



# Atlanta Kennel Club

# DIGEST

Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

May 2016

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## June Meeting

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

### Menu

#### Entrée

Grilled Chicken with Tropical Salsa

Salad with choice of dressing.

Kids Choice: Chicken fingers and fries

All Meals are served with chef's choice of vegetable and starch, bread and butter, dessert, coffee & tea (Fresh sliced fruit plate may be substituted for dessert.)

Alternate choices upon request when making reservations.

Vegetarian choice is also available.

### Meeting Program

Stay tuned..... will be sent in the notice

### Location

#### DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel ~ Roswell

1075 Holcomb Bridge Road • Roswell, GA 30076  
Phone: 770-992-9600 [www.atlantaroswell.doubletree.com](http://www.atlantaroswell.doubletree.com)

**Time:** 6:45 pm Salads Served • 7:15-8:00 pm Dinner  
8:00 pm (Sharp) Program begins • 8:45-9:15 pm Adjourn

**Directions:** Take GA-400 North to Exit 7B Roswell exit and turn onto Holcomb Bridge Road going West towards Roswell; the hotel is located .5 mile on the left at the second traffic light, Dogwood Road.

**RSVP: DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED IF** you plan to eat with us! **You are not required to have dinner however. Join us for drinks or come shortly before 8 for the program only and short business meeting following.** Please be sure to call ahead for your reservations if you plan to join us for Dinner as the Restaurant has a cut off for reservations and cancellations. Contact our Kellie Holbrook - 770-664-5756 or email her at [holbrookcc@mindspring.com](mailto:holbrookcc@mindspring.com) **\*NO LATER than Friday at NOON (June 10)** prior to the meeting on the following Wednesday. If you are on the standing reservation list and do not attend you will be billed for your meal. Price \$25 adults (this price reflects the reduction to the members from the actual cost as Atlanta KC subsidizes all dinners in the amount of \$5 each as a benefit of membership) and \$5 for children under 12. If you have special menu needs please mention this to the Hospitality Chair when you make your reservations. If you decide later to attend you can order food "to go" in the restaurant & bring it in to eat with us. Let us know if you can and a place will be held at a table.

### Birthdays

#### June Birthdays

Chuck Quinlan - June 12  
Rose Marie Hiday - June 15  
Mary Ann Krickel - June 16  
Carol Reineke - June 17  
Joyce Gibson - June 26  
Jennifer Rast - June 29  
Terry Berrios - June 30  
Robert Morgan - July 1  
Linda Jett - July 3  
Jeanne Peffley Wilson - July 8

#### Anniversaries

Teresa Gleason - June 15

*Birthdays are mid-month to mid-month. Anyone Missing?*

*Please let us know so we can get our lists up to date!!*

*Contact: Ginger Aldrich  
snofire@aol.com*

### Announcements

#### Your Digest has returned!

After a few months of technical and personnel challenges I want to thank **Lynette White** for recreating our background template and volunteering to help as well as **Matthew Brower** for stepping up to help in future with the Digest Production!

**Yeah Team!**

**Membership:** Gilda Mallik, gilndon@comcast.net, 770-394-4098 - No membership readings this month

New members ( Posting here since Digest has not been published since these dates of membership

Jenn Rast – reinstated membership at the February meeting

**Vince Battaglia** – elected at the Jan 2016 meeting

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Breed: German Shepherd Dog

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Call or email either Mary Ellen or Jim for website questions or help.

Do not forget to like us on FACEBOOK! Do you have something to post ?

Tamara Brower is the Facebook Administrator for the **Atlanta Kennel Club**, the **Peach Blossom**

**Cluster** and the **Georgia Classic Cluster**. [tamarabrower@gmail.com](mailto:tamarabrower@gmail.com)

Contact Tamara at [tamarabrower@gmail.com](mailto:tamarabrower@gmail.com).



