



The Poodle Papers



Congratulations to our 2019 PCA Best of Breed Winner

GCHG CH Stone Run Afternoon Tea

Best of Breed-Intervariety Judge: Jordan Chamberlain

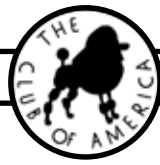
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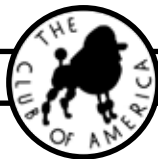
Breeder: Connie Unger

Owners: Connie Unger and William Lee

Sire: Ch. Dassin Hillwood Lazarus X Dam: Ch. Stone Run Girl Reaction

Handler: Chrystal Murray





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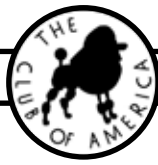
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— PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE —



Here we are again, another year, another fabulous National Specialty. I think we are realistically at a point that we can acknowledge that Salisbury as a venue was very nice, as a community above wonderful but as with so many other lovely locations we have used in the past, Salisbury is a wonderful memory.

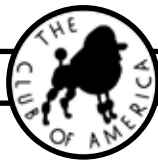
The one lament the Board heard was the flooring at Purina was a pallid color and a surface that was not “kind” to our poodles’ feet. We listened and thanks to Mr. McCoy’s efforts and diligent work, we solved the issue. We now have the marvelous green color with state of the art turf

and no more CHILL and ALLERGIES. For those who did not get to see it, we had our “grass” and Dr Michael Knight’s interpretation of Spring flowers was inspirational! Purina was truly a beautiful venue for our splendid breed.

Another issue that was addressed was the quality of food at the lunches and dinner associated with the national specialty. Mary Ellen Fishler found us a new caterer (Henri) and the difference was wonderful. We recognize the problems with the food at the Checkerboard Café and are attempting to address that issue.

It is important to recognize the massive amount of work donated by volunteers to pull off this fantastic event. Dennis McCoy’s vision is again brought to life by the dedication and hard work of our show chair, Judy Cooksey, and the assistant show chair, Don Adams, the Decoration and Setup Committees, the Trophy and Catalog committees that make it “happen.” Sincere thanks to all the PCA Committee Chairs and other volunteers who have donated their time and energies. Their efforts and support make our show a tremendous success.

I am firm believer if we do not support our Juniors we are neglecting our future. The PCA Board has made an ongoing commitment to support our



juniors. The Juniors' Committee-- Gina Wieser, Tabatha Waters and Debby DuBay-- does an awesome job mentoring our juniors not only in regard to poodle events but also developing the life skills to be successful.

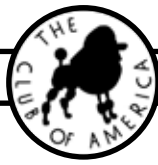
We offer PCA scholarships and grants. We also encourage the juniors to apply for other available funds. This year the Board gave \$300 grants to Emily Walker and Sasha Zitter to help in the cost of travel for the European Junior Agility Trial this July. The board also gave \$500 to the AKC European Juniors general team fund. I am proud that PCA is the ONLY breed parent club that donates directly to the team. AKC, on more than one occasion, has made a point of thanking us.

The 2019 National Show was dedicated to Norma Strait and Richard Lehman for their many years of work for PCA. The AKC Good Sportsmanship Medallion was awarded to Joan McFadden. This was a well-deserved honor for her commitment to our breed and club. Joan is an example of the very best of us. We also recognized Paul Lepiane, retiring after being the face of Poodle Variety for 42 year. The Board granted him an Honorary Lifetime Membership.

One of the other highlights of the arena is the raffle tables. Debby DuBay does a spectacular job of making our raffle a major attraction. She has not only increased the participation of our Affiliate Clubs with huge baskets of goodies but has also included the agility and obedience people in the camaraderie. She helps created a sense of "inclusion" for our multiple venues.

I am always available to you. Feel free to contact me at 440-453-9687 or by email: msstb@aol.com.

Sue Burge



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2019 PCA National Show Chairman's Report

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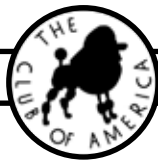


The Poodle Club of America, Inc. was most honored to be awarded The first Purina Pro Plan 2018 Show Dogs of the Year National Specialty Show Award. Thank you everyone that voted and made this award possible. Thank you Madam PCA President, Mrs. Susan Burge, for accepting this award on behalf of PCA. Congratulation to all!

