to the proposed "guardian" ordinance on January 13th. The measure adds the term "guardian" wherever "owner" appears in San Francisco's municipal code. San Francisco's "guardian" ordinance officially became law on January 24th. The city's animal control code will now use the terms "guardian" and "owner" interchangeably. The Board of Supervisors approved the ordinance earlier this month and sent it to the mayor's desk for his action. When Mayor Willie Brown Jr. neither signed nor vetoed the ordinance within the allotted ten-day period, the measure automatically became law. The disappointing loss culminates years of opposition from the AKC and San Francisco fanciers who believe that this change may remove residents' legal rights to protect their dogs, while doing nothing to prevent a person from abusing animals.

Also in January, the US Court of Appeals sided with the USDA and AKC in a case that would have made all residential breeders of dogs and cats subject to federal licensing and inspection. The ruling, which reversed a lower court's decision, rejects arguments by Doris Day Animal

League and other animal rights groups that wanted to bring residential breeders under the umbrella of the Animal Welfare Act.

Currently, the Animal Welfare Act includes only wholesale dealers of animals but the lawsuit filed by DDAL would have broadened it to cover people who sell from their homes. The US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled that people who sell from their own homes fall under the definition of "retail pet stores" that are exempt from regulation under the law. AKC supported the USDA's position that hobby breeders are already subject to state and local laws to prevent cruelty. In addition, the USDA argued-and the court agreed-there is a great deal of oversight by breed registries such as the AKC. AKC performs over 4000 inspections of private breeding facilities-including homes and pet stores-each year.

JoAnneBuehler
LegislativeChairman

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Attention All Members:

According to the Policies and Procedures of the Afghan Hound Club of America, the Sponsor letter is to be published in Topknot News in the first issue following the first Board meeting of the calendar year.

Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc

Sponsor Letter

Date: _____

Dear

Your name has been submitted by _____ as a sponsor for membership in the Afghan Hound Club of America. When preparing your sponsorship form (enclosed), please be guided by the following information quoted from Afghan Hound Club of America's Policies, Procedures and Standing Rules regarding membership and sponsors:

1. The sponsorship form is to be "forwarded directly to the chairperson".
2. The "acceptability and/or nature of facilities must be referenced" in your recommendation if you have visited the applicant's home.
3. "Sponsors should be more than passing acquaintances of the applicant - sponsorship should not be taken lightly".
4. The form enclosed is designed "to ensure the sponsors are fully committed to supporting any applicant they recommend".

Membership is restricted to United States residents, eighteen years of age or older who have maintained an active participation in the breed for a minimum of seven consecutive years. Active participation is defined as owning and/or exhibiting Afghan Hounds and/or active participation in a local Afghan Hound Specialty Club

A copy of the application is included.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hufnagel Membership Chairman
PO Box 304 9 Grass Valley, CA 95945

LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

As of February 15, 2003 United Airlines has eliminated their restrictions against shipment of dogs that were imposed in June of 2000, and again is allowing them to be shipped as either excess baggage, cargo or carry-on. The AKC is sure the number of letters written by fanciers was influential.

Also the Maryland debark bill has been killed in committee 3/10/03..

Changing of the Guard at Rescue

As of January 1st, Doug Vinson has retired as the Chair of Rescue. The new Rescue Chairs are Russ & Barb Hastings and the Hot Line # 877-237-3728 is being manned by Howard & Tonya Stone of Elmira, New York...the number is the same but the voice has changed. Doug has done a wonderful job for us and he will be missed, he will continue to do rescue in his area and will continue to help Russ & I with the transition. We have a great bunch of volunteers and things are running smoothly at the moment. We have a Special Needs Dog that requires major surgery to repair torn tendons in his leg, currently he is unable to run or play with out pain. The cost of the surgery will be between \$1500.00 to \$2000.00, if you would like to donate to Mozart's Special Fund, send your check to AHCA Rescue % of Mozart. Mail to Barb Hastings RD 3 Box 141 Westfield, PA 16950. Any amount raised over the cost of the surgery will be kept in the Special Needs Fund for use on future dogs. As always we are in need of volunteers to help with Rescue, if you are interested in fostering, transporting, or helping with any of our projects, please feel free to contact Russ & Barb @ helpafs@earthlink.net.

