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Letter from the Editor

This is our annual National Specialty issue. What a great event; chaired by two highly organized and hard working individuals Amy Mero and Erica Jantos. I want to thank Connie Butherus, Susan Hamlin, Robert Jordan, and Joanne Anderson for their contributions as well as our judges for providing critiques. On page 15 is an article by long time member and former board member Barb Bornstein that contains a timely message. I hope all our current members read it and wish we could get potential and former members to read it also. Thank you to all the committee chairs who contributed reports. A special thanks to Murray Anderson 'Tazi Tourist', NZ. for providing additional historical information on Regional Specialties for 2010 and 2009. There will be two more years of this valuable history in our next issue. Hope you enjoy this issue and as always, "we can only publish what we get" so keep those articles and reports coming.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by
Ken Amos
President



Welcome to the latest issue of Topknot News! Russ Hastings and his team have done a great job getting the magazine back on a timely schedule and producing a wonderful product that I feel reflects the elegance of our wonderful breed!

With this TK News you will find more timely meeting minutes from the Board of Directors meeting. There was a delay in the past based on the Board approving the minutes— not the magazine deadlines. As part of the Board's commitment to more openness we decided to schedule special conference calls just to approve the minutes in time for the following TK News. More news in a more timely fashion is our goal.

And the votes are in! We already posted the judges for the 2017 National Specialty at Purina but I want to personally congratulate Lex Robertson, who will judge the Dog Classes and Best of Breed, Richard Souza, who will judge the Bitch Classes and Bob DiNicola who will be judging Sweepstakes. What a great lineup!

If you want to help next year Show Chair Joy Atkins-Miller is putting together a great group of committee chairs but there are still plenty of open positions — just call or email Joy if you want to join the team.

I would also like to recognize our outgoing Board members whose terms expire on 1/31/17— Sharon Pearce, Abbe Shaw, and Linda Jackson. Sharon brought her long experience in the breed to each discussion and decision— her knowledgeable voice will be missed but her contributions will continue, as she is still serving as Regional Club Chair. Abbe was presented an award at the National Specialty for 10 years of service on the board but that token does not begin to describe Abbe's contributions over the years including a term as President. Her sage advice and guidance has been invaluable to the Board and to me in my first year as President. And Linda too received the award given to Board members retiring after 10 years. Linda's work over the years as treasurer kept our club running smoothly and her attention to detail kept anything from slipping through the cracks. Linda will also continue to help the parent club— currently she is the Trophy Chair for the 2017 Breeders' Cup in Charlotte on Friday, April 28th, 2017.

And I want to welcome our 2 newest Directors on the Board: Erica Jantos and Alicia Morrison-Jones. Erica and Alicia bring a lot of current, active experience to the board and I look forward to working with them. Since there were no nominations received from the floor this year the slate submitted by the Nominating Committee will take office on 2/1/17. That slate included the following who were on the board previously: Russ Hastings- 2nd Vice President, Toni Richmond- Recording Secretary, Bob Jordan- Treasurer, and Dorma Sue Busby- Corresponding Secretary. Congratulations to everyone!

Ken

The Afghan Hound Club of America 80th National Specialty

Exhibitors Head to Rhode Island and "Return to the Sea"

By Connie Butherus/Photos Teddy Lei
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To celebrate its 80th National Specialty, the Afghan Hound Club of America had as its theme "Return to the Sea." This was most appropriate as it was the second time the event was held in Warwick, R.I., the first in 2003. The host site was the very dog-friendly Crowne Plaza. From Saturday, September 17th through Wednesday the 21st Afghan Hound fanciers had much from which to choose. The theme was noted in many aspects of the event from the decor to name tags and menu selections, all of which reinforced the nautical flavor of the event.

In keeping with the social traditions associated with the show there were events every evening, beginning with a welcoming cocktail party hosted by the Parent Club. It was a time to reconnect with friends, meet newcomers and socialize. Show Chair Amy Mero and her Assistant, Erica Jantos, had seen to it that both the competition and social events were not to be missed.



Best of Breed GCh. Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension Of Sura

Starting with Agility on the first day to the Annual Awards Dinner on the final evening Amy and Erica were a dynamic duo of coordination and efficiency. Their attention to detail was noted in every aspect throughout the sequence.

The Agility trial was held off site at SureFire Dogs Training Center in nearby Westborough, Mass. The judge was Kendall Fairchild. High in Agility Trial was awarded to I Am the Domino Factor, owned by Pam Wall. We were to see him again later in the week and learn a bit more about him as he strutted his stuff in the Parade of Rescue Dogs. In addition to his love of Agility he is a therapy dog and a certified reading partner for children with reading difficulties. He was also entered in the Obedience Trial.

The following day there were two Lure Coursing trials held. The AHCA offers both AKC and ASFA events. Judging the trials were Denise Como and Marilyn Smith. The Best of Breed in the ASFA Trial was Kominek's Dances with Swords. In the AKC trial the winner was FC Kominek's Maid of Sapphires SC. She was also Best in Event as she was in both 2014 and 2015.

Day Three's events started off with the Obedience and Rally Trials, judged by Elizabeth Chase. The Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes was Ch. Polo's Oolong To Me N' Myway owned by Cynthia Robicheau and Lorianne Amadeo. In the Rally trial the Highest Combined Score in Excellent B and Advanced B was Ch. Xzotika's Rik-O-Shay. CD, RE, OA, OAJ, CGC. This multi-titled dog is owned by Mikki Razor and Jarnell Carter.

As the time for the Sweepstakes judging drew near the weather decided to become uncooperative and a downpour ensued. Not to be conquered by mere rain drops the judge, Rosemary Sutton of Summerwind Afghan Hounds presided over the ring as though she were back at her home in sunny El Cajon, California. She awarded Best in Veteran Sweepstakes to the 10-year-old GCh. High Kaliber's Marked Chivalry, JC owned by Nicole and Shawn Hollinger. The Best Opposite in Veteran Sweepstakes went to GCh. Lafara's Crazy In Love owned by Maria Falkenheimer.

In the regular Sweepstakes classes the Best in Sweepstakes was awarded to Lafara's Rockin On The River also owned by Maria Falkenheimer. The Best of Opposite Sex went to Paladin Sweet Tart of Spice Hill owned by Michael Liss and Teri Tevlin.

The weather turned the corner in time for the judging of the Dog classes which allowed the exhibits to use the full ring and demonstrate the movement so desired in the breed.

Stephen Fisher of Watkins, Colorado, and a partner in the well-known Shylo Kennels presided over the judging of the Dog classes. The Winner Dog came from the 12-18 Month class and for the second time on the same day the nod went to Lafara's Rockin On The River, handled to the win by Karen Wagner for owner Maria Falkenheimer. (Who says lightning can't strike twice in the same spot?) The Reserve Winner Dog came from the Open class, Willowmoor Play With Silver Lining of Kaihorn owned by Myrna Brin, Melissa Heymann and Dr. Edna Martin. He was shown by Lisa Bettis.



Best Of Opposite Sex Ch. Coup D'Etat Throwing Shade

Following the judging for the day a seminar for Junior handlers was presented by Alicia Morrison Jones and Tara Richardson, both of whom have handled Afghan Hounds to top awards as professionals. There were four aspiring handlers in attendance ranging in ages from nine to 17 years of age. Swag bags full of show-related gifts were given to each of the Juniors, compliments of Purina.

The day concluded with the annual breeders education symposium and buffet dinner. The presentation addressed how to maximize litter size and the use of assisted reproductive techniques. Dr. Gail J. Schneider, DVM was the featured speaker.

Continuing with the education offerings the next morning Bob and Helen Stein led the presentation for those aspiring to judge Afghan Hounds in the Judges Education session. Bob and Helen have owned, bred and judged Afghan Hounds over the years and are considered pillars of the breed by many. There was a content portion of the seminar followed by hands-on demonstrations with selected dogs. Ringside mentoring was then conducted during the judging of the Bitch classes. It was of interest that most of the 19 attendees were noted at ringside the next day for the Best of Breed competition.

Dr. Jerry Klein of Sebring Afghan Hounds presided over the Bitch judging in the afternoon. Residing in the Windy City, Chicago, in his professional life he is a supervising veterinarian at an Emergency and Specialty Center as well as the Chief Veterinary Officer for the AKC. His Winner Bitch came from the Open Class, Luu Luu Aswad Bint Benazir Von Hausman owned by Ramon Podesta, Juan Pio Milano and Rodrigo Quezada. She was shown by Anna Stromberg. The Reserve Winner from the Bred By Exhibitor class



Select Dog GCh. Maja In It To Win It



Select Bitch GCh. Sunlit's Queen of Everything

was Flirt Dega Afghans, owned and shown by Jaime Ganoza. Dr. Klein continued his judging with Junior Showmanship competition. He gave each of the exhibitors due attention and selected the Best Junior Handler from the Open Junior class which is limited to those Junior handlers between 9 and 12 years of age. Twelve-year-old Alexis Kendall Jones of Elizabeth City, N.C., captured the top award.

As with all parent clubs the business of the club is often conducted sandwiched between the competition events. The AHCA is no

Major Awards at a Glance
Best of Breed: GCh. Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension of Sura
Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Coupd'E'Tat Throwing Shade
Best of Winners, Winners Dog & Best in Sweepstakes:
 Lafara's Rockin On The River
Select Dog: GCh.B Maja In It To Win It
Select Bitch: GCh. Sunlit's Queen of Everything
Winners Bitch: Luu-Luu Aswad Bint Benazir Von Haussman
Awards of Merit:
 GCh. Xandali Bon Vivant
 Ch. Genesis Debutante of Spice Hill
 GCh. Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo
 Ch. Zircus Of Dega Afghans
 GCh. Exquisite Beaujon's Stellar Night
Reserve Winners Dog: Willowmoor's Play With Silver Lining Of Kaihorn
Reserve Winners Bitch: Flirt Dega Afghans
Best Bred By Exhibitor: Klacic Fast And Furious O Rustic
Best Puppy: Sura Spring Fever
Best Stud Dog: GCh.B Kamy Heir To Poseidon Of Spice Hill
Best Brood Bitch: GCh. Komar's Wild Violette Skye
Best of Opposite Sex Sweepstakes: Paladin Tart of Spice Hill
Lure Coursing Best In Event: FC Kominek's Maid of Sapphires SC
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Highest Scoring AKC Champion of Record: Ch. Polo's Oolong To Me N'Myway
Best Junior Handler: Alexis Kendall Jones

exception to this. Over the span of days the Annual Membership meeting, the Rescue meeting and the Regional Clubs meeting were held. Ken Amos, the AHCA President, presided at the Annual Meeting and conducted it with efficiency and good humor throughout. His tact and genial nature are attributes befitting one in the presidency of an organization.

The day concluded with an art auction and buffet dinner that was a sold-out event. The Chairman of the art auction was Lex Robertson who had assembled more than 70 items from which to tempt and select one's newest treasure. There were items donated by the vendors, artists and collectors. Kay Finch's works were represented by several pieces including the famous ceramic Afghan Hound sculpture, "Johnnie. " There was both a silent and a bidding auction. The auctioneer for the evening was Jason Taylor who demonstrated outstanding skill at parting attendees from their funds. The credit cards smoked by the end of the evening. Lex had assembled an incredible collection of exquisite donations. Well done, Lex. Kudos must also go to Toni Richmond who compiled a beautiful glossy catalog of the items on auction, and had also posted them online earlier to whet exhibitors' appetites while they were still home and packing for the National.

