

# Topknot News

The newsletter of the Afghan Hound Club of America

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Sunday, September 13 — Lure Coursing / Board Meeting

Monday, September 14 — Top 20 (Evening in the Showroom)

Tuesday, September 15 — Obedience / Agility

Tuesday Evening — Sweepstakes

Wednesday, September 16 — Dogs / Annual Meeting

Thursday, September 17 — Bitches

Friday, September 18 — Best of Breed

Saturday, September 19 — Potomac AHC

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**Rescue Hotline: 1-877-AF-RESCU (237-2728)**

## **AHCA AWARDS FOR 2007**

Submitted by Awards Chair, Terry Chacon

### **AHCA Lifetime Membership Awards**

**Ed Gilbert\***, Norman P. Kattelman\*

**Sharon Watson (2008)**

(\*See Page 16)

### **Top Producing Sire** (tie with 2, 7 champions each)

**Ch. NFX Night to Remember**

Owner: Astrid Prior

**Ch. Kattana Ready Set Show JC**

Owner: Melissa Jane Morgan

### **Top Producing Dam** (5 champions)

**Ch. Kingscourt Work of Art**

Owners: Wade & Cherie Oney & Melissa Jane Morgan

### **Top Dog in Breed**

**Ch. Poseidon of Mountain Top One**

Owners: Kiyoshi Yamagami

### **Top Bitch in Breed**

**Ch. Thاون's Travertine**

Owners: Jay Hafford, James Blanchard & Lynn Vining

### **Top Junior Handler**

Miss Kateland Koch

### **Top Lure Courser AKC**

**DC L'Rhel Suni Asias Timestep MC LCX**

Owners: James and Lynda Hicks & Samantha Newton

### **Top ASFA for 2007 AHCA Member**

**FC Var-Ser Pure Sugar of Pam Mel LCM,SC,GRC**

Owner: Nora Mayfield

### **Top Dog Lure Courser ASFA**

**Anuttara Loves Black Magic, LCM**

Owners: J & S Anthony and A Wendling

### **Top Agility**

**Ch. Mach3 Bijan-Lyrix Megabucks XF**

Owners: Robin Kletke and Robin Cohen

### **Top Obedience and Top Rally**

**MyWay Young at Heart Tristar, CDX, RE, JC, SC**

Owners: Debbie and Chuck Anthonijsz, D and M Giordano

### **Open Obedience Winner – Receives Certificate**

**MyWay Young at Heart Tristar, CDX, RE, JC, SC**

With a score of 601.5

Owners: Debbie and Chuck Anthonijsz, D and M Giordano

### **Novice Winner – Receives Certificate**

**Tabitha, CD, with a score of 559**

Owner: Sharon Pearson

### **Advanced Rally – Receives Certificate**

**Ch. Mahali Tuscarora, CD, RA, with a score of 304**

Owners: Mary Morgan and Lynne Schanzle

### **Rally Excellent – Receives Certificate**

**Marci-Can. Ch. U-CD, Charteroak Leprekhan V Zuran, CDX,**

**RAE, Can. CD, ASCA CD, with a score of 298**

Owner: Gisela Bailey

### **Versatility Award (3)**

**Ch. Mahali Tuscarora CD, RA, NA, NAJ**

Owners: Mary Morgan & Lynne Schanzle

**DC L'Rhel Witchwood Timetraveler CD**

Owners: Lynda Hicks & Stephen Cerovski

**DC Liacue's Malaguena CD, SC**

Owners: Michele Trifiro, Dominique Lake, Jesus Llano, Michael Cuevas

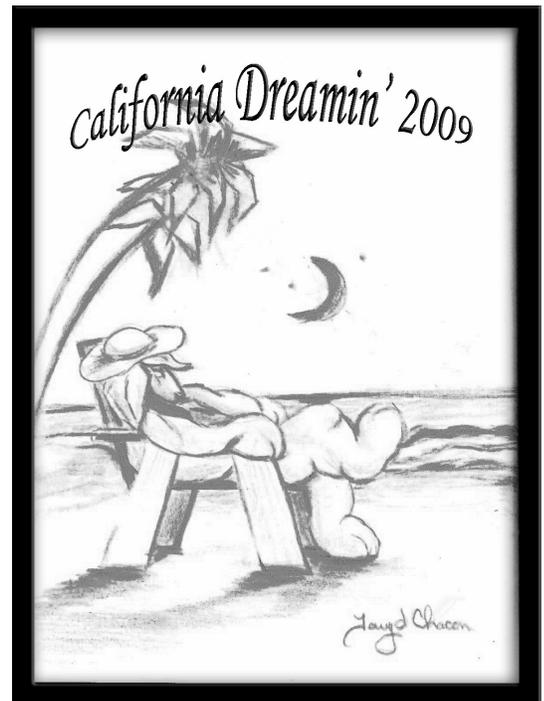
**Thursday  
April 9th  
2009**

**21st  
Breeders'  
Cup**

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### **Shows following the Breeders' Cup**

**Friday, April 10th, Afghan Hound Club of California**

Regular Classes - David Frei

Sweepstakes - Michael Strockbine

**Saturday, April 11th, Western Hound Association of  
Southern California**

Regular Classes - Breed Judge Pending

Sweepstakes - Beth Collins (Taza)

Hound Group Sweepstakes - Hank Nave

**Sunday, April 12th, Western Hound Association of  
Southern California**

Regular Classes - Breed Judge Pending

Sweepstakes - Vicki Zayac (Lippizan)

Hound Group Sweepstakes Pending

**JUDGES EDUCATION**  
**Submitted by JE Chair, Harry Bennett**

The Judges Education Seminar went well with many thanks to Reggie and the outstanding staff at the Bavarian Lodge. There were 11 registrants with 8 certificates issued for proper attendance. Those recipients are as follows:

- Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine
- Barb Bornstein
- Janet Lobb ( Canada )
- Joe Lobb ( Canada )
- Deborah Nummy
- William Sahloff
- James Sillers
- Grant Winchell

I want to thank Helen Stein for her loyal participation and help in organizing the seminar and those individuals who contributed by bringing dogs for the hands-on demonstration and those who mentored ringside. The attendees were very pleased to be there and remarked they got their money's worth.