Yarn for Rescue

The Yarn for Rescue Project also has a new Chair. Let's welcome Karen Browning as the new head. She will be in need of people to volunteer to make all the wonderful yarn items that we sell. If you are interested in helping with this project contact Karen @ Albion@otelco.net Remember to keep your extra hair for this project.

Russ & Barb Hastings
AHCA Rescue Chairman

Board Highlights January 25, 2003 Orlando, FL

Present: Harry Bennett, Barb Bornstein, JoAnne Buehler, Edith Hanson, Betsy Hufnagel, Claudia Jakus, Janet Lenobel, Jan Lucree
Absent: Ed Gilbert, Abbe Shaw, Helen Stein

Report of the President - Harry Bennett reported that following a mail balloting of the Board, JoAnne Buehler was elected to fill the vacancy created by Donna Broucek's January 1 resignation.

Report of the Recording Secretary - Jan Lucree did not receive additional nominations and the slate was declared elected. 46 nominations for judges were received. The slate was completed by the Board and the ballot mailed January 18, 2003.

Report of the Treasurer - Janet Lenobel reported a balance of \$30,630.62 which includes \$18,470.90 in the general fund and \$12,164.72 in the Rescue account. Included in the Treasurer's report is a balance sheet and a separate report on the Breeders' Cup, National Specialty, Rescue, and Library.

With the dues, \$140 was received for the Junior Scholarship, \$205 for the Library, and \$1530 for Rescue. \$455 was sent to the Morris Animal Foundation and \$100 to Art Show at the Dog Show.

Russ and Barb Hastings will investigate the feasibility of a trusteeship or 501(c)3 status for the Rescue funds. Donations to Rescue would then be tax-deductible.

It was moved and seconded to reimburse the Treasurer and the two secretaries for reasonable expenses associated with AHCA activities on their home computers. Passed with two abstentions.

Standing Committee Reports:

Breeders' Cup - The Breeders' Cup will be held on Thursday, June 5. with the Board meeting to begin one hour after its completion.

Greater Detroit AHC submitted a proposal to hold the 2004 Breeders' Cup over the last weekend in May. The BC would be in the morning, followed by the GDAHC Specialty. Sue Busby would be Show Secretary for GDAHC. It was moved, seconded and passed to hold the 2004 AHBC in conjunction with GDAHC on May 29, 2004.

Canine Health - Midge Martin reported that the health surveys are being processed. She is working on health clinics to be held with national events.

Complaints: Betsy Hufnagel suggested that since our Constitution calls for complaints to go to the Corresponding Secretary, this committee should be eliminated. A motion to this effect was made, seconded and passed.

AKC Delegate - Connie Butherus submitted a detailed report. She noted that most parent clubs supported awarding points for Reserve wins at national Specialties which the AHCA did not.

Judges Education - Harry Bennett and Helen Stein are working to develop materials for those applying to judge Afghans. These will require Board approval before publication.

Breeder Education - Sandy Frei and Jan Reital submitted a summary of the seminar held at the Chicago National. Income: \$2569, Expenses \$2451 Profit \$118. Having educational material - perhaps the resources on the judges' recommended reading list - for sale at a club table was discussed. The Board agreed that any materials for sale by individuals must be sold at a booth following vendor guidelines.

AKC Gazette column - Georgiana Guthrie received information on the Junior Scholarship for inclusion in our breed column.

IT Coordinator - Jim Coudriet is still entering pedigrees and needs photos.

Legislative Affairs - JoAnne Buehler's report can be found on Page 4.

Library - Librarian Karen Armistead Assistant Librarian Helen Stein - A motion was made, seconded and passed to change the Library budget to be consistent with the other committees. The Librarians may submit proposals for special projects to the Board for approval.

Karen Armistead finished the "John Fish" films. (Some Nationals from the 70's) They are now listed on the website for rental. She will maintain the rental materials including the tapes made at the Nationals.

Corrected and approved minutes of all meetings are sent to the Library. The Assistant Librarian will receive the corrected minutes.

