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August Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Program

“Canine Freestyle Federation Musical Freestyle DogWork - The Freestyle You HAVEN'T Seen On-line ”

Our program for the August meeting is about canine musical freestyle. The presenter, Julia Gregory, is a judge and instructor in the Canine Freestyle Federation, Inc. and is excited to share her passion for dancing with dogs. Here's the organization's website: <https://canine-freestyle.org/>.

Julia Gregory started training dogs (albeit not very successfully) at 9 years old with a Great Dane who had just joined the family. When she fancied a breed, it was Cardigan Welsh Corgis, but lately she has specialized in Small Shiny Black Dogs. Julia considers herself more of an animal trainer than specifically a dog trainer. She has had the honor of training and handling elephants, sea lions and flying squirrels, but the dogs remain her favorites. With them, she has competed in Obedience, Rally, Agility and Freestyle. Want to build relationship? Agility is good, but freestyle is better.

Dinner Menu

Lasagna with 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, **August 13th**. 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!

Cards and Flowers

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

Membership

Prospective new members:

New Members (voted in at the July meeting)

Gwen Aldrich, Marietta, Ga 30067

Patricia (Tricia) Coe, Cumming, GA 30070

Kevin and Mimi Johnson, Cumming, GA 30041

Ana Maria Szolodko, Smyrna, GA 30080

Cheryl Yoder, Madison, AL 30067

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

Member of the Month

Congratulations to our member of the month for August:

Gina Bonner

Minutes

If you are reading the Digest online, please remember that the minutes of the board meetings are posted on the website under the Members Login tab.

[Members Login - Atlanta Kennel Club](#)

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

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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

Donald Mallik - Aug 01

Eva Wei - Aug 03

Susan Wise - Aug 04

Doris-Jean Molin - Aug 06

Carmelita Prince - Aug 08

Lisa Hall - Aug 09

Tom O'Hern - Aug 10

Lynette White - Aug 16

Bill Jaynes - Aug 17

Jean Warren - Aug 20

Emery Pete - Aug 21

Linda Jackson - Aug 22

Elizabeth Milano - Aug 22

Mary Ellen Macke - Aug 23

Haley Hayes - Aug 31

Patti Henderson - Aug 31

Anniversaries

Joy Wells - Aug 04

Rebecca Kestle, DVM - Aug 07

Barbara Zahn - Aug 18

James & Deborah Lovett - Aug 19

Alicia Estrems-Schaefer - Aug 22

Cheryl Yoder - Aug 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 – digest@atlantakennelclub.org

AKC Delegate's Report—July 2023 Meeting

CMS Upgrade Project- In November, the decision was made to move ahead with shifting the Competition Management System to the updated PowerBuilder web-based platform. This is a two to three-year project and the Board gets regular updates.

Using an outside consulting firm to assist, the work started in November 2022.

The transition has been completed in a staged environment, verified and deployed on June 6, 2023 for Operating Staff usage. This is a major milestone in the CMS Upgrade Project. This included automated letters for Agility, Rally and Scent Work, an upgraded Judge Panel Management System, and three reports to assist conformation Judges. The next five enhancements were outlined to the Board.

Total Revenues of \$44.3 million are lower than budget by 1.6%. Registration related revenues exceeded budget by 6 %.

Controllable Expenses total \$33.1 million and are lower by 6% of budget. 2023 YTD Litter Registrations are 3% ahead of budget and 6% lower than 2022 YTD. YTD Dog Registrations are 7% lower than budget and 15% lower than 2022 YTD. Events and Entries are up 7% and 2% respectively.

The 2023 Nominating Committee elected by the Board are delegates, Patti Strand, Chair, Marilyn DeGregorio, Florence Duggan, Don James, Barbara Shaw, alternates, Terrie Bree, and Douglas Johnson.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the request by the Delegate Advisory Committee to increase the quarterly reimbursement to Delegates that serve on committees from \$200 to \$400 and to evaluate the reimbursement level every five years. The Board also passed and Expense Reimbursement Policy to adhere to current IRS rules.

Two new breeds were approved for acceptance into FSS- Large Munsterlander, and the Thai Bangkaew Dog.