Next year I have already scheduled AHCA's participation in the following Judges Educational Groups:

**Scottsdale Dog Judges Workshop**  
**Wednesday, Feb 25, 2009**

**Carolina Dog Judges Study group**  
**Friday, July 24, 2009**

As time gets near I will contact some of you in those areas requesting some assistance.

Thanks,  
Harry Bennett  
AHCA JEC



**AKC National Lure Coursing Champion**  
**BOB Afghan Hounds**

**DC Perfection Nalikar Rock Hudson**

Owned by Angela & Michael Barrett, Florence, OR  
Bred by Debbie Petersen & Kathy Saville

**Through Your Eyes**

A new feature to Topknot News is "Through Your Eyes." We will ask a question and you may email your answer to us for publication in TN.

The first question is: Do you think the Afghan Hound head has changed from the description in our Standard? If so, please explain.

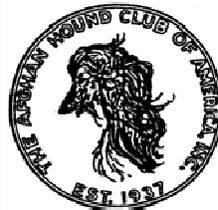
Submit your answer to the editor at:

[\*\*dancingtree@trims.com\*\*](mailto:dancingtree@trims.com)

**REGIONAL CLUB REPORT**  
**Submitted by RC Chair, Sandy Nelson**

As of October 13, 2008, I have approved shows for Afghan Hound Association of Long Island on February 6, 2009 (they had been previously approved for 2/8/09), Afghan Hound Club of Greater Milwaukee for February 27, 2009, Tidewater Afghan Hound Club for March 7 and 8, 2009, Southern Arizona Afghan Hound Association for March 13, 2009, Richmond Afghan Hound Club for April 4 & 5, 2009, Afghan Hound Club of California on April 10, 2009, Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey May 1, 2009, and Greater Pittsburgh Afghan Hound Club on June 27 & 28, 2009. See Page 5 for all Regional Club dates.

**Regional Clubs should remember they must be in compliance with the AKC requirements put into effect for specialty show approval. A form entitled "Statement of Compliance With AKC Policies" is available on the AKC web site and is included in the show packet sent to each club by AKC.**



We have a new duffle bag that was received very well. There are limited quantities left so if you want to order one (or two) you may contact me at:

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## REGIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW SCHEDULE

**Afghan Hound Club of Greater Houston**  
**November 7, 2008**  
 Judge: Mrs. Pat Franklin  
 Sweeps: Pending

**Southern Arizona Afghan Hound Association**  
**November 14, 2008 and March 13, 2009**

**Colonial Afghan Hound Club**  
**November 28, 2008**  
 Judge: Dr. A. Duane Butherus  
 Sweeps: Mrs. Constance Butherus

**Afghan Hound Association of Long Island**  
**February 6, 2009**  
 Judge: Mr. Robert C. Cotes  
 Sweeps: Dr. Bob G. Smith

**February 8, 2009**  
 Judge: Mrs. Lee Canalizo  
 Sweeps: Ms. Carol Smith

**Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club**  
**Feb. 7, 2009**  
 Judge: Mrs. Terry D. Chacon  
 Sweeps: Mrs. JoAnn Jones

**Afghan Hound Club of Greater Milwaukee**  
**February 27, 2009**

**Tidewater Afghan Hound Club**  
**March 7 & 8, 2009**  
 Judge March 7: Philippe Gallardo

**Afghan Hound Club of Greater Phoenix**  
**March 14 & 15, 2009**

**Richmond Afghan Hound Club**  
**April 4, 2009**  
 Judge: Avril Lancashire (provisional)  
 Sweeps: Anna Stromberg

**April 5, 2009**  
 Judge: Mr. Robert A. Godfrey (provisional)  
 Sweeps: Neva Johnson

**Afghan Hound Club of California, Inc.**  
**April 10, 2009** (day after Breeders' Cup)  
 Judge: Mr. David Frei  
 Sweeps: Mr. Michael Strockbine

**Afghan Hound Club of Dallas**  
**April 25, 2009**  
 Judge: Sandy Frei  
 Sweeps: Robert Brown

**April 26, 2009**  
 Judge: Lynn Schanzle  
 Sweeps: Sterling Greer

**Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey**  
**May 1, 2009**  
 Judge: Mr. Michael Lancashire (UK)  
 Sweeps: Mrs. Susan Sprung

**Potomac Afghan Hound Club**  
**May 15, 2009 & Sept. 19, 2009**

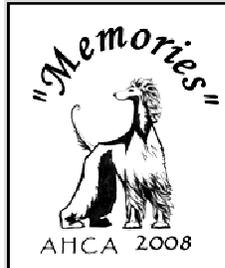
**Greater Pittsburgh Afghan Hound Club**  
**June 27, 2009**  
 Judge: Chris Kaiser  
 Sweeps: Karen Wagner

**June 28, 2009**  
 Judge: Kalen Dumke  
 Sweeps: June Matarazzo

**Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club**  
**August 21, 2009**  
 Judge: Lee Canalizo  
 Sweeps: Barb Fogel

## WAYS AND MEANS REPORT Submitted by Chair, Sue Busby

Everyone at the 2008 National made this a wonderful experience and loved all items. There is not much inventory left.



