



Topknot News

The Newsletter of the Afghan Hound Club of America

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Jacksonville, the City of Bridges, is located on the St John's River and has a beautiful Riverwalk that leads to and from the Jacksonville Landing, a major attraction for eating, shopping, and entertainment. The host hotel is 10 minutes from the Atlantic Ocean where the coast is lined with beautiful beaches. Hanna Park which takes up some of the Jax coastline permits dogs on their beaches.

Just south of Jacksonville is the World Golf Village where any Golfer will be awed by its splendor. It is highlighted with the World Golf Museum and has an IMAX Theatre.

Named the First Coast, 1/2 hour south will take you to St. Augustine, this country's oldest city. There of course one can take in historic enrichment, sights and lots of fun and good eating. Marineland is nearby. The largest Outlet Center shopping is located on the outskirts as well.

Disney World, Sea World and Universal Theme Parks are 2 1/2 hours away.

The host hotel for the National is:

Ramada Inn
Conference Center
5865 Arlington Expressway
Jacksonville, FL 32211
(904)724 3410
fax (904)727 7606

Please contact the hotel direct for reservations and be sure to inform them that you are coming for the Afghan Hound Club Specialty Show. The hotel is blocking all rooms for our event and will not give out rooms otherwise.

The National Specialty will run in entirety from Nov. 5 - Nov. 9.

The competition and other events will be as follows:

Sunday - Nov. 5 Lure Coursing (a 40 minute drive from the host hotel)

Monday - Nov. 6 Agility (5 minute drive from the host hotel)

Nov. 6 Obedience (in the hotel ballroom - yes we will have jump mats!)

Nov. 6 Sweepstakes (in the ballroom)

Tuesday - Nov. 7 Regular Dog Class Judging (in the ballroom)
Triathlon Meeting after dog judging
Chair Shelley Hennessy
Breeders' Seminar p.m.

"Illusions of Coat and Patterning in the Afghan Hound"

by Julie & Emmett Roche
Chairs Jan Reital & Sandy Frei
Wednesday - Nov. 8

Membership meeting a.m.
Regular Bitch Class Judging (in the ballroom)

Rescue Meeting after judging
Chair Amy Peake

Thursday - Nov. 9 Triathlon Conformation, Junior Showmanship, Best of Breed Competition, Parade of Veterans, Parade of Rescue, and other Non- Regular class Judging (in the ballroom)

Awards dinner p.m.
Chair Eleanor McCoy

TO AHCA MEMBERS

"At the General Membership Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida this year there will be several items on the agenda that must be taken care of. It is necessary that, as an AHCA member, you attend this meeting and remain to its conclusion. Last year, several important items of business were unable to be resolved, changed, passed, etc.

because members left the meeting and there was no longer a quorum present. This means these items will again be on the agenda. Please attend and please stay to help the club move forward."

SPECIALTIES 2000-2001

Greater Pittsburgh Afghan Hound Club
October 6, 2000 Aliquippa, PA
Sweeps - Laurie Goodell
Dogs & Intersex - Mara Lynn Mercer
Bitch Classes - Jane Jantos Sheppard

Afghan Hound Club of America
November 5 - 9 Jacksonville, FL
Sweeps - David Giordano
Dogs & Intersex - Jan Reital
Bitch Classes - Gene Vaccaro

Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club
February 10, 2001 New Haven CT
Sweeps - Christine Pinkston
Regular Classes - Sandra Weinraub

Afghan Association of Long Island
February 11, 2001 New Haven, CT
Sweeps - Penny Whitaker
Regular classes - Romayne Switch

Potomac Afghan Hound Club
March 9, 2001 Portsmouth, VA
Sweeps - Michael Strockbine
Regular Classes - Donna Broucek

Tidewater Afghan Hound Club
March 10, 2001 Portsmouth, VA
Sweeps - Billie Hill-Taylor
Regular Classes - Sandra Frei

Richmond Afghan Hound Club
March 11, 2001 Portsmouth, VA
Sweeps - Pending
Regular Classes - Bonita Visser

NEW IT COMMITTEE

From Jim Coudriet II, Chairman

This is a new committee that we hope may help in the coordination and dissemination of information. As such, we are still in the early stages of formation, and working on the actual practices and processes of the committee. The committee is comprised of, Sharon Watson (Topknot editor), Barb Bornstein, AHCA webmaster, and Jim Coudriet. Here is the early draft charter for the committee.

Information Technology Committee Charter (DRAFT)

1.0 General Charter: The general charter of this AHCA committee is to set up and maintain systems and applications that improve the communications between all Afghan

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enthusiasts, particularly AHCA club members, the AHCA Board of directors and officers, and the AHCA committees. This involves integrating the AHCA communications media such as the webpage, email lists, publications, etc.

2.0 Membership: IT Committee Chair, AHCA Webmaster, Publications Coordination Chair, plus other members selected by the IT Chair.

3.0 Specific Initial Responsibilities:

3.1 Set up an electronic mail list open to all AHCA members. This should be a moderated list which covers all general Afghan Hound info, AHCA and Regional Club topics. This should be viewed as a primary forum for improving all the activities of the AHCA by facilitating AHCA-related communications between members. This should be linked to the webpage.

3.2 A members-only area should be set up to handle membership lists, new member application reports, etc. We have to keep this private to prevent our members being bombarded by junk mail and spam. This will be the official membership list for the AHCA, and will be maintained by input from the recording secretary. This area should be easily available to members.

