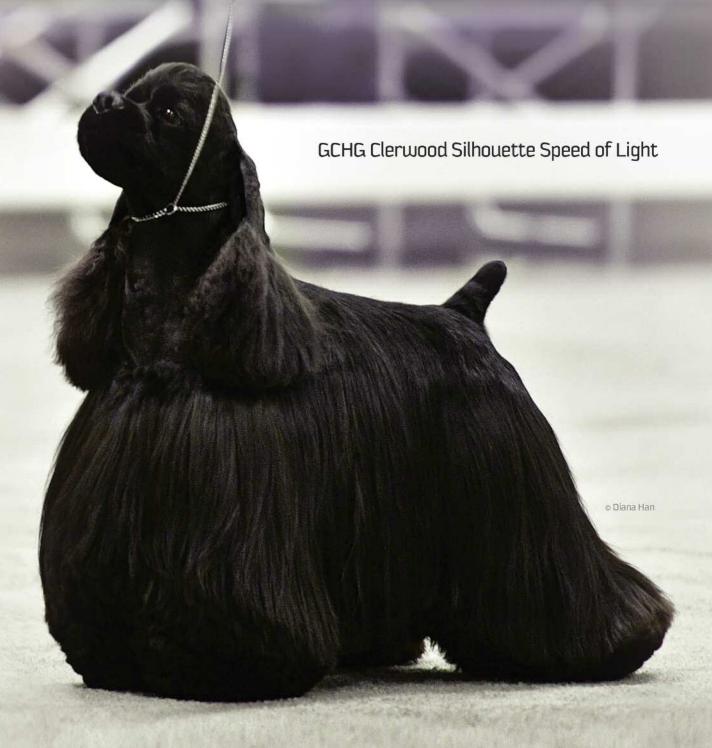
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



2018 has turned into a busy and productive year for the American Spaniel Club and your Board of Directors.

REVISIONS TO THE BY-LAWS

One of the most critical items the Board has considered this year is the revision of the club's By-Laws. This

nearly decade-long effort was prompted by a number of factors, including the desire to expand the club's outreach to Cocker Spaniel owners and enthusiasts.

At the National in July, Board members approved the final revisions.

The key element to the revision is the expansion of membership to include a new Associate Member level. This entry-level membership will include both individuals and household partners, and will allow someone to apply for Associate Membership with a simple application that would not require sponsorship or a vote by the board. An Associate Member will not have voting status with the club, and will not be permitted to hold any office. The change will not affect the application procedure or status of full voting members.

One of the reasons the Board wanted to expand membership levels was to allow for the recruitment of new members from groups not traditionally involved in competitive events, or from groups which might be involved in those events which may not be familiar with the American Spaniel Club. The concept was to create a 'gateway' membership through which a person with a family dog with an AKC registration, for example, could join the club to learn more about the breed, as well as the club's activities, the breed's health and welfare, and to provide that person with mentoring opportunities at a variety of levels.

The next step in the process is a vote by the ASC membership. All members in good standing will receive a copy of the by-laws and proposed revisions along with a ballot on which members will vote on whether to accept the revisions. In order for the revisions to be approved, there must be a favorable vote in two-thirds of the members who return valid ballots. A notice will be included with the ballots indicating the date on which they must be returned to be considered valid.

If the revisions are approved, the balloting information along with the approved by-laws will then be sent to the AKC for final approval by the AKC Board of Directors.

THE ASC WEBSITE

Of all of the outreach efforts by the American Spaniel Club, none have been commented on more frequently than the club's new website. Members have rightly expressed concerns about missing information and some apparent design issues.

One of the items that members were most vocal about is difficulty in accessing their accounts in the Members Only section. When the new website was set up by the designers, the log in function was changed—creating an understandable level of frustration for members.

Members must use the email address provided to ASC when you renewed your membership as your user name. For Life Members, it is your most recent email address provided to the club for its records. Members can change passwords through the Members Only log in page.

Another concern related to the Members Only section has been difficulty in accessing critical documents, including Futurity forms. A new page has been created which is titled "ASC Forms and Document". It contains links to forms for Futurity, Membership, Breeder Referral and donations to the American Spaniel Club Foundation. You can find it under "About the ASC".

Speaking of the Members Only section—the Member Directory is a now available in that section. Please forward any corrections to your contact information to Assistant Treasurer Kevin Carter.

AROUND THE RINGS

Cocker Spaniels are in the spotlight around the country! The big lights were on in Albany, Oregon, for the Cocker Spaniel National in July. There is a complete show report in this edition of the Bulletin.

ASC National Best of Breed winner GCHG Clerwood Silhouette Speed of Light is currently the number one dog in all breed conformation competition. Congratulations to Grant's breeders, owners and handler Linda Pitts for his success! Congratulations as well to this year's winner of the inaugural Owner Handled Top 20—Rosemary Logrie with GCHG Mardi Gras Black Tie Affair, and the AJ Award winner in Agility, MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2, shown by Susan Flower.

The spotlight has also been shining on ASC-sponsored agility trials around the country. Thanks to Vivian Hudson for organizing several trials in the Northeast, and to the members of the Mid-Michigan Cocker Spaniel Club for their work on the ASC agility trial at Purina Farms in July.

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President's Report... (continued)

Plans are well underway for the 99th ASC Flushing Spaniel Show to be held at the World's Fair Exhibition Hall in Knoxville, TN. The show site is on the lower level of the Holiday Inn. Details are on the ASC website.

The club is also looking ahead to the 2019 National Specialty to be held at Purina Farms in Grey Summit, MO in July 2019. The theme is "Fun in the Sun" complete with a Luau Beach Blanket Bingo night. Make your plans now to 'surf' on over to Purina Farms!

2020 FLUSHING SPANIEL SHOW

In 2020, the American Spaniel Club will be celebrating a century of spaniels with the 100th Flushing Spaniel Show. Because this show is not a Cocker Spaniel National, but rather features all of the flushing spaniels, we are seeking input on that planning from all of the breeds represented at this special event.

Planning for the show leads to the most often asked question about it—where will it be held?

While many members have urged the club to return to the Northeast, the feasibility of that option is extremely limited. A review of sites and the calendar results in some stark realities.

The last time the Flushing Spaniel Show was held in the Northeast was in 2011. The show site was the Valley Forge Convention Center. Since that time, the site was converted into a casino and resort and is no longer available for dog shows. In that year on the weekend the show has traditionally been held, there were no other AKC shows scheduled in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Virginia or West Virginia.

Since that time, the AKC has approved a three-day cluster in Maryland the first show weekend of the year, as well as a cluster in West Springfield, MA.

Under AKC rules, dog shows which are not part of the same cluster may not be scheduled less than 200 miles in distance on the same day. Because of the scheduling of the new clusters in Maryland and Massachusetts, under the AKC's rules any location from Virginia to New England would be ruled out for scheduling the Flushing Spaniel Show.

The stark reality is simply this—there is no room in the show calendar for the American Spaniel Club to hold the Flushing Spaniel Show in the Northeast on the first weekend of the show year. There are also shows scheduled in Virginia and New Jersey each weekend for the rest of the month. Because of that reality, the ASC Board is considering several options, including staying in Knoxville. Wherever the show is held, I'm positive it will be a celebration of the flushing spaniel breeds and the American Spaniel Club's unique history as the original supporter of those breeds in North America.

LONG TERM PLANNING AND CLUB RESOURCES

The ASC Board's primary job is to responsibly manage the club's resources, which means any ideas or plans presented to the Board must be considered in financial terms. Budgets are prepared by the show chairmen of both the Flushing Spaniel Show and the National Specialty, and are only approved following a review by the Board. The Board's Finance Committee is responsible for longer-term budgeting to determine how to best manage the resources we have.

While there is often no shortage of ideas, frequently there is a need to consider how to best use the resources we have to bring those ideas to reality.

Working with the ASC Board and its Finance Committee, the Strategic Plan Committee is moving ahead on some positive changes to help the club expand our efforts in a fiscally responsible way. The goal is to improve club communications and marketing, expand membership, and improve outreach through a variety of activities. The membership group of the Strategic Plan committee is making plans for outreach that would be related to the potential approval by the membership of the new Associate Membership. A review of club activities is underway to determine where we might devote resources to expand our outreach. The Strategic Plan Committee is also looking into the possibility of corporate sponsorships to tie in with fundraising and financial planning.

OPTIMISM

It really is the word of the day. As the club moves forward with a variety of plans to increase our outreach, I'm optimistic about the future possibilities for the club.

Among them is the potential to mentor newcomers to the breed and our dog sports through expanded membership if the revisions to the by-laws are approved. I'm also optimistic about the energy of our club members who step forward to volunteer in a variety of ways to help move us forward.

Thanks to all of you for whatever time or resources you are able to contribute.

Until next time — hug your dogs — and above all be merry!

Diane Kepley ASC President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Once again, I would like to thank those of you who donated time and money to the Cocker Spaniel National in Albany, Oregon. Your support, whether it comes from home, at the show, or abroad, is vital to our club's success!

Below, I have summarized our current finances. Please be reminded that 'Restricted Funds' are those invested in Fidelity accounts to fund Perpetual Memorial Trophies (for which we are taxed). Our 'Unrestricted Funds' include our checking account with Regions Bank and a surplus cash investment account with Fidelity.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at asc.treasurer.beth@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Williams ASC Treasurer

Unrestricted Funds

Restricted Funds	\$123,679.22
Total Unrestricted Funds	\$69,499.04
Fidelity 'Cash Surplus' account	\$11,606.35
Regions Bank	\$57,892.69













FROM THE SECRETARY

KATHY PATTERSON

HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The Hall of Fame is open to any former or current member of the American Spaniel Club who it is felt has made a <u>significant</u> contribution to the American Spaniel Club organization itself or to the Cocker Spaniel breed. Nominations are intended for people and not organizations or kennels. Nominations can be made for an individual or couple as appropriate.

Significant contribution is defined as one that is important and had profound impact in shaping the breed or the club as it is known today. Significant contributions go beyond the bounds of normal volunteerism, standards of ethics or animal husbandry and successful breeding programs.

Nominations are accepted during the month of October.

Send nominations to:

Kathleen Patterson ASC Secretary asc.secretary@gmail.com

THE RUBY AWARD

The Ruby Perpetual Memorial Award was established by the American Spaniel Club, Inc., together with the Friends of Ruby, to honor the achievements of CH. Pett's Southwest Breeze, SH, MH, CD, WDX, the first Cocker Spaniel ever to attain this group of titles. The Ruby Memorial Award recognizes the comprehensive achievement of any Cocker Spaniel who earns all titles carried by Ruby: a conformation championship, obedience title, Master Hunter title and a Working Dog Excellent title.

The Ruby Perpetual Memorial Award reflects a high level of performance and breed type as defined in the breed standard and tested in competition and trials.

The Ruby Perpetual Memorial Award will be presented during the January ASC Annual Meeting in recognition of the honor and prestige it carries.

Applications are due by November 1.

Send nominations to:
Kathleen Patterson
ASC Secretary
asc.secretary@gmail.com

VERSATILITY AWARDS

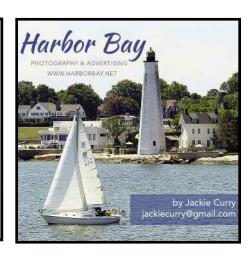
The American Spaniel Club, Inc. will offer a Versatility Award or a Performance Versatility Award to members in good standing who have a flushing spaniel achieving at least three titles at AKC authorized events in the following categories:

Breed Conformation Obedience Rally Field Trail Hunting Test Tracking Agility

Details of required submissions for each award are on the ASC web site under "Awards". Copies of the AKC Registration and AKC Title Certificates must be submitted to Versatility Award Chair, Jeanne Grim, DVM. Jeanne's contact information is skiboos@bellsosuth.net by November 1st. The Versatility Award or the Performance Versatility Award will be presented at the Annual Meeting in January.







99th Annual Flushing Spaniel Show January 11-13, 2019 Knoxville, TN

JANE T. WILLIAMS, SHOW CHAIR

Make your plans now to be in Knoxville, TN for the 99th Flushing Spaniel Show in Knoxville. The show will be held Friday, January 11 – Sunday, January 13, 2019.

You should reserve your accommodations at the Holiday Inn World's Fair Park Hotel as soon as possible. Call the hotel at 865-522-2800 and ask for in-house reservations. The booking code is ASC. The room block is for rooms with one king bed or two queen beds.

The schedule for the week includes:

Thursday, January 10

ASC Board Meeting; Move-in the tack room

Friday, January 11

Cocker Spaniel Futurity; Educational Seminars; Concurrent Specialties for Clumber Spaniels, English Cocker Spaniels, Welsh Springer Spaniels; and Sweepstakes for Clumber, English Cockers, English Springer Spaniels, Field Spaniels, Sussex Spaniels, and Welsh Springer Spaniels

Saturday, January 12

Regular Classes through Winners Bitch; Obedience and Rally ASC Annual Meeting followed by reception

Sunday, January 13

Best of Breed/Variety and Best In Show, Obedience and Rally

The following is the judging panel approved by AKC:

Best In Show	Dana Cline	English Cocker Spaniels	Robert Ennis
American Water Spaniels	Douglas McFarlane	English Springer Spaniels	Douglas McFarlane
Boykin Spaniels	Douglas McFarlane	Field Spaniels	Robert Ennis
Clumber Spaniels	Robert Ennis	Irish Water Spaniels	Douglas McFarlane
Black Cocker Spaniels	Robert Ennis	Sussex Spaniels	Douglas McFarlane
ASCOB Cocker Spaniels	Patricia Darke	Welsh Springer Spaniels	Douglas McFarlane
Parti-Color Cocker Spaniels	Jason Lynn	Junior Showmanship	Robert Ennis
		Obedience and Rally	Anthony Cherubini

Again this year we will offer two days of Obedience and Rally; Richard Rohrbacher continues as our Obedience and Rally Chair and Julie Virostek will continue to serve as Assistant Show Chair.