Words just do not describe how spectacular our 3rd PCA was at Purina Farms. Mr. Dennis McCoy brought us all back to PCA with the most amazing gift ever! He brought back the look and feel of past PCAs – the beautiful look of green grass! Well almost, it was artificial turf! Mr. McCoy's dedication to PCA and poodles is commendable. Thank you, Dennis, we are very fortunate to have you on our Team! As he traveled around the country last year, he carried various pieces of artificial turf for the exhibitors to feel and touch in order to recommend the best of the best to the PCA Board for purchase! His choice of turf was "PERFECT" according to all of the reviews that we received

during and after the show. The magic of PCA continued throughout the arena with the floral decorations created by Dr. Michael Knight and the PCA Floral and Ring Design Committee. Thank you, Michael, for this year's spectacular display. Spring was truly in the air! Then, it was time for the arrival of the most awesome poodles, exhibitors, vendors and visitors in the world. Many commented, "Purina is now our home". The PCA expectations were met and we once again held the "Greatest Poodle Show on Earth".

The 87th National Specialty Show was held at Purina Farms, Purina Event Center, 300 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO, 63039 and the August A. Busch Conservation Area, 2360 Hwy D., St Charles, MO, 63039 on April 11th through the 19th. PCA is pleased to have PURINA PRO PLAN as our Official Sponsor along with ARTERO USA INC. I'd like to thank the PCA Board of Governors for their support throughout the year. This national specialty was dedicated to Norma J. Strait, Norjean's and Richard C. Lehman, RiCale. The American Kennel Club Good Sportsmanship Award Medallion was awarded to Joan McFadden. PCA Life Membership was awarded to Paul Lepiane as the past Editor & Publisher of Poodle Variety. We welcomed the new Editor & Publisher of Poodle Variety, Patrick Guilfoyle. Amy Tourond, Editor & Publisher of the newest poodle magazine, The Poodle Network, also came to PCA for the first time. Congratulations and best wishes for great success to both magazines. Our International Visitors consisted of sixteen different countries with a total of fifty-nine guests. "Hats Off to Poodles" was this year's theme that resulted in a marvelous Hat Contest!



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Congratulations to the 2019 PCA Best Junior Showmanship Winner:

Novice Senior, Danielle Miller

Congratulations to all of our poodle breeders, exhibitors and to all the winners in the various venues. Please visit the American Kennel Club Website at www.akc.org for the show's results. Also, visit the Poodle Club of America Website at www.poodleclubofamerica.org to learn more what PCA and poodles are all about! Visit the PCA Store to purchase your very own beautifully Illustrated Breed Standard.

The esteemed 2019 PCA National Specialty Judges were:

Conformation Judges: *Mr. Jordan L. Chamberlain, Best of Breed-Inter-Variety Competition; Mrs. Sharon Renee Stevens, Toy Poodles; Mr. Johnny R. Shoemaker, Miniature Poodles; Mr. Eugene Blake, Standard Poodles; Mr. Desmond J. Murphy, 4 & Under 6 Months Puppy Competition and Veteran Sweepstakes Classes; Mr. Johnny R. Shoemaker, Junior Showmanship Competition; Mrs. Linda Tilka and Mr. Michael B. Lamb, Performance Sweepstakes Classes.*

Obedience Judges: *Ms. Linda F. Morris, Ms Patricia A. Strong and Mr. Richard A. Strong.*

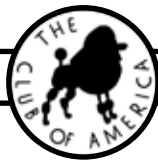
Rally Judge: *Dr. Sandy Gould.*

Agility Judge: *Ms. Mary Mullen.*

Performance Event Judges: *Mr. Robert (Bob) W. Montler; Mr. Jack Combs; Mr. Jack E. Sappenfield, II; Mr. Tony R. Hinson; Mr. Tim Baker and Mr. Tim Ripperger.*

Save the dates for the 2020 PCA National Specialty Show: April 16th through April 24th and especially the conformation show dates on April 22nd through April 24th. The 2020 show will be dedicated to Betsey Leedy. The conformation judges are Mr. Randy Garren, Toys; Mr. Dana Plonkey, Miniatures; Mr. Edd Bivin, Standards and Mrs Doris Cozart, Inter-Variety. The other judges will be announced as they become available.