3.3 A method for holding committee meetings, Board Meetings etc. electronically needs to be established, relieving the travel time and expenses. This will permit more-frequent board communications, improving the timeliness of board activities and decisions.

3.4 An international Afghan Hound database has been developed in Australia, and beta-copies of the applications have been provided to the AHCA and Parent Clubs in the UK, Australia, S. Africa, Sweden, and Belgium for evaluation. This committee needs to determine how to evaluate this program, decide how we might use it, and in conjunction with other national clubs, set up an update process to keep all national clubs operating off the same database.

PERMANENT SITES

The Rotating Show Sites (or "Permanent Show Sites") Committee was formed after discussion at General Membership meetings, to investigate the possibility of holding the National Specialty at three PERMANENT LOCATIONS on a rotating basis. The Committee has investigated possible show sites and the following have met our requirements: (East Region) Holiday Inn, Boxborough, MA and Holiday Inn Conference Center, Frederick, MD; (Middle Region) Holiday Inn, Louisville, KY; (West Region) George Allen Field, Long Beach, CA and Red Lion Inn, Ontario, CA.

Criteria include: Ease of travel to the Show City (good airline service from all parts of the U.S., and reasonable airfares); Ease of transportation from the airport to the Show Site and/or Show Hotel; Plenty of grassy area for show rings and to exercise dogs; adequate fenced location nearby for lure coursing; availability of meeting rooms and banquet facility; reasonable price of sleeping rooms. The Long Beach facility is the only one that is not at a hotel. At this time, all of the above locations are used for other breeds' National Specialties. The advantages include: Having a known facility that the Show Committee can work with, rather than starting from scratch each year; Exhibitors will be familiar with the facility and surrounding area; Ability to schedule dates and locations with more lead time—so attendees can make travel plans well in advance.

The Disadvantages include: Show Chairman should be located reasonably near the Show City, so this limits us with workers; Much more lead time will be required to reserve the facility; Other good sites in the country will not be utilized. This information will be presented at the Membership Meeting in November for discussion and possibly a vote on whether the membership wants to proceed with having permanent show sites. The National Specialty is held in Sept-Oct-Nov of each year as stated in Policies and Procedures. The AHCA would like your input on the concept of permanent show sites, locations, other cities/sites that meet the criteria. Send comments in writing to PO Box 50089, Henderson, NV 89016 or email to Helen@winski.com.

FLYING TO THE NATIONAL? TRAVEL TIPS FROM MICHAEL

This is for the benefit of those who may not have as much experience flying their dog, and it may also have information that others would disagree with. But the advice contained is mine from personal experience, nothing more. I hope it may be of help to some of you.

1) NEVER FLY A DOG THAT IS NOT IN PERFECT HEALTH!

Do not give any Tranquilizers, as they will alter the dogs ability to regulate his breathing patterns as temperatures change enroute. Make sure your dog has been exercised and "matched" just before you get into the airport. Most have grassy areas on the outskirts. I would not recommend flying any dog that has less than steady temperament. The most stable dogs might not love all the commotion, but they quickly get past it.

2) NEVER FLY ANYTHING THAT INVOLVES A CONNECTION DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

Book a Nonstop to the nearest airport and drive the rest of the way.

3) ALWAYS FLY VERY EARLY OR AFTER SUNSET.

4) ADHERE TO WHATEVER THE CURRENT AIRLINE REQUESTS. i.e.: health cert. labels, crate dimensions, water dishes, etc. Everyone has some variation, call in advance to know what is required. The airlines think they are being helpful by giving the dog water enroute, but it is not. I have had many a wet dog come off the belt. But that's not a biggie! I put a sign that reads "Please do not water dog without owners permission" "Owner on Board" and IN CASE OF EMERGENCY "OPEN ONLY IN CLOSED ROOM "I do not put locks on the cages, only good strong clips, and or bungee cords across the front. I also always have battery fans going at all times. Attach them with those plastic pull ties with "teeth."

5) NEVER LOSE YOUR COOL WITH AIRLINE PERSONNEL ..THIS IS IMPORTANT!

You get more done with kindness than without. These people may not know or care if it's your fancy "show dog" they want to just make sure they are following regulations. I have found that if you think your agent is lacking in any way, NICELY ask for a supervisor, and keep asking NICELY until you get one. Do not try to cheat the airlines. They are very clever with all their new computers and if it means paying more because all your equipment puts you over the allowable limit...so be it. It's their rules -we have to follow them.

6)STAY WITH YOUR DOG until an agent or Skycap takes him. Always tip the skycap well! This is the person that passes the word to the next person who will load the dog. Ask to be sure he/she is kept in a cool area, and VERY IMPORTANT...find him when he returns to the counter area and check that everything is OK. If you're going to fly often, these are the guys to have as your friends! They will remember you and your TIP, and it will be easier next time.

7)MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT to get a "visual" of your dog before getting on the plane. If not able to do so, ask the gate agent NICELY to verify your dog is on board. Give them your seat number in advance. NW Airlines has a "pet tag" and they will give it to you once the dog is loaded as proof it is on board. I recommend you book/ask for a window seat on the right side of the plane. Almost every cargo bin is on the right side and you can see the dog as it boards, which is usually very near to the end.