Finally, the following show committee was approved by the AKC Board at the July meeting. With one exception the committee is the same as last year's which proves the adage "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

Futurity	Deborah Knight	Catalog Sales	Ellen Toomey
Trophies	Kim Vavolo	Announcer	Diane Kepley
Advertising	Kelly Ladouceur	Seating Reservations	Diane Nelson
Fundraising	Laurie Foley	Tack Room/Crate Space	Linda Donaldson
Chief Steward	Jane T. Williams	Vendors	Karen Knight
		Bathing Facility	Per Rismyhr

Kim Vavolo has posted trophy donation requests on the ASC email list and FaceBook; please help us fund all trophies and rosettes for the show. Her email address is vccocker@yahoo.com

If you have time to volunteer to work at one of our tables or to steward, please let me know. You may contact me by email (jtw0429@gmail.com), snail mail (PO Box 1084, Gatlinburg, TN 37738), home (865-325-8565) or cell (334-324-4981)

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Spaniel Sleuths Historical Overview of the American Spaniel Club

By Bobbie Lee S. Kolehouse

ounded in 1881, the American Spaniel Club (ASC) is the first club devoted to one breed of dogs in the United States and possibly, the world.

The breed is the Cocker Spaniel and the club has been respected in the dog world both in the show ring, field, performance events and most particularly—at home with the family.i

Originally named The American Cocker Spaniel Club, the organizational committee included D. J. L. Morrill, Chair, James Watson and A. McCollom. A. H. Moore from Philadelphia was elected as the first president in February 1881 with George D. Macdougall of Whitestone, Long Island, New York, the first secretary.

A. Clinton Wilmerding was a charter member together with James Watson, George D. Macdougall, (NY), Dr. J. S. Niven, (London, Ontario), J. Otis Fellows (Hornellsville), M.P. McKoon, (Upstate NY), A. E. Goddefroy, (Guymard, Orange Co.), Dr. J. S. Catanack, (NY), Dr. J. L. Merrill, A. McCollom, A. H. Moore, (Philadelphia), E. Tinsley, (Hamilton, Ontario), C. B. Cummings, J. H. Whitman, and J. F. Kirk, (Toronto).

For decades, spaniel breeds were sorted by weight. If a dog weighed 28 pounds or more, it was a Field or Springer Spaniel. If less, it was a Cocker Spaniel and scales were kept ringside at shows like wickets are today for measuring height. By 1908 the now American Spaniel Club established breed standards to better define what made a Cocker a Cocker and not a Field or Springer Spaniel. (link to first Cocker Spaniel breed standard)

As popularity of the Cocker grew in the 1930's and 1940's a wave of interest grew in the other spaniel breeds." And as all spaniel breed numbers increased, ASC leadership recognized it could not do "full and equal justice to them all" and ASC worked with AKC to "transfer jurisdiction over all breeds of sporting spaniels other than Cocker Spaniels to clubs to be organized as parent clubs dedicated to the furtherance of the fortunes of these several breeds of sporting spaniels."iii The first to fledge from the ASC nest was the English Springer Spaniel and ASC transferred responsibility to the newly formed English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc. with the condition ASC could offer classes for ESS at the American Spaniel Club's specialty shows. Today that event is the American

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James Watson



A. C. Wilmerding



Spaniel Sleuths... (continued)

Spaniel Club Flushing Spaniel Show held annually in January. The resolution was:

RESOLUTION:

"In consideration of approval by the American Kennel Club (without requiring permission of any specialty club) of classes for all breeds of sporting spaniels at specialty shows of the American Spaniel Club, the latter relinquishes all jurisdiction as parent club of any breed, except Cocker Spaniels. It is mutually understood that the breed recognized as a Brittany Spaniel is a setter and not a spaniel and therefore is not included among breeds of sporting spaniels."

Another change negotiated during this transfer was the addition of "solid colored Cocker Spaniels other than black (ASCOB) that included black and tans: as a separate variety. This gave Cocker Spaniels four varieties in the Sporting Group—Black, ASCOB, Parti-Color and English type. In time black and tans were moved to the Black Variety where they are shown today. An interesting note is the first Cockers shown in the U.S. in 1875 were black and tans.

In 1943 ASC established a national Standards Committee to evaluate the current standard. They worked to clarify the written standard for color and markings in Cocker Spaniels as a "starting point" for the future of the breed. Their recommendations were approved with two changes—the percentage of solid color in a parti-colored, and substituting "penalty" for "disqualification" for Cockers under 22 pounds or over 28.

In June 1946, the English Cocker Spaniel was recognized as a separate breed from the Cocker Spaniel. ASC President Townsend Scudder noted in his annual address that "through sympathetic understanding and appreciation of conditions by the American Kennel Club, the English Cocker Spaniel was recognized as a distinct type of Cocker Spaniel" and separate classes were established for it with a place in the Group ring. Parti-color Cocker



Townsend Scudder

Spaniels were also admitted to the Sporting Group as a separate type of Cocker Spaniel.

Popularity of the Cocker Spaniel continued to grow and ASC felt it was important to create ways to engage these new owners. Only a few years earlier, membership was at 65. By 1945, there were 400, dou-

ble from two years earlier and there were 21 regional Cocker Spaniel Specialty Clubs in 1946.

To meet this growing interest club leadership established four regional membership zones in the U.S. Then President S. Y. L'Hommedieu wrote, "Up to the early twenties the club enjoyed a normal club existence. The membership was comparatively small but was made up of a group of people who took their club seriously and all worked together to send it on its way in a manner which shows up in the prosperous and healthy club it is today."

Cocker Spaniels topped the AKC registration list in 1947 and dedicated breeders began to worry about the impact of such popularity on the overall quality of the breed. Dog people had seen what happens to a breed cast into the limelight because that very demand attracts many types of breeders. Many not committed to the work needed to "build the breed up." Newer people were attracted by commercial profit with little interest in breeding as a study. As quality is diminished, popularity falls until commercial breeders look for the next big thing. By 1954 the anticipated drop off in registrations was apparent in a drop in AKC registrations by one third.

Looking to cultivate the former interest in Cockers as a gun dog, Henry Berol replaced Ralph Craig in 1951 as Field Committee Chair and worked to establish a National Championship Field Trial for Cocker Spaniels. During this time the Standards Committee recommended the standard be revised to replace a weight limit with a height restriction. The result was the maximum height for a Cocker was set at 15 ½ inches at the withers with 15 inches being ideal. For females the ideal was 14 inches.

In 1952 Cocker specialty shows were held in every ASC Zone and there was a flurry of Cockers who earned their AKC Obedience titles. Berol's efforts were successful and for the first time in 70 years, ASC held an AKC Licensed Cocker Spaniel National Championship Field Trial at Herrin, IL.

On December 12, 1953, A. Clinton Wilmerding passed on. He was the last living charter member and a faithful supporter of Cocker Spaniels and the club throughout his life.

The fortunes of ASC and Cocker Spaniels waxed and waned until the mid-'80's when Cockers again moved to the top of the AKC registration rankings with an explosion of activity. Once more field work was in view when ASC's Working Dog program established by the efforts of Frank and Dee Dee Woods, viii

In 1997, ASC leadership established the American Spaniel Club Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity organization dedicated to Cocker Spaniel health, research and rescue. The Organizational Board meeting was held July 20, 1998, in Ontario, California. The origi-



S. Y. L'Hommedieu

Board nal Directors included Louise Milner, Deborah Bowman and Marilyn Pryor with officers Louise Milner. President, Deborah Bowman, Vice-President, and Robert Clement, Secretary and Treasurer.

By 2000, all purebred dog clubs faced new challenges and these all affected ASC. Memberships stalled and dropped

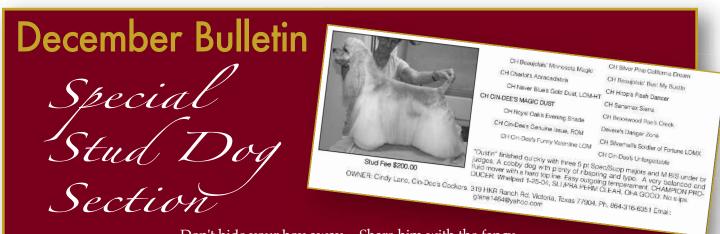
as older people passed on. The number of Cocker Spaniels registered each year fell by thousands and this changed environment required different ways of thinking with new tools and creative outreach. Performance competitions, often open to all breeds, were offered at national events to both provide ways for members to enjoy their dogs beyond the show ring and to help raise revenues to offset the cost of these events. AKC Hunt tests and hunting workshops gave many an owner a sense of the Cocker gundog heritage and the comprehensive, versatile Cocker Spaniel came into view.

Former President Charles Born spoke to this new world in his final address to the membership. He talked about the ways friendship and community built around Cocker Spaniels can move us beyond our differences especially as the "world gets smaller, and our issues and problems are shared, and legislation and special interest groups become more influential in our sport." Those shared values, he said, are supported by friendships and associations.

"You see," he said, "winning is fleeting. Oh sure, we all love a great dog show win, but that euphoria isn't lasting—I suggest to you that friendships are. "

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Bobbie Lee S. Kolehouse is the Chair and Assistant Archivist for the American Spaniel Club Historical Archives. Bobbie bought her first show Cocker in 1986 and became a member of ASC in 1995. She bred, showed and field trained her dogs with the kennel prefix Kindred and is also a member of Fanciers' Cocker Spaniel Club of Southern Wisconsin. Bobbie has served on ASC health, breeder education, field and archival committees as well as Grants Director for the ASC-Foundation. Devoted to Cocker Spaniels, she has promoted the breed through stories in the AKC Gazette, Gundog, AKC Family Dog and other canine publications and projects. Currently she is working on a new book that describes the development of the Cocker Spaniel in North America and the notable people who influenced it.



Don't hide your boy away -- Share him with the fancy. In accordance with the ASC Code of Ethics, the Stud Dog feature is available to all dogs eligible to be shown in conformation classes in the United States.

Stud Dog Feature Deadline -- NOVEMBER 1, 2018.

Cost \$35.00 includes photo, 3 generation pedigree, up to 30 words of copy and contact information. Questions? Contact Patricia Elkins, truluvcockers@gmail.com or Karen Osper, karenosper@gmail.com

Remembering Flaine Mathis...

he mission of our ASC historical archives is to preserve artifacts and records, particularly the business records of the club, but it is also the keeper of the stories.

Stories of influential people, outstanding Cocker Spaniels through time, and stories that let us time travel to today.

Elaine was dedicated to preserving those stories and the documents that supported them. A wealth of first-hand experience in breeding a line that she and Lamar were able to sustain for decades, but also as a judge she saw many Cockers and other purebreds. Judges have a unique opportunity to touch dogs who are shown as they evaluate them. This "hands-on" kept her perspective pragmatic and with a remarkable depth of understanding.

She used this knowledge to coach and advance the breed—not only her dogs, though she was fiercely proud of them and rightly so, but also those of other breeders. She knew a good dog and called it when she saw it.

Earlier this year we discussed her working on a special project for the Historical Archives. She was going to begin when she returned home after some medical care rehab. She needed her research materials.

Unfortunately she didn't make it home again. And though we tried to capture her stories in podcasts, she didn't feel well enough to be interviewed.

Yet we have her stories in our archives. As a member of the Historical Archives committee from the start, she wrote many articles and reports. She was—and is—a most treasured example of the kind of dedication to the benefit of our breed. Her legacy is one of total commitment to the advancement of Cocker Spaniels at all levels. We will greatly miss her colorful personality but her work goes on.



Bobbie Kohlhouse
 Chair and Assistant Archivist,
 American Spaniel Club Historical Archives

met Elaine in the '70's at a cocker spaniel "after show" party. I was a protege of Ruth Baumgartner and Ruthie knew everyone! Elaine and Lamar were best friends with Ken and Bettie Miller and they belonged to the Northern Ohio CSC along with Louise Milner, Jim and Laura Beth Duncan, Bettie Campbell, and Carol Dixon. Ruthie was a member of the CSC of KY and I belonged to OVCSC. I was brand new just getting my feet wet as a breeder. They took me under their wings and became my mentors. They instilled in me an unfaltering love for cocker spaniels and the breeder/members of the American Spaniel Club to include all of its traditions passed down to us from the fore fathers of the breed.



After we're gone, a few years from now, someone will look at pedigrees to what we've done and know we were here. They may not know or care who we were, but you'll see our wonderful winning and producing dogs' names in cocker pedigrees speaking for us.

LaMar and Elaine MathisLaMar's

Last spring Elaine and I discussed her upcoming interview with Charlie Born and the podcast we were planning for the Historical Archives. She had so much to say and was trying to sort out the best way to deliver her message to cocker breeders for the ages. She said she knew how she wanted to end her interview and she sent me the statement above. I told her I loved it and I would keep it in the records and one day the new archivist might print it after we were both gone. Little did I know that day would come sooner than later but somehow... I think she knew.

I wish she could have stayed longer. It was too soon. We had so much to do yet but time wasn't on our side. I will miss her so much. She was indeed a Champion for Cocker Spaniels.

Elaine was 82 years young.

— *Wilma Parker*ASC Historical Archives, archivist and a personal friend of Elaine

n my 50 or so years as a cocker spaniel fancier, I don't know that I've ever met anyone more passionate and driven than Elaine Mathis about the advancement of cocker spaniels, the American Spaniel Club and pure bred dogs As a breeder, owner, judge and handler along with her husband Lamar, in my opinion she was truly an icon that won't come our way again. In person Elaine had a most confident and definite personality but in reality Elaine was a very private person and only shared private thoughts with her closest of friends and confidants. She was certainly vocal and no shrinking violet and she could be very direct and intimidating with her opinions but they were always based on knowledge gained through experience. But she had a ready smile and was also kind and patient and loved helping new breeders and exhibitors learn. She was always willing to contribute where she thought she could do the most good. And what many do not know, you could also count on her to quietly use her many connections within the dog world and AKC to help American Spaniel Club and our breed surmount many obstacles.

While I was introduced to Elaine and Lamar decades ago by Ruth Benhoff, it was only about 15 years or so ago while I was serving on the ASC Board that Elaine reached out to me about club and breed concerns. Thus began

what evolved into a deep friendship and respect that I was proud to share until her final days. She was always my valued coach and I treasure those memories. Once I became President I could count on a phone call from Elaine on a regular basis to share thoughts and concerns on issues of the day. Elaine could make compelling arguments and even when I wanted to cut phone calls short because of pressing personal or career demands, we would often become engaged in long conversation. The calls would always start with "now Charlie I know you're busy but here is what I wanted to talk with you about" and would end an hour or more later. Those were usually followed up with long well thought out emails adding more thoughts and details about her concerns. These conversations continued until her last days and clearly show how deeply devoted she was to both the breed and the club.

