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President's Message:

It's that time of year again! With summer winding down, we look ahead to our point shows in August and September, and our match in October! Our August show is Saturday, August 22 up at the Big E in Springfield, Mass. Please contact Debbie Studwell or Pat Benincasa (Pathusky@aol.com) if you can lend your assistance. Our September show this year is Friday September 18 at the new location, scenic Indian Well State Park in Shelton, CT. Contact Harvey Wooding (hjwooding@aol.com) if you would like to lend a hand at this new venue.

The annual match show is scheduled for October 3, at the Bethel 4-H Extension Center in Stony Hill. Match Chair is Harvey Wooding (hjwooding@aol.com).

Sadly, long-time member Alice Barnes passed away recently. Alice was a breeder of American Cocker Spaniels and an Emeritus Judge. A donation will be made to Cocker Spaniel rescue in her name. She will be missed by many.

The annual health clinic, under the direction of Jane Wooding, did well despite the sagging economy. Full report in the next newsletter.

A BIG "Thank You" to Helene Nietsch for taking over editor responsibilities of the newsletter!!

See you at the shows!

Fran



Newtown Kennel Club
AKC Sanctioned Match
& Canine Good Citizen Test

Saturday, October 3, 2009
Entries taken at 10:00 a.m.
Junior Showmanship judging
begins at 11:15 / Breed at 11:30

Fairfield County Cooperative
Extension Center
Route 6, 67 Stony Hill Road,
Bethel

See attached flyer for more
information



The Judge's Dinner for the September show will be held on Friday, September 18th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Shelton. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m, dinner at 7:00 p.m. Dinner is free for those club members working at the show, \$30 for those not working. Hope to see you there! Please contact Fran (270.3481 / frp83@aol.com) if you would like to attend. ... RSVP to Fran by Thursday, September 10 ... please!

Breed Handling:

Classes resume September 15 at Edmond Town Hall, Route 25, Newtown Tuesdays at 7:15pm and 8:00pm

*Rabies certificate required
Volunteers Needed!!!*

Please contact Jan Purdy at redgsmd@snet.net to schedule a date to instruct the class.



Obedience Classes are also available. Please contact: Debbie Heckman at 740.7679 for more info.



Newtown Kennel Club 2009 Calendar of Events

September 15 breed handling classes resume

September 18 (Friday) show
Indian Well State Park
Route 110, Shelton, CT 06484
Judges Dinner: Shelton Hilton Garden Inn

October 3
Match at Fairfield County Extension Center,
CGC Testing
Bethel, CT (see flyer)

November 11
Annual meeting
Location TBD

December 16
Holiday general meeting
Location TBD
Dinner, grab bag, general meeting and elections




 NKC


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Fairfield County Cooperative Extension Center
 Route 6, 67 Stony Hill Road, Bethel, CT

Entry Fee \$10.00

Junior Showmanship \$2.00 or free if entered in breed or CGS

Wins at AKC matches do not count toward championship points

Breed Classes divided by sex:

Puppy 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, Best of Breed Puppy
 12-18, Open, Best Best of Breed Adult

Judges:

Sporting: Fran Paulin	Hound: Dale Stammel
Non-Sporting: Steve Sackter	Toy & Terrier: Joy Brewster
Herding, Working, Juniors: Kris Kelso	
Best Puppy: Sara Gregware	Best Adult: Fran Paulin

For More Information, Contact:

Match Chair, Jan Purdy 203.778.3239 (redgsmd@snet.net)

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******Canine Good Citizen Test******

Sponsored by Ox Ridge Kennel Club

Fee \$10 – Entries taken at 10:00 a.m. -- Testing begins at 12:30

Bring dog brush and proof of rabies vaccination

Detailed description of the test can be found on AKC website

Contact: Jody Greene: 203.966.4253 – jngreene@optonline.net

Or Jane McLane 860.739.5167, raggmoppjm@aol.com



Directions: From I-84 west to Exit 9 (Brookfield, Route 25). Turn left off the exit ramp. Continue 6/10 of a mile to stop light. Turn right onto Route 6. Go 1.4 miles west on Route 6 to traffic light. Extension Center is fifth building on the left past the traffic light.

If coming from the west or New York, take I-84 east to Exit 8. Cross through the intersection at top of the ramp. Continue east on Route 6 about 1.5 miles. The Stony Hill Fire Station will be on the right and the Stony Hill Inn (large Best Western) across from it on the left. Extension Center is 1/10 mile east of the fire station on the right.

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August AKC Board Minutes Grand Championship Advanced Conformation Title Proposal

There was a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Dr. Davies, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve a new advanced conformation title to be called Grand Championship. The specifics of the Grand Championship, which is intended to provide additional venues for exhibitors and to encourage entries, are:

All Champions of record that are eligible to be entered in Best of Breed competition, are automatically entered in competition for points toward the "Grand Champion" title when they are entered in the Best of Breed class at a dog show. There are no additional entry fees or cost to exhibitors for participation in this competition at AKC events.

Dogs and bitches that have earned their Championship and are moved up to Best of Breed class would be eligible to compete on the day.