8) IMPORTANT... when you board the plane, whatever the conditions are in the cabin, it is the same below. If your plane has stayed on the ground overnight it could be very warm. Let the Captain know you have a "live dog" below. No need to say it's a show dog, but you can mention it if they ask. Most Pilots check the cargo as it goes on, and will know in advance anyway. If you have a delay of more than 30 minutes on the tarmac, and you should time from when the door shuts. Inform a flight attendant to make the Captain aware. This can sometimes be met with a "everything will be fine attitude" but insist on some acknowledgment. AND REMEMBER YOU HAVE TO BE NICE IN THE ASKING! If things still are delayed and its coming up to an hour, I get concerned. I inform/send word to the captain that I will request that myself and my dog be taken off the plane. No Captain wants to head back to do that, and most times either they request immediate clearance, because it always seems to make things move. I don't know for sure about this, and I would think it is the exception rather than the rule.

9) IF YOUR DOG IS NOT IN THE BAGGAGE AREA within 30 minutes, find an agent to verify its whereabouts. You do not want it to go back up with the plane it came in on. This can happen if you land in the rain and they try to keep the dog on the plane until last so it stays dry, but it happened to me once, they were just being thoughtful, but someone was also forgetful. BTW it didn't go up again.

10) DO NOT OPEN THE CAGE IN THE TERMINAL if you're not 100% sure of the dog being OK. Some dogs might be soiled, or worse choose to dump in the baggage area. Wait until you're outside and the dog has had a few minutes to calm down. Have bottled water with you and a strong leash. Do not walk dogs on a show lead! Michael Canalizo

1999 AGILITY RANKINGS

1. Karin's Midnight Fury, JC AXJ, MX 117 (16-12)
2. Ch. Oreia's Priority One, JC. CD, NA, NAJ 63 (11-6)
3. Ch. Jahan Mahavidya Eclipse, JCM, NAJ, NA 32 (5-4)
4. Ch. Pahlavi Dancin With the Devil, JC. OA, OAJ 29 (6-3)
5. Robinswood Northern Star J.C, OA. OAJ 28 (5-3)
6. Robinswood Northern Dancer OA. NAJ 22 (5-1)
7. Sabra's Flying Colors 21 (3-1)
8. DCh Chaparral Cornsilk CDX, OA, OAJ 12 (3-3)
9. Danantine 8 (1-1)
10. Stillwinds Covergirl 8 (1-1)

The first number is the total number of points earned, the second number is the number of scores used to determine the number of points and the 3rd number is the number of class placements

A perfect score of 100 earned 8 pts

97-99	7 pts
96-97	6 pts
94-95	5 pts
92-93	4 pts
90-91	3 pts
88-89	2pts
85-87	1 pts

RULE CHANGES IN OBEDIENCE EFFECTIVE 10/01/00

There are some big changes coming to obedience as of October 1, 2000! Recently I had the opportunity to attend a judges seminar presented by the Obedience Department of the AKC. The new Assistant Vice President of Obedience, Tracking, Agility and CGC, Pat Krause, was there to explain the new rules and the philosophy behind them.

The following are some highlights of the many changes:

1. Novice B: Currently, when you earn your C.D. in either Novice A or Novice B you have 60 days to compete in either class after you get your title, but then you can no longer compete in Novice. Under the new regulations after the 60 days you will be able to show in Novice B until you either get a High In Trial, or your first leg in Open. This new

regulation applies to you even if you earned your C.D. years ago. If you have your C.D. but are not yet ready for Open, you can compete in Novice to get more experience and have more opportunities to develop confidence in the ring. This also is a great change for those who have no interest in continuing on to Open but would love to be able to continue to show....at our upcoming National perhaps.

2. Group Exercises: More room will be allowed for each dog in sits and downs - a minimum of four feet per dog is now prescribed in the regulations. This will ensure that you have adequate room for dogs and handlers.

3. For those of us with hair issues, the regulations now state that a dog whose hair on its ears or beard interferes with the performance of the retrieve exercise, may have the hair controlled by the use of one to four rubber bands."

4. Versatile Companion Dog Title - there will be five new titles earnable after October 1, 2000. They will not retroactively be awarded, however. These titles are awarded to dogs earning titles in Obedience, Agility and Tracking as follows:

- Versatile Companion Dog 1 (VCD1) - CD, NA, NAJ, TD
- Versatile Companion Dog 2 (VCD2) - CDX, OA, OAJ, TD
- Versatile Companion Dog 3 (VCD3) - UD, AX, AXJ, TDX
- Versatile Companion Dog 4 (VCD4) - UDX, MX, MXJ, VST

Versatile Companion Dog Champion (VCCH) - OTCH, MACH, CT
So get out your tracking harnesses and give it a whirl!

4. Veterans Class: After October 1, 2000, you will be able to show in the Veterans class and in a regular class at the same show. (Veterans Class is for dogs that have an obedience title and are seven years of age or older).

5. Graduate Novice - The exercises in this class have been changed drastically. It is hoped that this will make the class more of a "bridge" between Novice and Open. The new exercises are:

Open Heel Free (40 points) - heeling and figure 8 off leash.

Moving Stand for Examination (30 points) - a moving stand as in utility, except the judge's examination will be like that in Novice.

Moving Drop on Recall (30

points) - the dog is dropped at your side while heeling, the handler continues to the end of the ring to complete the recall.

Dumbbell Recall (40 points) - You stand with your dog in heel position, command it to take the dumbbell, leave it and do a regular recall.

Recall over the Broad Jump (30 points) - the dog does a straight recall over the Broad Jump, which is set at just once the dog's height.

Open Long Down (30 points) - a 3 minute out of sight down and no out of sight sit should help people to transition into those out of sight sits and downs.