Elaine was always learning new things and without fail every issue or opportunity she identified was followed up with a possible solution or approach which she would advance with vigor. Like all nonprofits that are built on pure volunteerism, she was frustrated with our ability as a breed or club to adapt and excel and it would literally keep her awake at night worrying about our future. If you don't know Elaine well, read the Lamar and Elaine Mathis story on the ASC Hall of Fame found on the Archive menu selection on the ASC website. It's an extraordinary life of achievement. I've long said dog show wins are fleeting and the way to longevity in this sport is to build friendships you enjoy and value that sustain your interest. I've been fortunate to have many of these and the loss of these people in my life leaves a hole only filled with memories and good thoughts. I guess I always thought I'd have Elaine's friendship for more years to come. Her passing leaves us poorer but richer for having known her and having her a part of our history. I will miss her.

— Charles Born Former ASC President

having learned a great icon of our breed, Elaine Mathis, has left us too soon. Her knowledge, dedication and passion of the cocker spaniel is unsurpassed. I learned so much from her and Lamar, they were a wealth of information and I am blessed they were willing to share! I was fortunate to be able to assist & handle some of their dogs, and their ASCOBs and blacks have left a legacy in our current pedigrees. Elaine was knowledgeable in so many breeds and a popular judge, she had a positive affect over the entire sport of dogs. After retiring from judging she was a driving force in ASC in many areas. My last interaction, I worked with her on revising the illustrations to the ASC breed Standard "Blue Book".

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She definitely had a keen eye for our standard! A huge supporter of our Meet the Breeds efforts, Elaine was always complimentary and proud of our representation of the cocker spaniel to the public, at all venues. We have another Guardian Angel watching over us, I will miss you my mentor, my support, my friend... until we meet again.

- Nancy Virden

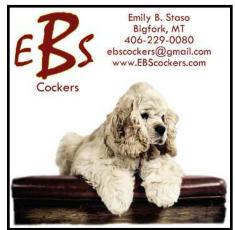
t has only been a few days since Elaine has passed, so this is very difficult to write or even say we remember when... So, before I say anything else I have to tell you that our shortest telephone conversation was about an hour long and there were many of them, so I feel I got to know her well over the years, even though we only met in person a few times. Those long telephone conversations lasted past midnight (her time) many times, because she had something important to her to share about the operation of the American Spaniel Club, The American Kennel Club, or the Cocker Spaniel current or past status. What I enjoyed most was her dedication to preserving the Breed Standard and status with the AKC and the general public. She was one of a kind with her husband Lamar always nearby, making them a force recognized by breeders and exhibitors around the world. LaMar Cockers is a Kennel Prefix that has made a long lasting impact on our breed that will last for generations to come, so remembering them and Elaine's contribution to this breed is something we all need to remember and respect.

One of the things in our conversations about breeding that I have to mention is that Elaine never failed to mention the impact of her Ch Lamar's Ivory Summer, the dam of Ch LaMar's London, perhaps one of the most influential ASCOB dogs of his day. She never mentioned London without Ivory Spring as part of the conversation. In the 1991 Bitch Issue of the Cocker Spaniel Leader Billy Gorodner, another very good friend of Elaine's wrote an

article in the Butternut Wisdom titled Never Underestimate The Power of a Bitch. I think Elaine understood this power and made a point of sharing what I believe was her favorite bitch. You need to look up her pedigree to fully understand what Billy means by Power of a Bitch. And, I think Elaine would agree that you should find this article and read it as well. I venture to say that many of the well-known kennel names and Cocker Spaniels go back to this dam.

Back to Elaine specifically. Even though she was up there in years, she had the energy of a much younger person, never shying away from working on something to help promote this breed, or a new person, and even some of us older folks as well. I know she was very proud of her work on the newest version of the ASC Blue Book. When I told her I was going to be part of the ASC Summer National Judges Education, she told me to be sure I showed the judges the proper way to check front construction. She felt the breeders were getting the message, but the judges were not going over fronts to her satisfaction, and the impact of their decisions is important. She called me right after my last assignment and asked me if I found anything. I told her of the pup that I put up for the Best Of Breed and she asked if he had a good front! She told me later after seeing his picture in the Bulletin that she felt she would like him also. I took that as a feel good moment, something you always look for in someone you respect. What she and I did not know at the time, but I am not surprised to know is that this dog goes back to her Ivory Spring multiple times. Rest in peace my dear friend and rest assured that your work and wishes for our beautiful breed will continue to make you proud up in heaven surrounded by all the LaMar dogs. My telephone may be silent now, but your words are still heard.

— Bill MixonDenali Cockers





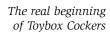


Getting to Know Toybox Cockers in Florida – Lindy Bennett

BY KARIN LINDE KLERHOLM

When and how did you get involved in Cockers?

In 1972, when I graduated from college, I got a buff girl for a graduation gift. She came from Ruth Benhoff and Janet and Mike Lodge. That started it...however, I actually got my very first cocker at age two from my parents, and my mom's father was a cocker breeder in Chicago in the 40's, so I always had cocker photographs around. My parents were terrier breeders, so I was surrounded with dogs, practically from birth!





When did you start showing your dogs?

My first show cocker was a buff female and I showed her myself, when I was working as kennel help for Ruth and Art, who, along with Laura Henson of Kaplar fame, I consider my mentors. I did not get very far before she lost all her coat! She was bred to Ch. Artru Red Baron and produced my first litter in 1976, all of which went to pet homes. I also had my first human baby then, and quickly discovered I could not teach school, raise dogs and raise tiny humans at the same time.

By 1978 I had acquired a daughter of Ch. Artru Sandpiper, that did not like kids or the show ring, so it appeared to be a dead end for me. Fast forward to 1984, my move to Florida and my marriage to Hal Bennett. We acquired a black and tan bitch from Laura and Pat Leamy and I showed her myself to most of her points and then handed her off to Bev Harden to finish her. I rejoined the ASC, as my membership had lapsed while I concentrated on raising my daughters. It took a lot to get Hal interested in this hobby, as he had only had yard dogs in the past, but he has become my strongest supporter.

We adopted Toybox as our kennel prefix, due to the kids we had underfoot and accompanying me to dog shows. Ch. Flipside Ruffles and Truffles was bred to Ch.



Lindy's first CH Toybox Batman shown by Marty Flugel to Winners in 1994 under Mrs. Ann Rogers Clark

Durbet's Tartan for her one and only litter and she developed thyroid issues, so I placed all her puppies in pet homes. Beverly Harden was nice enough to co-own two of her bitches with me, which went on to produce my first homebred champions, when they were bred to Laura's Ch. Roann's Rabble Rouser and Ch. Kaplar's Prince of Tides and they produced Ch. Toybox Batman and Ch. Toybox Vickie Vale, handled by Michelle Soave and Marty Flugel. Michelle finished several other homebreds for me before she moved out of Florida.

By 1999 I had the beginning of a small successful kennel and Ch. Toybox Ruff Ryder (Ch Toybox Teddy Rosevelt / CH Toybox Patty-Cake) was born. He went on to sire more than 30 champions, the blood of which runs in all my dogs today. His specials career was managed by Nancy Virden, who also finished several of his get for me. During this time, I frequently tried my own hand in the ring, with mixed success and gave the spectators and other exhibitors much to laugh about! This "bred by-handling" continues to be a challenge for me, but very entertaining to those ringside!

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CH Toybox Ruff Ryder, here being shown by Nancy Virden

Health testing

Because of my early disappointments with thyroid issues, I have always tested my breeding dogs to eliminate that issue. I also decided very early on to test all my dogs twice yearly for eye problems and to OFA hips on my dogs, so all my litters could be nominated for ASC Futurity. Despite the occasional accidental breeding, I try to have futurity puppies at every ASC show. I have been fortunate to win the black futurity numerous times and I am still working on my goal to go BIF at ASC! Pay attention, Mike and Linda Pitts, who do most of the hard handling work for me now!

Line breeding

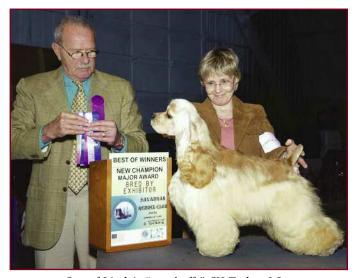
I have found that my most successful breedings are line bred, and I favor breeding within my own kennel when possible. Obviously I must go out occasionally, but when I do, I sometimes inherit something I don't like, such as bad bites or slipped stifles. It has taken me a long time to fix those issues, so I do a tremendous amount of research before doing any outcross breeding. I also do not cross colors in my breeding program, and prefer black and black and tan lines. That being said, Toybox has produced a half dozen Ascob champions and our current special is a brown Striker son.

Tough decisions...

In late 2015 I got a phone call from a friend that had one of my retired buff champions, then 9 years old. She told me he had been diagnosed with PRA, which I had never even heard of! This led to my using the new genetic test on all my breeding dogs and I discovered that the majority of dogs in my kennel were carriers. Since I did so much intra-kennel breeding, I had probably been producing PRA



GCH Toybox Strike It Rich winning BV in the Furturity 2017 in the capable hands of Linda Pitts under Michelle Soave



One of Lindy's "rare buffs" CH Toybox I Spy

without knowing it! So, in 2016 I committed to eliminating all PRA carriers from my breeding program. I did this by breeding my best carriers to Normal bitches and dogs and testing the offspring via their dew claws and only keeping the Normal puppies. Then, once I had an acceptable Normal replacement for the carrier dogs and bitches, I had them spayed and neutered and placed them in pet homes. It was a very painful year, but I am grateful there is a way to eliminate this geriatric vision-robber via testing. All Toybox dogs are now PRA Normal and I will not breed to anything that has not been tested for this preventable disease. I thank Bonnie Pike for selling me Ch. Silverhall SuperDeluxe, who was PRA normal, as I was able to breed her to my GCh. Toybox Double Dutch and get three normal PRA offspring to move forward with.

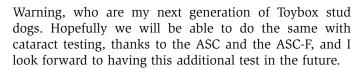
One of those, GCh. Toybox Double Down, has proven to be a wonderful producer and he is the sire of Ch. Toybox Double Trouble and Ch. Sherlane Toybox Hurricane



GCH Toybox Double Dutch winning a nice Group 2 in Ocala, FL with Maureen Jewett handling



GCH Toybox Double Down—winning Bred-by Sweeps at the ASC National 2017



Collaboration

In 2016, my friend, Gina Beinhauer, suggested I breed one of my girls to Striker on a co-ownership arrangement, and he was bred to Ch. Toybox Ladybug, Ladybug Fly Away Home. That produced three great show dogs that Gina and I share. One, GCh. Toybox Lucky Strike, is currently the dam of puppies sired by Grant – GCH Clerwood Solouette Speed Of Light, so Gina and I are hoping to add to our joint success. Additionally, Striker was bred to Superdeluxe and that pairing produced seven puppies, including Gina's and my Ch. Toybox Lightening Strike At Normandy, who was WD and BOW at ASC in July of this year. With three finished and three more major pointed, it was a very successful collaboration for Normandy and Toybox.

Lindy on stud dogs

I believe that a good stud dog should be a willing stud dog. I don't mess with mother nature here, so they must be good at their job. I also think they need to be able to stamp their get with their best feature, which in my kennel, is their headpiece, and front construction. I can't forgive a poor or plain head on a cocker and they must have a deep, soft eye expression. I expect my bitches to like to show and to pass on that characteristic. They must also be good mothers, as I have had litters that required way too much human intervention and do not want to repeat those breedings. Besides being a headhunter, I like a big front and nice easy movement. Correct coat is important to me, especially in texture and back coat. My dogs must be easy to live with, so I don't keep dogs or bitches that are problems in the kennel. They need to get along with everyone

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Lindy's next generation - CH Toybox Double Trouble (left) and CH Sherlane Toybox Hurricane Warning

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CH Toybox Ladybug Ladybug Fly Away Home



CH Toybox Lucky Strike

and be dependable and easy keepers. If I find a successful combination, I would certainly repeat the breeding!

Evaluating puppies

For litter evaluations, I am fortunate that Sherie Luebker, of Sherlane Cockers, is close by and a huge help! We co-breed often and are our own best critics. Nancy Virden's opinion usually weighs in on my decision and I also have Mike and Linda Pitts evaluate my litters, although we sometimes disagree! I think that the ability to self-stack on the table and to move freely in the run and in the back yard frequently tilts me in favor of one puppy in each litter. And I admit to being a sucker for a pretty head! Since I do not usually sell puppies to show homes, I make my selections at 8 weeks, so that the new pet owners can pick their puppies when they leave at 10 weeks.

I always believe that my current show dogs are the best dogs I have bred! In the past, I built on the legacy of Ch. Toybox Ruff Ryder and GCh. Toybox Double Dutch and find that their progeny has served my lines well. My current kennel of stud dogs include their offspring many times in an 8 generation pedigree. I believe that we have produced or co-produced about 145 champions since our first homebred in 1989.

Sharing the Toybox blood internationally

I have placed dogs on export to Puerto Rico, Denmark, and the UK. However, that is not the norm for us and I find that exporting dogs is stressful. I prefer to have my puppies sold close by, where I can groom them regularly for their pet homes and I know that they are happy couch potatoes. With that being said, my latest export, Toybox That's A Wrap at Nujax is doing very well in England with owner, Amy Manser!



WD and BOW at the ASC National 2018 – CH Toybox Lightening Strike At Normandy, co-owned by Regina Beinhauer and Lindy



Toybox That's A Wrap At Nujax in England with Amy Manser

Lindy on the development of the breed

In general, I feel that cockers are getting better. I see more correct cockers in the ring today, although many fewer of them. Sometimes quantity does not equal quality and this is true in our breed. Right now I think that blacks are as good as they have ever been, which makes every win even more precious to me! I still see tails set too high (many are mine) and restricted movement, shallow fronts and poor toplines. However, I think every serious cocker breeder today is trying to fix these faults and move forward. I would like to see more emphasis put on testing and I do not understand why some breeders seem hesitant to take advantage of the minimum futurity nominating required by ASC. I am not concerned with declining registration or show numbers, as I believe it is true of all sports now. We are a product of our times and the heyday of cockers from the twentieth century is not likely to return. Most serious breeders today are doing their best to preserve cockers and that will continue in the future as specialty clubs and shows adjust to the new normal.