As in all things the best is saved for last. In keeping with this practice the last day was the grand finale, Best of Breed. Leading up to the final competition was the Parade of Rescue Dogs and the Parade of Veterans. These events paid tribute to the senior citizens of the breed and honored the ones that have found their forever homes. As their biographies were read and each did a turn around the ring there was enthusiastic applause and cheers from ringside.



Best of Winners, Winners Dog, and Best In Sweepstakes
 LaFara's Rockin on the River



Winners Bitch Luu-Luu Aswad Bint Benazir Von Haussman



NOHS BOB and Award of Merit Ch. Zircus Of Dega Afghans



Award Of Merit Ch. Genesis Debutante of Spice Hill

Editors Note: Pictures of the remaining Awards of Merit *GCh. Xandali Bon Vivant*, *GCh. Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo*, and *GCh. Exquisite Beaujon's Stellar Night* were not available from the photographer.

Both conformation Judges, Stephen Fisher and Jerry Klein, presided as the medallions and rosettes were presented to the owners.

It was then time for the main event, Best of Breed. The judge, Stephen Fisher, brought the dogs in the ring one by one and each took a lap around. Once they were all assembled the ring was filled with more than 50 exhibits, each vying for the coveted award. As the entry was winnowed down the excitement became palpable. In the final line up Best of Breed was GCh. Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension Of Sura, bred by Stefan Boieck and owned by Suzanne Neill, Jamie Souza Bartlett and Christine O'Connor. He was shown to the win by Alicia Morrison Jones.

The Best of Winners was Winners Dog, Lafara's Rockin On The River and the Best of Opposite Sex went to Ch. Coupd'E'Tat Throwing Shade owned by Gaspare Cassarino who with Christina Farrar were the breeders. The Select Dog was GCh.B Maja In It To Win It and the Select Bitch was GCh. Sunlit's Queen of Everything. There were five Awards of Merit which went to GCh. Xandali Bon Vivant, Ch. Genesis Debutante of Spice Hill, GCh. Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo, Ch. Zircus Of Dega Afghans, and GCh. Exquisite Beaujon's Stellar Night. The Best in the Owner Handled Series was Jaime Ganoza's Ch. Zircus Of Dega Afghans. The Best Bred By Exhibitor award was Klacic Fast And Furious O Rustic with the Best Puppy being Sura Spring Fever who was sired by the Best of Breed winner. The final two awards of the day were given to the Best Stud Dog, GCh.B Kamy Heir To Poseidon Of Spice Hill and Best Brood Bitch, GCh. Komar's Wild Violette Skye.



Best of Opposite Sex Sweepstakes Paladin Sweet Tart of Spice Hill



Best Puppy Sura Spring Fever

With the awards having been bestowed and the pictures taken to document the wins it was party time and the Annual Awards Dinner. Exhibitors, spectators, fanciers and friends gathered to celebrate and socialize for the evening. Barb Bornstein presided as Mistress of Ceremonies. The top Afghan Hounds in conformation and performance, Breeders and the Junior Showmanship winner of 2015 were honored and medallions presented. Lifetime Membership (Helen Stein), Good Sportsmanship (Becky Morisette) and Board member (Linda Jackson) awards were presented to those members who had made significant contributions to the AHCA over the years. Show Chair Amy Mero and her Assistant, Erica Jantos, received a well-deserved standing ovation as their awards were presented. They had seen to it that the "Return to the Sea" in 2016 was a celebration of the breed and an affair to remember.

As the evening came to a close it was time to say good bye, extend safe travel and all good wishes to friends and offer congratulations again to the winners. The 80th annual national specialty was in the history books and it was time to pack up, exercise dogs and begin planning for the 81st event September 11-14, 2017 to be held at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, Mo. This will also be a return engagement as in 1999 the 63rd National Specialty was held at that venue. It seems we are going back to the future once more.

Driving through the rain on Monday morning, September 19th to the Afghan Hound Club of America's 80th National Specialty show in Warwick, RI, got me thinking about the very first National I ever attended - 1956 - at the Henry Hudson Hotel in New York City - surely a long time ago! And historic as well, as it was the first time a bitch (Ch. Lala Rookh of Estioc) won the National. Wow! Sixty years have flown by since I first saw our beloved breed in its showcase National.



Best BBE Klacic Fast And Furious O Rustic

AHCA National – 2016

By Susan Howell Hamlin

I've attended many Nationals over the years and each has had its own flavor. This year's theme "Return to the Sea", a natural for Rhode Island, was attractively staged by chair Amy Mero and co-chair Erica Jantos. The Crown Plaza Hotel in Warwick, always dog friendly, provided a beautiful venue and except for a rainy Monday, the Tuesday/Wednesday weather was late summer hot and sunny with the grounds groomed to perfection.

I must take this opportunity to sing praises for Amy and Erica for their exceptional organization of the five-day event. Every detail was covered and it showed. Great effort goes into making a National happen. Amy and Erica and their team of show committee members did a splendid job for exhibitor and spectator alike. All was well coordinated from the huge white tents for grooming, the ready ring, and spectator seating. Amy and Erica's use of social media kept everyone informed, answered questions, and brought everyone together into the good old network that we are as breeders, exhibitors, judges, and spectators.

Judges Steve Fisher (dogs and intersex) and Dr. Jerry Klein (bitches) had their work cut out for them. Some lovely dogs and bitches were shown to them. Rosemary Sutton judged the sweepstakes classes. Our thanks Steve, Jerry, Rosemary and to Ken Fairchild (Agility), Elizabeth Chase (Rally & Obedience), and the lure coursing trial judges (Denise Como and Marilyn Smith).

Lex Robertson chaired the Art Auction Committee, and he and Toni Richmond put together a wondrous catalog with some beautiful pieces generously donated by members. Truly a spectacular art auction.

The hotel staff went out of their way to ensure that guests' needs were met. The bathing and grooming rooms were welcome and well used. Ice water was supplied to quench the exhibitors' thirst.

Though the number of entries has declined over the years, this year's quality was top-notch. As I overheard someone perceptively say, "What with always saying we're trying to improve the breed, let's keep what we have! We're in good shape." Amen to that.

Although we are the Afghan Hound Club of America, this show was truly international in flavor with entries from Europe, Mexico, and South America. While the wording of our standards may differ from country to country, the Afghan Hound is really one breed, with foreign pedigrees tracing back to USA dogs and vice-versa. Importing dogs is one way to bring new bloodlines into this country but breeding across the oceans is now made easily accessible artificially.

For me, it was great fun for me to view our beautiful breed, and visit with old friends. 2016's National is now history. Well done!

The Afghan Hound Club of America 80th National Specialty

Judges' Critiques

Dog Classes, Best of Breed, Stud Dogs
Stephen Fisher
Shylo Afghans

In our small rarified world of Afghan Hound aficionados, getting to judge the National Specialty is a pretty big deal. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to have done this.

On Monday the rains stopped just in time for the class Dog judging. As I looked at the Winners class I was very satisfied with the quality of dogs presented and thought that they were of the quality that you'd hope to see at a National. There were three dogs in contention for the points. The 9-12mos. Puppy - **Sura Spring Fever**, the 12-18 mos. Dog - **Lafara's Rockin On The River**, and the Open Dog - **Willowmoor Play With Silver Lining of Kaihorn**. All had the requisite strong topline, easy gait and were elegant dogs. Winners went to the 12-18 Dog who was leggier and had more of a presence than the other boys. His details were sharp and angular, and his head beautifully shaped. His expression and overall look were timeless. He had a very light and easy gait with an erect, proud carriage and went on to win Best of Winners.

Reserve went to the beautiful Open Dog with his exceptional front and beautiful balance. The 9-12 Puppy with his beautiful proportions and long head went on to win Best Puppy. I have to mention the very lovely Bred by Exhibitor Dog, **Klatic Fast And Furious O Rustic**. This was a beautiful dog with an exceptional build. His neck-shoulder-top flow one of the best at the show. He was very light on his feet and his look quite attractive. He didn't do a lot for himself and seemed less than enthusiastic. I was pleasantly surprised to see him show with much more vigor when in for the Best Bred-by competition on Wednesday which he won. Had he shown like that on Monday he could have been a contender.

On Wednesday the weather held up beautifully as the majestic champions entered the ring. At a National, the Specials class should represent a snapshot of the state of the breed. The quality overall was very good and with the final 9 Specials it was excellent. There's a lot of sorting to do in a class of this size and the sorting should be fairly easy with so many options. In my opinion the dogs were stronger this year than the bitches and that's not always the case. This was evidenced by my awarding 4 of the 5 Awards of Merit to dog Specials. Best Puppy, Best Bred-by and Best of Winners were all won by dogs as well. Heck, even the Stud Dog class was won by a dog!

All three of the final bitches were lovely. **Ch. Coupd'etat Throwing Shade** – Best of Opposite Sex, **GCh. Sunlit's Queen Of Everything** – Select Bitch, **Ch. Genesis Debutante Of Spice Hill** – Award of Merit. I was taken immediately with the look and beauty of the Best of Opposite winner. Her head was amazing. Sometimes when judging you can be presented with a really beautiful exhibit that then disappoints when they move. This was not the case. She was light on her feet and had a lovely, balanced side picture though not extreme. She was a bit larger than I'd like to see but a gorgeous picture otherwise. The Select Bitch was a very feminine, correctly sized bitch with a tiny black eye. More compact and moderately proportioned than BOS. Her movement was strong and energetic but a bit more linear than I prefer. A consummate show girl. she performed perfectly.

All six of the final Dog Specials were spectacular in their own right. **GCh. Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension Of Sura** – Best of Breed, **GCh. Maja In It To Win It** – Select Dog, **GCh. Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo** – 1st Award of Merit, **GCh. Xandali Bon Vivant** – Award of Merit, **Ch. Zircus of Dega Afghans** – Award of Merit, and **GCh. Exquisite Beaujon's Stellar Night** – Award of Merit.

Best of Breed came down to the first three dogs and I genuinely felt that I could be content and satisfied awarding any of them the Breed. All 3 dogs moved with a purposeful strong gait but as I told the handlers in the ring, lofty is better than fast. Afghans tend to lose the elevated, uniquely Afghan aspect of their movement when they charge and are raced. It's not all about side gait and TRAD (tremendous reach and drive), but side gait does say an immense amount about a dog's quality and build. All 3 dogs managed to settle into a balanced, easy speed and the moving picture of the three of them together was impressive and memorable. I preferred the look and details of the first two dogs and in the end the Breed winner won because of his wonderful timing, better front, and his up-short outline. His proportions are remarkable!

Best of Breed – Owner Handler Series was won by **Ch. Zircus of Dega Afghans** who also won an Award of Merit. A correctly sized dog with beautifully balanced movement and erect carriage.

Stud Dog was won by **GCh. Kamy Heir To Poseidon Of Spice Hill** and his beautiful get. I was very flattered to have an entry of four in this class.

Thank you again for the honor.

Judge's Critique: Bitch classes and Brood Bitch

**Dr. Jerry Klein
Sebring Afghans**

I want to thank the members and the entire show committee of The Afghan Hound Club of America for the honor of being asked to judge bitches at this year's National Specialty. Kudos has already been given for the great job of our co-chairpersons, Amy Mero and Erica Jantos, and their hard work and attention to detail. Though the weather didn't initially co-operate, by the final day of breed judging, I suspect their vision of a magnificent show came to fruition. Thank you also to Linda Jackson, the definition of hospitality, and my ring stewards/friends, Midge Martin, Allan Reznik and Nanci Alderman.

