



The Poodle Papers



Congratulations to our 2017 PCA Best of Breed Winner

*GCH Splash Mind You
Alexis*

Sire: Ch. Barking Fair Isle Rob Roy

Dam: Splash La Dolce Vita

Best of Breed-Intervariety Judge: Helen Tomb-Taylor

Miniature Judge: Patrick Guilfoyle

Breeder: Doris Backe

Owner: Missy Galloway

Agent: Chris Manelopoulos



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Interestingly, the road you take to Purina is Route 100 and for those of us that fondly remember Ludwigs Corner, PA, it was also on Route 100. I took that as a great omen. And to quote a dear friend, "the show was SPECTACULAR."

Dennis McCoy promised we would bring the essence of Salisbury to Purina and that promise was fulfilled. Change is hard but we DID IT. The unbelievable work of organizing, decorating, setting up, and learning new ways to do things, all culminated in the Greatest Poodle Show on Earth being just that—the Greatest. The show was dedicated to Marietta Kahla, Dr. Samuel Peacock, Jr., Barbara Green and Debbie Cozart. The new memorial banner honoring Helene Whitehouse Walker and Blanche Saunders was placed on display and history of their work was chronicled in the catalog in an excellent article written by Kathryn Foran.

I must thank many people for making our show happen. First and foremost, Dennis McCoy and our Show Chair, Judy Cooksey, and our Asst Show Chair, Don Adams. Their commitment to the project cannot be understated! They made multiple trips to the site working with Purina's Kaite Flamm. Kaite assisted the committee from day one and no matter what we needed, she and her staff were there with a solution and a smile.

Sincere thanks to all the PCA Committee Chairs who donated their time and support to make this endeavor happen. Throughout the week, we had the support of many other PCA members and an army of volunteers which made this specialty such a success. We ended up with the largest entry PCA has had in years and celebrated the inauguration of the Spaniel Hunt Test. We can make this place home just like the long list of special locales in PCA's history.

I want to personally thank all the individuals who made a point of speaking to me about what a wonderful experience they had. We listened and read all the comments given to us. We appreciate the constructive criticisms and suggestions. This was a learning experience for all of us.

I am always available to you. Please feel free to contact me at: 440-526-2382, or by email: msstb@aol.com

Sue Burge



A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Getting a chance to attend our 85th National Specialty at the Purina Event Center in Gray Summit, MO. was my reward for taking early retirement from my profession as a special education teacher for over 25 years. What a SPECTACULAR event! I had a wonderful time watching the breed I love, visiting with friends I only get to see one time a year and meeting so many new people. My name is Lori Wintz and I'm very excited to take on the task of being editor of our PCA Newsletter-Poodle Papers. I am working on getting our publication up and running so that we will all be able to share news and information across all things being POODLE. I want to encourage you all to send in articles and to participate in our Poodle Papers. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions and suggestions. I appreciate the help and support that so many of you have given me with this undertaking.

Please note the following:

- Deadline for the next Newsletter is *August 16 *
- Articles must be sent in MS word. Doc or Docx format
- Photos or Art must be sent at 300dpi or greater
- Send your articles and any questions etc.: pcanewsletter@yahoo.com

Thank You and looking forward to this new endeavor!

Sincerely,

Lori Wintz

PCA Newsletter Editor

Yearly Deadlines:

February 16th

May 16th

August 16th

November 16th

The Poodle Papers are available on line at Poodleclubofamerica.org

A PDF file is also available on line at Poodleclubofamerica.org

I will continue to maintain a list of members that need a hard copy sent to them.



FROM THE AFFILIATE CHAIR

Dr. Michael Knight, Second Vice President

Hi Everyone:

Our PCA National has come and gone, leaving us with wonderful new memories of a lot of hard work, beautiful dogs, wonderful judging, and a fantastic new home. We were visited by over 83 international visitors, representing 16 countries from around the globe. Our Affiliate Club Council meeting was attended by 58 people. Our main topic this year was about “inclusive updates” for everyone in each Affiliate Club. Cindy Crawley filled us in about Poodle Rescue around the country and offered her personal contact information in an effort to help us with our rescue programs. Below is a list of our up and coming Affiliate Club shows and some candid pictures from our 2017 National.

Affiliate Club Show dates just around the corner...

AFFILIATE CLUB	CONF 1 2017	CONF 2 2017	OBED 1 2017
Bluebonnet PC	7/19/17		
Creole PC of New Orleans	6/2/17	8/5/17	
Great Lakes PC	10/6/17	10/7/17	
Greater Pittsburgh PC	5/27/17		
Lone Star PC	7/6/17	7/6/17	
Mission Trail PC	6/10/17		
Orlando PC	6/24/17	12/15/17	
Panorama PC of Mt Spokane	5/26/17		
PC of Hawaii	6/11/17		
PC of Lehigh Valley	12/16/17	12/17/17	
PC of Mohawk Valley	7/1/17		
PC of San Antonio	7/12/17		7/12/17
PC of Southern California	6/29/17	6/29/17	
PC of Southeast Michigan	6/23/17	6/23/17	
San Diego PC	9/9/17	9/10/17	
Twin Cities PC	6/24/17		6/23/17
Western Reserve PC	8/25/17		





TOM CARNEAL WINS

2017 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

Written by Del Dahl



Tom Carneal, Maryville, Mo. has bred Standard Poodles for more than 40 years under the “Peckerwood” prefix. Many of those years his efforts were supported by his dedicated partner, David Loy. Carneal’s extensive military career covered many years. His service in the U. S. Army earned a number of recognitions, including the National Defense Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Army of Occupational Medal. That career also afforded him the opportunity to travel extensively throughout Asia.

Carneal is probably best known to current fanciers for his long-time efforts as President of the Poodle Club of America

Foundation, Inc. Under his leadership our breed has benefitted on a continuing—but also constantly expanding—number of research fronts.

Examples include eye disorders such as optic nerve hypoplasia and inherited cataracts. The Foundation also supports work at the University of Missouri on genetic causes of epilepsy. And another grant focuses on increasing genetic diversity. These are but a few of the efforts underway under Carneal’s leadership.

As the Foundation’s work unfolds, it is reported in various ways to Poodle breeders. This year, for example, a health clinic during the national show focused on Puppy culture.

The generosity of breeders, affiliate clubs and a wide range of other support sources, enables the Foundation to continue the work of improving the lives of all Poodles. The Foundation’s work is an exhaustive and all-encompassing undertaking on Carneal’s part, and, of course, the wide range of activities relies on the contributions of a host of volunteers.

For more than 40 years Carneal has been actively involved as a Standard Poodle breeder, and has produced 51 champions reported through Volume 10 of Poodles in America. Ch. Peckerwood’s Man From LaMarka, bred and owned by Carneal and Loy, was an all-breed best in show winner with a stellar three-generation pedigree that reflected a thoughtful breeding program periodically enriched with outcrossing.

In the late 80s, Carneal and Loy imported Mayfare Barkley from England. He was a stunning brown Standard male puppy that quickly earned his championship as a puppy. He passed all genetic testing until his death in 2002. Barkley played a significant role in Carneal’s pedigrees, but at the same time, several Standard breeders with interest in browns made excellent use of the dog and report that his influence continues in descendants four or five generations later.

Carneal also has a track record as an excellent mentor to new and aspiring breeders and he has played a wide range of critical leadership roles particularly with the Heart of America Poodle Club. In 2005 that club hosted the PCA Regional weekend in St Joseph, Mo., and Carneal was at the front on all three days.

So, the Poodle Club of America—and Poodles in general—have benefitted from Tom Carneal’s varied contributions. The PCA’s Board of Governors enthusiastically presents this award to Tom Carneal who so richly deserves a pat on the back. The award is a small token of PCA’s great appreciation for his many and varied contributions. The award was presented during the PCA show on Wednesday, April 28.



Another PCA in the books...

Patti Jason and Nicole Sugai

PCA Trophy Co-Chairpersons - 2017

We were happy that our total donations for trophies this year ended up being \$7315. We were down a bit from the last couple of years, but still happy with our donations. Thank you to all - individuals and clubs - who so generously donated.

We are also happy to report that a permanent trophy was retired this year. It is fitting that it was won by Joseph Vergnetti of Dassin Farms, as it was originally donated by Joseph in Freeman C. "Bud" Dickey's honor. The Freeman C. Dickey Memorial Trophy for Best in Show Bred By Exhibitor was retired this year as Joseph was awarded Best Bred By In Show with his, Ellen Charles' and Bonny Datema's beautiful white miniature bitch "Hillwood Dassin Tulip Gardens Snow Sprite."

PCA Membership News

Please contact Cathy Catelain, Corresponding Secretary, with any roster updates at catlin012001@yahoo.com or 847 875-3527.

Please join the Board of Governors in welcoming the following new member to Poodle Club of America.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

Mark DeWitt

Sponsors: Helen Tomb-Taylor and Doris Cozart

212 Brazos Lane, Sunnyvale, TX 75182 | Tel: 972-226-2837 Cell: 214 632-2064

Kennel Name: Myarka | E-mail: medewitt@tx.rr.com | Variety: Standards

ROSTER CHANGES

Please congratulate the following PCA members on having a milestone birthday and achieving life membership in 2017. We thank you for the years of service to our club and our breed.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Maryln Brooks, Susan Fraser, Florence Graham, Jean Lazarus, Shirley Malcolm, Lamar Solomon, Mary Yeakey



This year the Raffle was absolutely SPECTACULAR!

Your support was amazing! Thank you to the 26 Club's who made and brought their basket to Purina Farms! Club baskets came from Australia - the largest basket taking up an entire table - AR, AL, AK, AZ, CA, CO, FL, KY, LA, MA, MI, MN, MO, NY, OH, OK, Ontario, PA and TX! All were filled with poodle memorabilia and items indigenous to each state or country. Your baskets were amazing! Thank you for your support.

It was the Crede Poodle Club from Louisiana -with a Mardi Gras and French Quarter theme including: local memorabilia, hot sauces, poodle towels & glasses; that had the most raffle tickets and won the \$100.00 check for their club. Runner up was the Tampa Bay Poodle Club, FL with a fabulous basket that included a Wahle Clipper.

