



The Poodle Papers

Official Quarterly Newsletter of The Poodle Club of America

Fall 2014

Where are we headed
What is the future of our breed?
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Coming Specialties

P.C.A. AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

*Note this list comes from Joan McFadden

2014 PCA AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

December 6, 2014 Quinnipiac Poodle Club
Springfield, Mass.
Judge: Jane Forsyth

December 13, 2014 Poodle Club of Lehigh Valley
Concurrent with Lehigh Valley K.C.)
Breed: TBA

Independent Spec. same date: Judge Ken Kauffman

December 14, 2014 Poodle Club of Lehigh Valley(
Concurrent with Del.Water Gap
Breed: TBA
Independent Spec. same day: Judge
Kenneth McDermott

2015 PCA AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

January 2, 2015 SanBernardino/Riverside Poodle Club
Breed: Shawn Nichols/Susie Osbourne

January 6, 2015 Orlando Poodle Club
Breed: Robert Hutton

January 6, 2015 Tampa Bay Poodle Club
Brooksville, Fla.
Judge: Lee A S Cox

January 9, 2015 Puget Sound Poodle Club
Western Washington Fairgrounds
Judge Glen Lajeski

January 14, 2015 Columbia Poodle Club
Breed: Dr. Vandra Huber
Obed: TBA
Sweeps: TBA

January 17, 2015 Greenspring Poodle Club
Breed: Mrs. Billie Kneale Kellogg

February 6, 2015 Poodle Club of Central Indiana
Indianapolis, In.
Judge: TBA

February 26, 2015 Valley of the Sun Poodle Club
Scottsdale, Ariz.
Judges: AM Gary Andersen
PM Jeffery Bazell

March 21, 2015 Central Carolina Poodle Club
concurrent with Raleigh Kennel Club
Judge: Ronald Rella

March 27, 2015 Poodle Club of Las Vegas
Judges: AM: Norma Strait
PM: Rodney Herner

March 28, 2015 Key To The Sea Poodle Club
Breed: Ann Yuhasz
Obed: Fabian Arienti

April 2, 2015 Greater Wichita Poodle Club
Kansas Pavillion, Valley Cener, Ks.
Judge: 1st show: Jack MacGillvray
2nd show: PENDING

June 21, 2015 Poodle Club of Southeast Michigan
June 22, 2015 Poodle Club of Southeast Michigan
(both concurrent with Detroit K.C.)
Judging TBA

June 26, 2015 Greater Milwaukee P.C.
West Bend, Wi.
AM: Joan Scott
PM: Shawn Nichols

July 2, 2015 Poodle Club of Southern California
Venture, Calif
Judges: AM Dana Cline ..
PM Randy Garren

July 8, 2015 Poodle Club of San Antonio
San Antonio, Texas
Judge: Alane Gomez

** Note: If your show is not listed, please contact Joan McFadden the 2nd VP. at pcaaffiliateclub@yahoo.com I list only the shows that she sends me the information on. If the listing is not complete, please contact Susan. Leslie*



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As the end of the year draws to a close and we are all rushing into the holiday season, trying to finish those dogs that just need a few more points, and hurrying to Club Holiday parties, please remember that the Board of the Poodle Club of America remains on duty. Your Board is still working on the current projects actively in progress (PIA, Illustrated Standard, Education DVD, National Preparations etc.). They still have a Board Meeting to attend in December and a Meet the Breeds project to run. I want to thank my entire board, all my committees and their Chairs for their commitment to the Poodle Club of America this year.

Our National Specialty in April will be here in no time. A good New Year Resolution is to not procrastinate on your plans for attending the National. Hotels are already loading up on reservations. Our foreign guests have already started contacting the Club to let us know they will be attending. Shortly, you will start hearing from various committees. It is never too early to start planning your advertising. Judy Cooksey (show Chairman) and Barbara Furbush (assistant show Chairman) are always looking for volunteers for various jobs.

At a time when our sport of pure bred dogs is under so many pressures- from anti breeder legislation, diminishing entries at our events, mentoring future breeders, and teaching an aging community the technology of the future, the members of the Poodle Club of America endeavor to remain strong. I want to thank all of you for your participation in our club. May your Holiday Season bring each of you health, happiness and Peace in the New Year.

Dennis McCoy

From The Poodle Papers Editor

Please note the deadline for the next Newsletter. Please send your articles to this email account:
pcanewsletter@yahoo.com

The deadlines have not changed since the show was moved to April. Please be considerate and get your articles in to me on time.

Thank you!

Leslie

Poodle Papers!

Deadline for the next newsletter is February 16th. Please get your articles to me by that date. Anyone who has an interesting topic that they would like to see in the newsletter, please feel free to email me at

pcanewsletter@yahoo.com

Please remember I will not print any copyrighted material without permission no matter what the topic is.

Deadlines

February 16th

May 16th

August 16th

November 16th

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National Specialty

***Save this date !!!
PCA National for the future
2015- April 20-24***

Notes from Ann

In the teeth of our first cold snap it is good to look ahead to spring in Maryland – and hope it will be a perfect warm and sunny one!

A friend was just telling me about the Golden Retriever National Specialty at the end of October in Ashville, NC. I was astonished that 321 dogs showed in Obedience with 521 entries and in Rally it was 204 dogs and 248 entries – wow! You know, friends, it was Poodles that started Obedience in America barnstorming across the country with Helen Whitehouse Walker and Blanche Saunders. Obedience and Rally are great games to teach your Poodles and AKC is providing an ever widening variety of ways to compete. In fact, there may be a new Preferred track leading to POTCH and PUDX titles as part of the upcoming rule changes soon.

It is my pleasure to announce our Judges Panel for PCA 2015. In Obedience we will welcome Carolyn Wray from Oregon and Nancy Withers while Betsy Horn Humer will design the courses and judge all Rally classes.

See you there, Ann Mandelbaum

Notes from Debbie

The one good thing I can think of about winter is that when it ends we get to go to Salisbury, MD for PCA. We have a really fun judge to run agility with this year. Rod Ramsell is from Minnesota so maybe he doesn't hate winter as much as I do. Rod usually comes to PCA to compete with his standard poodles and to help in any way possible. This coming year is a training a new young dog year for the Ramsell's so he is available to judge for us. Most of the poodle agility community is familiar with Rod. We will have fun. He is aware how fun poodles think agility is and I am sure will design courses that will test our skills and be enjoyable.

I hope everyone has a joyous holiday season with your family, friends and poodles.

Debbie West

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Judges for 2015 PCA National

Toys: *Mr. Raymond Stevens

Miniatures: * Dr. Donald Sturz, Jr.

Standards: *Mr. Randy Garren

Intervariety: * Mrs. Barbara Furbush

Notes from the 2015 Show Chairman –

I am sure everyone is hoping the weather forecasters are wrong in their winter predication this year although many of you have already experienced snowfall! For so many of us, the light at the end of winter's tunnel is our Poodle Club of America's 83rd National Specialty Show, "Poodle Pride USA". So get those poodles in show shape as the 2015 Show dates are fast approaching.

2015 PCA National Show Dates and Judges

Tracking Dog Test & Tracking Dog Excellent, Friday, April 17, 2015

Mr. Jack Sapenfield II
Second Judge – Pending

Retriever Hunt Test, Saturday, April 18, and Sunday, April 19, 2015

Junior Hunter, Senior Hunter and Master Hunter: Mr. Joe Romancsak and Mr. Joe Eschert

Worker Certificate and Working Certificate Excellent Test, Sunday, April 19, 2014

Mr. Joe Romancsak and Mr. Joe Eschert

Agility: Monday, April 20, 2015

Novice A & B, Open, Excellent & Master: Mr. Rod Ramsell

Obedience and Rally : Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Obedience:

Novice A and B, Open B, Utility A,: Mrs. Nancy K. Withers
Beginner Novice A and B, Open A, Utility B, Versatility: Mrs. Carolyn Wray

Rally:

Rally Novice A and B, Rally Advanced A and B, Rally Excellent A and B, Rally Pairs: Mrs. Betsy Horn Humer

Just Poodles Grooming Competition & Fundraise, Monday, April 21, 2014

Amateur & Professional Competitions: Judges Pending

Conformation: Wednesday, April 22 – Friday, April 24, 2015

Toys: Mr. Raymond Stevens
Miniatures: Dr. Donald Sturz, Jr.
Standards: Mr. Randy Garren
Intervariety: Mrs. Barbara Furbush
Junior Showmanship Competition: Mr. Dennis McCoy
4 & 6 Months Puppy Best of Breed Competition: Mr. Bradley Odagiri
4 & 6 Months Puppy Variety Competition: Judge Pending (Mrs. Sharon Stevens)
Veteran Sweepstakes: Mrs. Sharon Stevens

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Request rooms reserved under PCA. Cutoff date of March 28, 2015

***Our 83rd National Specialty Show is dedicated
In Honor of Hal Kinne and in Memory of Sally
Kinne***

Your event committees are working hard to ensure we have another successful PCA The Grooming Competition Committee has reported their prizes are bigger and better than last year! Enter the Amateur & Professional Competitions and help us raise funds for the breed club, as all proceeds will be donated to PCA. I am sorry to report that Jo Ann Geramita has resigned from the Grooming Area set-up Committee for Conformation Exhibitors and the Parades of Champions, Titleholder & Rescue Dogs Committee. Your Set-up Form will now be mailed to Margaret Tauzin and your 50-word Parade Resumes will be mailed to Mary Ellen Fishler (additional information to be provided in the premium list). Thank you Jo Ann for a job well done. We will miss you! The RV Parking Request form will now have the option of prepaying to have your waste tank pumped. Your parking packet will have a colored ribbon that will be placed on your camping rig which will be coordinated for the waste pumping day request. We have begun work on the premium lists so keep your eyes glued to your mailbox. You will be receiving information for your Catalog Advertisement and Sales, Trophy Donations and Foundation Donations the 1st week of January.