6. Order of Classes. Currently the exercises in Open and Utility, both A and B, are always in the same order. Effective October 1st the exercises in the "A" classes will remain the same, but in Open B and Utility B the judge will pick one of six possible orders of exercises, and that will be the order for that show. In one of the orders, OPEN II, you even do the sits and downs in reverse order, so the order of exercises in that show would be:

Broad Jump, Retrieve Over High Jump, Retrieve on Flat, Drop on Recall, Figure Eight and Heel Free, Long Down and Long Sit.

In utility, also, one of the orders of exercises is the traditional one, but in the others you might start with Directed Jumping or Articles, the Moving Stand, or the Directed Retrieve. Judges attending the seminar were urged to truly mix the order of exercises. The Obedience Department does not want a particular judge to become known for a particular pattern in Open or Utility so that competitors would know he/she is a "6" or a "3" judge and be able to prepare accordingly. This should make getting a UDX and competing in the B classes a lot more interesting. The other main change in the upper level is that OTCH points will be awarded for third and fourth place in larger classes.

7. Rally Obedience - one of the most exciting changes is the addition of a new non-regular class.....Rally style obedience. This could turn out to be a lot of fun! The plan is that it will start out as a non-regular class, but perhaps as early as June of

next year it will move into the regular classes with titles. Rally has exercises which are based on either classic obedience moves, or on some of the training moves that we typically use to prepare for the obedience ring, such as come fores and circles to the left or to the right. The judge lays out a course with signs indicating which move is to be done at each spot in the ring. Like agility, you have one continuous course or "run." At the beginning the Judge asks you if you are ready, and says forward. Off you go and from there on you are directing the action instead of waiting for the judge's commands. You can talk to and encourage your dog along through the whole course, and each course is different! Level One is completely on lead; the course may include anywhere from 19 to 27 different exercises. One of the main performance goals for rally obedience is enthusiasm from both the dog and handler. At the seminar five different dogs got to go on a spin through a rally course, and the dogs in particular seemed to be having an absolute ball. The demo dogs were all at different stages of their obedience careers (from CD to UD) but all of the dogs seemed to react the same: they would get these pleased, surprised looks on their faces as their trainers did these untypical, unexpected changes of pace and direction while praising and talking to their canine partners. This will be a much easier, "entry level" place for beginners - after all, you won't have a judge barking orders at you. There is a Level Two in Rally, which includes some jumping and more advanced exercises. One of the exercises at the higher level consists of you doing a figure eight around bowls with food in them (Oliver will never make it!). The details of this class are being worked out. It will certainly require a bigger ring - and signs, sign holders, etc.

There are a lot more rules changes - you can check them all out at the AKC web site, and they will be published in the Gazette. Several changes that were seriously discussed were dropped. There had been some discussion of changing the broad jump, but it was not changed. I have been told that the Obedience Regulations will be combined with the "Judges Guidelines." Pat Krause

wants very much to make obedience more "user friendly."

Obedience seminars such as the one I attended are being held throughout the country. Besides the rule changes and the rally obedience demonstration, the seminar covered some of the finer points of judging, Novice through Utility. This part of the seminar was truly an eye opener for me! You get to see demonstrations and hear discussions of exactly where points get lost and why, as well as a much better picture of what that "theoretically perfect" performance really looks like. The list of upcoming Obedience Seminars can be found in the "Seminars" section of the Events.

There will be some big changes in obedience, and change threatens some people. But it was great to see that the performance area has a very dedicated head in Pat Krause who is very positive about her mission. That certainly bodes well for the future of obedience.

Happy heeling everybody!

Kathryn Pugh

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1-70 East at Route 256
Columbus, Ohio 43068.

Call 1-800-821-0007

It will be a great week-end with the following back to back shows:

Friday, April 20, 2001 - Breeders' Cup, Lenox Inn,

Saturday, April 21, 2001 - Afghan Hound Club of Greater Columbus specialty Lenox Inn Regular classes - Terry Chacon, Sweeps - Brenda Brody

Sunday, April 22, 2001 - Columbus All Breed Show supported entry by AHCGC Regular classes - Mickey Koss Sweeps - to be announced Fairgrounds, Columbus, Ohio

Monday, April 23, 2001 - Licking River Kennel Club Fairgrounds, Columbus, Ohio Judge - Betty Stites

The airport is 16-18 minute away, the Fairgrounds 20 minutes.

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Board Highlights June 20, 2000

Present: Butherus, Bennett, Ullom, Lucree, Bornstein, Brody, Dukes, Hufnagel, Nesbitt, Stein

Absent: Clark, Lenobel

The minutes were approved as corrected:

Item 5,29 The AHCA site gets approximately 800 hits per day

Item 6.1 The issue of permanent sites will be put on the agenda for the general membership meeting in Jacksonville.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$35,873.85 as of 5/22/00.

AFGHAN HOUNDS IN AMERICA is available from Selma Tenenbaum or Reggie Nesbitt. One volume \$15, two \$25. A binder, Vol. 2 and Vol 1 Supplement \$35. Reggie is contacting Regional clubs to get Specialty results for the next update.

BREEDERS' CUP: Chris Kaiser reports an entry of 100. Jody Gardner, 2001 chair, will report in November. Tidewater's proposal to hold the AHBC with their Specialty in March, 2002 was accepted.

BUDGET & FINANCE: Gill Ullom presented a report that compares the Treasurer's reports over a twenty-year span from 1979-1999. An additional report showed disbursements and income, by category, for the years 1984-1998. He was asked to do an overview (snapshot) of Rescue and National Specialties for the past 15 years. This report is to be presented at the general membership meeting in November.

