

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be January 3, 2012 at the Shelton Lakes Health Care at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The February 7 meeting will be held at Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. with the board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CALENDAR 2012

January 3- board meeting only

February 7-meeting

March 6-meeting

April 3-meeting

April 8-TFKC Show-W. Springfield

May 1-meeting

June 5-meeting

July- the picnic-date to be announced

August 7-meeting

September 4-meeting

September-RDOD-date to be announced

October 2-meeting

November 6-meeting

December-The Christmas Party-date to be announced

where members posed for a picture. This was part of the 'Tennis to The Troops Program', where Trap Falls was assigned a canine unit by the military liaison working with the U.S. Tennis Association (USTA). A grateful troop expressed its thanks from the first package received, which was comprised of much needed kennel supplies. The USTA will send a complete tennis set-up with nets and equipment for our troop, so they can relax and engage in some welcomed recreation. Thank you all again for your support of this program and for rising to the occasion in supporting our Canine Troop!

Membership News

Welcome to new members---Maryann Hajducky, Charlotte Sylvia and Dee Vetrano.

You can find their contact information on the membership list on the website. If anyone would like a hard copy of the membership list please let Eve know.

Dues notices will be going out via email this January. If you want one mailed to you instead, please contact Eve.

Trap Falls Adopt-A-Unit Program



Trap Falls Club members rallied to come up with 3 cartons of supplies for our Marine Canine Troop in Afghanistan. The collection of goodies was assembled at the TFKC Christmas party on Dec 4,

Responsible Dog Ownership Day

On December 16, 2011, in Orlando, FL the AKC announced its award winners for the 4th Quarter Community Achievement Award winners. As many of you know the 4th quarter awards are reserved for clubs that hold Responsible Dog Ownership Days. While Trap Falls did not win one of the three awards, the AKC did recognize Trap Falls Kennel Club as one of the two clubs receiving "Honorable Mention" for our RDOD. This is a big honor and we would not have been recognized without all the hard work of our membership. The officers and board of the club would again like to thank the membership for their tireless efforts and congratulate each of you.

April Show

Next years conformation show will be at the Big "E" in Springfield, MA on EASTER Sunday, April 8, 2012.

We are still looking for volunteers to help steward Obedience and Rally. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out. Lauren Friedman (203) 877-6157 or e-mail at LMF13@att.net. Remember we still need club members to help out with the show in many other areas. If you can help please contact any board member or officer

WAGS and BRAGS



Wellslands Great Train Robbery V Hoffman, "Steam" going Best of Breed and Best of Winners his 3rd time being shown. He just turned 2 yrs old. Laura Wells



On October 30, 2011, Siena Castellana DiMorghengo MH CDX RAE THD JHR earned her Junior Hunter Retriever title. She was the second Spinone to earn this title.



On November 5, 2011, Ch Drago Castellano of Trollbo MH CD RE THD JHR earned his Master Hunter title in Hustle, VA

AKC Delegate News

AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 JUDGING PANEL RELEASED

NEW YORK, NY (December 20, 2011) – The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce the judging panel for the 12th Annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to be held in Orlando, Fla. on Saturday, Dec. 15 and Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012. The 2012 event will once again showcase the nation's top AKC-registered and international dogs as well as the popular Best Bred-by-Exhibitor competition, AKC Meet the Breeds® and the sixth Eukanuba World Challenge. The AKC National Obedience Invitational and AKC Agility Invitational will again be held in conjunction with the 2012 event. The Brevard Kennel Club, the Central Florida Kennel Club and the Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay shows will precede the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship at the same site on Dec. 12-14, 2012. Heading the panel as Best in Show judge for the 2012 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is Mr. Edd E. Bivin of Fort Worth, Texas and Mrs. Patricia V. Trotter of Carmel, California will judge Best Bred-by-Exhibitor in Show. Mr. Edd E. Bivin acquired his first purebred dog, a Pomeranian, at age 12. This introduced him to the sport of dogs and became the foundation of a breeding program that led to his breeding and exhibiting top-winning Poms. Additionally, he says, "My wife Irene and I enjoyed the breeding and exhibiting of Doberman Pinschers and Dachshunds during her lifetime." Mr. Bivin first judged toy dogs at match shows at the age of 15. He was approved to judge Pomeranians at U.S. championship point shows in 1961 and is today approved for all sporting, working, terrier, toy, and non-sporting breeds, and several herding breeds. He served for 32 years as an administrator at Texas Christian University, with 18 of those years spent as Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services. Mrs. Patricia V. Trotter has been a true dog person since her childhood in Virginia. Her Vin-Melca Norwegian Elkhounds are internationally famous as both show dogs and producers. They include the top sire and dam in the breed's history and an incredible 10 breeder-owner-handled group firsts at Westminster. Her famous Ch. Vin-Melca's Vagabond is enshrined in the AKC Museum of the Dog Hall of Fame. Mrs. Trotter became an