Other new Event Committee volunteers are : Grounds Committee: Nick Grubb, Matt Perchick, Marlene Slade and Bobbie Thomas; Trophy Committee: Patti Jason and Nicole Sugai; and T-Shirt Sales: Claudette Boudreaux (need additional volunteers – contact me). A hearty thank you to all of the “Event Committee Chairs and Workers” – because of your efforts, we will have a successful 2015 PCA!

Should you have any questions, please call or email. We will do our best to assist you anyway possible. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again in April.

Fondly,
Judy C. Cooksey, 2015 PCA National Show Chairman,
Email: adamscooksey@gmail.com, Cell Phone: 240-346-5192

Barbara H. Furbush, 2015 PCA National Assistant Show Chairman,
Email: b.furbush@comcast.net, Phone: 410-742-8358

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Judges Education

New Venue for The American Dog Show judges Institute for Non Sporting and Sporting to be held with the Louisville Ky Dog Shows in March 2015. These seminars will be held at the show bldg.

This ADSJ Institute was always held in the past in August at Indiana Pa.

This will be the year for Poodles I was advised Friday.
We will need Toys, Miniature and Standard folks to volunteer with dogs. Need 4 to 6 in each variety for hands on for our student judges.

**Please contact myself at: Nancyshafner@aol.com
or call 256 381 5744 home**

Look forward to hearing from you.
Regards,

Nancy Hafner, Poodle Club of America's
Judges Education Coordinator

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10. PROGRESSIVE RETINAL ATROPHY: Dr. Gustavo Aquirre discussed PRA in Poodles \$20.00

12. BREEDING A GREAT POODLE (TWO TAPES) Dr. George Padgett speaks on Poodle traits; comparing inbreeding to out crossing and line breeding; risk factors in picking up faults; calculating good and bad genes; helping each other with our breed. \$35.00

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24. 1998 SEMINAR -- GENETIC DISEASE ANALYSIS Jerold Bell discusses genetic disease analysis. \$15.00

27. 2001 "BREEDING STRATEGIES"

Dr. John Armstrong and Dr. George Padgett discuss "Type" casting, establishing a line, role of DNA mapping in making breeding decisions. \$20.00

28. 2002 PCAF SEMINAR -- WHICH PUPPY TO KEEP

Mrs. Pat Hastings leads us in an interactive seminar in solving the puzzle of "Which Puppy to Keep" \$20.00

30. 2003 PCAF SEM. "RAISING THE SHOW PUPPY"

Mrs James Edward Clark leads a panel of prominent Poodle Breeders who express their views on "The Successful Raising of a Show Puppy" \$20.00

31. 2004 "GENETICS FOR POODLE BREEDERS"

Dr. Jerold Bell discusses how breeders should use the advances in dog genome research in making breeding decisions. \$20.00

32. 2005 "Anne Clark on POODLE PEDIGREES"

Mrs. Edward Clark discusses various aspects of poodles and their pedigrees. \$22.00

33. 2006 "POODLE DISEASE UPDATES"

Dr. Thomas Graves discusses the research, testing, treatment & management of key genetic diseases. 22.00

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Obedience: Mr. Chris Cornell

Rally: Mr. Chris Primmer

Sweeps: Ms. Carol Zielke

Superintendent: Onofrio

*Followed by four days of the
Rose City Classic all-breed
shows.*



Hi Everyone.

Just a quick note to let everyone know that except for a few minor glitches your applications for specialties and medallion requests are coming through just fine and I have been able to see that they are handled quickly. AKC has been especially quick to respond lately which is a good thing. One thing I would like to ask is that when you need to reach me you do so on my own e-mail which is Uniquejoan@verizon.net. For some strange reason my password and access to the Yahoo account seem to be extremely unreliable. I know there was one application that sat on the list and I was unable to retrieve it. So just to keep things going well please contact me at the above address. Good luck to all the upcoming specialty shows.....we've started to fill in lots of exciting shows coming up in 2015. As mentioned before anything I can help you with please do not hesitate to e-mail me or callphone number is 610-485-3908 and I do try to pick up my messages while away from home.

*Hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday season.
Joan McFadden*



Update



POODLES IN AMERICA

The PIA Committee has been working very hard to finalize the materials for publication of Volume XII. In the last few weeks we encountered some difficulties and at this time we are working to find solutions. As a result we will have to postpone our current publication plans until a later date. We want to thank all those who have supported our efforts. We will be sending out updated information as soon as possible. The Green Books are an important part of our Poodle history and a valuable resource for breeders and owners. We want to make sure you receive a quality product.

Cathy Catelain, Chair of the PIA Committee

Wanted:

Old PCA T-shirts for a quilt

I would like to make a PCA T-shirt quilt for the raffle for our April 2015 Specialty. If you have any PCA shirts you would be interested in donating please contact me. Remember I need only one shirt from each year so check to see if I have received that year from someone before sending them off. The shirts need to be clean, without stains or holes, and not too badly faded. Please contact me by December 31, 2014, it will take time to gather, prep, piece and quilt the top.

Thank you, Adrienne Dorland, email Adenz@verizon.

Qualifiers in AKC National Owner-Handled Series

The purpose of the AKC National Owner-Handled Series is to recognize and showcase the quality dogs being exhibited by owner/handlers and to provide a venue for the owner/handlers to compete against their peers. The determination of the awards in the National Owner-Handled Series is based solely on the quality of the entry. The owner/handler's handling ability is not of consideration. Household members and current assistants to professional handlers in conformation are not eligible to exhibit in this competition.

For clarification, AKC The National Owner-Handled Series is not the same thing as the Amateur-Owner-Handler Class. The Amateur-Owner-Handler Class is a regular class and the winner of this class will compete in the Winners Class for AKC Championship points. The AKC National Owner-Handled Series is a special attraction that selects an Owner-Handled dog from all eligible dogs in the Best of Breed ring including the Winners Dog or Bitch. However, no points towards a championship will be awarded in the Series. Eligible class dogs that are selected Winners Dog or Winners Bitch are included in the AKC National Owner-Handled Series judging.

The end of year competition for the AKC National Owner-Handled Series will be held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. Dogs that finished ranked in the top ten (plus ties) for their breed for the current qualifying period will be invited to compete in the competition. The qualifying period for the 2015 qualifying year is October 09, 2014 through October 07, 2015.

Dogs must be handled by an owner/handler eligible for the AKC National Owner-Handled Series throughout the breed level competition for the point show. This includes the class competition and subsequent competition in the breed ring. Additionally, dogs must be handled by an eligible owner/handler for all AKC National Owner-Handled Series competition. If the replacement handler is an eligible owner/handler for that dog a change can occur. Any person can show the dog in the regular group and Best In Show competitions.

Below are the lists of the top ten qualifiers in rank order for each variety, although all are eligible to compete, not all will attend the Invitational. It is important that the owner handlers and dogs be recognized. This list was taken from the AKC web site so any errors in spelling are AKC's not the author's and I apologize now.

Also please note: it would be great for someone who exhibits in this competition to submit an article about the Owner-Handled class for inclusion in Poodle Papers. The author can select their topic such as their experiences pros and cons, how they feel the class is perceived by other exhibitors, judges, any issues that need to be addressed etc.

Submitted by Sue Burge

Toy Poodles:

Dog Name	Owner Name		
GCH CH Sharbelle Greg-Mar Days Of Memories	Bonnie A Bird/Nicole H Munneke		
GCH CH G8rcreek Far Far Better	Barbara C Hoopes/Jennifer L Brueser		
CH Foxmore Boxwood Bodeen	Ingela Gram/Janet R Reed		
GCH CH Customs Devine Intervention	Martha Carroll-Talley		
GCH CH Darbon Little Brown Betty At Janstone	Janet Newburgh		
GCH CH Sharbelle Little Boy Blue	Raymond Stevens/Mrs. Sharon Renee Stevens		

GCH CH Smash JP Beauty & Beat	Ron Scott/ Debbie Burke		
CH Ed-Man's Whirlwind Of Emotions	Edgar Arwin Perez Robles/ Jesus Manuel Guadalupe Hernandez		
GCH CH Redcoat Alexander's Metallic Gold	Shelley R Koch		
CH Simmetry Single N Lovin It	Pauline Simmons		

Miniature Poodles:

Dog Name	Owner Name	
GCH CH Sandstorm Shaq Attack	Joann Neal	
GCH CH Serenade Renaissance Live It Up	Caitlin Beckerich/ Kathy Taylor	
GCH CH Marrett's I Live For The Applause	Matthew W Williams	
GCH CH Sosherr Bonheurs Little Bit Of Sunshine	Jean Lacey	
GCH CH Sandstorm X's In Texas MX MXJ	Joann Neal	
Sosherr's Daydream Believer	Sherryn Malm	
Amethyst Sceaga Syzygy	Joy Farmer/ Jane Giffin	
GCH CH Inishmoor's Carleigh O'Daley	Jody Foss	
Amethyst Sceaga Starburst Galaxy	Joy Farmer/ Jane Giffin	
Bonheur's Secret Treasure At Patriot	Audrey L Kelly/Jean Urban	
Eaglehill's Let's Dance	Ms. Nancy E Evans/ Mr. Timothy Garrison	
Standard Poodles		

Dog Name	Owner Name	
GCH CH Gulfbreeze It's All About The Madness	Nicole Minneke/Bonnie Ann Bird	
CH Artistic's Piccadilly's Mayhem Like Me CA	Kathleen and William Kershner	
GCH CH Lakeridge Atalanta Summer In Paris	Lindsay Gorder	

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A.K.C. Delegates Corner

DELEGATE REPORT

The Delegate Meeting was held on September 7th and 8th, 2014, at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel, in Newark New Jersey. On Sunday, I attended the Parent Club Committee, The Delegate Forum, and the Dock and Crop Committee meetings.

