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SPECIALTIES APPROVED 2001

Afghan Hound Breeders' Cup 4/29/01 Columbus , Ohio Leslie Stoffels Judge

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Columbus 4/21/01 Ferry Chacon - Regular Classes Brenda Brody -Sweeps

Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Iersey 5/5/01 Betty Stites - Regular Classes Leslie Stoffels - Sweeps

West Michigan Afghan Hound Associaion 5/27/01 Bonita Visser - Regular Classes

Colonial Afghan Hound Club 6/1/01 Avery Gaudin - Regular Classes Floyd Gale - Sweeps

Anthony Saia - Sweeps

Evergreen Afghan Hound Club 6/8/01 Iim Hickie - Regular Classes Kara Purcell - Junior Showmanship Mary Ann Giordano - Sweeps

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Chicago 6/10/01

Shelley Hennessy - Regular Classes Linda Johnson - Sweeps

Finger Lakes Afghan Hound Club

7/6/01

June Boone - Regular Classes & Junior Showmanship Chris West - Sweeps George Malloy - Obedience

Afghan Hound Club of Gr Portland 7/13/01

Kent Delaney - Regular Classes & Junior Showmanship Pamela Weaver - Obedience Bob Brown - Sweeps

Listening to the Mockingbird - National 2000

The year 2000 marked the close of a century. For a breed like the Afghan Hound with a history dating back 4000 years, well what's another 100. For its people we saw the passing of an important several decades which has had great bearing on our lives, even if our experience with the Afghan Hound is only but a few years. We have said goodby to many people, kennels, and dogs who were so important to us whether it was on a grand scale or an individual impression. To dedicate a National Specialty to one individual or one event I could not do. The National is dedicated to the Afghan Hound and it is each of our responsibilities to remember or acknowledge these individuals and celebrate and share our experience at the National Specialty.

In over thirty years I have enjoyed so many facets of life with the Afghan Hound that chairing the National Specialty was only a matter of time. When Plan A in Massachusetts fell through I became Plan B. It is only plenty of time when one is aware of how situations can change in that time. In any case, plans are made, some set, some tentative, and commitments are gathered.

Although one medallion is given to the Chairman at the Awards Dinner of the National Specialty, the chairmanship of such an event is not a one man job. Some people work a full year toward production, others start the day before but it is not done without much contribution and input.

First I would like to thank our past President LINDA SHIPLEY, and our current board of officers: DUANE BUTHERUS, GILL ULLOM, JAN LUCREE, BARB BORNSTEIN, JANET LENOBEL, BRENDA BRODY, HELEN DUKES, BETSY HUFNAGEL, REGGIE NESBITT, HELEN STEIN, CONNIE BUTHERUS, and BRUCE CLARK who never lost their faith in me.

I am very lucky because I had the BEST people by my side through this whole episode. CHIP ROWAN had no choice and had to live with me through all this. Graciously or foolishly, BARB BORNSTEIN offered to assist me in chairing and it was not without her help, guidance, and past experience as a past National Chairperson (Tucson) that I was on my way! Her husband LEE would manage the task of Show Secretary. For those "just in case situations" but still important I had the assistance of BETH BERMAN, PAM LITTLE -BRYANT, KATHY LEHMAN and DUANE.

Now how does a Yankee Boy pull off a Southern-Style Specialty? Not without the direction and help of a few Southern Gents like CHUCK MILNE and CHIP. There were some friends who put all aside to come early and establish with me their attention and devotion, and would be at my disposal. For any whim, task, time of day or night, good or bad situation they were there. BETH BERMAN helped me to be in more than one place at one time.STIR GREER and her husband TODD, JERRY and ALICE HASTINGS, JULI SZYMANSKI and JAN SWAYZE were my backbone.

There is one early commitment made that is ongoing for the entire year from the time of acceptance. That is the trophy chair. JOANNE BUEHLER was steadfast and never rested. She aimed high and her production was beautiful.

As you may already have noticed it was more than just AHCA members that took pride and made an effort to ensure a great show. JANET WILLIAMS who is now a member but was not at the time, did some ornithology study

and came up with the wonderful logo to suit me and my Southern Guide. Ironically, we found out the correct name for the species is "Northern Mockingbird"!

TERRY CHACON did an awesome job with selecting and arranging for the most beautiful rosettes. Displayed these would be hard to beat and then TERRY elaborated on this with her friend from Australia, Terry Wilcox, bringing sashes from his country. Even with some of the Lure Coursing people telling me they don't care about fancy ribbons they had them.

Just as records are made only to be broken so are plans made only to be changed. With less than a week to go I was given short notice that I needed to make new plans for Lure Coursing. I called on RUTH REYNOLDS and with help from LAURIE GOODELL and LESLIE STOFFELS, RUTH accessed all resources and got everything in working order in no time. It took me longer to find out if there were garbage cans available at the site! RUTH didn't want to have to tell me that when she went over to the field the night before she found that the fairgrounds had paved over part of the field we were to use. They were just making improvements and wouldn't have known what this would change for us! Luckily there was another field to use that was that much better. MARY ROSS had been responsible for making the arrangements for our use of the fairgrounds. She and her husband MAX let me take full advantage of the fact they lived locally and they managed the gate and provided refreshments for everyone at the field. JAN SWAYZE, who was one of the judges along with SHIRLEY REHBERG and MARY FRANCES MILLER, brought the equipment from Atlanta. SHIRLEY'S family was there to help and DEAN WRIGHT agreed with the judges that we had some of the best running animals. The T-shirts and sweatshirts made their debut at the Lure Coursing event. KATHY KOLEZSAR did a terrific job and so of course these were well reœived by everyone. SUEMACKLER, SUE BUSBY, JANIE GETZ, CHRIS COPE, DOUG and SHELLY VINSON all pitched in selling and so lightened the load for the ride back to the hotel.