New breeders, mentors and volunteering for the ASC

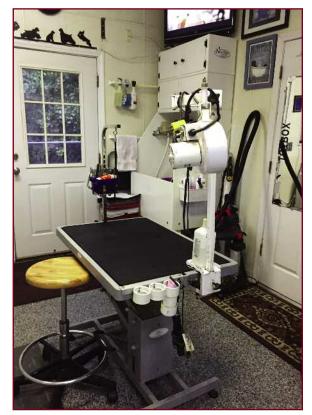
I would advise new cocker breeders to purchase the best puppy they can from a kennel with constant success in the ring and then see that it is campaigned to his/her championship. This will cement a relationship with the breeder, who often becomes a mentor. I don't think that dogs that are not finished should be bred, but know there are exceptions to that rule. I also would encourage them to

join their closest cocker specialty club, to watch cockers judged at every show they can manage and to participate in the American Spaniel Club. The longer they stay in the breed, the better cockers they will produce, as quality will follow hard work, education and persistence! I rarely miss an ASC show and always learn from every time I walk in the ring or watch from the sidelines! Being on the Board for the ASC has been very enlightening, and I would encourage every one to try it for a term or two. The workings of the club provide their own form of entertainment and education and the people who serve as volunteers are wonderful people who really value the cocker spaniel.

Friendship

Finally, every one in cockers will learn to value the friendships they make during their time with the breed. The South Atlantic Cocker Spaniel Club members that work with me and put on our shows are all terrific and I love every minute we spend together! I am especially lucky to have Sherie Luebker in my corner, where she joins all the other cocker enthusiasts that have encouraged me along the way. Sherie is my favorite critic and my best travel partner and I cannot ever forget the journeys we have shared and have yet to travel! Each litter whelped here at Toybox or sired by a Toybox dog, is a chance to dream about the future and there is always a puppy coming along that gets me excited for the next dog show. It does take a 'Village' for Toybox to be successful and I thank all my friends for their support and loyalty!





The Toybox kennels in Jacksonville, Florida

KIDS READING TO OUR THERAPY DOGS!

FEATURING BUDDY,
TUMBLEWEED LOOK AT ME
CGCA TDI, AND HIS
HANDLER AND MOM,
MARY MARGARET MILLER.

by Joyce McIntyre

BUDDY is making a name for himself in the literary circles as he is visiting three libraries. Buddy and Mary Margaret Miller visit each library every month, and the experience for the kids, Buddy, and Mary Margaret are an adventure to say the least! Reading to a furry friends gives the child confidence as the dog will not tell them they didn't pronounce a word correctly or tell them the word. The dog thinks anything they read is just perfect, and they both enjoy the situation. Reading is improved as well as attention span of the child and self-esteem is elevated.

In case you are wondering about Kids Reading To Dogs at public libraries, the article will touch on how to get started in their programs and what to expect from volunteering with a reading program at libraries. Mary Margaret Miller is this issue's contributor answering the following questions.



Buddy dressed up ready to go to the library

HOW DID YOU GET STARTED IN THE LIBRARY PROGRAM WITH BUDDY, AND HOW CAN OTHERS WITH THERAPY DOGS FIND A LIBRARY THAT HAS A READING PROGRAM?

"A friend told me about the program, and I went to the Metropolitan Library System's website for more information. MLS is the network that supervises all libraries in the Oklahoma City metro area. I filled out a volunteer interest form, and the Volunteer Coordinator contacted me directly. I filled out the paperwork, gave her copies of Buddy's credentials from Therapy Dog International (TDI), and waited for our approval. (A background check is required for human volunteers.)"

WHAT IS REQUIRED FROM THE HANDLER AS WELL AS THE THERAPY DOG WHEN VOLUNTEERING WITH THE CHILDREN THAT ARE READING TO THE DOG?

"The dogs must wear a scarf or vest that identifies them as a certified therapy dog. Costumes are only for holidays or special occasions. Treats are not allowed while we are in the library. Of course, dogs must be on a leash at all times. The handler is there in the background, watching and listening, but he/she can interact in the reading process if necessary. It's really all about the kids and the dogs!"

TELL US ABOUT SOME OF YOUR VISITS THAT YOU HAVE HAD SO FAR.

"Our first visit was to the Edmond, Oklahoma Library. There were probably twenty or more kids there and five dogs, Each dog and handler sat in a different reading area with comfortable chairs and bean bags for the children to sit on. Buddy and I sat on a bench, and each child sat where they were comfortable. The kids picked out the books they wanted to read. They mostly chose books about dogs! Each child gets a reading 'passport' that contains pictures of the dogs, along with the dogs' names.



Buddy and his friend at the library

After they finish reading to the dog, the handlers put a sticker by their dog's picture to show who had read to whom! The passport was a really neat idea."

WHAT DO YOU FEEL IS THE BENEFIT OF THE PROGRAM FOR BOTH THE CHILD AND THE THERAPY DOG/HANDLER?

"For the children, it's a fun way to spend time reading out loud.



Buddy loves reading

There is also joy in seeing and meeting the dogs and that helps them forget to be nervous or anxious. For me, it's wonderful meeting the kids and their parents or grandparents. See the excitement in the little ones as they have success reading to Buddy is a real treat for me. Kids and dogs are a natural combination and to see them come together in a fun, learning environment is very gratifying. Of course, everything we do together as a team makes me even prouder of Buddy!

I also firmly believe that anytime we have our dogs out in public is a great opportunity to educate everyone about what wonderful things we and our four-legged angels can accomplish. I love to talk about Buddy's training and how we became a therapy team. It gives me an opportunity to answer people's questions about pet therapy. Lifelong learning is essential, and I am very proud to be a small part of that process for the children who read to Buddy.

I want to thank Buddy's breeders, Mary and Carl Napper of Tumbleweed Cockers, my friend, Carol Garr, who helped me train Buddy, and Joyce McIntyre who



Buddy and his big brother, Deuce



Buddy listens to a book about cats

helps, advises, and encourages me in my endeavors with Buddy. Buddy and I are looking forward to many more library visits, and Buddy is looking forward to hearing more stories!"

Note: If you are involved with Kids Reading To Dogs with your therapy dog and would like to share you experiences, please contact me for the next article. If you would like more info on how to certify your Cocker Spaniel as a therapy dog, please contact me and I'll be glad to get you in the right direction.

The libraries in the Metro Library System just completed a successful summer reading program. The Kids Reading To Dogs program is in the afternoon after school two times a month. There are 15 libraries that are participating in this program, and there are approximately 35-40 therapy dog teams.

If your dog is certified with TDI, you can participate in the Tail Wagging Tutors program without extra training and testing. Just contact the library system close to you to see if the program exists. If it doesn't, maybe you could help them start one.

Thanks to Mary Margaret Miller for her input and sharing Team Buddy's experience with Kids Reading to Dogs.

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Nosework - Interiors

BY KELLY LADOUCEUR

If you ask many nosework competitors, they will agree the interior searches can be very challenging. Part of the reason for that is that as you advance through the levels, your team is required to search more rooms, including some rooms with nothing hidden in them (called blank rooms). As the number of rooms you're required to search increases, you feel the pressures of time more. You don't want to spend too much time searching in one room, because it shortchanges your dog in the second (or third) room. At the highest levels of competition, you may be required to search more than three rooms with an unknown number of hides. So all of the rooms could theoretically be blank rooms. Talk about a mind game!

At the Novice or Started level, an interior search is usually a room that has 15-20 spots where an odor could be hidden. That could include furniture, the structural aspects of the room (floorboards, vents, etc) and other items (cameras, kids' toys, etc). Ideally the interior space will be as natural as possible. A very popular and efficient interior search area is a school or gym locker room. There are so many spots to hide things that the possibilities are almost infinite. The different organizations have varying rules regarding how high a hide can be placed, and the height can also vary by competition level.

In interior searches, there are several variables that can affect your search. Air flow, coming from heating or cooling vents, windows, doors opening and closing and the door as teams enter and exit. In most organizations, a Novice level search includes one hide in a room with roughly 15-20 hiding spots. In the Advanced (or second) level in most organizations, there can be two rooms each with one hide or one room with two hides. At the Excellent (or third) level, there are usually at least three rooms, one of which has no hide (called a blank room). This is where the searches get tricky for the handler. The dogs can easily tell which room is the blank room within seconds of walking into it. But we, as handlers, often fail to believe them. We ask them to check the room over and over, sure that the dog is missing something. If we push them enough, many dogs will false alert, that is, they will alert on a spot where there isn't actually any odor. This is where the saying "Trust your dog" becomes critical to the partnership, because if we don't trust our dog, then we shouldn't be competing.

Having timed for several nosework searches at the Excellent and Elite level (within the Sporting Detection Dog Association here in Canada), I can tell you that many

times dogs tell their handlers a room is clear almost immediately. Their behavior is completely different than it is in a room with odor. But our nerves and tendency to overthink things can work against the dog, almost forcing them to alert on something that isn't there. This is where the mind game in interiors really comes into play. This is also where it becomes imperative to learn to read your dog's body language, so that you can tell when they are actively searching and when they are halfheartedly sniffing because you keep asking them to. Even the most capable of handlers (and judges!) can be fooled by their own minds.

Another thing that can be challenging for some dog and handler teams is the height of the hides. In the Sporting Detection Dog Association (SDDA), the maximum height for a hide at the Excellent level is four feet. For our smaller dogs, it can be challenging for the dogs to pinpoint a hide that is above their head level. The dogs have to be trained to search both low and high in order to completely cover the room. At one trial, during Halloween, a hide was behind a decoration on the wall. I almost missed asking my dog to search there, because it seemed such an unlikely hiding place. We passed that component with about 3 seconds left. That was a two-pronged mistake mine for not thinking to have the dog search higher and also mine for not training my dog to lift his head and check for scent cones above his height. In nosework the errors are very rarely our dog's errors-more often than not they are gaps in our training or gaps in our planning and execution of searches.

For interior searches, it is critical to have a search pattern planned out before you step up to the start line. You need to ensure that you will cover the maximum amount of territory within the time limit of your search. In a smaller room, that may not be as challenging as in a larger space. But even in a smaller room, you need to make a plan that includes checking corners, behind doors, around windows and in nooks and crannies. It is very easy to get into a room, have your dog do a sweeping search and call the room clear, only to have missed a hide in a corner that your dog didn't go fully into. Depending on many factors, your dog may need to approach a hide from one side rather than the other to really get a hint of that scent.

The other thing that's important for interior searches is making sure you don't ignore the threshold of the room. Check the door jamb, the door and anything right near the door (plugs, light fixtures, etc). We, as a team, get so

charged up to start the search that we blast into the room, not bothering to investigate the entry to the area. Also, check out items on surfaces, such as keyboards, books, boxes, etc on desks and shelves. It's easy to assume that those items are just there for decoration or because they were there prior to the trial. A search pattern is critical to this too, as it can become very difficult to remember which items you have already search and what remains to be searched. Search patterns are integral to real world detection dog handlers, since they have to know what they've searched and what they haven't.

As you can see, interior searches can range from relatively simple to incredibly complex. Some of that variation depends on the organization with which you compete, and some of it depends on what level you compete at. Training for interior searches needs to be thorough, with a solid understanding of how odor behaves and what kind of air flow you're dealing with in each situation. Some searches where the handler knows the location of the hide

are fine, so that you can ensure that your dog is focusing on the correct search location, but blind searches (where somebody else sets the hide) are more valuable. And the handler needs to find a way to reward a dog for indicating that a room is blank, otherwise those rooms can become very demotivating for a dog.

In the next issue of the Bulletin I will discuss exterior searches. Until then, keep calm and sniff on!

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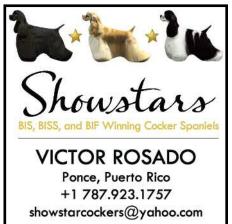












– American Spaniel Club-2018 National Specialty

By Diane Kepley - President

What a National! The Quest to the Great Northwest was a huge success for exhibitors and visitors.

Congratulations to Stephanie
Kaul and the entire show committee for putting together a truly memorable show. The geographic location was wonderful, and many people took advantage of a trip to the Oregon coast or Mount Hood. Special events were absolutely 'must see'—and dogs and exhibitors had a great time. Thank you Zone 4 volunteers for all your hard work!

It was wonderful to have former president and life member Mrs. Marilyn Spacht back in the center of the ring to select Best of Breed at the 2018 National. Her choices were narrowed down to a stunning lineup—Black Cocker GCHB Clerwood Silhouette Speed of Light, ASCOB Cocker CH Foley's Frat Party, and Parti-Color Cocker GCHS Dalin's West Coast Connection—all excellent representatives of our breed.

Joining Mrs. Spacht on the judging panel was Mr. David Kittredge, who awarded Best Junior Handler to Tiffany



Clowers, who handled her dog, Penny Creek's Tahiti Breeze, to perfection. Hearts also melted around the ring during the first ever PeeWee competition. Little Kassandra Soterhou's love for her dog showed in the gleam in her eye as she and her mom, Patricia, made their way around the ring under the guidance of breeder judge Rhonda Mink.

At this year's Agility Trial, the A.J.
Award was presented to Susan Flower and her
dog Boxster, MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN
MXG MJC MXF T2B2. They were also presented this year's
Bailey Award. High in Trial in Obedience was CH GG Iron
Water's Luck By Deziners RN BN. Highest Combined in
Rally was GCHG Mardi Gras Black Tie Affair RE MX MXJ
MJB OF.

The National also produced some great results in the field. Six Cocker Spaniels earned a WD and two others earned a WDX. Even more impressive, two Cocker Spaniels earned junior hunt test legs, proving once again the breed's ability to do the job it was originally meant to



In the field: WD WDX Qualifiers





PeeWee Competition — Kassandra Soterhou

Photos this page courtesy of Diana Han, NorCal Bulldogger

do while remaining a merry companion. The inaugural Barn Hunt also drew interest from a number of exhibitors. And there were good results as well in Tracking Dog Urban competition.

The 2018 National marked the first time in ASC history that the club honored the top owner handled Cocker Spaniels in the country with the Owner Handled Top 20 Invitational. It was a sparkling evening with breeder judge

Calvin Ward, top handler Linda Pitts, and multiple group judge Lewis Bayne handling the judging responsibilities.

Friday night was party

Friday night was party night with one of the most popular social events of the weekend. Quick change artist (and show chair) Stephanie Kaul wore multiple costumes as she hosted the ASC's first ever LipSync Challenge! As competitors sang and danced their way through the evening, the goal was

winning a championship belt that would be the envy of the WWE! The duo of Linda Donaldson and Bonnie Pike took home the top prize.