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### **Brags:**

Please send any brags for the Digest to Ginger Aldrich – [Snofire@aol.com](mailto:Snofire@aol.com), 770-380-9404, P.O. Box 6501, Gainesville GA 30504 (usually to be received just prior to the 1st of each month)

### **Juniors:**

The AKC Junior Showmanship Facebook page: Check it out , Juniors and Juniors supporters!

<https://www.facebook.com/akc.juniors> - Also send any Juniors brags or recent wins to the Digest Coordinator Ginger Aldrich - [snofire@aol.com](mailto:snofire@aol.com) for inclusion here. We want to know what is happening out there in the JS rings!

### **Cards and Flowers:** *Jerry Cerasini - [ponyguru@aol.com](mailto:ponyguru@aol.com)*

Send notes of cheer to Life Member Irene Eskridge - She is in Golden Living Kennestone - Long term and Hospice Care

Located at 613 Roselane Street NW Marietta, Georgia 30060

You can call her power of atty, Lisa McKnight Rainone at 678-325-9319

**Kathleen Steen** is up and around again after her Hip Surgeries - We're glad you are better Kathy!

### **Announcements:** Please take a minute to go to our website and review the info there for member services -

We will be making corrections and updating that page soon. A recent email was sent out to everyone on that list but I have not received but one or two replies with corrections. - send new info to Ginger Aldrich or Jim Macke - ASAP

**Member of the Month:** The member of the Month for June is **Darcy Quinlan** who worked in hospitality tirelessly at the recent Peach Blossom Cluster. Thanks Darcy!

**Meeting Minutes:** - you may access this and all past minutes any time on our website in the member only section

## Atlanta Kennel Club Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 27, 2016

**Present:** Mary Ellen Macke, Paul Averill, Jerry Cerasini, Carl Vitner, Wayne Holbrook, Ann Wallin, Karen Mays, Beth Hawthorne, Carol Simmons, Bud Hidlay, and Gilda Mallik,

**Absent:** Kathleen Steen and Ginger Aldrich

**Guest:** Jim Macke

The April meeting of the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Kennel Club was called to order by President, Mary Ellen Macke at 7:07 P.M. at Abbott's Grill in Johns Creek, Georgia on Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting, Bud Hidlay:** The March 23, 2016 meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Jerry.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report, Carol Simmons:** The Corresponding Secretary's report was attached to the meeting notice. In addition, the new Sweepstakes approval information was received from AKC and a request for nominations for the AKC Lifetime Achievement awards which is due by June 10th.

**Treasurer's Report, Beth Hawthorne:** Beth reported that there was no final financial report on the Georgia Classic Cluster yet. Carl said he will take care of getting the information to Beth. We have received an email from the Georgia Canine Coalition stating that we have not renewed our membership for 2016. Jerry made a motion to include our yearly \$2000 donation to the Coalition with the \$65 renewal. Motion carried. The balances as of March 31, 2016 are as follows: Checking \$11,165.35, Savings \$5,061.71, and Morgan Stanley \$158,004.70. The IRS has returned a check for \$1,700 of last year's tax payment due to an error by our accountant. We are in the process of finding a new accountant.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss important club business. There was nothing to report from the Executive Session.

**Foundation Report,** No Report.

**AKC Delegate Report, Ann Wallin:** CGC Titles have increased by 60%. The AKC staff did a survey and found that participation at conformation shows continues to decline. Reasons given are Cost (Lodging, Meals, Travel, Entry fees), Judge Issues, Time and Distance, and Difficulty in building majors. All-Breed committee has concluded its survey on events and will issue a report at the June delegate meeting. The Reserve Best Junior Handler will be mandatory beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. The AKC Board is considering a ranking system for Juniors. NOHS Group regulations have been changed to eliminate any judge from judging the same NOHS group on the same weekend or cluster.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Show, Kathleen Steen:** Perry show went well.