Sunday evening, The Tara Afghan Hound Club hosted a Welcome Reception. The AKC disallowed this group's participation over this week with a Specialty because of the distance from Atlanta. However, Tara's Southern Hospitality endured.

Praise and admiration go out to CLAUDIA JAKUS who chaired the Agility Event from afar and worried for a full year. CLAUDIA had some obstacles along the way and right up into the week before with her own van being totaled. Tireless in her efforts CLAUDIA provided us with a wonderful Monday at the softball field for anyone who came out to participate. It was refreshing to watch the judge H. JANE MIXSON take such interest and keep the event efficient and interesting AND entertaining. JANE even took time to educate the spectators. This event did not fly without the manpower of MARK MESSERSMITH, BOB SCHRAMM, JERRY HASTINGS, BRIAN LENOBEL and LEE BORNSTEIN.

The Ballroom was now open and the vendors were settled in, most of whom got space by the ring. JUDY NEWTON worked hard during the year mapping this out so that it would suit the measurements and requirements I sent her. Her husband GARRY was there in the wee hours of the morning to make sure this would come to life. No one had a bad spot.

While all this was being set up inside, LESLIE STOFFELS had a very convenient and workable "dog wash" set up outside. LESLIE arranged with ABBE SHAW to talk her friend from Australia , JIM HEWITT ,into allowing us the use of the "Laser Lights" products. I saw JIM up late in his room mixing bottles.

I also chaired the Obedience event. Why not? As little as I know on the subject I knew enough to have STIR GREER and JULIE MESSERSMITH helping and they made me look good! We had a wonderful ring of optimum size, completely matted and a wonderful judge BILL DILLARD who thoroughly enjoyed his assignment. JAN SWAYZE, JERRY HASTINGS, GARY BYINGTON, JULI SZYMANSKI, STIR GREER, and CLAUDIA JAKUS (as if she hadn't done enough) all helped to break down that ring so that we could get the room transformed and ready for DAVID GIORDANO who was

NATIONAL

AKC Lure Coursing: Sun 11/5
Open: "Blue" Ch Tamrick's Forgery
SC, Fch Tammy Brown

Conf. Ch: "Pandy" DC Llacue's La Traviata Fch M Trifiro, D Lake, J Llano M cuevas

Specials: "Talon" FC Tamrick's Conspiracy SC, Fch R Brown T Harris BEST OF BREED - "Talon" ASFALure Coursing:

Open: "Kismet" FC Llacue's Malaguena M Trifiro D Lake J Llano M Cuevas

Field Ch: "Larson" FC Tamrick's
Grand Larceny SC FCh Rick Brown
Veteran: "Kabuki" Ch Sabra Social
Butterfly FCh M Trifiro D Lake L Smith
Kennel Stake: "Larson"/"Guilty"
Breeder Stake: "Larson"/"Guilty"
BEST OF BREED "Kismet"
BEST IN FIELD "Kismet"

AGILITY Mon 11/6

Novice Division B 24"

1st Oranje Desert Delite -K Wiles 2nd What A Twist of Fate CD,JC, NA,NAJ Kathryn Pugh

JWW Novice B 24"

1st Raintrees Monopoly NA, SC Rob Handschuh/ Nadine Schramm HIGH IN TRIAL

Raintrees Monopoly NA SC

<u>OBEDIENCE</u> Mon 11/6

Novice B: 1st What A Twist of Fate JC,NA,

NAJ Kathryn Pugh 196 2nd Ch Utchati Unforgiven JC Lynne Miller 193

3rd Ch Utchati Exotica SC, LCM Lynne Miller 183 4th Ch. Tradewinds Lacy Ice

Crystals CD, JCS Kelly
R Beaton S Stotzer 178
Q Ch Sankhya Spirit of the Night
K Nuzenski

Brace Ch. Utchati Unforgiven/Ch Utcahti
Exotica Lynne Miller 180
HIGH IN TRIAL - What A Twist of Fate
HIGHEST AMERICAN CH

Ch. Utchati Unforgiven
SWEEPSTAKES Mon 11/6
6-9 Dogs: Dragonfly Lightning Strike
Thaver and Lucia Brown

9-12 Dogs Sirae Reveille at Alharin Barb Fogl/Cyn Byington

12-15 Dogs Kattana A Few Good Men L Wennberg/M Geraci

15-18 Dogs Criston Whistle in the Dark Christine Pinkston/Jerry Bazar

6-9 Bitches: Verpatscha-Boanne Night Whisper Pat Sheets

9-12 Bitches Jorogz Hearts Celebration Zeigler-Wochner/Morton/Byfield 12-18 Bitches Sharja Suspicious Minds

Jack & Linda Shpley 15-18 Bitches Shekinah Prima Donna J & R Ross/ L Stoffels

BIS Criston Whistle in the Dark BOS Verpatscha-Boanne Night Whisper

WINNERS 2000

DOGS Tues 11/7 6-9 Dogs Regimes Double Platinum Robert Godfrey

9-12 Dogs Llacue's Extreme Machine Llano/Cuevas/Filippone

12-18 Dogs Majic Undeniable Cindy Chandler

Bred by Ex Dogs Polo's In the Air Tonite Lorianne Amadeo

American-Bred Dogs Aljazhir's Traces of Candida Beckwith/Brown Culbertson

Open Dogs Shekinah Stiletto B Crowe/L Stoffels

Winners Dog Polo's in the Air Tonite

Reserve Shekinah Stiletto

BITCHES Wed 11/8

6-9 Bitches Zydeco's Lucky Penny Kathryn Davis

9-12 Bitches Jorogz Hearts Celebration Zeigler-Wochner/Morton/ Byfield 12-18 Bitches Qamari's Unchained Melody Emmett& Juklie Roche