And after all that was done, there was the regional specialty on Sunday, judged by Carla Mathies. Her Best of Breed winner was also GCHB Clerwood Silhouette Speed of Light.



I would be remiss if I failed to mention the members of the Mid-Michigan Cocker Spaniel Club who ran an ASC Agility trial at Purina Farms the weekend before the National to make sure that site would be available for us to use for the 2019 National. The runs were filled the entire weekend, and the trial even made a slight profit! Thanks to the Mid-Michigan Cocker Spaniel Club for taking this on!

Plans are underway for the 2019 National, which will be held at Purina Farms, as well as the 2019 ASC Flushing Spaniel Show in Knoxville, TN.

Volunteers are always welcome to help with any of our shows or other activities.





2018 National Specialty

July 26-28, 2018

SHOW REPORT

By Stephanie Kaul - Show Chair

The 42nd annual National Specialty in Albany succeeded in bringing the bling and excitement to the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon.

The National's activities kicked off on Tuesday, July 24th, with the field events, specifically the first day of the Hunt Test, managed by Gail Workman, Marsha and Bob Linehan and team, out at the Queener Ridge Hunting Club in Scio, OR. Meanwhile over at the show site, several team members including Jeet Kaul, Candace Omatsu, Bill Mixon, Mariecel Torres-Young, Laura and Randy Hawkins and myself, laid plastic and tape and prepared the tack room for early arrivals on Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday, July 25th started as usual - ASC Board of Directors meeting; vendor setup (assisted by Vendor Chair, Patricia Elkins) and exhibitors moved into the Willamette Event Center while the field activities including Working Dog Test and the conclusion of the Hunt Test were continuing out at Queener Ridge. We also hosted our first ever Tracking Dog Urban test out at the Linn-Benton Community College in Albany, OR. This was a 6-track test open to all breeds but with an entry preference for cocker spaniels. Judges were Colleen M. Keough and Judy Stromquist, with the event managed by Pat Etchells, Event Secretary and Event Chair. Onsite at the Linn County Expo Center, the stunning flower arrangements for the photo area, judges' tables, and trophy table were being assembled by Decorations Chair and Floral Genius, Jerry Moon. The trophies—handmade and donated by Jon and Stella Rowlett - and bling rosettes had arrived, were being inventoried, and the following day were displayed beautifully by Trophy Chairman, Kathy Egeland-Brock. Meanwhile, Seating Chair, Michelle Roof, made sure that our VIP,

reserved, and open seating folks were set up and ready to go for the week's follies. Later that afternoon, exhibitors were treated to a fantastic welcome party complete with hot hors d'oeuvres and a hosted bar coordinated by Doris Watson.

Thursday, the first day of judging, "Quest to the Great Northwest" memorabilia was laid out on the table awaiting the first sale of the day; catalogs were flying off the table-thank you to June Burkhart and Candace Omatsu and team for managing those tables. Items for both the basket raffle and silent auction were arriving for the wares to be displayed and the bidding fury to begin. Judges Education Seminar started out the day at 9am hosted by Bill Mixon and Kathy Egeland-Brock. Judging started in Ring 1 with Veteran Sweepstakes judged by Carolyn Calkins. Mrs. Calkins found her winners in short order with Best in Veteran Sweeps honors going to the black dog, GCHS Noriac All That Jazz (bred by Norris and Jackie Williams, owned by Lynette Davis, handled Jeff Wright). Best Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweeps honors went to GCH Mashell's Hopelessly Devoted (bred, owned and handled by Michelle Roof). Next Mrs. Calkins judged the Bred-by-Exhibitor Sweepstakes, where she awarded Best in Bred-By-Exhibitor Sweepstakes to the 6-9 black bitch, Silverhall Sophisticated Lady of Flipside (bred and owned by Laura Patricia Leamy and Bonnie Pike, handled by Bonnie Pike) and BOS to Best in Bred-By-Exhibitor Sweepstakes to the 6-9 parti dog, Kingdom's Steeler of Hearts (bred, owned and handled by Sandra Houle). Later that afternoon, Mrs. Jackie Cavallin judged Cut-Down Sweepstakes, honoring the parti color bitch, GCH Troutcreek's Other Side of the Moon (bred and owned by Cindy and Tom Durham, handled by Cindy Durham) with

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the Best in Cut Down Sweeps nod, and awarded BOS to Best in Cut Down Sweeps to the ascob dog, GCHB Tru-Luv & Winchester's Team Winelight (bred by Patricia Elkins and Debra Eastham, owned and handled by Patricia Elkins). We saved the best for last with Mrs. Cavallin judging the ASC Futurity. Best in Futurity went to the 6-9 ascob bitch, Micadee N Sugarhill's Only One (bred and owned by Carol Pinto and Dee Torgerson-Rismyhr, handled by Per Rismyhr), and Best Opposite to Best in Futurity going to the 6-9 ascob dog, Toccata N Blondheim's That's Good (bred and owned by Kathy Egeland-Brock and Sherry Blondheim, handled by Lisa Arnett). While all of this was going on in the conformation ring, ring 2 was hosting Sanction C Obed/Rally Match participants as they prepared themselves for cockers only and regular obed/rally class judging on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

After the conclusion of judging on Thursday, we had Dr. Cynthia Smith's 3-hour seminar on Reproductive Health and ASC's first ever Owner-Handled Top 20 Gala. Eighteen entrants were judged by a three judge panel (one breeder judge, one multi-breed judge, and one handler judge). Individual table examinations were done in Conference Room 1 while fanciers enjoyed cocktails in the main show area. The judges—Lewis Bayne (multi-breed judge), Calvin Ward (breeder judge) and Linda Pitts (handler judge)—brought the exhibitors to the main show ring for

individual movement and final judging while fanciers enjoyed an amazing dinner, organized and managed by hospitality chair extraordinaire, Doris Watson. The winner of the ASC OH Top 20 Gala was GCHG Mardi Gras Black Tie Affair RE MX MXJ MJB OF (bred, owned and handled by Rosemary Logrie) winning a \$500 cash prize and engraved trophy. The People's Choice Award winner was GCHS Conquest's This Moment I Own It! (bred, owned and handled by Mariecel Torres-Young) winning a \$250 cash price and engraved trophy. The judges determined that the care and conditioning of one particular exhibitor's dog was so worthy of recognition, that they decided to offer a Judge's Choice Award. The winner of this award was breeder/owner/handler, Roxanna West, with her black bitch, GCH Quasar 'N' Icon Too Moxie For My Lead winning the full ASC DVD set of the July 2018 show.

On Friday, it was all about regular class judging. First up was Judge Marilyn Spacht with an entry of 26 black class animals. Mrs. Spacht chose the 9-12 dog, Micadee's Dirt on My Boots (bred, owned and handled by Dee Torgerson Rismyhr) as her Winners Dog, and the 6-9 class dog, Heavenly Ways Northern Lights (bred by Karita Kempas, owned by Chuck Stevens and Lee Walster, handled by Lee Walster) as her Reserve Winners Dog. For Winners Bitch, Mrs. Spacht chose the Bred-by-Exhibitor bitch, Silverhall Social Butterfly (bred and owned by



Wilson and Bonnie Pike, handled by Bonnie Pike), and her Reserve Winners Bitch was Laurent's Forever Enchanted (bred by Laura Heidrich, owned by Colleen Groschen and Laura Heidrich, handled by Jeff Wright). Next up for Friday judging was Judge David Kittredge and his entry of 25 ascob class animals. Mr. Kittredge chose Open dog, Toybox Lightning Strike at Normandy (bred and owned by Lindy Bennett and Regina Beinhauer, handled by Linda Pitts) as his Winners Dog and chose the 12-18 dog, Micadee 'N Sunshine's Alexander the Great (bred and owned by Diane Nelson and J. Michael Asbill, handled by Lisa Arnett) as his Reserve Winners Dog. Mr. Kittredge's ascob Winners Bitch was the 6-9 bitch, Sunshine N Sunhaven Pretty Woman (bred by Diane Nelson, owned by Astrid Lawrence and Steve Lawrence, handled by Astrid Lawrence), with Reserve Winners bitch going to Micadee N Sugarhill's Only One (bred and owned by Carol Pinto and Dee Torgerson-Rismyhr, handled by Per Rismyhr). Last up in Friday's regular class judging was Judge David Kittredge and his entry of 33 parti class animals. Mr. Kittredge chose the Bred-by-Exhibitor dog, Ch. My-Ida-Ho Remarkable (bred, owned and handled by Sharon Gerling) as his Winners Dog, and the 12-18 dog, Very Vigie Nobody is Perfect (bred by Laurent Pichard, owned by Linda Pitts, Brandon Edge, Simon Whincup and Fran Glendinning, handled by Linda Pitts) as his Reserve Winners Dog. Mr. Kittredge chose for his parti Winners Bitch, Loma Point Cha Ching (bred by Judy Bjelland and Lane Tarantino, handled by Lane Tarantino) and chose PBJ's Secret Liaison (bred and owned by Beate Pruitt, handled by Per Rismyhr) as his Reserve Winners Bitch.

Like on Thursday, all of the action wasn't contained to the conformation ring. Friday was the first day of our twoday Basket Raffle, beautifully prepared and presented by our AMAZING Basket Raffle Chairs, Lisa Pino and Patti Auld. Friday we hosted our Cockers-Only Obedience and Rally events. These events were managed by Obed and Rally Chairman, Stella Rowlett. Judged by Karla Curtis, Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes in Obedience was CH GG Iron Water's Luck by Deziners RN BN (bred by Gail Workman, owned by Gail Workman and Jennette Gibson, handled by Gail Workman). In Rally, High Combined Score in Adv. B and Exc. B went to GCHG Mardi Gras Black Tie Affair RE MX MXJ MJB OF (bred, owned and handled by Rosemary Logrie). For those looking to improve their breeding and puppy selection, breeders education offered Pat Hastings' A Glimpse of Structure in Action seminar. And to end the day on a high note, the Futurity party hosted by Carol Pinto and Dee Torgerson Rismyhr, celebrating the win of Micadee N Sugarhill's Only One, joined ASC's first ever Lip Sync Battle, where 8 individuals/teams battled for lip sync supremacy. The Lip Sync Battle winner was chosen by the audience and the winner was the duet, Linda Donaldson and Bonnie Pike, "singing" King of the Road. They are now the proud recipients of the WWE-style championship Lip Sync Battle Champion belt! All of the fanciers enjoyed an open bar thanks to Carol Pinto and Dee Torgerson Rismyhr and pizza donated by Stephanie and Jeet Kaul.

Saturday was all about the specials! Saturday morning kicked off with the Ascob Variety under Judge David Kittredge. First up was the Field Class winner, Cove & GG Iron Waters Red Ryder JH NA (bred by Christopher Travis, owned by Gail Workman and Diane Travis, handled by Diane Travis). Veteran Bitch winner, GCHS Aspire's Semper Paratus (bred by Dan and Marci Wilson, owned by Lee Rosales, handled by Candace Omatsu). Mr. Kittredge moved on to his Ascob Best of Variety competition with an entry of 23 specials. Mr. Kittredge chose the lovely male, Ch. Foley's Frat Party (bred by Nancy Foley and Genea Jones, owned by Nancy Foley, handled by Lisa Arnett) as his Ascob Best of Variety winner; Silverhall Synchronicity (bred and owned by Wilson and Bonnie Pike, handled by Per Rismyhr) as his Best of Opposite Sex winner; chose Winners Dog, Toybox Lightning Strike at Normandy, as his Best of Winners; Ch. Jems Stings Like A Bee (bred and owned by Joann Stamm, handled by Linda Pitts), as his Select Dog; Ch. Foley's Fancy Pants (bred by Nancy Foley and Genea Jones, owned by Nancy Foley, handled by Lisa Arnett) as Select Bitch, GCHP Blondheim's East Matters (bred/owned by Barry and Sherry Blondheim, handled by Shea Skinner), Ch. Winelight Heart and Soul (bred/owned by Jan Bruce, handled by Pitts, and GCH Shadowcast Strawberry Parfait (bred/owned by Rhonda Mink, handled by Lane Tarantino) as his Award of Merit winners, and Ch. Mashell's Tearin It Up (bred/owned/handled by Michelle Roof) as his Owner-Handled Best of Variety. Mr. Kittredge finished up his Ascob Variety assignment awarding Ascob Best Stud Dog to GCHS Crazy Q's N Winelight Soulful Sensation (bred by Lisa Pino and Jeanette Bruce, owned by Lisa Pino, handled by Lisa Pino).

Next up for Judge David Kittedge was our Junior Showmanship competition. Congratulations to Tiffany Clowers, from the Novice Senior Class, as Best Junior Handler. Let's all give Tiffany a big round of applause!

Next up on Saturday's judging schedule was the Black Variety under Judge Marilyn Spacht. First up was the Veteran Dog winner, GCHS Norjac All That Jazz (bred by Norris and Jackie Williams, owned by Lynette Davis, handled Jeff Wright). Mrs. Spacht moved on to her Black Best of Variety competition of 16 specials. Mrs. Kittredge chose GCHG Clerwood Silhouette Speed of Light (bred by Linda Pitts and Laurie Ferland, owned by Ellen Charles, Regina Beinhauer, Stephanie Kaul, Linda Pitts and Motoei

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Furukawa, handled by Linda Pitts) as her Best of Variety; Ch Sovran's La Rejouissance (bred by Alan Santos, Michael Buckley and Jacqueline Makoujy, owned Alan Santos and Michael Buckley, handled by Mike Pitts) as his Best of Opposite Sex winner; Winners Bitch, Silverhall Social Butterfly, as her Best of Winners; GCHB Conquest's Maze Runner (bred/owned/handled by Mariecel Torres-Young) as her Select Dog and Owner-Handled Best of Variety; Ch. Silhouette Samamari Luminheir (bred by Linda Pitts, owned by Stephanie Kaul, handled by Candace Omatsu) as her Select Bitch, and Veteran Dog, GCHS Norjac All That Jazz (see Veteran Dog info above for breeder/owner info), GCHG Mardi Gras Black Tie Affair RE MX MXJ MJB OF (see ASC OH Top 20 Gala info above for b/o/h info) as her Award of Merit winners.

Between the black and parti varieties was the much loved Parade of Titleholders. It was a great Parade of Titleholder events with 14 participants. Thank you Diane Kepley for the reading of the write-ups and presentation of rosettes to this beautiful group of exhibitors. In addition, the 50/50 raffle ticket sales and Silent Auction closed. My heartfelt thanks to 50/50 Raffle chairman, Candace Omatsu, and super partner, Terry Kelso, for selling \$3654 worth of 50/50 Raffle Tickets! Speaking of Terry Kelso, the Silent Auction closed where amazing items were won by many and almost \$10,500 was raised for ASC—way to go!!

