



Atlanta Kennel Club

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Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

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March Meeting

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Program

WAG'D - Wearable Activity and Gait Detection for Canine Athletes

For our program in March, we'll have graduate students from Georgia Tech, who are working on a really cool project. Ariana Mastali and three of her Georgia Tech research and development cohorts will present WAG'D, an under-development platform for data monitoring and analysis of canine health and performance during training and high-intensity athletic activities such as sled pulling and canine cross-country. The platform consists of a small canine-wearable computer device that attaches to running harnesses for collecting sensor measurements. Development is also underway on an app to visualize and analyze your dogs' training and performance data.

Menu

Chicken Francese (chicken breast egg dipped and simmered in lemon butter and white wine sauce.) with house salad, garlic rolls, and Tiramisu for dessert. Soft drinks, iced tea, water, and regular coffee, and tax and tip are included - specialty coffees and alcohol are not.

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 dinner or come shortly before 8:00 p.m. for the program and short business meeting that follows.

You may reserve and pay via PayPal on the club website under "Events", OR contact **Lisa Hall** by email at

lisahall888@comcast.net

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 \$30 adults and \$15 for children under 12.

If you have special dietary needs, please mention this to Lisa 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

Birthdays

Greg Benkiser - Mar 01
Cecile Henley - Mar 01
Deborah Lovett - Mar 02
Alicia Taylor - Mar 04
Pamela Jaecksch - Mar 05
Charlene Kickbush - Mar 05
Jasmine Lyon - Mar 05
John Schuemacher - Mar 09
Melody Van Norden - Mar 11
Kimberly Benkiser - Mar 15
Mary Johnson - Mar 15
Ann Wallin - Mar 16
Connie Brittain - Mar 22
Debbie Stephens - Mar 22
Becky Norton - Mar 27
Anita Tate - Mar 30

Anniversaries

Carl & Tully Vitner - Mar 01
Gilda & Donald Mallik - Mar 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

Note new price for dinner!

After many, many years we have had to increase the price for dinner at our meetings by \$5. The new prices are now \$30 for adults and \$15 for children under 12.

Remember that you are not required to have dinner—you may join us shortly before 8:00 p.m. for the program and business meeting.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee met on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, via ZOOM and this is the unanimous vote of the committee

PresidentPaul Averill
 1st Vice PresidentLynette White
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 Corresponding SecretaryGinger Aldrich
 TreasurerCarol Simmons
 Board (Class Of 2024):Ron Ateman, Amy Caple, Sandy Weaver
 Recommendation for replacement of open position in the Board class of 2023 that may be left by Carol Simmons:
 Karen Mays

In accordance with the Bylaws, nominations from the floor will be taken during the March meeting, and the election will be held during the May annual meeting.

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 for February, **Tamara Brower!**

Upcoming Scent Work Trials—March 2022

Put your volunteer hats on!!

The Atlanta Kennel Club will be hosting four scent work trials on March 19-20, 2022. The trials will be held at Radda's K9 Campus, 49 Tilley Road, Talking Rock, GA 30175. The premium is available [here](#).

This is the same location that we plan to have the first AKC Southern Regional Scent Work Trial in October this year. So come join us to help us run the trials, even if you don't have dogs running in the trials.

If you would like to volunteer at this trial, please fill out the [Volunteer Form](#) and email it to TamaraBrower@gmail.com.

Peach Blossom Cluster—April 2022

Mark your calendars for **April 13-17, 2022!** Please plan to VOLUNTEER to help—contact the Show Chair, Mary Ellen Macke, or any of the Show Committee, or our Volunteer Coordinator, Warren Frazier, warrenfrazier21@yahoo.com.

We need volunteers in all areas — some specific jobs are

- helping with the health clinics on Saturday—contact Ann Wallin, rjwallin@comcast.net
- helping with hospitality all days—contact Jerry Cerasini, ponyguru@aol.com
- helping with placing signage on Tuesday—contact John Barnes, johnrbarnes3@comcast.net
- helping with CGC/trick dog testing on Saturday—contact Anita Tate, dranitatate@gmail.com

Here is a link to the premium list: <http://www.onofrio.com/plist/xval1pl.pdf> and to the updated cluster web site: <http://peachblossomcluster.org/>

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!

Webmaster

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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.



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Braggs

Anne Carson, a Lifetime member of the Atlanta Kennel Club, was recognized by the Dachshund Club of America, Inc. with the cover and a 4 page article in their Winter 2019 club magazine. Anne is the first Dachshund breeder to receive the AKC Breeder of Merit Platinum level. To qualify for Platinum level the breeder must have bred a minimum of 100 AKC-registered dogs earning titles, with a minimum of 60 having earned prefix titles, and all puppies from the three most recent litters must be registered. Congratulations to Anne and her Twelfth Night Dachshunds for this achievement.

Got brags? Nice show wins? New performance titles? Something exciting in your life that isn't dog related? Get them to Digest editor Lynette White – legrandchows@gmail.com

Cards and Flowers

Lifetime member, Carolyn (Mrs. Joe) Petty, passed away in January 2022.