The entry was not very large. I cannot say whether this was due to geography, the time of year, or the selection of judges. Because of this, there was not enough depth to be able to make significant choices based on details. I felt this mostly in the younger classes: Puppy 6-9 months, 9-12 months, and 12-18 months.

To me, the selection for best bitch narrowed down easily to three bitches: the winner of the 12-18 Months class, the winner of the Bred-By-Exhibitor class, and the winner of the Open class. These three were not identical in appearance, I realize. They each had virtues. And faults. Such is judging.

The 12-18 Months bitch (dark brindle) has much to impress. Not as strong in backskull and forehead, areas for which I have strong feelings. None the less, she's quite stunning, as proven by her great winning of the following day's specialties.

The Bred-By-Exhibitor bitch (B/M red) is of a type that feels timeless to me. Feminine, moderately and properly coated, she had the most fluid movement. During her class, the sun seemed to shine on her. Headpiece/eye were not equal to the rest of her. When push came to shove, she showed her true Afghan Hound bitch colors and didn't give what I wanted of her.

Finally, my Open bitch winner (black), was a correctly sized bitch who best seemed to embody many of the requirements of the standard: headpiece properly shaped with correctly placed eyes (could be darker), equal length of forehead to backskull, finish and power of underjaw with enough refinement of backskull, substantial body with a long, beautifully curved and properly set-on neck fitting onto laid back shoulders, a hard back, and among the greatest of tails. I would give her more prominence of hip bones. She moved correctly on a loose lead with beautiful carriage. To me, she looked and felt like a Winners Bitch at The Afghan Hound Club of America should.

I was surprised and disappointed in finding so very few bitches that possessed quality heads of length and beauty with dark, almond, obliquely placed eyes to give that ultimate exotic expression. Bites were excellent. Movement was fine, but not just that: fine. Few had that quality of "style and beauty" with head and tail held high, athletic, graceful, holding their outlines standing on their own or moving on a loose lead. Long, well shaped and placed necks were not common.

Finally, thankfully, most of the class bitches were not too obviously trimmed. I cannot say the same of the specials I observed during the following day's breed judging. It has become the norm to gait Afghan Hounds on a tight lead. The standard calls for trotting on a loose lead with head held high, an important measure of type. Trust me, if you have an Afghan Hound that can trot on a loose lead with stylish carriage, you shouldn't hide it. It's bonus points.

Lastly, and I say this with caution: we will never have enough good dogs if people don't breed litters. I appreciate that we don't want unwanted puppies, but we must keep the breed vital and genetically diverse. I look with interest to what the future holds for our ancient breed.

Thank you again.

Judge's Critique: Sweepstakes and Triathlon

**Rosemary Sutton
Summerwinds Afghans**

I would like to thank the AHCA membership for bestowing me with the honor and pleasure of judging the Sweepstakes classes and Triathlon Conformation at this year's 2016 National Specialty.

After dedicating a major part of my life to loving, showing and breeding the Afghan Hound, I looked forward with great hope and anticipation to being presented with some beautiful youngsters that I would fall in love with. To my delight, I was and I did. As breeders, we all have our preferences in type; certain things that we want in our dogs, things we will forgive and other things that we will not. Being a handler taught me things I would have never learned by just being an owner or breeder. I've learned to appreciate many different types of Afghans: from the glamorous, breathtaking beauties that can win on that alone, to the more athletic and even primitive, less beautiful specimens who could do the job they were bred to do. All colors being equal, some dogs being more refined and others possessing more bone and substance.

When a client comes to you and hires you, the last thing you care about is the dog's pedigree, color or type. I used to ask myself... how many ringside faults and how many attributes does this dog have, because judges have to justify to the crowd why they choose the dogs they do. Once I could answer these questions, it was much easier to estimate how long it would take to finish the dog and if he/she had the ability or potential to be competitive at a higher level. As a judge one must not consider breeding preferences, pedigrees or color. You can only evaluate the specimens that are brought to you on that day, judge them to the breed standard and against each other. All that

being said, if you happen to have a fabulous specimen that is reminiscent of one of the judge's own favorite dogs, you have hedged your bets.

My day of judging started by looking out the window to check the weather, being that this was an outdoor venue. It was a little overcast, as it was the day before but that had cleared up by early afternoon. As the hours progressed it started to rain a little. We had the TV on, and just about the time that the show was set to begin, the TV started to make loud beeping sounds. The city of Warwick was under a weather watch alert! Strong winds, thunder, lightning and 3 to 4 inches of rain were predicated within the hour. This was not sounding good. The saying "Don't rain on my parade"--or on my hair!--was the thought running through my mind. I made it under the tent that was attached to a very large roped-off ring on a beautifully manicured level grassy field. It was the perfect landscape to show off an Afghan's movement, if not for the foot of water sitting on it.

I was greeted first by Richard Souza who immediately complimented me on my appearance and quickly assured me that the downpour would only be a temporary condition. As I was trying to cope with the situation in the best positive way I could think of, the show committee announced there would be a half-hour delay in the start of judging and they were going to bring the ring under the tent. I was relieved and disappointed at the same time, but they did a great job and it worked out fine, given the circumstances. Of course I would have preferred to judge the dogs in a large ring to be able to evaluate them moving at their best, as my fellow judges were able to do. Naturally, as soon as I was done judging and we broke for lunch, the rest of the day was sunny, dry and beautiful.

Veteran Sweepstakes:

The 9 Years & Under 12 Years Dogs yielded my **Best Veteran In Sweepstakes, GCh. High Kaliber's Marked Chivalry JC**, a black dog that entered the ring with stallion-like attitude. He had great carriage, movement and showmanship. A masculine dog with good substance and a pleasing head, nice long neck and tail. A beautiful, level topline that didn't waver in spite of his age. He was sound in mind and body. He definitely owned the ground he stood over and was a king of dogs.

From **the 7 Years & Under 9 years Bitches** came my **Best Opposite Sex Veteran in Sweepstakes, GCh. Lafara's Crazy In Love**, a black bitch in full specials coat that could have given any of the specials in the show a run for the top award. She was feminine, refined and screamed type. Beautiful head and eye, totally balanced moving and standing. She gave the winner a good challenge.

Sweepstakes:

6- 9 Puppy Dogs was a class of one. **Paladin Sweet Justice Of Spice Hill At Windwood** was a very handsome black/tan boy who was very happy to be there and thought very highly of himself. He had a nice masculine head with good expression. Well balanced. Good bone and well laid back shoulders. Level topline and very good forequarter angulation, as well as good hindquarter angulation. He went very well with ground-covering movement. I would have liked to see a prettier tail.

9- 12 Months Dogs. A cream domino, **Khami's Rainbow Warrior**, that also thought it was great to be showing on a rainy day. Good moving on the side, as well as coming and going. Very promising puppy that caused much ringside laughter when he took my chair and set himself down, ready to watch the rest of the show. Even when urged to leave, he remained seated in the chair.

12 to 15 Months Dog was a class filled with future top contenders. My winner was a beautiful patterned black-masked apricot, **Lafara's Rockin On The River**, that ended up taking the top award of **Best In Sweepstakes**. As he entered the ring his eye-catching carriage and effortless movement captured my attention immediately. Powerful, far reaching, effective hindquarter thrust with proper lift and spring to his gait. Upon examination, the first thing that greeted me was a gorgeous head and black eye, refinement with a strong underjaw. He was balanced and four square, with a nice arch to his long neck and smooth over the withers from neck into his perfectly level topline that arched slightly over the loin. That was enhanced by his prominent hip bones, excellent length and mold of the croup, finished off with a good length of tail. This dog thinks highly of himself and radiates his pleasure to attend and be seen. He was very reminiscent of SBIS Ch. Summerwinds Hard Act To Follow which for me was an added plus. He went on to win Winners Dog and Best of Winners shown by three different handlers. My only criticism of his performance was that, due to his immaturity and enthusiasm, he would at times throw his head back over his center line that caused him to lift his front too high off the ground. I feel this dog is destined to be a super star.

15-18 Months Dogs was also a very lovely class and I have no doubt these dogs will all finish and have very nice specials careers. On this day it came down to two black dogs that later I found out were litter brothers. First went to **Dragonfly Ecco's Jardin Noir** and second went to **Dragonfly Ecco Diamant Noir**. It was a hard decision between the two. I really liked both of them for different reasons. First place was a taller and more substantial dog with a strong masculine head. Beautifully balanced. I would have liked to see a firmer topline. Good forequarter and nicely set under himself. Very good hindquarters. The second-place dog was more refined and elegant, and I preferred his head, type and proportions. A very pleasing head, nice long neck and tail. Level topline with prominent hip bones and good croup. He was a good open mover but on the last go around the first-placed dog outmoved him.

6-9 Months Bitches consisted of 3 littermates. All three of these puppies will have no problem finishing with ease and should have nice specials careers. When they entered the ring my second-place puppy was by far the biggest mover and more houndy than the other two. But she was not as together as her sisters or as confident on this day. First place in the class went to **Paladin Sweet Tart Of Spice Hill** and she also was my **Best Opposite In Sweepstakes**. A beautiful feminine black/silver bitch that was square in balance. Lovely head and eye. Good length of neck and tail. Level topline, nice shoulder layback, good depth of brisket and well set under herself. I loved her carriage and on the final decision for BOS she totally got it together and won it on her movement.

9-12 Months Bitches was a single entry **Celestian Soul Integrity Of Ahaca-N-Tuinluy**, a very pretty brindle domino bitch with a lovely head and nice level topline. Good substance and still feminine. Nice easy mover with good reach and drive on the side and true coming and going.

12-15 Months Bitches. Both of the bitches shown will, I predict, finish and be very competitive specials. The first-place winner was a black-masked apricot, **Jorogz' Girl In The Diamond Slippers**, beautifully feminine with a lovely head, balanced moving and standing. Good level topline. Sound coming and going and very nice on the side. Great temperament and gave a very competitive performance. Second place was a brindle domino **Taiga Once Upon A Time** that was of excellent type with pleasing head and nice dark eye, long neck and tail and good top. I would like her to have a little more leg. She had perfect foot fall and open ground-covering movement. But during her performance she would drop her tail from time to time.

15-18 Months Bitches again, these bitches were top show quality and should be big contenders once they mature. First place was given to **Kramatir's Lavender Blue Sky** a stunning blue bitch with a very pleasing head, rock hard top and beautifully balanced. Sound of mind and outgoing showmanship. Ground-covering mover that never put a foot down wrong. Second place was a very typey beautiful feminine bitch with a big side gait, but she wasn't happy with her surroundings, nervous and unsettled which contributed to her defeat.

I am happy to say that both my **Best in Sweepstakes and Best Opposite Sex** were dogs that I would be proud to own myself. I will enjoy watching their future accomplishments.

Triathlon Conformation: sadly there was only one entry. A gorgeous black/tan bitch that in my book had it all! With pleasure, I awarded first place to **Ch Polo's Oolong To Me N'MyWay**. She was extremely feminine without a trace of ordinary. Very pretty head, totally balanced moving and standing. Effortless, ground-covering mover. The totally package, with form that was followed by function.