**Membership, Gilda Mallik:** No new members were voted on.

**Member of the Month:** The member of the Month for June is Darcy Quinlan.

**Communication Committee, Mary Ellen:** We need a Digest Editor. The lady who did this in the past is unable to continue. We have purchased a new computer with publishing software but need someone to put it together.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Survey:** The Board reviewed a copy of the Membership Survey and it was decided to have it reviewed by another person who does surveys on a regular basis.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Membership Renewal:** Since we have had a delay in sending out the membership renewal notices, the Board voted to extend the deadline until June 1, 2016 on a motion by Bud.

Motion to Adjourn by Carl. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** 8:40 PM

Respectively Submitted, Robert "Bud" Hidlay

Recording Secretary

**Rosters :**

**Please do not forget also to check the Atlanta KC Website to check our roster info which is posted**

**Many people ask for a roster** – it is there now and all you need to do is print it off if you want a hard copy – it is updated whenever we add new members - renewals are almost completed so a new update will be available soon - **Member renewal Deadline was extended to June 1st so call Gilda ASAP if you have forgotten to mail yours back in with your dues -Please do not make us CALL YOU!**

**Club Donations:**

**Donations:** Our annual \$8000 Donation to the **UGA College of Veterinary Medicine** was made for the 4 - \$2000 Scholarships we give to the Vet Students each year – they are to go to Students who show financial need, specializing in Canine medicine, and with special consideration to those who participate in AKC Events .They are dedicated to past members that made significant contributions to the Club, J Wen Lundeen, Judy and Herman Fellton, Paul and Gloria Karelson, Hazel and Roy Ayers.

**Club Elections:**

Our new Club year began at our May Annual Awards Meeting where club volunteers were honored and awards given as well as free dinners as a special way to thank all our many workers during our club year.

**New Officers for 2016-2017 club year Officers, AKC Delegate and Board Members**

<b>President</b>	<b>Mary Ellen Macke</b>
<b>First VP</b>	<b>Ginger Aldrich</b>
<b>Second VP</b>	<b>Marleen Burford</b>
<b>Corres. Sec.</b>	<b>Carol Simmons</b>
<b>Recording Sec.</b>	<b>Bud Hidlay</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Beth Hawthorne</b>

**AKC Delegate** Ann Wallin

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**Class of 2017**

**Serving until May 2017**

**Gilda Mallik, Karen Mays, Kathleen Steen**

**Class of 2018**

**Serving until May 2018**

**Paul Averill DVM , Sandy Carman, Carl Vitner**

**Thanks too to our outgoing Board Members and Officers for your time and service to the club!**

**Jerry Cerasini** - Past 2nd Vice President and former President - (2011-2015)

**Wayne Holbrook** - Past Board Member

Jerry remains as our Show Hospitality Chair and Cards and Flowers, and Wayne remains on the Audit Committee and Foundation Board

**Special Award Winners of 2016**

Congratulations and rounds of applause to the winners of this years special achievement awards !

**JJ Duncan Distinguished Service Award: Jerry Cerasini** - This award was established shortly following the death of our distinguished member JJ Duncan, to honor his memory and is awarded by the Board to a member or club friend that exemplifies fairness, sportsmanship, dedication and leadership in all club activities and maintains the high ideals set before us by Mr. JJ Duncan.

**Presidents Award: Kellie Holbrook** - Selected at the sole discretion of the President to someone who has made a significant contribution to the club or to the sport of dogs.

**Good Sportsmanship Award: - Paul B Averill, DVM** - nominated and elected by the Membership received This award is accompanied by an AKC Good Sportsmanship Medallion and the winner is published in the AKC Gazette.

**Unsung Hero Award: Tamara Brower** - Given to a club member or other person that has contributed significantly to the success of the club or shows while serving in a background position.

### New Life Members

*In appreciation for 25 years of continuous membership  
Dates determined from May 1990 to May 1991*

*Gail and Bob LaBerge - July 18, 1990  
Charles Gibson - September 19, 1990  
Nancy Wagner - September 19, 1990  
Carl and Tully Vitner - February 20, 1991  
Ed Eassey - April 17, 1991  
Mary and Gary Johnson - April 17, 1991*

Life Members are awarded Lifetime Membership Certificates and their Lifetime Membership Member Pins.  
For those not attending your certificates and pins will be mailed soon.