### 2008 NATIONAL INVENTORY

Orders may be purchased by VISA or MC, or by sending a check to me:

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Also we have limited items left from 2007 National in Denver.

### 2007 NATIONAL LOGO SALE PRICE LIST



**T-Shirts \$5.00**  
**Sweatshirts \$5.00**

### The Objectives of the Afghan Hound Club of America, Incorporated

1. To Preserve and protect the breeding of pure-bred Afghan Hounds and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
2. To encourage the organization of independent local Afghan Hound Specialty Clubs in those areas where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed.
3. To urge members and breeders to be guided by the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club and to accept it as the only standard of excellence by which the Afghan Hound is to be judged.
4. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the Afghan Hound and to encourage sportsmanlike conduct at dog shows.
5. To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

## **JUNIORS RULE!!!!**

**Submitted by Junior Showmanship Chair, Jody Gardner**

It's hard to believe that another National has come and gone. Each year at the National a junior seminar is offered. The seminars can be about anything the presenter wishes to enlighten the current juniors on. Every year the presenter has put their own unique stamp on the junior seminar. There are many grooming and handling tips that are unique to each handler. I have to say there is always some kind of tip to take away from every seminar, even for the most experience junior (or very, very senior handler).

Our Rising Star seminar this year was given by Ms. Peggy Coffman. I owe Peggy a huge thanks for stepping in and presenting the junior seminar. There were lots of great words of wisdom and great tips with plenty of practice time to prepare for the junior showmanship competition. Peggy did an outstanding job. Thanks so very much Peggy. I really appreciate all your effort and time.

The junior competition was judged by Ms. Tricia Till. Tricia was a very accomplished junior in her own right. Along with handing out ribbons, Tricia handed out compliments and some of her own great tips.

The Best Junior for the 2008 AHCA National was awarded to Miss Hannah Bevan. Hannah handled her dog "Cyan Seeing Stars" beautifully to clinch this year's national title of Best Junior handler. Congratulations to Hannah on a job well done.

This year I had a very neat thing happen. I received a phone call from one of our Canadian friends, David Fincham. David generously offered his services at this year's National to do anything needed for the juniors. David was unable to come this year and instead sent his support via a wonderful gift for each junior. A hand crafted colored glass stone with an etched afghan on each one, all neatly placed in a gift bag for all the juniors. Many, many thanks to David for his support and generosity with the juniors.

Each year we also name a Best Junior. The Best Junior is determined by their show record for the year. One point is given for each dog they defeat during a given calendar year. The Best Junior Handler for 2007 was Miss Kateland Koch. Kateland handled her way to the AHCA Top Junior Handler in 2007 with Ch. Winsong Blu-Hill Mr Fantastic. Congratulations to Kateland on a job well done.

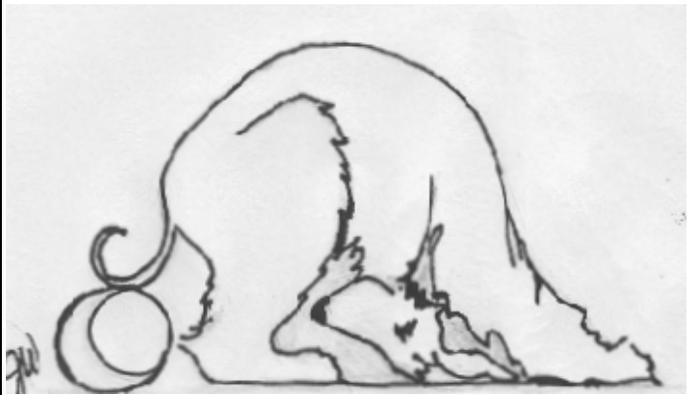
Just a reminder that the AHCA offers a Junior Scholarship of \$500.00. If you are aware of a college bound junior involved in our breed encourage them to apply. They can email me at [jmgafghan@aol.com](mailto:jmgafghan@aol.com) for details.

As always I encourage all of you to support, mentor or just encourage a junior. They are the future of our breed.

## **AWARDS DINNER ART AUCTION INFORMATION**

**Submitted by Treasurer, Linda Jackson**

We would like to thank everyone who contributed items to the 2008 National Art Auctions and those talented artists who generously donated their valuable artwork. The Art Auctions sales were \$11,809 and the Silent Auction sales totaled \$514.00. Please note all dollar amounts are before the credit card deductions. Thanks to everyone, donors and buyers!



## **HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Submitted by Chair, Edna K. Martin, Psy. D**

It is very shortly after the AHCA Annual Meeting, so news is rather scarce. The National Specialty was a great success, with beautiful weather at a beautiful venue. Our health table was wonderfully placed...we could watch judging, as well as being able to grab people at ringside to bombard them with health questions and to announce our availability to do DNA swabs for AKC and thyroid blood draws. Unfortunately, the attendance for these opportunities was disappointing...only one DNA dog. The thyroid panels drawn totaled about 8 dogs. Our own Afghan lady, Kathy Williams from the renowned endocrinology department of Michigan State University, donated her time and talents to do the blood draws for thyroid testing. Many thanks to her for her efforts on behalf of the club.

The Breeders' Symposium was very well attended. Our speaker, Dr. Carmen Battaglia, spoke on "Breeding Better Dogs," and health matters always play a large part of the selection process.

The CHIC program is growing steadily, with 2-4 Afghan Hounds coming in for CHIC numbers every quarter. Thank you for this effort on behalf of our beloved hounds.

I received a report from the Canine Health Foundation that the Afghan Hound Donor Adviser fund had a 2007 year-ending balance of \$3,708.52.

Please keep donating for continuing research for the benefit of our animals. Thank you so much for contributing.

