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GCH DALIN'S WEST COAST CONNECTION

Sire: CCH Windsor's 18K Rolls Royce
Dam: GCH Loma Point 18K Tequila Sunrise

Best in Futurity, ASC
Multiple Best in Sweeps
7 Specialty Best of Breed

Thank You
Capital City Cocker Spaniel Club Inc:
Dr. Clyde Shaw – Best of Variety
Barbara Shaw – Best of Breed
And... Breeder Judges – Patti Darke, Diane Kepley, Mary Napper, Kathy Patterson, Marilyn Spacht, and Julie Virosteck.

Bred By — Lane Tarintino and Linda Donaldson
Owned By — David and Linda Donaldson
Dalin Cocker Spaniels

WHAT A WAY TO START A YEAR!

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



JULY 2017 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

I hope everyone is making plans to attend the 41St American Spaniel Club Cocker Spaniel National Specialty at Purina Farms July 20-22, 2017. Show Chair Mary Napper and her Committee have worked extremely hard to make sure all of the participants and attendees have a great time. There will be a Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar Welcome Party Wednesday, July 19, so make sure to arrive in time to attend. On Friday, July 21, 2017, there will be a Town Hall Meeting with an exciting announcement about the ASC website and that evening the ASCF will host the Pirates of the Cockeribbean Trivia Night Fundraiser. This is sure to be fun! Come dressed in your best pirate costume, because there will be a best dressed contest sponsored by ASC. Saturday night will be the Top Dog Awards Dinner and Live Auction. Then on Sunday, July 23, 2017, Zone 5 will hold its Regional Specialty, hosted by the Cocker Spaniel Specialty Club of Dallas. The judge is Dale Ward.

There are memorabilia items left with this year's National Specialty theme, including several large umbrellas which are perfect for taking to dog shows. Also, please contact Barbara Shaw if you would like to donate a trophy or rosette.

PROPOSED BREED STANDARD REVISIONS

The proposed revisions to the Cocker Spaniel Breed Standard were presented to the American Kennel Club Board of Directors in May and the AKC Board approved the publishing of the proposed revisions on the Secretary's page of the June 2017 AKC Gazette for comment. Anyone, ASC members and non-members, wanting to make comments to the AKC will have 60 days to do so. It is anticipated that there will be comments reflecting individual opinions either in favor of or opposed to the proposed revisions, which is normal. After the 60-day comment period, AKC will submit the comments to ASC and ASC will in turn publish the comments to the ASC membership. Also, after the 60-day period, the proposed revisions and comments are submitted to the AKC Board for approval for ASC to submit the proposed revisions to ASC members for a vote. Pursuant to ASC's By-Laws, revisions to the Breed Standard require a favorable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing who returned valid ballots within the time required time limit. Once the membership votes, the results are submitted to the AKC Board to approve the standard. All comments from ASC members in last year's survey are already on the ASC Website under the Member Zone for review.

Also, as previously announced, the ASC Board of Directors decided that the best way to conduct the discussion about the proposed Breed Standard revisions was to conduct all discussions and debate about the proposed revisions on the ASC Yahoo List. Accordingly, ASC members will need to be signed up for the ASC Yahoo List to participate in the discussion. Discussion on the sable color has already taken place and I anticipate it will continue through the voting process.

REVISIONS TO THE BY-LAWS AND CODE OF ETHICS

Two of the primary purposes of ASC's Strategic Plan are to expand membership growth and improve ASC's financial performance. In order to do this the Board of Directors has to make ASC and its activities relevant in today's society. As part of this process, the ASC Board will be submitting to the membership for vote revisions to the By-Laws and the Code of Ethics. The primary change is to provide for an additional membership level for people who can join ASC without sponsorship and at a lower dues amount, but with no voting privileges. Also, a change is being proposed so as to make the date of the annual meeting flexible and not require that it be held in January. These proposed revisions are almost completed and a more detailed summary of the proposed revisions will be published before the membership is asked to vote. Just like revisions to the Breed Standard, revisions to the By-Laws and Code of Ethics require a favorable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing who return valid ballots within the time required time limit.

GLAUCOMA STUDY IN COCKER SPANIELS

In January of this year I was contacted by Sara M. Thomasy DVM, PhD, DACVO, Associate Professor of Comparative Ophthalmology at the University of California Davis, regarding a grant UC Davis was submitting to the AKC Canine Health Foundation to study primary glaucoma in cocker spaniels. I had several communications with Dr. Thomasy to learn more about the study and conferred with Doug McFarland, Chair of ASCF's Grant Committee. Because glaucoma is a devastating disease in cockers as it causes blindness and ocular pain and often results in the removal of the eye, Doug and I both thought this was an important and timely study. On behalf of ASC, I wrote a letter of support to the Canine Health Foundation. I am very pleased to report that this past

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Introducing ...

JT

JT is up to 9 points and both majors from the BBE class in one weekend of showing in the US. Thank you to judges Ann Bolus and Del Richards for recognizing our boy.



KLAD SAMAMARI SWEET BABY JAMES

(Can Ch Countrystars N Canrick's Rush x Am Can Ch Samamari N Nickleby's It Girl)

and his sister ...

Charlotte

KLAD SAMAMARI FIRE AND RAIN





Charlotte picked up 6 points her first weekend in the ring here in Canada, and also has a 5 point major in the US from the BBE class.

We look forward to a bright future with these lovely puppies!
Watch for them in the ring, shown by either Kelly or Steph.

Bred, Owned and Handled by Kelly Ladouceur & Stephanie Kaul
Email kladckrs@gmail.com

week I learned from the CHF that it approved the grant amount of $40,000 to UC Davis. If you would like to learn more about this grant and the study, go to "02336: Genetics of Primary Angle Closure Glaucoma in American Cocker Spaniels" on the Canine Health Foundation website. Also, if you would like to make a donation to the grant you can do so on the CHF website. Additionally, UC Davis needs cocker participants. The participation requirements are heathy cocker spaniels that are at least 10 years old with normal eyes and any cocker spaniels diagnosed with primary glaucoma. The contact person at UC Davis is Monica Motta, mjmotta@ucdavis.edu, www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/clinicaltrials/.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST – IMPORTANCE OF AKC DELEGATES

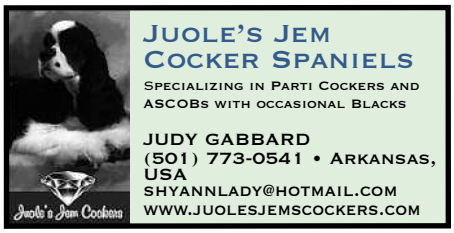
ASC is lucky to not only have Julie Virosteck as its AKC Delegate, but several other ASC members who are AKC Delegates for other clubs. The AKC Delegates are the voices of the member clubs to the AKC and can make a real difference in matters of great importance to the clubs and the sport.

The AKC Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee, a committee of eleven Delegates has prepared a video titled "Your AKC Delegate Opens the Door." The video shows AKC Delegates' roles in initiating their club's influence in AKC operations and governance. Delegates working together solve issues, meet challenges and get results, which in turn mean ASC and the other member clubs benefit. The informative video can be viewed at https://youtu.be/m-Mp3Z9fg7s.

ASC has a lot of important things going on at this time, so if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Board.

Linda Moore
ASC President



















TREASURER'S REPORT

BETH WILLIAMS

Flushing Show 2017 Financial Report

Annual Flushing Show 2017, Knoxville	Revenue	Expenses	Comparison 2017 vs. 2016
Candid Photo License	400.00		no change
Catalog Ads	230.00		$640 less earned than 2016
Catalog Sales	3,210.00		$380 more earned than 2016
Coffee Sponsorship	1,500.00		not offered in 2016
Flowers	55.00	454.37	same
Football Squares	825.00		$45 more earned than 2016
Foy Trent [1]	4,654.23		$2,254.52 more earned than 2016
Futurity	172.00	258	
Insurance		400	$50 less spent than 2016
Judge's Education	1,950.00	1110.42	$795 more earned than 2016
Judge's Expenses		3,802.32	$904 more spent than 2016
Judge's Hospitality		144.43	
KCC			
Convention Services		19,024.09	$8,203.08 less spent than 2016
Food & Beverage	3,175.00	6,040.02	$758.89 less spent than 2016
Holiday Inn	2,573.00	4,936.08	$278.74 less net than 2016
Raffle	1,050.00		$330 less earned than 2016
Rentals		3,401.24	$515.53 less spent than 2016
Seating	2,190.00	6.95	$420 less earned than 2016
Silent Auction	583.00		$371 less earned than 2016
Sponsor Seating	2,500.00	367.88	same
Tack Room	10,410.00	143.42	$1,890 more earned than 2016
Trophies*	10,450.00	8,882.00	
Vendors	1,250.00		$500 less earned than 2016
TOTALS	**Revenue**	**Expenses**	
	47,177.23	**$48,971.22**	

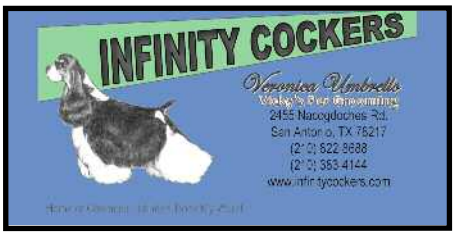
*Donations include trophies & rosettes; rosettes cost $3,144.30 & are included in the superintendent's invoice, not the "trophy expense" line item above

Net Loss 2017
($1,793.99)

Net Loss 2016
($14,458.27)

Fanny Hill

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Thomas



GCH Conquest's Maze Runner

Specialty BOV Winner · Group Placement Winner

Sire: CH Saratoga-N-Bluemoon's Footnote CD BN RN CGC
Dam: RBISS, MBISS GCHG Conquest's This Is It!