### New Members

*April 2015 to April 2016*

Vince Battaglia - February 17, 2016  
Sharon Connell - October 16, 2015  
Cabot Fairchild - July 15, 2015  
Brooke Van Etten - July 15, 2015  
Kimberly Fuller - July 15, 2015  
James Lovett - July 15, 2015  
Deborah Lovett - July 15, 2015  
Linda Orr - July 15, 2015  
Jessica Sampica - July 15, 2015

### Opportunities to Volunteer!

“My DOG CAN DO THAT” program is being planned to begin at our Fall show October 22, 2016 (Closing on Oct 5.) with the Atlanta Classic Cluster - The Brower family is heading up this initiative which is designed to encourage new people to join the sport. Please contact Tamara Brower to offer your expertise with new folks while they try out obstacles and learn about what the AKC has to offer to all dog owners. Even a few hours would be wonderful. Check out the video to see what this is all about.

<http://www.akc.org/clubs/promote/akcs-my-dog-can-do-that/>

AKC will be sending materials and also sending emails to new dog owners in our area to help promote our efforts.

It will also be held in conjunction with a MEET THE BREED opportunity headed up by Lynette White. If you or your club would like to help out and show off your breed on Saturday of our shows please contact Lynette - [glwchows@bellsouth.net](mailto:glwchows@bellsouth.net) or call her 404-226-6590 - Space may be limited depending on Vendor response and space available  
( see AKC Link )

Are there any AKC Ambassadors in the Membership ? – this would be a great opportunity to expand that program

**AKC Announces a New FARM DOG TEST**

<http://www.akc.org/events/herding/farm-dog-certified-test/>

If anyone knows more about this or is interested in promoting training in this area let us know!

We have a perfect location for this kind of activity at the Peach Blossom Cluster!

**More Opportunities to Volunteer!**

If you have any ideas for a Program at the Club meetings please let our Program Chair, Susan Bess know - [bess.susan@gmail.com](mailto:bess.susan@gmail.com)

**ADVERTISING COMMITTEE:** The Committee consists presently of Sandy Carman, Tamara Brower, Ginger Aldrich and Jim Macke

Last year we began a project to increase public interest in our shows and events and in Dog Showing in general.

**Sandy Carman** who has background in Radio broadcasting, published lots of info about the show in several publications and sent out news media info.

She gave a number of dog show tours also at our fall show and we hope to give those again in Perry and our 2017 Oct Show – contact Sandy to offer help in this area [golfdogs@comcast.net](mailto:golfdogs@comcast.net) - our My Dog Can Do That event will also help draw in new people to the sport. If you have any media contacts that may be of help in getting recognition about our events be sure to call her please.

**Our Facebook page** for the Peach as well as our club and also the Georgia Classic played a big part in our increased show entry in a time when entries all over the country are going down. **Tamara Brower** is our Coordinator for this project. If you have activity photos or other info can maybe good to see on our pages please contact her. [tamarabrower@gmail.com](mailto:tamarabrower@gmail.com)

**Also if you have not liked your club's page please take a look and "like" us on all of our FB pages**

**IF you are not on them as friends search FB for:**

**Atlanta Kennel Club**

**Georgia Classic Cluster**

**Peach Blossom Cluster**

If you have show photos or candids from the shows or just fun photos of you and your dogs

PLEASE Share with us by sending to Tamara Brower

[tamarabrower@gmail.com](mailto:tamarabrower@gmail.com) - we love to show off our members and their dogs and friends !

**The Georgia Canine Coalition's Website is updated - Check it out And "Like" them on FaceBook**

**The Georgia Canine Coalition is the collective voice of dog clubs and dog owners in advancing and protecting responsible dog ownership and the rights of dog owners in the State of Georgia through legislative lobbying, communication and education.**

*The Coalition does a great job protecting our rights to own and compete with our dogs. While our club does support them with donations and member ship you can also join for a very nominal fee so please consider joining as an individual as well in order to help them continue their good work on our behalf. Also please check with your own breed clubs and be sure they send in their dues as well. **Membership forms are on their website***

Visit their new revised website for legislative updates and news as well as other info. Help by spreading the word and also contacting your state representatives when legislation is pending during the sessions.