The final variety of the day was the Parti Variety under Judge Marilyn Spacht. First up was the Veteran Dog winner, GCH Windsor 18K Rolls Royce (bred by Marianne and Glen Terry, owned/handled by Judy Bjelland), followed by the Veteran Bitch winner, GCHG Conquest's This Is It! (bred/owned/handled by Mariecel Torres-Young). Mrs. Spacht moved on to her Parti Best of Variety competition of 16 specials. Mrs. Spacht chose GCHS Dalin's West Coast Connection (bred by Linda Donaldson and Lane Tarantino, owned by David and Linda Donaldson, handled by Linda Donaldson) as her Best of Variety winner; Ch. Very Vigie Love U Crazy (bred by Laurent Pichard, owned by Linda Pitts and Brandon Edge, handled by Linda Pitts) as her Best Opposite Sex winner; Winners Dog-Ch My-Ida-Ho Remarkable - as her Best of Winners; GCH Loma Point & B-Cubed's Limited Edition (bred by Judy Bjelland and Lane Tarantino, owned by Jason Cedric Sebastian, handled by Candace Omatsu) as her Select Dog; GCH PBJ's Parti Rockette (bred/owned by Beate and Megan Pruitt, handled by Per Rismyhr) as her Select Bitch, GCH Bow-K's After Mash (bred/owned by Lisa K. Bowers, handled by Jeff Wright) and GCHG Conquets's This Is It! (see Veterans above for breeder/owner info) as her Award of Merit winners, and GCHS Conquest's This Moment I Own It! (bred/owned/handled by Mariecel Torres-Young) as her Owner-Handled Best of Variety winner. The Parti variety was followed by the Stud Dog class where Mrs. Spacht chose GCH Windsor 18K Rolls Royce (see Veterans above for breeder/owner info) as her Parti Best Stud Dog and GCHS Conquest's This Moment I Own It! (bred/owned/handled by Mariecel Torres-Young) as her Parti Best Brood Bitch.

Gail Workman, Parade of Rescue Coordinator, coordinated the always appreciated and inevitably tear-inducing Parade of Rescue. I don't think any of us will forget the stories of the 15 rescue dogs featured in this fabulous event. Special thanks to vendor, Becky Hall of Karlie's K-9 Kloset, for the gift bags for each Parade of Rescue dog.

Before the 'Bests' competitions began, we had a special presentation! The ASC 50/50 raffle winner was drawn, and the winner was—LEE ROSALES—congrats, Terri on winning \$1827.

The moment we had all been waiting for—the 'Bests' competitions—began under Judge Marilyn Spacht. Mrs. Spacht chose the Black BOV winner, GCHG Clerwood Silhouette Speed of Light, as her Best of Breed winner, and the Ascob BOS winner, Ch. Silverhall Synchronicity, as her Best Opposite Sex to Best of Breed winner. For Best BBE in Show, Mrs. Spacht chose the black winners bitch, Silverhall Social Butterfly (see Black Winners Bitch above for breeder/owner info). Best Field Trial Cocker in Show went to Cove & GG Iron Waters Red Ryder JH NA; Best Veteran in Show and Best Stud Dog in Show went to GCh. Windsor 18K Rolls Royce; and Best Brood Bitch in Show went to GCHS Conquest's This Moment I Own It!.

While the ASC National's conformation judging was finishing up in Ring 1, all-breed Obedience and Rally was equally competitive in Ring 2 under Judge Curt Curtis. Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes and Highest Combined Score in Open B and Utility in Obedience was Giant Schnauzer, OTCH Skansen's Made You Look UDX OM3 RAE (bred by Sylvia Hammarstrom, owned by Laura Ray) and High Combined Score in Adv. B and Exc. B and High Combined Score Cocker in Adv B and Exc B winner in Rally was GCH Sundance's Cleopatra CD BN RA CGC TKN (bred by Suzanne Stevenson, owned by Susan Horovitz).

Saturday night ended on an exciting note with the annual Awards Dinner where top dogs across all venues are recognized and celebrated with a delicious sit down dinner coordinated by Doris Watson. Thank you to Jeanne Grim for managing the Top Dog Awards and coordinating all aspects of the Top Dog catalogs and personalized rosettes.

On Sunday, Zone IV host clubs Washington State Cocker Spaniel Club and Fort Vancouver Cocker Spaniel Fanciers hosted the Zone IV ASC Regional Specialty, head

up by show chair, Kathy Egeland-Brock with conformation judging by Carla Mathies. At noon on Sunday, "ASC Fun in the Sun" tshirts, tank tops and shorts went on sale for the 2019 National Specialty in St Louis, MO. Zone IV ASC Regional Show winners are: Ascob WD/BW - Foley's Fair Prince (bred by Nancy Foley and Genea Jones, owned by Amber Tershy, handled by Lisa Arnett), WB - Micadee N Sugarhill's Only One (see RWB at the National for breeder/owner info), BOV - GCHP Blondheim's Easy Matters (see Select Dog at the National for breeder/owner info), BOS - Ch. Foley's Fancy Pants (see Select Bitch at the National for breeder/owner info), Select Dog - Ch. Foley's Frat Party (see Ascob BOV at the National for breeder/owner info), Select Bitch/Best Ascob Veteran -GCHS Aspire's Semper Paratus (see Ascob Veteran Bitch at the National for breeder/owner info), Owner-Handled Best of Variety - Ch. Quantum's Queen of the Night (bred/owned/handled Patricia Soterhou), Best BBE -Crazy Q's Starburst (bred by Lisa Pino and Stephanie Hermann, owned/handled by Lisa Pino). Black WD/BW -D&D Hill Country Blackmail (bred by Diane Lindner, owned by Pam Long, Jill Long, Diane Lindner, handled by Jill Long), WB - Micadee's Singing All the Verses (bred/owned/handled by Dee Torgerson Rismyhr), Best Black Veteran - GCHS Norjac All That Jazz, BOV - GCHG Clerwood Silhouette Speed of Light (see BOV at the National for breeder/owner info), BOS - Ch. Sovran's La Rejouissance (see BOS at the National for breeder/owner

info), Select Dog and BOV Owner-Handled - GCHG Mardi Gras Black Tie Affair RE MX MXJ MJB OF (see OH Gala above for breeder/owner info), Select Bitch - GCH Twilight's This Girl's Got Sass (bred/owned/handled by DiAnn Erdman Prock). Parti WD - Hood's Rock N My Genes (bred/owned by Jana Hood, handled by Jeff Wright), WB/BW/Best BBE - Dalin's Don't Talk Back (bred by Linda Donaldson, Per Rismyhr, Nancy Goniprow, owned by Linda Donaldson and Danielle Womack, handled by Linda Donaldson), BOV - GCHS Dalin's West Coast Connection (see BOV at National for breeder/owner info), BOS - GCH PBJ's Parti Rockette (see Select Bitch at National for breeder/owner info), Select Dog - Ch. PBJ's Rock On (bred by Beate and Megan Pruitt, owned by Linda Pitts and Brandon Edge, handled by Mike Pitts), Select Bitch - Ch. Avidity's Shameless Lady (breeder/ owner/handled Debbie Clark), OH BOV - GCHS Conquest's This Moment I Own It!. Best of Breed - Black Dog, GCHG Clerwood Silhouette Speed of Light, BOS to Best of Breed - GCH PBJ's Parti Rockette, Best Veteran in Show – GCHS Norjac All That Jazz, Best Bred-By Exhibitor in Show - Crazy Q's Starburst.

While Ring 1 was finishing up the conformation competition for the week, Ring 2 was still going strong with Obedience and Rally. Under Judge Theresa Temple, Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes in Obedience was Giant Schnauzer, OTCH Skansen's Made You Look UDX

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OM3 RAE, and High Combined Score in Adv. B and Exc. B and High Combined Score Cocker in Adv B and Exc B winner in Rally was Crestrail's Nebraska Sky (bred by Eilene and Gary White, owned by Mary Howard).

Also, in addition to all of the above, ASC offered its first ever Barn Hunt Friday through Sunday, managed by RiverRat Barn Hunt Association. There were 6 spaniel runs and 304 regular runs throughout the three day, all-breed event.

For those wondering where my Agility results recaps are, I did not forget. With four days of agility with two rings running each day (and with my not being from the agility world), I knew I could not do it justice. Agility chairman, Colleen Keough, wrote up a wonderful agility show report (as well as one for the Tracking Dog Urban test) published in this Bulletin on page 54. Thank you, Colleen, for your incredible management of all aspects of agility (and tracking) at ASC. I never once had to worry about one single aspect because I knew Colleen had it under control. Colleen, I'm so grateful for all of your work and expertise.

My heartfelt appreciation to the Show Committee – Mariecel Torres-Young, Candace Omatsu, Stella Rowlett, Colleen Keough, Jacqueline Lovett/Marsha Linehan, Patricia Elkins, Jerry Moon, Doris Watson, Michelle Roof, Lisa Pino and Patti Auld, Terry Kelso, June Burkhart, Kelly Ladouceur, Bill Mixon, Kathy Egeland-Brock, Gail Workman, Jeet Kaul; Trophy Creators/Donators – Stella and Jon Rowlett; Videographer – Gary Weitz; Show Photographer – Victoria Holloway; Ring Stewards – Ernie Domondon and Mariecel Torres-Young; Announcer – Diane Kepley; Futurity Chair – Debbie Knight; Judges'

Education Chairs - Bill Mixon and Kathy Egeland-Brock; Zone IV Regional Show Host Clubs - WA State CSC and Ft Vancouver CSF and their hardworking committee members; Superintendent - Glenn Whitten of BaRay Events; Ringside Photographer - Diana Han, who captured the spirit and excitement of the entire event; the great the staff at the Linn County Expo Center; our judges - Marilyn Spacht, David Kittredge, Jackie Cavallin, Carolyn Calkins, Carla Mathies, Karla and Curt Curtis, Theresa Temple, Gail Workman, Bob Linehan, Colleen Keough, Judy Stromquist, Art Brest, Paula Ratoza, Lori Holdren; and of course, our exhibitors and attendees—some of whom traveled for almost a week to attend this event. I am grateful to each and every one of you. Without you, none of this would've been possible. Thank you for making this such a fun, joyful event. There's no doubt in my mind, we rocked our Quest to the Great Northwest!

Respectfully Submitted, Stephanie Kaul, Show Chair



Instinct Test — Cocker Meets Bird



Tracking Dog Urban judge Colleen Keogh and others



18k Champagne Taste at KLAD, Kelly Ladouceur



WD Test — Gail Workman's ASCOB dog Karma

2018 National Spaniel Show Photos



BEST OF BREED
GCHB Clerwood Silhouette Speed of Light
E Charles, R Beinhauer, S Kaul, L Pitts, M Furukawa



BEST OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST OF BREED Silverhall Synchronicity W Pike, B Pike

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BEST VETERAN
GCH Windsor 18K Rolls Royce
J Bjelland



BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR Silverhall Social Butterfly W Pike, B Pike



BEST IN FIELD CLASSES

Cove & GG Iron Waters Red Ryder JH NA
G Workman, D Travis



BEST OWNER-HANDLED
GCHB Conquest's Maze Runner
M Torres-Young

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BEST STUD DOG GCH Windsor 18K Rolls Royce J Bjelland



BEST BROOD BITCH GCHG Conquest's This Is It M Torres Young





HIGH IN TRIAL / BAILEY AWARD / AJ AWARD
MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxter RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2
Susan Flowers



(top photo) "Boxter with his AJ Award plaque and cool neck ribbon, High in Trial ribbon and beautiful artisan glass bowl."

(bottom photo) "AJ Award – I am just so honored to win this with Boxter. His mother Dice won the very first one!

And we join an incredible group of dog/handler teams." —Susan Flowers

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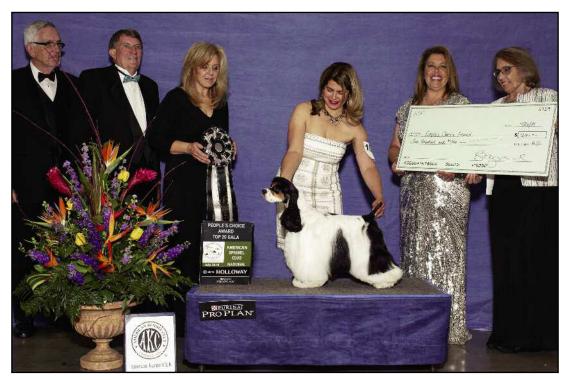
HIGH IN TRIAL COCKER – FRIDAY CH GG Iron Waters Luck by Deziners Gail Workman, Jennette Gibson



Owner Handled Top Twenty Invitational



JUDGES' CHOICE
GCHG Mardi Gras Black Tie Affair RE MX MXJ MJB OF
Rosemary Logrie



PEOPLE'S CHOICE
GCHS Conquest's This Moment I Own It!
Mariecel Torres-Young





BEST OF VARIETY
GCHB Clerwood Silhouette Speed of Light
E Charles, R Beinhauer, S Kaul, L Pitts, M
Furukawa



BEST OPPOSITE SEX Sovran's La Rejouissance A Santos, M Buckley



SELECT DOG
GCHB Conquest's Maze Runner
M Torres-Young



SELECT BITCH
GCH Silhouette Samamari Luminheir
S Kaul



BEST VETERAN / AWARD OF MERIT GCHS Norjac All That Jazz L Davis



BEST OWNER HANDLED / AWARD OF MERIT
GCHB Conquest's Maze Runner
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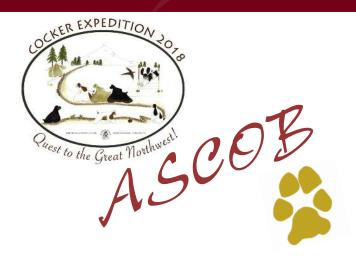
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BEST OF VARIETY
CH Foley's Frat Party
N Foley



BEST OPPOSITE SEX Silverhall Synchronicity W Pike, B Pike



SELECT DOG
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J Stamm



SELECT BITCH CH Foley's Fancy Pants N Foley



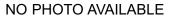
AWARD OF MERIT GCHP Blondheim's Easy Matters S Blondheim, B Blondheim