PCA's is made possible because of all of your generous support in our yearly auctions; your trophy donations; your catalog advertisements; your support in hosting our various events; your support to the PCA Juniors' Program; your support to the PCA Affiliate Clubs and your dog show entries. Thank you all for being part of this specular event! We say it a thousand times at PCA that it takes a village to put on a successful show. A special thank you to all the volunteers that make up our committees. I'd also like to thank Purina Farms and their staff for their outstanding support throughout this year and during our show. MB-F has been in the dog show business for over 50 years and are one of the top superintendents in the country. Thank everyone at MB-F for your exemplary services and support.



Agility Event Chairman – Susanne Nash. Susanne will submit her report so I will not discuss her committee. Agility is a sport that appeals to all dog lovers and spectators. It is an athletic event that requires conditioning, concentration, training and teamwork. Each variety of our poodles, (toy, miniature and standard poodles) competed and demonstrated their athletic abilities and willingness to work with its handler in a variety of tough situations. Thank you, Susanne, for bringing us this wonderful event.

Obedience and Rally Chairman – Jan Hopper. Jan will submit her report so I will not discuss her committees. Jan also served as the Merchandise Sales Chairman. Thank you, Jan, for your dedication and many hours you put into your events. We all applaud you.

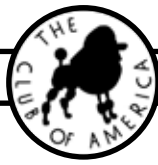
Performance Event Committees – Each Performance Event Chairman will submit their report so I will not discuss their committee. I do which to thank and recognize each Chairman and their Committee Members for the many details and tasks performed. The PCA Performance Teams are: Lin Gelbmann, National Retriever Hunting Tests Chairman Carol McCorkel, National Tracking Tests Chairman and PCA Working Tests Chairman and Jaci Bowman, AKC Spaniel Hunt Tests and Upland Certificate Tests Chairman. Congratulations on a job well done! Those of you play out in that field are one tough bunch! They endured very cold weather with snow and rain. You even clean up good too! You came to your Sunday night banquet with big smiles and had a great time bragging about your events; and believe me you earned it. Congratulations on another great year!

PCA Raffle Committee Chairman - Debby DuBay. The PCA Raffle just keeps on getting bigger and bigger only because Debby DuBay pours her heart and soul into this committee. Debby brings joy and smiles to everyone she meets! She kept us informed months and days ahead of PCA by teasing us on Facebook with the auction items. We had nineteen Affiliate Clubs that donated raffle baskets. Once again, Tampa Bay Poodle Club won the prize for most tickets purchased. Thank you, Debby, for going the extra mile and for bringing us such specular treasures to enjoy for years to come! Debby also serves as the PCA Liaison for Performance Juniors.

New Trophy Committee – We say good-bye to Mildred Bartlett, Terry Tate and Audrey Kelly as our Trophy Committee. Thank you for your labor of love and dedication to this committee. You will be missed! This past year, Marion Epperson stepped up to the plate and provided outstanding additional support to this team by organizing a line-by-line new trophy file. Thank you all for the long and tedious hours each of you spent on this committee! Let's all give Patti Jason a big welcome as the new Trophy Committee Lead.

Official Photographer – Holloway Photo. Remember, your photos will not be mailed but are available on-line for purchase at www.hollowayphoto.com. You may call Vicki Holloway on 951-682-3164 for any questions. Vicki also offers pre-order photo discounts so if you missed it this year don't forget to visit her booth next year to sign up for the discount!

Catalog Advertising - Cathryn Catelain and Marion Epperson. Our most treasured PCA keepsake is our catalog! Once again, we all take our hats off to Cathy and Marion for our beautiful catalog. Cathy also serves as the PCA Corresponding Secretary.