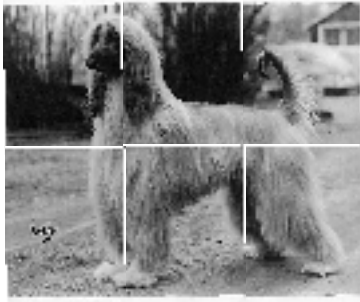
TOPKNOT NEWS Sharon Watson asked that the club purchase Acrobat Writer in getting TN on the web. The Board moved that Topknot News will be published on a regular schedule, six weeks after every Board meeting.

CANINE HEALTH: We hope to have a health survey distributed at the November general Membership meeting. An outline is available from the Canine Health Foundation. The DNA project is ongoing.

COMPLAINTS: Currently there is no procedure in place for handling complaints in Policies and Procedures. Barb Bornstein volunteered to handle complaints. Jan Lucree offered to research the Code of Ethics, Constitution, and other club's procedures and submit a proposal at the November Board meeting. The proposal should contain complaints by non-members against members.

AKC DELEGATE: Connie Butherus submitted a report from the last meeting. She will attend the next meeting in San Diego on June 13-14. She has a paper to take to the parent club committee that addresses the prohibitive cost to retrieve breed history from the archives.

JUDGES EDUCATION: There will be an ad in the Gazette for the Judges Breed Study Group to be held in Jacksonville on November 8. (cont. P 8)



The AHCA Library has: Minutes of all meetings, marked National Specialty catalogs, marked Regional Specialty catalogs, marked Breeders' Cup catalogs, and other written records of the club. It also has photographs in black and white and color of National Specialty winners, the Retrospective slides or video, and videotapes of the National since 1987 except 1993. We can look at any of these and see the dogs of the past. Have you seen Sterling Silver, Ares, Apollo, Falstaff, Cymbeline, Graffiti,? Have you seen them in the ring moving? At the moment the Library can't offer you this opportunity - the records need rescuing:

From Librarian Karen Armistead:

In November 1997 John Fish gave the Library many reels of Super 8 film of the National Specialties of 1973-1977 saying, " This film is ideal for converting to video since it is all edited and titled." To see the WD, WB and Specials would be very informative. It is always better to see the dog in motion. But the first problem was finding a Super 8 projector and a person who could put the film on Beta SP or Digital Beta. The number of frames per second is different so the dogs move in a very jerky fashion. Converting John's film to a video master to make VHS copies would be an expensive proposition, but well worth doing. Late in March of 1998 Joe Vecchione of Digital Post and Graphics found a projector so I could view the film. He did not charge the club for the many hours he spent helping me get through the films.



I should have asked Joe what it would cost, but even if I had, neither of us realized at that point how much time it would take to edit the film. John Fish had not identified the dogs in the '73 film and they were not shown in numerical order. We had to read the armband and then consult the marked catalogue. For the '74 - '77 BOB competition John Fish had typed labels to identify the dogs, but sometimes the name was spelled incorrectly, and some were incorrectly identified. What really takes editing time, however, is that sometimes you are looking at film of dog #71 gaiking ,then the camera pans to a different dog standing still and finally returns to #71. This video has to make sense to an audience almost 30 years later, A voice over narration may have been a better choice but is more expensive.

I have already spent \$2,5561.36 and three years are not done yet. It will take at least 6 more hours of editing to complete the video, plus time to look at each section to see if any editing changes need to be made. Joe Vecchione has charged so much less than any other Post Production Studio would have charged that I am simply amazed.

There is interesting and enlightening footage in these films. Instead of being told, for example, what people thought of Mecca's Falstaff, we can see for ourselves. Film does not last forever, The Super 8 film is breaking and cracking. It needs to be converted to Beta SP now before it is too late. The Library budget of \$1200 a year cannot support a project of this size. Membership support is needed if we are to save the records of our past. Opportunities for contribution will be forthcoming. Please help.



1949 1959 1969 1979 1989 1999
BOB Winners at the National Specialties

These were taken from the albums kept by the AHCA Librarian. The albums in their entirety will be on display in Jacksonville. Have Afghan Hounds changed a great deal in the past fifty years? Have you seen animals similar to these in the ring lately? Is it important to maintain these records - in writing, in photographs, on videotape? Would you, personally, help?

Can you identify the years and the dogs? (Answers next page)

DELEGATE REPORT

The June 13, 2000 AKC



Delegate's meeting was called to order in San Diego, CA, to address the proposed amendments to Disciplinary Articles and Sections of the Constitution and Bylaws of the AKC.

A large screen was used to project the amendments, proposed changes and any amendments to amendments. Changes could be shown immediately for delegates' consideration. Amendments to ARTICLE XV, PENALTIES, Sections 1,2,3,4 were overwhelmingly passed following minor changes in verbiage not content,

A two-thirds majority vote approved the amendment to ARTICLE XIV, EVENT COMMITTEES Section 1 that changed the appeals procedure. It will be heard by Trial Boards rather than the AKC Board. The appeals fee will be set high enough to discourage meritless appeals.

ARTICLE XIII, TRIAL BOARDS, Section 1, gives the Trial Board Chairman rather than AKC management the authority to appoint substitute Trial Board members. A further amendment states that: "No member of a Trial Board or an Appeal Trial Board shall be a Director or have served as a Director in the preceding three years or be a past or current AKC employee." Passed.



There were no additions to proposed changes in Section 2 which concern procedure or Sections 3,4,5 which deal with penalties. Amendments to Sections 6,7,8 emphasize procedure, taking the appeal process out of the hands of the Board and giving it to Trial Boards. All were approved.