## DELEGATE'S REPORT

### Money Makes the World Go Around

Submitted by Connie Butherus, Delegate for the AHCA to the AKC

This past year the AKC Delegate Meetings have covered numerous concerns: however, one theme song has been constant – the decline in AKC registrations. This has several stanzas and all coda come back to the same central refrain.

In 1992 the AKC registered 1,528,000 dogs. In 2008 the projected numbers will be around the 725,000 mark. This decline directly impacts finances and represents a 50% loss in the core business of the AKC. Thus the AKC has relied on other sources of revenues, such as licensing, royalties and investments to compensate for these losses. However, as many are aware, investments in 2008 may well tank! What to do?

- 1) See minutes of August 2008 Board of Directors meeting: “AKC management was directed to aggressively pursue all registerable dogs in the commercial sector where all AKC rules, regulations and policies are followed and the Chairman and President were authorized to take all necessary steps to provide for the support of management and staff to pursue this objective.

At the September 9 Delegate meeting, the reports of the Chairman, President and CFO all focused on the drastic impact the decline in registrations has had on the AKC. In addition to the decline in core revenues and alternate revenues, concern was raised regarding future sponsorships and legislative influence as the numbers decline.

The above presentations were preceded by what was labeled “Meet the Legislative Caucus, presented by the Delegate’s Legislative Caucus and the AKC Government Relations Staff”. Smack dab in the middle of this forum, the Delegates were presented with a professionally prepared power point production by an AKC field compliance inspector. She informed the body that in her experience the “Commercial Kennels” with AKC oversight are “State of the Art” and was highly complementary regarding the breeders who own and run these operations. The kennel facilities shown in the power point were indeed impressive – some complete with easy chairs and flat screen TVs. She assured the Delegates these breeders have a quest for breed knowledge and desire to breed healthy, happy puppies to sell to the commercial outlets (AKA Pet Stores). The puppies are relocated to the commercial outlets via “Distributors” (AKA the Brokers). In the Q&A it came out that the chain of control from breeder to outlet are not under the purview of AKC Compliance inspectors but rather some are USDA licensed. It would seem this is a totally different level of oversight.

Are we to conclude given the above prelude that this is or will be the future of the AKC as the management aggressively pursues “all registerable dogs in the commercial sector” etc. etc. etc? (August 2008 AKC BKD – see above).

The truth is AKC registerable puppies have always been sold in pet stores. This is not a new aspect. What seems different is the wording “management to pursue all registerable dogs in the commercial sector.”

- 2) The increase in the number of recognized breeds will increase AKC registrations. This will also impact group size as these newly recognized breeds enter competition. Thus the need for group realignment. The proposed outline was presented to the Delegates and is available on the AKC web site. With regards to our breed – the existing Hound Group is proposed to be divided into Scent and Sight groups with the IG being added to the Sighthound Group. All affected Parent Clubs were contacted and the proposal honors their wishes we were told.

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- 3) The mixed breed issue remains alive and well in spite of the BOD vote in July to not proceed with this initiative. At the September meeting, the Delegates, in a non binding poll were overwhelming in their support for this program to be reinstated and revived. This could well be a source of increased revenue to those clubs sponsoring events as well as the AKC via some form of enrollment listing, event and related fees. It could also lead to an increase in the pure-bred dog ownership as participants realize the delightful aspects of canine activities.

*Remember: "The AKC is more than Champion dogs. We are the dogs' Champion."*

- 4) The Reclamation Project, an initiative to register all AKC eligible dogs, is proceeding as of the September meetings. At that time the AKC had registered approximately 900 such dogs. This project traces pedigrees, contacts breeders and researches the stud books to determine the eligibility of each applicant. Some Parent Club Delegates have requested a tracking number be assigned to these dogs but so far this has not happened.
- 5) "Demand AKC Papers" Project is now in effect. It is designed as a classified advertising program for clubs. The goal is to reach prospective puppy buyers at the grass roots level and urge them to demand AKC papers when purchasing a puppy or a new pet. A mailing regarding this campaign was sent to all clubs in early September. With more than 30 other registries available and in active competition with the AKC, it is prudent for clubs to engage in this program.
- 6) The impact of all this on event giving clubs is being realized as they send the event and recording fees to the AKC. The new fee structure enacted by the AKC BOD did not come to the Delegates for a vote. However subsequent to this the Delegates did vote (June) to not allow the BOD to set fees without Delegate approval (as required in the Bylaws and Rules) for late submission of show records, show applications and recording fees.

The next big vote is for the members of the AKC BOD. Due to term limits enacted by the Delegate body, four 2-term Board members are not eligible to run in 2009. As of this report, no less than seven Delegates are in the race with several more in the process of gathering the required signatures on their petitions for the four available positions. As always I will vote as directed by the AHCA Board. It is not only the race for the White House that is of interest this year!

All in all it has been quite a year at the AKC and money does indeed make the AKC world go around!

## AIR TRAVEL FOR DOGS

To ensure the safest air travel possible, the American Kennel Club strongly supports thorough training of airline staff who handle dogs, adequate environment controls in cargo spaces, and careful attention to record keeping.

The ability to ship dogs by air as excess baggage, cargo, or in the cabin is vital to dog owners, breeders, handlers and exhibitors who want to travel on the same flights as their dogs. The AKC encourages airlines to serve their customers by continuing to offer these necessary services.

Airline carriers and their pet travel policies are available through the link: [www.akc.org/airtravel](http://www.akc.org/airtravel)

## RESCUE REPORT

Submitted by Chairs, Russ & Barb Hastings

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to all of those who have supported our Rescue efforts over the past 5 years. The Regional Club support for the 50+ dogs taken in in New Mexico was unbelievable and we certainly appreciate the generosity of the Clubs and their membership. I am also pleased to say that most of these dogs have already been adopted, though a few still remain with foster homes till they are healthy enough to be spayed or neutered. We still have many applications from people who are interested in adopting these dogs, so we are hopeful that all will be in forever homes by the end of the year.