Bred By Ex Bitches Anuttara Summerwind Secret Dream Amy Wendling

American Bred Bitches Suncrest Practical Majick Hastings/Belmont

Open Bitches Tri-Tan Head Over Heels Yucatan Penta/Yeloushan/ Bracken/Dennis

Winners Bitch Anuttara Summerwind Secret Dream

Reserve Tri-Tan Head Over Heels

Yucatan Field Trial Bitch DC Llacue's Karamoor

Amapola SC, LCM Laudermilch/Llano/Cuevas BOB Ch Xandali Isabeau of Boanne

Evans/Robertson/ Valimaki
BOW &BOS Polo's in the Air Tonite

Awards of Merit:

Ch. Andros Conquistador David Osuna

Ch. Fabelhaft Zoot Suit Ken & Lin Valimaki/Dalton

Ch. Suraj Ralph Lauren Pam & Al McQueen

Ch. Gazon the Truth Be Told Beth Collins/Webb

Ch. Llacue's Morena

Llano/Cuevas /Filippone

Stud Dog Ch. Verpatscha's Soul Sounds O'Boanne Pat Sheets

Brood Bitch Ch. Xandali Isabeau of Boanne Evans/Robertson/Valimaki

Brace Elmo's Suncrest On Parade/Suncrest Voyager J & A Hastings

Best Bred by Ex - Polo's in the Air Tonite Best Puppy Jorogz Hearts Celebration

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Novice Junior
Novice Senior
Open Junior
Open Senior
Open Senior
BEST JUNIOR
Valerie Beckwith
Valerie Beckwith

TRIATHLON FC Llacue's Malaguena Trifiro/Lake/Llano/Cuevas anxiously waiting to judge the sweepstakes classes. In her quiet manner, JAN LUCREE took charge of her volunteers and the stewards CHIP ROWAN, EVEREIT BOLLEN, HELEN DUKES, PAM LITTLE BRYANT and SANDY FREI did their thing over the four days of judging in the ballroom.

After sweepstakes CONNIE BUTHERUS, on the mike, announced that a full day was put in by some and what we had coming up. Earlier CONNIE had described our ringside view: artist vendors, a ringside Rescue table manned by CLAUDIA MILLS, a ringside Art Auction table planned for and handled by JULI SZYMANSKI. KAREN ARMISTEAD had her table set with materials on the history of our breed. The 144 page catalog with many advertisements gathered by NANCY EDGINGTON were being sold by GERRY PRESTON and SHARON WATSON. The ways and means booth would be faithfully managed by SUE BUSHY and CHRIS COPE.

Tuesday morning REGGIE NESBITT held a meeting for the Junior Show-manship participants. Then mid morning JAN REITAL began her dog judging. All the judges looked like they were enjoying being tended to by BETH BERMAN.

After the dog judging we had a meeting to see about going forward in forming a Triathlon advisory committee for the AHCA. SHELLEY HENNESSY, KATHY PUGH, DAVID GIORDANO, LYNNE MILLER and CLAUDIA JAKUS put our heads together and hopefully we will see the results before next year's National.

Later that evening JULIE and EMMETT ROCHE put on an incredible presentation for the fancy to enjoy and learn from. SANDY FREI and COLLEEN FELDMAN put this together while JULIE and EMMETT deliberated over slides and music. There was an overwhelming response and RITA FIGG and CHERI ONEY sat with COLLEEN to help receive everyone.

Wednesday morning greeted the AHCA General Membership Meeting while DR. JIM EDWARDS was setting up his DNA table that he and DENNIS ESCHBACH arranged for this year our first time. This proved to have good participation.

GENE VACCARO judged his bitch entry that afternoon. This was followed by the Rescue Meeting which provided some "food for thought" for attendees. There were some circumstances to overcome and CLAUDIA MILLS did. SHERRE CHRISTIANSEN did what she could from miles away.

Thursday arrived and so did PAULLEPIANE. He and his AFGHAN HOUND REVIEW had their spot saved and waiting. This magazine (bible) has been a major part of our lives for 25 years!

The Parades of Rescue and Veterans stole our hearts. I'm not sure that BETTY STITES' student judges were ready for this. After her Judges Educational Workshop the night before with the help of SANDY FREI, BETTY had them all looking forward to the beautiful specials ring they would see. PATTI NEALE next judged the Triathlon Conformation class. Then RACHEL REHBERG-GONGRE judged her entry of Juniors. It doesn't seem that long ago that RACHEL was a Junior herself.

Then JAN REITAL entered the ring to judge and pick the one to represent the AFGHAN HOUND. After the breed judging, Best Bred by Exhibitor, Best Puppy, and braces, we had a presentation for the Triathlon winner. Then JAN REITAL judged the stud dog class followed by GENE VACCARO back to judge the brood bitch class.

The evening brought us back into the ballroom one more time for the awards banquet....ELEANOR MCCOY took on the banquet arrangements and we had a great turnout.. Everything happened so fast and RITA, TODD and STIR, and KEN and DONNA AMOS all helped to get set up. DAVE FREI presented our speakers and auctioned off art creations by BARB BORNSTEIN, CYNTHIA BYINGTON, SHARON WATSON and even some pieces by our unforgettable KAY FINCH...

