



Atlanta Kennel Club

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Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

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February Meeting

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Program

Introduction to **Dog-Powered Sports** by
Chelsea Murray, ATDI, CPDT-KA, KPA-CTP

Are you struggling to find ways to keep your high-energy dog physically and mentally tired? Dog-Powered sports are a great way to harness that power and get fit with your dog. They can be enjoyed in a variety of ways making them perfect no matter what breed of dog you have or where you are in your fitness journey. Come learn about the wonderful benefits of this sport and how you can get involved!

Menu

Chicken alla Vodka (chicken sauteed in a creamy tomato vodka sauce served over penne pasta), salad, garlic rolls, and tiramisu for dessert.

Location

Aldo's Italian Restaurant — Sandy Springs
6690 Roswell Rd NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328
Phone: 770-992-9600
Time: Dinner @ 6:45 p.m., Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.

Directions: Aldo's is on the northwest corner of Roswell Rd. and Abernathy Rd. in Sandy Springs, just outside the perimeter and just west of 400. Parking is behind the restaurant in the Sandy Springs Crossing shopping center.

DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED IF YOU PLAN TO DINE WITH US!

You are not required to have dinner, but a **reservation is absolutely necessary** if you want to dine with us. Join us for drinks or come shortly before 8 for the program and short business meeting that follows. You may reserve and pay via Paypal on the club website under "Events", OR contact Amy Caple by email at sassapinecorgis@yahoo.com

NO LATER than Sunday evening prior to the meeting on the following Wednesday. If you make a reservation and do not attend you will be billed for your meal.

Price \$25 adults and \$5 for children under 12.

If you have special dietary needs, please mention this to Amy when you make your reservations. If you decide to attend after the RSVP deadline, you can order food "to go" from the restaurant and join us in the meeting room.

Just be sure to let us know so we can hold your seat!

Help!! We need a training class manager.
See page 7 for details.

Want a tax-deductible way to support the good works of the Atlanta Kennel Club? Donate to the Atlanta Kennel Club Foundation — contact Mary Ellen Macke (maryellenmacke@gmail.com) for information on making donations or bequests.

Birthdays

Pat Klausman - Feb 01
Kellie Holbrook - Feb 03
Karen Mays - Feb 04
Alison Lowe - Feb 09
Mike Stephens - Feb 11
Joyce Osburn - Feb 14
Gail LaBerge - Feb 15
Amy Caple - Feb 16
Marcene Perry - Feb 17
Sherry Buchla - Feb 17
Melanie Barnes - Feb 18
Rebecca Kestle, DVM - Feb 19
Norman Mason - Feb 19
Sheila O'Brien - Feb 20
Gary Oller - Feb 23
Ralph Bates - Feb 26
Mavis Barr - Feb 27

Anniversaries

Leslye Pinnell - Feb 14
Becky Norton - Feb 21
Mary & Gary Johnson - Feb 23

Editor's Note: A lot of our members didn't include birthday and/or anniversary info when they joined. If you'd like your special day(s) recognized here, please send the info to me — legrandchows@gmail.com

Fun Facts:

**2021 is the
30th Anniversary
of the
Peach Blossom Cluster
Dogs Shows.**

**Visit the new website at
peachblossomcluster.org
for more information
about the shows and
special attractions.**



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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** and the **Peach Blossom Cluster**. Contact Tamara at tamarabrower@gmail.com.

Hashtags For Spoiled Pups

To help the public understand who we are and how we take care of our dogs, please include two hashtags when posting casual, fun, silly and sweet photos of your dogs being dogs. You'll be part of a concerted effort to show the truth about how our dogs really live – spoiled, pampered and very well loved! Use these hashtags anywhere you post pictures – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.

#secretlifeofshowdogs #perfectfitforlife

Braggs

Our member, Sandy Weaver, has a new book that was just published:

"Happy Vet Happy Pet – Caring for Your Pet's Caregiver" is a book will change your relationship with your veterinarian and their team forever. You'll learn why veterinarians carry so much stress, how you can help alleviate that stress, and exactly what to do if you're ever in the presence of someone who is suicidal. You can save a life, and this book will show you how. Because what you don't know is your veterinarian is nearly four times more likely to complete suicide than the general population, and client behavior is a major part of that stress. You wouldn't knowingly push someone to – or over – the edge, and this book will give you three simple rules that, when followed, will ease your vet's stress and help you be their favorite client. Order it wherever books are sold, and also

here: <https://www.centerforworkplacehappiness.com/offers/GbZwtzQ/checkout>

Got brags? Get them to Digest editor Lynette White – legrandchows@gmail.com



Cards and Flowers

Please keep Neil Bates, Gilda & Don Mallik, Diane Pegram, Darcy Quinlan, and Kathleen Steen in your thoughts and prayers as they cope with some health issues.