Breeder/Owner/Handler: Mariecel Torres-Young
conquestcockers.com

Dominic



BISS GCHB Conquest's This Moment I Own It!

NOHS Best In Show Winner

Sire: CH San Jo's Split Decision
Dam: RBISS, MBISS GCHG Conquest's This Is It!

Breeder/Owner/Handler: Mariecel Torres-Young
conquestcockers.com

Albe



AM CH / CAN GCH Conquest's Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'

Canadian Best In Show Winner · Multiple Group Winner

Sire: CH Saratoga-N-Bluemoon's Footnote CD BN RN CGC
Dam: RBISS, MBISS GCHG Conquest's This Is It!





Owners: Jean DeWolfe and Devon Rockwell
Handler: Chris Pollen
Breeder: Mariecel Torres-Young
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Hope



GCH Conquest's Ray Of Hope

New Grand Champion!

Sire: CH Saratoga-N-Bluemoon's Footnote CD BN RN CGC
Dam: RBISS, MBISS GCHG Conquest's This Is It!



Breeder/Owner/Handler: Mariecel Torres-Young
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A Junior Handler's View of Showing in 1958

by Marilyn Brinker

I began showing my first cockers in 1958. My local kennel club had training classes every Sunday after noon for 6 weeks before the spring show. Various members of the Kennel club were extremely helpful. I learned ring procedure. They said I needed to have a SHOW lead for my dog.

My first show lead was a Resco cordo-hyde slip lead.

Kennel club members demonstrated how you put the lead at the top of the neck, close to the back skull. This encouraged the dog to keep his head up. You did not choke the dog. Your hands were suppose to be LIGHT on the lead. I don't remember using bait or taking bait in the ring. I believe they did this with certain working breeds but not with Sporting dogs. We did the same triangle and "down and back" pattern that is still done today. Sometimes the dogs were set up on the floor and the judge went over them on the floor. Having a grooming table to set the dogs up on for examination came a few years later. You had to be able to kneel on the floor and get up and move the dog. I learned in Junior showmanship how the dog is always between the handler and the judge. If the judge moves, the handler moves to the other side never blocking the judge's view of the dog. This seemed to be something some juniors didn't know and so a junior could loose just by not moving or paying attention.

I eventually had to learn how to groom my own dog. There was only one grooming shop in the city I lived and they had no idea how to groom for show. Professional dog grooming was in it's infancy in 1960. I bathed my dog at home. The breeders trimmed him in the beginning. I never had a grooming table until several years later. I had a metal Greyhound comb, and a Warner's slicker brush . That was it! Hair dryers were not used on cockers in 1960. I am sure my first attempt at grooming where probably laughable. A very pretty blond women saw my grooming at one show and asked if she could help me. She was showing cockers. Her name was Michael Allen. I was 12 years old and she must have been around 20…so of course, I let her groom my dog.

Today if you show long haired dogs you become a hair dresser. There are thousands of grooming brushes, combs, tables, and products to enhance the show dog. There were vendors at the shows in 1960 but the selection of grooming equipment was very minimal compared to today.

I graduated from high school in 1964. My parents chose to send me to college. For 3 years I went to school and really missed showing dogs. I was raised in the way of thinking that girls got an education and became teachers or nurses. I majored in art. I actually never aspired to do anything but get married and raise and show dogs.

I never realized that getting married and having a family would take precedence for the rest of my life. Showing dogs was always on the back burner.

I bought my first parti-color cocker in 1966. I paid $150 plus $27 shipping on Delta Airlines. I saw a classified ad in *Dog World* magazine and I contacted Joanne Thorp in Wisconsin. Her dog Ch. Nosowea Spring Nosegay was a sensational dog of that time. My dog Nosowea Nickel Serenade was not a winner but she was a dog of great pedigree. She was a granddaughter of Ch. Scioto Bluff Sinbad who was then the top producing dog of all breeds and all time. I bred her 3 times and she was the dam of three champions. I read everything I could find in magazines and books about the "art of breeding dogs." They all said to start out with the very best dog one could afford. Of course, I thought my first endeavors were well planned. Much later I found out it was actually just good luck.



Nosowea Nickel Serenade (dam of Christopher Robin)

Willwyn Christopher Robin as an 8 weeks old puppy Photo by Morry Twomey



My first homebred champion was Ch. Willwyn Christopher Robin.

When Christopher Robin was a puppy I met Bob and Kay Pierce who were stationed at Barksdale Field in Bossier City, Louisiana. After they moved, Christopher Robin spent time with the Pierce's in Hollywood, Florida (their hometown) where they trained him and he won his first "Best In Match" with Bob showing him. The Pierce's today work with 4H dog training.

In 1971 Bob eventually sent Christopher Robin, back to me and he went to the professional handler Dorothy Christiansen in Washington state to be shown. He was BOV at his first specialty show. Byron and Cameron Covey saw him at this show and called me to buy him. This was all like a "Cinderella happening" for me. I was so torn and overwhelmed at the idea he would have the opportunity to become a top winning dog with the Covey's son Bob showing him. I loved my dog and really wanted to keep him. I let him go because I could not ever show him to the potential they saw in him. He became a top winning sporting dog. He won Best of Breed at the San Joaquin Valley Cocker Spaniel Specialty over 22 specials.

This was just the beginning for me and my love affair with red/white cockers and showing dogs. If I had not sold this dog I might not have ever attained the later high goals I set for myself. I had so much to learn. Watching handlers like Norman Austin, Donny Johnston, Beth Hoffman, Bob Hicks, Mike Kinsular made me realize I always wanted to be a handler. I never actually had the time with 4 children and a full time job, but I had a dream.

Showing dogs is a chance for all of us to step out of our regular, everyday life. It's something exciting…and wonderful with these beautiful dogs by our side. I never have had a bad day with the dogs. They bring us so much JOY. I have learned so much from having this relationship with them. It affected my whole life in a very positive way. By learning to show dogs learned how to compete gracefully. I learned how to set my sites on attainable goals. I learned that no matter how old and how experienced you become there is something new to be learned.



Bob Pierce training 4H kids dog classes today



Willwyn Christopher Robin (BOV at Washington State CSS) from open class. Judge Covey, Handler Dorothy Christiansen



CH Willwyn Christopher Robin as a special, handled by Bob Covey

Getting to Know Hu-Mar's Cockers — Marilyn Spacht, An Icon in Buffs

by Karin Linde Klerholm

When and how did you get involved in Cockers and when did you start showing your dogs?

I grew up with a cocker spaniel being my house pet. So when Hugh and I married and decided to buy a pup our Vet friend put us in touch with an ASC Breeder in the Buffalo, NY, area and a 6 month old puppy dog named Max came to live with us in 1973. Shortly thereafter we were transferred to Alabama.

Enter Charles and Diane Self - Max needed trimming and their names were listed as ASC members in that area. One call later and a great trim, Charles told us about shows and the Birmingham Kennel Club, etc. We attended our first Fun Match where Charles and Max had their first BIS! Three weeks later Charles showed Max at an All-Breed Show for a 4-pt major win. Being new to the area we enjoyed meeting so many new and interesting people and traveling our new section of the USA. Six weeks later Max became Ch. Clearwater's Straight Flush and we were hooked!!



Ch. Clearwaters Straight Flush – our first CH!

We had met Charles' friend Terry Stacy during this time and he arranged for us to get a 5 month old red puppy bitch from Kay and Larry Hardy. We called her Heather.



This is Ch. Hob Nob Hills Hotsy Totsy, the beginning of the Hu-Mar-line

During this time I read up on many of the old kennels and dogs of the past. I came to like a certain "type and look" and wanted to further that in a breeding program. Heather became Ch. Hob Nob Hills Hotsy Totsy and she and Max were bred to start the Hu-Mar line.

I didn't show our dogs but on occasion would take the young pups into the ring. We were blessed to have great handlers and friends along this road - Charles and Diane - Terry and Charlotte Stacy -Greg Anderson and Kyle Robinson.

Were you involved in other activities with your dogs besides Conformation?

No, only conformation.

How did you start out with your breeding programme under the Hu-Mar prefix?

From our first breeding came Ch. Hu-Mars Hanky Panky – Samantha - owned and loved by deForest Jurkiewicz. She was bred to Ch. Kamps Silversmith to get Ch. Palm Hill Tiger Lilly.



The lovely Samantha – the start of a legacy!

Do you favor line-breeding or outcrosses - Why?

I favor line-breeding- you stamp in a look, but you can only go so far and then need to go out to come back in a generation later.

A go-back to black to hold coat and color, a buff breeder wants a black pup with buff coat-look for the black belly skin.

When it's time to go out, use the same outcross dog on 2 of your same line bred bitches, you will see a pattern and then bring these back to your linebred dogs.

In your own mind, what are the most important features of a good stud dog/brood bitch?

A good stud dog, regardless of which bitch line he is breed to you see something you like of him in all of the breedings.

Would you re-do a combination if you got excellent results in the first litter?

Yes, I bred Marg - CH Palm Hill Hu-Mar's Wildfire twice, before getting a bitch I felt was good enough to breed!! Finally I got Ch. Hu-Mars My One and Only, CD whose daughter was WB at the ASC Summer National. The ten male pups Marg had, all finished and 4 of them earned over 35 All Breed BISs!

Picking puppies – what is the best way to do it, for you?

Can't tell you why this worked for me, but I always seemed to key in on one of the newborn pups. There would be that look or gut feeling, this is THE ONE. Would then let it grow and develop and watch its interaction with me and the other pups. We were never in a rush to place pups and waited for all the parts to fall into place. I remember Charles and I disagreeing on Dreamer – CH Palm Hill Caro-Bu's Solid Gold and his brother Shaker – CH Hu-Mar's Palm Hill's Super Tramp, I held my ground and Dreamer stayed.