I have been told that chairing the National Specialty is a thankless job. Not so for me because I got tremendous satisfaction from being able to do this (and live to tell the tale) and it gave me an opportunity to learn about things I might never have otherwise. I thank everyone who appreciated my efforts and who bore with the difficulties that arose out of my control. I thank everyone who chose to focus on why we were here and enjoyed it for the same reasons.

Harry Bennett.

TO REGIONAL CLUBS

The AKC still wants to see Parent Club approval of Regional Club Specialties. The AHCA still wants a relationship with the Regional Clubs. The AHCA website is a great place to post Regional Club news and information through its committee. The AHCA offers this committee to the Regional Clubs for assistance, advice or just for venting. Please make use of it.

We would like to set up a Regional Clubs meeting at the Houston National. A representative from each club may join the meeting, have refreshmenmts, and discuss matters. This is something we used to do, but have not since 1979.

The submission of yearly club packets is still the best form of communication. The Parent Club consent forms come from this committee as do the Best of Winners Request Forms. For this information and more contact:

Harry Bennett, Regional Clubs Chairman 1404 Arlingwood Avenue Jacksonville, Florida 32211 email: harryonly@aol.com or phone (904)720-0691

NEW PEDIGREE PROGRAM

The pedigree program, Pedigree Plus, has arrived from Australia in good order. The "database building" is slow going at first, but gets easier, I'm sure, as it builds. The program's potential is virtually limitless, but as with any program, dependent on input. So at this time, what we need most is information. Pedigrees, and more pedigrees!

This is an opportunity for anyone out there to have their breeding program recorded for posterity. After all, who knows the half-life of a compact disk? I'm confident that the product we'll have when ready, will be a useful tool for anyone out there seriously involved in Afghans. It will be like nothing ever before, there are many pedigrees entered now that trace their ancestry to the original Western stock. With luck, these may be accompanied by photos as well, certainly most of them will. The program has so many useful tools for breeders, and those interested in breedings.

But, there's much work to be done to get to that point, so get your pedigrees recorded. This will be an ongoing project with updates each year, which will keep it vital, and helpful.

Send pedigrees to: Jim & Deb Coudriet 1015 Meadow View Dr Apollo, PA 15613 or Coudriet@nb.net BOARD HIGHLIGHTS 11/7/2000



ELECTION RESULTS: Second Vice President - Gill Ullom Corresponding Secretary - Barb Bornstein Treasurer - Janet Lenobel Board - Ed Gilbert, Claudia Jakus

DELEGATE'S REPORT

The Quarterly Delegates' meeting was held December 11-12 in NYC. Despite large Midwest snowstorms, 312 of us managed to arrive in the Big Apple to conduct the required business.

On Dec 11, I attended the Delegates' Caucus as well as the Parent Club Committee.

The Caucus was consumed by the pending votes regarding Bylaw change. The issue of "Professional Judges" being seated as delegates seemed to be the hottest issue (Professional Judges are those who charge fees in excess of actual expenses to judge). Judges who are delegates are permitted to charge for actual expenses and nothing more. At the end of the Caucus it seemed clear the proposed amendments were in for tough sledding.

The Parent Club Committee elected a new chair. Pat Laurens, former Board of Directors member, was elected to the post. She ran a fine meeting, however it was very long due to the amount of material that needed to be covered. In brief, the items addressed were:

- 1) National Show Site Directory completed about 2 1/2 years ago AKC has approximately 100 copies on hand-needs to be updated. Suggestion that it be added to the AKC web site.
- 2) Parent Club Conference target date 2002 AKC will fund \$100,000. Rescue is to be 1/3 of the content.
- 3) The problem some breeds face with their point system becoming inflated due to fixed site, large specialties e.g., Montgomery and terrier breeds. Event Plans is assessing this problem.
- 4) Proposed that Reserve Winners at National Specialties having 5 points be awarded 3 points. This has been turned down once and new terminology may needed to gain favorable ruling
- 5) Access to AKC data All the clubs which responded wanted different information., This issue is being worked on, and more information will follow.
- 6) Cost of Stud Book for breeds having low numbers no resolution was offered.
- 7) Multiple Sire Program Per our current board representative "It's a done deal!" Too bad!
- 8) The need for regional Specialty Shows as well as National Specialty Shows to include the Breed Standard in the Catalog - referred to the Dog Show Rules Committee.
- 9) Date conflicts between all breed clubs and independent specialty shows. Our committee is to send a letter to the Events Review Committee as this is the

committee responsible for resolution.
The current situation is as clear as mud!
10) The American Dog Classic is
2002 and the judge selection process was announced. All Parent Clubs will be contacted for nominations.

The Tuesday meeting began with the Delegates' Forum. The content focused on the Bylaws amendments and the rationale behind the suggested changes.

The comments and questions were mainly concerned with capping the numbers of the Member Clubs, attendance- rather lack of attendance- by some 38 members clubs and the assumed reasons for this. Several delegates noted that the proposal caps in most categories are currently capped out. In spite of this, the delegates voted two additional clubs into membership status. Go figure!

The usual reports were rendered by our chair and CEO (the content as I frequently remind you gentle reader is printed word for word in the monthly Gazette).

On then to the real issues: the Bylaws Amendments dealing with membership and delegate eligibility. After exhaustive discussion, amendments to the amendments, discussion, amendments to the amendments, parliamentarian's advice and rulings by the chair, all of the proposed changes were defeated with very few exceptions. The portions of the amendments approved by the delegates related solely to Parent Clubs. The only breed club now permitted to become a Member Club is the Parent Club (this has been the case since the late 1940s but it has now become official). Also the ownership of the standard is even more clearly defined as the property of the Parent Club.