I left this assignment with great hopes for the future of our beloved breed. I would like to thank all of the exhibitors who entered their beautiful future stars in Sweepstakes. My entire entry was full of quality specimens. Every dog shown to me was groomed and conditioned perfectly. All participants were certainly worthy of a championship and some I feel could be future contenders for a place in the record books.

Parade of Rescues at the 2017 National

Pets, Pets, Pets by Joanne Anderson

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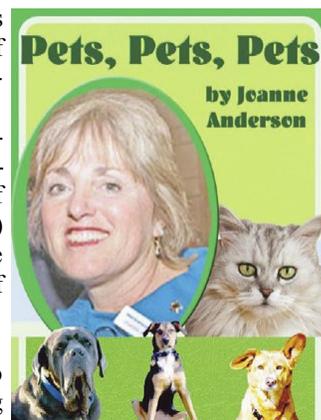
My dogs are back from the Afghan Hound National Specialty in Rhode Island. Sounds easy, but this is such an accomplishment for my unseasoned travelers. Edgar Afghan Poe participated in the Parade of Rescues. I expected him to be so nervous, instead he was in his glory, quite comfortable among other Afghan Hounds and the people who love them.

Each breed has an annual National Specialty (aka "National"). This is a dog show which reviews a single breed, unlike other dog shows, especially conformation shows, which are generally referred to as "all-breed". The Afghan National is in a different city each year. It is sponsored by the Afghan Hound Club of America with a regional Afghan club hosting each one. This year the Nutmeg Afghan Club (based in CT) organized the National lasting six days. Agility was in MA while other performance events including lure coursing, obedience, rally and triathlon took place in CT. The conformation show leading up to Best of Breed was in Warwick, Rhode Island. Best of Breed at a National is a prestigious win.

It's Now or Never: It's been years since the Afghan National has been on the East coast, and no telling yet when this will happen again. I put off deciding if I would attend because I am not a brave long distance driver, yet this was too good an opportunity to pass up. Time to bite the bullet, and drive on the Taconic Parkway. Edgar is almost ten, plus people involved in his rescue from the 2008 New Mexico hoarder house would be there, including his aunt- Dr. Ulrike Reinisch, a veterinarian specializing in behavior who fostered him several weeks. One of the 11 rescue parade dogs was his NM sister Rebecca. Jasmine, my Afghan goddaughter and dancer in the "Muttercracker" at the Birmingham Ballet lives with Rebecca. The rest are kin by way of harsh circumstances. We would get to meet rescued Afghans I talk about all the time. It would be like a family reunion.

My friend Mary Bloom, staff photographer at Westminster for 27 years and veteran of many dog shows offered to drive us from her home upstate. We would bring our pup posse- Edgar, Charlotte, my English Toy mix and Pie, Mary's Cardigan Welsh Corgi. My dogs never stayed in a hotel before. I had visions of Edgar freaking out in the elevator until Mary said: "Stop thinking bad things will happen. Picture him being relaxed." This worked; positive imagery was the charm for Edgar. Besides, we had a first floor room. The only problem was I neglected to radiate positive vibes to little Charlotte.

Tiny Fugitive: Charlotte is also saved from a Long Island hoarder house. She is very attached to her "peeps", and not used to being in strange places. First night we opened the door to the room but Charlotte didn't see me. Although 13 years old, she





Edgar and his foster mom Dr. Ulrike Reinisch at the Afghan Hound Rescue table

dashed out of the room and past the "No Dogs in the Lobby" sign, until I called her, and she came speeding back into my arms. She made another escape when Mary came back without me. A lady in the hallway scooped her up.

Soon as I was out of her sight, Charlotte began to stress. Poor Mary. While I was at the art auction and the next night at the awards dinner, Charlotte paced, panted and searched our room two hours before settling down.

Tundra's Titles are Deceiving: I finally got to meet Tundra, although I know so much about him. He belongs to my friend Pam Wall, one of the founders of North East Afghan Hound Rescue. She got Tundra three years after a teenager purchased him from a backyard breeder in Maine. Her Mom wouldn't let him in the house, so Tundra spent three years tied to a clothesline. Turning Tundra into a house-worthy hound was quite a challenge. This Houdini Hound could break out of any crate, open cabinets and the frig, and would steal odd items like coleslaw and toilet paper rolls. Last fall Tundra became a dear brother to Riley, a troubled 12 year old Afghan signed over to me. Pam is Riley's hospice Mom. Tundra taught elderly Riley the Afghan way to play and chase squirrels. Riley is having fun for the first time ever.

Eventually Pam channeled Tundra's energies into agility, rally and obedience classes and therapy dog visits. He earned high in agility trial and another title in rally at the National last week. This is quite an honor, especially for a rehabbed, rescue dog. His name will be etched in the record books.

While Pam was at the art auction, Tundra decided to redecorate their hotel room. Somehow he broke out of his crate through the small door. He chose Pam's outfit for the awards dinner by pulling certain clothes from closet hangers. He left a water glass teetering on the edge of the bed, pulled poop bags from pockets, stole her wallet and as the ultimate, personal insult- dragged her toothbrush under the bathroom door. Pam videoed the crime scene, laughing during her narration. It is hard to stay angry at Tundra because he has a heart of gold.

Parade of Rescues: Since I entered late, Edgar did not have a bio in the catalogue. The 11 rescue Afghans and owner ran around the ring one at a time while an announcer read their story, and then returned to the judge for a medallion and rosette. Pam ran with Tundra, and Pippa her 12- year- old rescued from the streets of Modesto, CA as a puppy. (Riley is too frail to weather the trip.) Annette Smith ran with Jasmine, Rebecca and Noah.

Each rescue saga reads like a soap opera. "Ziggy Stardust" belonged to a violent heroin dealer. They lived in cars and seedy motels. He wound up in a shelter after the man was arrested for attempted murder. Ziggy went into witness protection foster until the man passed away a few months later. Edgar was last to parade. To my surprise, he ran around the ring with a big smile on his face, paused for photos by Martha Powell, national rescue chair, and his personal photographer Mary Bloom. When he got back to the judge, Edgar backed up so he couldn't drape the medallion around his neck. Now that is the silly, scaredy-cat Edgar I know and love so much.



Edgar meets Tundra (wearing boots) at the Afghan Hound National Specialty



The 2016 Parade of Rescues at the National

Lure Coursing at the 2016 AHCA National

By Robert Jordan

The 2016 Afghan Hound Club of America's National Specialty for AKC and ASFA Lure Coursing tests and trials were held September 18, 2016 at the Sterry Kinnie Farm, Griswold, Connecticut. A local club, GONE, provided the equipment and also helped with setting up the field on Saturday as well as supported the club in the running of the trials. The AKC tests and trial were first followed by the ASFA trial and then Best in Event. In AKC test A, judged by Denise Como both Twinkle, Evensong's Written in the Stars and Mogul, Evensong's I Can't Wait to be King, both owned by Michele Tifiro and Dominique Lake passed their QC test and Shelby, Ch. KaVrab Hunters Moon of Golden Hill passed the JC test. Judges for both AKC and ASFA Trial were Denise Como and Marilyn Smith.

In the AKC Open Stake 5 Afghans competed:

- 1st— Moxie, Exquisite Sign of the Mermaid
- 2nd—Typsy, Evensong's Sit Down You're Rockin the Boat
- 3rd— Beaujons Breaking News
- 4th— Angel, Affiniti's Ainsley Von Hausman

In AKC Special Stake 6 Afghans were entered but 4 did not complete the course.

- 1st— Brienne, FC Kominek's Maid of Sapphires, SC
- 2nd—Tango, FC Dabmar's Surrender to the Dance, SC,JOR, ORC, FC, GRC

AKC veteran was one entered but pulled before finals.

Moxie and Brienne competed for Best of Breed with Brienne determined to be AKC Best of Breed.

ASFA trial followed the AKC trial and tests. ASFA results are: Single Stake –

- 1st— Shelby Ch KaVrab Moon of Golden Hill

Open stake: 5 entered

- 1st— Arya, Kominek's Dances with Swords
- 2nd—Zac – GCh. Zen-Pahlavi You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet JC, CGC
- 3rd—Moxie , Exquisite Sign of the Mermaid

Field Champion stake - 9

- 1st— Violette, Komar's Wild Violette Skye
- 2nd—Sansa, Kominek's Lady of the Court
- 3rd— Zahdi, FC regimes the Princess Shahrazad

Veteran stake — 1

- 1st— Millie, Evensong's Thoroughly Modern Millie

ASFA Best of Breed run was Violette, Millie and Arya with Arya awarded ASFA Best of Breed.

Best in Event was between Arya (ASFA BOB) and Brienne (AKC BOB) with Arya determined to be Best in Event.

ASFA awards included – Kennel stake awarded to Millie and Sansa owned by RD and Linda Jordan.

No Breeder stake awarded due to designated hounds not completing course.

AKC oldest qualifying veteran in event – Angel, Affiniti's Ainsley Von Hausman.

Nuggets of Nostalgia

Do you know the person and his dog pictured to the right? For the answer see page 17



THE CLIQUE

By Barb Bornstein

Over the past several years Afghan Hound Club of America members have been asking what the AHCA is doing for them. Is it really a matter of what the Parent Club can do for you or rather what you can do for the Parent Club?

When you apply for membership in the Afghan Hound Club of America, you certify that you have read and agree to subscribe to our Constitution and By-Laws. The main objective of the AHCA is *"to preserve and protect the breeding of pure-bred Afghan Hounds and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection."* This is a far cry from what the Parent Club should be doing for you personally. It's all about the breed! The requirement of having maintained an active participation in the breed for a minimum of seven (7) consecutive years, prior to applying for AHCA membership, gives applicants a basis of knowledge to vote on any changes in our Afghan Hound Standard of Points, which only Parent Club members are allowed to vote on. Prospective members having less time in the breed do not always fully appreciate the purpose and the finer points written within our Standard and this seven-year qualification will help them gain a better perspective of the Afghan Hound. Even now long-time members within the organization continue to attend breed seminars in hopes of learning something new. While I am certainly in favor of additional forms of memberships such as Associate and Junior Memberships, I am not in favor of these prospective members voting on future breed standard changes without the seven-year ruling! **[Editor's note: Associate members will not have voting privileges.]**

Another aspect of the seven-year ruling is found in our Constitution stating *"to encourage the organization of independent local Afghan Hound Specialty clubs in those areas where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed."* Seven years of exhibiting and attending dog shows will familiarize the applicant with the dog show workings and the purpose of the Regional Club in his/her area. Each Regional Club is in fact a subdivision of the Afghan Hound Club of America. This is why the American Kennel Club requires the AHCA to approve Regional Club Specialty Shows annually. Regional Clubs exist to assist the AHCA by advancing the interests of the breed and providing breed education in their respective areas of the country. I'm always amazed when people want to join the Parent Club but will have nothing to do with Regional Clubs in their areas. Apparently these applicants are not interested in collaborating with their Regional Clubs to boost the educational activity in our breed, nor provide club rescue assistance, nor aid with the work involved, and the knowledge gained, in order to hold a successful Regional Specialty Show. It makes you wonder how much value they will actually bring to the Afghan Hound Club of America?