What fault would be the easiest for you to forgive in a dog and what would you have a hard time forgiving?

I try not to fault judge any dog, but look for the positive. They must conform to our written standard as to DQs

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Three of Wildfire´s sons – CH Hu-Mar's Regal Cottonwood (by CH Cottonwood Congressman) owned by Pat & Betty Peck and shown by Charles Self winning a Group 1st in 1984.



CH Hu-Mar's Go For The Gold (by CH Palm Hill Caro Bu's Solid Gold) owned by Pat Schneider and handled by Jeff Wright to BV at the ASC Flushing show in 1988 under the iconic Ted Young Jr.



CH Hu-Mar's Good As Gold (by Ch Palm Hill Caro-Bu's Solid Gold) Top ASCOB during the mid 80'ies owned by Hu-Mar's, here shown by Greg Anderson under Everett Dean at the San Diego Specialty enroute to his title.









4 generations of blonde girls – The top producing bitch CH Palm Hill Hu-Mar's Wildfire shown by Charles Self; her daughter CH Hu-Mar's My One And Only CD, granddaughter CH Hu-Mar's Show Me Indiscretion and great-granddaughter Show Me Hu-Mar's Trace of Gold going WB at the National Specialty under the late Mari Doty, all shown by Kyle Robinson.

and interruption. The pieces and parts need to fit. Do not change the Standard in your mind to fit the incorrect pup. For example, if they are not up on leg they aren't going change. Low stationed is low stationed and lack of balance to the eye. Find him a good home and move on! Not all breedings work, learn from your mistakes and only show your best. # of champions doesn't give you a good Cocker. You need to breed a good Cocker who becomes a Champion!

Did you keep any stud-dogs at home or were they managed by handlers/agents?

While the males were out showing – breedings were done by the handler. After that they lived at home and bitches were shipped into us and yes, they were kept in show coat.

Did you work together with other breeders and co-bred litters?

Yes, I worked with deForest Jurkiewicz and Kathy Patterson and I also bred a litter with Laura Henson. We may have disagreed on a pup, but that was never a problem, these were first class Ladies who understood the breed.

In your own mind, what was the best dog/bitch that you have ever bred, and why?

Although I am not listed as a breeder (I did pick the sires and whelped the litters), I would go with Dreamer and Marg for what they gave back to the breed – Soundness – type - showmanship!

Did you export any of your dogs abroad and how did they influence the breed overseas?

Some of my dogs owned by other people were sent overseas, like the red male Ch Hu-Mar's Hellzapoppin going to Yvonne Knapper, Sundust Cockers in England, to become a Res-BIS winner and producing well for her.

Since you got involved in the breed, have you found that the breed has developed or changed over time – for good or bad?

Yes, some good and some not so good. The Specialty Clubs were the go-to shows. Many of these clubs no longer have the number of members to keep them going. But here was were you learned and met your fellow breeders and got to go over pups. We would have entries of 200+ at many of these shows with all the known handlers in play. What happened along the way I can not explain, but we are backing ourselves into a small box of options for breeding.

What breed Clubs are/have you been involved in?

I am an ASC life member and past President of the ASC. I also belong to Atlanta CSSC of GA, Chattanooga Cocker Club, Memphis CSC, Jacksonville CSC and Birmingham All Breed Kennel Club.





"Dreamer" – CH Palm Hill Caro-Bu's Solid Gold (CH Cottonwood Congressman / CH Palm Hill Tiger Lilly) as a puppy and as an adult under the capable hands of Charles Self and Greg Anderson

When did you start to get an interest for judging?

I started with the Cocker Spaniel and English Cocker spaniels in 1984. One of my best memories is judging BIS was at the ASC Flushing Spaniel Club in Philadelphia 2005. What a great experience!

I also judged the Clumber Spaniels at Westminister KC and the one I put up went on to BIS!

Do you keep any Cockers or other dogs at home today?

I no longer have any dogs living with me.

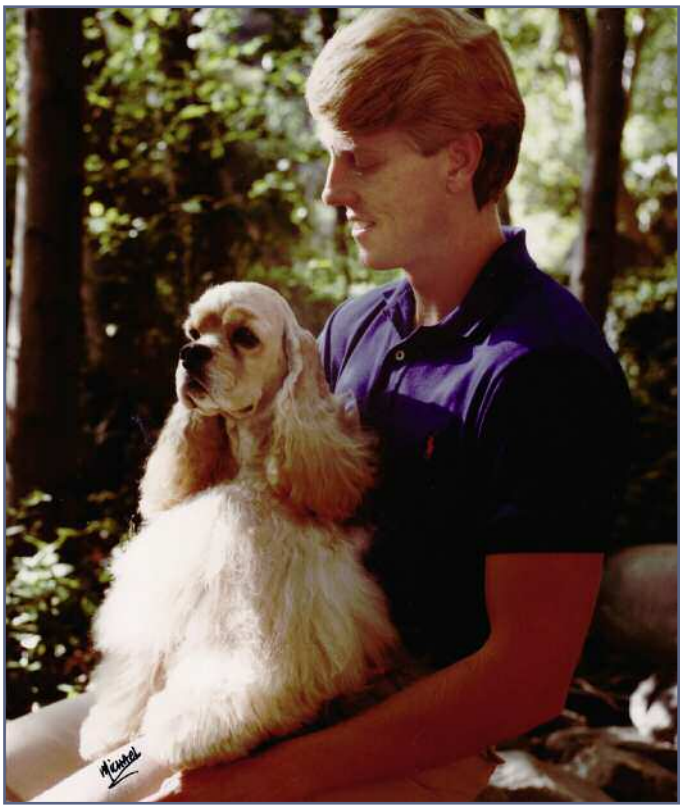
Finally, what are your best memories from the Cocker world, Marilyn?

One of my best memories is that of my Mom and I attending our 1st ever Cocker Specialty at Kissing Bridge outside of Buffalo, NY. We walked into a room of over 100 cockers in ex-pens, on grooming tables being blown dry and scissored and with ears all wrapped up. This was a new world to me but really left a lasting impression of the work and presentation to be competitive.

Another memory concerns judging - We sent a buff boy to ASC in the open class. We were maybe 4th or 5th in line of a 28 dog class and this judge placed all her dogs as she judged them.

Our turn came and we were placed 1st. As each was judged I held my breath, and finally the last dog was on the table …. I couldn't watch, but swore then and there, that if I was ever to judge I would NEVER place them before judging them all. We stayed in 1st place and went WD to finish!!!

And finally - Memories are filled by people we meet and come to know and love. I have been blessed with those friendships through our Spaniels. So many are no longer with us, but they have left their stamp on our breed and my heart.



"Dreamer" – CH Palm Hill Caro-Bu's Solid Gold with best buddy Greg

JOURNEY TO PET THERAPY

…BUDDY'S JOURNEY IS COMING TO AN END AND HIS FRIEND, LUCY, HAS JOINED HIM!!

by Joyce McIntyre

Mary Margaret Miller and Mike and June Myers, members of The Cocker Spaniel Club of Central Oklahoma, have been working with their dogs, Buddy, Tumbleweed's Look At Me, and Lucy, Myers I Love Lucy, on behaviors for training to become therapy dogs. While we have followed Buddy's story for some time, Lucy has a unique story of her own that has a very different beginning. I recognized the most important requirement, temperament, in both of these beautiful dogs. Buddy is a handsome Parti Cocker Spaniel while Lucy is a beautiful Field Spaniel. They both have a wonderful, loving temperament, and they both like people and other animals. They enjoy the attention and want to be part of the action that is going on. Buddy and Lucy have another fur member in the family as a best friend.

Buddy's journey continues with the end in sight as TDI testing for certification is scheduled the end of May. Buddy and Mary Margaret have been working hard to get ready for the big day!

Mary Margaret tells us about the continued training…

CONTINUED TRAINING AT HOME AND AT CLASS

"I continue to be amazed at how much Buddy and I have accomplished during our training! We have both gained so much confidence in ourselves and in each other. Seeing Buddy learn new behaviors is just a joy for me. He is such a willing pupil and shares my excitement in each new behavior he learns. His favorites are heeling and "leave it". He least favorite is "stay" because he doesn't really see the need to sit still, but he is getting the hang of it, slowly but surely.



Buddy training

We have practiced with a variety of medical equipment – crutches, a walker and a wheelchair. Buddy has adapted well to being around them. He will gladly walk alongside whomever is using one of the items.

Buddy has also become fond of photo opportunities! If you point your cell phone camera in his direction, he will stop and pose. He insists on being in all family pictures we take as well. Our family Easter pictures all include Buddy, the Photo Hound. Having company in the form of visits from family, friends and neighbors is a regular happening in our home. Buddy loves the attention he gets when people come to visit. He and his brother, Deuce, are always the center of attention in a crowd, and they wouldn't have it any other way!

BIG BRAG..... CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Our greatest accomplishment to date is passing the AKC Canine Good Citizen test! Buddy passed without exception on the desired behaviors! It was a very proud moment for both of us. After we test for TDI in May, we plan to test for the AKC CGCA, Canine Good Citizen Advanced later this year.