Any exhibits found to be ineligible for "Grand Champion" points would have those points disallowed administratively by the AKC. If Best of Breed is found to be ineligible, all Grand Champion points awarded will be administratively disallowed for Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch.

Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, or non-regular class winners, are not eligible to compete for "Grand Champion" points.

All eligible exhibits entered in the Best of Breed class will compete and judging will be concurrent with traditional Best of Breed judging.

The judge will award Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch. Judges may withhold any awards at their discretion.

For eligible Champions, the Best of Breed (BOB), Best of Opposite Sex (BOS), Select Dog (SD) and Select Bitch (SB) winners can acquire points toward the "Grand Champion" title. A maximum of four dogs may be awarded "Grand Championship" points.

The existing schedule of points and divisions will be used to calculate "Grand Champion" points. "Grand Championship" points will be awarded based on the number of eligible entries exhibited. All class exhibits and champions in breed or variety competition present will be counted to compute "Grand Champion" points.

"Grand Championship" entries will not affect the annual computation schedule of points assigned to each Points Division.

Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch can earn "Grand Champion" points at AKC All Breed, Limited Breed, or Specialty events.

There will be no "Grand Champion" points awarded when all competing Champions of Record or move-up dogs are defeated by a class dog or bitch receiving the Best of Breed award.

If the Best of Opposite Sex winner is the Winners Dog or The Winners Bitch, neither the Best of Opposite Sex nor the Select award for that sex will be eligible for "Grand Champion" awards.

Best of Breed winner will receive the highest number of "Grand Champion" points available regardless of sex. Best of Breed "Grand Champion" points are based on the total number of dogs and bitches competing in the breed or variety using the point schedule for the individual dog's sex.

Best of Opposite Sex winner will receive Grand Championship points based on the total number of dogs defeated of the same sex. The Select Dog and Select Bitch will receive points based on the total numbers of dogs defeated of the same sex. Best of Breed or the Best of Opposite Sex will not be included in this computation.

Best of Opposite Sex point computations may be equal to the Best of Breed winner but in no case will they exceed "Grand Championship" points awarded to Best of Breed.

"Grand Champion" ribbons will be provided to all eligible Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog, Select Bitch winners.

Once an eligible dog or bitch has accumulated 25 "Grand Champion" points with three majors under three different judges and at least one point under a fourth judge, it may be designated "Grand Champion" and receive an AKC enhanced certificate indicating they have completed the necessary requirements for the title.

"Grand Champion" title holders will continue to accumulate points towards the "Grand Champion Ranking System" after completion of title (Top 25, 50 or 100 by Breed, and Group).

Any dog who completes its Grand Champion title will receive an invitation to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

The rule changes necessary to implement the Grand Championship will be read at the September 2009 delegate Meeting for a vote at the December 2009 meeting.

Mrs. Diane F. Taylor, AKC Delegate
Report of March 2009 Delegates Quarterly
Meeting

The March Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 10th at the Sheraton Newark Airport Hotel in Newark, New Jersey. There were 408 Delegates in attendance and voting. The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Sprung at 9:00 a.m. He introduced those on the podium. Following the introductions, the first ballot was cast, and the meeting continued.

Secretary James Crowley read the names of the delegates seated since the last meeting and the delegates attending their first meeting were introduced.

The minutes of the December 2008 meeting were approved.

Mr. Sprung announced the deaths of three Delegates since the last meeting.

The following clubs were elected to membership by a 4/5 vote: Harrier Club of America, Norfolk Terrier Club, Northern Florida American Retriever Club.

Dennis Sprung gave the President's report. The economy is in bad shape but the American Kennel club is financially sound. David Roberts has been named as a Vice President. Outstanding A.K.C. Employee awards were given to Bob Birdsall, Darryl Hayes and Paula Spector. Outstanding Delegate Awards were given to Lou Auslander, Connie Vanacore and Nelson Sills.

Dennis Sprung introduced Jim Stevens, Chief Financial Officer who announced that 2008 registrations were down 12% for individual dogs and 10% for litters. He announced that Board expenses were \$318,809 and Delegate expenses were \$640,886.

The vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 6 of the Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests was taken following extensive discussion and the amendment was adopted by a 2/3 majority.

The auditor reported on the first ballot. 389 Delegates voted, and 195 votes were required for election. The results were: Lee Arnold – 195 votes (Elected); Carl Ashby – 253 votes (Elected); Dr. Fred Bok – 78 votes; Judith Daniels – 172 votes; Carl Gomes – 48; Alan Kalter – 290 votes (Elected); John Nielsen – 135 votes; Dr. Robert Smith – 190 votes. Another ballot was distributed and cast for the one remaining seat.

The vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 6 of the Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Large Pack Field Trials was adopted by a 2/3 majority.

Gina Lash reported that an AKC Meet the Breeds will be held at the Javits Center on October 17th. The Cat Fanciers will participate – with 41 Breeds.

John Lyons announced the Community Achievement Awards. Details will be in the AKC Gazette.