Our rescue table at the National was again a success and here again the thanks goes to all those who donated items. I understand that Betty Salmon did a great job at the table and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to her as well. Betty was responsible for the wonderful crate pads that were offered for sale...and I even heard she brought her sewing machine with her just in case she had a few extra minutes in her very busy day.

The rescue calendars are in the process of being printed and will soon be offered for sale. I hope every one will purchase one. I will be making posts to all the lists once they are available and of course we will have them listed on the Rescue Web Site [www.afghanhound.net](http://www.afghanhound.net)

Last but not least, I would like to welcome Lisa Bryant to the position of Rescue Chair. Russ & I are confident she will offer many new ideas to the Rescue Group. I know you will support her in the same manner you have supported us the last 5 years. We will continue to be active in Rescue and in the Parent Club.

## LIBRARY REPORT

Submitted by Librarian, Helen Stein

Thanks to so many of you who stopped by the Library booth at the National Specialty in Frankenmuth. It was nice to see old friends and meet several new visitors from overseas who have offered to send photos and information for our Club's scrapbooks.

If you have photos of Afghan Hounds that you would like to have included in the Library's collection, please email jpeg files to me at [BeanieSue@aol.com](mailto:BeanieSue@aol.com). You may also mail printed photos to me at PO Box 1177, Grants Pass, OR 97528. All photos will be returned. Include as much info as you can about the dogs, their history, owners, dates of photos, etc.

I'd also like to say "thank you" to the many members who donated money to the AHCA Library along with their dues payments. Your generous donations help to pay for archiving all our records and photos, and transferring films and videos from old media formats to new.

The out-of-print *Introduction to the Afghan Hound* is available on CD (in pdf format), at a cost of \$5.00 including shipping. Order from the AHCA Library.

The 2008 monthly AKC Stud Book Registers for Afghan Hounds are available by e-mail or as a printout through the AHCA Library. This information is available to all members of the AHCA in good standing, once they have completed a form as required by AKC. For further information, contact me at the address or e-mail above.

Many people have inquired about ordering Karen Armistead's video, *A Key to Movement*. This is available from American Dog Show Judges, Dr. Gerard C. Penta, 200 Lakeside Way, Greensburg, PA 15601, U.S.A.

## LONG BEACH CONVENTION CENTER HOSTS THE AKC MEET THE BREEDS

Submitted by Breed & PE Chair, Linda Shipley

The Afghan Hound Club of America will again be participating in the AKC Meet the Breeds® booth at the 2008 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on December 13 and 14 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Almost every National breed club will be there and this is our chance to shine. In the past we have had a great deal of difficulty getting people to man the booth and having Afghans present for the public to meet. This year Patrick Byrne has graciously volunteered to set-up and decorate the booth. This is a wonderful show. I hope that more members will attend this year and bring a dog and put in some time at the booth. AKC provides us with admission and lunch tickets for workers. If any of you can help please contact Patrick at: [OmbraRecds@aol.com](mailto:OmbraRecds@aol.com) or Linda Shipley at [Sharja@bellsouth.net](mailto:Sharja@bellsouth.net)

## Editor's Note

A huge Thank You to **ALL** Committee Heads for assisting me in getting this issue out on time!!!! A huge Thank You also to Committee Heads who took the time to notify me they would not have a report for this issue. It made my life much easier. You truly are a great team!

If I forgot anyone this first time around, my sincere apologies. If I forgot you, let me know and it won't happen again.

**The deadline for the next issue of Topknot News will be Saturday, March 21, 2009.** Don't worry about forgetting the deadline - I'll be sure to remind you.

**Send all reports, articles, etc., to me at:**

**[dancingtree@trims.com](mailto:dancingtree@trims.com)**

Thanks,  
Barb

**PURINA WEIGHT CIRCLE UPDATE**  
**Submitted by Helen Stein**

*Thanks to so many of you who have contributed Purina weight circles on behalf of the AHCA. While many of you are registered Pro Club members, quite a few people are not members because they feed only small amounts of a Purina product. Many of you have sent those weight circles to me and we do get credit for those as well! In appreciation for the support that Purina offers on behalf of Rescue, Education and Health Studies, the AHCA did offer a full-page ad in the 2008 National Specialty catalog.*

**Here is an update from Michael Allway, Purina:**

The Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. through its participation in the Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program is enhancing the health and well-being of the Afghan Hound. Like the 166 other clubs now participating in the program, the Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. earns funding for important canine health studies, education efforts and rescue programs when Purina Pro Club® members declare the Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. to receive matching funds and submit their weight circles.

As of August 31, 2008, the Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. has 282 members declared for the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program. From January 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008, 49 members have submitted weight circles resulting in a total of **\$685.79** accumulated thus far for the 2008 Program.

If all 282 Pro Club members declared for the Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. submitted weight circles at the same rate as the 49 members currently submitting, the earnings through August 31<sup>st</sup> may have potentially been \$3,946.80.

*(my note: Interesting logic! HS)*

The best way to increase the earnings and close the gap on the potential earnings is by spreading the word:

**To Club members who are already Pro Club® members:** Encourage them to declare for the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program by calling 1-877-776-2582 and encourage them to submit weight circles to the Purina Pro Club® .

**To Club Members who feed Purina but are NOT members of Pro Club®:** Make them aware of the Purina Parent Club Partnership program and encourage them to join Pro Club®, declare for their breed and submit weight circles to the Purina Pro Club® .