Thank you to the approximately one hundred individuals who made up lovely and thoughtful baskets - or brought fabulous items! We had beautiful handmade Norwegian mittens, gloves and hat sets. A first time PCA peep designed and commissioned four etched "Meet Me In St Louis" wine glasses. Another donated a spectacular oil painting! We had authors donate their books, artists their pieces, collectors their collections, designers their handmade clothes and collars! And did I mention the vendors? Once again our vendors donated their hearts out: tack boxes, scissors, bands, clothes, hair products, gift certificates and jewelry! Thank you ALL for your generous donations!

Lastly - thank YOU! All of YOU for purchasing tickets! We sold over six thousand tickets! Absolutely amazing! I must publicly thank our secret weapon: Pat Brinker. Thank you Pat!

Well ... that wraps up PCA RAFFLE 2017! Thanks again! And just as a reminder: ONLY 11 months to PCA Raffle 2018!

XOXOX

Debby DuBay, Ret USAF, Raffle Chair





NATIONAL SHOW CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dated May 15, 2017

Judy C. Cooksey, Cell: 240-346-5192, Email: adamscooksey@gmail.com

The 85th Poodle Club of America, Inc. National Specialty Show was successfully held at our new venue, Purina Farms, Purina Event Center, 300 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO 63039 and the surrounding areas. The greatest Poodle show on earth put on a spectacular event and has now been entered into the books!

PURINA PRO PLAN, ARTERO USA INC. and OSTER once again supported this show as our official PCA Sponsors. Thank you!

Congratulations to the 85th PCA National Specialty Best of Breed winner, GCH Splash Mind You.

We were all absolutely thrilled with the number of dogs that were entered in this year's specialty show. A very special "Thank you" goes out to our PCA President, Mrs. Susan Burge; PCA First Vice-President and liaison to Purina, Mr. Dennis McCoy; the PCA Board; the Event Committees; the Committees; the Purina Farms and Staff; to all of the Volunteers; to all of the Exhibitors that placed those entries and came to the show; and of course our hats go off to all of those beautiful Poodles and to their breeders and owners! Thank you Cathryn Catelain for the many long hours you worked to ensure our PCA Catalog was just perfect and is now a record of the 85th PCA National Specialty Show!

Every PCA Event Chairman, The Committees and all of the volunteers worked numerous hours to ensure the success of this show. As Susan Burge stated, "it takes a multitude to plan and relocate a national specialty." We did it and I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart.

PCA held two new successful events this year: The AKC Spaniel Hunting Test and a Performance Sweepstakes. Congratulations Teams. The main show events held this year, the location of each event and judges are listed below:

- Thursday, April 20, 2017: PCA Retriever Working Certificate and Working Certificate Excellent Tests, Wil-Nor Outdoors LLC, 9298 State Rd Ww., Dittmer, MO 63023
Judges: Mr. Darrel Voight and Mrs. Rita Voight
- Friday, April 21, 2017 and Saturday, April 22 if needed: AKC National Specialty Retriever Hunt Tests, Wil-Nor Outdoors LLC, 9298 State Rd Ww., Dittmer, MO 63023
Judges: Mr. Darrel Voight and Mrs. Rita Voight
- Saturday, April 22, 2017: AKC National Specialty Tracking Dog and Tracking Dog Excellent Test, Sullivan Regional Airport, Sullivan, MO 63080
Judges: Mr. Jack E. Sappenfield, II and Mr. Bob Willoh
- Saturday, April 22, 2017: PCA Upland Series Working Certificate Tests, Wil-Nor Outdoors LLC, 9298 State Rd Ww., Dittmer, MO 63023
Judges: Mr. Steven Roth and Ms. Becki Hirschy



- Sunday, April 23, 2017: new event – Inaugural AKC Spaniel Hunt Tests, Wil-Nor Outdoors LLC, 9298 State Rd Ww., Dittmer, MO 63023 | *Judges: Mr. Steven Roth and Ms. Becki Hirschy*
- Monday, April 24, 2017: National Specialty Agility Tests, Purina Farms, Purina Event Center, The Great Hall
Judge: Ms. Karen Winter and Mr. Rod Ramsell
- Monday, April 24, 2017: Grooming Competition, Purina Farms, Purina Event Center, Gateway Hall
Judges: Philip Scafmayr, Michael Lamb
- Tuesday, April 25, 2017: National Specialty Obedience and Rally Trials, Purina Farms, Purina Event Center, The Great Hall | *Judges: Mrs. Sharon Redmer and Ms. Virginia Kinion*
- Tuesday, April 24, 2017: Annual PCA Foundation Seminar, Purina Farms Visitor's Center, Theater. The featured speaker, Jane Killion provided the discussion on Puppy Culture. Health testing was conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Prep Room in the Service Center.
- Tuesday, April 24, 2017: PCA Judges Seminar, Purina Farms, Purina Event Center, Founder's Room
- Wednesday through Friday, April 26 – 28, 2017: PCA National Specialty Show, Purina Farms, Purina Event Center, The Great Hall.
- Toy Poodles: Tina Yuhl
- Miniature Poodles: Mr. Patrick Guilfoyle
- Standard Poodles: Mr. Frank Sabella
- Intervariety Competition and Best of Breed Competition: Mrs. Helen Tomb Taylor
- Junior Showmanship Competition: Ms. Tina Yuhl
- 4 & Under 6 Months Puppy Competition: Ms. Michelle Schults
- Veteran Sweepstakes Classes: Ms. Michelle Schults

An exciting move-in day at the Purina Event Center began on Sunday, April 23rd at 4:30 A.M. The Great Hall exhibition space, where much of our activities occurred, was magically transformed into another PCA great experience. The Great Hall was outfitted with white seating, blue and gold drapes decorated the walls and ringside was transformed into a beautiful garden setting. The Great Hall had so many wonderful features from which to work with including the custom-textured sport flooring and customized lighting to mimic the natural sunlight. The Gateway Hall grooming arena also had great lighting; plenty of electricity; dog-bathing tubs with HOT water; handler changing rooms; TVs and a dog exercise area just outside the grooming room doors. The Founder's Room provided a great view for both the show and the grooming arena during the luncheon and dinners. The RVers had an assigned parking site prior to arrival to the show which eliminated the long RV parking lines. The full-service RV sites, right outside the Purina Event Center, had 30 and 50 amp electric, water and sewer. The Service Center by the RV Parking was a great new addition to our show with numerous amenities. The center provided 24-hour dog-bathing tubs, showering facilities, an exam room, two separate fenced-in, well-lit yards for exercising dogs and much more. The Vendors began their set-up on Sunday at 8:00 A.M. in the Great Hall which made it easier for other move-in activities.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again at Purina Farms for our 86th PCA.

The 2018 PCA Dates are as follows: Performance Events on April 12– 15, Agility on April 16, Obedience/Rally on April 17, and the Conformation Show on April 18 – 20.



PCA 2017 WC/WCX

By Carol Stone

Photos by John Carelli



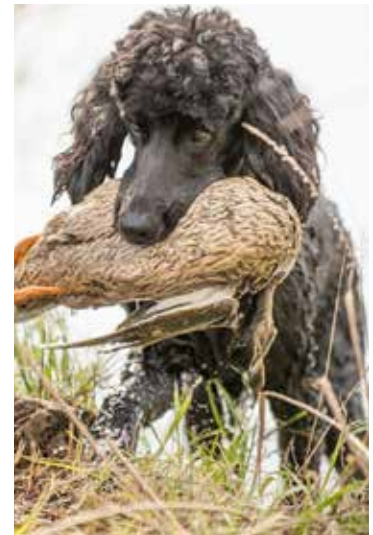
The PCA 2017 WC/WCX was a huge success. It was a year of change for us with the move from “familiar turf” in Salisbury to Dittmer, MO. Many thanks to our host and a true gentleman, Bill Kunz for the use of his property, Wil-Nor Outdoors, LLC. He and his staff went above and beyond to make us feel welcome and help in any way possible

We had another large entry of 51 dogs with 37 passes. Twenty-four dogs passed the Working Certificate (WC) out of 27 entries, and 13 dogs passed the Working Certificate Excellent (WCX) out of 24 entries. We also had many entries for our Hunting Instinct Test this year with 7 participants including one TOY!

Our judges were Darrell and Rita Voight from Ripon, Wisconsin. They were both very personable, had a good sense of humor, and were very complementary to the poodles. In spite of the large number of entries, they kept the test running smoothly and had us finished at a reasonable time.

The weather cooperated with us this year and we had a cool, partly sunny day. The AKC Test participants the following day were not so lucky. Thankfully, Dan Cassidy was able to pull out everyone who got stuck in the mud (there were several) with his awesome Range Rover and special winch rope.

Many thanks to the PCA board for continuing to support our poodles in the field. Thanks also to Chief Marshall Judi Dove who despite getting worker requirement changes at the last minute, kept the test running smoothly. A huge thanks to Hospitality Chair Kim Tyndall, who once again, proved her mettle by keeping us fed and hydrated despite being thrown a curve ball and having to work around location challenges. Thanks to Rich Louter for sharing his expertise and conducting the Aptitude Test. A big THANK YOU goes out to John Carelli, the best ever photographer who helps us preserve our memories. Many thanks to Ken Tyndall, Glen Romberger & Paul Dove who were in the field virtually all day, every day. Rich Louter and Dan Cassidy who were invaluable in set up and equipment assistance. Thanks to all who volunteered and worked to help make the event a success.