PARENT CLUB COMMITTEE

There were the usual reports concerning the use of various communication options open to the Delegates. We were told that 5 Parent Clubs had applied for the Parent Club of Excellence Project, with scores averaging between 91-130. (I am not really sure if this is going to be a successful endeavor.) The CGC Title numbers are continuing to increase. Currently 22,667 titles have been issued. Next was the discussion on the Trailer Task Force Project. The Forum on Monday will be "Rolling Out Help with AKC Pet Disaster Relief". It has been one year since this project was introduced to the public. So far, over a half a million dollars has been raised in support of the trailers.

It was brought to our attention that Meet the Breeds will be held in conjunction with Westminster Kennel Club in February this year. It will only be one day, Saturday. This will be quite an opportunity for National recognition for the AKC. During the weekend of Agility, Obedience, and Meet the Breeds; there will also be a presentation of a Disaster Relief Trailer to the Borough of Manhattan.

The problems with the AKC Breed Classifieds from a Parent Club perspective were then discussed. There was a general consensus that there need to be issues corrected. Such as there be a way to tell what Parent Club an advertiser belongs to, not just any parent club. Also, they are working on finding a way to incorporate advertising and health testing for each breed. They are working on various incentives and how to validate them. It was reported that this has to be a wide spread solution since less than 7% of the fancy belongs to a Parent Club.

The Parent Club Rescue Alliance List is still going forward and now they are working on developing a Parent Club Public Education Group with a Legislative component. It was also brought to our attention that the board would be revisiting the Judge Approval Process at their next board meeting. This is becoming a hot bed discussion since there are so many opinions in the fire. Steve Gladstone's proposal was obviously instigated to encourage discussion. It worked. Every committee had it on its agenda for discussion.

DOCK AND CROP COMMITTEE

This was a short meeting. The committee is working on building a data base of veterinarians across the country who perform cropping. Also, the Parent Clubs who are involved with docking and cropping are being asked to supply any teaching materials, such as videos etc., they may have demonstrating or guiding breeders in obtaining information on these subjects.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB DELEGATE MEETING

The meeting was called to order after the forum on the Relief Trailers at 10:00 a.m. This was a short meeting. The Ballot for the Delegate Standing Committees was conducted. Then the various reports were given by the Chief Financial Officer, President and the Chairman. During Alan's report he issued an ice bucket challenge to the board in Bill Newmans memory. During his report he mentioned that there were two new performance event titles taking effect in January 2015. There are Agility special events, Dock Diving Competition and four new titles added to the Therapy Dog Program. There are also two new Legislative Programs involving Legislator of the Year Awards across the country and a Law School Outreach Program. Hopefully this will extend to the AVMA.

There were no motions to vote on at this session but there was one motion read. It was on proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 11, (starting at end of paragraph 3) of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers – Rules for Retriever Trials, which

would allow a club to hold an Amateur All-Age only trial in place of their Open/Amateur All-Age trial once every other year, provided their other three trials over that two year period are Open/Amateur All-Age trials.

Meet the Breeds® booths, seminars and Judges Institutes, and new events like our Veterans Competition and the NADD/AKC Diving Dog Championship, there is nothing that can compare to this complete canine extravaganza.”

Other events in the one million square feet of canine-centric event space during the week of December 9-14, 2014 include the:

AKC Junior Showmanship Finals
AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals
AKC Junior Agility Competition
AKC Juniors Obedience & Rally Classic
Specialty Shows, Group Shows and the FSS Open Shows
Orlando cluster, consisting of the Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, the Brevard Kennel Club, the Central Florida Kennel Club and Orlando Dog Training Club
2014 Highlights:

Judges: Judge Mr. Ronald Menaker of Jupiter, Florida will select the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Best in Show (BIS) winner. The owner(s) of the BIS winner will receive more than \$50,000. Ms. Patricia W. Laurans of Newtown, Connecticut will select Best Bred-By Exhibitor in Show from among 1,031 dogs (25% of the total entry) entered in the Bred-by-Exhibitor (dogs being shown by their owner/breeder) competition. Best Bred-By Exhibitor in Show will receive \$15,000. Over \$51,000 in prize money will be awarded to Bred-By Exhibitor owners.

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More Than 4,100 Dogs to Compete For Top Honors at 14th Annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship

(Wednesday, November 19, 2014)

Dogs from All 50 States and Over a Dozen Countries Will Vie for Best in Show

New York, NY – In a record entry, 4,177 dogs will compete for the title of National Champion at the 14th annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on December 13 and 14, 2014 in Orlando, Florida. The show is held in conjunction with the AKC Agility Invitational and the AKC Obedience Classic (entries of 598 and 202 respectively) making for a combined entry of nearly 5,000 dogs competing in the three events.

“The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship week is a one-of-a-kind experience for any dog lover,” said Dennis B. Sprung, AKC President and Show Chairman. “With thousands of dogs competing, nearly 160 AKC

Does your club have an outstanding member you want to recognize? Someone that has given over and over to your club? If so send us their story. We are happy to review it for the next issue of the Poodle Papers.

In the Spotlight!

Spotlight on PCA Member – Del Dahl

By Adrienne Dorland

When I sat down with Del to begin this interview he asked me why I wanted to interview him as he has been profiled in other publications. I told him that I wanted a chance to get to know him and not just as a member of PCA but some of his life outside of Poodles. Del's dogs were the grandparents to my early Mini's and I have always valued that part of history. Del graciously agreed to give me a few moments at PCA last April; here is what I learned about Del Dahl of Fontella Poodles.

Del received his introduction to Poodles in 1962 when an employer had two Toy Poodles that were not of "good quality" but were "the best minded Poodles" Del had seen. Del says he liked livestock and wanted to groom them but living in an apartment is not ideal for livestock grooming. Del's first Poodle was a Toy of pet quality, but he also wanted to show his dog and this one would not do. His second Poodle was a dog from Sassafras that became his first champion. Peggy Hogg asked Del to help by taking a bitch into the ring for her, this turned into Del helping Peggy, and Peggy providing mentoring to Del on Poodles to Del. Del stated that Peggy was valuable to his learning because "she never approached dogs as a handling business but for the love of the breed". As a graduate student at the University of Illinois, Del spent every weekend and all his spare time learning to groom and show Poodles. Del met and became friends with Nancy Cutler. From Nancy, Del obtained his first Mini, a Razzmatazz daughter Cutlers Bronze Lavender. Next he received Cutlers Ebony Wisteria. A key bitch in Dels' success in Poodles, Wisteria went on to become a Top Producer and Best in show' winner. Wisteria had a specialty win from the Veteran class at nine years of age. Del stated that equally important to his developing breeding program he became acquainted with Annie Clark.

Del's lists his "big moments" in Poodles to include winning Great Lakes Poodle Club show with Wisteria, her Best in Show win and her Group Two win at Westminster Kennel Club, and Santa Barbara win. He added Savory's Specialty Best in Show win along with back-to-back wins with Zoe in Missouri. Del is particularly proud of Ch. Parade Kiss n Tell's Best in Show win and his top producing production record. Del's most recent Best in Show win with his Toy GCH. Baliwick Honey Boo Boo has kept the big moments coming.

I asked Del who he felt who his mentors in Poodles are; he lists his major influences in Poodles as Annie Clark and Peggy Hogg for their knowledge of Poodles and what he learned from them. Del also talked about how wonderful it was to work with breed historian Mackey Irick when writing his book "The Complete Poodle". Del's favorite Poodle memories include weekends at the Clarks home learning from them. Del enjoyed spending time with Wendell Sammet at Ale Kai, as well as Freeman "Buddy" Dickey at Dassin where they would go through the kennel discussing the dogs Bud had. His educational or teaching segments of life with Poodle life interspersed into the mix.

Del has belonged to Great Lakes Poodle Club and Poodle Club of Central Indiana. Del has only shown in conformation with dogs, as well as cattle and hogs. Del noted his son Cody had an interest in horses that he followed.

Outside of Poodles Del has had an interesting life. He has worked at the University of Illinois as a Professor in the department of Agricultural Communication. We are familiar with Communication as it pertains to our mainstream media; Agricultural Communication is all of the important news and information that needs to be disseminated to farmers and ranchers across our country. Del specializes in preparing the next generation to keep the agricultural news going out. Del's family and personal life are of greatest importance to him; he has six grandchildren he enjoys. A fun surprise to me

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is Del's love of music and the fact that he sings in a barbershop quartet. A man of many talents.

Del has these words of advice to the young up and coming people in Poodles. He recommends, "that a person not just pick up and go in Poodles but stop and understand where we have come from". He feels "the breeders of tomorrow will need to understand the great kennels of yesterday and how their work affects what we have today and today there are things in the history that are important to today and tomorrow" Del's unique and in depth knowledge of Poodle history is vitally important for our newcomers to learn so they are able to make clear and informed decisions with their Poodles futures.