AWARD OF MERIT
CH Winelight Heart And Soul
J Bruce



AWARD OF MERIT
GCH Shadowcast Strawberry Parfait
R Mink



BEST VETERAN
GCHS Aspire's Semper Paratus
L Rosales, C Rosales



BEST OWNER HANDLED CH Mashell's Tearin It Up M Roof



WINNERS DOG / BEST OF WINNERS
Toybox Lightening Strike At Normandy
L Bennett, R Beinhauer



WINNERS BITCH
Sunshine N Sunhaven Pretty Woman
A Lawrence, S Lawrence



RESERVE WINNERS DOG
Micadee 'N Sunshine's Alexander The Great
M Asbill, D Nelson



RESERVE WINNERS BITCH
Micadee N Sugarhill's Only One
C Pinto, D Torgerson Rismyhr



BEST IN FIELD TRIAL Cove & GG Iron Waters Red Ryder JH NA Gail Workman, Diane Travis

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BEST STUD DOG
GCHS Crazy Q's N Winelight Soulful Sensation
L Pino









BEST OF VARIETY
GCHS Dalin's West Coast Connection
L Donaldson, D Donaldson



BEST OPPOSITE SEX GCH Pbj's Parti Rockette B Pruitt, M Pruitt



SELECT DOG
GCH Loma Point & B-Cubed's Limited Edition
J Sebastian



SELECT BITCH GCH Pbj's Parti Rockette B Pruitt, M Pruitt



AWARD OF MERIT
GCHG Conquest's This Is It!
M Torres Young



AWARD OF MERIT GCH Bow-K's After Mash L Bowers



BEST VETERAN GCH Windsor 18K Rolls Royce J Bjelland



BEST OWNER HANDLED GCHS Conquest's This Moment I Own It! **M Torres-Young**



WINNERS DOG / BEST OF WINNERS / BEST BRED BY CH My-Ida-Ho Remarkable S Gerling



WINNERS BITCH Lomapoint Cha Ching J Bjelland, L Tarantino



RESERVE WINNERS DOG Very Vigie Nobody Is Perfect L Pitts, B Edge, S Whincup, F Glendinning



RESERVE WINNERS BITCH
Pbj's Secret Liaison
B Pruitt

BEST STUD DOG GCH Windsor 18K Rolls Royce J Bjelland

BEST BROOD BITCH
GCHG Conquest's This Is It!
M Torres Young

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Futurity



BEST IN FUTURITY / BEST OF VARIETY ASCOB Micadee N Sugarhill's Only One C Pinto, D Torgerson Rismyhr



BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN FUTURITY / BEST OPPOSITE ASCOB Toccata N Blondheim That's Good K Brock, S Blondheim



BEST OF VARIETY BLACK
Micadee's Singing All The Verses
D Torgerson Rismyhr



BEST OPPOSITE SEX BLACK Micadee's Dirt On My Boots D Torgerson Rismyhr



BEST OF VARIETY PARTI Pbj's Secret Liaison B Pruitt



Best in Futurity Trophy



Photo courtesy of Diana Han, NorCal Bulldogger

Bred By Exhibitor Sweepstakes



BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES
Silverhall Sophistikated Lady Of Silverhall
P Leamy, B Pike



BEST OPPOSITE SEX / BEST OPPOSITE SEX PARTI Kingdom's Steeler Of Hearts S Houle



BEST OF VARIETY ASCOB
Encore N Cocker Country's Look What You
Made Me Do
D Beachel, J Posner



BEST OF VARIETY PARTI Dalin's Don't Talk Back L Donaldson, D Womack

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BEST OPPOSITE SEX BLACK
Newsong's Wake Me Up Before You Go Go
J Billows, T Shirrod

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BEST OPPOSITE SEX ASCOB Quest First Class Of Security C Runyon, P Runyon



Cut Down Sweepstakes



BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES
CH Cocker Country's Packer MVP
D Beachel



BEST OPPOSITE SEX
CH Marenda's Some Gave All
J Dennis

Veterans Siveepstakes



BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES
GCHS Norjac All That Jazz
L Davis



BEST OPPOSITE SEX
GCH Mashell's Hopelessly Devoted
M Roof



American Cocker Spaniel National Specialty

AGILITY TRIALS REPORT 2018

By Colleen Keough - ASC Agility Chair

With nearly 200 dogs competing over four days, the 2018 ASC Agility Trial at the Cocker Spaniel National Specialty was one of the largest agility trials in the Pacific Northwest. Agility trial chair, Colleen Keough, coordinated with Obedience/Rally chair, Stella Rowlett, and Barn Hunt organizer, Janet Oatney, to create a performance dog extravaganza. Exhibitors raved about the ability to complete in multiple events in one location. Agility judges were Art Brest on Thursday, Paula Ratoza and Lori Holdren on Friday - Sunday. Agility trial committee included Carolee Douglas, Vivian Hudson, Kim Loesch, Sylvia Martinez Cortes, and Gail Workman. These members worked multiple jobs including agility ring crews, award table, judges' lunches and fulfilling special requests. Numerous people volunteered to unload the agility equipment trailers and do ring set-up on Wednesday. West Coast Cocker Spaniel Club provided worker lunches on Cocker Only Day. Trial secretary, Lori Sage, and her crew provided exceptional support on the all-breed agility days, including sponsoring the Workers' Raffle.

Trophies for the ASC agility awards were artisan glass bowls made/donated by Jonathan and Stella Rowlett. Rosettes and other prizes for ASC awards were sponsored by Linda Wargo, Gail Workman, Colleen Keough, Randy Lake, Susan Flowers, Allyson Hill, Terri Ann Flores, Alice Williams, Dana Dow, Carrie Higuera, Martha Gurney,

Martha Molever, Debbie Mitchell, Judiy & Erick Webb, Stacie Baumbarger, Claire Meisel, Leigh Fortier, Susan Cagampang, Barbara and John Schuchman, Kim Tees, Kristin Savoie, Laura & Randy Hawkins, Irene & Richard Barrie, Sandra Maday, Sara & Randy Bicsak, Jon Viscott, Kathy Brock, and Mary Ledman. The AJ Award is sponsored by Olga K. Evelyn and Rosemary Collins. Vivian Hudson sponsors the Bailey Award of Agility Excellence and Brookie Preferred Agility Award.

Susan Flowers and her cocker, Boxster, MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2, were the big winners earning High in Trial, A J Award, Bailey Award of Agility Excellence, High Scoring Premier JWW, High Scoring Veteran, and High Scoring Rally Titled. For the first time, ASC offered a Best Junior in Agility award and that went to Tiffany Clowers and Penny Creek's Tahiti Breeze.

"The Great Northwest" was the theme for the 2018 Agility Costume Contest. Winners in the Adult Division were Debi & Jeff Zavadil with their Oregon Trail Wagon pulled by Zizi and Zena. They truly did come the Oregon Trail from their home in Illinois! In the Junior Division, Meg Loesch and Daisy recreated the memorable bike scene from ET.

The winners of agility awards are listed on the next pages.











CH Saratoga's Thinking Out Loud NA NAJ OF, Stacie Baumbarger

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High In Trial & The Bailey Award of Agility Excellence & The AJ Award

MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2 & Susan Flowers

The Brookie Preferred Award

no winner

Reserve High in Trial

Spencer Murray & Holly Schmidt

High Scoring JWW Preferred

Spencer Murray & Holly Schmidt

High Scoring STD Preferred

Spencer Murray & Holly Schmidt

High Scoring Premier JWW *

MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2 & Susan Flowers

High Scoring Premier STD *

GCH Gardian's Blue Sky AX MXJ & Susan Flowers

High Scoring FAST-Master *

MACH2 Omni Degen's Sassy & Sue Guzenske

High Scoring FAST-Excellent *

Suncatcher's Blue Moon Jester & Tammy Mehmed

High Scoring FAST-Open *

Saratoga's Thinking Out Loud & Stacie Baumbarger

High Scoring FAST-Novice *

Skiboo's Dazzling Daisy AX MXJ & Meg Loesch

High Scoring T2B 12" *

CH MACH Buttonwood's Marshall Matt Dillon MXB MJG T2B2 CGC & Martie Gurney

High Scoring T2B 16" *

CH Kapewood's I'm Bad Again CD RE TD MH & Carolee Douglas

High Scoring Conformation Champion of Record *

CH Kapewood's Thrilling Don Juan De Santa Fe & Steve Moon

High Scoring Field Titled *

Cove & GG Iron Waters Red Ryder JH NA & Gail Workman

High Scoring Obedience Titled *

MACH2 Omni Degen's Sassy & Sue Guzenske

High Scoring Rally Titled *

MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2 & Susan Flowers

High Scoring Tracking Titled *

MACH2 Omni Degen's Sassy & Sue Guzenske

High Scoring ILP/PAL Titled *

Cloe's Keir & Debra Deane

High Scoring Veteran *

MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2 & Susan Flowers

Best Junior in Agility

Penny Creek's Tahiti Breeze & Tiffany Clowers

(High Scoring Awards marked with asterisk are calculated from regular and preferred classes.)

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Agility Results... (continued)

HIGHEST SCORING COCKER IN EACH CLASS ON THURSDAY

Standard Regular

Novice A Cloe's Keir & Debra Deane

Master 16" MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2 & Susan Flowers

Standard Preferred

Master 8" Shalybon's Kukui Lei & Sue Cagampang

Master 12" Spencer Murray & Holly Schmidt

JWW

Master 16"MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2 & Susan Flowers

JWW Preferred

Master 12"Spencer Murray & Holly Schmidt

Premier Standard/JWW

Premier Standard 12"GCH Gardian's Blue Sky AX MXJ & Susan Flowers

Premier JWW 12"MACH St. James Bright Star Angel T2B2 & Sylvia Martinez-Cortes

Premier JWW 16"MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2 & Susan Flowers

T2B/T2B Preferred

12"CH MACH Buttonwood's Marshall Matt Dillon MXB MJG T2B2 CGC & Marti Gurney

T2B Preferred 8" or 12" Suncatcher's Blue Moon Jester & Tammy Mehmed

FAST/FAST Preferred

Master 16"MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2 & Susan Flowers

Novice A or B 12" Preferred . .CH GG Iron Water's Luck By Deziners RN BN & Gail Workman

Excellent 12" Preferred Suncatcher's Blue Moon Jester & Tammy Mehmed Master 12" Preferred MACH2 Degen Cove Skipper & Sue Guzenske

HIGHEST SCORING COCKER IN EACH CLASS ON FRIDAY

Standard Regular

Master 12" Skiboo's Dazzling Daisy AX MXJ & Meg Loesch

Master 16" CH Kapewood's Thrilling Don Juan De Santa Fe & Steve Moon

Standard Preferred

Master 12" Spencer Murray & Holly Schmidt

JWW

Excellent 12"Sammie Mae OA OAJ OF & Chervl Parker

Master 16" Bodega's Train's A Comin' AX AXJ F & Gloria Rogan

JWW Preferred

Master 12"Spencer Murray & Holly Schmidt

Premier Standard/JWW

Premier Standard 12"MACH St. James Bright Star Angel T2B2 & Sylvia Martinez-Cortes

Premier Standard 16"MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2 & Susan Flowers Premier JWW 16"MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2 & Susan Flowers

T2B/T2B Preferred

12"Sammie Mae OA OAJ OF & Cheryl Parker

FAST/FAST Preferred

Novice A 12" Cloe's Keir & Debra Deane

Novice B 12"CH Kapewood's Thrilling Escape NR CD OA OAJ & Carolee Douglas

Excellent 12"Sammie Mae OA OAJ OF & Cheryl Parker

Pref Master 12"MACH2 Degen Cove Skipper & Sue Guzenske

HIGHEST SCORING COCKER IN EACH CLASS ON SATURDAY

Standard Regular

Master 16" MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2 & Susan Flowers

Standard Preferred

JWW

Master 16" MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2 & Susan Flowers

JWW Preferred

Premier Standard/JWW

Premier JWW 12"MACH St. James Bright Star Angel T2B2 & Sylvia Martinez-Cortes

Premier JWW 16"MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2 & Susan Flowers

T2B

FAST/FAST Preferred

Novice B 12"CH Kapewood's Thrilling Escape NR CD OA OAJ & Carolee Douglas

Excellent 12"Sammie Mae OA OAJ OF & Cheryl Parker

Master 16" MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2 & Susan Flowers

Pref Master 12"MACH2 Degen Cove's Skipper & Sue Guzenske

HIGHEST SCORING COCKER IN EACH CLASS ON SUNDAY

Standard (Regular)

Master 12"MACH St. James Bright Star Angel T2B2 & Sylvia Martinez-Cortes

Master 16" MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2 & Susan Flowers

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Agility Results... (continued)

Standard (Preferred)

JWW

Excellent 12"CH Kapewood's Thrilling Escape NR CD OA OAJ & Carolee Douglas

JWW Preferred

Novice B 12"CH GG Iron Water's Luck By Deziners RN BN & Gail Workman

Premier

Premier Standard 12"MACH4 Dunmorr's Nauti Zizi MXB2 MJB2 MXF TQX TKN CGC & Debi Zavadil

Premier JWW 12"GCH Gardian's Blue Sky AX MXJ & Susan Flowers

T₂B

12"Sammie Mae OA OAJ OF & Cheryl Parker

FAST/FAST Preferred

Master 16"MACH2 Skyrocket's Hot Porsche Boxster RN MXG MJC MXF T2B2 & Susan Flowers

Pref Master 12"MACH2 Degen Cove Skipper & Sue Guzenske

December Bulletin

Featuring the Stud Dog



Don't hide your boy away -- Share him with the fancy. In accordance with the ASC Code of Ethics, the Stud Dog feature is available to all dogs eligible to be shown in conformation classes in the United States.

Stud Dog Feature Deadline -- NOVEMBER 1, 2018.

Cost \$35.00 includes photo, 3 generation pedigree, up to 30 words of copy and contact information. Questions? Contact Patricia Elkins, truluvcockers@gmail.com or Karen Osper, karenosper@gmail.com

PRODUCERS HALL OF DISTINCTION

PERFORMANCE HALL OF DISTINCTION

REGISTER OF MERIT (ROM)

Johnny Downing &

CH Riverwood Miss Kalispell

Dawn Close

Marlene Ness & Mark Ragusa

GCH Nesmar's I'm A Real Good Man

Kim Stanley &

CH Monthaven's Circle of Friends

Jeannie Montanelli

Mariecel GCHG Conquest's This Is It!

