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The Newsletter of the Afghan Hound Club of America

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Summer 2004

2004 NATIONAL

DON'T MISS OUT ON A CHANCE TO WIN A GREAT PRIZE-- SELL THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS! THE \$200 RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, AT THE WELCOME PARTY. DRAWINGS FOR THE OTHER PRIZES WILL BE HELD EACH DAY OF THE SHOW.

Send the stubs and your check to Sue Medure, P.O. Box 457, Virginia, MN 55792. Go to www.ahca2004show.com for information on the raffle. The proceeds of this raffle help pay the expenses of the show.

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REMEMBER THERE'S A PRICE BREAK FOR MEMBERS AND ANOTHER PRICE BREAK IF YOU GET YOUR AD IN EARLY.

Go to www.ahca2004show.com for the advertising prices.

This year could be the most fun you've ever had at any AHCA National Specialty Show! Make plans to attend.

NORTHERN LIGHTS ARE COMING * * * * *

The AHCA 2004 National Specialty Show is just around the corner! Lure coursing on Sunday, October 3, launches the show.

You'll want to attend the Welcome Party, Sunday evening sponsored by the Afghan Hound Review, The Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club, and the Vendors and Artist who have booths. There will be appetizers and a cash bar.

This year there will be a CERF clinic on Monday night and a special event, "Rising Stars" for the Juniors on Tuesday afternoon.

You won't want to miss the Afghan Hound Breed Education symposium being presented by Pat and Ed Gilbert, and the Italian buffet dinner for only \$10!

Darlyn Pfeiffer is in charge of the auction items this year. Contact her at Pfeiffer@powerweb.net or 920-927-3137 if you have something you want to donate.

If you haven't already, take some time to check what St. Cloud has to offer at www.visitstcloudmn.com.

If you are driving a motor home or you are going to camp, make your reservations early at the St. Cloud RV Campground and RV Park-call 1-320-251-4463. Visit their web site at www.stcloudcampground.com. There are only a few available spots to park motor homes at the hotel and the cost is \$50 per day if you intend on staying in the motor home. Call the Host Hotel directly to make reservations for a motor home parking spot.

Call the Holiday Inn & Suites at 1-320-253-9000 and make your reservations.

As long as rooms are available the hotel will continue to add rooms at the AHCA special price. The room cost is relatively inexpensive: \$67.95, plus tax. Be sure to tell them you want the AHCA rate.

Volunteers are always welcome! Contact me or Anna Johnston if you want to help out. My email is karizmaafghans@aol.com, and Anna's is annaj@medicalsavingaccount.com.

TROPHY DONATIONS. A HUGE thanks to those who have made donations to the trophy fund. There's still time to send in your trophy donation. Deb Coudriet is ready, willing, and able to add your name to the list of donors! Remember, if you donate \$40, you will get a free catalog to be picked up at the show, and if you donate any amount at all your name will be in the catalog (donations must be to Deb by September 1 to have your name in the catalog). Donations will be accepted through the end of the show. Send your checks to Deb at 1015 Meadow View Drive, Apollo, PA 15613.

Sandy Nelson
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Calendar of

Specialties are listed by the month in which they have been held.

January - None

February -

- 7 Nutmeg AHC
- 8 AHALI
- 12 AHCG Denver
- 26 AHCG Phoenix
- Sand'N'Sea "A" Match**

March -

- 6 Tidewater AHC
- 7 Richmond AHC

April -

- 16 Potomac AHC
- 17 AHCG Columbus
- 18 AHCo f Southwest Ohio
- 30 AHCN New Jersey

May -

- 7 AHC of California
- 8 AHC of Dallas
- 28 Colonial AHC
- 28 AHC of St Louis
- 29 Greater Detroit AHC
- 30 Greater DetroitAHC

June -

- 4 Evergreen AHC
- 6 AHCG Chicago
- 26 Greater Pittsburgh AHC
- 27 Greater Pittsburgh AHC

July -

- 2 Finger Lakes AHC
- Lynn Mercer All Classes
- Eileen Wolfe Sweeps
- Jim Grimm Obedience
- 9 AHCG Portland
- John Wade Breed, Jrs
- Leslee Greer Sweeps
- Teresa Temple Obedience
- 23 Monterey Bay AHC
- Mark Coccoza Breed
- Honi Reisman Sweeps
- 23 AHCG Milwaukee
- Rosemarie Crandahl Breed
- David Cooley Sweeps

Club secretaries please send your changes and specialty information to:

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Regional Specialties

If no judges are listed, the specialty has not been approved as yet..

August -

- GTwin Cities AHC (Oct2004)
- 3 AHCG Denver
- Lynne Schanzle Breed
- Linda Korstad Sweeps
- 23 Midwest AHC (new date)
- Lee Gindlesperger Breed
- Les Lindop Sweeps

September -

- 3 AHC of Greater Denver
- Lynne Schanzle Breed
- Linda Korstad Sweeps
- 16 Tara AHCOA
- Carol Reisman Breed

October -

- 3-7 Afghan Hound Club
- of America National
- Gill Ullom Dogs & Int.
- Roberta Keller Bitches
- Barb Bornstein Sweeps
- 8 GTwin Cities AHC
- Le Hedstrom Breed
- Sherry Licata Sweeps
- Susan Bosshart Juniors
- Lehigh Valley AHA
- 18 Northern California AHC
- Pauline Hewitt Breed
- Leslie Stoffels Sweeps

November -

- 5 AHCG Houston
- Sandy Frei Breed
- Sandy Simmons Sweeps
- 12 Southern Arizona AHA
- Dr Gerda Kennedy Breed
- Laura Murphy Sweeps
- 14 AHC Omaha
- 29 AHC Memphis

December - None

Great Salt Lake Afghan Hound Fanc
ers - in formation

COMPLETE AFGHAN HOUND

It truly was a wonderful weekend!