Each new person who declares participation in the PPCP Program and submits weight circles or who joins Pro

Club® and declares and submits weight circles will only help to increase the earnings for 2008. To assist you in spreading the word, we have developed ad slicks and a program overview sheet that are perfect for use in your club's publications, website, show catalog, etc. Additionally, we have found that many participants have been made aware of the program through information made available to them on their club's web site.

Also, please do not forget that we have PPCP promotional display boards that your club may have for their use while supplies last. We hope you will be able to use the display at events, meetings, banquets, etc. to help build awareness of the program and earn funds to benefit your breed. If you are interested in receiving a display board for your club's use, please let me know.

The end of the year will be upon us before we know it. Please encourage participation in this unique program, and submission of weight circles before the end of the year, to benefit the Afghan Hound. Weight circles submitted after the end of the year will be credited to next year's program. There are too many important initiatives needing funding to delay participation.

Purina thanks you for this opportunity to partner with you and the Canine Health Foundation in advancing the health and well being of the Afghan Hound.

Mike Allway, Manager

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## 2008 National Specialty Show Winners:

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Catalog cost is \$20 and includes postage.*

Sue Busby, Show Secretary  
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**Best In Veteran Sweepstakes:** # 483 Ch. Arabesque Home Improvement, Owner: Dean D'Aquila

**Best Of Opp Sex in Vet Sweeps:** #474 Ch. Mahali Valley Girl, Owner: John & Adrienne Nowakowski & Eileen Wolfe

**Best In Sweepstakes:** #243 Agha Djari's Wilson of Xenos, Owner: Stefan Boieck & Jodi Allward

**Best of Opp Sex In Sweeps:** #206 Mazshalna's Outlaw Torn Taji, Owner: Yancy Russell & Donna M. & Vanessa Bates

**Winners Dog:** #243 Agha Djari's Wilson of Xenos, Owner: Stefan Boieck & Jodi Allward

**Winners Bitch, BOW, BOB, BBE:** #314 Agha Djari's Reflections of Xenos, Owner: Stefan Boieck

**Best of Opp Sex:** #413 Ch. Winsong Hollywood Park, Owner: Jennifer & Jason Taylor

**Award of Merit:** #481 Ch. Boanne's Tale of a Dragon, Owner: Anne & George Evans

#424 Ch. Beachbrook's Cartier Diamond, Owner: Tony Saia & Floyd Gale & Tricia Collins

#448 Ch. Wynsyr China Doll, Owner: Scott Pfeil & William Pfeffer

#458 Ch. Silhouette's Shame Shame Shame JC., Owner: Elizabeth & Robert Berman & Joel Fisher DVM.

#461 Ch. Waiting on a Sunny Day, Owner: Elisabet Leven & Sven Westerblad

**Best Jr. Handler:** #390 Hannah Bevan

**Best Puppy:** #218 Riverview Dancing in the Moonlight, Owner: Linda Guarino

**Stud Dog:** #375 Ch. Kryslaur's Just Jack, Owner: Kristi Jones

**Brood Bitch:** #380 Ch. Mahrani Spit-N-Image Stormhill, Owner: Mary Offerman & Terri Vanderzee & Stormhill Knls

**Brace:** #372/373 Tarina April Lights & Tarina Arctic Legend, Owner Karen Schieck & Pat Jones

**Obedience:** No Qualifiers

**Triathlon:** #176 DC L'Rhel Witchwood Time Traveler, RN, CD,MC, LCX, Owner: James & Lynda Hicks

**AKC Lure Coursing Best of Breed:** Renee, Owner: Cathy Kirchmeyer

**ASFA Best of Breed & BEST IN FIELD:** Yousha, Owner: Sally & Don Papin

## 2008 National Show Report

### Submitted by Show Chairman, Reggie Nesbitt

The 72nd Afghan Hound National Specialty was held in Frankenmuth, MI at the Bavarian Inn Lodge on the river banks of the Cass River. The weather was perfect and the scene was picturesque. The hotel's guest relations were A plus. I heard nothing but compliments and saw people I haven't seen for years. It was great.

The Show that everyone missed was Becky Morisette falling into the river while trying to get water to water the flowers! A special congratulations to my show committee for a job well done. It was truly a collaborative effort. Hats off to the following persons: Sue Busby, Claudia and Ray Jakus, Delberta Gogulski, Mike and Jody Gardner, Linda Jackson, Anita Richards, JoAnne Buehler, Chris Kaiser, Linda and Bob Jordon, Laurie Goodell, Becky and Brad Morisette, Michelle Trifiro, Helen and Bob Stein, Linda Shipley, Chuck Milne, Gill Ullom, Cindy and Dennis Chandler, Connie Butherus and Harry Bennett.

I'm sorry to report we came up a little short financially. This is just my prediction. Linda has yet to put together all the numbers. I feel the number of days, days of the week and some goals should be established for what we are trying to achieve. It's becoming costly and people want to get the most for their buck. While the hotel wants us back, it doesn't solve the problem. A task force needs to be established to explore new ideas in this changing economy. This is a very serious problem but not so serious reasonable people can't come up with a reasonable solution.

## **SWEEPSTAKES CRITIQUES**

**by Brenda Brody**

### **Veteran Sweepstakes**

It was so wonderful for the dogs and bitches past 7 years old to have a chance of recognition and competition. I loved the fact that these veteran Afghan Hounds did so well at their ages which showed me that they certainly have quality construction and longevity behind them and some could have competed in the breed competition this week. Thank you to each one who entered their elegant veterans for me to examine. They had remarkable top lines which was such a pleasure to see and I was told that some were on the coursing field the day before.

**7-9 Dog** 1st - Ch. Summerwind's It's All About Me - beautiful moving blue male in full coat that loved to show and was full of energy.