My time spent interviewing Del Dahl was incredibly short because he has so much to share in his knowledge of Poodles, of Poodle history, of Poodle type, of people who have shaped our Poodles of today. I hope that I will get more time in the future to hear more history from Del as many of the dogs, events and people are those that shaped my experience. I hope you too will take time to sit with Del and ask him to share of himself.

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Veterans Competition: The Veterans Class will be open to all dogs and bitches seven years of age and older and a Best of Breed Veteran will be selected in each breed or variety. Veteran group judging will coincide with the Bred-By Exhibitor group judging on Saturday and Sunday afternoon with the Best Veteran in Show selected on Sunday evening by Mr. Roger Hartinger. The Veterans entry totals 220 dogs.

AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals: This year, the AKC NOHS Finals Best in Show competition moves to the main ring on Saturday evening, judged by Mrs. Charlotte P. Patterson. Breed and group judging takes place on Friday, December 12. This invitation-only competition is open to the top ten ranked dogs in the AKC National Owner-Handled Series in each breed/variety from the 2014 qualifying year and drew an entry of 608 dogs representing 171 breeds.

AKC Juniors Classic: Junior handlers will now have the opportunity to compete in AKC Rally® as part of the new AKC Juniors Classic, which offers multiple levels of both obedience and AKC Rally® competition for juniors.

Streaming video: For those who can't be in Orlando in person, extensive event coverage will once again be offered free of charge via streaming video at www.akc.org. The evening events in the arena will be streamed live beginning at 6:00 pm each night. The Bred-By Exhibitor groups, Veteran groups, agility and obedience will be taped and available on demand at www.akc.org and live.eukanuba.com.

AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

179 AKC recognized breeds are entered to compete.
4,177 entries in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship
The largest entries include:
126 Dachshunds (all varieties)
117 Golden Retrievers
93 Labrador Retrievers
79 French Bulldogs
79 Chihuahuas (both varieties)
76 Australian Shepherds
67 Shiba Inu
63 Rottweilers
59 Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

By group, entry totals are: Sporting – 708; Hound – 572; Working – 610; Terrier – 496; Toy – 622; Non-Sporting – 542, Herding – 532 and Miscellaneous – 95
608 dogs representing 171 breeds are entered in the AKC National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) Finals.
30 Specialty Shows, 2 Group Shows and 2 FSS Open Shows will take place on Friday, December 12.
124 children and teens, ages 9-17, who have met high academic standards and qualification criteria based on year-round competition, will compete in Junior Showmanship.

AGILITY INVITATIONAL AND OBEDIENCE CLASSIC BY THE NUMBERS

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Juniors Corner

Today's Junior Handlers are the FUTURE. They are tomorrow's exhibitors, handlers, professional handlers, breeders, veterinarians, photographers, and judges, etc.

It is with the future of the Breed in mind that PCA launched the PCA Junior Education Program.

Mission Statement for the PCA Junior's Education Program: Foster and reward youth participation, teach ethics in animal care, handling, and training practices, encourage young people to become actively involved in the sport, instill good sportsmanship, generate pride in accomplishments earned competing with Poodles.

PCA Junior's Education Program seeks to lay a foundation for generations of good ethical sportsmen, breeders, handlers, owners, club members, photographers, groomers, and anything else Poodles. So that our breed moves ever onward toward perfection we need these dedicated and prepared young fanciers, the Junior Handlers, and we need the fancy to support and guide them.

Our breed is more than grooming and showing. By encompassing conformation, field, obedience, agility, tracking, and even therapy service venues, we open more doors to our Junior's and their poodles as we attempt to reach more of our youth for our breed, regardless of their area of interest.

The PCA Junior's Education Program hopes to encourage Junior Handler entries in all venues at our PCA National Specialty and have 2015 bring our largest Junior Handler entry to date. The "Greatest Show on Earth" is known for offering only the best venues! For the 2015 PCA National Specialty, so our Juniors can show their **POODLE PRIDE USA**, the Poodle Club of America is planning special programs in support of the PCA Junior Education Program.

Your support and interest in the PCA Junior's Education Program is much needed and greatly appreciated! So, be sure to stay tuned for what our FUTURE has in store!

Tabatha Waters

Standing in for Gina Weiser as she watches over her husband.

We all want to wish him the best.

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GCH CH Aris Always And Forever	Beth Harris/Michael Harris/Sarah R Dulski	
GCH CH Tuelz Absolutely	Lindy Miller	
CH Magic Hour's Enterprise	Rebecca Godbey/Brandon Godbey	
GCH CH Safari's This Side Of Paradise	Cynthia A Huff/Joel Haefner	



PCA-Annual Junior Round Table Symposium

Come join your friends at our annual round table Symposium and pizza party immediately following Junior Showmanship on Wednesday, April 20, 2015 in the Hospitality Suite

Experience All Things Poodle

Sign up for Hunting, Agility, and Obedience as Junior Steward. Check in and out at the Junior Education booth to participate, includes PCA shirt and box lunch.

PCA—Poodle Reference Library

The reference libraries, where juniors can share, borrow, & exchange all things Poodles. We are looking for Old/New/Used books, articles, CD's, pictures, magazines, grooming charts/diagrams & any relevant materials that you think may be of value to the juniors.

**Donations received at hospitality suite
Monday through Thursday.**

***If you borrowed a book, tape or CD, please
bring back to PCA...Thank you!***



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Juniors - Spring 2015

2nd Annual "Hands-on" Clinic



Come join us for a
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session. Learn from
Professionals the
techniques and tips for
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ALL JUNIORS WELCOME

When: Weds. April 20, 2015

Where: Main Ring

Time: Immediately following dogs

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- Poodle
- Grooming Equipment
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Please consider a tax deductible donation to PCA Rescue Foundation. One hundred percent of your donation goes to support the efforts of volunteers all over the United States to rescue Poodles from abandonment and find them permanent, safe loving homes. Return this form to the address below.

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Sally Poindexter

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Variety Representatives

Toy Poodles:

Wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday Season,

Remembering all the things Toy Poodles can get into over the holidays when one is so busy with cooking, company, Christmas Trees with all those wonderful shiny ornaments they love to get down and roll around, break they look so surprised.....it broke!~... and the plants for them to eat a leaf here and there.....you will never miss..

But POISON for your dogs.. BEWARE...

Know your emergency pet hospital's number~~~~!

Just think its only 4 months until THE NATIONAL..... How are the puppies looking ? lead trained yet?

Should you have any concerns please let me know.. Will be happy to take to the board meeting for answers!

See you at the shows,

Nancy Hafner, Toy Representative

Miniature Poodles:

Winter has certainly decided to make an early entrance this year. With that in mind, it is not too early to start thinking about our 2015 national show, April 17 thru 24. Our miniature judge this year is Dr. Donald Sturz. Donald has bred and shown some very beautiful miniatures. I look forward to see what he will have to choose from. If Facebook is any indicator, there are some lovely minis on their way. In the past few months, I have noticed an increase in calls for miniature poodles. Let's hope this continues and we can get the miniature numbers increased. As your miniature representative, I'm here for you. Please let me know if there is a topic that you would like for me to address or any information I can provide. Stay safe and warm this winter and have a wonderful holiday season with your "best friends"..

Janet Lange Mosees

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Standard Rep's Report

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Standard Poodles are one of the most versatile breed (variety). Not to take away from the other two Poodle varieties, but Standards are willing and capable of doing almost any task that you can imagine. They excel as show dogs but if that's all you're asking of your Standard, you're certainly not getting the most "bang for your buck" with this active and intelligent variety.

PCA showcases Poodles in all different venues from Upland and Retriever field work, to agility, to obedience and rally, to tracking, and to conformation. My challenge to you is to see how versatile YOUR Standard is by starting now to train for at least one of these other events. Who knows, maybe your dog will be a star at retrieving or flushing pheasants, or will fall in love with agility or rally? Try challenging their brain and their physical make-up with some other activity that doesn't involve long hours on the grooming table. Let's see how many Standards we can get entered in performance and companion dog activities at PCA in 2015 (in addition to conformation, of course)!

If you need guidance as to where to go to start these activities, please don't hesitate to give me a call or send an e-mail. I'm here to help (I know, you've heard that before from the government but in this case it really is true!)

Joyce Carelli
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New York City AKC Meet the Breeds

The Westminster Kennel Club presents AKC Meet the Breeds® in partnership with Purina® ProPlan®! This year's event, also brought to you by sponsors AKCSM Visa® Card and PetPartners, Inc, will be held in conjunction with the Westminster Masters Agility Championship on Saturday, February 14th, 2015 at Pier 92 in NYC. Tickets go on sale October 15th.

From Akitas to Xoloitzcuintlis, the sixth annual event will continue to offer dog lovers the exciting opportunity to meet and play with more than 100 different dog breeds. This partnership is a first for AKC Meet the Breeds®, which has traditionally been held every fall at The Javits Center.

Saturday, February 14, 2015
Pier 92
711 12th Avenue
New York, NY 10019

598 entries in the AKC Agility Invitational – 163 breeds from 41 states and five countries. Eukanuba and J & J Dog Supplies are proud sponsors of the AKC Agility Invitational.

202 entries in the two-day AKC Obedience Classic, including 44 breeds from 31 states. Eukanuba and J & J Dog Supplies are proud sponsors of the AKC Obedience Classic.

