



Atlanta Kennel Club

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Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

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May Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Program

This is our **annual membership meeting and awards program**. We will vote on new officers and board members, as well as recognizing members' achievements and volunteer work during the past year.

Dinner Menu

Chicken Florentine (chicken tenders sautéed with mushrooms and spinach, and finished with marsala wine), salad, garlic rolls, and chocolate cake for dessert. Soft drinks, iced tea, water, and regular coffee are included. Specialty coffees and alcohol are not included.

Location

Aldo's Italian Restaurant, 6690 Roswell Rd NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Phone: 770-992-9600

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

Time: Gather at 6:45, Business Meeting at 7:30, Program at 8:00 p.m.

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 about 7:30 for dessert and coffee (or other soft beverage). Reservations are required for either option. The business meeting will start about 7:30 and the program will start at 8:00.

Make your dinner reservation on the website or by emailing **Lisa Hall** at lisahall888@comcast.net **NO LATER** than Sunday evening, **May 14th**. If you make a reservation and do not attend you will be billed for your meal. Please bring cash or personal check to the meeting, or pay by Zelle from your mobile banking app or your bank's website. Send to this email: TheAtlantaKennelClub@gmail.com. The app should confirm the email that you entered and say that it is enrolled in Zelle as "Atlanta Kennel Club". Please enter "[month] dinner meeting" or "[month] dessert" in the message section before you click send. **NOTE: You must use your mobile banking app or your bank's website.** It will not accept payments from the Zelle app.

Price for dinner: \$30 adults and \$15 for children under 12

Price for dessert and coffee only: \$10

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 from the menu. Just be sure to let us know so we can hold your seat!

Membership Renewals

The membership renewal forms are being mailed. If you don't receive yours, please contact Lynette White (legrandchows@gmail.com) to get a copy emailed to you. Renewals are due by June 1.

Also included are trophy pledge forms for our April 2024 all-breed shows. Mark your calendars for the 2024 Peach Blossom Cluster (April 10-14).

Cards and Flowers

Best wishes for quick healing to Gilda Mallik and Jim Macke who are both recovering from recent surgeries.

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 golfindogs@att.net

Membership

Proposed New Members: No meeting in April

Welcome New Members: No meeting in April

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

Election of Officers and Directors

No nominations were made from the floor at the March membership meeting, so the slate proposed by the nominating committee will be elected by vote of the Recording Secretary at the May annual meeting.

The committee's nominations were as follows:

- President: Paul Averill
- 1 st V. President: Lynette White
- 2 nd V. President: Mary Ellen Macke
- Treasurer: Carol Simmons
- Corres. Secretary: Karen Mays
- Recording Secretary: Bud Hidlay
- AKC Delegate: Ann Wallin
- Board of Directors: Class of 2025
 - Ginger Aldrich
 - Jerry Cerasini
 - Gilda Malik

Webmaster

Jim Macke - jimmacke@comcast.net or **Mary Ellen Macke** - maryellenmacke@gmail.com, 404-310-5933
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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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!

Birthdays

Liz Hallsworth - May 05
Tim Dorn - May 06
Susan Riese - May 13
Glen Soafer - May 13
Ivan Winegarner - May 20
Suzanne Newsom, DVM - May 21
Janie Smith - May 21
Sandy Weaver - May 27
Bill Deily - May 29

Anniversaries

Walter & Sheila O'Brien - May 03
Carol Roberts Reineke - May 03
Susan Riese - May 18
Candy Wright Chiarovano - May 22
Robert (Bud) & Rose Marie Hidlay - May 29
Anita Tate - May 31

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

AKC—Announcing the eLearning course, Stewarding at the Dog Show

The AKC is pleased to announce the eLearning course, [*Stewarding at the Dog Show*](#) has been added to the course catalog in the AKC Canine College. This eLearning program is available at no cost to learners and is ideal for individuals interested in stewarding and those currently working as stewards who want to enhance their knowledge and skills. It is also suitable for anyone who wants to learn more about the world of dog shows and the role of stewards in ensuring their success.

Beginning with Course 1: Stewarding 101, learners will be educated on the positive attributes of a good ring steward, general assignment and duty information, and how to find a stewarding assignment when one is ready to assist. Course 2: Preparing for the Ring will cover obligations and etiquette, ring bag, table organization and setup, and key tasks that should be completed before judging begins. Lastly, in Course 3: Running the Ring, the course takes a closer look at how to handle check-ins, maintain ring awareness, and assist with ring management.

Coinciding with the *Stewarding at the Dog Show course*, we are also excited to share the launch of the AKC Certified Steward Program, developed to serve as a resource for clubs in the need of ring stewards for their event. To be listed as an AKC Certified Ring Steward, one will be required to successfully complete the *Stewarding at the Dog Show course* and at least three stewarding assignments following. The list of Certified Ring Stewards will be posted on the AKC website as a resource for clubs. There is no cost to complete the eLearning course, *Stewarding at the Dog Show*, or to participate in the AKC Certified Steward program.

Recognizing the important role ring stewards serve at events, a page dedicated to ring stewards has been added to the AKC website. This page hosts information on the Certified Ring Steward Program and resources for ring stewards including links to the Stewarding at the Dog Show course, the Dog Show Stewards booklet, and the 2020 webinar on ring stewarding presented as part of AKC's webinar series. The dedicated webpage also includes a list of professional stewarding organizations with contact information.

We are hopeful the addition of these resources will provide great benefit to individuals and clubs alike. A similar eLearning course focused on stewarding at Obedience and Rally events is currently under development and will be added to the Canine College course catalog once finalized.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information or to enroll in the *Stewarding at the Dog Show* course.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information on the Certified Ring Steward Program and to visit the Dog Show Ring Stewards page on the AKC website.

(This is the email sent by AKC on April 12, 2023.)

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 - gildon@comcast.net

If anyone in our club is newly provisional in new breeds or thinking you may be soon, you must let Mary Ellen Macke 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 Mary Ellen or the group leader know as they are always seeking provisional judges for AKC requirements.



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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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