Buddy Earns CGC

THERAPY DOG INTERNATIONAL TESTING SOON

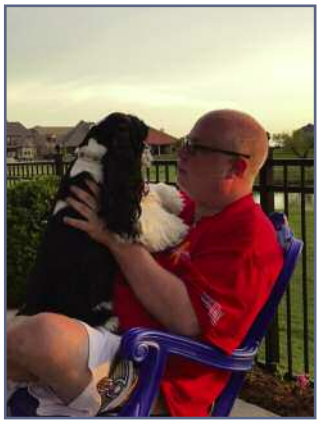
As the TDI test day draws near, I am both nervous and excited. I'm more nervous about my performance than Buddy's, but I know that when the time comes, I need to be confident for both of us. I don't want Buddy to



Buddy & Brother Deuce



Shopping



Serious Conversation



Buddy with his family

feel my nervousness and reflect that in his behavior. I do have faith in Buddy and his ability to perform the required behaviors well. We simply need to keep practicing as a team and polish each task to build our confidence together. I trust my dog!

BUDDY'S JOURNEY IS COMING TO AN END!

This journey that Buddy and I are taking together is hard work, but it is also a great source of fun and bonding. I am very proud of both of us as we grow together through the training process. The joy I feel in our accomplishments is indescribable. I am so thankful for all those who are there to help us in achieving our goals, especially Carol Garr, our trainer. She is patient with both of us and we have learned so much from her. The bond that Buddy and I have has grown through training and will continue to grow as we work together in therapy visits.

GOALS AFTER PASSING THE TEST

Doing therapy work with my dog has been a dream of mine for many years. As we reach the realization of this dream, I am filled with joy, anticipation, excitement, satisfaction and pure happiness knowing that soon Buddy and I will be making a difference in the lives of others. I have made preliminary contacts with an assisted living facility and with a facility that houses families with very ill children undergoing medical treatment. I truly feel that therapy dog work is a calling for me. Living in Oklahoma City has given me access to training and places to visit with Buddy. I am thankful for all the people and opportunities that Buddy and I have been given to help us along our way to becoming a therapy team."



Buddy up close and personal!

LUCY BEGINS HER JOURNEY TO PET THERAPY WITH LOVE AND EXCITEMENT!

June Myers shares Lucy's Journey to pet therapy. Her journey has not been as long as Buddy's because she was a little older when the journey began, and she had some obedience commands to her credit. She was also very comfortable around people and other animals. That was a great background for her as it has made her journey shorter. Lucy's story is a heartwarming one to say the least, and only June Myers can tell it with the feeling and excitement it deserves.

June begins Lucy's story…

HOW MIKE AND I MET LUCY…

"Mike and I do rescue transport of cocker spaniels to Okie Dokie Cocker Rescue in Grove, Oklahoma. We were contacted to evaluate an older cocker and were able to find a hospice rescue for the little, old man. While we were there, the Animal Control Office asked us if we wanted to look at a picture of a



Lucy when we picked her up and brought her home

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chocolate cocker spaniel that came in on December 28, 2015. We contacted the cocker rescue and if they could take the cocker, we would foster until we could get her there. Her stray hold was up on January 1, 2016. We picked her up on January 4, 2016, and to our surprise, she wasn't a cocker spaniel. She was; however, a sporting breed.



Lucy with her BFF Jack, the one-eyed cat

After picking her up, we took her to our vet for health check and shots, and our vet identified her as a Field Spaniel. We brought her home in hopes that our one-eyed, diabetic black cat, Jack, would like her as he been raised with our two cockers that are at Rainbow Bridge. It was amazing how they immediately loved each other. It was too good to be true!

WHY WE FAILED AS FOSTERS!

Any time we pick up a cocker spaniel for the rescue, we get to choose a name. She seemed like such a sweet, gentle girl that we named her Lucy. The first night we decided to keep her crated in the living room. After we have gone to bed we heard a whimpering sound coming from that area. We immediately went to her and carried her crate to the bedroom, and she went right in and slept all night. She wanted to be near us and that made her relax and fall asleep. The next morning Jack greeted her and followed her around even when eating. He felt he needed to be close to her. It was very obvious that she was a fit for our family even after less than twenty-four hours. Lucy needed us and even though we didn't realize just how much, we needed her too.

LIFE BEGINS AS A MEMBER OF THE MYERS FAMILY

Approximately two weeks after we brought her home as her fosters, we traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma on a very chilly, windy Oklahoma day on January 19, 2016. We felt Lucy was perfect for our family. We have always felt our Cocker Spaniel, Buster, who passed away in July 2015 knew we needed her and sent her to us. We contacted the rescue and signed the adoption papers that day. When I think about that day and everything that led up it, I get teary eyed.

All of our family knew we would end up as "foster failures" the first time they met her. She would walk up to them, sit and wait to be petted. She especially loves our four year old great-granddaughter, Journey. She will sit



Lucy and Journey, June & Mike's great-granddaughter



and let Journey read to her or even wear the silly hats that Journey likes. She also like it when Journey uses her as a pillow!

I think Jack was very happy to have a "dog"! In the morning when we take her out to the backyard, we harness Jack up, and he has to go with her. She does excellent on a leash and has from the beginning. Mike loves taking her for daily walks; they are up to almost two miles a day.

GOALS FOR LUCY'S FUTURE AND TRAINING BEGINS

We knew that Lucy had a great temperament, and a good friend who has therapy dogs said she would be a wonderful therapy dog. I also knew I would like to have a therapy dog and bring some joy to people in need. I knew that Lucy would like that as she has the "love of people" in her heart. She loves meeting people, and we take her to Lowe's, Home Depot, Tractor Supply, A-1 Pet Emporium, Camping World, Hobby Lobby, PetSmart, and also to the Cocker Spaniel Club Meetings. She always greets people when we are out and loves having them pet her. She is a "people pleaser", and that is one of the things we love about her.



Fast learner

We have been working on the behaviors we know are needed to pass the therapy dog test. She does well on the obedience commands, sit, down, stay, and come. She learns very fast and is reliable on her commands.



At home in the yard



Lucy's CGC ribbon and more

With her temperament and great personality we applied to AKC for a PAL number. As of April 13, 2o17 she received her AKC Purebred Alternative Listing as a Field Spaniel, Her registered name is "Myers I Love Lucy". She passed the CGC test with flying colors, and she will now the letter CGC after her registered name. We are very proud of her and love her very much.

GOAL IS IN REACH FOR TDI THERAPY DOG

We are taking private obedience lessons with Carol Garr, and she feels Lucy is doing great. I have been working with her three and four times a day on the basic command. I can tell she is making great progress, especially on her sit, stay, and recall. Journey, our great-granddaughter, has been a lot of help and Lucy's love of children is growing deeper. Right now it is all about getting ready for the TDI, Therapy Dog International, therapy dog test toward the end of May. I feel very excited as her handler to be on this journey with such a wonderful girl becoming a TDI therapy dog. There is one thing that I wished Lucy could do for us and that is to tell us her story. I often wonder where she came from, who had her, what was her life like before we found her, and what she thinks about her life now. I know the answers to some of these questions because she shows her love for her family every day. I just wished I knew the rest of her story, but for us, her story has just begun."



Lucy visiting with Santa in 2016

Mary Margaret Miller and Mike and June Myers (Todd Miller deserves credit here as he is a great pet parent with both his boys) have worked very hard and patiently with Buddy and Lucy. When you have a dog with correct temperament, it still takes a lot of dedication and consistency working with them on socialization, behaviors, and good manners not to mention exposing them to as many situations, sounds, smells, and people as possible. I know that Buddy and Lucy have had the experiences necessary to pass the therapy dog test. Love, patience, and understanding are necessary when training. Both Buddy and Lucy have been exposed to the medical equipment that will be used on the test, and they both know the command to "leave it" when exposed to food in their path of travel. There are many behaviors that are tested but first and foremost is temperament and the love of people.

If you are interested in knowing more about pet therapy, TDI has the testing items on their website. If I can be of any help to you or point you in the right direction to start you own journey, feel free to contact me at twinj@windstream.net. Pet therapy is my passion, and I know how much joy our therapy dogs bring to people. I also know how much joy they bring to their handlers. It is great therapy for the handler to be a member of the therapy team.

Note: Next article will have pictures of Buddy and Lucy testing as well as their first therapy visit. We are all remaining very positive for these two deserving, sweet Spaniels to be certified as TDI Therapy Dogs.

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Spaniel Sleuths

Defining Moments, Part Two

By Carole Kaye, ASC Historical Archives Committee

Prior to dog shows, most noblemen and landed gentry kept spaniels for hunting, developing their own strains to best suit their hunting environment. Frequently, spaniels were out-crossed from their strain to improve them for sport and later— for winning in shows. Most of the kennels had several varieties of dogs. This interbreeding was part of the difficulties of developing breed type.

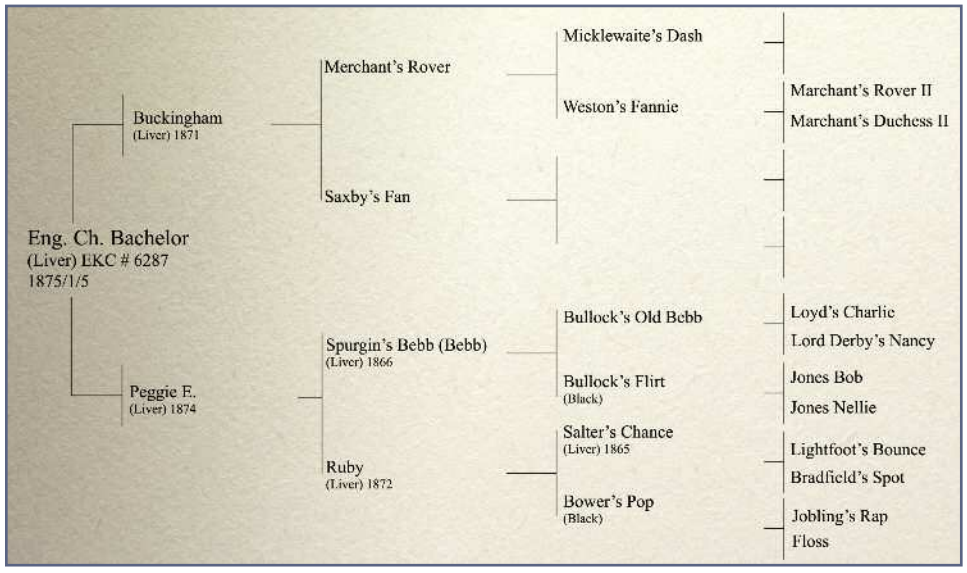
Mr. T. B. Bowers' kennel at The Bars in Chester, was home to the best early spaniels and he was known for his shrewd vision and determination to establish the Cocker as a breed. Bowers produced dogs found in today's pedigrees that include Bullock's Bebb. In those days most liver dogs were entered into stud books as Sussex until 1874 when he objected to Bullock's George. His reason was that George had a black sire and this resulted in a breed rule that to be registered as a Sussex Spaniel, the dog had to have a liver sire and dam. This was the George rule.