The defeated proposed amendments were substantial changes to the Bylaws and as stated above were not well received by the delegate body. The items were:

- 1) Associate Membership; membership categories and caps for each category.
- 2) Admission fee and dues.
- 3) Delegate qualifications and eligibility requirements.
- 4) Discipline e.g., attendance requirements by Member Clubs Delegates at the quarterly meetings.

As the main portions of the amendments failed other portions dependent on these were withdrawn.

Additional items passing the delegate vote:

1) Remove the requirement for the return of ribbons when an award has been disallowed or canceled. Trophies

however must be returned in these instances.

- 2) Changes in the calculation of points at independent specialty shows for breeds with varieties.
- 3) Dual Champion recognition for Herding Breeds. The Amateur Field Champion request was not approved. The delegates requested additional information regarding this title.
- 4) Beagle Field Trial Rules and Field Trial Rules for Pointing Breed changes.

By the end of the day the Delegates were exhausted in mind and body. However the issues had been addressed and fully debated

The March meeting is the Annual Meeting and election. I will vote as instructed by the AHCA board. There will be no dimples or hanging chads!

from Connie Butherus AKC Delegate



by Janet Williams







COMING EVENTS DISCOVER COLUMBUS

Fri. 4/20 AHCA Breeders' Cup Judge Leslie Stoffels

Sat. 4/21 AHCGC Specialty Judge Terry Chacon Sweeps Brenda Brody

Sun. 4/22 Central Ohio KC Judge Mickey Koss Sweeps Eileen Wolfe

Mon. 4/23 Licking River KC Judge Betty Stites Lenox Inn

Host Hotel Lenox Inn 1-70 East at Route 256

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HOUSTON BLOWOUT

2001 NATIONAL SPECIALTY
All events at host hotel except lure trials,
agility & 2 all breed shows

Sat. 11/10 - AHC of Dallas

Sun.11/11 - AHC of Greater Houston Mon.11/12 -AM General Membership

Meeting

PM Triathlon Conformation -

Judge Bill Pearce Sweepstakes - Judge Bill Pearce

Tues.11/13 - AM ASFA & AKC Coursing -Judges Renee Franklin & Tom Golson PM Dinner & Educational Symposium Wed. 11/14 - AM Obedience -

Judge Linda Bryan

PM Dogs - Judge Sandy Weinraub Thurs.11/15 - AM Agility -

Judge Penny Winegartner Judge's Education

PM Bitches - Judge Betsy Hufnagel Fri. 11/16 - AM Veterans & Rescue Parades Junior Showmanship -

> Judge Sandy Weinraub Intersex - Judge Betsy Hugnagel Non-Regular Classes - Judges Betsy Hufnagel & Sandy Weinraub PM Awards Dinner

Sat. 11/17 - Ft. Bend KC Conformation Sun.11/18 - Ft. Bend KC Obedience lure coursing & agility offered both days Host Hotel:

Sheraton Houston Brookhollow Hotel 3000 North Loop West

Houston, TX 77092 713-688-0100 800-688-3000 (direct to reservations) Show Chairman: Brenda Brody 19 W. Shaker Ct

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SHOW REPORTS Agility Claudia Jakus

The second annual Afghan Hound Club of America agility trial was held on Monday, November 6, 2000 at Terry Parker High School.

Our Judge, H. Jane Mixson from Zephyr Hills, Florida was such a warm and pleasant person. Every one enjoyed her very much. Between course changes she took the time to explain many of the rules and regulations of agility, how it started and what is required of a judge.

We had a total entry of 26 which I, as Agility Chairman, was thrilled about.

The field was wonderful. It was a baseball field and 100% fenced in. The grass in Florida is a bit different than many of us are used to - almost like a bed - which was a joy to run on.

Our High in Trial winner was Raintree's Monopoly NA. SC owned by Robert Handshuh & Nadine Schramm from the Jumpers with Weaves Class. This is the first Afghan ever to be awarded a Novice agility title and he acquired his Novice Jumpers with Weaves title that day.

We had many foreign spectators out to view our trial as I understand that both in England and Australia agility is not an event that Afghans participate in. The day was a day full of laughter that only Afghans and some handlers can provide. From Oliver who decided that after the teeter it was time to run off the course, check out where the cookies were hidden and return to the course-finish it and still qualify. Janie Getz' Affie proved once again that shopping is still her main attraction after St Louis and decided it was time to cruise the field and see what she could find - thus the need for a totally fenced in facility. It also proved that the dogs do go where the owner's directed them by my going totally off course and finally just asking "where do I belong". Uno went everywhere that I sent her-and if that wasn't enough Julie Messersmith must have been watching 'cause she sent one of her dogs totally off course.

All in all it was a great morning - great weather, great exhibitors and great spectators.

This trial would never have happened if it weren't for Rob Handshuh who knew how to set courses, Jerry Hastings who pulled the equipment back to its location, and Brian Lenobel who took his Sunday to haul the equipment up to the site.

Tha Nationals is an event that cannot be done by a few people, we all need to pitch in and help so all that attend can enjoy it - thank you to everyone that helped out putting this trial on - I had a great time and I hope everyone else did too.

SHOW REPORTS

Dogs & Intersex Jan Reital

Sitting down to gather my thoughts on this truly wonderful event brought back wonderful memories. The National was not only an honor to judge but pure pleasure. From the time I was picked up by Mrs. Beth Berman, the hospitality hostess and assistant to Mr. Harry Bennett, Chairperson, I was catered to in every way. Harry and his ever efficient assistants put on a fabulous show. The hotel may have had its challenges for all involved but the beautiful and spacious ballroom, with wonderful footing for the dogs, made up for the negatives. Once one walked into that room with all its warmth and elegant decorations you realized this National would be special. Harry, Chip and Beth made this week possible for the exhibitors and spectators. Without them, the exhibitors would not have had this wonderful opportunity to showcase their dogs to fellow breeders and friends from all over the world. Certainly, they had their challenges due to obstacles which were out of their control but through it all, they kept their composure and most importantly their sense of humor. The end result was an event in which the dogs all appeared to be in good spirits and they showed well.