59 Juniors competing at the AKC Junior Agility Competition on Friday, Dec. 12th, proudly sponsored by MAD Agility and J&J Dog Supplies.

65 entries from 38 Juniors in Obedience and AKC Rally® at the AKC Juniors Classic on Saturday, Dec. 13th (Obedience) and Sunday, Dec. 14th (Rally). Juniors from 11 states will be competing with 15 different breeds. Eukanuba and J&J Dog Supplies are proud sponsors of this event.

Working Poodle

Roxanne

by Janice Glosson

This past June my silver miniature poodle, Dalcrista Roxanne, RAE2, CD, BN, WCX, JH became the first mini to earn a Junior Hunter title through AKC. It is an honor to be able to present her story.



Roxanne came to me through Heart of America Poodle Rescue. She was a young puppy when I got her and had been spayed at the age of 8 1/2 weeks. This very early spaying caused a noticeable delay in her mental maturity. Roxanne had puppy brains for the first 3 1/2 years of her life. Nothing in my 50+ years of working with, breeding and showing mini poodles prepared me for this very wild puppy. I signed her up for a puppy class with an all-positive training instructor since I also detected a very sensitive soul under that wild spirit. Roxanne graduated first in her class so there was hope for her!

We had a very successful career in Rally Obedience and eventually earned the highest titles in 4 different organizations. Roxanne loves working with me and is willing to try anything I ask of her. Her special treat is chasing a Frisbee. She also taught herself how to swim after a couple of years of simply walking around in shallow water. Since she was still young and willing to learn new things, I started to look around for other activities

for her. We tried Lure Coursing which she enjoyed until she stepped on the moving line. We tried obedience once her brain matured and she did well at that but I am not interested in too much obedience work since there are so many other interesting games to play. I decided to try for a Working Certificate with her. Little did I know what I was getting into! I had no experience with hunting training so asked a friend where he went with his Labrador. At the end of June, 2012, we showed up at a training session to watch. I had heard that hunting training can involve electronic collars and knew that my dog would not work if she was forced so I wanted to watch a session and talk to the instructor to be sure he was not set on using only one training method. The instructor was very skeptical that Roxanne would be able to do the work but was willing to give us a chance to try.

As we watched a training session, Roxanne was very interested in what was happening. She heard the duck call, saw the dead duck launched out of the winger and heard the gun shot fired. We were standing about 80 yards away and across a pond. Roxanne stood up on her hind legs at the end of her 6 ft. lead and basically



told me with every fiber of her body that she was ready to get whatever it was on the far side of the pond. The instructor was impressed and picked up a duck to tease Roxanne with. She immediately took it from him to his utter amazement. Roxanne is just under 14" tall and 14#. He told me later that he believed that Roxanne would not be physically able to carry a duck.

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Our next session was an actual training lesson. I teased Roxanne with the duck and threw it several times for her to retrieve. She did so without a problem. Then I started putting her on a stay and walking the duck further away each time. My retrieving maniac LOVED the game. Our next step was to take her into the field and do some short retrieves. Her first retrieve with the duck in a winger, the shot and the duck call was at 25 yards. Roxanne nailed it. Her next was about 40 yards. She overshot that one but came back up the field quartering and found it easily. When I glanced at the instructor, his jaw had dropped and his mouth was open.

We had about 7 weeks until the Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club's WC/WCX tests. Due to the very hot and dry summer that year, we only got 6 training sessions in before the test. I was one very nervous handler at the test but everyone was supportive. There were 2 minis entered. Roxanne followed the other mini who failed on the land portion. Not a good start for minis. On her first bird, Roxanne found it immediately and picked it up. About halfway back to me she dropped the bird, took a long detour to answer Nature's call, went back to her bird, picked it up without another command from me and brought it back. The rest was easy and she became the first mini to pass at the GMPC hunt tests.



At the urging of my instructor, I entered Roxanne in UKC hunt tests just 2 weeks after the poodle test. These tests are similar to PCA's WC test in that 2 single retrieves on land and water are required. Distances a little longer than at the poodle tests. My poodle passed

both days then passed 2 more times just 3 weeks later. Her last water retrieve had the whole gallery ready to jump into the cold water to save her. The route to the duck was through a patch of lily pads and Roxanne had a difficult time getting untangled from the stems. She earned her Started Hunting Retriever (SHR) title and garnered a huge fan club along the way. I was amazed and proud of my little poodle but this was definitely what she wanted to do. She IS a hunting poodle despite her size.

We spent the next year working on delivering that duck to hand as is required in the WCX test. A delivery of a 3# duck to hand by a mini poodle is no easy feat. Minis have a small mouth so getting a good grip on the duck is difficult. They don't have any breathing room left when they have the duck in their mouth so panting is impossible. Larger dogs are able to pant around the duck. When a mini finally arrives with the duck, they are usually tired and need to breathe and pant. Add that they usually can't see over the duck and the ground is uneven plus they are less than 1/4 the size of the other dogs so they have to use 4-5 times the energy and one can see the challenges these little poodles face. Roxanne has a lot of determination and what the hunters call HEART. She learned to carry the duck as far as possible, drop it to breathe and pant, then pick it up and continue on to me.

Roxanne earned her WCX and the PCA bronze medal last year. It looked like the only avenue open for us would be the PCA Medallion Program until word came that the AKC had approved minis to run in their hunt tests. This was in part because Roxanne's breeder is a delegate to AKC and he lobbied for the rule change.

AKC Junior Hunt Tests have the same 4 single retrieves--2 on land and 2 in water with longer distances of up to 100 yards. Roxanne's first AKC hunt test was in April at the PCA test. Three minis were entered and she was one of two minis to pass. Her next tests were the end of May. Unfortunately, the test grounds were flooded until shortly before the tests so the grass was not cut and was at least 40 inches tall. The rules specify moderate cover but this was anything but moderate. On the first day, the judges had us standing on high ground looking down into the tall grass. Roxanne nailed both of her retrieves even though it was impos-

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sible to see where she was until she popped out in front of me carrying her duck. She also passed her water retrieves with style even though she fell into a water filled hole on an island while returning with her first water-retrieve duck.

Sunday's test was an impossible challenge for my dog. The start was at the same level with the tall grass and required her to swim through a muddy ditch at the start. Larger dogs were able to jump the ditch. My altitude and size-challenged dog was not able to see where the duck dropped and there was no wind, either, so she had no idea which direction to take into the jungle. Even our beginning casting lessons wouldn't have helped since she couldn't see me once she got into the grass. Our first and only failure at single retrieve tests.

A couple weeks later, we were at 2 days of AKC tests in the state park where we train. Familiar ground for both of us. Her first duck was a "shot flier". This is a live duck which is shot on the wing just like in a hunting situation. Roxanne's duck was not dead when it hit the ground. All I could see was my dog running in circles around something. She would periodically stop, bark and occasionally jump straight up into the air. The dying duck was either lunging at her or hissing. The actions of my poodle were funny to watch as the judges behind me urged the duck to die. Finally after what seemed like a very long time but was probably less than 90 seconds, Roxanne brought the now dead duck to me. The rest of the test was uneventful. Three passes and one to go...

The fourth test consisted of a very long land retrieve through tall brush, water filled ditches and very uneven ground. One of the judges from the test where Roxanne failed was judging. Her reputation preceded her and this judge told the other handlers during the briefing that they were in for a special treat. Talk about pressure! Roxanne nailed that long, difficult retrieve and the other, much easier land retrieve. The judge said that he was going to add 100 points to her score for her heart and loudly told everyone how impressive my dog was. He and the other judge also applauded my dog even though the rules say they are not allowed to do that. The only thing left was her 2 water retrieves. Of course, it got very windy and one retrieve required the dog to swim carrying the duck against the wind.

The white caps on this pond were over Roxanne's head. She managed to bring the duck and earn the JH. My tears of joy flowed freely that day!

I will always cherish the comments from the judges. More than one told me that they would be proud to have Roxanne hunting with them. I have been told that Roxanne is still being talked about on the hunt test circuit many months after she earned her title.

Many people ask me if it was difficult to train Roxanne. My answer is that I have learned so much from this dog that I am grateful for the journey she has taken me on. I enter her in the tests, drive her to the location and point her in the correct direction. That is where my efforts end. My amazing poodle does the rest.

The instinct to hunt is alive and strong in many poodles. Get out there and have some fun with your dog!

Reminder: ***PCA's field weekend.***

The AKC Retriever Hunt Test will be held on April 18 and PCA's WC/WCX on April 19, 2015. Both events will be held at Anatidae Farm 4635 Maiden Forest Rd. Rhodesdale, Maryland 21659. Our judges will be Joe Romanczak and Joe Eschert.

Poodles in the Field

By Carol Stone

We have seen a marked increase in the numbers of poodles participating in field events in the past year.



2014 has brought us 8 new WC and 12 new WCX titles so far. What is more impressive is many of these are with owners/handlers that are new to the sport. In the past, most of our new titles were earned by owners with new dogs. This year brought us a host of new owners and dogs to the field.

This year also brought the addition of miniatures to the breeds allowed to participate in AKC Retriever Hunt Tests. What's even more exciting is that we already have four minis that have proven that size doesn't matter. The first four minis earned their AKC Junior Hunter Titles this year. They are: Dalcrista Roxanne (Roxanne), CD RAE2 JH WCX owned by Janice Glosson; MACH3 Menina de Prata (Nina), CD RE JH MJB2 MXG MXF T2B2 CGC UIC HPC WCX owned

by Beth White; Kameo Silver Lake Dream (Riki), JH WC owned by Lucie Hiser; and CH OTCH MACH Barclay Lyca Masterpiece (Ren), UDX2 OM4 RA JH MXS MJS OF WC WCX owned by Lisa Harrison.