In truth, there were few with true Sussex behind any of them and those that did exist were interbred with other spaniels to revive the breed. Mr. Jacobs crossed Sussex with Field Spaniels in an attempt to improve bone, produce lower and longer bodies on his Blacks, and a longer head on his Sussex. Judge Farrow disapproved of Mr. Jacob's results criticizing loss of head type and upright tail carriage. (H Dalziel British Dogs Vol. I 1888 + E. Ash Dogs and their History Vol I 1927).

Mr. Phineas Bullock, owner of the Bulls Head Tavern of Bilston, had a kennel of multiple strains of spaniels. He was a highly regarded breeder and produced the cornerstone sire, Bebb. Bebb appears in most spaniel pedigrees of any breed. Bullock always regretted selling the dog, but his new owner Mr. Bowers, had tremendous breeding success with this influential sire. Shown as a Sussex, Bebb's pedigree included the English Water spaniel and Black Cocker. After the George ruling, Bebb (whelped 1866 and ironically registered to Mr. Bowers in the first stud book of 1872) was no longer shown as a Sussex.

By this time the Black Field Spaniel had distinctive head characteristics that set them apart from Sussex Spaniels and Cockers Spaniels. Dr. H. B. Spurgin of Northampton believed colored spaniels were valuable, and while others culled them, he worked to develop colored Field Spaniels and Cockers. His most famous was Alonzo. In 1875 Spurgin launched his homebred Bachelor as a "Sussex" whose dam was a Bebb daughter. Mr. Jacobs used Alonzo widely in his Newton Abbot kennel.

The Victorian judges of the late 1800's began to put up exaggerated long, low spaniels. This exaggerated version would fall into disfavor near the end of the century after English and Welsh Springers were recognized as breeds in the early 20th century. Trends changed for all spaniel breeds with a return to a shorter backed and more up on leg dog.





Carole Kaye is the Field Spaniel Society of America (FSSA) Historian and Chair of the FSSA Archives Committee and also a member of the ASC Archives Committee. Her primary research focus is spaniel history prior to WWII. She owns and occasionally breeds Field Spaniels using the Kaper prefix and resides on a farm in New Hampshire.

Nosework – What The Heck Is That?

by Kelly Ladouceur

So, over the past few months I've been seeing posts on Facebook and on email lists about nosework. I wasn't really sure what that was. I knew it wasn't tracking, exactly, but I couldn't really figure out what else dogs would do with their noses. Well, that just shows me what a foolish human I am. Dogs LIVE through their noses. Nosework has gained a lot of traction as a new sport in North America. It's a way for dogs to use their noses for good instead of getting into trouble.

In the United States there are many organizations that are offering titles in nosework. The National Association of Canine Scent Work (http://www.k9nosework.com/) was the first organization to offer trials and titles nationwide in the US. Other organizations have followed suit, including the UKC, and more recently, the AKC announced that it will be offering trials and titles in nosework, starting October 1, 2017. In Canada the sport is catching on, with the Sporting Detection Dog Association (www.sportingdetectiondogs.ca/) offering trials across the country.

I first read about this new sport in the Whole Dog Journal (http://www.whole-dog-journal.com) a few years ago. I remember thinking that the article was interesting, but not really giving it much thought beyond that. Then, around a year later, I read another article about nosework in one of my favourite dog magazines, The Bark (http://www.thebark.com). Again, while I found it interesting, I didn't give it a second thought. Fast forward to about 5 years ago, when I started seeing those posts on Facebook about nosework.

I have several Cocker Spaniels, but I only have one that I thought might be suited to nosework. My youngest dog Jack Jack always has his nose to the ground. In fact, he's such a sniffer that we've faced some challenges in our obedience and rally competitions, because he tends to follow his nose rather than his handler. I've been interested in doing tracking with him, but have been hesitant to try and start on my own, without some kind of guidance. When I saw the flyer for an upcoming nosework seminar, I thought it sounded like fun, so I signed up. I figured if Jack Jack and I had fun, it would be a worthwhile weekend. We both fell in love with the sport and haven't looked back since!

The idea behind nosework is to have a sport modeled after real life detection dogs, who work tirelessly to identify banned substances, narcotics, missing people (both live and dead) and more. Each organization uses a variety of essential oils as their target odors, such as wintergreen, cypress, anise, clove and more. As you move through the titling levels in any given organization, the difficulty of the searches increases. Most organizations have the various search elements organized by component, or type of search. Typically there are container searches, where the dog looks for the target odor among 10-20 identical or similar containers. At a novice level, only one odor is hidden, and the rest of the containers are empty. As you progress, there may be toys in some of the containers, or even food (gasp!). I know you're sitting there thinking that your Cocker is never going walk past a container filled with cookies to alert on a container with one or two drops of wintergreen on a Q-tip, but you'd be amazed.

There are usually also interior searches, which involve a room with multiple places to hide the target odor (usually half a Q-tip with 1-2 drops of essential, stored within a container such as a length of straw, to prevent the dog from ingesting it. You could be in a locker room, an office, a hallway or pretty much any other place. Once you start nosework, you start noticing just how many places you can hide half a Q-tip. Exterior searches are the same kind of idea as an interior search, but they take place outside. You can use a crack in a sidewalk or brick wall, a door jamb or any other number of items to hide odor. One trial I competed in had the odor tucked in behind a sign that was attached to a tree. Some organizations have a separate search component that includes vehicles, while others include vehicles as a possible location for an exterior search. When you start searching outside, you get very good at determining wind flow and pattern, area conditions and potential ways for odor to travel.

As you progress through the various levels, there may be more than one hide in a location, or you may have to search multiple locations. In the SDDA, which is the organization I trial under, at the Excellent level an Interior search is comprised of three rooms – one room has two hides, one room has a single hide and one room has no hides. As you leave a room, you have to indicate how many hides you've found (one, two or none) and that is a very scary prospect.





Jack Jack doing a vehicle search

Nosework is a great sport for building your dog's confidence level. I have yet to meet a dog that doesn't love nosework. It's very inexpensive to train for (just find those essential oils) and you don't need a ton of space for training. Dogs were born to sniff, so they tend to catch on very quickly – it's the handlers that need training on how to read their dogs' body language.

If you're interested in nosework but not sure where to start, I recommend check out the Fenzi Dog Sports Academy (http://www.fenzidogsportsacademy.com) for online classes. The classes run for 6 weeks at a time, and they are an excellent want to pick up the basics (or even more advanced concepts). Or you can drop me a line at kladckrs@gmail.com. Sniff on!

Kelly Ladouceur has been breeding and competing under the KLAD prefix for almost 20 years. She is involved in conformation, obedience, rally obedience, scent hurdle, nosework and therapy work.



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WHO IS ON THE BALLOT?

Patricia Darke

I am honored to be nominated to judge the summer National. It brings back some of my best dog memories for me. As a lifetime member of the American Spaniel Club, I never missed a show, exhibiting in both the summer and the ASC January show as a Breeder/Owner/Handler and using Handlers to showcase some of my dogs. I served on Judges Education, Standards Committee and other committees along with the ASC board for 2 years and was best known for serving as Fundraising Chair for ASCF and then the Vice President and ASCF President for a total of 6 years.

From a focused, limited breeding program came a number of all breed Best In Show winners to include the top winner Ch Darkehaven Feast Your Eyes and 3 Best in Futurity winners and over 85 champions. My last litter was in 2004 and I received my license to judge cockers in 2005, I judge some additional sporting breeds but cockers will always be my first love. My daughter, Victoria is married and I have one grandchild and one more on the way (due July 2017)! I own an HR Consulting Firm with offices in Bloomington, MN and Waco, TX.

David L Kittredge

I have been actively involved with Cocker Spaniels since 1972, when I purchased my first show Cocker. I went on to breed and finish several champions, as well as handling a number of client dogs.

I have been licensed to judge for the American Kennel Club since 1996, and now judge the Sporting and Non-Sporting groups, several Toy breeds, Miscellaneous classes, Junior Showmanship and Best in Show.

Some of the most memorable events in my judging career have been judging in Canada, Great Britain, The Netherlands, Russia, Australia, China and South Korea. I have also had the honor of judging at Westminster Kennel Club, as well as the AKC National Championship show, and, of course, the privilege of judging my own breed at the American Spaniel Club.

My approach to judging has always been to put overall breed type above any single attribute. It is important to investigate all the points addressed in a standard when evaluating an exhibit. However, I feel that, too often, the overall picture can be ignored in the final analysis. Unity of structure, harmony of proportion, functioning of the structure in movement and correctness of all features for the breed's intended purpose are of greater importance than any factors considered separately. Of course, as a judge, I want it all!