AKC judge in 1994, and has since judged at national specialty shows, the Westminster Kennel Club dog show, the 2000 Morris & Essex Kennel Club revival, and the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. She is the author of the influential book *Born to Win*, and her breeding column for the AKC Gazette won a 1997 Maxwell Medallion from the Dog Writers Association of America. In 2004, the AKC named her Hound Group Breeder of the Year. Mrs. Trotter is past president and show chairman of the Del Monte Kennel Club and has been a member of the Norwegian Elkhound Association of America for more than 40 years. A graduate of the college of William and Mary, with a master's degree from the Monterey Institute of International Studies, Mrs. Trotter spent 34 years teaching American history in Carmel, California.

Judges for each of the seven variety groups and the Miscellaneous Classes are:

SPORTING – Mr. Terry Stacy – Chapel Hill, NC

HOUND – Ms. Carla Molinari - Portugal

WORKING – Mr. Norman B. Kenney – Westford, MA

TERRIER – Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine – Ann Arbor, MI

TOY – Mr. Rey Burgos – Port Jefferson Station, NY

NON-SPORTING – Mr. Andrew Mills – Bonita, CA

HERDING – Mr. James E. Frederiksen – Knoxville, TN

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES & BEST IN

MISCELLANEOUS CLASS – Mr. Hiroshi Kamisato - Japan

BEST JUNIOR HANDLER – Mr. William P. Shelton – Pomona, CA

Judges for the seven Bred-by-Exhibitor variety groups are:

SPORTING – Mrs. Sheila DiNardo – West Hartford, CT

HOUND – Mr. Dana P. Cline – Rockford, IL

WORKING – Ms. Patricia W. Laurans – Newtown, CT

TERRIER – Mrs. Rosalind Kramer – Leesburg, VA

TOY – Mr. Timothy Catterson – New Castle, IN

NON-SPORTING – Mr. Carl E. Gomes – Bronx, NY

HERDING – Ms. Sheila Polk – Martinez, CA

Judges for the Eukanuba World Challenge are:

Eukanuba World Challenge Winner: Miguel Teixeira, Portugal

Section Judges:

- Mrs. Keke Kahn – Sarasota, FL
- Cristian Stefanescu - Romania
- Ramon Podesta - Chile
- Guy Spagnolo - Australia

SPORTING GROUP BREED ASSIGNMENTS: Mr. Michael Faulkner; Boykin Spaniels, Retrievers (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling), Retrievers (Chesapeake Bay), Setters (Irish Red & White), Spaniels (American Water), Spaniels (Clumber). Mrs. Wendy Willhauck; Brittanys, Pointers (German Wirehaired), Pointers, Retrievers (Flat-Coated), Spaniels (English Cocker.; Mrs. Mareth Kipp; Pointers (German Shorthaired), Spaniels (English Springer). Mr. Guy Spagnolo (Australia); Retrievers (Curly-Coated), Retrievers (Labrador), Setters (English), Spaniels (Irish Water). Mrs. Elaine Mathis; Setters (Gordon), Spaniels (Welsh Springer), Spinoni Italiani, Vizslas, Weimaraners.

Dr. Bob G. Smith; Retrievers (Golden), Setters (Irish), Spaniels (Cocker – ASCOB), Spaniels (Cocker – Black), Spaniels (Cocker – Parti Color). Mr. Kenneth Buxton; Spaniels (Field), Wirehaired Pointing Griffons. Mr. Andrew Brace (UK); Spaniels (Sussex)

HOUND GROUP BREED ASSIGNMENTS: Mrs. Gretchen Bernardi; Afghan Hounds, Borzoi, Irish Wolfhounds, Scottish Deerhounds, Whippets. Mr. William Shelton; American English Coonhounds, Black and Tan Coonhounds, Harriers, Norwegian Elkhounds, Plotts. Ms. Anne MacDonald (UK); Basenjis, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Salukis. Mrs. Sharon A. Dok; Basset Hounds, Beagles (Both Varieties), Petit Basset Griffon Vendéens. Mr. Andrew Brace (UK); Bloodhounds. Mrs. Jackie Stacy; Bluetick Coonhounds, Otterhounds, Redbone Coonhounds. Ms. Carol A. Reisman; Dachshunds (All Varieties), American Foxhounds, English Foxhounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Treeing Walker Coonhounds