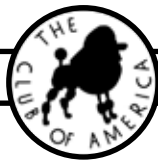
Committees – We have many working hands and committees that put in hours and hour of their free time to ensure PCA has a successful show. I'd like to recognize and thank all them for doing another super job: Announcer and Luncheon/Dinner Coordinator, Mary Ellen Fishler. Mary Ellen also serves as the PCA Delegate to the American Kennel Club. Catalog Advertising, Cathryn Catelain and Marion Epperson; Mailed Catalogs, Ann Wheeler; Chief Ring Steward and Judges Hospitality, Randy Garren; Chief Obedience & Rally Steward, Norine Noonan; Flora and Ring Design, Dr. Michael Knight. Michael also serves as the PCA Second Vice-President. Fund Raising, Missy Galloway & Michelle Polito; Grooming Competition, Michael Lamb, Irina Pinkusevich & LuLu Rodriquez; Grounds, Dr. Robert Burge, Donald Adams, Jennifer Dege and Dawn Strumbel; Hospitality and International Visitors, Mark Dewitt; Judges Education Coordinator, Nancy Smith Hafner; PCA Juniors Education, Gina Wieser & Tabatha Waters; PCA Liaison for Performance Juniors, Debby DuBay; Luncheon/Dinner Reservations, Luann Wilkinson & Kay Tripp; Merchandise Sales, Jan B. Hopper and Donald Adams; Obedience Hospitality, Lois Noble; Parade of Champions and Performance Titleholders, Denise Agre-Gill; RV Parking on Grounds, Donald Adams, Keith Burbank and Wallace Davis; PCA Raffle, Debby DuBay; PCA Rescue, Cynthia Crawley; Reserved Seating, Janet Moses. Janet also serves as the PCA Miniature Representative. Trophies, Mildred Barlett, Terry Tate, and Audrey Kelly; Vendors, Jean Lazarus, Aileen Tobias and Bruce Swift; Pay Pal Coordinator, Jim Wasilak & Joyce Carelli. Joyce also serves as the PCA Treasurer and Jim serves as the PCA Toy Representative. Site Coordinator and Liaison to the Show Committee, Purina Event Center, Dennis McCoy. Dennis also serves as the PCA First Vice-President.

A million thanks to the PCA Assistant Show Chairman, Donald L. Adams, Jr. and my Husband. You are the best!

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart! See you right back here at Purina Farms in 2020.

Warmly,

Judy C. Cooksey



— AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD —

JOAN MCFADDEN

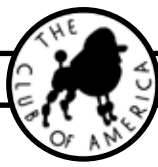


The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program was established to provide each member club with an AKC Medallion to be awarded yearly and solely at the club's discretion. This award offers those individuals who have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of a member of their club.

Each year at our December Board meeting, we select the recipient. The name of the person is meant to be secret until revealed at the National Specialty. The unanimous selection for the 2019 Poodle Club of America recipient was Joan McFadden. Luckily for the plan, Joan was not able to attend that meeting and the vote was not published in any minutes she would see. Secrets are not easy in poodledom but we pulled it off. The only person outside of the Board I told was Lori Wintz; to insure if there was any doubt about attending the PCA National she could encourage all to make the long trip.

Joan epitomizes what the term “sportsmanship” means. Not only do she and Gail successfully raise lovely standard poodles under the Unique kennel name, her mentoring of new people, her kindness to all and her infatigable spirit makes all better people to know her. Joan is down to earth and level minded in making decisions and supportive of all that is poodle.

Please join us in congratulating Joan on her well-deserved honor!



— HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD —

PAUL LEPIANE



When Paul Lepiane chose to retire from publishing Poodle Variety, one could feel the shock wave. Of course we all can appreciate that everyone should have an opportunity to enjoy life but... No Poodle Variety!!

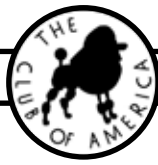
The good news, Paul found a competent new owner to invest in the magazine, Patrick Guilfoyle.

The Board knew that the 2019 PCA would most probably be Paul's final national poodle specialty. We wanted to recognize his years of involvement not only in making our poodles spectacular but encourage new writers, to share insightful articles and to recognized the history and versatility of our breed.