The Board of Directors is not a self-serving society. Each Board Member is a volunteer there to serve the breed. Board Members must pay their own airfare, gasoline, hotel room and food expenses traveling to and from all Board of Directors meetings. Their expenses come from their pockets, not yours, so stop beating them up. The only thing a Board Member does not have to pay for is a single meal (usually lunch) during the meeting itself. It is costly to sit on the Board of Directors and Board Members are required to attend and stay through the entire meetings. Board Meetings require lengthy discussions that are held on most topics during a Board Meeting. When you have 12 Board Members, you will have 12 differing opinions, but everything is examined in detail and decisions are made. Sometimes the Board does make a decision and later must reverse their previous motion as we evolve to bring the motion up-to-date. Remember too, the Board of Directors frequently has information that we as non-Board Members are not aware of, hence a resulting Board vote.

It is not uncommon for a member to accept the responsibility of chairing a Committee and then do little, or nothing, except hold the Committee Chair title. The Board of Directors cannot do it all so Committees are established as crucial segments within the AHCA organization that are designed to assist the Board of Directors and help the AHCA perform to the best of its ability. When a member chairs a Committee and then does little or nothing, it damages the overall purpose of the Committee and leaves both the Board of Directors and the general membership stranded. If you do little or nothing as a Committee Chair, you need to resign and let someone else bring that committee to its peak.

Please stop complaining about money. We all have money problems. Many, many other National Breed Clubs have thousands of dollars in their bank accounts and some National clubs have hundreds of thousands of dollars in their treasuries. I have been a member of this organization for many years and spent several years serving on the Board of Directors, but I have never seen our bank account approach the \$50,000 mark! Members continually protest the increase in annual dues, but prices in everything are rising. The Recording Secretary alone must spend in the vicinity of around \$3,000 annually to cover the cost of purchasing envelopes, printing, CPA expenses, postage, labels, etc. to make certain every member receives nomination forms, judges ballots, election ballots and any other balloting that may occur throughout the year so that you, as a member, know what is going on and are given the right to vote on aspects concerning the AHCA. Somehow we have to pay these expenses and like it or not, the AHCA cannot stay alive without funds.

Topknot News costs around the \$7,000 to \$8,000 annually, and hopefully some of the advertising now being accepted for this publication will help offset the expenses a tiny bit.

Next we come to our National Specialty Show. Each coveted 6" Garry Newton Bronze that is awarded at our National costs over \$100. Our three conformation judges each receive the treasured 6" medallion as a gift. In addition the bronze is awarded to the Triathlon Winner, High Scoring in Agility, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, Best in Sweepstakes, and

the ASFA and AKC coursing winners. Another bronze is then awarded to our Show Chair. That's expensive right there. And remember everything is going up in cost.

We also award several Terry Chacon 3" Bronze Medallions and colored AHCA Medallions (for 1st thru 4th place) are awarded in every class. Additional trophies are added and these escalate the trophy expenses even higher.

At the Annual Awards Banquet the Parent Club recognizes and awards the AHCA Parent Club Medallion to the highest-scoring/winning Afghan Hound, in all areas of breed activity. The Versatility Award Plaque that Afghan Hounds, and their owners, work long hard hours to achieve costs approximately \$150 per plaque. We have 11-plus Versatility Plaques that are to be awarded in the next two years and we need to pay for all of this if we are to continue to recognize and honor these spectacular accomplishments of our beautiful breed.

I won't go into the remainder of National expenses. There are so very many expenses involved with each aspect of the National. Nothing is free these days. Look around you. Consider the cost of catalog printing, the cost of the vendor tables, the tablecloths, microphones, "free" coffee, etc. Again, nothing is free today.

I'm not quite certain what the Parent Club should be doing for those of you who do little but criticize. It's not about what the Afghan Hound Club of America will do for you as a member. It's about what we as individuals can do for the organization. It's about our obligation to advance the interests of the Afghan Hound and to encourage sportsmanlike conduct at shows. Sportsmanlike conduct at shows is another objective of our Constitution and is also required by the American Kennel Club. Good behavior augments the well-being of our breed, affection towards each other, and encourages breeders, owners, exhibitors and fanciers to become involved with the Afghan Hound Club of America. It's about committing our time, our efforts, our ideas, our free labor, and yes, our money, to bolster a growing membership.

Years ago, a friend was telling me about "The Clique." He said he was always astonished when people told him we were part of the breed club clique, but they were not. He laughed and said, "When will people understand that being part of 'The Clique' is being a participant in the organization by working within the organization?" My advice: Become a part of "The Clique."

Getting to Know You: Spotlight on our New Breed Judges

By Allan Reznik

Erika Peters, Tygrys Kennels, Leesburg, Virginia

Did you grow up in a doggy household?

Yes, my parents started Rai-Mai Norwegian Elkhounds in the mid-1970s. They acquired their foundation bitch and had me in the same year of 1977. My mother put a Companion Dog (CD) Obedience title on Ch. Harka's Morning Glory and wore a patch on her jacket. People used to tease her that "CD" also stood for Child Development as she trained us both. I showed my first Elkhound at the age of 4, finishing over 30 Elkhounds.

When did you see your first Afghan Hound? Was it love at first sight and did you know this was the breed you wanted to devote your life to?

I had been showing Norwegian Elkhounds in Juniors since 1987, but being tall, leggy and skinny, I wanted something that was flashier. In 1991, I talked my parents into letting me get another breed and we started doing our homework. I saw an Afghan Hound at a show, and immediately told my parents that's what I wanted. Much to my surprise, it took little convincing to have them agree.

Where and when did you get your first Afghan Hound?

In 1992, a friend of a friend introduced me to Duane and Connie Butherus of Ararat Kennels. They had a beautiful blue bitch named Ch. Ararat's All Hot And Bothered, 'Rosie,' who they were willing to entrust to me. She and I made an amazing team, and I accomplished so much with her in Juniors.



What are the defining characteristics of the breed for you?

For me, an Afghan Hound should exude effortless and balanced movement like it is floating over the ground it is covering. It should have the confidence and a gaze that looks through you. And its outline is like no other breed, with its topknot, long neck, level topline, prominent hip bones, long curved tail and elegant coat that accentuates its movement.

What qualities do you worry we might be losing in the breed?

My biggest concern is the earmark of the Afghan Hound: effortless and balanced movement is becoming a rare sight. The Afghan fronts are becoming straight with limited reach. The rears are often over-angulated with excessive drive causing over-reaching as the back foot passes by the front foot when they converge under the dog. If the Afghan is correctly square, either angulation problem or paired together causes an imbalance which can especially be seen on the side gait.

Who do you consider the greatest Afghan Hound you ever saw?

I've seen many pictures of the greats from the '70s and '80s, but the greatest Afghan Hound I saw, was as a teenager in the '90s. I was learning about the breed, and the first time I saw this bitch in the ring, she exuded everything I thought an Afghan should be. She is the dog that made me fall in love with the breed. That bitch was Ch. Casbar Sugar-N-Spice, also known as 'Cinnamon,' who was owned by Jerry Bazar and Barbara and Kevin Cassidy, and handled by Barbara Cassidy.

Who were your mentors in the breed and in the sport?

Duane and Connie Butherus were amazing mentors and supported me in everything. They treated me as if I was family, including me in so much of their Afghan community world. It was an honor to be entrusted with their dogs to show in Juniors, the classes, and Best of Breed. My first and only Afghan litter was co-bred with them. I still remember sitting in their living room with my mother, going over each puppy learning about Afghans. I left that day with my first co-bred Afghan puppy, later to be Ch. Ararat's All That Jazz. My list of mentors would be incomplete without also mentioning my mother, Sandy Peters. Her ability to understand structure, movement, genetics, and breeding has taught me everything I know in Norwegian Elkhounds and Afghan Hounds.

Would you ever withhold awards?

Yes, if I felt the dog had severe enough faults or lack of breed type or merit to warrant a ribbon.

What advice would you give an exhibitor showing to you for the first time?

Above all else, respect your fellow exhibitors and do not crowd, run up on, or block another dog you are competing against. Take your time and ensure your dog is having fun because at the end of the day, whether well trained or not, they are still animals performing because we have asked them to. I always want the dogs to have a good experience, so if that means taking an extra minute or two to play with a puppy to encourage confidence then I absolutely will.

Save These Dates	Nuggets of Nostalgia
<p style="text-align: center;">Afghan Hound Club of America Breeders Cup Charlotte, NC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, April 28, 2017</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty Saint Louis, MO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sept. 11 — 14, 2017</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">You were correct if you said:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sheba of Scheherezade (born 9/2/57).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shown by owner Col. Wallace H. Pede'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1962 AHCA National Specialty Reserve Winners Bitch</p>

AKC Delegate Report

Connie Butherus



The quarterly meeting of the AKC Delegates held in June followed the pattern of being the least attended meeting of the year. There were no important votes to be held at the June 13 meeting so it seemed many of the regular attendees opted out. However there was a wealth of information presented in both the Delegates' Committee meetings on June 12th, at the Forum and the actual meeting the following day making attendance more than worthwhile.

Starting off the sequence was the Parent Club Committee during which issues of importance and information specific to Parent Clubs was presented, discussed and dissected. The meeting started with an update report on the AKC Marketplace. The goal of the Marketplace henceforth will be to focus on breeders and their litters. The original concept included AKC clubs as well. The clubs will now be promoted via akc.org. and this is to be enhanced in the future. Those clubs having purchased sites on the Marketplace will receive a refund we were told. Since the launching of the Marketplace in December of 2015 sales of puppies advertised have increased 44%. This replaces the former Online Breeders Classified. In order to be listed on the Marketplace the litter advertised must be AKC registered. The breeder designations of either Breeder of Merit or Bred with HEART will be noted with the verification of this confirmed by the AKC Staff. One caution, however: the designation is related to the breed in which the breeder was recognized. This may not be the breed advertised as many breeders are recognized in one breed yet breed another or several other breeds. It was stated that a Breeder of Merit will receive free listing and be placed at the top of the listings. Thirteen questions are posed to those breeders listed which provides the potential buyer with a breeder profile. However the breeders are not required to respond. Responses are optional at this time. It was suggested that this become mandatory. Should there be a reported misrepresentation on the part of a listed breeder the AKC staff will investigate. There are plans to include a top ten questions potential buyers might ask a breeder. The statistics for the past six months were presented. At this point 11% of all AKC registered litters are now listed on the Marketplace. There are about 25,000 visitors a day with 70% of the users indicating they would recommend the site. Fifty-nine percent of the listed breeders reported sales. On the down side the users (potential buyers) reported a 47% nonresponse from breeders contacted. Not the best advertisement for breeders. Questions were posed regarding the listing of rescue dogs by Parent Club recognized rescue groups. The response being that there will be a section specifically dedicated to rescue dogs.

Additional agenda items included the following:

- * As of July 1, 2016 there will be 190 AKC recognized breeds. (Seems the resuscitation of the Group Realignment Committee will put them

back in business for a third whack at the current structure.)

- * Mark Dunn reported on the Bred with HEART program and was questioned as to when the posting of the Parent Club health statements will be completed. The Parent Club Committee had contacted all of the clubs and submitted 131 letters so far. He stated that this is in the process of being completed yet 8 of the 50 most popular breeds have not responded including the number 1 most popular breed! Go figure!!

- * Canine Good Citizen continues to be a growth area with 46,000 titles having been earned by AKC registered dogs as of 5-1-2016.

- * There have been 47 Pet Disaster Trailers delivered to 23 states. An additional 9 are in the pipeline. Well over one million dollars has been raised with 328 clubs having contributed in addition to the \$250,000 from AKC Reunite. Post note-Several of these trailers were recently deployed during the Western fires.