Everyone's help is critical especially during those times.

Atlanta KC Life Member and Coalition President Gail LaBerge gave a program recently at our meeting to give our club the latest updates. She is available also to any club as a speaker. [outland@laberge.org](mailto:outland@laberge.org)



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The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF), a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing, treating, and curing diseases in all dogs, is pleased to announce the funding of an [exciting grant](#) which aims to better understand and prevent hemangiosarcoma, an aggressive form of cancer in dogs. Three groups whose dogs have been affected by this cruel disease -- the American Boxer Charitable Foundation, the Golden Retriever Foundation, and the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation -- are taking a unique, collaborative stand against cancer by pledging \$432,000 to support this research effort.

Dr. Jaime Modiano, VMD, PhD, professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota will be leading a team of researchers on this project entitled, "A Novel Approach for Prevention of Canine Hemangiosarcoma," which aims to pair two novel technologies consisting of a patented test to detect hemangiosarcoma cells in blood samples, and a treatment that attacks the cells that establish and maintain the disease.

According to Dr. Modiano, "Hemangiosarcoma is the cause of death for an estimated one out of every five Golden Retrievers in the United States. Portuguese Water Dogs and Boxers also have an especially high risk for this disease which is devastating for all dogs." Dr. Modiano continues, "Hemangiosarcoma is incurable partly because the cancer is detected at a very advanced stage when it is resistant to conventional therapies. Thus, an unconventional approach to improve outcomes for hemangiosarcoma patients will involve effective methods for early detection and for disease prevention."

"The Golden Retriever Foundation is honored to partner with the American Boxer Charitable Foundation and Portuguese Water Dog Foundation to magnify the effectiveness of all of our donors' contributions through the power of collaboration, said Collette Jaynes, president, Golden Retriever Foundation. "We are particularly proud to continue our commitment to making meaningful strides against hemangiosarcoma."

This project will create tools to guide further development, licensing, and deployment of new paired technologies against cancer, specifically hemangiosarcoma, with an ultimate goal for disease prevention in all dogs.

"The Portuguese Water Dog Foundation (PWDF) is honored to be included in this unprecedented collaboration. The PWDF played a role in supporting Dr. Modiano's 2005 research to develop a diagnostic test to detect hemangiosarcoma, and we are happy and proud to help take this research to the next level," said Carol Mattingley, PWDF president.

"This novel approach to a particularly aggressive form of cancer in dogs has the potential to eventually change the landscape and improve outcomes for all dogs diagnosed with this terrible disease," said Dr. Diane Brown, CHF chief scientific officer. "The unprecedented collaboration between these three breed club foundations and their dedication to canine health has really driven this project forward – together they are making a significant difference for all dogs."

CHF supports the funding of this effort and will oversee administration of funds and scientific progress.

For more information about this grant, or to learn about the work of the AKC Canine Health Foundation, visit [www.akcCHF.org](http://www.akcCHF.org).

**Judges Selection Committee - Suggestions for potential judges for our shows can be directed to the following:  
A "few" judges openings remain for Peach 2017 at this point and the Fall 2017 Panel.....**

**Show Chairman** – Kathleen Steen – 770-751-0311 - [kathleensteen@bellsouth.net](mailto:kathleensteen@bellsouth.net)

**Sporting** – Mary Ellen Macke – 404-310-5933 [maryellen.macke@harrynorman.com](mailto:maryellen.macke@harrynorman.com)

**Working** – Carl Vitner – 404-291-0123 – [samoyed@bellsouth.net](mailto:samoyed@bellsouth.net)

**Hounds** – Jerry Cerasini – 770-475-3152 [ponyguru@aol.com](mailto:ponyguru@aol.com)

**Non Sporting** – Dot Bates - 404-475-0410 – [n\\_bates@bellsouth.net](mailto:n_bates@bellsouth.net)

**Toys** – Candy Wright – 678-851-4633 - [chiggerbug@gmail.com](mailto:chiggerbug@gmail.com)

**Herdling** – Dr. Carmen Battaglia – 770-998-3679 - [carmenbattaglia@gmail.com](mailto:carmenbattaglia@gmail.com)

**Terrier** – Gilda Mallik – 770-394-4098- [gilndon@comcast.net](mailto:gilndon@comcast.net)

In the News at AKC :
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**Grand Championship levels become titles**