At the National Specialty, Paul was awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership in Poodle Club of America. I am sure he knew we would do something but to be honest, the look on his face said it all. He was totally surprised and pleased. He

proudly wore the pin everyday for the remainder of the week. PCA wishes you and Beau wonderful new adventures but we will always be your poodle friends.





— BECOMING —

by Jacquelyn Fogel

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A Perfect National – Poodle Club of America Does It Right

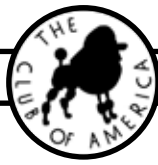


I love stand-alone Nationals. I understand why the people who have small-entry breeds often prefer to hold their National in conjunction with an all-breed show. And I think they are missing out on a huge opportunity to promote lasting bonds among their members. I have written about this before. I was highly criticized for not understanding the financial and logistical problems small clubs face. And I have not changed my mind. Stand-alone Nationals have benefits that far outweigh the negatives. Put them on the day before an all-breed show, or combine a couple of regionals in the same week, but allow them to be the only even on which the exhibitors need to focus for that special event.

Poodle Club of America (PCA) holds the finest National event I have ever been privileged to attend, and I am a committed fan of the Basset Nationals. Attending PCA has been on my personal bucket list for years, but I never seemed to make time to get away during the five days it was held. However, this year I had a great excuse. My daughter is showing a standard poodle. When she told me that her breeder really wanted to attend the PCA National with her puppy, she asked if it would be possible to leave for a few days during a very busy Spring Break holiday at our boarding kennel. I thought about it and told her I would let her go on one condition. She had to invite her mother to go along. She agreed, and I made plans!

PCA has been hosting their National at Purina Farms, so the drive was not difficult. We packed our one poodle puppy, all of her equipment, our luggage and various other things requested by her breeder who was flying in from Seattle. I didn't even need to take my fully stocked show van to accommodate this small entry. We left at noon on Tuesday and arrived at the show site about 7:00 pm. Unfortunately we were about an hour late for the evening cocktail party hosted by our breeder, Debra Fergusen-Jones, but we gave her the fresh fruit and snacks we brought anyway. The bar was still open, and the live music went on for another hour. Most of the exhibitors were in and set-up, and working on their dogs. We brought in our grooming equipment and supplies and walked around the site for a about an hour and a half. The atmosphere was calm and electric with anticipation. I felt like a kid in a candy store! Not only were there poodles everywhere (I have always adored this breed), but the transformation of the site was like nothing I have ever seen at a dog show.

I've been to Purina Farms for other shows. I like the site with its paw-friendly floors, well-stocked mutt-mit stations, exercise areas and convenient bathing stations. The on-site café has decent food, and everything except local hotels is convenient. Shows held there run efficiently, and they are certainly dog-friendly. It's a



very nice, quiet, clean, venue that works well. It's dog-friendly and efficient, but it's not beautiful on its own. PCA transforms that nice space into a magical place.

PCA doesn't just decorate a trophy table, they decorate the entire site. No, decorate is not the right word – they landscape the entire site. This year they brought in beautiful artificial turf. Every corner of the two huge rings was completely landscaped with trees, flowers and ornamental plants. The entrances for the rings were garden arbors. It looked like you were at a friend's outdoor wedding – only indoors. Two sides of each of

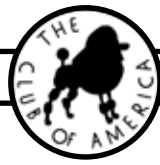
the rings had risers with 6 rows of stadium seating with folding chairs. Only the front row appeared to be reserved, so there was always plenty of good seating available for observers who wanted to pop in and watch a class or two.

The restaurant remained open, but the club also hosted beautifully catered luncheons that had wonderful food and a birds-eye view of the landscaped rings. They also hosted a banquet on Thursday evening. The food and the company could not have been better, and prices were reasonable. If you can find a club member to invite you to attend any of these dinners, it's well worth the cost of the ticket.

One end of the main hall had vendors who sold a huge assortment of products, supplies, equipment and fun clothing. Every vendor had something that appealed to poodle fanciers, but as a non-poodle owner, I found lots of cool stuff I could not resist buying. It was absolutely the best place in the world to be if you wanted new combs or shears, or needed something sharpened. No less than three of the country's top shear retailers were there, and my favorite shear sharpener was also there. Fortunately I knew he would be, so I brought him enough blades and shears to keep him busy for several hours. It is a groomer's retail heaven.