Condolences to the friends and family of lifetime member, Jeanne Ratliff, Scotsbrae Dobermans, who passed away Monday Feb 1, 2021 at her home from cardiac arrest. She was a lifetime member of Atlanta KC and exhibited and bred top quality Dobermans for many years under the kennel name of Scotsbrae. Two of her Dobermans were by her side when she passed and another was being shown on the FLA circuit with Elizabeth Barrett. She was also a member of the Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club and the Doberman Pinscher Club of America. Her nephews and nieces are making arrangements and we will keep members posted as to plans for a memorial via Facebook. If you would like to send any memories to share we can share those in the next Digest. She was a wonderful and kind lady who will be missed by all who knew her.

If you know of a member who's going through a tough time, please let Jerry Cerasini and Sandy Weaver know. Email them at ponyguru@aol.com and golfndogs@att.net



Rosters

The Atlanta KC Membership Roster is now available on the Atlanta KC website, www.atlantakennelclub.org, under the Members tab. An updated roster was uploaded in November 2020. Another roster reflecting the results of our annual membership renewal will be posted after membership renewals is completed. This roster is provided for personal use only by members of the Atlanta Kennel Club Inc.

ANY OTHER USE (i.e., BUSINESS or POLITICAL SOLICITATION) IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED by Club Policy). Any violation should be reported to the Atlanta Kennel Club Officers or Board of Directors. This is available to members only. You must have a sign in and password to access the members only section of the website. If you do not have your sign in or password email Jim Macke at jimmacke@comcast.net.

Judges' Selection Committee

Please contact committee members from the appropriate groups to suggest judges for consideration by the selection committee which meets several times during the year. Please remember not everyone "suggested" can be placed on a panel due to a variety of reasons, however, club members input is given priority. We do work with our "sister" cluster clubs and also have a policy not to hire the same judge for the same show two years in a row. Since we do share judges with the other cluster clubs, we tend to try to hire judges approved for several groups, if possible, to control expenses through judge sharing. Members provisional for any breeds are also given a priority as well as suggestions from specialty clubs for their supported entries.

Show Chair Emeritus - Kathleen Steen - 770-751-0311 - kathleensteen@bellsouth.net

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If anyone in our club is new provisional in new breeds or thinking you may be soon, you must let Kathleen Steen know in order to be included in a future panel. The new judges lists are not necessarily being monitored, just an FYI reminder. If you know of someone who may be provisional in their first group, non member, etc, to recommend, also let Kathleen or the group leader know as they are always seeking provisional judges for AKC requirements.

Membership

We had several guests at the January meeting, but no new membership readings.

New Members

Welcome to our new members voted on in the January meeting:

Yves and Isis Belmont

Mele Miller

Know someone who loves dogs? Invite them to attend a meeting with you. It's a great way to introduce friends to the sport that includes their furry best friend! You can also refer them to Gilda Mallik – gilndon@comcast.net

Juniors

Check out the AKC Juniors Facebook group. Over 4 thousand members and lots of good info!

Got Juniors news? Send it to Digest editor Lynette White – legrandchows@gmail.com!

Member of the Month

"Member of the Month" is selected by the Board to recognize members who have made a significant contribution to the Club in terms of time and effort.

Congratulations and thank you to our Member of the Month: **Lisa Hall!**

So, You're Thinking About Judging...

If you're thinking about becoming a conformation judge, you'll need to do some stewarding assignments as part of the application process. Luckily you belong to a club that is delighted to help you get those assignments. Atlanta Kennel Club has a long history of members steward at our shows. If you'd like an assignment, please contact Mary Ellen Macke, maryellenmacke@gmail.com, to let us know of your interest!

CALLING ALL HISTORY BUFFS!

The club needs anyone interested in being on the History Team to help go through club records and memorabilia and save the important documents in an organized way for future club reference. We might also set up a history display corner.

We have an upstairs room at our building that is air conditioned where we can spread out and work and it should be fun going through the 60's and 70's, etc., boxes and remembering old shows and great times in the club history.

This will take multiple sessions, I'm sure, so there will be plenty of opportunities to come help as our time and schedules allow.

Contact Ginger Aldrich if you are interested in taking a trip down memory lane! snofire@aol.com 770-380-9404

Upcoming Events

Unfortunately, COVID-19 is still impacting the event schedules.

The agility trial originally planned for Feb 19-21, 2021, has been cancelled. The next agility trial hosted by the Atlanta Kennel Club will be April 14-17, 2021, in Perry, GA, in conjunction with the Peach Blossom Cluster.

SCENTWORK trials are planned for March 20-21 at our Training & Event Center. Four trials in two days! Look for the premium in the next weeks.