We are also seeing more local Poodle Clubs stepping up to the plate to offer the WC/WCX tests in their areas. Though it does require time and effort, it is well worth it. I encourage each of you to approach your local clubs to get them to sponsor an event. The more opportunities we can offer, the more of our poodles we will have returning to what they were bred to do.



The WC/WCX will be held on April 19, 2015 at Anatidae Farm 4635 Maiden Forest Rd. Rhodesdale, Maryland. I hope you will join us this year to participate in our event at the national specialty. If you don't have a dog ready to compete, you can enter the instinct test or just come and cheer us on. It always proves to be a fun and entertaining day and the food can't be beat. Hope to see you there.

Photos by by John Carelli

PCA Herding Certificate Applications

Have a herding title on your Poodle?
Kindly contact Joyce Miller at
poodolls@comcast.net to apply for a
certificate.

PCA UPLAND CERTIFICATE TESTS 2015

The momentum for Poodles in the upland field is on the rise by leaps and bounds. More and more people are realizing our breed is very talented at being upland hunting dogs.

More Poodles are being given the opportunity to show their inborn hunting talent, and believe me, it is in there no matter what size you may have. Some of the 'shorter dogs' are way more tenacious than their taller cousins! But that the miniature and toy breeders have known for years 😊



The Poodles are hitting the fields, and producing birds for the table, stories for the fireside and memories for the owners and hunting buddies, and loving every minute of it!

To watch a Poodle work a field gracefully flying through the grass, bouncing, running, tail wagging when the excitement of the bird scent hits their nose, and the drive to catch the bird putting it to flight is something to behold... then the proud moment the dog returns to the hunter with the bird softly carried in their mouth. Yep that is what memories are made of, for both dog and hunter.

AKC is starting to listen, and our program is being used as an example of how parent clubs can support and prove the talent in upland work for hunting breeds.

Small steps, make successful journeys.

The PCA 2nd annual Upland Series will take place at the Peninsula Beagle Club on Friday April 17th, 2015.

Our Judges will be noted AKC Spaniel Judge Steven Roth, and Sarah Shull who judged for us last year and had a great time at the event.

The event will offer all 3 levels, from Upland Instinct Certificate, for the new to the sport Poodle, showing they have the 'stuff' upland dogs are made of, desire to hunt, and flush (chase up) a bird and locate it after it is down, as well as listen to the hunter in the field and not be afraid of gunfire noise.

The Working Certificate level, that certifies Poodles with some training and hunting experience are capable of being a useful hunting dog, requiring a dog to find and flush 2 birds, and retrieve.

The Working Certificate Excellent level, that is the next step up that shows the Poodle to be a competent hunting companion. Showing the dog's ability to trail a wounded bird, and honor another dog's work as well as being very competent in the flushing field.

Steven Roth has also graciously offered to present an informal introduction to the Spaniel Hunt test Program, on Saturday afternoon. To give us information as to what the Spaniel program is all about and pointers on how to improve with our dogs as upland trainers and hunters.

Currently the Poodle is not allowed into the Spaniel tests, which test the abilities that our PCA Upland Series certifies for. We are working for acceptance into the Spaniel test, as they will give the Poodle a venue to show and document a very important part of the breed's historical makeup, the hunt instinct.

The Poodle is one of only 3 retriever breeds not currently allowed into the Spaniel tests, the other two are the Chesapeake Bay (a breed that was developed as a big water market retriever) and the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, (this breed is also currently working on getting into the Spaniel tests).

Hopefully in the not too distant future, the Poodles will also join the Labrador, Golden, Flat Coat, Curly Coat, Irish and American Water Spaniel and the rest of the Spaniel breeds in the AKC Spaniel upland hunting tests. Make plans to include the Upland Series on your PCA radar, as a chance to see our Poodles having a great time flying through the fields at the 'bunny club' (as we affectionately refer to it) for a day of upland hunting!

More information can be found at www.uplandpoodles.com and the www.poodleclubofamerica.org very soon.

Jaci Bowman

PCA Upland Certificate Series Chair

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB'S ULTIMATE DOG NAME LIST

AKC's Ultimate Dog Name List

Getting a new dog or puppy soon?

As a responsible potential dog owner, seeking out a good breeder or reputable rescue, finding a vet, and locating a training class are just a few of the things you'll need to do before adding a new furry member to the family.

One of the most fun tasks? Picking out the perfect name! If you need some inspiration, AKC experts are here to help.

The names below are our favorite top 150 dog names, inspired by the thousands of dogs that have participated in AKC sports and events over the years. We hope one of these names helps you get off to the perfect start with your new pup!

The American Kennel Club's Ultimate Dog Name List:

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| 1. Abby | 51. Evie | 101. Obie |
| 2. Ace | 52. Finn | 102. Ollie |
| 3. Addie | 53. Flash | 103. Peach |
| 4. Adele | 54. Frankie | 104. Penny |
| 5. Annie | 55. Frisco | 105. Pepper |
| 6. Apollo | 56. Gator | 106. Piper |
| 7. Aspen | 57. Georgia | 107. Prada |
| 8. Bailey | 58. Ginger | 108. Ranger |
| 9. Beamer | 59. Grace | 109. Raven |
| 10. Bear | 60. Haley | 110. Reggie |
| 11. Belle | 61. Happy | 111. Remington |
| 12. Bella | 62. Harley | 112. Riley |
| 13. Birdie | 63. Hattie | 113. Ripley |
| 14. Bling | 64. Hope | 114. Riot |
| 15. Blue | 65. Hunter | 115. River |
| 16. Bogey | 66. Indy | 116. Roxie |
| 17. Body | 67. Jack | 117. Ruby |
| 18. Boomer | 68. Jamie | 118. Rumor |
| 19. Bowen | 69. Jax | 119. Salsa |
| 20. Breeze | 70. Jazz | 120. Scarlett |
| 21. Brie | 71. Jenna | 121. Scout |
| 22. Brody | 72. Jersey | 122. Shadow |
| 23. Buzz | 73. Jet | 123. Shiloh |
| 24. Callaway | 74. Jinx | 124. Skye |
| 25. Casey | 75. JoJo | 125. Slater |
| 26. Cash | 76. Josie | 126. Sophie |
| 27. Catcher | 77. Joy | 127. Spark |
| 28. Chaos | 78. Juno | 128. Spencer |
| 29. Chase | 79. Karma | 129. Spirit |
| 30. Chili | 80. Kenzi | 130. Spring |
| 31. CiCi | 81. Kiva | 131. Star |
| 32. Cody | 82. Kona | 132. Storm |
| 33. Cole | 83. Kyra | 133. Strider |
| 34. Comet | 84. Lacie | 134. Summer |
| 35. Cooper | 85. Lark | 135. Tally |
| 36. Cruise | 86. Laser | 136. Tango |
| 37. Crush | 87. Latte | 137. Tank |
| 38. Daisy | 88. Levi | 138. Taylor |
| 39. Dare | 89. Lilly | 139. Tease |
| 40. Dash | 90. Linx | 140. Tessa |
| 41. Dawson | 91. Logan | 141. Token |
| 42. Dazzle | 92. Lucy | 142. Tori |
| 43. Demi | 93. Luke | 143. Tripp |
| 44. Denali | 94. Max | 144. Trooper |
| 45. Diva | 95. Mia | 145. Tucker |
| 46. Dixie | 96. Mojo | 146. Tux |
| 47. Echo | 97. Monster | 147. Whip |
| 48. Eli | 98. Murphy | 148. Wyatt |
| 49. Ellie | 99. Nike | 149. Zeke |
| 50. Emmy | 100. Nova | 150. Zip |



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Do you own, breed, or handle miniature or standard poodles?

- Researchers at the University of Missouri would like to invite you to participate in a research study examining social behavior in miniature and standard poodles.
- Participation in this study involves the completion of an **online survey**. Owners, breeders, or handlers of miniature and/or standard poodles are eligible for the survey. This survey asks about the general social behaviors of a dog, such as attention, gesturing, and eye contact. Other information collected by the survey includes general health and training information.
- This study will provide insight into dog social behavior and how it relates to human behavior, especially in terms of social disorders such as autism. Shelley Green-Wooldridge, AKC handler, has advised the study investigators that social behaviors similar to autism have been observed in a subset of miniature and standard poodles. With thirty years of experience in working with poodles, Green-Wooldridge believes that this breed seems to be most appropriate to study for social behavior.
- Please join us in helping to conduct this study. If you would like to participate, please follow the link below for the survey. If you currently have more than one poodle, please complete one survey for each poodle.

Link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MiniaturePoodleSocialSurvey>

If you are interested in being contacted for future research studies, please email Rachel Zamzow at rachel.zamzow@mail.missouri.edu with your contact information. Feel free to contact Rachel Zamzow with any questions or concerns.