ARTICLE XII DISCIPLINE

Section 1 clarifies that while any person or organization may file a complaint, AKC must file and prosecute charges and the Board will make the fee large enough to discourage frivolous complaints. Section 2 provides for plea bargains, permits AKC management to investigate complaints, prefer charges where warranted, and formalizes the plea bargain procedure. Section 3 permits AKC management to prefer charges as well as the Board. Section 4 allows withholding of AKC privileges while charges are pending.



Section 5 applies to the suspension or expulsion of a member club by the Delegate body. The changes were adopted and will become effective January 1, 2001.

Among the topics brought up under new business was the importance of each club's Breeder Referral contact to be pleasant, helpful, and informative when called by the public seeking responsible breeders. There has been a marked increase in calls since the DATELINE program on puppy mills.

Linda Moore, Asst. VP of Events, responded to questions about the AKC Conformation Invitational Dog Show. The event is still in the planning stages. It would probably be held at the end of 2001 in the Orlando area. Iams will be the major sponsor. It will be limited to the top 20 dogs in each breed, with emphasis on the breeders, prizes being offered to them as well as owners. This will not be a regular show but a showcase for AKC and breeder exhibitors.

The embargo on dogs in the baggage area of planes was discussed. Some suggested the airlines were favoring the commercial breeders, since they can still ship puppies. Noreen Baxter, VP of Education and Legislation, will be meeting with the National Transportation Authority to discuss this on June 29.

Many of the delegates expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of communication between the Staff, the Board, and the delegates. They do not feel included in the decision-making process and referred to the Invitational and the recent adoption of the use of DNA to have multiple sires.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Butherus

Answers:

Left top to bottom:

Ch. Majara Mahabat 1949

Ch. Shirkhan of Grandeur 1959

Ch. Pahlavi Puttin' on the Ritz
1989

Right top to bottom:

Ch. Coastwind Gazebo 1969

Ch. Kaftan Korrigan 1979

Ch. Calais Sunrise of Stormhill
1999

(Ed. note. The 1999 winner can be traced back to the 1949 winner at least one way and maybe more. Taco to Samaris to Maymun, Mihrab and Mahabat.. There are many relationships among these six.)

Our Road to the Triathlon

My wife and I didn't start off with performance events in mind. In fact, we bought our second Afghan, Magic (CH Jubare's Talisma Syah, SC, F. Ch., CDC, CD) to fill the hole in our lives after Strider (Bokara's Aragorn) passed on at 12 years. At that time we had no idea that coursing, racing, agility, or obedience competition existed for Afghans. In our Afghan world, we didn't know anyone who was doing that kind of stuff.

Our original goal with Magic was to get his conformation championship, and show him at Westminster one time. We were told not to expect an early finish for Magic because his line takes about 4 years for the boys to get their heads on straight, and because I was a rookie handler. We became comfortable with this direction because we met a lot of great people along the way, and had a lot of fun showing. As involvement in conformation became greater, we joined Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Association to learn more. At one of the club meetings we found out about coursing from one of the members. She told us about an upcoming trial, and we went to check it out. We were hooked. Magic loved the action of all the hounds barking and running around, and we loved his enthusiasm. Also, because we only had one dog, we saw coursing as a great way to better socialize him and get some much needed flat out running. Since he was only about 7 months old, we were told not to run him, but to learn, and train and condition him so he could course when he grew up.

At one coursing trial I found a woman who was coursing her dog, and also doing obedience, and conformation. She introduced us to a very good obedience trainer who got us off on the right (correct) foot. At this point we realized Magic would need some basic obedience training so we could have some control off lead. I wouldn't consider myself an experienced trainer, but our first Afghan played Frisbee, came when called, sat when told, stayed, and did all the tricks other breeds are capable of. Therefore, I knew Magic would be able to do the "tricks" needed for obedience competition. Now it was off to novice and beginner obedience class, conformation match shows, back to Coursing trials for straight run practice, test dog, and whatever else we could do to introduce him to field work. The good point about the performance events, is that, for the most part, you get the encouragement and camaraderie from the other participants that provides for increased learning. You meet one person who knows something and someone else, that can greatly expand your way of looking at things. Along the way we've met some of the best people in the performance and conformation areas, and have had more help than we can ever repay.

On the road to Westminster (our original goal), we finished Magic's ASFA field title, added NOTRA (oval track) and LGRA (straight track) racing and were training towards CD. At the 1997 AHCA National, we competed in the "unofficial" triathlon. We didn't qualify in obedience, but I knew that I could be trained better, so it was back to class.

We were still mostly concentrating on conformation, but after he finished in 1999, we revitalized our efforts in obedience with the goal of competing in the 1999 triathlon. All we wanted were qualifying scores, and our first leg in obedience. Magic's coursing did not get him a ribbon, but he did qualify, and I think he was only 14 points behind the first place dog. Obedience was a big question mark since we had participated in only one trial.

The morning of the obedience competition we were warming up in the grass (the concrete was too crowded with other handlers) and doing all the things our trainer said to do. However, Magic had other ideas. On the warm-up recall, he bolted to Mommy 3 times. Not looking good. On the on lead heeling, he would not sit. Not looking good. I could not figure out the problem and decided to put him in a down stay to let me think. He would not lay down. Then I realized the grass was very wet with the morning dew. I made his down a play time. Rolling him over, fussing him up, getting his little butt all wet. When it came his turn in the ring, he nailed all his sits, both on lead and off. Something I think many of the other dogs missed. I was also able to "catch his eye" at a questionable "sniff" zone and keep him focused throughout all the exercises. All this resulted in 1st place in Novice A, Highest scoring AKC Champion of record at the trial, and High in Trial. It was a big thrill for us. One that I hope every competitor will get to experience.

by Ken Hudson

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS cont.