6-9 Dogs

- 1 - Pahlavi Electric Avenue-Karen Wagner
- 2 - Inisfree Skyview Southern Wind-Johnston & Suess
- 3 - Watling St. Pale Desert Moon-Lola Anderson
- 4 - Pahlavi Pochacco-Karen Wagner

9-12 Dogs

- 1 - Criston Abr' Kadabr'-C. Pinkston
- 2 - Boanne's Tale of a Dragon-Anne & George Evans
- 3 - Innavia Lasting Impression-Lynn Nelson
- 4 - Majic Red Bear-In-R Stanton & C Chandler

12-15 Dogs

- 1 - Kryslaur's Just Jack-Kristi Jones
- 2 - Boanne's Kiss of the Nightwind-J&C McHenry & A Evans
- 3 - The Real Thing of Grandeur-R, E & B Rechler
- 4 - Le Nobel Star Witness-B&J Lenobel & B Collins

15-18 Dogs

- 1 - Sura's Hollywood Nights-W. & S Neil
- 2 - Mystical Jack of Golden Sun-Martina Linton
- 3 - Criston Star of Siam-L. Guarino, C Pinkston & R Smith
- 4 - Sky HI's Dream Weaver-Anita & Dwayne Pugh

18-21 Dogs

- 1 - Atelier Five Black Splash-Ken & Lin Valimaki
- 2 - Ch. Boanne's Michelangelo-A & G Evans & B Blewett
- 3 - Shekinah Sudon Wild Angel-L Stoffels & S Donarico

BEST IN BREEDERS' CUP -
KRYSLAUR'S JUST JACK-
KRISTI JONES

BREEDERS' CUP RESULTS

THE AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA SIXTEENTH ANNUAL BREEDERS CUP – AFGHAN MAGIC Belleville, Michigan May 29, 2004

6-9 Bitches

- 1 - Pahlavi Pop Muzik-Karen Wagner
- 2 - Skyview Wind Dance of Kassan-M & D Suess
- 3 - Pahlavi I'm Too Sexy-S Greer & K Wagner
- 4 - Watling St. Moonlight Fantasy-Lola Anderson

9-12 Bitches

- 1 - Mahali Ann T Up-Lynne Schanzle
- 2 - Mahali Lady Luck-M Gilley & L Schanzle
- 3 - Kasban Calla Lilly of Winsong-N & M Gardner & L Mauldin
- 4 - Shekinah Heaven Can Wait-L Stoffels, B Gentile & M Burkhardt

12-15 Bitches

- 1 - Thaon's Mama Mia Sophia-L LaBahn & J Hafford
- 2 - Boanne's Kiss Me I'm Yours-A Evans & B Blewett
- 3 - Le Nobel I Gotta Be Me-B&J Lenobel & L&B Bornstein
- 4 - Adorah's Retro Rocket-Linda Nothelfer

15-18 Bitches

- 1 - Noblewinds Asti Spumanti-Teresa Porthan
- 2 - Sanallah's Special Edition-Sandra Weinraub
- 3 - Ch. Wynsyr It's All About Friends-J. Drees, DS Pfeil & W. Pfeffer
- 4 - Noblewinds Vintage Merlot-C Meskill & T Porthan

18-21 Bitches

- 1 - Rustic's Uptown Girl-T&S Norris & E Wolfe
- 2 - Boanne's Zarafina-A&G Evans & B Blewett
- 3 - Allure's Daddy's Girl-T&S Norris & E Wolfe
- 4 - Anacara Sakkara Madam Summerwind - r allan

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO
BEST IN BREEDERS' CUP
THAON'S MAMA MIA SOPHIA
L LABAHN & J HAFFORD

Once upon a time, in a town far, far away called Detroit, a small group of dedicated souls agreed to host the 16th Annual Afghan Hound Club of America's Breeders' Cup.

These wise souls combined various ingredients together to make a fantastically enchanting potion. They called this potion - **AFGHAN MAGIC**.

Once concocted, they sprinkled this magic over an area known as Belleville, Michigan, the result of which was a morning of beautiful blue skies, cool temperatures, and gently blowing breezes - clearly a magnificent day for both afghans and man alike!

It was indeed a magical, storybook day from the very moment that I arrived at the entrance of Lower Huron Park - contemplate if you will, driving down a narrow winding, beautiful tree-lined parkway, with its adjacent bike paths and small twisting streams, to finally arrive at a large grassy meadow completely surrounded by tents and canopies of all sizes and colors.

Consider further, a gently winding sidewalk, lined with vendor's tents, renamed "Afghan Way" for the day, meandering from the parking lot to a large circus style tent that was to be used as a staging area for the day's participants, - the focal point of which was the beautifully decorated table containing impressive ceramic trophies and ribbons that are to be awarded to all the class placements as well as the original art work by MaryAnn Giordano and Cynthia Byington that are to be awarded to the Best in Breeders' Cup and Best of Opposite Sex.

The centerpiece of the table included the two perpetual trophies that are to be presented to the Best in Breeders' Cup – the Breeders' Cup Perpetual Trophy donated by Roger Rechler, and the Dewey Abram Memorial Trophy donated by his many friends.