**9-12 Dog** 1st - Ch. Arabesque Home Improvement - clipped black and tan male that had a sound body with beautiful balanced movement.

**9-12 Bitch** 1st - Ch. Landwehr's Rum Boogie Blues - full coated black bitch full of femininity that easily covered the ring and in wonderful condition.

**12 and over Bitch** 1st - Ch. Mahali Valley Girl - full coated red bitch with ease of movement and in fabulous condition for this age.

**Best in Veteran Sweeps - Ch. Arabesque Home Improvement** (9-12 Dog) - he won because of his overall balance and his lovely breed type; he looked like an Afghan Hound male in my eyes.

**Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweeps - Ch. Mahali Valley Girl** (12 and over Bitch) - she was in wonderful condition for her age and easily covered the ring.

### **Sweepstakes**

There was so much competition in these classes and it was so much fun for me to get to go over all of them

and see what the condition of the youngsters of the breed are. Thank you to each one of you who entered and exhibited to me.

There were several decisions that could have been different in a split second and the choices made were just that, my choices on that day at that given moment in time.

A few faults I noticed were some upper arms with lack of set under. Others had fronts that were too narrow and lacking forechest so consequently there was unsoundness coming at me. Most had lovely ground covering movement. There were very few unsound rears. Tails came in a variety and some were a bit strange. I like a tail that has a ring or curve at the end believing this is a real trait of the breed. Some toplines were soft and at the puppy age I really expect them to be solid. I have found them to soften up with age so I will be curious to see how they develop. Otherwise there wasn't much else that screamed at me except the trimming and shaving of faces and necks on these youngsters. I really like puppies to look like puppies and have hair all over and especially on their faces. I realize that in the over 12 month classes everybody wants them to look mature but if you are going to do it; do it without a clipper and try to make it look natural.

There were also a few who really didn't want me going over their heads. I decided to not penalize this since there were numerous yellow jackets flying all over, around and in and out all afternoon. The dogs probably sensed them, one handler was stung and I was swatting at them and even with this was able to examine every dog.

And just an aside, I did notice quite a few with dirty teeth. The youngest classes had perfectly white teeth but the older they were the worse the teeth. I like to see teeth that are clean and taken care of; sort of like having a clean dog with no mats. You expect the hair to be taken care of and it would be good to take care of the teeth too.

**6-9 Dog** 1st Excel Dancing With the

Stars - this very beautiful red male is naturally patterned. He had a few moments when he was fighting the lead but his overall balance and soundness won him the class.

**9-12 Dog** 1st Kryslaur's Arrogance in Motion - this black boy aptly named had a great attitude and a wonderful outline. He had a beautiful eye and expression that gave a mischievous naughty puppy look and he easily showed himself.

**12-15 Dog** 1st Agha Djari's Wilson of Xenos - this brindle male was very full of attitude. He had lovely soundness and his outline was wonderful and he was quite mature for his young age. All his parts were working together and I noted he is from Germany.

2nd Funtimes Christofor Columb - I also found this dog very appealing in his ground covering ability and his type. Interesting to note his sire is the grand sire to the 1st place dog in this class and is also from France.

**15-18 Dog** 1st Gazon What You See Is What You Get - this cream male had a lovely outline and beautiful head. His balanced movement was also lovely.

2nd Kasban Ariana Bugatti - this black and tan male was also very balanced and moved effortlessly. I went back and forth between these 2 and just had to make a decision.

**6-9 Bitch** 1st Mazshalna's Outlaw Torn Taji - this black masked silver bitch had lovely movement, carried herself as if she didn't have a care in the world and was sound.

**9-12 Bitch** 1st Kryslaur Amerikas Blue Angel - this dark blue bitch is a littermate to the winner of the 9-12 Dog Class and was very similar to him. She had a lovely outline and was balanced in her movement.

**12-15 Bitch** 1st Wynsyr Taking Chances - this was a feminine black and silver bitch that moved beautifully although her handler kept going too fast. When she was at the correct speed she moved effortlessly.

2nd Stormhill's Dream Girl - this red girl was also a beautiful mover, sound  
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and had a lovely outline.

**15-18 Bitch** 1st Sharja Saleen - this black and tan bitch was a feminine, lovely sound mover and one of the ones in this class of correct size.

2nd Deloubelle I'm on Cloud Nine - this red bitch had lovely type and wonderful balance and movement but was too big for me.

**Best in Sweepstakes - Agha Djari's Wilson of Xenos** (12-15 Dog) - he won because he stood and owned his ground. When he moved he had attitude and seemed able to just go and go. His topline was solid and his outline never faltered in his ground covering easy movement.

**Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes - Mazshalna's Outlaw Torn Taji** (6-9 Bitch) - this little girl for me was the epitome of an Afghan Hound puppy bitch. She had hair everywhere and moved with her head and tail up and had a wonderful outline and aloof attitude. Her dark eyes and expression looked down on the world around her and she didn't notice anyone else; the world was hers this day.



### Best In Sweepstakes & Winners Dog

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## Regular Dog Class Critique By Al Weinraub

Once more I wish to thank the members of the AHCA for inviting me to judge this outstanding group of dogs. I found many of the classes extremely difficult to judge due to the quality of the animals being presented.

The first class, the 6 to 9 puppy class had as its winner **EXCEL DANCING WITH THE STARS**. This was a very typey and classy dog, mature beyond his years. He was, as far as I am concerned, an outstanding specimen worthy of even more accolades than he received. Had he not tired in winners, I think I might have done even more for him. He had the proper lift, motion, moved well up and down, and was very beautiful to look at and admire.

My 9 to 12 dog, **KRYSLAUR'S ARROGANCE IN MOTION** was extremely pretty, elegant, and covered the ground very well. He had many of the proper items a judge looks for in a dog, e.g. correct head carriage, good topline, outstanding attitude. I was pleased and proud to give him this class.