Karen and Helen need to put together a transition plan for what Library materials will be sent to Helen and a timetable for shipping. The plan should be available by the June Board meeting and should include a cost estimate. The materials Sherre Christiansen has stored should be included.

Lure Coursing - Jan Swayze sent a report suggesting that AHCA sponsor two field trials during the year in addition to the National events. Adding lure coursing and a a JC test to the BC was suggested. A motion was made, seconded and passed to explore the possibility of doing two national coursing events in regions other than the National region for that year.

Membership: Betsy Hufnagel - After discussion the Board moved to make Kent Delaney an Honorary Member of AHCA in recognition of his long service to the breed and this organization. He will receive a pin and Topknot News; and be added to the directory.

2003 National Specialty - The Vaccaros submitted a progress report. Obedience will be indoors at the hotel. Lure coursing will be on-site. Agility will be off-site.

A proposal to sponsor the show in 2003 was received from Laser Lites. A motion was made, seconded and passed that a sponsor would receive two pages in the catalog and the back cover of the premium list in return for exhibitor hospitality (eg tote bags, spray bottles, bathing supplies) that benefit all the exhibitors.

JoAnne Buehler will prepare a disk to be updated each year with the National winners in all areas for use by show superintendents and show secretaries. A hard copy will be sent to the Library.

The National Lure Coursing Secretary is responsible for preparing an ASFA catalog separate from the show catalog since ASFA is not an AKC event.

Show chairs will receive relevant Policies & Procedures sections rather than "the notebook" since P & P contains all necessary information.

2004 National - To find chairpersons for 2004, Barb Bornstein is sending letters to all western region members requesting input. Proposals should be ready for submission at the next Board meeting June 5.

Agility - We will not offer all-breed agility at the 2003 National.

Pins and Awards - The Statistics Chair will send information for the Awards dinner to the Awards Chair each year.

Policies and Procedures - Barb Bornstein presented a draft version and asked for any additions or corrections.

Public Education: Chris Pinkston submitted a report on the 2003 and 2005 AKC/Eukanuba Classic She will coordinate the AHCA booth in 2003. In 2002 the AHCA booth received a Hound Group III behind the eventual winner of BIS Booth, the Coonhounds.

Regional Clubs - Harry Bennett - Something new on the website - information on subscribing to the Regional Club List may now be found on the site.

Rescue - Barb and Russ submitted a report including an end statement from Doug Vinson. They are looking forward to working with the Rescue program.

Statistics - The Board agreed that the proposal for Top Sire/Dam was appropriate. Records should be made available annually for the annual Awards dinner.

Publications - Afghan Hounds in America Selma Tenenbaum and Reggie Nesbitt: A motion was made, seconded and passed to table any further discussion of adding to this endeavor. Intro: It has been retyped and medical information updated. It was reviewed by a committee in Chicago during the National. A motion was made, seconded and passed to table any further work on Intro.

Ways and Means - Sue Busby submitted a report with several suggestions for fund raising items for 2003. Leftover merchandise might be advertised on the website and/or be taken to the BC in June.

Mentor Program - Bobbi Keller - There was some confusion as to purpose. The Board agrees that the Mentor Program is for providing assistance to those who already have Afghans; it is not a breeder referral program.

Unfinished Business: The AKC recommends that all standards be copy-righted. A motion was made, seconded and passed to proceed with obtaining a copyright for the Afghan Hound breed standard.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2003 one hour after the Breeders' Cup is completed, at the host hotel.

CAN YOU HELP?

I have many Afghan Hound records now collected on my computer:

1. Dogs with Champion titles 1934 -2002 . There are 6914 of them.
2. Dogs with Obedience titles 1973-1997 There are 918.
3. Dogs with Lure Coursing titles 1993-2003 There are 468 of them.
4. Dogs with Agility titles 1995-1998. There are 7 of them.
5. Dogs with Tracking titles . I only found 2. I believe there are more.
6. Juniors showing Afghans in 2001. There were 44 of them.
7. National winners in all areas to 2002.

I DO NOT have records of annual dinner awards. If anyone has any records of these, please contact me. If you won, I'd like to know the year and the award so I can start a record.

What's it all for? More next issue. Stats are fun! You can ask them questions - like how many Ch titles does X have?

