



# Atlanta Kennel Club *DIGEST*

Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

May 2024

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## May Annual Meeting

May 15, 2024

### 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 Gorgonzola (chicken sautéed with creamy gorgonzola cheese sauce, served over pasta) 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](mailto:lisahall888@comcast.net) **NO LATER** than Sunday evening, **May 12th**. 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](mailto: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 Gilda Mallik to get a copy emailed to you. Renewals are due by June 1.

Also included are trophy pledge forms for our April 2025 all-breed shows. Mark your calendars for the 2025 Peach Blossom Cluster (April 9-13).

## 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](mailto:ponyguru@aol.com) and [golfndogs@att.net](mailto:golfndogs@att.net)*

## Membership

*Prospective new member:*

*New Members :*

Welcome to new members voted in at the March meeting: Elizabeth Cooke

*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](mailto:gilndon@comcast.net)*

## Member of the Month

Congratulations to our member of the month for May!

**Tamara and Jeff Brower**

## 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.

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## Webmaster

**Jim Macke** - [jimmacke@comcast.net](mailto:jimmacke@comcast.net) or **Mary Ellen Macke** - [maryellenmacke@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:maryellenmacke@gmail.com), to let us know of your interest!



## Birthdays

Tereasa McCreight - Apr 01  
 Kylie Soafer - Apr 02  
 Lynn Tyler - Apr 04  
 Kelly Zimmerman - Apr 04  
 Linda Bailey - Apr 11  
 Susan Adams - Apr 11  
 Marjke Neumeyer - Apr 13  
 Susan Benkiser - Apr 13  
 John Schuemacher - Apr 13  
 Shannon Soafer - Apr 13  
 Diane Pegram - Apr 16  
 Hailey Roberts - Apr 16  
 Dolores Russell - Apr 17  
 Gilda Mallik - Apr 19  
 Roger Brown - Apr 19  
 James Lovett - Apr 21  
 Palmer Crim - Apr 22  
 Sadie Henley - Apr 22  
 Linda Orr - Apr 23  
 Tim Sain - Apr 24  
 Kelly Edwards - Apr 25  
 Joy Wells - Apr 25  
 Yvonne Cooper - Apr 26  
 Daryl Hills - Apr 28  
 Barbara Darnell - Apr 29  
 Chester Favre - Apr 29  
 Kathryn Dodd - Apr 30  
 Liz Hallsworth - May 05  
 Lana Dorn - May 06  
 Carmen Battaglia - May 13  
 Susan Riese - May 13  
 Glen Soafer - May 13  
 Anne Carson - May 18  
 Ivan Winegarner - May 20  
 Suzanne Newsom, DVM - May 21  
 Janie Smith - May 21  
 Sandy Weaver - May 27

*Anniversaries*

Paige Hales - Apr 10  
 Jo R. Sarbell - Apr 10  
 Greg & Susan Benkiser - Apr 19  
 Jasmine Lyon - Apr 19  
 Linda Jett - Apr 25  
 Jacqueline Morgan - Apr 25  
 Christina & Ray Wertz - Apr 27  
 Walter & Sheila O'Brien - May 03  
 Carol Roberts Reineke - May 03  
 Susan Riese - May 18  
 Candy Chiarovano - May 22  
 Bud & Rose Marie Hidlay - May 29  
 LoAnne & Michelle Miller - May 30  
 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 – [digest@atlantakennelclub.org](mailto:digest@atlantakennelclub.org)*

## Call For New Titles/Achievements

**FINISHED A TITLE? YAY We want to Hear all about it! Any AKC Title!**

**SEND INFO ASAP by MAY 10<sup>th</sup> / drop-dead date**

We do not want to leave anyone out

Please send details for dogs that you titled from May to May in 2023-2024 for our inclusion in the Annual meeting program on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2024<sup>t</sup> at ALDO's Italian Restaurant

Also include any dogs that have won major accomplishments such as won a top placement at the National Specialty, attained a breed ranking in your breed, or won a best in show, or won BOB or BOS at Westminster or Royal Canin or owner handler group series ranking etc. - **ANY title counts**

**Please send in the following format, if possible, to make it easier to insert in the program format**

No "Story formats" pleeeezzzzzzeeee / see sample below

Just need the facts "Ma'am"

**I use Times New Roman font 10 pt**

Name of Dog with title

Name of Breed

Owner:

Breeders:

Name of title(s) attained (can be any AKC title including Field or Performance events)

Note at least one of the Owners or the Breeders must be an Atlanta KC member

**See SAMPLE below - please do not include titles like "Name of Dog" as in above – just put the name – if you do the title with it etc then I have to go erase it before adding it to the list**

**Ch. Shinto's Star's Fell on Alabama**

**Akita**

**Owner: Brian Randall**

**Breeders: Cindy Smith and Ronnie and Chris Ann Moore**

**Show Championship**

(or whatever title they earned) or award etc.

**We want to celebrate with you!**

**IF you are waiting for one last title – at least go ahead and send the ones you know as I seem to get several AFTER the deadline desperation calls LOL**

**SEND TO: Ginger Aldrich, [snofire@aol.com](mailto:snofire@aol.com)**

**770-380-9404**



## 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 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Mary Ellen Macke
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

## AKC News

### AKC NOHS REGIONAL EVENTS TO KICK OFF THIS SEPTEMBER!

These regional gatherings will be structured like the NOHS Finals in Orlando, except it will be open to all owner-handlers. Winning entries will receive double the NOHS qualifying points towards the 2025 NOHS Finals in Orlando.

- South Central: Arapahoe Kennel Club, Colorado – September 2024
- Southwest Region: Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore, California – October 2024
- Plains Region: Tri-State Kennel Club, Missouri – November 2024
- Southeast Region: Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club, Florida – February 2025
- Great Lakes Region: Warren County Kennel Club of Ohio – March 2025
- Mideast Region: Baltimore County Kennel Club, Maryland – April 2025
- New England Region: Ladies Dog Club, Massachusetts - May 2025
- Northwest Region: Olympic Kennel Club, Washington – August 2025

NOHS exhibitors interested in participating in these special events should mark their calendars and stay tuned for additional information from the host clubs.

Questions regarding the NOHS Regional program can be sent to [ClubDevelopment@akc.org](mailto:ClubDevelopment@akc.org).

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## Upcoming Events

Information coming soon about planned events hosted by the Atlanta Kennel Club:

Scent work trials in October

Agility trials in November

## 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](mailto:kathleensteen@bellsouth.net)

**Show Chair & Sporting** - Mary Ellen Macke - 404-310-5933 - [maryellenmacke@gmail.com](mailto:maryellenmacke@gmail.com)

**Working** - Carl Vitner - 404-291-0123 - [samoyed@bellsouth.net](mailto:samoyed@bellsouth.net)

**Hounds** - Jerry Cerasini - 770-475-3152 - [ponyguru@aol.com](mailto:ponyguru@aol.com)

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**Terrier** - Gilda Malik - 770-394-4098 - [gilndon@comcast.net](mailto: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.



# 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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