- * The AKC email promotion of specialty shows remains a pilot program. Stephanie Smith is the contact person for the campaign. (sxs2@akc.org) The Dachshund Club of America Delegate reported great success using this outreach combined with their own promotional efforts. This would seem to be something all Parent Clubs might take advantage of in the promotion of their specialty events.

- * The Parent Club Committee is reaching out to the 36 non AKC member Parent Clubs. Four of the clubs contacted are now in the process of becoming member clubs. (Lagotti Romagnoli, Setters-Irish Red and White, Cesky Terriers and Berger Picards)

- * The showing of spayed/neutered dogs in the competitive veteran classes at independent national specialty shows generated a great deal of discussion. The consensus being this should also be permitted for those Parent Clubs holding their specialties in conjunction with All Breed shows. Two of us have been assigned the task of developing a proposal for the Committee to consider. My request for comments, suggestions and ideas has generated zero response from the Parent Club Delegates so far. I guess it is easier to verbalize one's views rather than to put them in print.

- *The Parent Club Self Study project continues to yield interesting findings. In the area of education, canine health and welfare as well as club organization and structure the vast majority of clubs reported very positive practices. Yet only half of the clubs reported support or recognition of Junior Showmanship, the encouragement of the Breeder of Merit program and full litter registration by breeders. Again the vast majority reported participating in multiple Breed appropriate events and activities yet 6 clubs offer Conformation only. The All-Breeds Club Committee has conducted two surveys regarding Best Practices with 488 clubs having responded. The largest number of events are reported to be in the Pacific West, South Atlantic and Mid Atlantic areas. Of the clubs participating in the survey 80% have 2 shows a year with 71% of those being back to back events. The largest expenses reported in declining order were for the venue, Superintendent, hospitality and AKC fees. Two thirds of the clubs hold their shows within their designated territory. However half of the clubs cited difficulty in finding venues due to cost, available dates or No Dogs Allowed policies. Of those clubs needing to hold their events outside of their territory 86% received approval from the AKC to relocate.

Over 50% of the shows are now held with clusters with the highest entries occurring at the Saturday show. It was reported that the awarding of Championship points for Group placements of second, third and fourth has not been approved as yet....if ever.

The Forum was devoted to legislative concerns and issues. Sheila Goffe, VP, AKC Government Relations, led the presentation on Working Together to Combat Anti-breeder Legislation. She was followed by Patti Strand of the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA). The AKC legislative group tracks bills relating to dogs and they have noted an increasing number of bills being introduced along with the increasing sophistication of the content. An example cited was the Bond for Care provision in the case of civil forfeiture due to alleged cruelty charges, with the dogs being seized and the owner required to pay for the care of the dogs up front prior to conviction. Another example was pet stores being allowed to sell only shelter/rescue dogs and not others. In addition local breeder, breed specific and spay/neuter laws continue to be put forth. The animal rights groups have spent significant amounts of money in the placement of very emotional TV ads which in turn have generated significant amounts of money for their coffers. These ads have also planted the anti breeder seed in public perception. The AKC response is one of positive messaging to get the AKC story out to the public, address legislative proposals, issue legislative alerts to clubs, use of Twitter alerts to legislative liaisons in the local clubs and focus on the fact that all politics is local. We, the fancy, are encouraged to volunteer, be the most informed resource and present reasonable options for solutions to the issues presented. The key points were to become acquainted with the local officials, invite them to club events, become a resource for all matters dog related, thank them for allowing participation in the process and get to know their staff.

NAIA has conducted an extensive study regarding the public's perception of the U.S. dog population. The relocation of dogs from shelter to shelter, state to state, territory to territory, etc. to meet the demand for pets has become a huge enterprise. The question put forth being: is there an overpopulation or an over supply? Sixty four percent believe there is an overpopulation. Forty -six percent believe it is getting worse with 40% thinking it best to get a shelter dog and not buy from a breeder. It seems having a shelter dog has become a positive moral attribute these days.

There were no votes taken at the Delegates' Meeting with two proposed amendments being read to be voted upon at the September meeting. Both were minor changes regarding Rules Applying to Dog Shows about multiple-day shows and calculation of puppy ages, definition of professional handlers, and show closing dates when the date falls on a postal holiday by extending the deadline 24 hours.

The report of the Chairman, Ron Menaker, focused on the success in the use of social media by the AKC, the newly launched Marketplace and the GOOD NEWS of increased registration numbers. In 1992 the numbers began the downward trend which continued until 2015.

This was further covered in the report of the CFO who cited that as of 5-31-16 registrations have increased 7% (litters) and 11% (dogs). This increase represents \$700,000. The CFO continued his report noting an increase in revenue, certified pedigree sales up 10%, royalties plus 31% and e-commerce showing an increase as well. Increases were cited for expenses and payroll which are obviously not on the plus side of the ledger. Investments yielded a 1.2% return of 1.1M.

The President's report by Dennis Sprung began with the new reinstatement procedure regarding dogs disqualified for having bitten. This follows an incident at a show in early May which highlighted a need for procedure revision. The changes implemented were:

- *A two week advance notice to the Show Chairman of the show at which the reinstatement is proposed to be done.
 - *A list of all dogs disqualified in the past 5 years to be provided to show Superintendents. These dogs are not permitted to be entered at a show until reinstatement has occurred.
 - *A new insurance policy (portal to portal) for Judges.
 - *Positive identification of the offending dog at the time of the bite and at reinstatement via a DNA swab being obtained.
 - *Owners proof of insurance.
 - *A \$500 reinstatement fee.
 - *The reinstatement assessment is to occur prior to the start of judging at the designated show.
- There were a few questions posed regarding this new procedure but by and large it was deemed to be an improvement.

The President introduced Brandy Hunter who outlined the AKC Public Relations activities and initiatives. In addition to the yearly roll out of the most popular dog breeds, newly recognized breeds and the ever popular Meet the Breeds events there is now a thrust to control the message regarding negative press coverage. A series entitled I Am A Breeder is in test runs. There will be released in the Fall of this year. PSAs regarding Pick the Right Breed and the value of the breeder. The Public Education effort, Club Communication press releases, Agility, Rally, Dock Diving, AKC Humane Fund, AKC/CHF donations, the Kids Corner and a Vet site by Dr.Jerry Klein are all part of the positive messaging being put forth by the PR Department.

In conclusion it was two days well spent in representing the AHCA at the June meetings. The information presented was more than worth the investment of time on my part.

The next meetings are scheduled for September 11 and 12 at the usual Newark Airport hotel.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Butherus
AHCA Delegate to the AKC

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Owner: Cheryl A. Helsing*

*CH Stormhill's Look N' Good In Red CD RA NAJ NJP
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Respectfully submitted,
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Obedience / Rally / Versatility Chair



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Members who have crossed the rainbow bridge:

**Mannie Glazer
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Missed by us all.

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Awards Report Barb Hastings



I am sorry to report that we had an error in the Statistics for the Awards presented at the National. The statistics are compiled and then sent to me. I verify the names of dogs and their owners by way of a letter that is mailed to the owner of record. This letter asks for any corrections for titles, spelling, and correct owners associated with the dog. This year we had a tie for Top Producing Sire GCH Prophecy-N-Zoso's –Poochie-Rado and the information that was received was the dog was bred by Nancy Shandre and owned by Jerre Ford. A letter of acceptance was sent to Jerre Ford and returned stating that she would not be able to accept the award at the National and asking us to mail her the medallion. This was done the week after the National. I received a phone call in mid November stating that Jerre was not the owner of this dog, but the breeder.....she had nothing to do with the dog receiving the titles he has won, or his breeding program. The correct owner is Nancy Shandre and our apologies go to her for inaccuracy of our reporting. I would ask in the future, if anyone sees any discrepancy in the posted statistics, please call it to my attention.

Barb Hastings
Awards Chair

Rescue Report Martha Powell



Rescue has been very active this summer. We have had many dogs with health and behavioral problems, who needed new homes. Thanks to some wonderful volunteers, we have been able to transport them, foster them, and find forever homes.

We found a great foster for an Afghan with renal failure, who had never received any care for her health problems. This was our foster's first Afghan. Shannon Haagsma gave Gaia lots of love, long strolls with her Lab, special foods, and the needed medicine. Our angel died a few days ago, surrounded by those who loved her to the end of her time on earth.

We have three Afghans with two fosters in Tennessee now. The owner/breeder died a few months ago. The 7 year old dogs are almost feral, and terrified of everyone. The fosters are working very hard to socialize them. We have another male in Tenn, dumped at a vet's office, with a broken leg. We have a 5 year old female in South Carolina, who needs to be the only dog in the house. We have two cream girls in Florida, looking for their forever homes.

It's time for our annual Rescue Calendar to be printed. Marilyn Danko and Joanne Anderson need your photos, now! Please send several shots, and let's make this another awesome fund raiser for our Affies! Send your pics to: lineace@yahoo.com

We now have our 2017 Planners available for sale, as well as our tote bags and water bottles, all with our Rescue Affie and Logo. All of the artistry and production were done by Angela Carolyn and artist, Lynne Watson. Angela has printed and donated some t-shirts for us, also!

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Powell, Chair

National Liaison Brenda Brody



I am currently working with Joy Atkins-Miller re the 2017 National to be held at Purina Farms.

It is past time to find a locale for the 2018 site & if any members have any suggestions, I would welcome hearing from you. The AHCA National is held between Sept. - Nov. in various parts of the country. The west region is certainly due but thus far there are no people willing to chair the event & no location suggested.

Please consider stepping up to promote the event and the club. You will gain much insight into the inner workings of this organization and provide a venue where we can all gather to celebrate the many distinct accents of the Afghan Hound.

It is a huge undertaking but well worth the effort as the event unfolds into fruition. Please consider contacting me should you have any questions about any particular site that might be workable.

Thanks so much,
Brenda Brody

Regional Clubs Sharon Pearce



If it is easier on regional clubs I let them send me emails. I put them together and print them out at my own expense. Some clubs take advantage of this and only send me a partial and tell me that I will get the other parts from other members of their club.

I refuse to take partials anymore. They need to realize that they are not the only clubs submitting paperwork. If I get partials I will tell them that they need to submit everything by snail mail.

REPORT OF THE “OUTREACH COMMITTEE”

Allan Reznik



The AHCA “Outreach Committee” was formed at the request of Ken Amos, President, to enhance ongoing communication with current members as well as encourage Afghan Hound breeders, exhibitors, enthusiasts and owners not currently members to join the Parent Club.

The Outreach Committee consists of Allan Reznik (Chair), Toni Richmond, Stir Greer and Neva Jean Johnson.

To date, two meetings have been held.

We have identified three groups to whom we would like to reach out:

- Recently lapsed Parent Club members;
- Active breeder-exhibitors in regional Afghan Hound clubs who have never pursued Parent Club membership for various reasons;
- Afghan Hound owners who do not show in conformation but perhaps compete in lure coursing, agility, Rally, obedience, or own rescue dogs; love the breed but have never considered membership in the Parent Club, or might not even be aware of its existence. (For owners of adult dogs, these are the people who are likely to fulfill the requirements of the new “Associate Member” status; they make great ambassadors for the breed at the grass roots community level, eager volunteers at Meet the Breed demos and could boost our numbers if we make Parent Club membership appealing to them.)