BREEDER EDUCATION: Jan Reital and Sandy Frei have arranged a Breeders' Symposium to be held Tuesday, November 7 after dog judging. The topic is "Illusions of Coat and Patterning" by Emmett and Julie Roche.

AKC GAZETTE: Dave Frei will write a column on the AHCA web site. All members are invited to submit a column or ideas for columns to Georgie Guthrie.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Reggie is planning a meeting for Juniors in Florida possibly before BOB judging on Thursday.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: JoAnn Alft submitted a report on two pieces of legislation.

LIBRARY: Karen Armistead has had videos made of the BOB competition at the 1973-1974 national specialties at a cost of \$2,561.36. There are 3 more years of super-8 film to be converted. The Library budget is \$1000 per year. There will need to be a fundraiser for the Library to continue this project. A great concern to be addressed in the future is how the club will archive all records.

NATIONAL SPECIALTY 2000: The theme is "Listen to the Mockingbird" Harry Bennett reports all committees are working and on target. He brought up two issues for resolution:

Should Junior Coursing Tests be offered at the AKC coursing trial: Saundra Newton is the chair. This issue arose because of the time it takes to run all the dogs since many dogs are making their first run. On the positive side, a dog can complete a title in one day by running in courses A & B. The Board decided to continue to offer the test.

Triathlon competition: Harry reviewed the report from Julie Messersmith, outlining changes in the Triathlon competition. The committee recommended that entrants in the Triathlon may choose Obedience or Agility in addition to Conformation and Lure Coursing. If the entrant chooses to compete in both Agility and Obedience, he/she may select the score to use. The committee also recommended eliminating bonus points. The Board at a follow-on special Board meeting voted to continue the Triathlon at the 2000 show under the same rules as used in St. Louis. The proposed changes described above will be reviewed with the object of including Agility in the 2001 Triathlon.

NATIONAL SPECIALTY 2001: Brenda Brody reported that the "Houston Blow Out" is scheduled for November 12-16, 2001. This is Monday-Friday following The Houston and Dallas Specialties on the 10th and 11th. Betsy Hufnagel will judge Bitches and Intersex and Sandy Weinraub will judge Dogs. Bill Pearce will judge the Sweepstakes. Booth revenue for all seven days will go to AHCA. This includes the Houston and Dallas Specialties. (cont P. 9)

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS continued:

OBEDIENCE & AGILITY:

Claudia Jakus submitted a plan for the performance events of Agility and Obedience to attempt to increase the importance of performance events at the National. She requested a High in Trial trophy for performance events, comparable to BOB, which could be carried over from one year to the next if it were not won. The Trophy chair and the Show chair would choose these trophies at their discretion. Claudia also submitted a premium list from the Saluki Club of America, describing the special events at their National and suggested we might want to use something similar.

PARLEYS: Does the web site meet this need? Input from members on parleys is welcomed by the Board.

PINS & AWARDS: There was a question about the number of bronzes to order and have on hand for Hound Shows. There are 4 on hand right now. The Board decided that the P & A chair should order six more when the inventory gets down to three. New Chair: Eileen Laudermilch

POLICIES & PROCEDURES: It was noted that there is conflicting information in different sections of P & P. The Board decided that the two Conformation judges and the Sweepstakes judge receive the 5" bronze and all other judges receive the 2 1/2" medallion. The P & P will need to be amended to reflect this change.

PUBLICATIONS COORDINATOR: Selma Tenenbaum reported (also see AHIA)

There are about 150 copies of Intro on hand. The Corresponding Secretary sends a copy to each new member when she notifies them of their election.

The Constitution is due for revision in spring 2001. Suggested revisions will be presented at the November general meeting. We have about 100 copies on hand. Brenda Brody will chair the Revision Committee, please get your concerns or revisions to her.

There are a few Q & A on hand. It is also due for revision. It was printed by a company in MA. Betsy Hufnagel agreed to review Q & A and the Chicago club's brochure to see if we could use both or a combination document.

REGIONAL CLUBS: The process for reviewing regional club's applications was discussed at length. It was decided to continue the present process as helping clubs meet obligations to the breed.

It was discussed that the parent club should be proactive in assisting regional clubs. Perhaps parent club members in the area could be mentors to clubs having difficulty.

RESCUE: Amy Peake submitted a Rescue report for the period of 2/1-6/8 which indicates that 109 Afghan Hounds and 4 Afghan Hound mixes have been in the rescue process.

She is seeking tax-exempt status for Afghan Hound Rescue.

WAYS & MEANS: Brenda Brody has ordered beautiful Christmas ornaments in six colors with gold Afghans and glitter for sale at the National.

WEB PAGE: The Bornsteins are getting around 1000 hits a month. The information on the site is expanding and will include study information for judges. The Board wishes the web site address to be included in all publications.

AD HOC REPORTS: ROTATING SITES: Helen Stein will have information to present at the general membership meeting in November, (See article P 2 this issue for her first report)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Dave Frei reported that the AHCA voted in November 1998 to purchase insurance through AKC. The Board approved the purchase of Directors' and Officers' liability insurance with a million dollar limit through the AKC program.

