



Atlanta Kennel Club *DIGEST*

Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

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March Meeting

March 20, 2024

Program

Many Hands, Little Work - Making the Peach Blossom Cluster Even Better!

The Atlanta Kennel Club, in partnership with the Valdosta Kennel Club and the Combined Specialty Clubs of Atlanta, puts on one of the premier dog events in the country every year. The Peach Blossom Cluster is a "must do" on the calendars of the top handlers, exhibitors, judges, and people who want to have fun with their dogs and dog friends. And volunteers make it happen. Ready to be part of pulling off an epic event?

The show chair and various committee chairmen will describe specific jobs that need to be done and answer your questions about volunteering.

Moderator: Sandy Weaver

Dinner Menu

Chicken Romano (chicken breast topped with Creamy wine sauce. Italian ham, Mozzarella and baked; served with marsala mushroom sauce) with salad, garlic rolls, and cheesecake 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 404-252-4832
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, **March 17th**. 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!

Nominations from the floor are due at the March meeting!
See page 4 for the report of the Nominating Committee.

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 member:

Elizabeth Cooke

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Breed: West Highland White Terrier

Sponsors: Gilda Mallik, Ginger Aldrich

New Members :

Welcome to new members voted in at the February meeting: Sara Ayres, Kelly Edwards, and Sabine Teague

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

Birthdays

Greg Benkiser - Mar 01
 Cecile Henley - Mar 01
 Deborah Lovett - Mar 02
 Alicia Harrison - 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
 Andrew O'Hern - Mar 19
 Lisa Hall - Mar 20
 Connie Brittain - Mar 22
 Leslie Tinsley - Mar 23
 Becky Norton - Mar 27
 Nataley Corn - Mar 28
 Colton O'Hern - Mar 29
 Anita Tate - Mar 30

Anniversaries

Carl & Tully Vitner - Mar 01
 Gilda & Donald Mallik - Mar 23

Member of the Month

Congratulations to our member of the month for March!

Lisa Hall

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](#)

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

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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.



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!

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee has proposed the slate shown below.

Additional nominations may be made **at the March membership meeting** by any member who is in good standing and in attendance. The proposed candidate must accept in person, or if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Recording Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate indicating his/her willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination by the Nominating Committee.

A Board Member may be nominated for another office while his/her term is still in effect. The Board Member must, however, resign from his/her present Board Position if elected to the new office. The vacancy created shall be filled according to Article III, Section 6. Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2024-2025

President	Carl Vitner
1 st Vice President	Mary Ellen Macke
2 nd Vice President	Lynette White
Corresponding Secretary	Karen Mays
Recording Secretary	Bud Hidlay
Treasurer	Carol Simmons
AKC Delegate	Ann Wallin

Board of Directors - Class of 2026

Sandy Weaver - Ginger Aldrich - Paul Averill

Good Sportsmanship Award

The Good Sportsmanship Award is presented to a person nominated and voted on by the membership of the Atlanta Kennel Club for his or her positive attitude and display of Good Sportsmanship in all of his or her activities and contributions to the club.

Please send your nomination in writing (50 words or less) to digest@atlantakennelclub.org by Sunday evening, March 17th. Nominations will be published to members via email on Monday, March 18th. The first nomination received for each nominee will be the one published.

The voting will occur during the March meeting, Wednesday, March 20th, so so don't forget to make your meeting reservations!

The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting in May with a medallion from the American Kennel Club.



Upcoming Events

Start getting ready for the Peach Blossom Cluster—April 10-14, 2024.

The premium is posted on Onofrio.com: <https://www.onofrio.com/plist/xval1pl.pdf> and info is available on the cluster website: peachblossomcluster.org.

Entries close on March 27, 2024. Make plans to come and to volunteer to help out. The March program will include information about volunteer opportunities.



AKC News

AKC Educated Breeder Webinar Series :

Don't miss the upcoming series of webinars created for breeders by breeders.

- **January 9**—Pyo: The Fear Inducing 3-Letter Word, presenter Dr. Marty Greer, DVM, JD
- **February 13**—Crash Course in Canine Eye Testing, presenter Dr. Adam King, board certified veterinary ophthalmologist
- **March 12**—Breeder Spotlight, presenter Doug Johnson of Clussexx Kennel

Please go to <https://www.akc.org/2024-akc-educated-breeder-webinar/> for more information and to register for the webinars. There is a small charge for each webinar.



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

Show Chair & Sporting - Mary Ellen Macke - 404-310-5933 - maryellenmacke@gmail.com

Working - Carl Vitner - 404-291-0123 - samoyed@bellsouth.net

Hounds - Jerry Cerasini - 770-475-3152 - ponyguru@aol.com

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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.

Highlights From The December 2023 Delegates Meeting

Dennis Sprung announced that AKC has launched a new web site to provide a valuable incentive for dog registration. AKC Pet Rx is an online pharmacy that sells more than 3,000 prescription and over-the-counter products for pets. The service is provided by Allivet, a website that is fully accredited by the National Boards of Pharmacy, licensed in all states, and has 19 years of experience in pet e-commerce. If you have purchased prescriptions for your dogs on Petsmart.com or WalMart.com, you have shopped with Allivet. Our primary goal with this initiative is to make more dog owners want to register their purebred dog with AKC. With AKC Pet Rx, new puppy owners will receive a free monthly dose of Simparica Trio flea, tick and heartworm treatment when they register their dog and accept this offer with a commitment to auto-shipping on this site. This is a value of more than \$32 for the new puppy owner. AKC Pet Rx will feature other types of discounts for breeders as well. It is our hope that this website will give new dog owners one more resource to want to join AKC.