How to reach these three groups? We envision different strategies for each:

- For lapsed Parent Club members, it will start with a phone call or email to find out why they did not renew. Was the club no longer meeting their needs or did they get busy and simply forget? This is valuable information for the club as a whole. No one likes to be taken for granted and we hope longtime members will appreciate knowing they are missed.
- For breeder-exhibitors active at the regional club level, membership lists will give us a place to start.
- For Afghan Hound owners who do not show in conformation, we will make use of social media, as well as groups, clubs and associations devoted to coursing, agility, Rally and obedience. We have Board members and members at large who are active in these performance events so we hope to take advantage of their contacts and networking skills to communicate with as many participants as possible.

We want to improve our online communication with current and prospective members (there still seems to be confusion about who has access to which websites and Facebook pages).

Other initiatives we hope to explore include:

- An AHCA ad in every regional specialty catalog;
- *Afghanonline* (they give a free ad to every regional club hosting a specialty; will they provide a free page to the AHCA for regular announcements?)
- The AKC: would the AHCA be allowed to include relevant contact and activity information in the AKC’s mailings to new Afghan Hound puppy owners?
- Retooling a “New Owners” tab or icon on the AHCA website with FAQs, etc.
- An “Outreach package” that is mailed as needed, containing literature on the breed and parent club, the breed standard, a bibliography of useful books and websites, a back issue of *Topknot News*, a guest pass to their closest upcoming regional specialty, perhaps an inexpensive club decal for new members; etc.
- A “buddy system” at our National Specialties to identify new members attending their first National and unfamiliar with how dog shows work.

These are early days yet but we believe the Outreach Committee can benefit the AHCA in many ways as well as becoming a reliable go-to source for owners of our breed. This would make it a win-win situation for all.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Reznik, Chair

USA Afghan Hound Specialty Shows 2010

Compiled by MurrayAnderson 'Tazi Tourist', NZ, from AKC results.

Special thanks to Ric Allan for permitting use of his www.afzine.net already compiled 2010 & 2009 winners, and to Jan Fielder (Afghan Hound Year Book, UK) for excellently formatting these pages. Also to www.ahpedigrees.com as a reference for checking dogs' details.

DATE	CLUB (Show location)	ENT	JUDGE	BOB	BOS
Jan 22	AHC of Gt Portland (OR)	38	Ed Gilbert	Ch Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Perfection Cheria Sirius Ice JC
Feb 12	AHC of Nthn New Jersey (NY)	32	Kim Meredith-Cavanna	Ch Polo's The Aviator (Can) (D)	Ch Jangel's Just Got The Look (imp Swe)
Feb 13	Nutmeg AHC (CT)	39	Amy Sorbie	Ch Polo's The Aviator (Can) (D)	Ch Jangel's Just Got The Look (imp Swe)
Feb 14	AHA of Long Island (NY)	26	Hal Biermann	Ch Genesis Silverado (D)	Ch Wynsyr China Doll
Feb 20	Suncoast AHC of Florida (FL)	25	Tom Cozzoni	Ch Llacue's Alooof Albaniz (D)	Ch Triomphe Nodoubt
Mar 05	AHC of Gt Milwaukee (WI)	22	Gill Ullom	Ch Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Wynsyr China Doll
Mar 13	Tidewater AHC (VA)	45	Kerin Hutchings (Aus)	Ch Maya's Northern Lights (D)	Ch Criston Foolish Pleasure
Mar 14	Tidewater AHC (VA)	41	Abbe Shaw	Ch Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch Kasban American Idol
Mar 19	Sthn Arizona AHA (AZ)	29	Scott Pfeil	Ch Jorogz' Sweet Baby James (D)	Ch Boanne's Hearts Are Wild of York
Mar 20	AHC of Gt Phoenix (AZ)	29	Jim Saarinen	DC Horizon Prime Time SC MC FCH (D)	Swiftwind Midnite Moon Shadow (Can)
Mar 21	AHC of Gt Phoenix (AZ)	29	Carol Esterkin	Swiftwind Midnite Moon Shadow (Can) (B)	Ch Jorogz' Sweet Baby James
Apr 03	Midwest AHC (OH)	103	Rachel Irwin	Agha Djari's Zen at Winterbourne (imp Ger) (Can) (B)	Ch Shenandoah's Smoke And Mirrors
Apr 04	AHC of Gt Columbus (OH)	79	Margaret Stanski	Ch Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch Arabesque Autograph
Apr 16	AHC of California (CA)	47	Rachel Irwin	Ch Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Kasban Sura Spring Fling
Apr 24	AHC of Dallas (TX)	20	Robert (Bob) McKeon	Ch Har-Lou's Gorgeous Jorge (D)	Ch Landwehr Wildfire
Apr 25	AHC of Dallas (TX)	23	Pamela (Pam) Levander	Ch Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch Har-Lou's Gorgeous Jorge
May 07	AHC of Nthn New Jersey (NJ)	37	Dr Raymond Kelly	Ch Ledgehill Man Of My Dreams JC (D)	Ch Willowmoor Play With Imagination
Jun 04	AHC of St Louis (MO)	45	Chris Kaiser	Ch Wynsyr Taking Chances (B)	Ch Agha Djari's Revenge of Xenos (imp Ger) (Itl)
Jun 11	AHC of Gt Chicago (IL)	23	Dr Edna Martin	Ch Mahali Rustic Ringmaster (D)	Ch Beachbrook's Too Much Drama
Jun 18	AHC of Gt Portland (OR)	18	Diane Burvee	Ch Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch Polo's The Aviator (Can)
Jun 18	AHA of Long Island (CT)	64	Richard Souza	Kasban Lotus Elise (B)	Ch Mahali Arriva Meadowlark
Jun 19	Colonial AHC (CT)	54	Jay Hafford	Ch Beachbrook's Cartier Diamond (B)	Ch Mahali Arriva Meadowlark
Jun 20	Nutmeg AHC (CT)	48	Scott Pfeil	Ch Maya's Northern Lights (D)	Ch Dragonfly Whiter Shade Of Pale
Jun 26	AHC of Gt Columbus (OH)	43	Michael (Mickey) Koss	Whatever Lola Wants of Meadow Valley (imp Ger) (B)	Ch Kasban American Idol
Jun 27	AHC of S/W Ohio (OH)	41	Carol Duffy	Ch Maya's Northern Lights (D)	Ch Wynsyr China Doll
Jul 03	Gt Pittsburgh AHC (PA)	32	Garry Newton	Ch Nachtmusiks Spirit Warrior JC (Can) (D)	Ch Victorian Cinnamon Twizt
Jul 04	Gt Pittsburgh AHC (PA)	34	Jim Saarinen	Ch Pizzazz Debonair JC (D)	Agha Djari's Zen at Winterbourne (imp Ger) (Can)
Jul 09	Finger Lakes AHC (NY)	40	Barbara Arndt (Can)	Ch Ledgehill Man Of My Dreams JC (D)	Ch Wynsyr China Doll
Jul 16	AHC of Omaha (NE)	39	Lynn Mercer	Ch Criston Foolish Pleasure (B)	GCh Thaon's Mowgli
Aug 06	Evergreen AHC (WA)	39	Lucy Orłowski	Ch Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch Cavu Overnite Mail
Aug 07	Evergreen AHC (WA)	43	Stephen Fisher	Ch Polo's The Aviator (Can) (D)	GCh Wynsyr China Doll
Aug 14	Midwest AHC (OH)	46	Lucy Orłowski	Trinity Beaujon Dreams Never Die (D)	GCh Wynsyr China Doll
Aug 20	AHC of Memphis (TN)	23	Bonita Visser	Sirae' Inisfree High Velocity (B)	GCh Majic Jakar Night And Day
Aug 27	Gt Twin Cities AHC (MN)	46	Debbie Petersen	GCh Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Wynsyr Taking Chances
Sep 04	Gt Detroit AHC (MI)	39	Betsy Hufnagel	GCh Wynsyr China Doll (B)	GCh Mahali Rustic Ringmaster
Sep 05	Gt Detroit AHC (MI)	42	John Roger Morton	Ch Agha Djari's Zen at Winterbourne (imp Ger) (Can) (B)	Ch Agha Djari's Wilson of Xenos (imp Ger)
Sep 09	AHC of Gt Denver (CO)	38	Betsy Hufnagel	GCh Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Kasban Sura Spring Fling
Sep 10	AHC of Gt Denver (CO)	46	Michael (Mickey) Koss	GCh Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Kasban Sura Spring Fling
Oct 02	AHC of Austin (TX)	29	Steve Kelly	Ch L'Rhel Suni Asia Timestep (D)	Ch Suni Magenta Maidin Bakura SC
Oct 10	Lehigh Valley AHA (NJ)	60	Ken Tippie	Ch Beachbrook's Diamonds N Ash (B)	Ch Exlysta Reflects The Sky
Oct 21	AHCA National (Sacramento,CA)	128	R Nesbitt(IS-D), H Nave(B)	GCh Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Wynsyr Taking Chances
Oct 22	Nthn California AHC (CA)	84	Hobart Brown	GCh Mahali Arriva Meadowlark (D)	GCh Jabir Southern Nights SC
Oct 23	Monterey Bay AHC (CA)	87	Richard Souza	GCh Mahali Arriva Meadowlark (D)	GCh Wynsyr China Doll
Oct 30	Carolina AHC (NC)	52	Sandy Frei	Ch Wynsyr-Shimara The Dark Knight (D)	Righteous Arcana Lady In Red
Oct 31	Carolina AHC (NC)	55	Kent Delaney	GCh Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch High Kalibers Marked Chivalry JC
Nov 12	Sand 'N' See AHC of Florida (FL)	31	John Roger Morton	Shekinah Jakar Pamir Touch Of Courage (B)	Ch Richlyn's Mean Joe Greene of Salix
Nov 20	Tara AHC (GA)	40	Dr Jerry Klein	Ch Lafara's Dream Lover (D)	Ch Kasban Sura Spring Fling
Nov 21	Tara AHC (GA)	36	Edith Hanson	Ch Lafara's Crazy In Love (B)	Sharja The Show Must Go On
Nov 19	Sthn Arizona AHA (AZ) DS	35	Michelle Billings	GCh Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Herr Emma
Dec 03	Colonial AHC (MA)	32	Dr Barry Deitch	GCh Maya's Northern Lights (D)	Ch Beachbrook's Diamonds N Ash

50 Specialty Shows / 33 Clubs (16 of 1 & 17 of 2), average entry 43.5 DS - designated specialty. N.B. AKC results omit foreign titles. GChThaon'sMowgli (8 BIS 1 BOS), GCh Wynsyr China Doll (7 BIS 7 BOS), GCh Maya's Northern Lights (4 BIS), Ch Polo's The Aviator (Can) (3 BIS 1 BOS), GCh Mahali Arriva Meadowlark (2 BIS 2 BOS), Ch Agha Djari's Zen at Winterbourne (imp Ger) (Can) (2 BIS 1 BOS), Ch Ledgehill Man Of My Dreams JC (2 BIS).