NEW BUSINESS: The AKC will include a six-panel breed flier with each registration. The cost is \$150 for set-up and \$,03 per flier. The Board voted to participate in this project and to submit the product that is approved from consolidating Q & A and Quick Facts.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: Two Board positions and the offices of 2nd Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer are up for election. A Nominations committee of five members plus two alternates was selected:

Linda Shipley Chair
Julie Messersmith
David Giordano
Brenda Brody
Terry Chacon
Colleen Feldman 1st alternate
Jay Hafford 2nd alternate

PEDIGREE PLUS: This is a pedigree and genetics program on CD developed by Terry Wilcox and his team in Australia, that would be given to every parent club in the world. The program includes pictures and movement. Parent clubs would load data. A CD update would be available through parent clubs on an annual basis at a cost of \$12. The original CD reader would cost \$50 and would be sold through the parent clubs. Parent Clubs would keep 30% of the proceeds. We will demo this at the National.

EMAIL LIST: Jim Coudriet submitted a proposal for an email listing for the club with many possibilities. It was decided to investigate an email list for Board members and an announcement list for the general membership.

NATIONAL JUDGES: A question was raised about eligibility to judge the National Specialty. Foreign judges are not excluded.

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In Memorium

***Sue Anna Kaufman
May 10, 1923 - July 3, 2000
Sue and Ned Kauffman met
December 9, 1944 and were married
before the year ended.***

Their Holly Hill Afghans were well-known, and they were working members of AHCA. At the same time raising three daughters, Paula, Sally and Susan.

Sue had an uncanny ability to see an animal as it was and as it would be. When she and Ned began judging, they stopped breeding and showing and "retired" to Florida to lie on the beach and go deep-sea fishing. As anyone who knew Sue would have known, this did not work out. Sue visited the Selby Botanical gardens to volunteer, met the Director and was immediately given a huge pile of orchids to pot. She ended by becoming the Gardens part-time Social Director, dealing with the public while the Director dealt with the world-renowned collection of orchids and bromeliads. Sue never could sit by when something needed to be done.

Honest, straightforward, real, she was always there for her family and friends.

ASFA TOP TWENTY

American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA) Top 20 Afghans as of June 2000
note: * preceding the name indicates pending information that may affect Rank standing.

AFGHAN HOUNDS total competing:90

1. Larson, FC Tamrick's Grand Larceny, FCh, R. Brown 49-4-0
2. Guilty, FC Tamrick Xanadu High Treason, FCh, Brown/Alderson 39-3-0
3. *Dylan, FC Horizon Mahali Midnight Sun, FCh, Ayling/Lindop/Schanzle 36-5-0
4. Victoria, El Zagel Victoria, B. Schulz 31-2-0
5. Ami, Esira El Durani, S. Papin 29-3-0
6. Ghost, Cameo's Unsolved Mystery, C. & S. Sullivan 26-5-0
6. Taelie, Tamrick's Conspiracy, FCh, Harris/Brown 26-0-0
8. Ivory, FC Tamrick's Misdemeanor, FCh, Marx/Brown/Golden 22-1-0
8. *Sean, Horizon Del Sol Sellena, FCh, Ayling/Lindop/Schanzle 22-1-0
10. Heidi, Lyrix Flaming Silk Lady, Wiglesworth/Ray 20-2-0

10. Pawla, DC Llacue's Karamoor Amapola, LCM, Laudermilch/Llano/Cuevas 20-1-0
12. Ady, FC Ben Haasin's Excellent Adventure, FCh, Chambers/Lotz/Haas 19-5-0
13. Remington, Ishkur's Crystal Dragon Of Jihad, FCh, Garner/Matsuno/Bracewell/Hurri 17-1-0
13. Nikki, Sebring Majac Angel Dust, T. & S. Anderson 17-4-0
13. Blue, Tamrick's Forgery, FCh, T. Brown 17-0-0
16. *Jasper, Qamari's Redstone Rocket, FCh, C. Eiselle 13-7-0
16. Zaafinah, Naranj Oranje Zaafinah, V. & R. Koscinski 13-3-0
18. Wolf, Lyrix-Bijan Claim To Flame, Wiglesworth/Ray 12-1-0
18. Tiger, Kingsway Lyrix Tiger's Tale, FCh, Pantzalis/Ray 12-6-0
18. Naranj, Oranje Rhapsodie Naranj, FCh, V. & R. Koscinski 12-3-0

This information was taken from the <http://www.asfa.org> website.

Congratulations to all!

President's Message

*All of us are looking forward to the AHCA's Specialty Show in Florida, and Harry Bennett and his team are working hard to put together an exciting and memorable show. A lot of activities are shoehorned into just a few days, so you'll want to plan your time carefully. Make your plans and get your reservations in quickly, as hotels are filling up - particularly the host hotel. Also remember that election day is on November 7, the day of regular Dog Class judging, so you'll want to be a good citizen and fill out an absentee ballot before you leave home. * We welcome the newly-approved Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Club into the family of Afghan Regional Clubs. At a time of decreasing Afghan Hound registrations, it's good to see an active group growing and providing support and activities to Afghan people and their hounds. * We all owe Sharon Watson thanks for publishing Topknot News - this issue is full of a lot of good information, including traveling tips that Michael Canaliso is sharing with us in time to help us travel to Florida. * The Breeder's Cup in Long Beach was a signal success - many thanks to Chris Kaiser, Wynne Kalish and their crew of hard workers. The showsite was beautiful, the trophies were fabulous, and Brigitte Crowe did a marvelous job of judging. The Breeder's Cup, combined with the California Specialty and the Western Hound Show served up a great weekend for all. See you in November in Florida! Duane*

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