Thank you for considering me.

Marilyn Spacht

It is a honor to be nominated to judge at our 2018 National. Although I judge the Sporting and Hound groups, Cocker Spaniels hold a special place in my life and heart so judging them is always a special experience.

I've been honored to judge both in both the USA and Canada as well as many countries throughout the World.

I have judged Best of Breed as well as all three Varieties at past Nationals and Best In Show twice at the ASC Flushing Spaniel Show.

I bred under the HuMar prefix with my late husband Hugh, and co-bred with Palm Hill and Show Me Cockers. Many of these dogs appear in your pedigrees today.

Again, Thank you for this honor.

Dale Ward

I sincerely appreciate the nomination from the membership to judge at the ASC National Specialty in July, 2018. There is no greater honor than this. My husband, Calvin, and I have enjoyed the Cocker Spaniels that we have lived with since shortly after our marriage in 1966. We began showing the breed in 1972, and bred cockers under the Cottonwood prefix. I became licensed to judge cockers in 1991. No judging experience has been more exciting or rewarding to me than the times that I have been selected by the ASC membership to judge cocker spaniels at our January and July shows – the Futurity in January 1987, ASCOBs in San Antonio in July 2002, Blacks in January 2007, and Best of Breed in July 2012.

As a judge, I love the sporting dog attitude of our beautiful breed. As an owner of a cocker spaniel, I look forward to coming home from work every day to be greeted by the happily wagging tail of a fabulous companion. As a life member of the American Spaniel Club, I anticipate many more years of participation in club activities and attending shows around the country.

Jackie Cavallin

I am truly honored to be nominated by my peers for consideration to judge the Futurity at our parent club's National Specialty. The American Spaniel Club, the oldest breed club in the US and I am privileged to have been nominated…. WOW, THANK YOU!

I dearly love this breed and have devoted my last 22 years to them. I want to see our merry cockers continue to excel in the show ring, the companion home and in performance events.

Although I grew up with the company of many dogs, showing dogs began for me with my first show in the mid

80's. In 1995 I acquired my first cocker and they are my only breed. My father had cockers as a young adult and my late husband had one while growing up. They both suggested that I consider cockers for companionship and for competition. After 10 years of being involved with a few other breeds I did. I have never regretted that decision.

Age wise, I was a slow starter and also with the process of learning the grooming and coat upkeep involved with our breed. Eventually, I did catch on. Although I did not finish my first cocker "Peaches", I learned from my experiences with her. I was blessed when she produced two quality two litters with the guidance of my mentors. In 1997, she produced my first litter which consisted of two pups. The red and white bitch from the litter was retained and became my first champion of about 40 produced in very limited breeding under the Javalin prefix. Peaches obtained her LOM in the ASC's Hall of Distinction and 5 more Javalin Dams, from all 3 Varieties would join her there based on their producing abilities.

This foundation girl was bred a second and last time in 2001. From that breeding I kept 3 lovely pups (a bitch and two dogs), which became the driving forces of my kennel.

The bitch, who hated to show was Javalin's Get Pop'n, ROM who produced 11 champions from two litters. She went on the become Top Producing Dam 2005 and #2 Top Producing Dam All Varieties 2008 while giving me a top 5 daughter and also a top 10 son, both with limited ring time.

Her brothers, Ch. Javalin's Popover, CD and Ch. Javalin's Get It Fly Boy were only bred a few times. Yet, these three siblings produced a wonderful legacy for my kennel including four ASC BOV Futurity, ASC Selects, several ASC AOM's, ASC Best of Winner's, Reserve Winners, Best Parti Brood and also numerous get, grand and great grand get who garnered ASC placements. Wins are always treasured but those ASC rosettes and ribbons are especially beloved. Also coveted are the Eukanuba Best Bred By, Award of Excellence and multiple Cruft's and Westminster invitations garnered by those pups.

Even though almost all of my puppies go to companion homes, I am honored to have a few of my pups produce sound winners and producers for owners in the US, Korea, Japan and Australia. A huge "THANK YOU" goes out to the co-breeders, owners, stud owners and handlers of those 40 champions!

Although I am not keeping as many dogs now as in the past and only breeding on occasion, I am active within the breed. I have been a member of the American Spaniel Club since 2000, am a member of the Cocker Spaniel Specialty Club of Georgia and am on the Board for the Carolina Cocker Spaniel Club. I have had the honor of judging many Cocker Spaniel puppy matches including Black puppies at the 2016 National and numerous Cocker Sweepstakes. Most recently, I have been involved as a consultant – so to speak for the redesign of the ASC website, Sweepstakes Judging and Ring Stewarding for Specialties.

Currently, I am retired from the workforce after raising a wonderful son, working in the transportation industry for 20 years and then in the small arms industry for 15 years. I own a small poultry farm and with my partner Steve, breed heritage poultry including Bourbon Red Turkeys, Dominque and Black Cochin chickens, Guinea fowl and maintain a small vegetable and herb garden. I hope to continue to produce a few more worthy representatives of the cocker breeder over the next few years.

Ernie Domondon

I take this opportunity to thank the members of the American Spaniel Club for the invitation to judge the July 2018 Futurity.

My love for the cocker spaniel started in the early 1970's. I purchased my first show cocker, a black puppy bitch in 1983 from the late Miss Cathrine Ashley. As a youth, I was fortunate to benefit from the mentorship of some great breeders (local club members) of the time : Anita Roberts, Winnie Vick, Al Grossman, Ian Brotchie, Bryon and Marie Santos. Bob & Jan Covey created the RX Cockers name over dinner table conversation in the early days.

As a member of ASC I have always timed my breedings and looked forward to sending my exhibits to our Winter National. Our futurity has always been considered "The Best of the Best, Our Breeder's Gallery". I have owned and bred over 30 Champions of Record. My concentration has been in producing,and maintaining a strong bitch line, of solid color breeding. My expectations are that my exhibits first have the look of a quality Cocker Spaniel, a beautiful head and the Sporting movement for our breed. I have been blessed over the years. Over time I have owned 3 multiple BISS winning bitches, 3 ASC Winners bitch Awards, 2 Reserve ASC WD, 2 Reserve ASC WB Awards and 2 ASC Select Bitch awards. Although I have not had the honor of a Best in Futurity award, I take great pride in knowing, all my home bred Futurity exhibits placed in the ribbons at their respective shows. I love my dogs, and I take great pride in being able to share them with the fancy.

I have been an active member of ASC over many years. I have served as Futurity Chairperson, Trophy Chairperson, Tack Room Chairperson, and Hospitality Chairperson. I am a member of two Zone IV Member clubs, serving as Club Secretary, Show Chairman and provided Show Superintendent services to our 4 Cocker Specialties each year. I have judged sweepstakes at several Cocker Spaniel Club Specialties & other Sporting breed clubs as well.

It is a great honor to have been nominated by my peers to this position. I would love to judge an ASC Futurity,

Thank you for the consideration.

TOP DOGS 2017

Owner Handled Series Rankings
October 13, 2016 through May 12, 2017

Blacks

No. 1	GCHS CH Glen Royal's Knight To Remember	Jackie Horton/Keith Horton	Dog	330
No. 2	GCHS CH Mardi Gras Black Tie Affair RA AX AXJ NF	Rosemary Logrie	Dog	260
No. 3	CH Pbj's Uptown Funk	Danielle Velasquez	Dog	245
No. 4	GCH CH Twilights This Girl Is On Fire	DiAnn Prock	Bitch	185
No. 5	CH Encore N Cocker Countrys Music Of The Knight	Debi K Beachel/Judie Posner	Dog	140

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No. 1	GCH CH Keto Gallant Rodeo Romeo	Kerry Leonard/Tom Plummer	Dog	410
No. 2	GCHB CH Cameo Siloet's Gold Coast Legacy	Lisa Brown/Diana Wehry/ Johnathan Wehry	Dog	205
No. 3	CH El Shaddai's Remarkably Smooth	Ms. Roxanna Marie West	Dog	195
No. 4	GCHG CH Be-Fit's N Arikara Too Hot To Touch	Carol Thompson/Patti A Nazarko/ Diana Christian	Bitch	175
No. 5	GCHS CH Krismyth Sterling Silver NA NAP NJP	Kristi Ahlquist	Dog	145

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No. 1	GCHB CH Silvercast Outta My Way	Pam Long/Jill Long	Dog	640
No. 2	GCH CH Julre's Dragon Blend	Julie Turner-Hayes/Deann Jepson	Dog	220
	GCH CH Julre's Ninja's Rum Nougat	Julie Turner-Hayes	Dog	220
No. 4	GCHB CH Conquest's This Moment I Own It!	Mariecel Torres-Young	Dog	160
No. 5	CH Galaksi Freaking Famous	Michael Kristensen/ Ruth Henny Kristensen	Bitch	140

Conformation
Breed Standings January 1 through April 30, 2017

Blacks

No. 1	GCHP Beechstone's Blacklist	K Osper/J Legath/R Da Silva	Dog	313
No. 2	GCHS K-Line's B-Lieve It Or Not	J Kline	Dog	97
No. 3	GCHS Icon's Crazy Like A Fox	P Bagley/S Palmer	Dog	57
No. 4	GCHS Sovran N Max Yjis Girl Is On Fire	A Santos/M Buckley/J Makoujy	Bitch	51
No. 5	GCHS Mardi Gras Black Tie Affair RA AX AXJ NF	R Logrie	Dog	42