As we all know, it is becoming more difficult to find hotel sites that will accommodate a National, so we must be grateful for what we have and respect everyone's efforts.

Certainly, I want to express my gratitude to the members of the A.H.C. A. for casting their votes and bestowing this honor upon me. And to the exhibitors who respected my knowledge of the breed and honored me with the entry of their dogs. Having been fortunate to judge some incredible shows all over the world, I believe this is the most cherished of them all. I was delighted to share this assignment with two fellow breeders who have been successful in their own breeding programs. They did marvelous jobs in their selections.

As time neared for this National, I began reflecting on my many years in the breed and I want to share a few of my memories with you. The first National I attended was in the Los Angeles area in 1973. It was a wonderful event and I was fortunate to have the opportunity to watch two masters at work in their rings. They were Ned and Sue Kauffman. To my surprise and pleasure Ned was in attendance at this National and I was truly flattered. Also in attendance with him was Mrs. John Patterson. My first judging assignment was in 1985 at the Midwest Specialty and I was fortunate to share this assignment with Mrs. Patterson.

Now it's the new Millennium and I have judged the National and I am still captivated with the breed. It was inspiring for me to judge this show, as it renewed my faith in the breed today. I found wonderful

dogs that said "I am an Afghan, "King of Dogs". There was definitely great depth in this entry. Balance was better than it has been in years past. The long-loined dogs were in the minority and the dogs had not only good reach and drive but that suspension an Afghan should have. Along with lovely type and style I found dogs with detailing, that is so important to our breed. Chiseling on the muzzle, correct eye shape, strong level toplines, proper croups, long tails with rings and proper set. Coats were improved in texture. The ring was certainly conducive to a well-made dog, who used himself effortlessly, with spring and balance. The surface allowed the dogs to move freely and without hesitation. The surface made it even more obvious to the eve which dogs were not moving correctly and the sickle hocks were very evident on many dogs.

Some of my findings while going over the dogs were interesting and I noted them as I went through my dogs. Missing teeth were abundant and it was more than the premolars. Some actually were missing most of their molars. I wondered to myself, how do these poor animals eat. Then the bad bites, I couldn't believe that a person would want to exhibit a dog with such a problem, nevertheless breed it. When the champions came in I was shocked at how many had bad bites. Not just somewhat off but some were so off that one could not miss it upon exam. Now, why are these dogs champions? Our standard is very explicit about a level or scissors bite. How can these misaligned mouths be punishing?

To my delight, I found a good percentage of the dogs were sound coming and going. The straddling rears one used to see were not there. Type and elegance had improved along with lovely long tails. Good shoulder placements, long upper arms, deep chests, and low hocks were also to be found in abundance. Temperaments were excellent, confidence and attitude filled the ring. Strong muscling was evident but not on as many as I would like to have seen. Remember, these dogs are athletes bred to hunt over rough terrain and should be strong. The dog classes were a mixture of much depth and other classes with only a few stars to chose from.

My Winners class was something to be proud of and several could have taken the Winners Dog award. However, I narrowed it down to the Bred-By-Exhibitor dog "Polo's In The Air Tonite" and the Open dog "Skekinah Stiletto".

The Winners Dog "Polo's In The Air Tonite" was a stunning Black Masked red, who came into the ring with style, presence and quite a kingly attitude. Not only did he move with power and purpose but he was quite sound in his foot placement. He was a male in type and his breed characteristics were unquestionable. He never faltered and when his owner asked him for more, he gave it. While moving his topline never

wavered and his head and tail carriage were proper.

The Reserve Winners Dog, "Skekinah Stiletto" was a very handsome Black & Tan dog. He caught my eye the moment he walked into the Open class and I knew he would be the one to measure up to. His make and shape was so correct and he too moved with power and purpose. His lovely easy and balanced gait was so effortless. I was quite taken with his head and eye. Lovely expression, and once again very male in type. The detailing starting at the muzzle, and continuing to the tail was exquisite. This dog pushed very hard for the Winners position.

On Thursday my work really began as the Specials came into my ring. I brought them in one at a time for a once around the ring and then back out. This exercise was a wonderful way to showcase each dog and give them their moment to shine for not only me but the spectators. I split the entry into groups and made cuts as I finished with each group. Finally after another go around I narrowed it down to the last two groups and from there, the final group I would eventually award.

My Best Of Breed winner "Ch. Xandali Isabeau of Boanne" is an exceptional Afghan. Her type, style and elegance are the epitome for the breed. The performance she gave was impeccable never letting down or changing gears. The handler kept her at a wonderful speed while gaiting and used the ring to her advantage. Not many others can equal her easy, balanced side gait. Extremely foot sound on the side and the come and go. Reaching from the shoulder and kicking out with her rear using her hocks. Such effortless movement cannot and should not be denied. It is interesting that this seven year old bitch is so dynamic after having been bred and campaigned. Her topline is flawless as her conditioning is. It was my pleasure to award her the coveted National Best In Show.