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Feb 06	AHA of Long Island (NJ)	55	Robert Cotes	Ch Silhouette Shame Shame Shame JC (B)	Ch Jakar Winsong Elevate Your Game
Feb 07	Nutmeg AHC (CT)	72	Terry Chacon	Ch Boanne's Legend Of The Dragon (D)	Ch Beachbrook's Cartier Diamond
Feb 08	AHA of Long Island (NJ)	60	Lee Canalizo	Ch Elan Sebring The Matrix (D)	Ch Jabir Southern Nights SC
Feb 14	Suncoast AHC of Florida (FL)	22	Bill Cunningham	Ch Genesis Silverado (D)	Llacue's Aloof Unchained Melody
Feb 27	AHC of Gt Milwaukee (WI)	19	Jackie Harrington	Ch Stormhill's Spit-N-Polished JC (B)	Ch Wynsyr Out Of Africa
Mar 07	Tidewater AHC (VA)	54	Phillipe Gallardo (Spn)	Ch Stormhill's Spit-N-Polished JC (B)	Ch Jakar Winsong Elevate Your Game
Mar 08	Tidewater AHC (VA)	51	Janis Reital	Ch Aloof Llacue's Hand Crafted (D)	Allure's Zrii of Suraj
Mar 13	Sthn Arizona AHA (AZ)	25	Hank Nave	Ch Sanne' Mystic Flyer of Hassan (D)	Ch Wynsyr China Doll
Mar 14	AHC of Gt Phoenix (AZ)	36	Dr Barry Deitch	Ch Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch Sanne' Mystic Flyer of Hassan
Mar 15	AHC of Gt Phoenix (AZ)	29	Betty Richards	Ch Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch Thaon's Mowgli
Apr 04	Richmond AHC (VA)	46	Avril Lancashire (UK)	Ch Shenandoah Smoke And Mirrors (D)	Ch Dragonfly Whiter Shade Of Pale
Apr 05	Richmond AHC (VA)	49	Robert (Bob) Godfrey	Ch Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch Wynsyr Out Of Africa
Apr 10	AHC of California (CA)	57	Dave Frei	Ch Polo's The Aviator (Can) (D)	Ch Khandhu Olympia JC (imp Aus)
Apr 18	AHC of Gt Columbus (OH)	50	Dr Edna Martin	Ch Boanne's Tale Of A Dragon (D)	Ch Jabir Southern Nights SC
Apr 25	AHC of Dallas (TX)	33	Sandy Frei	Sirae' In A Flash (D)	Ch Andros More Than You Bargain For
Apr 26	AHC of Dallas (TX)	24	Lynn Schanzle	Ch Jovan Cruise Control (D)	Ch Wynsyr Taking Chances
May 01	AHC of Nthn New Jersey (NJ)	48	Mike Lancashire (UK)	Ch High Kaliber's Marked Chivalry JC (D)	FC Anrobs Time 'N Time Again SC
May 15	Potomac AHC (MD)	22	Stephen Wheeler (Aus/Swe)	Ch Pizzazzz Debonair JC (D)	Ch Beachbrook's Cartier Diamond
May 23	AHC of S/W Ohio (OH)	31	Helen Stein	Ch Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch Winsong Hollywood Park
May 29	Colonial AHC (MA)	32	Sandy Frei	Ch Genesis Silverado (D)	Ch Dragonfly Whiter Shade Of Pale
May 29	AHC of St Louis (MO)	28	David Cochrane	Ch Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch Suhden Nicholi Nigella
Jun 05	AHC of Gt Chicago (IL)	35	Betsy Hufnagel	Ch Stormhill's Spit-N-Polished JC (B)	Ch Jovan Cruise Control
Jun 12	AHC of Gt Portland (OR)	27	Nitsa Trayler	Ch Abaca Shacone Native Spirit (D)	Ch Stormhill's Spit-N-Polished JC
Jun 27	Gt Pittsburgh AHC (PA)	50	Chris Kaiser	Ch Jovan Cruise Control (D)	Ch Silhouette Shame Shame Shame JC
Jun 28	Gt Pittsburgh AHC (PA)	50	Kalen Dumke	Ch Kassin Windwalker of Skyview (D)	Ch Arcana Rihanna A'Mirla
Jul 03	Finger Lakes AHC (NY)	37	Romayne Strilka-Switch	Ch High Kaliber's Marked Chivalry JC (D)	Ch Silhouette Shame Shame Shame JC
Jul 10	AHC of Omaha (NE)	35	Scott Pfeil	Ch Amare Rider In the Rain (D)	Ch Hillside Dubbonet
Jul 24	Monterey Bay AHC (CA)	27	Robert (Bob) Stein	Ch Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Cavu Wild N Naughty Nites
Jul 31	Evergreen AHC (WA)	25	Dr Jerry Klein	Ch Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch Pamelon's Late Nite of Cavu
Aug 01	Evergreen AHC (WA)	27	Terry Chacon	Ch Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch Raffica's Valymir Sweet Victory
Aug 08	Midwest AHC (OH)	78	Betty Richards	Ch Beachbrook's Cartier Diamond (B)	Ch Thaon's Mowgli
Aug 14	AHC of Memphis (MS)	28	Russell Hastings	Ch Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch Genesis Silverado
Aug 21	Gt Twin Cities AHC (MN)	46	Lee Canalizo	Ch Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Mahali Arriva Snow Garden
Aug 28	Gt Detroit AHC (MI)	40	Dr Barry Deitch	Ch Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch Sebring Elan King Kong
Sep 03	AHC of Gt Denver (CO)	42	Debbie Petersen	Ch Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Wynsyr China Doll
Sep 04	AHC of Gt Denver (CO)	34	Dr Jerry Klein	Ch Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Wynsyr China Doll
Sep 18	AHCA National (Lancaster,PA)	264	E Hanson(IS-D), S Weinraub(B)	Ch Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Majic Whatever I Want
Sep 19	Potomac AHC (PA)	109	Avery Gaudin (Can)	Ch Cynergy's Aviator O'Verpatsha (D)	Ch Dragonfly Whiter Shade Of Pale
Oct 04	Lehigh Valley AHA (NJ)	56	Reggie Nesbitt	Ch Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch Arabesque Autograph
Oct 17	Nthn California AHC (CA)	31	Gene Vaccaro	Ch Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Baakara Silk Paisley Mtn View
Oct 17	AHC of Austin (TX)	26	Lila Wadsworth	Ch Nightwind O'Porquoi Pas (imp Ger) (D)	Ch Komar's Tallulah Ooh-La-La JC
Oct 31	Tara AHC (GA)	58	Stephen Fisher	Ch Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Ch Aloof Llacue's Hand Crafted
Nov 01	Tara AHC (GA)	50	Steve Kelly	Ch Cynergy's Aviator O'Verpatsha (D)	Beachbrook's Diamonds N Ash
Nov 06	Sand 'N' See AHC of Florida (FL)	28	Dr Duane Butherus	Ch Genesis Silverado (D)	Triomphe Nodoubt
Nov 12	Carolina AHC (NC)	55	Shelley Hennessy	Ch Genesis Silverado (D)	Riverview Dancing In The Moonlight
Nov 13	Sthn Arizona AHA (AZ) DS	41	Steve Kelly	Ch Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Jorogz' Ruby Tuesday JC
Nov 27	Colonial AHC (MA)	29	Jane Sheppard	Ch Shenandoah Smoke And Mirrors (D)	Ch Furbari Classic Pearl (imp Aus)

47 Specialty Shows / 35 Clubs (23 of 1 & 12 of 2), average entry 46.2

Ch Wynsyr China Doll (11 BIS 3 BOS), Ch Thaon's Mowgli (7 BIS 2 BOS), Ch Genesis Silverado (4 BIS 1 BOS), Ch Stormhill's Spit-N-Polished JC (3 BIS 1 BOS),

Ch Jovan Cruise Control (2 BIS 1 BOS), Ch Cynergy's Aviator O'Verpatsha (2 BIS), Ch High Kaliber's Marked Chivalry JC (2 BIS), Ch Shenandoah Smoke And Mirrors (2 BIS).



REGIONAL CLUB SPECIALTY SHOW DATES

See "AHCA National" Information
for Regional Specialties around that
event

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<http://afghanhoundclubofamerica.org/>
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Suncoast Afghan Hound Club of Florida

Orlando, FL
Judge : Richard Souza
Sweeps: Amy Wendling
Friday - December 16, 2016

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Portland (2 shows)

Portland, OR
Judge First Show: Claire Steidel
Sweeps: Laura Pond
Judge Second Show: Michael Canalizo
Sweeps: Pat Hastings
Wednesday - January 18, 2017

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Phoenix (2 shows)

Phoenix, AZ
Judge First Show: Pat Guilfoyle
Sweeps: Elaine Petryca
Judge Second Show: Ken Tippie
Thursday - February 2, 2017

Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club

Manchester, CT
Judge: Keith George Brown
Saturday - February 11, 2017

Carolina Afghan Hound Club (2 Shows, 2 Days)

Charlotte, NC
Judge Day One: Steven G. Kelly
Judge Day Two AM: Shelley Hennessy
Friday & Saturday - April 28, 29, 2017

Tara Afghan Hound Club (2 Shows, 2 Days)

Charlotte, NC
Judge Day One PM: Sandra W. Frei
Judge Day Two: Jane M. Sheppard
Sweeps Day Two: Julie Roche

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In Memory

Col. Wallace Pedé has made a donation to the parent club in memory of his sweet wife Kay (This is the result of his recent auction of items that appeared in Topknot News. The amount is \$862.50). He has requested that we publish the poem he wrote Kay and a photo.

Kathleen R. Pedé

September 4th, 1923 - August 9th, 2013



Sixty Years Of A Beautiful Love

Oh my darling if you but knew,
How all my thoughts are filled with you.
How in the evening when lights are low,
I close my eyes and need you so.

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Submitted by Dorma Sue Busby

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2013 Breeders' Cup
Stainless Steel Travel Cup 7 \$5.00



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2016 Breeders' Cup
Catalogs 12 \$20.00



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Ladies full zip Jacket/embroidered logo
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Set of 4 \$2.00
\$5.00

Catalog 12 \$5.00

Canvas tote Bags w/color logo- 21 \$5.00
Purple exhibitor tote bags \$1.00

Parent Club Logo Items WAYS & MEANS



Ways & Means

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

Bath Towels Black/Gold logo 5 \$20.00

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White/Gold Logo 6 \$5.00

W/Parent Club Logo Items

Grey Bath Towels w/Teal Logo
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Directors Chairs/side table
Dr. Green 5 \$40.00

Baseball Caps/Black PC logo \$20.00
Pink /3 Sage/3 Gray/1 Beige/2

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**The Afghan Hound Club of America
Proudly Presents
The Twenty-Ninth Annual
Afghan Hound Breeders' Cup
April 28th, 2017
Piedmont Kennel Club Showplace
Charlotte, NC
Judging — All classes - TBD**



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General Information

Host Hotel
Comfort Inn Carowinds
3725 Avenue of the Carolinas
Ft. Mill, SC 29708
Phone (803) 548-5200 (use code AHC for show rate)
\$94.00 + Tax/Night, \$25 1-time pet fee

RV Parking available at Carolina Camp Wilderness Resort Two miles from the show site. Same exit as hotels: I-77 exit 90 704-587-9116.

This event is held in conjunction with: Friday, April 28, 2017 - AM – **AHCA Breeders' Cup**
Friday, April 28, 2017 - PM – **Carolina Afghan Hound Club (Judge: Mr. Steve G. Kelly)**
Saturday, April 29, 2017 - AM – **Carolina Afghan Hound Club (Judge: Ms. Shelley S. Hennessy)**
Saturday, April 29, 2017 - PM – **Tara Afghan Hound Club (Judge: Mrs. Sandra W. Frei)**
Sunday, April 30, 2017 - AM – **Tara Afghan Hound Club (Sweepstakes Judge: Ms. Julie Roche)**
Sunday, April 30, 2017 - AM – **Tara Afghan Hound Club (Judge: Mrs. Jane M. Sheppard)**

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