The auditor reported on the second ballot. 408 votes were cast and 205 votes were required for election. The results were: Dr. Fred Bok – 13; Judith Daniels – 148; Carl Gomes – 6; John Nielsen – 68; Dr. Robert Smith – 167. No one was elected and Dr. Bok withdrew. Another ballot was distributed and cast for the one remaining seat.

Tom Davies spoke on the proposed Group Realignment. There was discussion about the proposed groups. It was announced that the time for judges wishing to apply for the new breeds and different groups will be done over a four year period – two years before the new Groups will be shown (January 1, 2012) and two years after. It is expected that the realignment will be voted on at the September 2009 Delegates Meeting.

The auditor reported on the third ballot. 403 votes were cast and 202 votes were required for election. The results were: Judith Daniels – 160 votes; Carl Gomes – 3 votes; John Nielsen – 42 votes; Dr. Robert Smith – 195 votes. No one was elected and Mr. Gomes and Mr. Nielsen withdrew. Another ballot was distributed and cast for the one remaining seat.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch and reconvened to continue the meeting.

The auditor reported on the fourth ballot. 395 votes were cast and 198 votes were required for election. The results were: Judith Daniels – 162 votes; Dr. Robert Smith – 229 votes (Elected).

It was announced that the June meeting will be held at the Hilton North Raleigh, Raleigh NC.

Ron Menaker welcomed the new members to the Board and thanked the outgoing Board Members – Charles Garvin, Steve Gladstone, Pat Scully and David Merriam.

Gretchen Bernardi requested a simple vote on mixed-breed participation be taken for Board future action.

There was discussion about various subjects. The minutes of the meeting will be published in the *A.K.C. Gazette*.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Diane F. Taylor Delegate



Mrs. Diane F. Taylor, AKC Delegate Report
Report of June 2009 Delegates Quarterly
Meeting

Tours of the A.K.C. offices were available on Sunday, June 7th.

The June Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 9th at the Hilton North Raleigh, Raleigh NC. There were 279 Delegates in attendance. The meeting began with a morning forum on the A.K.C. Website Service. The presentation covered: basic account setup, how to gain access and use of the AKC Delegate Portal. Among the other services available to users of My AKC include information about dogs, litters and events. The Delegate Portal gives access to meeting transcripts and meeting mailings (including items to be voted upon or read). The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Sprung at 10:30 a.m. He introduced those on the podium and Secretary James Crowley read the names of delegates seated since the last meeting. The new delegates who were present were introduced.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

The Boca Raton dog club, Mississippi State Kennel Club and Norwich Terrier Club of America were approved as new Member Clubs by a 4/5 majority.

Mr. Sprung gave the President's Report. He reported that the main concern of the A.K.C is still registrations. He announced the AKC Registration Pledge program will be introduced at this meeting.

Mr. Sprung introduced Jim Stevens who reviewed the financial results for the year to date, and compared them with the same period in 2008.

Mr. Sprung announced that the Executive Secretary would read the resolution honoring Noreen Baxter upon her retirement

Mr. Sprung reviewed the benefits of accepting the recommendations of the Committee on Group Realignment which will be voted on at the September meeting.

James Crowley, Executive Secretary, read the proposed amendment to **Chapter 3, Sections 1, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21** of the *Rules applying to Dog Shows* and **Chapter 2** of the *Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline, Registerable Breeds by Group*. This is to be voted on at the September Delegates' Meeting. There was discussion from the floor concerning this proposal which will be published in the *AKC Gazette*.

Mr. Crowley then read the proposed amendment to **Chapter 3, Section 5** of *The Rules applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Classifications* which would permit the further division of the 12-18 Month Class (into 12-15 Month and 15-18 Month classes). This will be voted on at the September Delegates' Meeting. Mr. Crowley then read the proposed amendment to **Chapter 8, Section 9** of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers – Eligibility of Dogs for Entry* which updates the wording. This will be voted on at the September Delegates' Meeting.

Mr. Sprung then read a statement concerning the vote at the September Delegates' Meeting to fill the vacancies on the various Delegate Committees. The details will be published in the *AKC Gazette*. He announced that self-nominations for Delegate Committees will be due on July 24, 2009. Mr. Crowley read the vacancies to be filled.

John Lyons announced the Second Quarter Community Achievement Awards.

The recipients will be published in the *AKC Gazette*. He then announced the AKC Humane Fund's first Breed Rescue Grant of \$1,000 was presented to the Silky Terrier Rescue Charitable Trust, supported by the Silky Terrier Club of America. He then announced a new award in memory of Diane Albers – the Diane Albers Memorial Disaster Relief Award. Mr. Lyons then introduced the AKC Registration Pledge Challenge. The details will be in the *AKC Gazette*. The program includes participation of member clubs and their members in getting all puppies in their litters registered.

There was discussion on other matters.

The September 2009 Delegates meeting will be held at the Sheraton Newark Airport Hotel in Newark NJ. The Delegates meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 15th, with Delegate Committee meetings and the informal caucus held on Monday, September 14th. The next meeting will be in Long Beach CA on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach Hotel.

There was discussion about various subjects. The minutes of the meeting will be published in the *A.K.C. Gazette*.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. and luncheon was served.

Respectfully submitted, Diane F. Taylor, Delegate