Adjacent to the tent was a large, almost level, show ring of grass that would allow plenty of room for the contestants to show off their natural athleticism and beauty. Placed strategically around the ring were beautiful flower arrangements. – Overall, an exquisitely picturesque sight – it had to be **AFGHAN MAGIC**.

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The experience of judging this Breeders' Cup is one that I shall always treasure. When one takes the time to reflect back on his life, career, and/or avocation, there are certain moments and /or events that stand out over all others. To not only be nominated, but to subsequently be selected by one's peers to pass judgment, however fleeting, on their prodigy is an awe inspiring moment and an honor that I shall always highly cherish.

I was very pleased with the overall quality of the Afghans that were presented to me. In most classes, I wish I'd had more ribbons to award. In the classes where I had to make cuts, I did not feel that any of the ones that were excused were of poor quality.

It was a pleasure to find so many dogs up on leg and square in profile with well-muscled hindquarters. Most possessed excellent breed type, with balanced, ground covering side gaits, and solid top-lines.

Perhaps the area of most concern would be that a few of the dogs shown to me had weak under-jaws while others had headpieces that were very plain and coarse. In addition, although there were some very well made fronts with elbows set well under the dogs, some dogs were straighter in the shoulder than desired and some had insufficient length of upper arms.

My congratulations to the breeders of all the dogs presented. It is very apparent from going over these ‘youngsters’ that the gene pool of the breed is in competent hands.

6 To 9 Dog Class

Pahlavi Electric Avenue

An eye catching, black and tan puppy with a beautiful expression that came off the ground with good lift and extension; beautiful bend of stifle and bow in the rear.

9 To 12 Dog Class

Christon Abr’ Kadabr’

A blue brindle puppy that is very light on his feet, clean coming and going, very balanced, nice croup and tail; moved effortless around the ring; Will be a stunning dog when he matures.

12 To 15 Dog Class

Kryslaur’s Just Jack

An exquisitely balanced, leggy, brindle dog with a beautiful springy gait that covers lots of ground with long easy strides that are not exaggerated; is true coming and going. He is clean at the shoulder with nice lay back, has a nicely balanced head with eyes that look right thru you.

15 To 18 Dog Class

Sura’s Hollywood Nights

A very powerful oyster brindle dog with a chiseled, exotic headpiece, - a dog that covers a lot of ground, has tons of coat, and a powerful under jaw. On another day could easily have been Best in Show.

18 To 21 Dog Class

Atelier Five Black Splash

A nicely balanced black dog that reeked of breed type, is very clean coming and going, and has a nice strong top-line.

6 To 9 Bitch Class

Pahlavi Pop Muzik

A pretty, black and tan bitch, with lots of style and grace for such a young puppy. She has a very nice body to go over, with a lovely feminine head, croup, and ring tail. She presented a very pretty picture while on the move.

9 To 12 Bitch Class

Mahali Ann T Up

A spectacular black and silver bitch that caught my eye the moment she stepped into the ring, - perfect size, rock solid top-line, moved around the ring in a very aristocratic upright way, with her head held not so high as to throw off her movement, but telling all the world that she owned it. Beautifully balanced with good reach and drive. As I handed her the 1st place ribbon in the class, I knew that she was going to be the one to beat for Best in Show. She, however, decided that for herself. In for Best in Show, she decided that she had had enough, wasn’t going to do that anymore, and that it was time to play. She is a bitch to watch for in the future.

12 To 15 Bitch Class

Thaon’s Mama Mia Sophia

A black masked red brindle bitch that is the correct size, has a beautiful head with small dark, beady eyes, with just the right amount of body. Although she could have had more extension in her movement, she was balanced. To me, she was every inch an aristocratic lady.

15 To 18 Bitch Class

Noblewinds Asti Spumanti

A nicely balanced cream bitch that was clean, both coming and going. She presented a nice picture on the move with her wide-open side gait and solid top-line.

18 To 21 Bitch Class

Rustic’s Uptown Girl

A black bitch that is up on leg, has a feminine head, nice croup, and a beautifully bowed, nicely angled, rear. She presents a fantastic silhouette on the stack.

Best in Breeder’s Cup and Best of Opposite Sex

As I watched the class winners enter individually and self-stack in the center of the ring, I could not help but think that I am the luckiest person in the world. Here I am standing in a ring full of aristocratic kings and queens. How they stirred one’s emotions, proving once again that no breed is more glorious than the Afghan Hound.

My selection for Best in Breeder’s Cup came from the 12 to 15 Dog Class- Kryslaur’s Just Jack. Although it was obvious that both the dog and handler were relatively inexperienced, neither the dog nor the handler ever let down. He appeared to effortlessly float around the ring, all the while looking very masculine, proud and dignified. He definitely asked for the win. He was a joy to watch.

My selection for Best of Opposite Sex came from the 12 to 15 Bitch Class, - Thaon’s Mama Mia Sophia. Her obvious femininity, correct size, and beautiful head gave her the nod over the other bitches on this day.

In closing, I would like to take this to opportunity to thank not only the members of the Breeder’s Cup Committee (Claudia Jakus, Reggie Nesbitt, Sharon Watson, and Wynne Kalish) but also all of the members of the Detroit Afghan Club for all of their hard work in making this Futurity a true Specialty. The venue and setting rivaled any Specialty that I have personally witnessed on any continent.

I would also like to give a special thank you to all of the breeders and exhibitors for giving me the opportunity to judge their lovely dogs. Needless to say, I was flattered with not only the overall entry of 119, but also of the number of dogs actually shown to me.