WC Qualifiers

Molly McGirl Got Squirrel, RN, Molly, Jennifer Jackson

Louter Creek's Hunting With My 12 Gauge, Gauge, Owner: Ann Marie Duncan, Handler: Rich Louter



Paragon's Curly Zip Drive, UWC, Jordi, Jo Swanto
CH LouterCreek Wonderful Tonight, DN WC, Clapton, Rich Louter
OTCH Riant Watching the Detectives, UDX2 OMH SH WCX, Lucas, Pat Rose
CH Deaux Rey's Barron, RN JH, Barron, Sheree Stone
Mia's Victorious Cossette, Cossette, Bambi Kaminski.
Lyca Happy Man, UD BN RA AX MXJ NF, Shine, Lisa Harrison
Chewy Chewbacca King, Chewy, Joe Mikolajczak
Oakridge Charade, CD, Chase, Jean Bedenbaugh

CH Acina's Gun Powder and Lead, Ammo, Owner: Jenia Ward, Handler: Rich Louter

Argus, MH, Argus, Dan Cassidy

Paragon's The Man In Black, CD GN MX MXJ CGC, Cash, Mary Scott

Carlyn's Distorted Humor, Dede, Joyce Carelli

Deaux Rey's Texas Scout, Scout, Sheree Stone

Valentine's With Finnegan I Begin Again, Finn, Jan Winner

Barclay It's Not Easy Being Green, Kermit, Charlotte Mitchell

Denby Colby N' Coots, Colby, Desiree Stewart

CH Jed's EE Cummings Colando, VCD2 BN JH RAE2 THDN WCX CGC, Estlin, Shirley Robertson

Paragon's Lacy Pink Zipper, UWC, Olive, Julie Buss

Dubois My Aim is True, Allie, Pat Rose

Valentine's Wicked Good, UIC, Wick, Margaret Fox

Carrington's Lady Isabelle, CD RE SH ThD WCX, Isabelle, Helene Huffer

Colando's Hubbel Morena, VCD1 BN RAE2 TDX OA NF WC, Hubbell, Shirley Robertson



WCX Qualifiers

CH Deaux Rey's Barron, RN JH, Barron, Sheree Stone

Deaux Rey's Remington Steel Silk, UWC WCX JH, HPCX, Remy, Libbe Erickson

HR Akelter's In Lieu Of, CDX BN RN TD SH NAP OJP WCX UIC, Lewis, Jan Winner

Lance's MeToo Made Me a Van Gogh, SH CD RE HPC, Vinny, Dee Lance

Doubleshot Ernest of Arnette, NA OAJ OF JH CD GN RE RAT-O HPCX, Ernie, Beth Johnston

Tudorose Light My Fire, UDX BN SH HPCX VER, Flint, Joann Smith

Tudorose An Affair to Remember, JH CGC HPC, Callie, Judi Dove

CH Carlyn's Charismatic, SH WCX, Crystal, Joyce Carelli



Carrington's Lady Isabelle, CD RE SH ThD WCX, Isabelle, Helene Huffer

Argus, MH, PR15191702, Argus, Dan Cassidy

Repeat After E of Arnette du Nola's, RN BN CGC HPC WCX, Junior, Beth Johnston

OTCH Riant Watching the Detectives, UDX2 OMH SH WCX, Lucas, Pat Rose

Valentine's Chase Divine, VCD1 RN SH MXB MXJ XF WCX, Chase, Diane Divine



Aptitude Test

Pepper & Dale Bush
Mika & Judy Cooksey
Skye & Kathy Schierbaum
Dixie & Sharon Svoboda
Rio & Sharon Svoboda
Elle (Toy) & Sharon Svoboda
Opus & Tom & Judy Harding

Congratulations to all who came, all who tried to, and all who succeeded. We couldn't do this without all of you who participate and work. Hope to see you next year.

The AKC Hunt Test

Lin Gelbmann, Hunt Test Chair

The AKC Hunt Test at PCA had its highest number of entries ever with 34 dogs competing in the hunting fields this year. Of the 16 dogs entered at the Junior level, 8 passed. For the Senior level, 2 of the 5 entered dogs passed, and at the Master level, 6 of the 12 entered passed.

Both the number of entries and the percentage of dogs passing are truly amazing because these tests require a significant amount of dog training and skill. The dogs are required to “mark” (watch and remember) where the birds fall in diverse terrain and water sites. At the Senior and Master levels, the dogs are required to retrieve a “blind,” a hidden bird the dogs have not seen shot. In this case, the dogs are directed to the birds by their handlers, only using whistles and hand signals. These advanced handling skills take dedication on everyone's part—handlers and dogs.

The inclement weather gave everyone a challenge; both days were rainy and cold. Undaunted, participants donned rain gear, went to work at bird stations, and worked hard to get the tests completed in spite of the slippery and muddy conditions. All equipment had to be manually hauled to the site, as we were not allowed to use a 4-wheeler on this property. In addition, we had to bushwhack a path to the lake and clear debris from the water to set up the test. These presented additional challenges, so we were grateful for the help of Rich, Dan, Paul, Ken, and Joe. We also want to thank Bill Kunz of Wil-Nor Outdoors for the use of his property and the warmth of his club house.

Our judges, Darrel and Rita Voight, were very impressed to see just how skilled our poodles have become since they last judged our poodle tests in 2000-2001 at the GMPC WC/WCX. Participants really appreciated how fair and knowledgeable the Voights were as judges. They put fun into the tests, and even rescued several handlers from the muddy approach to the lake. A “thank you” doesn't really say enough about how much we appreciated their time and effort.

The cooperative team effort of everyone participating, as well as all those behind the scenes, made these tests successful. I would personally like to thank Linda Miller and Suzanne Nash for helping to make my first attempt as Hunt Test Chair manageable. It's good to see the poodle is truly returning to its origins as a hunting dog, and we are already looking ahead to PCA in 2018!



PCA 2017 Tracking

By Carol Stone

Photos by Judy Harding



Our PCA 2017 National Specialty Tracking event was a great success. Tracking is always a challenge because it takes so much space and requires so many helpers per number of entries. This year was an additional challenge because we were charting new territory. Thanks to the hard work and coordination of Tom & Judy Harding, it was a great success.

Tom was able to secure the use of the Sullivan Regional Airport in Sullivan, MO, about 20 minutes west of Purina Farms. We had a nice comfortable airport kitchen and lounge to use as our headquarters. The surrounding grounds and properties were lush with vegetation, and the weather, though not much fun for the human participants and workers, was ideal for the dogs and tracking. Plotting day was continuous rain & drizzle. Tracking day started with a light rain and was intermittent throughout the day. It was cool with a brisk breeze.

This year we had three TD and two TDX entries with one TD and one TDX pass! Congratulations to our newest PCA Tracking title holders:

Tudorose Light My Fire UDX BN VER TD SH RN, "Flint", Kameo Sailing Silver Seas TDX, "Kai", Standard, M, Blue, and Joann Smith Miniature, F, Silver, and Beth Hubbart

This event wouldn't have been possible without the support of many people. Tom Harding was the man behind the success. He co-chaired and organized the event, secured the grounds, lined up workers, provided all of the workers gifts, hired awesome judges, and so much more. Thanks to TD tracklayers Judy Harding (two tracks) and Lynne Benson-Colbert (who came early from California just to help with tracking), and TDX tracklayers Tom Harding (a man of many talents) and Joanne Neal (who came early from Texas just to help with tracking), and cross-tracklayers Judy Harding, Joanne Neal, and Lucy Sappenfield. Flag pounders were Carol Stone & Lynne Benson-Colbert. Carol Stone was the event Chair and secretary. Hospitality with breakfast pastries and a BBQ lunch was provided by Tom & Judy Harding & Carol Stone.

Thanks also to those made contributions to help offset the cost of holding the test.

- Joyce Miller- Financial Donation
- Marion Epperson - Financial Donation
- Carol Stone - Financial Donation, Gloves for tracks
- Carol Stone & Beth White - Tracking Flags & raffle item
- Tom & Judy Harding - Start flags, judges gifts, worker gifts and raffle quilts
- Ann McDonald - Financial Donation
- Annette Shepard of Rebelstar Kennels - Draw articles



We had awesome judges. Jack Sappenfield, II and Bob Willoh graced us with their talent as judges along with wit and humor. Neither judges charged us travel or meal expenses. Our wonderful hotel, Budget Lodging, gave us our judges rooms at no cost (we also filled them to capacity in exchange). Thanks so much to all who helped, participated in, and supported this event.



PCA 4th Annual National Upland Certificate Series

Jaci Bowman

PCA Upland Chair

Well we did it again! Another banner year for the PCA Upland Certificate Program. We had a limit of 30 entries, we had to do a draw as we had 8 dogs on a waiting list to get in. We were only able to take dogs non titled already in the event, again this year per our premium. It is set up that way to give as many dogs possible a chance to earn a certificate. So several entries that were already titled out (holding the UWCX certificate) could not enter, even though they wanted to as they enjoy the tests so much!

Moving to Purina Farms with the National, meant a new location AGAIN this year, that is 3 different locations in 4 years...but you go with it, and it always works out!

We were at Wil-Nor Outdoors this year, a sportsman's club that also trains Brittany's for upland pointing dog work. Which made the facilities available more 'test friendly' for the upland flushing tests we hold.

The judges were Steven Roth and Becky Hirschy, 2 spaniel Master judges. Both have been very helpful and supportive of our quest to be able to run Spaniel Hunt Tests for flushing dogs. They also were our judges for the Inaugural Spaniel Hunt test, held the next day. A more supportive pair of judges would be hard to find!

Tom Meyer AKC representative for the Spaniel Hunt Tests, joined us again for the two days of testing as well.

The dogs and handlers put on a very good show to say the least, in less than ideal conditions. We had rain for the first portion of the day, and that made for some challenging conditions as upland birds don't fly as well in the rain, and prefer to sit or run. But the dogs handled the challenges very well.

We had one dog prove he was a true all around hunting dog, as the bird he flushed, was shot and landed in a small pond at the end of the field. The dog in hot pursuit hit the water like the water was not even there to retrieve the bird, just like a good HUNTING DOG should!

All in all, we had 29 dogs come to the line (one came in season right before she was going to be tested and the owner scratched the entry too late to fill off the wait list) and 15 qualifiers, the conditions had a lot to do with the pass rate this year, but that is hunting for you!

Upland Instinct Certificate offered for beginner dogs with little to no field experience had 7 to the line with 5 passes, Upland Working Certificate for dogs with some upland field experience brought 11 to the line with 6 passes.

Upland working Certificate Excellent, for dogs that have been hunted over and have a lot of field experience brought 11 to the line with 4 passes, and the trailing portion again was a major challenge, this is NOT an easy test level in the least!

Thanks to all the hard work our volunteers put in to helping in the field, as always it takes a village to put on one of these events, and seems our Poodle people always come through!