WORKING GROUP BREED ASSIGNMENTS: Mrs. Cindy Meyer; Akitas, Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, Mastiffs, Portuguese Water Dogs, Siberian Huskies. Mr. Andrew Brace (UK); Alaskan Malamutes. Mr. Andrei Klishas; (Russia) Bernese Mountain Dogs, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs. Ms. Ann Ingram (Ireland); Black Russian Terriers, Boxers, Bullmastiffs, Newfoundlands. Mr. Alfred Ferruggiaro; Cane Corso. Mrs. Wyoma Clouss; Doberman Pinschers, Giant Schnauzers, Standard Schnauzers. Mr. James Noe; Dogues de Bordeaux, Great Pyrenees, Leonbergers, Neapolitan Mastiffs, Samoyeds. Mr. Kenneth Buxton; German Pinschers. Mrs. Barbara Alderman; Great Danes. Mr. Brian Meyer; Komondorok, Kuvaszok, Rottweilers, Saint Bernards, Tibetan Mastiffs.

TERRIER GROUP BREED ASSIGNMENTS: Mr. Alfred Ferruggiaro; Airedale Terriers, Norwich Terriers, Manchester Terriers (Standard). Dr. Kirsi Saino (Finland); American Staffordshire Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Russell Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, West Highland White Terriers. Mrs. Mareth Kipp; Australian Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers, Parson Russell Terriers. Mrs. Wyoma Clouss; Bedlington Terriers. Mr. Bruce Schwartz; Border Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Norfolk Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Welsh Terriers. Mr. Andrei Klishas (Russia); Bull Terriers (Both Varieties), Miniature Bull Terriers. Ms. Ann Ingram (Ireland); Cesky Terriers. Mr. Robert Hutton; Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Skye Terriers, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers. Mr. Harry O'Donoghue (Ireland); Fox Terriers (Smooth), Fox Terriers (Wire), Glen of Imaal Terriers, Irish Terriers, Kerry Blue Terriers, Lakeland Terriers.

TOY GROUP BREED ASSIGNMENTS: Mrs. Keke Kahn; Affenpinschers, Brussels Griffon, Havanese, Pekingese, Yorkshire Terriers. Dr. John Ioia; Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, English Toy Spaniels (King Charles & Ruby), Maltese, Shih Tzu. Mr. Chuck Scott; Chihuahuas (Both Varieties), Chinese Crested, English Toy Spaniels (Blenheim & Prince Charles), Italian Greyhounds. Mr. Hiroshi Kamisato (Japan); Japanese Chin. Mr. Alfred Ferruggiaro; Miniature Pinschers. Mrs. Jackie Stacy; Papillons. Mr. Robert Hutton; Pomeranians, Pugs. Mrs. Barbara Alderman; Poodles (Toy), Silky Terriers. Mr.

Charles Trotter; Toy Fox Terriers. Mrs. Wyoma Clouss; Manchester Terriers (Toy).

NON-SPORTING GROUP BREED ASSIGNMENTS: Mr. Richard Beauchamp; American Eskimo Dogs, Bichons Frises, Bulldogs, Dalmatians, Finnish Spitz. Mr. Robert Hutton; Boston Terriers. Mr. Hiroshi Kamisato (Japan); Chinese Shar-Pei, Chow Chows, Tibetan Terriers, Xoloitzcuintli. Ms. Ann Ingram (Ireland); French Bulldogs. Mr. Charles Trotter; Keeshonden, Lowchen, Shiba Inu, Tibetan Spaniels. Dr. John Ioia; Lhasa Apsos. Mrs. Keke Kahn; Norwegian Lundehunds. Mrs. Barbara Alderman; Poodles (Miniature), Poodles (Standard), Schipperkes.

HERDING GROUP BREED ASSIGNMENTS: Mrs. Jackie Stacy; Australian Cattle Dogs, Belgian Malinois. Mr. Kenneth Buxton; Australian Shepherds, Finnish Lapphunds, Icelandic Sheepdogs. Mr. Paul Willhauck; Bearded Collies, Collies (Rough), Collies (Smooth), German Shepherd Dogs, Shetland Sheepdogs. Mrs. Arlene Davis; Beaucerons, Border Collies, Bouviers des Flandres, Caanan Dogs, Norwegian Buhunds, Swedish Vallhunds. Dr. Robert D. Smith; Belgian Sheepdogs, Belgian Tervuren, Old English Sheepdogs, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, Pulik. Mr. Andrew Brace (UK); Briards, Pyrenean Shepherds. Mr. William Shelton; Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Pembroke Welsh Corgis. Mr. Andrei Klishas (Russia); Entlebucher Mountain Dogs

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP PRELIMINARY JUDGES:

Mrs. Jan Swayze-Curry – Columbia, KY
Mrs. Karen Mammano – Webster, NY

The 2012 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will mark the 12th event in AKC's premier showcase for dogs, which is presented with Eukanuba.