Effective April 1, 2016 the Grand Championship levels will become titles. The change will be retroactive to the beginning of the program. Dogs that earned an achievement level (Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum) in the past, will have it officially added on their record. Going forward, title certificates will be issued when a dog achieves the required points needed. Additionally, dogs can earn multiple levels of the Grand Champion Platinum title for every 800 GCH points earned. This will be displayed by a multiplier such as GCHP2. Below is a simple table of the new title abbreviations and the number of points needed for the title.

Title	Abbreviation	GCH Points Needed
Grand Champion Bronze	GCHB	100
Grand Champion Silver	GCHS	200
Grand Champion Gold	GCHG	400
Grand Champion Platinum	GCHP	800

**JJ Duncan**

*One of our best known and most loved members was J.J. Duncan*

**He was well known as a courteous, well bred, fair and sportsmanlike person who was beloved of all that were privileged to know him.**

James John Duncan was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, immigrated to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1909. His first job in Canada was a steward in the Manitoba Athletic Club where his interest in dogs first began because the manager of the club had a kennel of Collies and Boston Terriers. After leaving the club, he started exhibiting dogs as a hobby. Mr. Duncan was an active member at Kennel Clubs in Winnipeg Canada. He held the office as president of the Western Collie Club of Canada for two years.

In 1927 Mr. Duncan's kennel consisted of Collies, Boston Terriers, and Yorkshire Terriers. He was also a member of the Collie club of America and was well known for his Smooth Fox Terriers.

In 1931 Mr. Duncan was appointed a Specialty Judge for the Collie Club of America. And he was also recognized as a Specialty Judge of Boston Terriers.

In 1941 he decided to limit his breeding to Smooth Fox Terriers. The three well known Smooth's he finished were Champion Melanie, Champion Coming Victory, and Champion Little Sport.

In 1922 he came to Atlanta to accept a position as a Division Superintendent with the Georgia Power Company, and he soon joined the Atlanta Kennel Club and in 1924 was elected its President, holding office through 1928 & held some official office of the Kennel Club through 1947.

*"I feel that the Atlanta Kennel Club consists of an active group of membership, with real leadership, which has encouraged the new members and always, the novice exhibitor. Also I believe the specialty clubs, The Boxer Club, the Collie Club, the Cocker Club, and the Great Dane Club, have given a great support to the Parent Club in increasing our last two show entries."*

*He especially commented when asked that "the two major shows are something to be proud of. The trophy list is one of the most outstanding ever seen at a dog show in Atlanta".*

JJ Duncan passed on to those who have followed in his footsteps, his pride in our club's legacy of hosting outstanding shows and has left an example of high ideals to the leaders who have led our club since those times.

I know JJ Duncan would have been so proud of our Top show award received in 2009.

I never knew Mr. Duncan except through the stories and legend from some of our older members but I know when I first joined the club in 1978, the quality of our shows and the camaraderie in the membership and pride in being the best we could be was what drew me into the club and gave me the desire to be a part of not just any dog club but to be a part of a GREAT dog club.

**The JJ Duncan award was established shortly following his death to honor his memory and is awarded by the Board to a member or club friend that exemplifies fairness, sportsmanship, dedication and leadership in all club activities and maintains the high ideals set before us by Mr. JJ Duncan.**

**A few of our current members still remember knowing JJ Duncan - Ask some of the older members what they know and you will be fascinated with their tales of this wonderful member and Mentor to us all.**