Torres-Young

REGISTER OF MERIT - HEALTH TESTED (ROM - HT)

Erin Baker &

CH Riegelz & Aine's Perfect Timing

Erika Kehoe

Ray & Lynn Davis CH Raelyn A Touch Of Italy

Stacy Blair Rossi CH Lakota's Dressed In Ashes

By Lanmark

Hugh & Marilyn

CH Hu-Mar's Go For The Gold CD

Spacht

LEGACY OF MERIT - HEALTH TESTED (LOM - HT)

CH Tagalong's Shadyhill Storm Jean DeWolfe

ROM-HT

Johnny Downing &

CH Dal-Mar's Black Eyed Pea ROM

Dawn Close

CH TLC's Wildfire Tracy D. Greene

Jeannie Montanelli CH Tri-Pod's Itty Bitty Image ROM-HT

Hugh & Marilyn

Spacht

CH Palm Hill Hu-Mar's Wild Fire

VERSATILE PRODUCER (VP)

CH Palm Hill Caro-Bu's Solid Gold Hugh & Marilyn

Spacht LOMX

VERSATILE PRODUCER - HEALTH TESTED (VP - HT)

Rosemary Logrie CH Mardi Gras Black Diamond Run

BN RE AXJ NF

Hugh & Marilyn CH Palm Hill Hu-Mar's Wild Fire

CH Hu-Mar's Go For The Gold CD Spacht

Joan Stallard & CH Saratoga-N-Bleumoon's Footnote Michelle Mitchell CD BN RN CGC ROMX-HT

AGILITY HALL OF DISTINCTION (AHOD)

CH MACH Tell-Tail's Secret Mission Stacie Baumbarger

RN NF

Jeanne S Grim DVM CH MACH Skiboo's Dazzling

Censation SH T2B WDX

Susan Hartman MACH Catch Me's Petal To The

& Janet Rokosz Metal

Tom M Kelly MACH Jaywyck's Emerald City

MXF TQX T2B3

MACH3 Mamaradlo's Chip Off The Michelle Mamaradlo

Old Block TQX T2B

Tom O'Brien & MACH5 Skyrocket's Amayzing

Doris O'Brien Mayzie MXP MJP NF

Janet Rokosz & CH MACH Catch Me's Just One

Look OF T2B RATS Daniel Rokosz

FIELD HALL OF DISTINCTION (FHOD)

Jeanne S Grim DVM CH MACH3 Skiboo's One Night

Censation CDX BN RN MHA MXP

MJP TKA CGC WDX

OBEDIENCE HALL OF DISTINCTION (OHOD)

Stella Rowlett & Rowlett's Sakura Hime UDX RE

Jonathan Rowlett

TRACKING HALL OF DISTINCTION (THOD)

CH CT Wildwest Power Play Jean-Maria

NA AXJ XF Higginbotham

MACH Barrel Valley Out Of The Linda S Honsperger

Ashes VCD2 RE TDX NF



TOP 5 VARIETY 2017

BLACK

- 1. GCHP Beachstone's Blacklist
- 2. GCHG Clerwood Silhouette Speed Of Light
- 3. GCHS D&D Hill Country's Black, Inc.
- 4. GCHG Mar-K's Sunrise At Midnight
- 5. GCHS Icon's Crazy Like A Fox

TOP ASCOB

- 1. GCHP Silverhall Strike Force
- 2. GCHP Blondheim's Easy Matters
- 3. GCHS Be-Fit's New Year's Celebration
- 4. GCHB Buttonwood's To The Manor Born
- 5. GCHS Soundviews Master Of The North

TOP PARTI

- 1. GCHG Lomapoint Dangerous Intentions
- 2. GCHG Tri-Pod's Good To The Last Drop
- 3. GCHS Dalin's West Coast Connection
- 4. GCHG VC's Chasing The Dream
- 5. GCHS Conquest's This Moment I Own It!

TOP 5 OWNER-HANDLED VARIETY 2017

BLACK

- 1. GCHG Mardi Gras Black Tie Affair RE MX MXJ OF
- 2. GCHS Glen Royal's Knight To Remember
- 3. GCH Twilights This Girl Is On Fire
- 4.tie CH Kisian's Holy Tara
- 4.tie CH PBJ's Uptown Funk

TOP ASCOB

- 1. GCH Keto Gallant Rodeo Romeo
- 2. GCHB Cameo Siloet's Gold Coast Legacy
- 3. GCH El Shaddai's Remarkably Smooth
- 4. GCHB Buttonwood's To the Manor Born
- 5. GCHS Soundview's Master Of The North

TOP PARTI

- 1. GCHB Silvercast Outta My Way
- 2. GCHS Conquest's This Moment I Own It!
- 3. GCH Mar K's Life In The Fast Lane
- 4. GCHS Cocoas A Global Force For Good
- 5. GCHB Julre's Dragon Blend

TOP 20 AGILITY 2017

- 1. MACH10 Tell-Tail's Some Like It Hot MXF TQX T2B
- 2. MACH29 Tell-Tail's Mad About You MXF TQX T2B
- MACH4 Saratoga's Fire In The Hole CD RE FDC XF T2B2 CGC
- 4. MACH18 Skiboo's Bar-Bax Jumpin Waves TKN
- 5. MACH13 Bar-Bax's Born To Make Waves T2B TKN
- AGCH MACH7 Whirlwind's Princess Marjorie Helena PDS PJS TQX T2B8
- 7. MACH20 Bar-Bax Sight To Sea TKN
- MACH10 Buttonwood's Cupid Strikes Again XF T2B2 CGC
- MACH4 Dunmorr's Nauti Zizi Z MXF TQX T2B CGC TKN
- MACH9 Nosowea's N' Dezwin's Special Forces CD BN RAE2 OJP OF NFP T2B2
- MACH12 Livingstones Moonlit Fireside Fender MXP MJP XF
- 12. MACH4 Miss Myra Kytra MXP2 MJP2 XF T2B3
- 13. MACH12 Tagaboo's Secret Squirrel XF T2B
- 14. CH MACH Tell-Tail's Secret Mission RN NF
- 15. MACH3 Paisley XV XF T2B2 TKA
- 16. MACH7 Every Moment Agility CD RE MXF
- 17. MACH2 Tell-Tail's Tri-Power Shifter NF
- 18. MACH2 Omni Degen's Sassy BN TDU MXF T2B3
- 19. MACH2 Tribute's Rock With You XF T2B
- 20. MACH2 Degen's Cove Skipper MXF T2B3

TOP 5 OBEDIENCE 2017

- 1.tie Log Cabin Skip'N Black Stones UDX2 OM2 VER RAE MHA NA NF TKN WD
- 1.tie Rowlett's Sakura Hime UDX RE

TOP FIELD DOG 2017

 CH MACH3 Skiboo's One Night Censation CDX BN RN MHA MJP CGC TKA WDX

TOP TRACKING DOG 2017

1. CH CT Wildwest Power Play NA AXJ XF

ASC FOUNDATION



NEW COCKER SPANIEL GLAUCOMA STUDY

The ASC Foundation is alerting cocker breeders and fanciers of a Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine study on the incidence of Glaucoma in Cocker Spaniels. In order to understand the genetics behind primary glaucoma Cornell will compare the genome of normal unaffected Cocker spaniels with primary glaucoma affected Cocker spaniels. The purpose of this study is to determine the genes/loci mutations that predispose Cocker spaniels to primary glaucoma (specifically, primary angle closure glaucoma-PACG). Once the genetic markers have been identified, they hope to develop a genetic test to identify genetic carriers. This study is available through the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine Ophthalmology service and is sponsored by a grant from the Foundation for Ophthalmology Research and Education-International. They are not requesting financial support but are requesting the DNA participation of the Cocker Spaniel fancy whether pet or show/breeding stock.

ELIGIBILITY: All animals need to be pure breed Cocker spaniels that are at least 8 years old (as this disease tends to occur in middle age dogs). All animals will need an

ophthalmic examination by a veterinary ophthalmologist. Dogs included in the normal group need to have normal intraocular pressures. Dogs included in the glaucoma group need to have primary glaucoma confirmed by gonioscopy or histopathology to confirm the presence of an angle closure. All animals will have a blood sample collected for the DNA analysis.

OWNER RESPONSABILITIES: The owners are responsible to bring the animal to Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine or to their veterinary ophthalmologist so that their animals can be enrolled in the study. Owners are responsible for the associated costs of any tests or procedures unrelated to this study including FedEx shipping of blood samples.

TO PARTICIPATE and IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS: To obtain more details about participating and the forms required to enroll please contact Dr. Espinheira at 607 253 3060 or via email at fe64@cornell.edu. Full name of study is Detection of genetic loci for human primary angle closure glaucoma (PACG) in normal and PACG cocker spaniels.













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Top Producers

January 2018 through June 2018

Top Producing Sires

GCHP Beaschstone's Blacklist, Blk – 7 CH Riverwood Rendezvous At Silverhall, B/T – 6 GCHP Trinity's Tucked Under His Wing, Bf – 6 GCHG My-Ida-Ho N Jems Captain, Tri – 5 CH Pbj's Parti In The Fastlane, Tri – 4 GCHP Silverhall's Stike Force, Brn/Tn – 4 CH Crestrail's Prime Focus, Tri – 3 CSH Duet's I M Night Visions, B/W – 3 GCH Silverhall Silverado, Bf – 3

Top Producing Dams

GCH Begays Half And Half, Tri – 3
GCH Infinity N-Taz's Southern Bell, B/W – 3
GCH Silverhall Salem Witch II, Blk – 3
Absolutely A Doll At Playtime, B/T – 2
CH Charlot N Che-Lee's Saranade, Bf – 2
GCH Cooas Get Your Shine On, Bf – 2
CH Ebs Braggadocious, R/W – 2
Foley's Rum Swizzle, Bf – 2
CH Galaksi Smashing Seduction, B/T – 2
Jems The Bombshell, Tri – 2
Julre's Mystic Masquerade, Tri – 2
CH Ky-Ann's Enjoy The View, Blk – 2
Laurent's Grand Gesture, B/T – 2
CH Laurent's What Are The Chances, Blk – 2
Leader Line Greysful Batterfly, no color given – 2

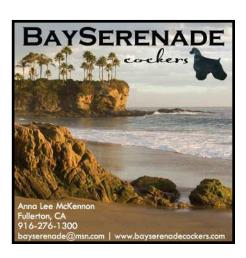
GCHB Mar-K's Hot N Spicey, Blk – 2
GCH Mtp Tis A New Jenaration, B/T – 2
GCH Pinecliff's Perfect Angel, Tri – 2
Ridgecrest Attitude Dancing, B/W – 2
Roustabout Tri's Sum Tin T'Talk-About, Tri – 2
Rubic's Della Rose, B/W – 2
GCH Silverhall Right As Rain, B/T – 2
CH Silverhall Superdeluxe, B/T – 2
CH Silverhall's Sincerely, Blk – 2
CH Stargazer's Bodacious Babe, B/T – 2
CH Terje's & Exl's Tempest, Blk – 2
GCHS Tri-Pod N Flair-Rill In The Fast Lane, B/W – 2
CH Troy's Ivana Trump You, Tri – 2
CH Wnuboni's Elegant Looking Girl, Blk – 2

Top Breeders

Genea W Jones, Ashwood – 6, all co-bred Julie Turner-Hayes, Julre's – 6, two co-bred Laura Heidrich, Laurent's – 4, all co-bred Bonnie Pike, Silverhall – 3, all co-bred Cheryl L Brown, Che-Lee's – 3, all co-bred Debbie Clark, Avidity's – 3
Gay Ernst, Begay's – 3
Dr Scott Goldberg, Riverwood – 3
Sharon Gerling, My-Ida-Ho – 3
Stephanie Kaul, Samamari – 3, 2 co-bred Wilson Pike, Silverhall – 3, all co-bred







JULY 2020 JUDGES

All nominations must be received by the Chair of the Tellers' Committee on or before October 25, 2018. You may return nominations by mail, fax or attachment. Please print or write clearly. One ballot per member; two ballots are included for households.

Nominations for July 2020 Reg	ılar Class Judges:	
1	1	
2	2	
3	3	
4	4	
Nominations for July 2020 Fut	rity and Sweepstakes Judges:	
1	1	
2	2	
3	3	
Your name and address must be Email PDF Attachment to:	. Joan Stallard, 1405 Walbridge Road, Milbury, OH 43447-9670. In the envelope .* In the envelope .*	:hment.*
Name	Name	
Address	Address	
Signature	Signature	

*Envelopes or Ballots unable to be checked against the ASC membership list will not be counted. Club ballots or envelopes must contain the Club name and the name and address of the secretary of record.

Individuals NOT eligible for nomination:

• No sitting ASC Board member is eligible to be nominated as a regular class or futurity/sweepstakes judge. Please see this Bulletin, page 2, for these names.

A list of judges approved for cocker spaniels is available in the searchable Judges Directory on the AKC web site.

Congratulations!

These applicants were voted into membership in July 2018

Mary Clark
Brandon Edge
Mary Harte
Judith McManus
Charlotte Patterson
Charlene Schifsky
Debra Warren
Alice Williams

These members were granted Life Member status in July 2018

Zone 1

Laurie Ferland Pamela Maher Shannon McCracken Joseph Russell

Zone 2

Nona Burrell Suzanne Nelson Tracy Raburn

Zone 3

Lisa Arnett Karen Fecher Dennis FitzPatrick

Zone 4

Sandra Mandas

Zone 5

Janet Taylor

Foreign

Bonnie Halliday - Canada



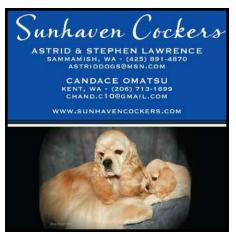
















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Sponsors: Joan Kasper

Tom Dowell

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David Berler 6840 Lorna Lane Dallas, TX 75214-3719

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Michelle Mamaradlo

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Sponsors: Linda Miller

Mary Napper

Michael Rossi

10628 Coralstone Drive El Paso, TX 79925-1711

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Members may submit comments on these applicants by November 1, 2018, to Kevin Carter, asc.asst.treasure@gmail.com





















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Thank you **Gail Workman** for putting this together. It is certainly one of the most decorated lists of Cocker Spaniel Rescues. Every single one of these dogs is accomplished in obedience and rally.

Dogs from left to right: Sammy, Goldie, Cherry Pie, Heidi and Beans.