Reply to Editor see return address P10

Highlights from the December 2002 Delegate's Meeting

DELEGATE'S CAUCUS 12/9/02

The discussions focused on the votes to be taken 12/10 on the proposed rules changes and the High Volume Breeders Committee Report (a copy was sent to the AHCA Board). This report is now with the AKC Board for their action.

One delegate spoke/complained at length regarding her belief that show entries have declined due to the quality (or lack thereof) of the judging. She put on an encore performance the next day at the Delegates meeting and it is all fully recorded in the Gazette for your reading pleasure.

PARENT CLUB COMMITTEE

The new AKC liaison staff person is Noreen Baxter. She replaces Ron Rella who was a joy to work with. Agenda items included:

- 1) Three point major for Reserve Winners at Annual National Specialty Shows — 85 parent clubs responded as of 12-9-02 with 70 in favor and 15 opposed. Balance of parent clubs to be contacted with a hope to wind this up by June.
- 2) Parent Club Conference – A Great Success! Harry Bennett attended for the AHCA. Cost was approx \$100,000 per day we were informed – WOW!
- 3) Breeds requiring alteration – nothing more as yet.
- 4) Site Book for National Specialty shows - still work in process at AKC.
- 5) Breeder of the Year – discussion re the selection criteria.
- 6) Non-regular or special classes at Specialties ie. AKC/ASFA (I have sent copies of AHCA Field Dog Classes description to some delegates who requested it).
- 7) Non-licensed clubs are not permitted to be listed in premium lists as "Host" clubs for Specialty Shows. We asked for this to be further checked with the Events Dept. at AKC.
- 8) Dog Show Rules Committee requested Parent Club Committee address a proposal that 1 major must be won after 1 year of age. Much discussion resulting in a motion failure when put to a vote (only 1 vote for this proposal).
- 9) Baiting in the ring was put to bed quickly – judge's responsibility to deal with and not a Committee or AKC issue

10) The High Volume Breeders committee Report concerns

- a. Auctions
- b. Cost of implementation
- c. Rescue of dogs
- d. DNA on file (not analyzed)
- e. Registration costs (losses)
- f. Breeder's Education
- g. AKC Board role and by history lack of AKC funding

11) Ranking systems problems i.e. the numbers of times a dog is shown vs. the number of wins

12) Once again the Greyhound Club of America's request to close their Stud Book to the track dogs. A replay was presented the following day at the end of the Delegates meeting and is recorded word for word in the Gazette.

DELEGATES FORUM 12/10/02

The entire time was devoted to discussion, questions, answers and comments regarding the High Volume Breeders Committee Report (This report is now with the AKC Board and we await their actions. I will keep you informed as it moves along).

Please read the report. It can be found on the AKC website.

The hot buttons seem to be auctions. Mandatory DNA testing, microchips. rescue (funding), breeders depart - ment (funding), associated costs of DNA and microchipping and auctions, auctions, auctions!

DELEGATE MEETING 12/10/02

This meeting was held in Orlando, Florida on the day preceding the 2002 AKC/Eukanuba National Invitational Championship. Needless to note it was a well attended meeting with 313 reported in attendance. The Progressive Dog Club of New York, NY was elected as a member of the American Kennel club.

The Delegates voted to amend Chapter 11, Section 8B and chapter 11, Section 4 of the Rules Applying to Dog shows. The former enables a dog that became lame at a show to retain awards previously won at that show. The latter expanded the information that must be included on an entry form. However, Section 6 of Chapter 11 was proposed as it became clear

changes and "housekeeping details" needed additional attention.

Medallions were presented to four individual recognizing 25 years service as a Delegate. There were G. Phillip Booker, Walter F. Goodman, Edward F. Watkins, and Nelson H Wood. Mr. Goodman also received a medallion recognizing 25 years of service as an AKC judge.

AKC Community Achievement Award were presented to Bonnie Turner; Georgia Coalition of Dog Clubs; Butler Dog Training Association; Jane Troy, Kanadasaga Kennel Club. The AKC made a \$1,000 donation to each honoree's club or federation.