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News from OptiGen

Dear All,

During the 3rd quarter of 2014 (July 1-September 30, 2014) OptiGen tested 11 Dwarf Poodles, 96 Miniature Poodles, 5 Moyen Poodles, 24 Standard Poodles and 61 Toy Poodles & the breakdown is as follows:

Total Dwarf Poodles tested this period – 11
Normal – 7
Carrier – 4
Affected – 0

Total Miniature Poodles tested this period – 96
Normal – 71
Carrier – 25
Affected – 0

Total Moyen Poodles tested this period – 7
Normal – 4
Carrier – 3
Affected – 0

Total Standard Poodles tested this period – 24
Normal – 21
Carrier – 2
Affected – 1

Total Toy Poodles tested this period – 61
Normal – 50
Carrier – 11
Affected – 0

Countries testing this period include: Canada , Czech Republic , Denmark , Finland , France , Germany , Hungary , Iceland , Netherlands , Norway , Sweden , Switzerland , UK & US

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

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New PCAF Grant for Research on Genetics of Addison's Disease

The PCA Foundation recently awarded a grant to the North Carolina State University researchers searching for genes possibly linked to Addison's disease in Standard Poodles. The team needs samples for DNA testing from dogs with Addison's and dogs over age 10 who do not have Addison's, with laboratory tests confirming absence of the disease.

The researchers are especially interested in samples from "trios," a dog that has Addison's disease and both of its parents.

Dogs older than 10 are very unlikely to develop Addison's disease, and owners may wonder why their apparently healthy older Poodle must be tested to join the study as an Addison's-free dog. Because signs can be very subtle and slowly progressive, the researchers point out on their website, they must make sure a dog is normal, and the only way to do that is with testing: a blood test for baseline cortisol that can be done at NC State, with follow-up ACTH stimulation test (cost covered by PCAF grant) with a dog's own veterinarian if the cortisol result is equivocal.

See the study's site, www.ncstatevets.org/addisonsstudy for more information on this research and how to become involved, or call Dr. Steve Friedenberg at 919-515-3277.

Pat Forsyth for the PCA Foundation

PCA 2015 Preview: Health Testing and Annual PCAF Seminar

Plans are coming together for PCA Foundation events next April, and we're excited to announce the two speakers who have accepted our invitation to join us for the PCAF seminar Tuesday morning, April 21.

Dr. Brian Hare was keynote speaker at the 2013 AKC CHF National Parent Club Health Conference and will talk to us about "The Genius of Dogs," recent research on the canine mind that is illuminating different types of intelligence in dogs, how breed profiles may differ, how cognitive profiles can help people understand their canine companions and identify individual dogs most suited for various jobs, and more. You may have seen Dr. Hare on TV in a recent segment of 60 Minutes.

Switching from explorations of the mind to new research aimed at healing the body, Dr. Chris Zink, a well-known author and specialist in canine sports, will then discuss the amazing frontiers of rehabilitative medicine for canine athletes. For example, exciting early results have led to a study sponsored by the AKC Canine Health Foundation investigating use of stem cells and platelet-rich plasma to treat the canine version of rotator cuff injury, one of the most common sporting injuries in our Poodles.

Health testing clinics planned for PCA week include: Tuesday, April 21, and Wednesday, April 22 (a.m.) blood draw for pred-PRA testing and for research (genetics of Addison's disease in Standard Poodles and genetics of inherited eye disorders in Miniature and Toy Poodles). Tuesday, April 21, CERF Clinic.

TENTATIVE for Tuesday, April 21 (p.m.) and Wed., April 22 (a.m.), heart screening for Atrial Septal Defect in Standard Poodles and OFA heart clearances for all varieties.

DNA test kits for Neonatal Encephalopathy, vWD and Miniature Poodle Dwarfism will be available throughout the week at special PCA prices.

Watch for seminar and health testing details on the National Specialty page at www.poodleclubofamerica.org, and in the premium list and next PCA newsletter issue.

Pat Forsyth for the PCA Foundation



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The Poodle Club of America Foundation Inc., incorporated in Long Lake, Minnesota, is a tax-exempt public charity dedicated to research and education projects benefitting Poodles. Since its inception in 1989, PCAF's generous donors have funded research resulting in DNA tests for inherited conditions, supported Poodle health screenings and underwritten PCAF's free annual seminar at the Poodle Club of America's National Specialty Show.

Your donation to PCAF will help us continue this important work for Poodles and will be acknowledged by mail and in PCA's next National Specialty Show catalog. If you would rather remain anonymous, check here ☐ and your name will be omitted from the catalog.

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The Poodle Papers

USA Agility 12" team takes the Gold



Geri Hernandez & Switch with AKC Agility World Team Coach Nancy Gyes



submitted by Debby DuBay

November Sports Illustrated magazine and a hug and kiss from Geri.

For the first time in history the 2014 AKC Agility World Team had THREE poodles: Cassandra Schmidt and her miniature poodle, AKC National Champion Bliss, Terry Herman and her miniature poodle Idgie (both on the Small Team - with Bliss being the top scoring small dog at try outs) and Geri Hernandez and her miniature poodle Switch who were on the Medium Team.

While in Luxembourg the US Medium Team: Geri & Switch; and three Shetland Sheepdogs: John Nys and Rush, Kathleen Oswald and Whimzy and Maureen Waldron and Michael, won the Gold Medal. Wow! Super Spectacular! Congratulations USA Medium Team!

Gold medal winners Geri and MACH 4 Den Mar's Turn It On "Switch" took home the blue!

Switch was honored with a two page photo shoot in the

2014 AKC Agility World Team Coach Nancy Gyes states that three poodles on the AKC Agility World Team was just "incredible." "We have always known that poodles can be competitive in Europe." <NOTE: In July all three of these miniature poodles had represented the United States in Hungary at the European Open. Bliss and Switch made Team Finals and Idgie made Individual Finals.> "I was so happy to go there (Luxembourg) and see one of them win Gold along with the rest of their Medium Team mates. After never having a poodle on Team before - it was really fun to have all three of them! They are all phenomenal dogs."

You would have thought that winning a Gold Medal in September would have been enough for miniature poodle Switch. But this mini poodle has no "off" switch. Less than two weeks after returning from Luxembourg - Geri and Switch were off to the Purina Pro Plan In-

credible Dog Challenge. Once again, Geri and Switch showed their outstanding teamwork and took first place in Small Dog Agility!

Approximately three weeks later - in October Geri and Switch, Cassie Schmidt and Bliss and Terry Herman and Idgie competed in the USDAA Cynosports with all three placing! Bliss won Grand Prix, Idgie took third place in both Grand Prix and Steeplechase and Switch took third place in Steeplechase.

By the way - did I mention that Switch and Bliss are litter mates and Idgie is their older sister. And - that Switch and Bliss are half brothers to Cindy Glover's miniature poodle: Summer - previous #1 AKC Invitational Poodle and the #2 2014 AKC Invitational Poodle. And Idgie and Summer are litter mates! Wow! Congratulations Suzanne Wesley & Suzi Cope for breeding these phenomenal agility poodles.

Recently half of the family were in North Carolina participating in the UKI US Open (Idgie took 2nd in Biathlon Agility and 1st in Masters Series Agility) while Summer (along with Ganesha, Awesome Audrey, Mr Lincoln and Raven) were trialing in preparation for the December 2014 AKC Agility Invitionals in Orlando, FL.

On a local level we have a new Master Agility Champion "MACH Parker" loved and handled by Mallorie Morse. Thanks to her mother's encouragement, Mallorie became involved in agility in 2006 at the young age of 14, with her beloved standard poodle Hunter. In his short four years of life - Hunter received his C-ATCH, AX, AXJ, XF, RN.

Parker is Mallorie's second standard poodle and first MACH dog. She didn't start showing Parker until he was four years old. Now six, Parker has his MACH, MXB, MJB, MXF, T2B, CL-4, CGCA and is qualified for the 2015 AKC and CPE nationals.

Mallorie thanks her mother for encouraging her to get involved in agility and her instructor and mentor Brenda Finnicum. Mallorie has given back by mentoring junior handlers in local trials and 4-H programs. This year she judged the 4-H agility trial at the New York State Fair.

2014 has been the year of the poodle. Poodles really can do it all. Congratulations to all of these spectacular agility poodles! And a sincere "thank you" to all of our coaches, instructors, mentors, friends and family who encourage each of us to do and be our best.

To quote Abraham Lincoln: "That some achieve great success, is proof to all that others can achieve it as well."



Two poodles took the podium in Grand Prix at Cynosports: 1st place Cassie Schmidt and Bliss and 3rd place Terry Herman and Idgie.

P.C.A. Membership News

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Susan Burge (msstb@aol.com)
Membership Applications

Although membership in PCA is selective, the process is not intended to feel like a formable task for qualified individuals. The Board members need information to make informed decisions. For our club to survive and to prosper we need to continue to include in our membership those individuals that share our concerns about the quality and the welfare of the Poodle. To encourage prospective members, the Board of PCA has redone the application forms for sponsors and applicants and has introduced a new category of membership (Associate Membership) to include those individuals who have had major accomplishments with poodles in companion and performance areas and do not qualify in the traditional Individual Breeder category. The changes on the forms were an attempt to simplify and to elicit information from the correct source, such as the applicant listing their references not the sponsor.

For membership, each applicant must be sponsored by two members of PCA. Both sponsors for the Individual Breeder membership must be PCA Individual Breeder Members. Sponsors for an Associate Member may be Associate and/or Individual Breeders members. To obtain sponsor forms contact the current Corresponding Secretary. Please notes: Secretaries change over time but the responsibility is always with that office. Also make sure when you request a sponsor form to indicate whether it is for an Individual Breeder or for an Associate member candidate. Once both sponsor forms are received by the Corresponding Secretary the appropriate application is sent to the candidate. The Board votes on a first reading of the candidate, and those candidates who meet PCA's requirement are then forwarded to the Membership Committee. Members of that committee contact the references and make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting. Applicants must receive a minimum of 2/3 votes of

the Board members present. The votes are done on paper ballots and are secret. Those candidates that meet this criterion are then invited to join PCA.