Finally, I would like to thank the spectators who helped make it such an exciting show by showing their appreciation thru applause for all the dogs.

Yes, it truly was **Afghan Magic!**

Bob Brown

Breeders' Cup Report

The 2004 Breeders' Cup, "Afghan Magic" was just that-Magic!! With lots of strong prayers and great dancing we had no rain even though Michigan had rain almost daily for the entire month.

A full 2 years went into the planning of this event. It was a dream of Reggie Nesbitt's and along with all members of the Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club it became a reality.

A request went out to various artists to create a logo with the theme of Afghan Magic. There were about 5 or 6 designs created and they were all great but MaryAnn Giordano's was the ultimate winner chosen by the members of the GDAH. I loved this logo. MaryAnn did a great job with it and it was used a lot.

Large party tents were set up for all exhibitors and out of town guests. The park is a beautiful location and with the combination of the tents, and lots of hanging flower baskets adorning the ring and decorations that were created it was a spectacular sight to see.

Each entry received a "gift bag" of either red, gold or black with the logo on it. The armbands also had the logo on them and each armband was attached to the gift bag so each dog entered received a bag.

Breakfast and lunch were provided to everyone on the grounds and boy did they eat!!!

We had 9 wonderful vendors set up along the walk way in addition to the parent club booth. A microchip clinic was held on Sunday afternoon. Our idea of having a seminar on Saturday evening along with wine and cheese was postponed due to the hour of the completion of the regular judging. A brief seminar was held on Sunday during the lunch break and those who did get to attend seemed quite impressed.

As co-chair of the event I can truly say that everything went off like clockwork and everything meshed to work exactly as we had hoped it would.

Bob Brown, the chosen judge, did a great job and it was a pleasure to ring steward for him. With a total entry of 119, approximately 90 exhibited which is about typical of the percentage of the numbers that usually show. This was one of the largest Breeders' Cups held in a long time and I do believe the contributing factors being the judge, the location and back to back specialties with judges that were appealing. Our hope was to make it a mini-national and not just another "sweeps" and I believe with the seminar, microchip clinic and vendors this was accomplished.

It was a pleasure to have co-chaired this event with Reggie Nesbitt and we do hope that everyone that attended had a great time.

Claudia Jakus

Co-chair

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Delegate,s Report AKC Delegate Meetings

June 6-7, 2004

Nashville, TN

The quarterly meetings began with the Delegates assembled for the customary open forum Caucus. This is an opportunity for the Delegates to address concerns and raise questions prior to the actual meeting. Some issues discussed were:

The Stud Book will cease publication and be made available electronically. Each Parent Club will be supplied, electronically, the records for their breed each year. The reason for this change is the decline in subscriptions (approximately 200) in 2004 vs 700 in 1999 and the financial loss.

The AKC is getting into the business of on-line entries. Concern was voiced that the existing Superintendents will realize a loss of income and thus raise the fees to clubs and exhibitors. However performance events such as Agility could benefit from this AKC service

Should the AKC expand its scope to that of a "Canine Advocate" including mixed as well as pure bred dogs? PETA and the Humane Society of the US have long claimed the advocacy role and perhaps the AKC could consider this. The phrase "dogs are dogs" was heard.

The proposed rule change awarding points to Reserve Winners at national Specialties generated much discussion. Pros and cons were offered with equal enthusiasm. A 2/3 majority is required for passage.

AKC Board members being granted additional breeds while serving on the Board was another hot button. This was traditionally not done. So much for tradition.

The next meeting was the Parent Club committee. Since becoming a Delegate I have always attended this working group and have recently been appointed to the Committee.

Our agenda was full and the discussions were thoughtful. Topics covered were:

Once again the Reserve at National Specialties concept as the rule change was proposed by this committee. There were numerous comments offered. It was clear that most of those present had been instructed as to how to vote by their clubs. A Roll Call vote will be requested at the Delegate Meeting.

The Show Site Directory is now available on the AKC web site. To date (6/6/04) only two parent clubs have completed the required survey! All delegates were asked to remind their Parent Clubs to fill this out as the value of the Directory is dependent on the information provided.

The upcoming Parent Club Conference is shaping up very nicely. I was asked to be the Project Manager and Moderator for the session on Breed Standards.

The criteria used to select the judges for the AKC Invitational Show was requested. More to follow, I am sure.

Additional topics were the process used in the recognition of regional breed clubs, in-ring observers and breed experts from other countries (not permitted), the availability and cost of certified pedigrees to Parent Clubs doing health surveys (currently \$8.00 each but Dennis Sprung will look into reducing it), ADA requirements and some hotel contracts now requiring a 30-day advance notice regarding handicapped utilization during specialty shows.

The Delegate's Forum began with Daisy Okas giving a Public Relations update. She addressed the programs in place and future innovations planned. The human canine bond was a central theme as was "more ways to enjoy your dog". Advertising in the print medium as well as TV coverage of major shows, quarterly newsletters, public service announcements, Responsible Dog Ownership Day (Sept. 18 & 19), brochures and press kits were cited as examples of AKC promotion.

Dennis Sprung and Ron Menaker participated in a Q and A session to conclude the forum.

The actual Delegates Meeting (see p.9)

Lure Coursing Report

2004 ASFA II

This year's ASFA II was held on June 5 and 6 in Indianola, Iowa. The Afghan Hound Best of Breed winner both days was "Larson", DC Tamrick's Grand Larceny, LCX, LCM2, ORC, SRGC, MC, from the Veteran Stake. Larson was bred by Rick & Tammy Brown, Debi Golden, Heather Alderson, and Shirle Maines.