And here's the best part about going to PCA. You will probably know a lot more people than you think you will. I was amazed at the number of people I knew personally, or in passing. Some, like me, had just come to observe or go to the judges' education, but most were showing poodles or working for somebody who did. You've heard me say before that I think people are a lot like the dogs they are drawn to own. Poodles are beautiful, versatile, smart, energetic, light on their feet, and characters who have plenty of cover for their faults. The people who breed, own and show them have a lot of those same characteristics. They are fiercely competitive in the ring, and outside the ring are some of the most delightful, fun people I have had the good fortune to be around. From the young, competitive handlers, to the grooming assistants, to the breeders and owners, to the seasoned pros who do it all – this is a group of well-mannered, interesting people who really don't know why anyone would own any other breed. Sometimes I wonder the same thing. Then I remember the difference between grooming a poodle and a bedlington or basset, and I'm good!

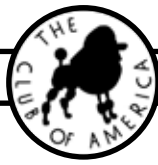
The actual breed judging for non-poodle people like me almost becomes secondary. I did love watching the standard bitches. The classes were huge, and the quality was deep. The groomer in me loved seeing the



differences in the trims the top handlers put on their dogs. I notice minute details like where the rosettes are and slight differences in jacket shapes. I love watching the spray-ups. It is enlightening to be surrounded by only poodle preparation without having to worry about what time a bedlington or a basset needs to get to the ring. It's all poodles all the time – and it's always interesting. Other events are fun, too. I loved the hat competition staged on Wednesday evening, and the meals we shared with friendly, engaging people.

In this world of dogs I have been to three shows that I consider must-see “Event Shows”. These are Montgomery County, Westminster and the PCA National. I have not attended Palm Springs, so I can't comment on whether it belongs in this exclusive category. These are shows that ordinary exhibitors with any breed should attempt to attend. Non-terrier people need to go to a show where they see thousands of terriers instead of the dozens normally seen at all-breed shows. It's an event, and the quality of the entries is the best in the world, with even the rarest terrier entries deep in quality. If you're willing to brave the elements in Pennsylvania in October you won't be disappointed. This experience isn't possible at any other dog show in the world. Westminster is in Manhattan, so that alone makes it an event worth attending. It's a huge dog show in a huge dog-friendly city, and the benching with the thousands of spectators makes it unique. And being in New York is worth the extra effort to get there and stay for a few extra days. PCA is the National that sets the standard for every other breed. From start to finish it provides something for everyone. Everything about the PCA National is first class – from the sponsored exhibitor parties, to the landscaped rings, to the auctioning of ring-side grooming spaces, to the vendors, to the experience of being around so many of these beautiful dogs and their people. We arrived too late to watch agility and left before the Best of Breed judging (which we followed closely on our phones on the drive back home). And yet, they were some of the most enjoyable days I've ever spent at a dog show. I encourage everyone, regardless of your breed, to put attending this show on your bucket list, too. You won't be disappointed.





— PCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY —

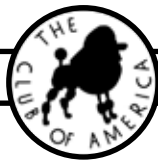
The International Scope provided by Robin Wintz

During this year's Poodle Club specialty, I did something I haven't previously done at PCA. Up to now I've confined my involvement to making sure our RV was trip worthy, and our group had confirmed dinner reservations or a great meal planned for each night. I also tried to show up at the appropriate times to cheer. Otherwise, I set up my computer in the RV and worked remotely. This year I took vacation time.

During the day, when not taking care of our poodles and puppies not participating in an event, I wondered the building, visited vendors, and socialized. While perusing items on the club tables, I discovered something fascinating that greatly broadened my view of PCA. On one of the tables was a foreign visitor register. I knew from acquaintances that I would see representation from Canada and several European countries. What I never expected was that 60 individuals representing 18 other countries would be in attendance. This may not be a surprise to many, but it is worth considering.