PEACH BLOSSOM CLUSTER

The **Peach Blossom Cluster** (Atlanta Kennel Club, Valdosta Kennel Club, and the Combined Specialty Clubs) is scheduled for April 14-18 in Perry, GA. This will include 4 days of all-breed shows, 1 day of specialty shows, plus obedience, rally, agility, lure coursing, dock diving, barn hunt, and more.

Please note the Website for the Peach Blossom Cluster is NEW and UPDATED—peachblossomcluster.org

NOTE the old site is now dark. Premium list will be out soon, but most of the premium info is on the website.

Note there will be PAID Reserved Grooming in Georgia Grown Building, and FREE Grooming in Sheep and Swine 2 as usual but we need you to reserve your spot due to Covid spacing. CLUBS can contact CJ Favre - see the website for forms and more info.

NEW EVENT at the Peach Blossom—FARM DOG !

FRIDAY and SATURDAY—2 trials per day

Complete Farm Dog Certification information can be found at <https://www.akc.org/sports/herding/farm-dog-certified-test/> FOR premium list info contact CAROL SIMMONS at cmsdals@bellsouth.net or Ginger Aldrich at snofire@aol.com.

It will be held in the Beef and Dairy Arena behind the Beef and Dairy Barn—air-conditioned building with dirt floor.

Training Classes

Training classes at our Training and Event Center resume the week of February 8th. The Center is located at 1155-B Alpha Dr., Alpharetta, GA 30004. Classes include CGC, STAR puppy, Trick Dog, Rally, Agility, Scentwork, and Conformation (Show Training). Go to <http://atlantakennelclub.org/training-classes/> for more information and registration.

Help Wanted — Training Class Manager

We need organized person to serve as Training Class Manager. Tasks include

- Confirm class schedule with instructor(s)
- Write or edit class description and send to Web Master for posting
- Receive registrations
- Send class list to instructors
- Attend first night of classes to
 - * Review vaccinations records
 - * Confirm attendees are registered
 - * Collect class fees that weren't sent with registration

If you are interested, your club would welcome your service. Call Mary Ellen Macke 404-310-5933

NEWS FROM AKC

AKC HUMANE FUND AWARD FOR CANINE EXCELLENCE!

To celebrate the dogs who do extraordinary things in the service of humankind, the AKC Humane Fund SM is seeking YOUR nominations for its **AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE)**. Nominations are open now through July 31st and winners will be announced in late 2021. The 2021 Awards for Canine Excellence will be covered on AKC.tv.

One award is given in each of the following five categories:

- Uniformed Service K-9
- Exemplary Companion
- Search and Rescue
- Therapy
- Service

Anyone, including the dog's owner or handler, may submit a nomination.

Nominations will be accepted through July 31, 2021. For more information about the ACE awards or to nominate a dog, visit <https://www.akc.org/about/awards-and-honors/akc-humane-fund-awards-canine-excellence-ace/>

[Excerpted from an AKC press release]



AKC MUSEUM OF THE DOG (<https://museumofthedog.org/>)

The Museum of the Dog is hosting a livestream gala to honor Ron Menaker on February 12th from 8-9 P.M.

We are participating in honoring Ron Menaker by contributing to our club page in support of the virtual fundraiser that will be a free live streamed gala the night of February 12, 2021.

Below is the link to the Atlanta Kennel Club's page where you can make a donation. Please use this link so our club can be recognized as a participant in this important event to honor the great contributions of Ron Menaker in establishing the Museum of the Dog.

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/jmz/c/:R0790PN0G3h/>

The **AKC Nibble** newsletter dated February 4 included a disturbing, but not so unexpected, headline saying, "Three Out of Four "Pandemic Puppy" Owners Consider Rehoming, But We Can Help". The full article is full of helpful advice and can be read [here](#).

To put it shortly, many first-time dog owners that got puppies or adult dogs during the pandemic are now overwhelmed with caring for them, and don't know how they are going to cope when they have to go back to work. If you know one of these owners, please let them know that there are resources to help them, whether it be training, advice or managing the finances. A good place to start is with the many resources available on the AKC website.

The AKC Nibble newsletter and other newsletters can be subscribed to here: <https://www.akc.org/subscribe/>

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Thank you to the members who have contacted me that are willing to try to receive the digest via email instead of snail mail!

In case you did not know... Digests are now and have been available for viewing without using a login and password. If you have a computer go to the website: www.atlantakennelclub.org and click on the tab at the top for Newletters/Digests – It's all there! **EXCEPT** for the minutes which remain private for members. To view those you will still need to access the member only section with your login. **BUT** you can read the rest of the Digests anytime you want! The past digest are also archived there.

Anyone wanting to "review" how to access your member only info on the website please do call us. If you have an email address on our database you do receive the meeting notice and announcement via email that the digest is available online whether it is snail mailed or not. If you are not getting the notices for any reason please let us know if your email has changed or add atlantakc@comcast.net to your address or contacts list.

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