2005 ASFA II - This will be held on the East Coast.

AKC clubs putting on ASFA events

AKC has now clarified its position about AKC clubs putting on events under the auspices of other organizations, in particular, ASFA. As reported at the March 2004 Delegates Meeting to implement ARTICLE XV, SECTION 4 of the AKC Bylaws:

"Any Board approval for non-AKC events would be general, covering specific activities sponsored by specific organizations. The list of approved activities would appear on the AKC web site policy manual, so that individual clubs would not be required to seek AKC approval on an event-by-event basis. In considering approval, the Board would apply criteria including, but not limited to: AKC has no comparable event in place. While AKC has a program in place, AKC clubs had held events under the aegis of the other organization for years before the AKC program was initiated. The type of event is not or would not be perceived as being contrary to the best interest of AKC and the sport of purebred dogs. The event is a breed or type of breed-specific performance activity. No AKC approval is required for versatility or performance activities developed by AKC Parent Clubs and sponsored by such clubs, unless they are held as a special attraction at an AKC event.

Any non-AKC events the Board does approve clubs to hold, must be held separate and apart from an AKC event and should not be included in any AKC

event documents. This requirement may only be waived if AKC grants written approval for a special attraction in accordance with Chapter 11, Section 10 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.

AKC clubs have been holding the following activities that meet the above criteria, and with the adoption of the proposed amendment may continue to do so.

American Sighthound Field Association Coursing Events
American Working Terrier Association Earthdog Events
American Herding Breed Association Events
North American Versatility Dog Association Pointing Breed Hunting Tests
American Field Pointing Breed Field Trials

Other activities could be added to the list as they are brought to AKC's attention and evaluated against the criteria.

AKC Advisory Lure Coursing Advisory Committee

AKC is forming an lure coursing advisory committee. Each AKC lure coursing club was requested to submit the name of two people, active in the sport of lure coursing, as proposed delegates. Jan Swazye is the representative for the AHCA. I am the representative for a local all-breed club.

Rule Books

Remember, if you can't find your rule book for ASFA or AKC you can find it online at <http://www.akc.org/registration/rules/re lure.cfm> for AKC and <http://www.asfa.org/rule/index.htm> for ASFA.

AKC rule change for Open Stake Effective January 1, 2005, in order to enter the AKC open stake a hound has to have earned their AKC Junior courser title. Previously, if a dog had earned an ASFA or CKC field championship, it could have been entered in the open state without having earned a JC.

AKC Submission of records
All records and fees must now reach

AKC within 7 days of the close of the event.

Submission of records is no longer based upon postmark, and the turn around time is shortened.

AKC Coursing National Coursing Championship

Currently there is not an AKC National Coursing Championship scheduled for 2004.

AKC on-line judges directory

For those of you who are both AKC conformation and lure coursing judges, you might want to ask AKC to consolidate your "records" so that you show up with all of your judging approvals in one place. The default appears that you will be listed with one judge number and record for conformation and a different judge number and record for lure coursing. I as well as a couple of other judges have asked and AKC has consolidated our records and judge number into one file. The importance of this comes into play when club might be looking for a judge who does both lure coursing and conformation judging.

Non-regular stakes at Nationals

In the past, parent clubs were allowed to hold "non-regular" stakes at their Nationals, with those stakes counting for points. An example would be the "conformation champion" stake that has been offered in the past at the AHCA national. Based upon information from AKC, we may still continue to offer such stakes, BUT NO POINTS WILL BE AWARDED to the winner or placements in those stakes. Due to no points being allowed for these stakes, I have recommended that we no longer offer such stakes at our AHCA National lure course.

Judy Newton

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TRIMMING

In the time that is prerequisite to application to Afghan Hound Club of America we should have become at least knowledgeable of our written breed standard, and then, of course, animal husbandry, hair care, psychology, and unusual exercises; life-changing to say the least. We do this so that we might excel in in a hobby/sport that consumes us because of the very nature of the beast - The Afghan Hound.

As members of the Afghan Hound Club of America we assume certain responsibilities. We protect and uphold a written standard set down by dedicated fanciers half a century ago. By the well thought out words, we know these people had a tremendous love for this animal, that they were knowledgeable and dedicated. They had foresight, knowing that their words could survive through time just as their beloved hounds had and would.

All things considered, I'd say the Afghan Hound has remained the same. I think a good Afghan Hound from yesteryear could step out today and be where he was then. This has to be a reflection of our steadfast standard.

It is true that grooming results have improved because of technology and trial and error. This has certainly changed things for us. But is it all good? It seems to me that there is an appalling disrespect for the standard in today's presentation of the Afghan Hound. Why is this?

I have seen young puppies trimmed "to head and back" and then go in the ring and not walk on a lead. What is wrong with this picture? Does a saddle and clean face really change the maturity of the dog? It certainly does nothing for the training of the dog leading up to its going in the ring. Many times in doing this and to avoid torturing the puppy, people have resorted to using improper techniques and shortcuts which result in a travesty of peculiar coat patterning. I have seen full coated dogs with fabricated skinny necks. Do people really find this "turkey vulture" look aesthetically pleasing? This usually also exposes the brutal truth of a short neck. Wouldn't one just rather leave something to the imagination?