A portion of her obituary follows. The full obituary can be found at [https://](https://www.moodydaniel.com/obituary/carol-petty)

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“Mrs. Carolyn Jeanette Porter Petty, age 79, of Zebulon, passed away January 25, 2022. She was born in Hollister, CA, daughter of the late Raymond A. Porter and Ida Mary Peterman Porter. Carol was a homemaker who enjoyed gardening, loved animals, and showed Ibizan Hounds. Carol was a loving wife, Mom, Nana, Grandma.”

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 available on the Atlanta KC website, www.atlantakennelclub.org, under the Members tab. Hard copies of the new roster were provided by Carol Simmons at the December Holiday Party, and will be available at the March 2022 meeting. An updated roster has been uploaded in the member only section of the website. 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.

Helpful Advice for Breeders from AKC

The Expert Advice section of the AKC website has many helpful articles. There is a newly published article which both new and experienced breeders will find helpful. It is titled “AKC Investigations & Inspections: Helping Breeders Achieve Success”, and can be found here: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/dog-breeding/expect-akc-inspection/>

The article lays out the hows, whys and wherefores of the AKC inspection process. In doing so, it references many of the helpful tools available on the AKC website, and reminds people of the importance of having a plan in place to ensure your dogs are taken care of if you can't be there for any reason.

Juniors

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

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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Terrier - Gilda Malik - 770-394-4098 - gilndon@comcast.net

If anyone in our club is newly 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.

Training Classes

Training classes are on hold until we find a new location to have them. We will let you know as soon as we can.

Membership

Proposed New Member: (first reading 2/16/2022)

Eva Wei

Atlanta, Ga 30316

evawei562@gmail.com

Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Long Hair Chihuahua

Sponsors: Lisa Hall and Sandy Weaver

Welcome New Member: (voted in 2/16/2022)

Julie Morakis

Do you have a friend 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

News from AKC Press Center

Congratulations to Ann Wallin on her re-election to the **AKC Board of Directors**. Here is the press release:

“At the annual meeting of the American Kennel Club on March 8, 2022, the Delegates elected members to the AKC Board of Directors. The Directors elected were:

Class of 2026

- Christopher Sweetwood, Delegate from the Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.
- Harold “Red” Tatro III, Delegate from the Fort Worth Kennel Club
- Ann Wallin, Delegate from the Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.

In addition, Dr. Thomas M. Davies (Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.) was reelected as the Chairman of the Board and Dominic Palleschi Carota (Pharaoh Hound Club of America) was reelected as Vice Chairman of the Board at a meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, convened after the Delegates Meeting.”

Email from AKC Communications dated 3/9/2022 regarding **Crisis in Ukraine**:

“Dear AKC constituency,

The American Kennel Club is opposed to the ongoing crisis in the Ukraine. In solidarity with the Ukrainian people, effective immediately, judges from the Russian Federation will not be approved to judge at AKC sanctioned events. Additionally, new requests for imported dog registrations (AKC Foreign Registration) from the Russian Kennel Federation will be denied effective immediately.

We continue to explore options to provide assistance to the Ukrainian people and their pets during this crisis.

The AKC and AKC Reunite have donated \$25,000 to Equiwent (<https://www.equiwent.org/>), a German organization with operations in Poland and Romania. Equiwent is assisting in the humanitarian effort by helping with the Ukrainian refugees and their pets. Clubs and fanciers may donate to the cause by using this Equiwent link.

In addition, the AKC Store is also selling “Peace for Ukraine” apparel with all proceeds going to Casa lui Patrocle animal rescue, located 25 miles outside of the Ukraine offering shelter, veterinary care and emergency assistance to anyone crossing the border with pets. This fundraiser will remain active for the entire month of March. To date, \$15,000 is being donated.

Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Chairman, AKC

Dominic P. Carota, Vice Chairman, AKC

Dennis B. Sprung, President and CEO, AKC”

NOHS Level of Achievement Program Launched

The AKC has now launched the National Owner-Handled Series Levels of Achievement program that was first discussed a couple of years ago. The program is based on the NOHS lifetime points achieved in the NOHS Ranking System, and offers Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum recognition levels based on reaching specified point levels. Most owners participating in the NOHS and earning one of these levels should have already received emails confirming their dogs levels earned.

To learn more about this program, click here: <https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/national-owner-handled-series/nohs-levels-achievement/>



Atlanta Kennel Club

Our Mission

To promote, advance and protect the interests of purebred dogs and to encourage good sportsmanship at all purebred events as recognized by the American Kennel Club. To educate the fancy, government and the public regarding responsible dog ownership.

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Anyone wanting to "review" how to access your member only info on the website, please do call us. If you have an email address in our database you should be receiving via email the meeting notices and announcements that the Digest is available online. If you are not getting the notices for any reason, please let us know if your email has changed or add atlantake@comcast.net to your address or contacts list.

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