Best of Opposite, went to my Winners Dog. I brought him up to compare with my first Award of Merit winner and he continued with his ever commanding presence. One last go around and I moved him up to the BOS position. Award of Merit winners were also exceptional dogs. I couldn't have been more thrilled to have the five I chose in my ring. Several of them I had never seen before and could not wait to find out who they were and their pedigrees. They all possessed elegance, type and proper movement. Each one, possessed the traits important to me in the Afghan standard. Each one of them made a statement on their own and on another day could have been the winner.

The honor was mine and I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to evaluate these incredible dogs. I hope that all enjoyed the venue and the experience. May the memories live on!

SHOW REPORTS Bitches Gene Vaccaro

To begin, with, I thoroughly enjoyed my judging assignment at this past year's National. A huge thank you goes out to Harry Bennett and the entire show committee. The thrill of that day will be forever embedded in my memory. From a judge's perspective, the ballroom lent itself to easy viewing and evaluation of every dog. The ring was set up to give each exhibitor ample room to showcase their dog. My entry presented a great number of beautiful and interesting bitches. As I went through my judging, I looked for a beautifully balanced bitch, showing proper characteristics, and correct Afghan Hound movement. When I looked at my winners class, I felt it represented the type, style, and quality I appreciate this breed for, My winners bitch, from the Bred - By Exhibitor Class, Anuttara Summerwind Secret Dream, was balanced and elegant, showing all the proper characteristics of an Afghan Hound. This was a beautiful black bitch, both on the stack and on the move. Reserve was awarded to Tri-Tans Head Over Heels Yucatan, a balanced, elegant B/M red brindle bitch. I want to thank The Parent Club and all the exhibitors for this honor.

Sweeps David Giordano

My Experience Judging the National Sweeps 2000;

I first found out I was nominated one day when I arrived at home, after a very long day at work.

I was honored just to be nominated. Also, at the same time, Mary Ann and Iwere both already nominated to judge the Breeder's Cup.

Some time had passed when I received a phone call; "Would I accept the Sweepstakes assignment for the AHCA 2000?"

It was very hard to describe the feeling! But it was a very humbling one. Now the waiting was to begin, about a year and a half for the day! I felt like a field goal kicker put on ice,(time out.) Then, before I knew it, it was time to make reservations.

It was hard to imagine going to the National without any dogs. This was definitely a first! (The poor dog sitter.) Over the past year, the site had changed and one of the breed judges ,also. What could happen next? OOPS, air embargo!

We arrived in Florida two days before judging. Checking in was easy at this time, but you know Murphy's Law! Our room was not available until the next day, so we had a substitute room, (with A/C), for one night. Then we moved the next day to a beautiful suite, but this was short lived. We had to move, again, on the day of judging! Thank you to all our movers!

Getting ready to judge, already having an injured knee, I accidentally hit my eye on the corner of a metal carrier! It immediately began to swell up and turn black and blue. So, it was Mary Ann to the rescue!(Ice and make up.)

Time to go judge! At the ballroom another delay, judging was delayed 40 minutes. Back to the room!

The time went by fast and then it was SHOW TIME! I truly enjoyed every minute I was in the ring. I'd like to thank the exhibitors for a tremendous entry. And of course, Harry ,Chip, & Beth. This National would have never made it without them.

During the past year, I thought of what I would speak of at the National banquet. What to say.....besides the dogs I had judged.

I came home from work one day, turned on my computer and learned of the tragedy of Betsy and Quentin LaHam. Reading that Quentin had passed away and Betsy was going for her surgery, I learned that her concerns were the welfare of her dogs.

This really made me think about our dogs, the sport, the places we traveled and the people we became friends with all over the world.

How lucky we all are!

At that time, I decided to speak of sportsmanship and friendship, and how things could be a little better. At no time during my speech,was I referring to ANYONE at this National or any other. It was just a collection of thoughts and events I have witnessed over the past 24 years. The sacrifices, commitments and disappointments that we all have experienced at one time or another are too many to speak of.

This sport is a way of life for most of us. Everything revolves around these beautiful hounds.
Enough said, life is too short! A little bit of common courtesy goes a long way.
Thank you all again. It was an experience I will always remember.

Sincerely, David Giordano My Way

SHOW REPORTS Obedience - Kathy Pugh

It was a real pleasure to compete in obedience at the National this year. For almost all the competitors it was a real challenge as we add more performance events - the triathletes had a demanding day of coursing on Sunday, and those who participated in agility had a short turn around between agility in the morning on one day and obedience in the afternoon - we had about an hour between the two events - some people claim that you can't even compete in both but our Afghans showed that it is possible.

The ring conditions were glorious - we had a fully gated ring in the wonderful ballroom. Deepest thanks to Harry Bennett for providing us with such great conditions for competition. Stirling Greer did a wonderful job of being Chief Steward - I am sure the good conditions and professional stewarding (with able assistance from Julie Messersmith) were appreciated by our judge, William Dillard.

Our Novice A dog, FC Llacues Malaguena did not qualify, but five of the dogs in Novice B came away with ribbons. My Oliver, What A Twist of Fate, JC, CD, NA, NAJ, had first place and High In Trial. Lynne Miller, a dedicated Afghan performance person for years had second place with "Voodoo," Ch Utchati Unforgiven JC, coming in ahead of his triathlete sister "Gris Gris." DC Utchati Exotica SC. LCM, who placed third. Lynne certainly was a busy and successful lady! Gris Gris and Voodoo also were highest scoring dogs in the non-regular classes as a brace, and Voo Doo was Highest Scoring Champion of Record. Fourth place was Sue Kelly with Ch Tradewinds Lacy Ice Crystals CD, JC and fifth was Kave Nuzenski with Ch Sankhya the Spirit of the Night. Five out of six dogs qualified in Novice B, and all but Oliver were breed champions; very nice to see so many dogs with many titles at both ends! We have a lot of ambassadors out in the obedience rings testifying to the beauty, grace and intelligence of the Afghan -I hope to see a big entry in Houston!