AKC Government Relation is currently tracking more than 1,400 local, state and federal bills. Federal priorities include potentially harmful bills such as the Puppy Protection Act (HR 1624) and Goldies Act (HR 1788), as well as positive measures such as the Healthy Dog Importation Act (HR 1184/S502) and the Beagle Brigade Act (HR 1480/S759).

Dr. Mary Burch presented recent updates of the AKC Therapy Dog Program. The total number of AKC Therapy Dog Titles to date are 18,516, an average of 1,500 titles per year. AKC has a positive working relationship with 250 therapy dog verification organizations.

The Board reviewed a proposal to modify Chapter 16, Section 1 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which would allow specialty clubs the option to offer awarding a three-point major to Reserve winners, provided that the number of dogs competing in the regular classes of the Reserve Winner's sex totals a least twice the number for a five-point major at any specialty show for its breed. This will be read at the September Delegate Meeting and for a VOTE at the December Delegate meeting. The Board approved this recommendation.

The Staff provided updated wording that will be included in the AKC Show Manual to describe ramps and tables. This includes guidelines for construction and dimensions.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 2, Section 8. Staff provided an overview of the rules requiring specialty clubs to obtain permission from the Parent Club to hold specific events.

In 2022 Specialty clubs held the following number of events:

Conformation Specialties 2,422

Basset Hound Field Trials 23

Dachshund Field Trials 81

Pointing Breed Field Trials 239

Spaniel Field Trials 14

Since 2015 only Conformation Clubs have utilized the appeal process outlined in the rule. 8 Specialty clubs have not been able to obtain permission the Parent Club which has resulted in appeal. Of those 8, 4 appeals were approved and 4 denied.

In the first six months of 2023 AKC has received a total of 130 broadcast hours on ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN News, a 44% increase over 2022. The 130 hours represents 69 total broad casts, an increase of 25 broadcasts compared to the first six months of 2022.

The Board voted to modify the following:

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AKC Tracking Regulations, Chapter 2, Section 19 to state that recording devices are not allowed on the tracking field and that dogs may wear googles.

Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds, Chapter 14, Section 19, to remove a condition regarding the Gordon Setter Club of America's Walking Gun Dog Championship, that states if the Parent Club fails to hold its traditional horseback National Championship the right to hold the walking event may be rescinded by the Performance Events Department. This will be read at the September Delegate meeting and for a VOTE at the December meeting.

Lure Coursing, Change Muzzle Description. Dogs must be able to open its mouth to pant and breathe freely. Muzzles must be of a basket type.

Pointing Breed Hunt Tests/Field Trials-Tracking Devices, Staff does not have to approve each brand of tracking receiver, clarify that a scout may not carry a device which can be paired with a receiver, clarify that receivers when left in various locations during an event, cannot be turned on. Effective August 1, 2023.

Retriever Hunt Tests-Talking to Dog at Junior Level- Allow handlers in the junior level test to speak quietly to their dog and to be able to touch their dog for reassurance or positioning anytime during the event. Effective August 1, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Wallin, AKC Delegate, AKC Board Member

AKC News

Members of Congress need to hear from you about anti-breeder legislation. Ask them to **not** support the Puppy Protection Act (H.R. 1624) and Goldies Act (H.R. 1788) and to not advance their harmful breeder mandates via the Farm Bill. Click on the link to find additional information, talking points, and how to contact your legislators.

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/members-congress-need-hear-opposition-anti-breeder-legislation-call-email-today/>

The AKC has announced the creation of the "AKC Purebred Preservation Bank," a not-for-profit canine genetic material repository primarily focused on frozen semen. The mission of the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank (AKCPPB) is to ensure the viability of purebred dogs both now and in the future, particularly in low population breeds. While coordinating efforts with non-profit breed-specific clubs, the AKCPPB will educate breeders, clubs, and the public about the importance of safeguarding frozen semen and protecting purebred dog breeds for future decades. Click the link for additional information:

<https://www.akc.org/press-releases/american-kennel-club-announces-creation-akc-purebred-preservation-bank/>

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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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 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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