HUNTING POODLES ARE OFFICALLY IN THE UPLAND FIELD!

Jaci Bowman

PCA Upland Chair



There have been a lot of firsts this year for the Poodle Club of America, not the least of it was the move to Purina Farms as a show site for the National.

There was a truly history making first however, at the National Specialty held at Purina Farms, 2017, it was an upland hunting event, the Inaugural Poodle Club of America's National AKC Spaniel Hunt Test.

A number of dedicated people have been working many years, to give the Poodle as a breed, the opportunity to enter, and compete in the Spaniel

Hunt test program. Enabling the dogs and handlers, to work towards the AKC titles of Junior Hunter Upland, Senior Hunter Upland, and Master Hunter Upland.

Upland testing work is different than the Retriever testing work, as the dog works in front of the moving hunter in a field, quartering (running back and forth about 20 yds. ahead) to find birds, usually pheasants and partridge, or quail, and flush (chase them up) for the hunters to shoot, then find the downed bird again and retrieve it. It is pretty much the dog's responsibility to do the work, and requires a dog that is willing to work with the hunter as well as work out challenges on their own to find, flush and retrieve the birds, as well as doing some water retrieving of downed birds.

In Retriever testing, the dogs are required to sit calmly next to the hunter/handler, and a duck is launched out of a hidden spot, the dog must mark (watch the duck fall) and go and retrieve the bird when sent, in both land and water. These marks can be at quite a distance through terrain changes and brush (also called cover) and can be quite challenging. There are also blind retrieves (marks that the dog did not see fall) and the dog is then directed where to go by the handler. The dog should be in total control of the handler at all times.

With the backing of the Poodle Club of America, an Upland Working Certificate testing program was developed. To document the talent found in the Poodle as an upland hunting dog. Poodles as a breed, are used quite a bit as upland hunting dogs across the country.

Last year 2016 after the certificate program was well established for 4 years, the AKC representatives came to the National event and watched the testing. It was after that that we were strongly encouraged to send in a proposal to AKC to have the breed included into the Spaniel Testing program, and hopefully be able then to launch the breed into the program with an Inaugural event at the 2017 Poodle Club of America National Specialty.



At a lot of national Spaniel specialties, the Spaniel hunt tests are opened to all the breeds eligible to run in the testing. We were encouraged to do the same as there was some doubt that we would have enough Poodles to fill the test. However, those of us involved with the sport said not to worry, we will have more than enough to have a strong entry. Strong was a MILD word. The test filled the 30 dog limit in less than a week. AKC and the judges were contacted to get the limit raised, to 35, and it filled again with all POODLES!

Poodle people have been waiting for this form of testing for a lot of years, and it showed in the quality of work the dogs did.

35 entries were taken and we had one scratch (emergency spay, a doubly disappointed owner!). With that we brought 34 to the line, one dog in Master, 12 in Senior and 21 in Junior. Of those dogs, 19 passed, one Master, 8 Senior, and 10 in Junior for the first leg of their journey to their Spaniel Hunt Test titles.

The Poodles are now off and running in the Spaniel Hunt test program.

Thank you to the Poodle Club of America, and the American Kennel Club for giving Poodles the opportunity to participate in these hunting programs.

My prediction is in the years to come we will see many titled Poodles in the Spaniel events, and many dual titled Poodles in both the Retriever and Spaniel tests.

The Poodle is truly a versatile hunting dog, capable of sitting in a duck blind in the morning, running the pheasant fields in the afternoon, then curling up on the couch with us in the evening, only to do the same thing the next day, and loving every minute of it!





PCA 2017 Working Dog Program Medallions

By Carol Stone

Photos by John Carelli



The hunt/tracking awards dinner this year was another great success. We had record turnout this year with over 80 in attendance. Many regulars, but also many new faces.

A huge thanks to John Carelli who once again spent days in the field, rain and shine, to get pictures of our wonderful dogs in action. His photography is never ceases to amaze and impress. Beth White's table decorations were over the top this year. Each year she seems to "up the ante". We were awed her design talents with the most amazing poodle carousels (yes, they actually turned).

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and participants we raised a record amount of money and were able to present PCA, Inc, with \$390 towards the hunt events, \$220 towards tracking and the PCA Foundation with \$390 from our weekend raffle. Thank you to all who so generously donated raffle items and bought tickets.

We awarded 16 medallions this year, with 7 Bronze, 4 Silver and 5 Gold.

Bronze Medallions

OTCH Riant Watching the Detectives, UDX2 OMH SH WCX, Lucas, Pat Rose
Repeat After E of Arnette du Nola's, RN BN CGC HPC WCX, Junior, Beth Johnston
Tudorose An Affair to Remember, JH CGC HPC, Callie, Judi Dove
Paragon's Lacy Pink Zipper, UWC, Olive, Julie Buss
Carrington's Lady Isabelle, CD RE SH ThD WCX, Isabelle, Helene Huffer
CH Deaux Rey's Barron, RN JH, Barron, Sheree Stone
Louter Creek's Roux Meagher, JH WC, Roux, Angie Louter

Silver Medallions

OTCH Riant Watching the Detectives, UDX2 OMH SH WCX, Lucas, Pat Rose
Tudorose An Affair to Remember, JH CGC HPC, Callie, Judi Dove
Carrington's Lady Isabelle, CD RE SH ThD WCX, Isabelle, Helene Huffer
MACH5 Menina de Prata, VCD1 RE JH MXB2 MJC2 MXF T2B3 CA THDN
CGCA HPCX, Nina, Beth White

Gold Medallions

OTCH Riant Watching the Detectives, UDX2 OMH SH WCX, Lucas, Pat Rose
MACH5 Menina de Prata, VCD1 RE JH MXB2 MJC2 MXF T2B3 CA THDN CGCA HPCX,
Nina, Beth White
Argus, MH, Argus, Dan Cassidy
HR Akelter's In Lieu Of, CDX BN RN TD SH NAP OJP WCX UIC, Lewis, Jan Winner
Doubleshot Ernest of Arnette, NA OAJ OF JH CD GN RE RAT-O HPCX, Ernie, Beth Johnston



Congratulations to all for their dedication and hard work and continuing to support poodles in the field.



INAUGURAL PERFORMANCE SWEEPSTAKES

The first PCA Performance Sweepstakes was held at the 2017 Poodle Club of America national show in April. The event was limited to the first 30 entries as we knew time would be in short supply at the end of the day on Tuesday. Even though we did not know if the event would be held inside or outside, we had a rush of entries from performance and companion titled poodles eager for an evaluation according to the Poodle breed standard. Classes were divided by age and sex but not size, as all sizes of Poodles normally compete against each other in most facets of competition. All Poodles were judged according to the same breed standard by noted judges Dr Terrill Udenberg and Mr James Moses. Thanks go to these patient judges for helping us by evaluating each dog in detail. Also thanks to all who helped with the event including Jaci Bowman, Charlotte Mitchell, Debbie West and Jennifer Dege.

The event was held outside near the covered pavilion which provided ample shade for the exhibitors and dogs. Judges filled out a score sheet for each dog, with the winner and best of opposite sex being declared in each age variety based on the highest numerical scores. Winners of each age division competed for Best in Sweepstakes. The opposite sex winners competed for Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes. In addition to rosettes for the winners, each participant took home a dog tag memento, celebrating the first of hopefully many more events in the future.

While the sweepstakes is a competitive event, it is also an educational event, striving to provide an honest evaluation for dogs competing in performance and companion events. Correct structure is of the utmost importance for these dogs. Unbalanced structure results in a higher than normal instance of injuries as the dogs' bodies are unprepared for the stresses placed upon them in high speed running, jumping, turning, twisting, etc. Correct structure is not only beautiful but essential to ensure a long healthy competitive life for performance dogs. Each area of the Poodle breed standard was written to describe the ideal, in order for our dogs to perform at their best. With the possible exception of color, everything is described for a specific purpose from the square shape, the length of neck, the shape of the eye, shape of the rib cage, levelness of the top line, length and angle of both front and rear legs, tail set, etc. For field dogs, darker colors are preferred by waterfowl hunters while lighter colors can be followed and are easier seen in the upland field. Companion dog event competitors may not be as concerned with the color of eyes, texture of coat, etc, but all the features described in the standard go into what makes a poodle a poodle!

Our winner this year was a lovely white bitch with easy floating movement. Best of Opposite Sex was a black dog again with a nicely balanced, easy way of going. Our judges definitely picked out some lovely Poodles!

We have some definite ideas about how to make this event better and even more educational in the future, but if you have feedback for us or ideas for improvement, please let me know by e-mailing me at jcarelli@morrisbb.net.



Poodle Club of America 2017 Agility Results

Debbie West



High in Trial

Jib's Just Happy To Be Here, Owner Cassandra Schmidt

Preferred High in Trial and also the MACH 2 Reignon Dassin Mr Peabody Award

MACH 2 Songbird My Darling Sampson, Owner Rona Barnes

High in Trial Champion of Record

CH Limelight Gypsy Rose Lee NAJ, Owner Beverly Durst

High in Trial Junior and High Scoring in Novice

Adelheid's Wild Indigo, Owner Nancy and Emily Walker handled by Emily

High Scoring in Open

Lemuria's Kallysta Wanna B Yu CD RN NA NAJ, Owner Debby DaCosta

The move to Purina was a huge boon for our agility entry. We had 377 runs this year and since a judge can only judge 330 runs we had to bring in a second judge Rod Ramsell a true poodle lover judged our over flow. Karen Winter, our regularly scheduled judge gave us fun courses to run.

Purina does a really good job for us. They bring all the equipment ringside and set up the gating and help organize the crating section. Many thanks to John Pittman and his grandson Sam for being our course builders. This year was a year to learn how everything fits we had one plan going in and as we looked at it it became clear that a different set up would work better and the Purina folks just got it done. We also had more amazing help from Susanne Nash as usual and this year Elizabethanne Stevens, Julie Kolberg and Eve Baltzell just stepped in and knew just how to help. I might still be there "organizing" if it weren't for them. So many help throughout the day and that's who agility poodle folks are. A thousand thanks to all who make PCA agility great.

Our poodles did find the footing slippery for agility and our concerns have been shared with Purina. So many people commented how excited they were to finally be able to come to "their" National. I think Purina was a good move. Looking forward to 2018!