My 12 to 18 month winner, **AGHA D'JARI'S WILSON OF XENOS**, was, to me breathtaking. I obviously thought him the best dog there and of course, in that event, made him Winners Dog. A very exciting young hound - had that "something" that makes a judge stand up and take note. You rarely see that type of showmanship, proper attitude, and smoothness in today's Afghan Hound. Upon going over him I felt that there would have to be an unbelievably magnificent dog to beat him that day. I was taken

with him, which I normally try to not allow myself to do.

The Bred by Exhibitor class was given to a beautiful dog, **BOANNE-SCARABET DRAGON'S DEFEAT**, whom I felt was the outstanding dog in this class. He was a truly beautiful mover, elegant and certainly deserving of winning this outstanding class. He was in contention for winners dog all the way. He was a delight to observe in the class - he was sound and indeed had that extra something that makes a dog a winner.

The American Bred class was won by **PROFOFIER OVERTURE IN CONCERT**, a dog who shone vividly in his class. A very nice dog with many of the attributes a judge looks for in a dog. He was very sound, nice head, good front and rear movement. He was a quality dog that will do well over the next few years.

The open dog class, won by **TRIPPLICITY ENCORE COOL BLUES** was my reserve dog. This is where that often heard phrase, "if only I had more ribbons to give out" could be used. He was powerful, covered the ground extremely well, and, indeed, owned the piece of ground he was standing on. He was a very classy dog that on another day, and with another entry, could easily have done better.

My congratulations to all of the dogs in the entry - the weather cooperated, the people, were wonderful, and the dogs were, for the most part, outstanding.

# Bitches & Best of Breed Critique

## By Jay Hafford



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Judging the National of the breed you have devoted your life to is the highest honor one can achieve as a judge. I am both privileged and honored to have been asked to judge the 2008 National Specialty. It is something that will remain a joyous memory for as long as I live.

Thank you to all who voted for me and to all the exhibitors for allowing me to judge your beautiful Afghan Hounds. I also want to extend my congratulations to Reggie Nesbitt and Sue Busby for an outstanding job putting this National together. I understand that Laurie Goodell and Claudia Jakus played a large role as well so thank you to you both and to all the others who gave of their time, effort and energy to this event.

The quality was high at this year's National and there were choices to be made. The common thread for me and I hope was clear to all was **topline, shape, balance, proper carriage** and of course as our standard says **GREAT STYLE AND BEAUTY!** I was also very pleased to see lots of natural patterning. My winners had these assets as well as excellent temperaments and keen athletic ability. The bitch classes particularly from the 12 to 18 class forward had much to choose from. It was, however, the Bred by Exhibitor bitch **Agha Djari's Reflection of Xenos** who captured both my intellect for her correctness and my heart. She owned the ring and feared nothing. She could almost have shown herself. She was sound and maintained an even pace which was comfortable for her and picked it up when asked and slowed it down if necessary while maintaining that same beautiful shape and carriage. She is a true Afghan Hound and a once in a lifetime combination of so many things to strive for as a breeder. The Open Class winner and reserve bitch **Jangel's Just Got the Look** was also very beautiful with a to die for head (correct in every sense) and beautiful coat pattern.

Best of Breed Competition was a jaw dropping challenge especially if you tried to look at the class as a whole. I really had to break it down multiple times. Staying focused on each section as though you were judging classes was really the only answer. In the end there were still many choices and Afghan Hounds that I would be proud to award Best of Breed. From the very beautiful and correctly balanced Opposite Sex **Ch Windsong Hollywood Park** to my beautiful line up of Awards of Merit **Ch Wynsyr China Doll**, **Ch Boanne's Legend of the Dragon**, **Ch Beachbrook's Cartier Diamond**, **Ch Waiting on a Sunny Day**, and **Ch Silhouette's Shame Shame Shame JC**. But it was the class bitch **Agha Djari's Reflection of Xenos** who ultimately staked her claim and fit most closely to my ideal as I interpret our great Afghan Standard. I would like to extend my thanks again to all of you for this incredible honor

You may view all photos of the 2008 AHCA National at:

<http://graatphotos.smugmug.com>



## AHCA Schedule of Events

**April 9, 2009**  
**Breeders' Cup**  
**Oak Canyon Park**  
**Silverado, CA**

**September 13 - September 19,**  
**2009**  
**Afghan Hound Club of America**  
**National Specialty 2009**  
**Lancaster, PA**

**Next Topknot News Deadline is:**  
**March 21, 2009**

### NEWLY ELECTED AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA LIFETIME MEMBERS

**Ed Gilbert** has authored many books but is best known to the Afghan Hound community for his co-authorship (with Connie Miller) of *The Complete Afghan Hound*. In his years of membership in the AHCA he has held many offices and committee positions including those of First Vice President and Board Member and was co-Editor (with wife Pat) of *Topknot News*.\*

**Norm Kattelman** has been involved with Afghan Hounds since the 1940's and bred many champions under the Delhi Downs prefix. He was President of the Afghan Hound club of America, Inc. from 1971 - 1974, during which time the AHCA published the wonderful booklet *Introduction to the Afghan Hound* and the now famous "Red Book, *Afghan Hounds in America*".\*

**Sharon Watson** was just recently granted Lifetime Membership in the AHCA. She was instrumental in drafting the current Breeders' Cup Policies and Procedures and has been a major part of the Breeders' Cup for nearly 21 years. She annually compiled the statistics on our Afghan Hounds and for many years Sharon was the *Topknot News Editor*.

***Our Congratulations to Ed, Norm & Sharon!***

\* Courtesy of Bob & Helen Stein