We have almost made it necessary that the Afghan Hound be trimmed to be shown. I have heard people attribute dogs' wins to the fact that they were trimmed. Is this what everyone wants? If it is, do it right and teach others to do it right. The quality and quantity of coat must be knowledgeably evaluated to do this. Unfortunately, all the fixing and doing is not going to fix the real problems. In the end we are just fooling ourselves.

If anyone would like to share their thoughts on this subject I'd love to hear from you. The fact of the matter is that the interpretation of the standard indicates a hunting dog that is not manicured.

Harry Bennett

Ed. note: Letters to the editor on this topic will be accepted for the next issue.

Let us hear from you. salem82@madbbs.com. Or send to harry at harryonly@aol.com

Rescue Report:

AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
Highlights of the Board Meeting
Belleville, Michigan
May 31, 2004

Present: JoAnne Buehler, Gill Ullom, Abbe Shaw, Barb Bornstein, Jan Lucre, Betsy Hufnagel, Claudia Jakus, Le Hedstrom, Sue Busby.
Absent: Janet Lenobel, Helen Stein, Harry Bennett.

Motion approved to accept the minutes of the last meeting with spelling correction.

Barb Bornstein noted that AHCA received another \$300.00 from Purina for weight circle rewards. Members can go to the Purina web site to sign up.

Motion approved to accept the presented Treasurer's Report.

Motion approved to publish the regions of the national events in Topknot News and invite proposals three (3) years in advance. Also that the proposals should be submitted to the National Events Chairperson, Abbe Shaw.

Motion approved to accept the proposal for the Breeders' Cup in Hagerstown, MD, for 2005. Tony Saia and Floyd Gale will co-chair the event on Thursday, April 21, with the Potomac Afghan Hound Club Specialty on Friday, followed by two all breed shows on the weekend.

There will be a Canine Health Booth at the National Specialty. Midge Martin will be responsible for making sure that the table is manned.

Motion approved to accept the Delegate Report.

Motion approved that the Breed Symposium at National Specialties be offered for a charge of \$10.00 per person, including dinner. Any additional cost of meals will be paid by AHCA. Ed and Pat Gilbert will do the Breed education program at the 2004 national specialty.

Junior Showmanship will have a table at the 2004 National.

Judy Newton submitted a Lure Coursing report indicating AHCA Membership rule change to limit open entry in not in accordance with AKC rules. The club cannot supercede AKC rules and limit the entrants to those who have already been pointed.

Sandy Nelson submitted a proof of the National Specialty premium list for approval. The closing date on the proof was a week earlier than usual. The Board asked Sandy to check with the superintendent and to change the closing date to September 15.

The 2005 Specialty will be held at the Red Lion Hotel in Sacramento, CA. Judy Bloom is the show chairperson.

Policies and Procedures are now on the club website.

Sue Busby reported selling a lot of parent club items at this Breeders' Cup and the Detroit shows. We will have bags, pins and shirts at the National.

Attendance by Board of Directors is expected at all board meetings. This issue is addressed in the AHCA Constitution. Constitutional references will be added to Policies and Procedures.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: Chris Pinkston, Chair, Janet Lenobel, Board Liaison, Chris Kaiser, Cindy Chandler, Michele Trifiro

The second quarter has past and in the time period of Apr.1 thru June 30 we took in 24 Afghans, we had 22 in the system at the beginning of the quarter. 23 dogs were placed into forever homes, one Afghan was returned to Rescue due to the owner changing jobs and moving. Sadly 3 had to be euthanized. Leaving us with 21 Afghans at the start of the 3rd quarter. I believe at this time all of the CT-7 dogs have been placed in new homes.....Thank you to AHRNE for their work with these dogs. We have several new fund raisers going on at this time, as well as the on going Yarn for Rescue Project. Please check our Web Site at www.afghanhound.net <<http://www.afghanhound.net>> to see the T-Shirts that were created by one of our volunteers and are available for purchase, we also offer a large selection of note cards, & Christmas Cards, suitable for all occasions. Place your orders now and avoid the Christmas rush!!! We will also be offering at raffle a Bronze Medallion done by the Newton's. It is called Rainbow Crossing and we hope to have tickets available at the National.

If any one would like to donate Art Work for the Chinese Auction at the National, please contact Russ & I now. We need a guide as to how much we will have to transport. We have many interesting items....some one of a kind. This is our largest fund raiser and we hope to top last year's \$3000.00+ . I have it on good authority that Sharon Watson will again be donating a Vest done in Afghan Yarn.

We have a new Special Needs Afghan as well. A Special Needs Dog is one that it has been determined to be able to live a long and good life, but needs significant Vet work to make it possible. "Feather" is a young female whose elderly owner passed away. Unfortunately it was several days before Feather was found in her crate at home. She has had 11 teeth removed and will need some mammary tumors removed. Her front legs were matted together when found, but she has had a new hair cut and is adjusting well in her new environment. Mary Beth Grieb is Feather's new friend....she is with Sight Hound Rescue and has helped our Rescue group many times in the past. If you are interested in helping with Feather's bills....please send a check to AHCA Rescue, mark it Special Needs-Feather, % Russ & Barb Hastings

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Westfield, PA 16950

**Many thanks to all who help,
Russ & Barb Hastings
AHCA Rescue Chairs**

commenced with reports from the President (Dennis Sprung) and the Chairman (Ron Menaker). The reports included:

DOGY update with over \$3 million reported as received for search and rescue activities.

DOGY at the Fleet Week celebration with a statue now as part of the Intrepid 9/11 exhibit.