ATTENTION AGILITY PARTICIPANTS

Submitted by Jan Elwert

Greater Cincinnati Poodle club will be holding its Agility Trials on November 11 and 12, 2017 at the Queen City Dog Training Club, Sharonville, Ohio. Poodles are given special "preference" for these trials. This is an event that always fills quickly. See you there.



Agility Poodle Peeps and Peep-ettes do it ALL!

By Debby DuBay



*Emily & "Indie"
HIN & HIT*

Emily Walker and her mini poodle "Indie" had a fabulous time at their very first PCA! Traveling up from Sanger, Texas with her mom, dad, elderly poodle Ellie and Indie - this young team (with their huge Texan smiles) took PCA Agility HINovice and HIT Junior.

Fifteen year old Emily started doing agility approximately three years ago with Ellie. Ellie will be retired soon so Emily recently started fifteen month old Indie's show career. PCA 2017 was Indie's first agility trial doing a standard course! How spectacular is that? All of these firsts on the same day: PCA, standard run, High In Novice (HIN) and High In Trial (HIT).

Emily says that agility has helped her with her confidence and she loves the fun she has with her best friend. She also states: "PCA inspired me to reach higher and try out new areas of the dog showing world

including rally, obedience, and junior showmanship. We met so many wonderful people and really appreciated the mentor program for first timers at PCA!" Huge congratulations to this fabulous young team! We're looking forward to seeing a lot more of Emily, Indie and the Walker family!



Left to Right: Anna & Cali, PCA President Susan Burge, Beck & Leo, Rachel & Branson. (Handsome Branson" is the only CH on the team!)

At this year's PCA we had three of the four poodle members of the AKC EOJ (European Open Juniors) Agility Team USA competing in Agility! Beck Skahan and Leo from NH, Rachel Rivkin and Brandon from PA and Anna Gigstad and Cali from NE. Our fourth poodle team member - Sasha Zitter and Jinx from CA - were unable to attend. These four juniors will be making the trip to Luxembourg with the AKC EOJ Agility Team USA to compete in Europe at the highest level of junior agility competition.

Chatting with these junior competitors - I ask: "What have you learned doing agility?" All of the answers are similar: "I've learned that you have to work hard for something you want." "That sometimes you don't always have to win or qualify to have fun and be proud of your run." "I love being involved with poodle sports because I'm with my best friend." "I've developed a lot of patience that I can use in my daily life." "I've learned to become a good sport." "Definitely concentration, and humility!"



Wow! That is a lot to learn from a dog sport. To quote author Nora Roberts: “Everything I know I learned from dogs.” It’s wonderful that PCA does so much with their juniors.

It was with delight that PCA President Susan Burge had a presentation for these incredible juniors. They were recognized for their achievement on making the AKC EOJ Agility Team USA and each given a check for \$400: \$200 from PCA and a matching \$200 from the PCA Junior Education Fund.



*Baby “True” with sister HIT “Bliss”
in her winners chair*

It was World Team, Miniature Poodle “Bliss” with her handler Cassie Schmidt that took High In Trial (HIT)! What a PCA week this incredible team had! Monday at PCA Agility they took HIT. Then they flew to CT, competed on Saturday and by Sunday had won a spot on the AKC Agility World Team USA! As fast as that! (No surprise to us - as we all know how fast they really are!)

Huge congratulations to PCA HIT and AKC Agility World Team USA members: Cassie and Bliss!

What a spectacular accomplishment for the breed we love: poodles!

And CONGRATULATIONS to all of the poodles and their peeps who participated in PCA Agility 2017 at Purina Farms! Winners ALL!

Can’t wait to see you all in 2018 at this beautiful venue!



*AKC Agility World Team Members Cassie Schmidt & poodle Bliss
(One of these things is not like the others!)*



They are the Future of Our Sport

Submitted by JR Education Program Committee



Mentors and parents and chaperones in-tow Juniors and their poodles are representing our beloved breed. And they are doing it well! Junior Handlers Met Us in St Louis at the PCA 2017 National Specialty.

A total of 20 Juniors were entered, 17 entries competing in Conformation, 1 in Obedience and 2 in Rally. They are outstanding competitors, enthusiastic and a pleasure to interact with. Tina Yuhl was the Judge for the Junior Handler Competition, and she ultimately awarded Madeline Buehler Best Jr In Show with Reserve Junior going to Melony Lopez. "It was such a thrill to judge such an impressive group of Junior Showmen at PCA.

Grading the winners, particularly in the SR classes was really daunting as none of them made it easy for me. In the end, my Best Jr. won the day managing her puppy without obvious effort, while keeping her charge engaged in an activity the puppy was not 100% committed to continuing. I was delighted to see so much talent and look forward to following the show careers these young people have in front of them." Not to be outperformed, Melanie Walker was Agility HIT and Rachel Rivkin was first in the Novice Senior for Juniors.

Junior Handlers will also represent the USA at the EOJ Competition in Luxembourg, Germany this year. A total of four Juniors and their poodles will compete to Bring Home the Gold! The PCA Junior Education Program is dedicated to encouraging, mentoring, educating and rewarding our Juniors, and at the National Specialty PCA President, Sue Burge awarded the first Anne Rogers Clark Stipends to Melony Lopez and Sarah Rivken and to the EOJ 2017 Team Members, Ana Gigstead, Beck Skahan, Sarah Rivken and Sasha Zitter, donations of matching funds from the PCA Jr Education Fund and the PCA General Fund were gifted to help offset the costs of their travel to the EOJ Competition.

"When I look at the young people involved in our Juniors Program I feel nothing but pride. Juniors are PCA's legacy. Looking at the outstanding young people representing poodles both in conformation and performance, I feel great hope for our future."

The PCA JR Education Program hosted our annual Pizza Luncheon featuring Guest Speaker, Tara Richardson and closing with Poodle Trivia. Professional Handlers followed with Hands On Mentoring after the Parade of Champions. Junior volunteers for Take The Lead Program helped with the Chuck a Duck Fundraiser and assisted as runners as they began to learn the intricacies of being a Ring Steward.

The support of the Jr Education Program is evident from the many visitors to the JR Education booth, to the sightings of those wearing Vintage PCA National Specialty T-shirts. Ticket sales for our Annual Quilt Raffle and the sellout of the 50/50 Split tickets offer the winners a great reward and allow the JR Education program to be self-sustaining! (The winner of this year's quilt was Linda Tilka and the winner of the 50/50 Split was Adrian Agard, who donated a portion of his split to Take the Lead in Memory of Taylor Lane).

Our Future is Bright. Talented. And loving their poodles!



Helene Whitehouse Walker and Ch. Nymphaea Jason

The Poodle Club of America
honors the memory of

Helene Whitehouse Walker
Carillon Kennels
1900 —1986

The 86-year history of the Poodle Club of America is inextricably intertwined with two of its founding members, socialite- sportsman Mr. Henry J. Whitehouse and his intrepid daughter, Mrs. Helene Whitehouse Walker; a brown standard Poodle called Jason; the Carillon Kennels; the importation of Obedience from the U.K., and Blanche Saunders, a talented young woman from Maine. This story began at Mt. Kisco, N.Y., in 1930.

Mrs. Walker and her father jointly tackled the happy task of finding a birthday gift for one of Mrs. Walker's younger sisters, who had expressed a wish for a puppy. Mr. Whitehouse, who had been educated in England and whose wife was English, was familiar

with English Poodles and thought one would make the perfect present. It was natural, then, that the puppy search took father and daughter from the Whitehouse estate at Mt. Kisco to nearby Bedford and the Misty Isles Kennels of Alice Lang Rogers, herself a transplant from England.

Mrs. Rogers was then known as a breeder of Cairn terriers, but had lately become interested in Poodles. That summer she had visited the English Nymphaea Kennels, and had taken several photos while there. As Mr. Whitehouse and his daughter pored over these, one dog in particular captured their attention, and father and daughter agreed they had found the Poodle they were looking for.

And so it was that in January of 1931, the



English-bred, 14-month-old brown standard Poodle, Nymphaea Jason, found himself aboard an ocean liner, sailing across the Atlantic for New York.

Since the entire Whitehouse family, save Mrs. Walker, was spending the winter social season at their apartment in the City, it had been decided that Jason should go to Mrs. Walker at Mt. Kisco for the duration.

Mrs. Walker said in a 1983 *Town Life* interview, "I didn't have him more than 24 hours before I was crazy about him!" So, when her sister confessed a preference for a Samoyed, Mrs. Walker wasted no time in buying Jason from her father, and what was to become Carillon Kennels had its foundation sire.

Poodle-mania soon ensued. Mrs. Walker chose her kennel name from the name of Jason's sire, Eng. Ch. Whippendell Carillon, and soon acquired two more of Carillon's sons, Nymphaea Jasper and Eng. Ch. Whippendell Poli. She imported even more Poodles in 1931, and began to show Jason, ineptly at first, but eventually handling him to his first 2 points, Best of Breed, and a Group 1st at the Westchester K.C. show in June.

After arriving from England in May, Poli was shown 4 times in 1931, taking the points at each show, plus 2 Bests of Breed.

It soon became obvious that both Mrs. Walker and her father had been bitten by the Poodle "bug." Mr. Whitehouse busied himself by organizing what would become the Poodle Club of America. At the call of Mr. Whitehouse, a group of 10 Poodle fanciers met in the spring of 1931 to form a Poodle specialty club. Mr. Whitehouse was the club's 1st president, a post he was to hold for 3 years, and Mrs. Walker was named its secretary-treasurer.

In July, the club submitted its application for

membership to the American Kennel Club, and the application was approved by AKC on August 11th. The Poodle Club of America was then "official," and its members began to plan the Club's first specialty show for June 11, 1932.

By 1932, Mrs. Walker's handling skills had improved enough to finish Poli with a 5-point major at Westminster, making him the first dual English and American Champion Poodle. Poli took another 5-point major and 3 Bests of Breed at shows leading up to the first PCA specialty.

In June, at PCA's first show, the Carillon stud force dominated, with Jason taking a 5-point major and Poli again making history by winning Best of Breed.