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No. 1	GCHP Silverhall Strike Force	R Beinhauer/C Douglas	Dog	245
No. 2	GCHG Blondheim's Easy Matters	S Blondheim/B Blondheim	Dog	177
No. 3	GCH Soundview's Master Of The North	J Webb/E Webb	Dog	67
No. 4	GCH Be-Fit's New Year's Celebration	C Thompson/D Christian	Dog	60
No. 5	GCH Acadia's As Good As Gold	R Guidry	Dog	40

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No. 1	GCHB Tri-Pod's Good To The Last Drop	D Podratz	Bitch	148
No. 2	GCH Shalybon I'm The Captain Now	L McLaea/B McLean	Dog	94
No. 3	GCH Dalin's West Coast Connection	L Donaldson/D Donaldson	Dog	84
No. 4	GCHS Lomapoint Dangerous Intentions	K Olsen/L Tarantino/J Bjelland/ T Pittman	Dog	75
No. 5	GCHS VC's Chasing The Dream	D Gunkle/K Vavolo/A Van Meter	Dog	60

Conformation
All Breed Standings January 1 through April 30, 2017

Blacks

No. 1	GCHP Beechstone's Blacklist	K Osper/J Legath/R Da Silva	Dog	4227
No. 2	GCHB Clerwood Silhouette Speed Of Light	M Furukawa/L Pitts	Dog	1118
No. 3	GCHS Mar-K's Sunrise At Midnight	J Hanlin/M Ragusa/M Ness	Dog	753
No. 4	GCHG Mario N Beechwood's Midnight Express CGC	F Charest/C Charest/M Ragusa/ P Ragusa	Dog	301
No. 5	GCHS Icon's Crazy Like A Fox	P Bagley/S Palmer	Dog	294

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No. 1	GCHP Silverhall Strike Force	R Beinhauer/C Douglas	Dog	22476
No. 2	GCHG Blondheim's Easy Matters	S Blondheim/B Blondheim	Dog	2630
No. 3	GCH Be-Fit's New Year's Celebration	C Thompson/D Christian	Dog	162
No. 4	GCH Showmajic Winning Is Everything	A Niessen	Dog	148
No. 5	CH Vista & Dirtypaws Turn Back Time CGC	W Barbano	Dog	123

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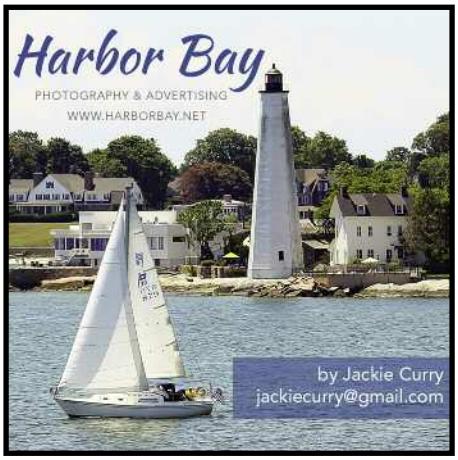
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No. 2	GCHS St Hubert's Valentino	L Bowen/T Bowen	Dog	318
No. 3	Afterglow Gentleman Flash (UK)	registration pending	Dog	312
No. 4	GCHB Tri-Pod's Good To The Last Drop	D Podratz	Bitch	222
No. 4	GCH Julre's Dragon Blend	J Turner-Hayes/D Jepson	Dog	222













2017

Top Producers

January 2017 through March 2017

Top Producing Sires

GCHG Beachstone's Black List, Blk – 3
GCHS Mardi Gras La Dolce, Brn – 3
CH Silverhall Silverado, Buff – 3
CH Silverhall Santana, Blk – 3
GCHP Silverhall Strike Force, Brn/Tn – 3
GCHP Ashdown's Time To Thrill, B/T – 2
Helada Hill's Topline, Buff – 2
GCHS Icon's Crazy Like A Fox, Blk – 2
GCHG Mario N Beechwood's Midnight Express CGC, Blk – 2
GCHB Micadee's Woodside With You, B/T – 2
CH My-Ida-Ho N Jems Winston, Tri – 2
CH Silverhall High Priority, B/T- 2
CH Tri-Pod Cypress Firebird, R/W – 2

Top Producing Dams

CH Silverhall Seriously, Buff – 3
GCH Acadia's Heart Of Gold, Buff – 2
Gali Star Zemfira Precious Sapphire, B/T -2
Julre's California Dreamin', R/W -2
GCHG Korean Crystal Palace The Apple Of My Eyes, CGC, BLK – 2
My-Ida-Ho -N-Jems Captain's Blk Velvet, Blk- 2
CH Quasar's Bewitched, Buff – 2
Tamra's N Blkwaters To Hot To Handle, Blk – 2
CH Terje & Exl's Tempest, Blk – 2
CH Toybox Ladybug Ladybug Fly Away Home, B/T – 2
GCHB Twin Pines And Cliffside's Pretty Naughty, Buff – 2

Top Breeders

Julie Turner-Hayes, Julre – 4, 1 co-bred
Linda Bennett, Toybox – 3, 2 co-bred
Diane Lindner, D & D Hill Country – 3
Genena White Jones, Ashwood – 3, all co-bred
Kristi A Ahlquist, Krismyth – 2, one co-bred
Pamela Bagley, Icon – 2, both co-bred
Regina Beinhauer, Normandy – 2, both co-bred
Linda Donaldson, Dalin – 2, both co-bred
Sharon Gerling, My-Ida-Ho – 2, both co-bred
Renne O Guidry, Acadia's – 2
Casaba A Havasi, Madmans Cometh – 2
Stephanie Herrmann, Quasar – 2, both co-bred
Sandy Knaus, Exl's, – 2, both co-bred
Jessica Legath, Bricketts – 2, both co-bred
Marlene Ness, Mar-K's – 2, both co-bred
Beate Pruitt, Pbj's – 2, both co-bred
Mark J Ragusa, Mar-K's – 2, both co-bred
Emma Ross, My Jems – 2, both co-bred
Judith Ellen Sarkisian, Kisian's – 2
Bruce Van Deman, Ashdown – 2, both co-bred
Michele Walls, Blackwater – 2, both co-bred
Eilene White, Crestrail – 2, both co-bred
Gary White, Crestrail – 2, both co-bred
Jeff Wright, Terje – 2, both co-bred







NOTEWORTHY NEWS FROM THE AKC

REPRINT FROM AKC eNEWS, MAY 2017

The AKC has been very busy advancing the sport and our mission to protect and promote purebred dogs. It is our pleasure to share some of these developments with you.

BREEDER OF MERIT LEVELS OF RECOGNITION

Breeders are the cornerstone of our sport. Their time, dedication and commitment to breeding healthy dogs is cherished by our organization. In an effort to recognize those who are advancing successful breeding programs and producing champion dogs, we have enhanced the Breeder of Merit program to include four levels: Breeder of Merit Bronze, Breeder of Merit Silver, Breeder of Merit Gold, and Breeder of Merit Platinum. Each of these levels requires a breeder to have bred a certain number of dogs that are actively earning titles.

Our sport and its champions come from responsible breeders whose passion for dogs and the sport are unmatched. We are proud to have developed another way to honor your contributions.

PUPPY OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Puppies are the future champions of our sport. Our clubs offer Puppy classes and encourage owners to participate in them. The Puppy Achievement Pilot Program is a new certificate to encourage exhibitors to compete by providing a realistic goal for puppies while they gain ring experience. The program requires that a puppy earn 10 POA points from the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition and/or regular Puppy classes.

This program is an excellent way to get your dog started in Conformation and a first step toward becoming an AKC Champion. We encourage you to learn more about the program and participate.

NEW AKC SPORT

The AKC has launched a new sport that allows our canine companions to shine even brighter while enhancing the canine-human bond.

Starting this month, exhibitors can participate in AKC Scent Work competitions. Scent Work is a sport that mimics the task of working Detection Dogs to find a specific scent and communicate to the handler that the scent has been found. It is a positive, challenging activity that affords dogs the opportunity to use their strongest natural sense in a way that is fun and engaging while building and strengthening trust between the handler and the dog. There are four difficulty levels for each element—Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Master—and factors such as the size of the search area, the number of hides, whether the number of hides is known or unknown to the handler, and the maximum height of the hides will change with the difficulty level. The most accomplished dogs will also be eligible for The Detective Class, which contains many hides in a variety of environments.

We look forward to seeing some of the top canines excel in this new sport.

This is a brief overview of some of the happenings at the AKC and ways in which we are carrying out our mission. We are proud to share our commitment to purebred dogs with you. Look for more updates soon.

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker, Chairman
Dennis Sprung, President & CEO







ASC Applicants for Membership
July 2017

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Lotte Kristensen

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Congratulations!

These applicants were voted into membership in April 2017

Rex Buell
Joyce Henderson
Koji Hirota
Char Johnson
Jessica Kostelnik
Michelle Mamaradlo
Beth Moore
Michelle Soave
Roslyn Thomas





American Spaniel Club Foundation

2016 – The Year in Review

Created in 1997 as a nonprofit 501c3 on behalf of the American Spaniel Club with the goal of supporting "improvement of the health, welfare and general advancement of dogs in general, Flushing Spaniels and Cocker Spaniels in particular", 2016 was our 20th year in existence.