On line litter and dog registrations offered by the AKC. Online record keeping functions are to be made available in the future (the on line offering for puppy sales was mentioned and has since become a highly controversial issue with the fancy and Delegates).

The Complete Dog Book will be updated and each parent club will be notified. The CFO reported the financial health of the AKC is positive in 2004 contrasted with 2003.

The big event was of course to vote regarding the proposed rule change awarding points to Reserve Winners at a National Specialty under certain situations. This was moved up to the first item on the agenda to enable as many delegates as possible to vote. A Roll Call vote was taken and is published in the Gazette. I voted as directed by the AHCA Board. The result of the vote was 159 yea and 120 nay . As 186 yeas were needed to pass with the required 2/3 majority, the amendment failed. There were 279 recorded votes.

Additional votes were taken regarding Beagle Field Trial Rules (2) and a field Trial rule change for Retrievers. These amendments passed, as did the change of name for the Obedience Committee to Obedience, Tracking and Agility.

During the open forum the Board was asked to revisit the decision regarding AKC Board members (who are judges) being granted additional breeds while serving. Time will tell.

Next meeting is in the Big Apple (NYC) Sept 13 and 14. I will keep you posted. regarding the issued and proposed changes as they emerge.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Butherus,
AHCA Delegate to the AKC

Proposals Invited

The Board of Directors of the AHCA invites proposals for upcoming national events:

National Specialty

2006 - East

2007 - West

2008 - Midwest

The Specialty must be held in September, October or November

Breeders' Cup:

2006 - West

2007 - Midwest

2008 - East

The Afghan Hound Breeders' Cup must be held in April, May or June.

Guidelines for submitting proposals can be found on the website in Policies and Procedures page 168 .

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

The requirements for a national begin on page 133.

A National event is put on by the parent club and its individual members. Committee chairs should be parent club members.

Proposals may be sent to:

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IN MEMORIAM

Our condolences to Sally Frank who served the AHCA in many ways for many years. She was Treasurer and also acted as Chief Steward . Howard was also a member and supported Sally in her endeavors.

Dr. Howard Frank, 89, a Pioneer of the Pacemaker, Dies
By STUART LAVIETES
Published: July 5, 2004

Dr. Howard A. Frank, a surgeon and clinical professor at Harvard Medical School who helped develop the cardiac pacemaker, died June 27 at his home n Brookline, Mass., his family announced. He was 89.

Dr. Frank was a colleague of Dr. Paul M. Zoll, a cardiologist who first conceived of the pacemaker, a small electrical device inserted under the skin to regulate the heartbeat and heart rate. In 1960, Dr. Frank became the second surgeon to implant a pacemaker in a patient successfully and later helped refine the surgical insertion of the device.

He was also a noted researcher in the areas of vascular and transplant surgery, surgical shock and cancer of the lung.

Howard Alvin Frank was born in 1914 in Manhattan. The son of the founding director of New York Beth Israel Hospital, he graduated from Columbia and earned his medical degree from the New York University College of Medicine.

He was associated with Harvard Medical School and the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston throughout his 62 years of practice.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Sally; his children, Anne F. Greene of Middletown, Conn.; Edward D. Frank II of Villanova, Pa.; and John B. Frank of Pasadena, Calif.; his brother, Charles W. Frank of Silver Spring, Md.; and five grandchildren.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

As of 4/30/04 the Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. has 140 members declared for the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program. From 1/1/04 through 4/30/04, 31 members have submitted weight circles resulting in a total of \$397.04 accumulated for the 2004 Program. Total earnings for 2004 will be paid to AHCA in February, 2005. A matching amount will be given by Purina to the Canine Health Foundation. The AHCA funds are to be used for Health Research, Rescue and Education. You do NOT have to be a member of the AHCA to declare your affiliation in the Program. For more info, call 877-776-2582. Thank you to all who have participated in this program!

The board accepted Judy Bloom's proposal for the 2005 National specialty to be held at the Red Lion in Sacramento. It is a dog friendly facility with grassy areas to walk your dog and room for an outside ring.

I have also just received a packet from Tony Saia with a proposal for the 2005 Breeders' Cup. We will review it at the next board meeting but it looks very promising.
Abbe R. Shaw Abaca Afghans National Events Chair

The program seems to be reasonably viable. We now have 52 members, including two new ones, Linda Jo Bugbee and Lex Robertson. I have received 24 reports, most saying that they've had no contact at all. Eleven members have had some contacts ranging from inquiries to actual hands on contact. All in all, I feel that it is an important program designed to be a safety net for new Afghan owners.

Giving Back Chair Bobbi Keller

We would like to invite members of the Afghan Hound Club Of America to participate in the Himalayan Dog Pageant at the Rubin Museum of Art! The Rubin Museum of Art is a new museum home to a comprehensive collection of art from the Himalayas and surrounding regions. The museum located at 150 West 17th Street in New York City is a 70,000 square-foot space devoted to the preservation of the Himalayan arts and its heritage.

We have an exciting opening weekend planned for October 2nd, 2004. One of our events is a Himalayan Dog Pageant where we hope to have owners of Himalayan breeds, such as Afghan Hounds, participate in a procession down 17th Street. This event will be a wonderful part of the opening where all ages can enjoy and learn about Afghan Hounds and their great demeanor.

I am in the process of locating owners of Afghan Hounds in the area who would be interested in being a part of this great day. Please forward this on to the members of your club and have them contact me if they are interested. We would be very excited to have their Afghan Hounds be a part of the pageant!!