Several P.R. projects were introduced by the P.R. spokesperson Daisy Okas. TV spots, public service announcements and a new magazine for pet owners were among the endeavors. Remember the theme "People love dogs almost as much as dogs love people!" The TV spots previewed were outstanding.

The DOGNY Project was updated for us by our own Dennis Sprung. He has really made a major contribution to the Search & Rescue dogs with his wonderful and creative work in this area.

The CFO Jim Stevens presented to us a rather bleak financial picture and one wonders where he believes the AKC will find the funds required to implement the HVB committee report recommendations. (Look for AKC recording fees to increase as the actual cost to the AKC in not \$.25 or \$.50 and the AKC loses approximately \$2.28 per recorded entry we were informed).

Nothing was done about Rally Obedience.

Next meeting is the Annual Meeting and elections for the three AKC Board positions. The Nominating Committee slate consists of the three currently seated members Carmen Battaglia, Bob Kelly, and Patti Strand. One additional nomination has surfaced, Patricia Haines, who served on the Board a few years ago. I will vote as instructed by the AHCA Board.

Connie Butherus

In Memoriam Elizabeth Harvey Treharne

Elizabeth Harvey Treharne has passed away. She died in her sleep on February 1. She was 84. She acquired her first Afghan Hound in 1943 from Mildred Patterson, Milapat Afghans. This female she finished..Ch Baroda Gemi of Milipat, a Rudiki granddaughter. Mom later acquired Roda's two littermates, Bogin & Bazsra (males). Bogin was shown within 1 point of finishing and then we (children) came along and she stopped showing. Roda was bred several times back to Rudiki, Ali Khyber and to an import from India that Sunny had but she never conceived.

Mom was great friends with so many wonderful people in Afghans: (oldtimers) Venita Oakie-Oakvar don, Marion Florsheim, Kay Finch-Crown Crest, Charlotte Coffey, Mr. Wernsman-Bevero Downs, Mrs. Sherman Hoyt-Blakleen, Mary Nelson (Stephenson)-Drum Hill, Bud Stephenson-Patrician, Babbie & Bob (Ruth Tongren)-ben Ghazi, Sunny Shay & Dana-Grandeur, Hilda Knudsen (Joanna Kench Owens)-Riverside, Marjorie Jagger (Lathrop)-Majara, Betsy Prior, Cy Rickel, Mary Machett-EI Maya (Canada) there are so many more and what she used to call the newcomers that started in the 50's ...Nancy & Mel McCarthy-Kharontule, Joan Brearly-Sahadi, Alma Wells, Marge Webber-LaMars, Connie Miller, Dale Henry-Jui Pathan, Werner & Mary Sheldon-Khabiri, Thomas O'Connor-Estioc, Frances Jantos-Province, Floyd Gale (now Beachbrook) Bill Moore-Moornistan, Boots Bellamy-Bellvicta, Bob Cotes and so on into the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and 2000's....

Then there was the Art. Her father was an Architect born in Belfast, Ireland who came to US to further his career. Mom used to draw houses as a small child that her father built and was doing Christmas cards as a 10 year old for the owners. She started painting and drawing dogs when she was 11 when she saw her Collie killed by a car. This launched what was a lifelong career. Started studying art with Charles Chapman (fine artist) When about 16 she did kennel signs, Christmas Cards and did many letterheads. Her oils and pastels are

in many many collections. Of Afghans alone - Rudiki, Rudika, Ali Khyber, many Oakvardon dogs, Shir Khan, Sesu, Zoomie, Aries, Jonathan Livingston Seagull, Wizard, Blu Shah, Boy Blue, Swan, Zappa, Triumph (TR), Razum, Graffiti, Rhoda + Kippy & Honey..

She had her judge's license for Afghans and loved that as well. She always had a smile and loved and

In Memoriam Pauline Ledbetter

Pauline Morrison Ledbetter died November 21, 2002 of cancer. She was a graduate of Vassar College where she majored in English and minored in Art History. At Vassar she was editor of the Vassar Miscellany News, carrying on a family tradition in the Newspaper Business.