Jason was shown twice more in 1932, picking up another point, a Best of Breed, and a Group 3rd at Somerset Hills.

During the year, Mrs. Walker continued to build her kennel, importing Nunsoe Skagin, whom she sold to her father, and the Stillington litter-mates, Christmas and Claus.

In 1933, Poli capped off his show career with Group firsts at Westminster — becoming the first Poodle to win a Group there — and at Somerset Hills.

The year was also a good one for Jason, who, after a slow start, won 2 more 5-point majors, 6 Bests of Breed, a Group 3rd, and 4 Group firsts, finishing his championship at the prestigious Morris and Essex show.

Stillington Claus also finished his championship in 1933, but his brother Christmas died on July 4th of distemper, an infection that devastated many show kennels that year. Pierrette Labory, a double granddaughter of Anderl v. Hugelberg, arrived at Carillon from Switzerland in April and took the points at North Westchester and Greenwich in June.

As busy as 1933 was for Mrs. Walker, she still found time to pursue another interest she had developed the previous year: all-breed Obedience tests.

Dog fanciers in the U.S. and Great Britain had been training and testing working breeds in Obedience for some time, but recently the Kennel Club (U.K.) had opened Obedience tests to all breeds. Confident that Poodles would be ideal Obedience dogs, Mrs. Walker began a campaign to have all-breed Obedience tests sanctioned by AKC.

As a demonstration of interest, a private all-breed Obedience test was held under English



Mrs. Walker with Eng. Ch. Whippendell Poli, Blue Riband and Nymphaea Jasper, Newport, August 1931.



rules in October, at Mr. Whitehouse's estate at Mt. Kisco. While the entry was small, the gallery was estimated at over 150 people, and the test was well-covered by the press.

Buoyed by the success of this introductory event, Mrs. Walker suggested to the North Westchester K.C., of which she was a member, that they hold a similar event in conjunction with their next all-breed show in June of the following year. The club agreed, and Mrs. Walker wrote a letter to AKC's *Purebred Dogs* to publicize the event, noting, "The judging of dogs in the breed classes is a mystery to many, but a series of tests displaying the dog's brain is something they can actually see."

In 1934, Mrs. Walker continued breeding, showing, and importing more Poodles. One of these was Tango of Piperscroft, an apricot dog that arrived from England in May, already trained for Obedience.

In February, Pierrette took a 5-point major at Westminster, then took time off to whelp her second litter by Poli. When she returned to the ring for 4 shows in September, she swept them, winning 3 majors, including 5 points awarded by Mrs. Sherman Hoyt of Blakeen, and a Group 4th.

North Westchester's June 9th Obedience test drew 10 entries, with Mr. Whitehouse's Nunsoe Skagin of Carillon taking 1st place and Tango taking 3rd. There was detailed coverage of the event in the *New York Sun*, which no doubt increased interest in dog Obedience training among the general public.

Although Tango had come with detailed "instructions" for voice and hand signals that Grace Boyd of the Piperscroft Kennels had prepared, and had acquitted himself respectably at his first U.S. test, Mrs. Walker felt she still needed to know more about how things were done in England.

As Mrs. Walker told the 1983 *Town Life* interviewer, Roberta Synal, "I'd go out on the lawn with the letter in one hand and the dog in the other, and try to follow directions. But I told my father there was only one thing for me to do, and that was to go to the source. So I set sail for England."

Mrs. Walker spent 6 weeks in England that summer, soaking up all she could about Obedience and Poodles. She returned to New York aboard *Aquitania* on September 7th, in time for the second all-breed Obedience test, held at Somerset Hills Kennel Club.

The next private Obedience test took place at the Whitehouse estate in Mt. Kisco on October 21st and included a separate Tracking test. There were 8 Obedience entries and 6 entries in Tracking. Mr. Whitehouse's Nunsoe Skagin of Carillon won both tests, followed by Mrs. Walker's Tango at 2nd, and another Carillon import, Berkham Auguste, at 3rd. Second place in Tracking went to a Doberman from Connecticut. The most striking aspect of the event, however, was a *New York Times* report of "about 500 spectators." Clearly, there was growing public interest in dog Obedience training!

Another thing had become clear to Mrs. Walker by October: she knew she would need a manager for her burgeoning Carillon Kennels. There was simply too much to be done, and her kennel help needed leadership, whether or not she was present. As was her style, Mrs. Walker addressed the matter head-on and with energy, and it wasn't long before she found a likely prospect to manage her kennel.

As she wrote in the foreword to *The Story of Dog Obedience*, Mrs. Walker drove up "...to Brewster, New York, with my pet Poodle — Tango of Piperscroft — at my side, to talk with Blanche [Saunders] about a position in my Carillon Kennel." Mrs. Walker went on, "She came running to meet me — all energy and enthusiasm. [...] This great energy was to carry her, in fifteen short years, to the top of her profession as a trainer of dogs and their owners."

Blanche Saunders started her new job in late 1934, and another chapter of the Carillon Kennels story began. In 1935, only 2 weeks into her employment at Carillon, Miss Saunders had asked Mrs. Walker if she could train a puppy called Glee for Obedience. Mrs. Walker agreed, and Miss Saunders and Glee started to attend Mrs. Walker's training classes at Bedford Hills. As Mrs. Walker told it, "This lasted for about two months until one day I lost my voice completely, and she offered to pinch hit for me. That was that; from then on *she* conducted the class."

Miss Saunders, it turned out, not only had great rapport with animals, she was also a gifted teacher.

The established Carillon routine of planning litters, showing Poodles, and getting puppies off to a good start continued in 1935.

Hollow Hill Jocko, a Poli son, had ended 1934 with 3 majors and 11 points. He finished his championship in June with a 5-point major,



following it up with a Best of Breed and Group 4th at Ox Ridge.

On a parallel track, Mrs. Walker and Miss Saunders continued to work on acceptance of Obedience competitions by all-breed clubs, 6 of which held tests in conjunction with their 1935 shows. The Poodles of Carillon — Nunsoe Skagin, Tango of Piperscroft, Carillon Cordon Bleu, and Carillon Epreuve (Glee) — were “in the ribbons” at all the tests in which they competed.

That summer, Mrs. Boyd brought 3 of her Obedience-trained Poodles to the U.S., to bolster Obedience entries and to give a number of demonstrations to introduce the sport to the public. Boyd’s Joker of Piperscroft placed 1st in the Open class at Westchester. The judge was Mr. Josef Weber, a noted dog trainer based in Princeton, N.J.

Given the growing interest in Obedience over nearly 2 years, Mrs. Walker decided the time was right to approach AKC with a formal request to adopt it as an approved and recognized event. Accordingly, Mrs. Walker wrote and published a booklet, “Obedience Tests: Procedure For Judge, Handler, and Show Giving Club,” with 6 illustrative photos of Mrs. Walker and Tango, taken by Miss Saunders. The booklet, along with a summary of the results of the tests held in 1935-36 and a cover letter by Mrs. Walker, was sent off to AKC on December 7, 1935.

The year 1936 was especially eventful. In March, AKC approved Mrs. Walker’s proposal, and published the first rules for Obedience tests in the April *Gazette*. Quite fittingly, the first AKC licensed test was held on June 13th at the North Westchester K.C. show.

After making some revisions as proposed by Mrs. Walker, Josef Weber, and Miss Saunders, AKC adopted final “Regulations and Standard for Obedience Test Trials” on November 10, 1936. By the end of the year, Tango of Piperscroft and Carillon Epreuve had completed CDX titles and Mr. Whitehouse’s Nunsoe Skagin of Carillon had earned his CD.

In spite of their intense concentration on Obedience in 1936, the show ring wasn’t completely ignored by Carillon that year. Carillon Joyeux, a brown Jason son, took a 4-point major from the puppy class and was shown thereafter only in the American-bred class until he finished his championship on May 16th at 13 months of age, becoming Carillon’s first home-bred champion. Joyeux won 2 more 5-point majors and

a Best of Breed in May, and when moved up to the specials only class, took another Best of Breed and a Group 2nd.

Kaffir of Piperscroft, given by Mrs. Boyd to Mrs. Walker as a puppy, following Boyd’s trip to the U.S. in 1935, began his show career, winning a 3-point major in August.

In 1937, the show ring saw even more Carillon champions made, as get of the kennel’s stud force started to come of age. Carillon Memoire, from the 1934 litter by Poli ex Pierrette Labory, finished, as did Jason son Carillon Joyeux, and the son of Ch. Stillington Claus, Carillon Courage.

At the same time, Miss Saunders continued to compete in Obedience with Epreuve, who made history in 1937 as the first dog of any breed to earn all of the AKC Obedience “degrees.”

But 1937 was perhaps Carillon’s most notable year so far. It was in that year that Mrs. Walker, Miss Saunders, and 3 standard Poodles spent 10 weeks touring the U.S. in a 1936 Buick pulling a 21-foot trailer, to give exhibitions and talks about AKC Obedience. From September until they arrived home on December 7th they had covered 10,000 miles, making friends and Obedience enthusiasts all along their way.

The Poodles that made the “Trailer Trek” were Ch. Joyeux, who took a Group 1st at El Paso; Carillon Bon Coeur, who finished his championship during the trip; and the “brilliant” Epreuve UDT, who forgot her recall long enough to chase a Texas jack rabbit.

Miss Saunders, in her posthumously published book, *The Story of Dog Obedience*, gives a wonderful description of the highs and lows faced by the “...two crazy women from New York with their three trick Poodles.” [Although the book has been out of print for some years, a search for a used copy is well worth the effort.]



Mrs. Walker with Tango of Piperscroft
Photo by Blanche Saunders



In 1938, Kaffir started the show season with a 5-point major at Westminster and completed his championship with another in April, followed by a third 5-pointer on May 1st at Baltimore. Kaffir had picked up a leg on his CD degree in the fall of 1937 and completed it in June 1938 with 1st and 2nd placements.

The black Jason daughter, Carillon Cendrillon, and the beautiful apricot Carillon Amour, a Kaffir daughter, also attained their championships in 1938.

But it was Ch. Carillon Courage CDX that put to bed the canard that once trained for Obedience, a dog would be “ruined” for the show ring. Courage, handled by Miss Saunders, won Best of Breed, 1st place in his Obedience class, and Group 1st at Somerset Hills on September 18th, the first dog of any breed to take a 1st in Group and a 1st in Obedience at the same show.