The Himalayan Dog Pageant is one of the most vibrant events on Oct. 2nd and we would love the participation of your beautiful Afghan Hounds!

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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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am sure those of you who attended would agree with me when I say the 2004 Breeders Cup was just wonderful. A lovely and diverse entry, combined with a beautiful setting made it an event be remembered. Claudia Jakus and the Detroit team raised the bar for the 2005 Breeders Cup Committee to be headed by Tony Saia. Our other annual event for 2004 is well on its way to meeting and exceeding expectations. Plan to attend the 68th AHCA National Specialty - "Northern Lights" - October 3 - 7. Sandy Nelson and her team are doing a stellar job of putting this event together in half the time most committees have to do it. For information, visit our Website: <http://clubs.akc.org/ahca/> and follow the link to the site Sandy has setup for the 2004 National. Please join us and show your appreciation for all their hard work.

JoAnne

NEW AFGHAN BOOK

Dear Afghan Hound Breeders and Owners,

We are now working on the new book for your breed, "Afghan Hound Champions, 1987-2003". The deadline for photos for this book is Sept. 15, 2004 for the book to be in print before the end of Oct. 2004.

There will be a FREE PHOTO SHOWCASE section for champions and titleholders in this book. Photos are 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" and there is space for dogs' name, sire & dam, breeder and owner. Please send as many as you wish in any time period so that we can add them to the book. You can email or send by post office (we return).

We are also interested in breeders who might want to add articles and/or other information on the breed for this publication. These books are a great reference for the breed and it is helpful to get in the latest health, rescue, agility, working/coursing and/or anything showing the versatility of the breed. We also welcome input, articles, photos, etc. from other countries.

For those of you who wish to place ads for your dogs/kennels and for more information on the book, am enclosing an attached flyer. If you would rather not open an attachment, I can send it as a separate email to you.

Thank you,
Jan
info@camino-books.com

Sit..Stay....Come...or Maybe Not Statistics

Obedience judges placed the Afghan lat of all breeds in "The Intelligence of Dogs" Are they stupid? "They" referring to the judges or the Afghans -- your choice.

Let's look at the numers, since 1939 1269 Afghabs have earned an Obedience title. By decade an average ___ dogs were tit;ed:

1940s	2
1959s	5
1960s	15
1970s	52
1980s	37
1990s	11
2000-2003	6

In 1876 thre were 86 titles awarded. in 2003 there were 3. 177 were coonformtion chs.

According to AKC 543 German Shepherds earned titles in 2003 with 216 conformation champions. Also . 956 Golden Retrievers with 241 chs.

Obviously if we owners wanted Goldens we would have them and not Afghans.

One new /afghan owner who had had Poodles previously reeported an ongoing conflict over baby gates and othr barricades. She decided the dog was smarter than she was.

An Afghan I used to watch in Obedience did one Open exercisee in an original way and then stood looking at the spectators waiting for laughs. He woould pick a different exercise each time. I don't think he ever did get his CDX although it was clear he knew all the right moves.

It eems that the numbers have gone down aa Agility became moe available. but there ace among us some who succeed in Obedience .

Owner	No. of dogs titled
Shelley Hennessy	18
Leslie Nelson	11
Nora Mayfield	9
Lynne Miller	7
Isolde Antonio	6
Janet Caldwell	5
Caroline Lewis	5
Dr & Mrs G Aalto	4
Charlene Borcharding	4
L & S Johnson	4
Susan Lange	4

AHCA Afghan Hound Education.

This year I'm very pleased to have one of the breeds' most authoritative figures presenting a newly developed presentation titled..."The Heritage of the Afghan Hound" at this year's National in St. Cloud, MN. It is a PowerPoint state of the art presentation tracing the history of the Afghan Hound in its native country, to England and the USA. We are bringing the US history up to circa 1975. This exciting presentation is being developed by Mr. and Mrs Ed Gilbert.

It is so important for anyone interested in our breed to be afforded as much historical background that our breed has generated. Please refer to the actual times in the premium list for the program.

If there are any suggestions as to what might be a good subject for the next program in Calif. please forward them to me.

Michael Canalizo
Chairmen AHCA Afghan Hound Education
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Dear Afghan Hound Fanciers,

You may already know that we are presenting an exciting program titled The Heritage of the Afghan Hound at this year's National in St. Cloud, MN. It is a PowerPoint state of the art presentation tracing the history of the Afghan Hound in its native country, to England and the USA. We are bringing the US history up to circa 1975.

Here is where we can use your help. We need photos representing bloodlines, dogs, people, etc. We do have some kennels well represented already but some are sorely lacking. We do not want to single out any kennel for special attention but can only use what we have and what we get.

Please go into your treasured photos and scan and e-mail them to us. We can take JPEG. You do not have to mail us originals. If you do, we promise to return them. Our cut off time is Aug. 27, 2004. Please also clearly identify the dog, handler, etc., as much as you can. Also please put Afghan Hound pics in the subject title of the E-mail.

I also have some wonderful photos but do not have the dog's full names. I will be contacting those of you who have those bloodlines for your help. You will all get credit for your assistance.

If we can get the good cross section we hope for, we will be making CD ROMs to sell. They will contain more photos than the presentation. A portion of the proceeds will go for AHCA Rescue and the AKC Canine Health Foundation designated for Afghan Hounds.

This is a joint effort on all of our parts to document, preserve and protect the Heritage of the Afghan Hound.

Thank you,
Ed and Pat Gilbert
www.gilbertk9.com