In 1959 she gave up a journalism scholarship to marry her childhood sweetheart, Bud. She worked as a volunteer for the Oklahoma Art Center doing public relations work and writing numerous articles on the center for the local newspaper. She originated a program for volunteers to teach art history and art appreciation in area high schools, a program that is still ongoing.

In addition to her interest in art and sculpture (Bud said the best investments they ever made were in her sculpture collection) she had a passion for ballet. She started dancing when she was six and was still dancing and choreographing dance in college. In the mid-fifties she knew most of the lead dancers with the New York City Ballet.

Pauline was a full time homemaker, ardent gardener, and Afghan breeder and exhibitor for many years, breeding and showing five generations of champion Afghans. She almost finished her first show dog (Ch. Scharlau Written on the Wind ..."The Wuffett") from the puppy class. When Wuffett was 11 months old a judge at a Texas show stopped her after winner's class and told her he would have put the little guy up but he couldn't see the dog's foot pads. After a long telephone conversation with Ellen Petryca, his breeder, she

learned that an Afghan "in its natural state" would have worn off its foot coat running in the mountains and the desert of Afghanistan. So Pauline learned how to trim feet in a hurry and finished him at 15 months.

Although she never applied for a judge's license, she enjoyed judging matches and especially enjoyed judging the Sweepstakes at the AHCA National Specialty in Chicago.

In 1990 when Bud's bookkeeper resigned, giving him five days notice, she came to work in the family insurance business for a few weeks to help Bud out until he could find another bookkeeper.... and stayed 12 years, working as a computer systems manager and bookkeeper (Bud thought what kept her going was getting to write his paycheck). Although that was the end of her dog showing days she still had her house Afghans until two sisters from her last litter died in 2001.

An avid pilot, Pauline held commercial and instrument ratings and had over 2,000 hours in single and multiengine airplanes.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Bud Ledbetter, and by her three rescue cats.

Darla Veirs

In Memoriam Alexander (Sandy) Schwartz

September 12, 1932-
January 22, 2003

Our condolences to Glorvina on this sad occasion. Sandy will be missed in our world.

In Memoriam Bruce Richard Sutton

January 18, 1950 - February 12, 2003
An animal lover, humanitarian and dog fancier, Bruce was a product and market developer of premium dog products marketed by Summerwind BIS, Inc of El Cajon.

Bruce was well-known in the dog show community .as a friendly smiling face as well as a developer of innovative products. His sense of humor and quick welcoming hug brightened the day for harried exhibitors arriving in the tumult of setting up for dog shows.

From the President

“As we see our world around us seemingly become more and more dysfunctional, our dogs, our dog events, and our relationships within the fancy are a saving grace.

In the midst of all this, some of us have been hit hard with personal tragedies. But these personal tragedies are more than that, they are shared by our community, they are our tragedies. No one is alone. This is what makes us strong.

Our strength is what enables us to carry on as the caretakers of the Afghan Hound and the Afghan Hound is the root of all of this.

We have our Futurity Event coming up this late Spring in the lush Northwest. This will be another grand setting for showcasing our breed at. Leslee Greer and company are working to make this a Great Weekend! Let's give them our support.”

Harry

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JUDGES EDUCATION

Over the Westminster (February) weekend in New York the Afghan Hound was included in a Judges Educational Seminar (as a comparison study with the Saluki). I'd like to thank BOB STEIN for his coordination of the program and I would like to thank JAN SWAYZE and RACHEL ROSEN for bringing some very good dogs for a hands on demonstration. I know how tedious it is to have large dogs in Manhattan and participating in extra activities is beyond the call of duty. THANKS girls. I want to also thank a mentor BETTY STITES who made time to attend.

JULIE ROCHE put on a great presentation for the Judges Educational Group in Louisville, KY this past weekend (March) Of course EMMET was there. I thank them both for a great job. WALLY PEDE coordinated these seminars and I'd like to thank him for spending his time at the Afghan Hound presentation. I'd also like to thank CINDY CHANDLER, RACHEL ROSEN, and JULIE MESSERSMITH for providing dogs and able bodies!

In April, the Afghan Hound will be represented at a Judges Educational Seminar in Harrisburg, PA by MIDGE MARTIN.

In May, I will make a presentation in Raleigh, NC.

Harry Bennett