The last year of the decade brought 2 new championships to Carillon: Carillon Plaisant, a Jason son, and Carillon Colline, a Courage daughter. It also marked Mrs. Walker’s first term as president of PCA, a post her father had held from 1931 to 1933.

Obedience got coverage in the New York Times again in February, when a special exhibition, arranged by Mrs. Walker and judged by Mr. Weber, was held at the Westminster K.C. show. Two teams of 7 dogs each competed against each other, with one team handled by men and the other by women. Although the women’s team led the men 74 to 70 in the afternoon, by the end of the evening competition, the men had won with a total combined score of 152 to 143. Kingsley Child, writing for the *Times*, made particular note of the Collie, Buster Whiteson CDX, and Ch. Carillon Courage CD, who “were worked by their handlers from bicycles.”

In September, a tracking test was held at the Whitehouse estate, with Mr. Whitehouse’s Nunsoe

Skagin taking 2nd place and Epreuve taking 4th.

But not all news in 1939 was good news. In November, Jason, the start of it all, was euthanized.

With close family ties in England and France, Mrs. Walker was concerned about what appeared to be a looming, inevitable war in Europe. In response, she began “reducing our breeding program and the number of adult dogs at Carillon, keeping only the best breeding stock.”

In 1940, Carillon finished 3 Poodles: Colombe, a Courage daughter and litter-mate to Colline; and 2 Kaffir sons, Jaseur and Distingue. Ch. Amour was placed in 1940 and never bred.

Colombe and Carillon Pivoine, a Poli daughter, were placed in September 1941. Rene was the only Carillon Poodle to complete a championship in that year.

Mr. Whitehouse again took over the reins of PCA in 1941, but relinquished them to his daughter in 1942 as he became more occupied with war work. The 1942 PCA specialty was canceled, and Mrs. Walker continued as the club’s president until 1946.

After Pearl Harbor was attacked in December 1941, Miss Saunders left Carillon to join Josef Weber in Princeton, N.J., in training sentry dogs for installations critical to the war effort. In 1943, Mrs. Walker closed Carillon Kennels, and in 1944 her beloved Tango died. Mrs. Walker never had another dog.

In her foreword to *The Story of Dog Obedience*, Mrs. Walker wrote, “... when Blanche opened up her own place in New York City, I gave her the Carillon name and good will, and some brood bitches representing my best bloodlines, hoping the she would eventually be able to carry on where I had left off.

“She scrupulously maintained the high standards I had set in breeding to establish important qualities of character and disposition as well as excellent conformation. It was always a great pleasure for me to go to her kennel and see such uniformly true-to-type Standard Poodles.”

Blanche Saunders did carry on. In 1943 she bred Ch. Colline to Ch. Puttencove Impetuous, a Kaffir son. The stud fee pup of that litter grew up to be Ch. Carillon Colin of Puttencove, who took Best of Breed under respected judge Percy Roberts at PCA in 1949.

In the 1940’s Miss Saunders bred 8 more Poodles destined to become champions: Caccia,



Mrs. Walker with Ch. Carillon Amour CD



the inimitable Jester UDT, Jestina, Jongleur, Matinal, Moiree, Scion and Sibelius.

In the 1950's she bred 9 future champions: Blue Boy, Commando, Dana, Dart, the great Dilemma UD, Gossip UD, Honeysuckle, Michelle UDT, and Clarion Blue Comet.

In the 1960's, Miss Saunders bred Ch. Carillon Regardez-Moi UD, by Dilemma out of Carillon Just A Whiz.

Throughout this period, Miss Saunders continued to be active in Obedience training. In July 1944, she established a training program for the New York City ASPCA. She held training classes and traveled to offer "clinics" for difficult dogs. She wrote books and made films on Obedience. She became an AKC Obedience judge.

By 1962, Walter Fletcher, writing in the *New York Times* of August 2nd observed, "Miss

Saunders, for sixteen years, was the training director here for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. She brought more than 17,000 owners and their dogs to 'graduation.' Miss Saunders accepts few judging assignments these days. The Bedford Village (N.Y.) woman prefers to conduct clinics."

In her foreword to *The Story of Obedience*, Mrs. Walker wrote, "Little did I realize when I assembled the preceding thoughts for a Foreword, that within a few months it would have to be written as an obituary. On December 8, 1964, Blanche Saunders died the way she lived — quietly, and just after doing the thing she loved best, teaching people how to train dogs."

Helene Whitehouse Walker died in 1986, having dedicated her life after Carillon to charitable works.



Blanche Saunders and Carillon Epreuve UDT

The Poodle Club of America
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*Blanche Saunders and Helene Walker
with Ch. Carillon Dilemma UD, Kaeley
Audacious Coquette UD, and Robin
Hill of Carillon UDT in 1962. Photo
courtesy of AKC*

Author's note: Many of the anecdotes in the foregoing article were gleaned from various accounts written by the late Catharine (Kae) Reiley, whose Kaeley Kennels kept much of the Carillon legacy alive. Without her chronicles of the Carillon and AKC Obedience stories, this effort would have been dry dust, indeed. My thanks go also to Tom Carneal, who provided me with a photocopy of a Kae Reilly account of the Carillon story that appeared in a PCA catalog that I did not have in my own collection.

I was also fortunate to have been given by Christa Skiebe the opportunity to photocopy the old Carillon kennel records she inherited after the death of Patricia Standish. Those records include numerous handwritten notations that provide insight into the challenges faced by breeders of that time.

Articles from the *New York Times* and an interview of Mrs. Walker by Roberta Synal published in the March 9, 1983, issue of *Town Life* were also helpful, as was Ancestry.com.

The Standard Poodle Database, brainchild of Lynn W. Brucker, provided access to levels of detail that otherwise would have taken days to research.

Finally, I owe an eternal debt of gratitude to Brynn E. White, archivist at the AKC library and archives in New York. Her patience and willingness to go above and beyond made possible the photos that accompany this article.

I encourage breeders of standard Poodles to use the free extended pedigree-tracing that is available at phrdatabase.com (a project of the Poodle Health Registry) to explore the influence on their own dogs that the Carillon Poodles have had. The odds are about 60:1 that any given standard Poodle living today shares at least a few genes with a Carillon progenitor.

— Kathryn Foran

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Judges Education

April 2017 National

We had over Forty to pre-register, however on the day Thirty Five approved breed and group judges signed up for Judges Education.

I had asked for written questions to be turned in as they signed the AKC registration sheet. We started at 11 am, a new time for our new location. Seminar, questions and answer session, we had time to take a break before we started the hands on workshop and breed evaluation portion of Judges Education.

The hands on is a great learning experience for new judges and about our Poodles. We divided into three teams, one for each of the three varieties. We had four Toy's, six Miniatures and eight Standard Poodle for our student judges to go over and watch move and place. They were to write with breed terms of why they placed in their order one thru four. Then I always ask for the exhibitors to speak on how they might have placed the class and/or IF they missed any important part of Breed Type and Movement..in their placing the class. Each judge went over all three varieties

As its important that those who bring dogs for this portion of Judges Education to also be a part of our student judges learning process of what THEY feel is important to our judging our breed.

These are the folks who will be entering under our new student judges when approved for our breed.

Each and everyone's opinion is IMPORTANT for learning about Judging Poodles. As Breeder, Judges "WE" may all differ a bit on our breed, color or variety, but in the end The BREED STANDARD is final word....

Our judges education is important to all of us. Either for those who attend our National to learn about Poodles and those who help with Judges Education bringing dogs to do hands on evaluation, doing ringside mentoring, signing mentoring forms, or those who allow our student judge to go over their dogs at their set up, answering questions of their concerns within the breed standard or enjoy a kennel visit going over several dogs both in show coat and cut downs.

Again 2017 we had a great group of judges interested in learning about POODLES. Some have said they will be back next year as its a lot to learn about POODLES.. we have the three varieties, many colors and shades of colors, trims being a disqualifying factor that they must understand. As in judging they have the TWO minutes to make their choices on placements.

Judges Education Committee wish to thank each and everyone who helped with our student judges in wanting to learn all they can about Poodles before they apply to judge our breed.

AS our breed belongs to all of us and its OUR responsibility to help others enjoy our breed in judging .. as we enjoy living with POODLES.

Thank YOU again each and everyone who makes our Judges Education such a success each year.

Nancy Hafner, Judges Education Coordinator



PCA Catalog Advertising Report

Cathy Catelain, PCA Catalog Advertising Chair

Thank you to the Poodle community for their continued support of the 2017 National Specialty catalog. Along with the advertising committee Judy Cooksey, Dennis McCoy, and the PCA Board of Directors have worked together not to increase the price of our ads. We also need to thank Allen Kingsley and Christie McDonald for selling our catalogs. At the same table, Luann Wilkinson handled lunch and dinner tickets, and the handing out reserve seating tickets. We switched jobs as needed. All of us answered questions, and worked to make everyone feel welcome to our show. We enjoyed seeing all those familiar faces and meeting many new friends.

I also need to thank the rest of my committee, Sherry Henderson and Amanda Spriegel from the Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club and Deb Phillips from Valley of the Sun Poodle Club who volunteered their time and support to make sure all the forms and mailing lists were ready on time. Sherry Henderson attended her first PCA and learned the meaning of volunteerism. Ann Wheeler took over catalog mailing and made sure everyone received their catalogs right after the show. This year to keep costs down we did not send out markings as they are readily available on the InfoDog Results page and also posted on the PCA website.

Additional thanks to Dr. Michael Knight, Sue Burge, and the Affiliate Clubs for their support of our advertising and donation campaigns. Mary Olund and Jennifer Workman posted electronic information on the PCA Face Book page and the PCA website for all to share. Jim Wasilak worked to make sure Credit Card Payments were processed through the on line store.

Lastly, the Catalog Ad Committee sends special acknowledgment to the folks at Moss Bow. PCA is the beneficiary of their professionalism and our show would not be a success without them.

Please think about supporting our National Show in 2018 with a catalog ad and/or donation. We look forward to seeing you at "The Greatest Poodle Show on Earth."