President's Message

What an exciting specialty we had! Harry Bennett and his team did such a good job, along with the able organizational support of Barb and Lee Bornstein who served as Assistant Show Chair, Superintendent and Show Secretary. The committee chairs were outstanding, and all the events went off splendidly.

The ring was beautiful, with the garland ring ropes and Afghan Sculptures demonstrating the creativity that is so abundant in the Afghan community.

All our breed judges brought to their ring not only the concern for doing the best possible job, but also the perspective coming from years of experience as Afghan Hound breeders, exhibitors - and now judges. David Giordano did New Jersey proud. Guess where David took his stunning wife Mary Ann on their first date? To an Afghan Hound handling Class! Way to start a good marriage. Gene Vaccaro brought a quiet, classic style to his judging which reflected so well on him and also his judging. We've seen Gene and Shelly over the years taking both wins and losses with grace and good humor. Jan brings such glamour along with her wise and careful judging. What a pleasure to watch her sort out the dogs with regal grace that would not be out of place in a palace.

Ruth Reynolds picked up the responsibility for the coursing at the eleventh hour and pulled it off superbly. The coursing dogs also demonstrated the best characteristics of our breed. Dean Wright, head of coursing events for the AKC stated that he hadn't ever seen Afghan Hounds course so well as those at our specialty. Claudia Jakus and her committee put on a great agility event, with excellent equipment and a superb location. Afghans love to do agility, and if you didn't get to this event, be sure that you see it in Houston this year. Harry Bennett chaired the obedience, and we were blessed to see one of the best exhibitions of Obedience ever seen at our National Specialty. Be sure you watch this event next year! Shellev Hennessy chaired the Triathlon, our new combination

performance and conformation event, which is gaining support each year.

One of the curses the AHCA faces in having to plan ahead at least three years is that the Host Hotel so often changes to new ownership, which often doesn't understand or appreciate the requirements of the show. Harry and his crew coped admirably with just this problem by hard work, concern and a true wish for all attendees to be accommodated as well as possible.

If only Florida could have carried off the national election as well all the Afghan enthusiasts involved performed to give us the best possible National Specialty, the US electorate would have been a much happier bunch! As it was, Afghan aficionados really enjoyed a "Special Specialty". A heartfelt thanks from us all.

Duane Butherus

From the Editor's Desk

It has been a year since I began the editor's job., Changes are coming as we read in the minutes of both the membership meeting and the Board.

Topknot News (TN to me) will be available in two forms: printed and sent by mail or on the web at a members' only site. This will save on postage which we know has just gone up again. It is now on the AHCA website for anyone who wants to find it in pdf format. It appears there after all members have received theirs. (Or we think they have. I got one sad copy back that had been practically shredded in the mail)

It will be interesting to see how many want each option. More and more members are going on line, but certainly that is not a requirement for membership!

I welcome feedback - positive or negative. To date I have received only one complaint - the print is too small. I do use small fonts because otherwise I can't get the information to fit on 10 pages..

Let me know you're out there!

Sharon Watson, Editor

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In Memorium - Archlyn Clot

I can't give you the exact date I met Archy Clot. I remember I invited her up to judge field trials in Michigan in the summer. We became fast friends, but she especially hit it off GREAT with DeeDee, my daughter.

DeeDee stayed with her several times while in high school. Archy bought her her her last prom dress. How proud DeeDee was when she got manied and Bill and Archy came up for the wedding.

I loved to listen to Archy's Sunny stories, of which there were many. Loved to listen to her Roy and Midge stories. Loved all her stories.

Bill and Archy had so many wonderful, beautiful Afghans over the years. They were so proud of their Ch. Larchtree Lord Jeffii, Ch. Kabik's the Front Runner, Cinnamon, Muffin, Retro, Fortune Teller, so many great dogs. They recently became enamored with Cresteds. Oh the great stories of Ralph Rotten, and Disney. To visit their home you found Annie the Sulfur Crested Cockatoo, Cassidy their White Bellied Caique, Their Amazon, and their Rose Breasted Cockatoo. Oh course, not to forget the adorable little Yorkie. Boomer.

Archy was one of those people that you could ask, "What did this dog look like?" She would ask what number in the catalog you would say, "Open, number 57." Now mind you this might be from 10 years previous, and she would say,, "Lovely dog, eyes a little light, pretty shaded mask red, great movement, handled by so and so." Oh her mind was just wonderful.

By becoming friends, we traveled a bit. I met her in Ft. Wayne when she judged, we stayed together in NY for the Garden, The great I is Love gives such wonderful parties, and Archie loved all of them.

Australia was a chance in a lifetime. We were there 3 weeks. The excitement of those wonderful Australian dogs, the ocean, the shrimp, Darling Harbor, the Opals so many memories. Our trip to Sweden last year was a chance to judge their bitches at their Swedish. Afghan Specialty and Paris, their grand home during the holidays. So many lights. It's as if you are in a fantasy land. You can dream. You dose your eyes, and when you open them, you are transported to another time and place.

I owe much to Archy. I will miss asking her how she feels and having her answer "TERRIFIC!" I will miss her voice on the phone. I will miss her directives. I will miss everything there was about her. She was my friend. She was my mentor. She was more. She believed in the Afghan, She was passionate about the Afghan. She was the breed's best crusader. She is the type of person we need and we are losing.

We still have Bill, A great person, married to Archy for 42 years. We need to let him know that we byed her and miss her and we are all here for him.

> A personal memorial from Laurie Goodell

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