QUALIFYING DATES:

The qualifying dates for the 2012 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will be October 12, 2011 – October 10, 2012.

AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Highlights of 2011 -

New York, NY – It was a pleasure to be with many of you in Florida this weekend as we enjoyed the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, AKC Agility Invitational, AKC National Obedience Invitational and the surrounding festivities. We hope you enjoyed the incredible series of events that unfolded over the weekend. We are all aware of the trying economic times and their effect on so many aspects of our lives these days, and yet I can say unequivocally that we have a great deal to be thankful for as dog lovers and as members of the wonderful community we know as "the fancy." In 2011 we saw many exciting developments in our sports and in our organization's educational programs. Many devoted dog fanciers got their start in the obedience ring, so it is fitting to begin a summation of the year's highlights by acknowledging a special milestone in that challenging and rewarding sport: In 2011, AKC Obedience celebrated its 75th anniversary. As one of our foundation sports, Obedience remains today what it was created to be – a proud demonstration of our dogs' instinctual capabilities and talents as companions,

and the embodiment of the human-canine bond. Our cherished traditions in Conformation saw an infusion of new enhancements in 2011. In April of this year we introduced the Grand Championship Achievement Levels to spotlight our highest achievers in the conformation ring. Over two thousand dogs have earned bronze, silver, gold and platinum Grand Championships to date. We also conceived the AKC Owner Handler Series, a competition specifically designed to celebrate the joys of showing one's own dog. The series will comprise competitions at several dog shows across the country and will culminate with an award for the year's Best Owner/Handler. We feel this is an exciting way to recognize the hobby exhibitor and inspire more people to become involved in our sport. In unwavering support of our breeders, who remain the backbone of our Registry and the sport of purebred dogs, AKC continued to provide enhanced services through our Breeder of Merit program. Now with more than 6,900 breeders participating in this important program, we are delighted to see growing numbers of breeders joining us in our quest to ensure the growth and integrity of our Registry. In the world of AKC Agility, we introduced two new titles, the "Time to Beat" titling class and the Preferred Agility Champion title. By creating ongoing enhancements to Agility, we have seen the sport rise to new heights: In 2011 AKC logged its one millionth agility entry. Of course quantity cannot be outdone by quality. I am proud to say that our AKC agility team representing the USA won many accolades including a gold medal at the Agility World Championships in France this year.

It has been said by many a Performance fancier that there is nothing quite like the thrill of witnessing a dog do what it was originally bred to do. Naturally, most of our performance activities are designed for specific breeds, with function and instinct in mind. But in 2011, the AKC Performance Department gave all dogs and their owners an "equal opportunity" program with the new Coursing Ability Test. This introductory lure coursing event is a fun, healthy activity open to all breeds and offers three new titles. Adding another link in the chain of the human-canine bond, AKC brought our new Therapy Dog program to fruition in 2011. So far more than 1600 dogs have achieved our new therapy dog title which proudly recognizes those dogs who bring comfort and love to so many people in need. AKC clubs did an incredible job of spreading our message about the joys of owning a purebred dog and the importance of responsible ownership. Together with our parent clubs, AKC welcomed over 40,000 people to the Javits Center for AKC Meet the Breeds. Sponsored by Pet Partners, the event was a record-breaking success, thanks to our hardworking clubs and staff. Clubs remained hard at work educating the public year round, with a terrific showing in September with our largest set of Responsible Dog Ownership Days to date. More than 600 RDO Day events were celebrated locally and a record-breaking number of Canine Good Citizen tests were a key part of the program. We are so grateful to our clubs for all your hard work and support. I wish you all a healthy, happy holiday season. Here's to another year of great shows, quality dogs and wonderful friends. And please remember to watch the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on television if you couldn't make it to Orlando. The show will be broadcast on ABC during Superbowl Weekend, on February 4th. By Ron Menaker, Chairman

DEADLINE for the November-December newsletter is January 7, 2012

Editors Comments: Please continue to send photos and articles to me at csweetwood@att.net for evaluation for the newsletter. Remember to include "TFKC" in the heading or it may never get opened due to the high SPAM content these days. Sorry for the tardiness of this newsletter. With the holidays, hunting season and Eukanuba I just lost track of time. Chris Sweetwood.

