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June Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Program

How the Peach Blossom Cluster Became Amazing

Each year, one of the largest cluster shows in America happens in Georgia, and it doesn't just happen. We'll dissect the inner workings of the cluster, examine the impact it has on people, dogs, and the economy, and hear from the talented people who make the magic happen about their plans for 2024.

Presenters: Mary Ellen Macke and members of the Cluster Committee, moderated by Sandy Weaver.

Dinner Menu

Chicken Picatta (chicken breast sautéed with onions and capers in lemon butter wine sauce), salad, garlic rolls, and cannoli 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, **June 18th**. 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 were mailed. If you haven't received yours, please contact Lynette White (digest@atlantakennelclub.org) to get a copy emailed to you. Renewals were due by June 1, with an automatic 30 day extension til July 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 who is continuing to recover from hip surgery.

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

Award Winners

The May meeting was our annual meeting where we recognize our volunteers and member achievements. The full program and the slide show are available on our web-site ([here](#)). Both were also posted on the Atlanta Kennel Club Facebook page.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

JJ Duncan Award: John Barnes

President's Award: Carol Simmons

Unsung Hero Award: Tamara Brower

Good Sportsmanship Award: Jerry Cerasini

Member of the Month

Congratulations to our member of the month for June:

John Barnes

Election of Officers and Directors

The following officers were elected at the May Annual Meeting:

- 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

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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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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

Catherine Wilmer - Jun 01

Julie Morakis - Jun 08

June Mann - Jun 08

Chuck Quinlan - Jun 12

Rose Marie Hidlay - Jun 15

Carol Roberts - Jun 17

Amber Gibson - Jun 22

Joyce Gibson - Jun 26

Anniversaries

Lisa Hall - Jun 08

Sue Rekuc - Jun 11

Susan Pulse - Jun 12

Linda Orr - Jun 19

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 - digest@atlantakennelclub.org

Aren't Dogs Wonderful!

The Marietta Georgia Police Department posted this story on Facebook recently.

"Crisis K9 Calms Suicidal Woman!"

K9 Officer Barney, normally assigned to the Marietta City Elementary Schools, helped deescalate a woman in severe crisis last week. Since it's summer break at the schools, Barney and his handler Officer Hill were helping the shift officers and were right-place-right-time when it mattered most.

Barney followed his training, jumped on the bed and laid down next to her. He allowed the distraught female to snuggle with him while his backup officers attempted to de-escalate her. Barney's presence and demeanor gave her the time to calm down and begin to relax. Unfortunately, the responding ambulance had to divert to a serious injury scene. In situations like this, the added response time can cause a distraught person to spiral further out of control. Officer Barney stayed diligent in his duties for over 45 minutes, never leaving her side. His companionship and presence made all the difference. When the ambulance crew arrived, the woman agreed to go voluntarily to the hospital for much needed help.

Like cities all across our country, we have seen a notable increase in calls for help related to mental health. The addition of K9 Barney is just one more way Marietta is investing in the mental health of our community. We want to publicly thank everyone who worked to bring Barney here as a new specially trained crisis-response K9 officer. "

Membership

Proposed New Members: None

Welcome New Members: None

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

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.

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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.

News From AKC

I'm sure all of us often struggle to advise someone looking for a puppy how they should go about finding a responsible breeder. There is new article titled "**Signs of a Responsible Breeder**" on the AKC website that addresses this issue., <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/dog-breeding/signs-of-a-responsible-breeder/> It is in the Expert Advice section, and is one of many good articles to share with people inquiring about puppies.

AKC has several newsletters available electronically. Go to <https://www.akc.org/subscribe/> to explore and subscribe to those that interest you.

For example, the Nibble Health newsletter this month addresses the following topics. All of these can be found on the AKC website in the Expert Advice section along with hundreds of other articles, but its easier to focus on the timely articles highlighted in the newsletter.

- Can Dogs Swim in Chlorine Pools?
 - My Dog Won't Eat Kibble. Now What?
 - How to Get Your Dog to Stop Counter-Surfing
 - Cataracts in Dogs: What to Know
 - Protect Your Dog From These Hidden Hazards of Hot Weather
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Press Release—AKC DISC DOG CHALLENGE TO PREMIERE ON ESPN2

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club (AKC®), a not-for-profit organization, the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, is excited to announce that the AKC Disc Dog Challenge, presented by The Farmer's Dog, will air on ESPN2. The competition will premiere on Saturday, June 17th at 5pm ET. The AKC Disc Dog Challenge brought together 24 dog and handler teams for an exciting competition that is sure to thrill spectators.

"Disc Dog is such a fun sport, and it's evident that the dogs are having the time of their lives," said Gina DiNardo, AKC Executive Secretary. "We can't wait for ESPN viewers to have a front row seat to this exciting competition."

This year's AKC Disc Dog Challenge was held May 21st in Rock Hill, SC. The event showcased 18 teams taking part in three high-energy games:

- **Time Warp:** Dogs and handlers work to complete three catches in three different time zones. Time ends when the last disc (in play) is caught by the dog, and the dog and handler are both behind the start line to stop time. Teams work to complete this task in the shortest amount of time under 60-seconds.
- **Frizgility:** the object of the game in Frizgility is for the dog to successfully maneuver through 3 obstacles, make a catch in the catch zone, return, and keep going. Teams have 60-seconds to rack up as many points as they can by completing obstacles and successfully catching the disc.
- **Spaced Out:** Spaced out is all about accuracy. Dogs and handlers complete catches in each of four, rectangular catch zones to receive the Spaced Out bonus. Teams keep going to receive as many spaced out bonuses as they can in 60-seconds.

Six additional dog and handler teams will compete in a special Far Out game, based purely on distance! Two Teams, each consisting of 3 dogs and handlers, will attempt long distance throws. Distances for each successful catch will be added together, and the team with the highest total wins.

The broadcast will be hosted by noted sportscaster Carolyn Manno, including sideline reporting by Bill Ellis and analysis by Jason Rigler.



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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