A notable 2016 activity was the work of the ASC Foundation Eye Support Cockers committee chaired by Laurie Foley. December 2016 marked the second year of our continuing support of Dr. Gustavo Aguirre and his University of Pennsylvania team in their search for a genetic cataract marker for Cocker Spaniels. As you all know in 2014 the Board committed to $163K spread over three years for this research which began in 2015. Thanks to the generosity of the fancy we have raised the money and are now working to raise an additional $7K to cover expenses such as having the blood draws at the shows, having Dr. Aguirre come to the National Specialty and other related activities and events. Currently we have 565 Cocker Spaniel DNA samples for research from breeders. We held a very successful blood draw clinic at the 2016 July National with 80 Cocker Spaniels drawn! The University of Pennsylvania team is continuing to focus their DNA and pedigree analysis on dogs diagnosed with the same type of cataract in a consistently clinical manner. They will also continue to establish a pedigree for dogs diagnosed with distichiasis. Detailed reports are available on the ASC and ASCF websites.
http://www.asc-f.org/content/health-and-research

While we are not quite at our $170K fund raising goal for the Eye Support research project, we feel our fancy is committed to get us there and that will happen. But, as we enter year three of this study our biggest concern is that fanciers continue to participate in the research by sending in eye and blood samples for new dogs. That is why we sponsored the Blood Draw in January of this year at the Flushing Show in Knoxville. To those of you who jumped in already to include your dogs in the study - THANK YOU! **Moving forward, please be sure to send in all follow-up eye exam paperwork for those dogs to Optigen.** Every bit of data is critical in solving this challenge. (http://www.optigen.com/doc/9_30_15_Cocker_Cataract.pdf)

While cataracts are currently the focus, they are not the only health and research concern for the Foundation. Prior to 2015 the Foundation Board donated funding to a number of AKC Canine Health and Morris Animal Health Foundation research projects as recommended by our Scientific Research Committee Chair Doug McFarlane and prior Foundation Grant Committee chairs. In fact, since our inception we have donated over $61,000 for 28 different initiatives to the AKC-CHF alone. In a future article, Doug will provide more information on how much and to what research programs we have supported at both CHF and Morris. For now, summaries are outlined on our Foundation website.
http://www.asc-f.org/content/supported-grants

Versus these broad research projects that benefit many breeds, the Dr. Aguirre and University of PA project gave us a very unique opportunity to support a Cocker Spaniel dedicated and focused research effort by a team that had success in the past in similar research with other spaniel breeds. While there are no guarantees in research, as we close in on the third and final year of commitment to the Eye Support research we will continually evaluate the progress and results and weigh in with the research team as the year progresses. While we are hoping for success with this research, in the future we feel we should also consider research on the other health problems that are serious issues for the Cocker Spaniel in terms of canine quality of life and owner expense. A Health Poll of the ASC members we did in 2015 highlighted in order of priority the following as key health issues members felt were affecting our breed.

- IMHA & other autoimmune diseases
- Cancer
- Liver
- Eyes
- Seizures

As we tackle the cataract issues and support the current research, one of the Foundation wishes for the future is to be able to identify, qualify and fund another designated health research project in one of these areas that would focus on Cocker Spaniels in specific. To do that we will need to augment our Foundation Board with a Grant Committee Chair with a grant or scientific research background. That position is currently vacant and we would love to find a suitable candidate from within the spaniel community at large. If you or someone you know would be interested and want to talk about it with us – please contact Vice President and Scientific Research Committee chair Doug McFarlane at mcfarldp1@aol.com

It has been written that money can buy you a fine dog but only love can make him wag his tail. When it comes to rescue though, we find that money is often helpful in

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keeping those tails wagging. Sadly the need for rescue among our cocker spaniels is constant and growing. ASC Foundation member rescue clubs follow the Foundation code of ethics and rescue guidelines, and do the heroic work of rescue and fund raising.
http://www.asc-f.org/content/rescue-groups-state-0

While the Foundation does not perform rescue directly, when requested and evaluated we provide financial donations to member clubs to augment some of their more extreme financial needs. The coordination of activities, the consideration and approval of financial requests and the communication to keep all this functioning efficiently at the Foundation level has been missing for some time as we lacked a chair person for Rescue. But this year we were so fortunate to find Gail Workman from Utah to accept the position and join the Board. Gail has a long and positive history within the rescue community and is working to get things efficiently rolling again. Rescuing one dog may not change the world – but for that one dog the world will change for ever. In 2016 we donated $4500 to four member rescue clubs to support the rescue of 17 cocker spaniels we hope in some small way helped to change the world for those cockers. We expect that number to grow substantially in 2017.

The ASC Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 corporation which allows donations to be tax deductible to the extent provided by law. All of our research and rescue programs require a great deal of funding and except for some small operational expenditures, as an all-volunteer Foundation almost 100% of the money contributed goes back to our causes. Without the funding – we can do nothing. Thanks to our Fund Raising Chair Marlene Ness and the support of our cocker spaniel fancy – we have launched some new and innovative fund raising programs this year and look forward to new ones from Marlene next year. Because of the large monetary commitment to the Eye Support research that fund raising has been run with a separate committee as mentioned previously in this briefing. All other monies raised by Marlene or her surrogates are, unless specified, placed into our General Fund which support all programs as allocated by the Board. But donations can also be applied to either health, rescue or education specifically. Many generous donors gave to these funds to honor the memory of a beloved friend or family member, or even of a favorite canine. This is a great way to celebrate the life of that person or dog – and to give to a wonderful cause. Donation forms are available on our website. We sincerely hope many of you will consider this in 2017.

Do you shop Amazon.com? If so – did you know that Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the ASC Foundation every time you shop, at no cost to you? When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same shopping experience. Tens of millions of products on Amazon Smile are eligible for donations. Look for eligible products marked "Eligible for Amazon Smile donation" on their product detail pages. On your first visit to Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select the American Spaniel Club Foundation to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make will result in a donation of 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible purchases to the Foundation. All funds go to our general health and rescue fund which funds the core of our outreach for our valued furry friends. We thank you for those SMILES!!

A note of appreciation to those members who through a will, living trust or other estate planning vehicle supported our beloved breed through the Foundation into the future. Future gifts planned today allow you to retain complete control of, and access to, your property for your own needs as long as you or family members need it. Your plans can remain private as long as you wish. If you choose to share your plans with us, we strictly honor all requests to remain anonymous. Further details are available on the Foundation website at:
http://www.asc-f.org/content/legacy-giving.

The Foundation Board conducts monthly phone meetings throughout the year along with a private online Foundation Board communications group for continuing communications. Physical meetings are held at both the ASC Summer National and Flushing Shows. Working in communication with the ASC Board, the Foundation Board of Directors consists of 14 members that make up the Foundation Board and associated committees with Julie Virosteck currently serving as Executive Director and Linda Moore, current ASC President representing ASC. On behalf of the ASC Foundation Board, we thank all of you that have contributed and supported our various programs this year in our efforts to fulfill our mission to "support, promote and implement the objectives of the Foundation …..in the interest of charitable, scientific and educational purposes and improve the health, welfare and general advancement of dogs in general, Flushing Spaniels and Cocker Spaniels in particular."

Respectfully submitted On Behalf of the ASC Foundation Board of Directors

By Charles Born, Foundation Communications Chair

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The Club notes, with sadness, the passing of the following members:

Janine Boulois, France
Carol Przybylski, Life Member, New York
Jack Ward, Life Member, Virginia

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2017 ASC National Specialty is almost here!

Come and celebrate our Cocker Spaniels

Where: Purina Event Center, Gray Summit, MO
When: Thursday, July 20-22, 2017
Followed by a Zone 5 Specialty on Sunday, July 23, 2017

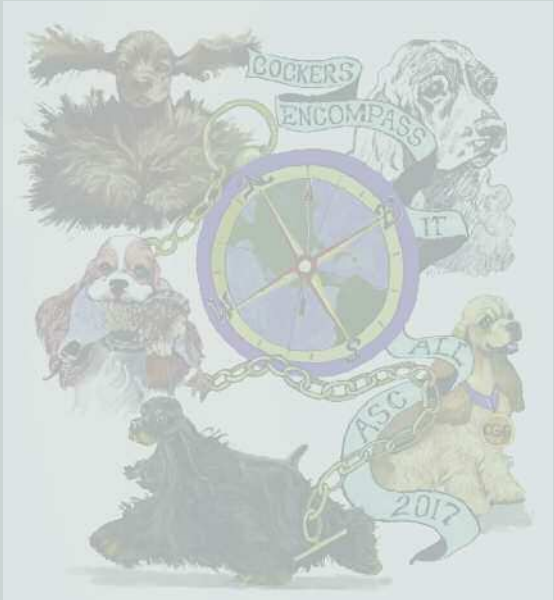
National Specialty Judges:
Futurity and Cut Down Sweepstakes – Tony Skinner
Bred By Exhibitor and Veteran Sweepstakes – Clay Williams
Regular Classes:
Black Variety, ASCOB non-regular and Variety Classes, Bests in Show – William T. (Tom) Dowell
Parti Variety, ASCOB classes through Winners Bitch – Laura Heidrich
Obedience – Robert Burgin and Richard Mullen
Agility – Todd Burcha and Jennifer McDonald

Zone Show Conformation Judge – Dale Ward

2017 ASC National Specialty Check-List

All necessary forms are on the ASC Website in the ASC Shop.

- ❑ Hotel Reservations or RV Parking Reservation
- ❑ Trophy & Rosette Donations
- ❑ Memorabilia Ordered
- ❑ Reserved Grooming & Decorations for "Best Grooming Area" Prize
- ❑ Reserved Seating
- ❑ Patron Seating
- ❑ Catalog Ads Placed
- ❑ Baskets for Raffle
- ❑ Award Banquet Reservations
- ❑ ASC-F Trivia Party Reservations
- ❑ Costume for Best Costume Prize
- ❑ 50/50 Raffle Tickets purchased
- ❑ Entries (Closing Date: July 5, 2017)



- ❑ Plan to attend Breeder/Exhibitor and the Beyond the Breed Ring Seminars on Thursday
- ❑ Plan on participating in the Eye Clinic and Blood Draw for Dr. Aguirre's Genetic Cataract Study