Christmas Party

Trap Falls Kennel Club had their annual Christmas party at Laura Hovanec's house and as always a great time was had by everyone. Thank you to Laura and her family for hosting this special event.



Happy Holidays



Therapy Dogs

The Board has noted that members of the club are participating in therapy at many different locations and wish to commend the club members on their activities.

Participants are reminded that the club's insurance does **NOT** cover members or their dogs in the event of an incident unless the visit is a "club sponsored" event. Dogs participating in club sponsored events must be certified as a therapy dog. Members are reminded that they could be held legally liable for damages or injuries, as well as legal costs if something happens or a claim/suit is filed.

Remember that all dogs should be certified through TDI, Delta or another therapy organization to participate in any therapy activity as some of these organizations provide insurance coverage that may respond if an incident takes place while on an authorized visit.

We have had a few club sponsored events and more are planned for the near future. Members are encouraged to contact their certifying organization to determine exactly what coverage would be available and in what specific situations. This is not meant to discourage members from therapy activities but is meant as a reminder that certified therapy dogs are tested with their handlers on situations that may arise during visits. This testing is for the safety of the dog, handler and all participants.

Sing Along to "Walkin' in a Doggie Wonderland"

Dog tags ring, are you listenin'?
In the lane, snow is glistenin'.
It's yellow, NOT white,
I've been there tonight,
Marking up my winter wonderland.
Smell that tree? That's my fragrance.
It's a sign for wandering vagrants; "
Avoid where I pee, it's MY pro-per-ty!
Marked up as my winter wonderland."
In the meadow dad will build a snowman,
Following the classical design.
Then I'll lift my leg and let it go, man,
So all the world will know that it's Mine-mine-mine!
Straight from me to the fence post,
Flows my natural incense boast; "
Stay off my turf, this small piece of earth,
I marked it as my winter wonderland."

Author Unknown

Dog Cookies

With the cold weather quickly approaching, if not already here, it is time to spend some warm cozy days indoors baking for our furry friends. Here is an easy recipe that they will love.

Peanut Butter Cutouts

Ingredients:

¼ cup peanut butter

1 TBS vegetable oil

1 cup water

1 cup oatmeal

2 ¼ cups whole wheat flour

Mix well and roll dough to ¼ inch thickness. Cut out the shapes you like with a cookie cutter and bake on an ungreased baking sheet for 35 minutes at 375 degrees.

American Kennel Club Celebrates Owner/Handlers In The Sport With New Series

More than 80% of the dogs being exhibited in the show ring today are family dogs shown by their owners. To celebrate the dedication and enthusiasm of these exhibitors, the American Kennel Club has created a new AKC Owner/Handler Series, a non-titling competition that will showcase owner handled dogs at shows across the country. "We're pleased to offer this special competition to celebrate AKC's owner/handlers, who are the core of our dog sport," said Robin Stansell, AKC's Vice President of Event Operations. "We look forward to great competition in 2012 as the AKC Owner/Handler Series visits dog shows all over the country." The top-ranked dogs from the AKC Owner/Handler Series will be posted on www.akc.org and the top 10 owner-handled dogs of each breed and variety will be invited to compete at an "end of year" competition show. Rankings of the dogs competing in the series will be compiled based on the Best of Breed, Group and Best in Show placements in this specific series competition.

The first shows offering the AKC Owner/Handler Series are these January/February events:

- Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon – Saturday, January 21, 2012
- Oakland County Kennel Club – Saturday, January 21, 2012
- Sahuaro State Kennel Club – Saturday, February 4, 2012
- Colorado Kennel Club – Sunday, February 19, 2012
- International Kennel Club of Chicago – Sunday, February 26, 2012

The AKC Owner/Handler competition will be conducted following Best of Breed judging in each breed ring. All dogs in the BOB competition (including WD & WB) will stay in the ring after the judge makes their placements in BOB competition. The ring steward will ask all professional handlers to leave the ring and then the judge will then select the Best Owner Handler (BOH). The dog and its owner will continue to accrue points for any group placements or Bests in Show. Dogs owned or exhibited by professional handlers are not eligible for this competition. Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.

For more information about the series or to find upcoming shows where the AKC Owner/Handler Series will be offered, visit www.akc.org.