The following amendments were all adopted:

Vote on the proposed amendment to Article XIII, Section 2, of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, which adds clarity and describes the current practice for a Trial Board notice of charges being filed.

Vote on the proposed amendment to Article XIII, Section 7, of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, which removes the italics that do not affect the meaning of the sentence about an appeal of a Trial Board decision.

Vote on the proposed amendment to Article XIV, Section 1, of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, which adds clarity and describes the current practice for an Event Committee suspension by a club or association.

Vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 13, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, which removes the reference to sweepstakes and futurity judges from the rule as any restrictions have historically been defined by Board policy. It also replaces the third paragraph of the current rule with a general statement that directs individuals to the Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Judges for information concerning exhibiting restrictions for sweepstakes, futurity and special attraction judges as they are defined by Board policy.

Vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Championships, which removes verbiage related to the Parent Club designating one specialty as its National Specialty show as this text was inserted with the amendment to allow parent clubs the option to offer a 3-pt. major for Reserve Winners at its National Specialty and it would no longer be relevant for purpose of this section. It replaces Parent Club with breed club and National Specialty with specialty show to reflect the ability for a 3-pt. major to be awarded for Reserve Winners at any specialty show. It also rearranges text for better understanding and comprehension as well as removes the provision which only applied to the 2021 calendar year.

Vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 29, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds, which removes the restriction that if the club fails to hold the horseback championship, it may lose the ability to hold the walking championship.

Four recipients of AKC's Visionary Awards were announced. These Awards celebrate individuals whose vision and contributions have been responsible for change and forward movement in our organization. Their collective efforts have protected our rights to own and breed dogs, shared the AKC's dedication and love of dogs with the general public, and educated today's and tomorrow's dog owners about responsible ownership.

Highlights From The December 2023 Delegates Meeting (cont'd)

Michael Houchard serves as the Delegate for Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia. Mike has been in purebred dogs for some 50 years and had the foresight to recognize the central role that legislation would play in our future. Amongst his many, many accomplishments: • He is a founding member and continuing leader of the AKC Delegate Legislative Caucus. • He developed and recorded the presentation All Politics Is Local that is a key educational tool in the AKC Government Relations library. • He remains an active force in the Georgia Canine Coalition, AKC's State Federation. Attending his last meeting as an AKC Delegate today, we thank you for protecting our dogs, clubs and sports.

Ron Furman, AKC VP Broadcasting & Sponsorship, joined us in 2018. Ron transformed the broadcasting, sponsorship, and media landscape at the AKC. Thanks to him, we expanded our television presence with the incredibly successful AKC on ESPN Dog Sports Series. Currently entering its fifth year, the AKC on ESPN series includes over 200 hours of dog sports on television, culminating with the broadcast of the AKC National Championship on the ABC network. Ron is also the leader with AKC.tv, our digital network available on multiple streaming platforms. Now AKC Good Dog TV, a weekly show produced for AKC.tv, is available in syndication on local channels across the country in over 90 markets. This growth in broadcasting efforts has allowed the AKC brand and messaging to reach millions of viewers new to the AKC universe through exciting dog sports, outstanding storytelling, and showcasing purebred dogs.

Dr. Joellen Gregory was an AKC Vet Scholarship recipient while attending Veterinary School. Her current practice supports breeders in their endeavors to be responsible preservation breeders. Joellen became an AKC Delegate, representing the Otterhound Club of America since November of 2009 and serves on the Delegate Canine Health Committee. The Otterhound Club began to research whether the Club could establish a semen bank to preserve the breed for the future. Once the Parent Club approved the concept, Joellen spearheaded the work with AKC to establish how the registration process of dogs produced from the semen bank would be registered. She is an advocate for mentoring new owners and breeders in the breed. We are appreciative of her foresight to look to the future to preserve the breed. Last but certainly not least, Karolynne McAteer is a second-generation Irish Setter breeder. She has never been without one or more Irish Setters at the foot of her bed, and she, like her breed standard, has a rollicking personality. Starting as a junior handler, then as exhibitor of the family dog, professional handler, Breeder of Merit, and judge for Juniors, Sporting Group and Field Trials; her knowledge of our sport is wide and deep. She serves on the AKC Board of Directors, the AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Reunite, the AKC Political Action Committee, and the Moore County Kennel Club in North Carolina. In 2019, Karolynne was appointed to lead the AKC Chairman's ad hoc committee on Canine Genetic Testing which produced 5 papers on genetic testing. Those papers outlined the future of AKC's DNA Program, setting the agenda for the necessary program enhancements that are launching this very month.

The next Delegate Meeting will be held in Newark, NJ on March 13, 2024.

Ann Wallin-Atlanta Kennel Club Delegate, AKC Board Director, AKC Reunite Board Director



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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