PCARF Purina 2017

Cindy Crawley

Like many others, PCA Rescue made the trek from our former location in Maryland to Purina Farms in Missouri. And like everyone else who had never been there before, we wondered what this new venue would be like. Much to our pleasure, we found this new venue to be very nice. We had ample space to display our "treasures." As always, people were very generous, so our tag sale and Silent Auction was filled with their once beloved things, donated to us for the benefit of rescued Poodles nationwide. Because PCA Rescue is a nationwide organization, we hoped our local Rescue groups would notify their adopters about our Parade of Rescued Poodles and we were not disappointed.

We were pleased to recognize 21 Rescued Poodles in this year's Parade, including three who made the long trek from the East. We even managed to pick up a Poodle who had come to PCA to participate in a Performance event. The Standard Poodle had not been adopted through one of our groups, but rather through an all-breed Rescue, so the owner had no way of knowing our Parade even existed. The owner was very happy to be included in our Parade. Readers - please keep this in mind in your own communities; ALL rescued/adopted Poodles are welcome to participate in our Parade regardless of where or how they were adopted. We just need owners to register with us so we can have a ribbon for



their Poodles. Any questions can be addressed to me – clcrawley@starpower.net.

After our Parade, Poodles and their owners and guests were treated to a box lunch. Everyone enjoyed meeting and chatting, making new friends and reestablishing acquaintanceships. Our special guest, Misty Reddington, was on hand to sign her latest “Molly Tinker” book. The murder mystery series features a Standard Poodle who helps Molly solve the murders. The books are available on Amazon with proceeds going to PCA Rescue. They are a fun read!

PCA Rescue was especially honored to have PCA President, Sue Burge, announce our Parade. And it is our understanding that for the first time since its inception, members of the PCA Board of Directors were able to see “our” Poodles; usually the Board is meeting during the time our Parade goes off. Sue told me afterward that the bios really touched her. She did an admirable job considering the heartfelt biographies that she was given to read.

CONGRATULATIONS

Please join the Board of Governors in congratulating the following young women on receiving an AKC scholarship through the Veterinary Outreach Program:

Nicole Jason Sugai — University of Illinois

Candace Rae Hoetzel — University of Wisconsin-Madison

Nicole is a PCA member and works with her Mother as co-chair of the Trophy Committee.



NEW PCAF GRANT FOR EPILEPSY STUDY

Pat Forsyth

The PCA Foundation has awarded a new grant for groundbreaking new research on the possible genetics of epilepsy in Poodles. Past studies looking for a simple genetic cause of epilepsy have come up empty, but now scientists can use novel whole-genome sequencing to seek out multiple genes that each may ramp up nerve activity somewhat until their total effect reaches a “tipping point” and seizures. In this new study, researchers led by Gary Johnson, DVM, PhD, at the University of Missouri hope to identify risk-factor genes and develop DNA tests so breeders can select against them. Results may also help veterinarians classify the specific subtype of epilepsy affecting a dog and “personalize” therapy directed at the molecular cause of that dog’s seizures.

The Missouri team is investigating epilepsy in several breeds under a grant from the AKC Canine Health Foundation, and PCAF’s grant extends this project to Poodles. Because the researchers will also analyze genome sequences to identify causes of other diseases in epileptic Poodles (incidental findings) or their family (reverse genetics), they will need accurate information about health of study dogs and their close relatives. We are very pleased to support this exciting work, and as soon as we receive criteria for study participants, PCAF will spread the word for potential volunteers.

THANK YOU

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Barbara Furbush

I would like to express my gratitude to the Poodle Club of America, Board of Directors and to all of the exhibitors and visitors who over the past 12 years came faithfully to Salisbury Maryland to show and see Poodles.

Our town did its best to make you family, not only from the welcome signs, but by even naming drinks about Poodles. From the hunt tests, Tracking, Agility, Obedience, Rally and the Breed ring, we made it work! Sometimes it was a daunting task to find the right venue for the retriever trials and tracking, but we did it and had lots of fun over the course of the years making it happen.

When we lost the arena in Upper Marlboro, I was happy to find the Wicomico Civic Center and they made room for our club. Little did I know that it would be a yearly event for 12 years, but I am happy that it was. I was unable to attend PCA at Purnia Farms due to my health this spring. However, I felt like I was there due to streaming video. I watched everything possible and saw a lovely spacious venue. Salisbury is now in the history books and we move on. As I walk down the street, I still get, “do you think they will be back”? My answer is “doubtful” only time will tell. I wish the best for everyone and will always cherish the memories made here in Salisbury, Maryland. I look forward to next year and hopefully will be re-united at Purina Farms with the best Poodle Friends ever.



In Memoriam...

Carlos Fernandes Renau

On May 11, 2017 we lost an international legend upon the death of Carlos Renau. His kennel name in Spain was Del Zarzoso and he was considered to be one of the leading breeders of standard poodles in the world. His DelZarzoso breeding lies behind many of our great standards. Probably best known in this country was Ch. Maneetas DelZarzoso Fuego Fatuo (Gordon) who was shown by Dennis McCoy and Randy Garren to countless Best In Shows including BIS at PCA. Known not only as a brilliant breeder but a highly respected judge throughout the world he would have judged standard poodles at PCA in 2018. We all mourn the loss of highly regarded, well-loved "old school" dog man.

Provided by Joan McFadden

Norman Patton

Norman Patton of Mesa , Arizona passed away in April at the age of 80. He was one of the most well respected judges in our sport , judging not only here in America at a staggering rate , but worldwide as well. He was approved to judge 4 Groups ...he presided over 5 Westminster assignments...numerous National Specialties as well as judging Toy Poodles at PCA in 2008.

He and his partner Gary Wittmeier were the proud breeders of Ch MVP of Ahs , or "Baseball" as she was known throughout the Fancy. When she was retired , she was the Top Winning Toy Poodle in history , amassing 80 All Breed BIS , along with A Group First at Westminster , and a Variety win at PCA. Her daughter , Ch Trebor Shortstop remains as the top winning Silver Poodle of all time with 40 BIS !

Norman was the consummate Dogman , mentor and friend to so many... with his calm demeanor with not only the dogs, but exhibitors as well...he is truly missed.

Provided by Leslie Simis

Ken Washburn

Kenneth E. Washburn, 69, of Quincy, passed away #ursday, May 11, 2017 at VA Healthcare System in Ann Arbor. He served in the US Navy and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Mr. Washburn was a hard working entrepreneur in his own right, always taking advantage of any opportunity to earn money. Ken loved animals, raising poodles for many years. His kennel name was Kenwa. Kenneth was an outdoorsman, proud of his Cherokee Indian heritage, who enjoyed hunting and ice !shing. He also enjoyed collecting guns and coins.

Arlene Benko

Mrs. Arlene Benko passed away on, May 12th, 2017. Mrs. Benko was a judge of the Toy, Non-Sporting and Herding Group as well as Best in Show. Arlene bred Collies and Pomeranians under the Blossom Heights prefix.

*Thoughts and prayers for Dr. Michael Knight and his family for the loss of his father,
Bernard Glenn Knight.*



PCA Enjoys Several ‘Firsts’ During Inaugural National Held at the Purina Event Center

Article from Purina Pro Plan, Nestle Purina PetCare

The Poodle Club of America (PCA) made parent club history with the long-distance move of its National Specialty to the Purina Event Center in Gray Summit, Missouri. Along with the new venue, the PCA National Specialty “Meet Me In St. Louis 2017,” held April 20 to 28, involved two other firsts for the parent club, an AKC spaniel hunting test and a Performance Sweepstakes.

Although the parent club has experienced the challenges of relocation, having moved the National eight times to various venues on the East Coast since its beginning in 1932, and also recovered from a cancellation in 1942, this is the first time the parent club made a long-distance move. “This was a challenge and an opportunity,” says Dennis McCoy of Apex, North Carolina, PCA first vice president.

“People have devoted countless hours to this club and National. We are always looking for ways to improve, yet we respect the club’s tradition and legacy,” McCoy says. “With regard to the move, our goal was to maintain the National’s pageantry and essence.”

This meant that the club worked to continue the traditional conformation outdoor atmosphere by decorating the show ring with flowers and trees from Hillermann Nursery in nearby Washington, Missouri. A custom yellow collar of flowers adorned the venue’s Poodle topiary positioned outside the Event Center greeting attendees as they arrived.

Along with a new location, Poodle enthusiasts had a chance to experience the inaugural American Kennel Club (AKC) spaniel hunting test, held April 23, in Dittmer, Missouri. The PCA introduced the event for Standard and Miniature Poodles 6 months of age and older that met performance requirements for the AKC Spaniel Hunting Test program for upland flushing dogs. Poodles became the 17th AKC-recognized breed eligible to compete in this performance event on August 25, 2016. However, the first AKC-sanctioned spaniel hunting test for Poodles was held in conjunction with this year’s National. The event drew 34 Poodles, 32 Standards and two Miniatures, going for Junior Hunter, Senior Hunter and Master Hunter titles.

Doug Ljungren, AKC vice president of sports and events, praised the parent club and dedicated Poodle owners on the culmination of more than six years of work with the AKC in helping to develop the program. “Congratulations to the Poodle Club of America for supporting the field abilities of this wonderful breed. This is a meaningful step that I believe over time will result in a greater appreciation by the general public for the fieldwork of Poodles,” Ljungren said in a letter to the parent club.

To promote the versatility of the breed, the parent club also held its first Performance Sweepstakes at the Purina Event Center on April 25. Poodles that compete in performance events were judged against the breed standard and cash prizes were awarded to the six class winners: Junior Dog and Junior Bitch (6 months to 2 years old); Open Dog and Open Bitch (2 years to 7 years old); Senior Dog and Senior Bitch (7 years and older).

“We are pleased at the decision to host the PCA National at the Purina Event Center and to bring the magnificence, pomp and pageantry of this versatile, highly intelligent breed to the Midwest,” says Carol Grossman, Purina Area Manager. “We are thrilled that this move also resulted in record-breaking attendance, which also became evident when we ran out of giveaway bags for the first time since we sponsored this National. Overall, we are delighted to see the National and Poodle Club of America prosper.”



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