The process may seem a little long, but honestly it takes 8 years to be eligible for membership, what are a few months. Those candidates that were sent forward at our April Board meeting will be voted on at the December meeting. Those candidates who pass the first reading in December will be voted on at the April Board meeting.

Please if you have any questions feel free to contact me at 440-526-2382 or at my email.

AKC Announces Recipients of the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Awards

The American Kennel Club (AKC®) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2015 Lifetime Achievement awards. This year's recipients have greatly advanced the sport of purebred dogs through their dedication to breeding, exhibiting, judging, teaching and club involvement.

The three winners were selected from votes cast by AKC member clubs. They will be honored on Friday, December 12, 2014 at the AKC Delegates luncheon held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando, Florida and will receive engraved Revere bowls. A sterling silver Tiffany and Co. bowl, engraved with the names of all recipients past and present, is on permanent display at AKC headquarters in New York City.

The 2015 recipients are:

Conformation: Edd E. Bivin of Fort Worth, Texas

Companion Events: Robert J. Squires of Webster, New York

Performance: Jeannie L. Wagner of Elyria, Ohio

Lifetime Achievement Awards Nominees 2014

<https://www.akc.org/news/lifetime/2015/recipients.cfm>

In Memoriam

Robin Sceley-Nickel

1956 – 2014

Kisbur Toy Poodles

I met Robin many years ago when she came to my room at PCA looking for a silver toy. Although I had nothing at the time this was to be the beginning of many years of friendship and Robin's love for the breed.

Robin did find a silver toy and bred her to one of my boys which produced her first American Champion, Ch. Kisbur's Cause for Applause. This was the beginning of Robin's life with show dogs and her great desire to preserve the breed. This little dog was the first of many Canadian and American champions to follow.

Although Robin loved the silvers, her true love was with the reds and most of the beautiful champions she produced were red.

Not only did Robin have a love for poodles but she truly loved people and could often be found mentoring a newbie in the breed. I recently read the following called "The Train" and immediately thought of Robin.

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time

comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

Robin is one of those on the train that will be greatly missed by many.

Judy Goldberg

Sharon Lilian Dibley ***Highgrove***

Sharon Lilian Dibley left this world on Aug 23, 2014. She left more than that though, she left a loving husband, Tony and a wonderful family including three children, Nick, Fiona, and Chantelle, as well as her beloved grandchildren.

Sharon left a legacy that her friends and all who met her won't soon forget. She always left you with a sense of happiness, as you had gotten to share something with her, whether it was a visit or a telephone conversation, or seeing each other at a dog show. She left you feeling like you were special to her, a gift of hers that we don't often experience in our everyday worlds. She left behind her beloved Standard Poodles, whom she loved dearly and shared with her husband Tony up until the time of her passing.



Sharon's love of Poodles began when she was a girl in England. At the age of 16 she exhibited her Miniature Poodle at Crufts. She married Tony and they moved to Canada where they would build a life and a love together, and raise their family. Sharon worked as a groomer, where she met her mentor, Jean Lyle of the famous Wycliffe kennels. She began her love of breeding and showing the Standard Poodle, establishing "Highgrove Standards" with Tony. Together they bred many

Sally Kinne

Halkin Miniature Poodles

September 16, 1924-October 6, 2014

Canadian and American Champions, as well as many performance dogs. She was proud of each and every one of them. Having shown many dogs for Sharon, I know each win was special for her, she used to joke with me “Did you win me any presents....” She had some special heart dogs and I’m sure they were waiting for her. Ch. Highgrove Lady Winifred was her special girl.

Sharon was more to me then just a client, she was my friend. Her spirit was amazing. When she found out she had cancer she said to me “I’m going to fight it with everything I’ve got” and she did! She inspired me with her tenacity! Her kindness and her willingness to share were two of her greatest qualities. She made new, non doggy friends through her cancer support group, who got to know this amazing person. She was tireless with her education on ovarian cancer and sharing her story, so that hopefully others wouldn’t have to suffer. Sharon was always interested in what her friends were doing and enjoyed so many friendships. I know there are many more then I who miss her dearly. She would want us to continue to raise awareness and to donate to cancer research. She always knew what to say, one of the last times I talked to her she said to me “Make your life count....” What profound advise!

In honor of my friend, I will aspire to be a better person and to enjoy my dogs and to live life to the fullest each day. I know she would wish that for all of us.

WE WILL MEET AGAIN

*One must go and one left, ask not “Why should it be?”
We cannot hope to understand so deep a mystery
Life and Death go hand in hand and Love must not bear
the cross
We cannot have the rapture and escape the pain and
loss.
Mourn not the beloved who has gone away
In Gods own good time we will meet again, somewhere,
someday*

“ Unknown”

Kim Cowie

October 6, 2014 The Poodle Club of America lost a member who gave her heart and soul to the club through her tireless work. Sally Kinne was born Sarah Ellen “Sally” Gunby into an Army family in Hawaii. Sally lived a wonderful life as an Army brat living and experiencing living many places. Sally graduated from High School in El Paso, Texas in 1942 and graduated from the University of Texas in 1946. Sally was a member of Alpha Phi Sorority and met Harold “Hal” Kinne while at school in Austin. Sally and Hal dated a year before Hal went off to war as a second Lieutenant in 1943. Hal returned from Germany in 1946 and the couple married on August 10, 1946 in Monroe, Louisiana. Sally and Hal enjoyed 68 wonderful years of marriage. They have two children, son Tom, and daughter Anne, who have lived with and helped them for the past few years. Sally has two cousins in New Orleans, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Sally grew up with Poodles as a constant part of her life. She and Hal spent many years breeding and showing their Miniatures under the Halkin prefix. Sally was a past Officer and Board member of The Poodle Club of America for many years. Sally’s presence and energy were a regular part of the National specialty where Sally and Hal stewarded the Miniature ring. The Kinne’s were awarded the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award from PCA the first year it was awarded.

Sally was involved in and passionate about many activities in her life, golf and bridge being the biggest part after the Poodles. Sally belonged to Texas Kennel Club, Canyon Creek Women’s Golf Association, a member of Daughter’s of the American Revolution, Canyon Creek Garden Association, First United Methodist Church of Richardson, and many Bridge clubs.

Sally was always a gracious hostess to her friends and to strangers. Sally and Hal would invite friends out or over to share a meal and laughter. Time with the Kinne's meant being regaled with stories of the adventures in other countries. No matter where Sally and Hal lived the Poodles came along and that led to interesting and humorous occurrences.

Sally and Hal spent their retirement traveling around the world. Sally has lived in or visited over 100 countries. Sally is survived by her husband Hal. Those of us who knew Sally will miss her smile and enthusiasm.

By Adrienne Dorland

Charles Robinson

December 11, 1939 – October 21, 2014

AKC Judge and Poodle Handler

Respected judge and former Poodle Handler Charles Robinson died October 21, 2014 after a short illness. Charles was a private person who did not want a lot of hoopla said about him, however, he was a faithful and caring friend, the following remembrances were written by Charles' friends.

My Friend, Charles Robinson, died Monday, October 21, 2014. For those who knew him, he was a gruff, cantankerous, caring man. He was my husband's roommate in college and he was part of our lives for years.

Charles judged Poodles, Afghans, Australian Shepherds, and several toy breeds. He handled Poodles and Afghans early in his career and added the Australians in later. Most dog show people who knew him would say that Charles was a judge who could be counted on to give your dog a great chance to show to perfection. He was serious in the ring but there was, as his one of his friend put it, "that wicked sense of humor."

Charles grew up in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He attended OSU and was showing dogs for his mother

during those years. He met his wife Virginia while showing dogs and they began to show together. He lived in Rose Hill Kansas, and had grooming shops in Wichita. He will be missed by many friends. From Luann Wilkinson

I have known Charles for many years as a successful breeder, handler of Afghans. He showed some very handsome Poodles for their owners during the 1970s as a handler. Virginia and Charles had a real partnership during their marriage, owning a thriving grooming shop and having a great time on the weekends going to and exhibiting at Fairs and Craft shows with their lovely line of soaps and candles. He was devastated when she died of breast cancer.

After Charles and the interested Poodle folks got together in 1999 to reinvent the Greater Wichita Poodle Club we became much closer. After approximately 20 years the GWPC had dwindled to no active members and Charles had retained the By Laws and a few dollars. He and seven PCA members put their collective heads together and decided to reinvent the GWPC. Interesting, the same seven PCA members continue in the club with seven other members. We had our begin again specialty in 2000, and have had an annual show since. If it had not been for Charles and his interest there would not be a GWPC today. From Pat Deshler

I met Charles when I began attending the Poodle Specialties in Wichita, I really got to know Charles and develop a friendship with him after I moved to Nebraska and became a GWPC member. The Charles I knew did have a "wicked sense of humor". Charles would be my outside steward whenever I stewarded at GWPC and the All Breed shows with the Wichita cluster. Charles was funny and entertaining with little quips as well as educational with his observance of the dogs in the ring. Through the years, Charles has always been kind and willing to help me with my dogs by giving gentle mentoring or holding a head while I scissored a coat. Most of all I will miss his sense of humor and laughter that he brought with him.

by Adrienne Dorland