Australia
British Columbia
Calgary
Canada (province not listed)
Colombia
Curacao
Czech
England
Greece
Japan
New Zealand
Norway
Nova Scotia
Ontario
Peru
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden

Kudos to these representatives for making this journey and kudos to PCA for putting on a great show for all to participate in. I'd enjoy getting to meet some of these travelers in the future-maybe next year if we can make the trip again.



— STANDARD VARIETY REPORT —

Standard Representative: Mary Olund

As with all delights, there was something for everyone this year at PCA with our standard variety. There were little ones, tall ones, short backed, long, square, moderate, refined etc...

I yearn for the days when we would have 131 dogs entered because after all it is where we go in hopes of finding the next stud dog that would suit our bitch pedigrees. This year we had 73 dogs.

In 2006 we had 25 Open dogs. Under the same judge 11 years later we had 13. We had 14 Am Bred dogs. Again under the same judge we had 7 dogs 11 years later. This year we had 8 Open dogs and 3 Am Bred. I hope in the future we will see an upward increase with our dog entries instead of this decrease. Those boys need to get off their couches and show us what they can offer.

As in the past, the depth of quality was deeper in bitches, which could be because we have more of them entered.

In speaking to various poodle judges, who were attending PCA, or had watched it online internationally, we continue to be challenged with the same things year to year that we are all working on with our breeding.

We need to work on better fronts giving the dog correct stride length and extension hence a balanced movement. It was noted that many of the dogs have beautiful drive but moved from the elbow rather than their shoulder for the reach. We need to keep in mind the necessity of strong pasterns most notably in the rear. We need to work on proper rear assembly so that the plumb line falls down from the point of the buttocks and drops right at the toes. The importance of good feet is vital in our breed as they are supposed to be able to walk on the mud when going to retrieve a duck. Also, a defined chin and under jaw to hold the duck is paramount. Last but not least, to quote Annie, "Short legs are a drag on the breed."

And then there is temperament behind the scenes.

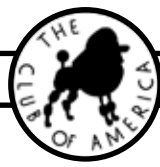
Various poodle judges, whose names will remain unseen, are saying that in some of their judging they are having dogs unsure about the exam to where they can't exam them and or minimal exam as witness in our 2018 videos. A few have mentioned some low growls of fear. I'm not saying that this is a problem, but an issue that has come up.

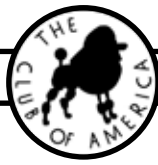
Presentation has improved with each year. We definitely have many gifted hands with magical scissors putting a beautiful finish on so many trims. That adds to the essence of the poodle.

A small thing that was observed, that a few need to keep in mind, your down and back is for the judge to see your dog, not you, and not for the judge to move back and forth trying to line themselves up to observe your dogs foot placement. Just a suggestion.

We have such a beautiful variety. Keep the love for them flowing and your dedication to breeding a dog that meets our breed standard.

Please don't kill the messenger as this messenger and Scott are also working on the challenges mentioned.





— MINIATURE VARIETY REPORT —

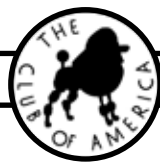
Miniature Representative: Janet Lange Moses

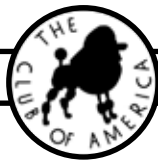
I hope everybody has had a chance to get home safely and recover from our National! It is an exhausting week but one we would never want to miss. The many volunteers it takes to put on this show is unbelievable. I truly believe that this was one of the best PCAs. Everyone that helped should take a bow for a job well done.

Now, on to the mini's! As with year's past, the numbers in class dogs continue to decline. I asked several miniature breeders what they felt was the reason and many said they simply were no longer keeping dogs. I know it can be difficult to place a stud dog when his career is finished. Sadly, I feel this is going to continue. The quality was definitely on the bitch side with some very promising stars.

Overall, size did not seem to be a problem. If there were some up to size, the boning was not overdone. I did notice that feet are starting to get soft. There seemed to be quite a few that were low on leg, a problem that needs to be addressed sooner than later. Don't forget to have mirrors in your grooming rooms. The best advice I've ever received. It will give you a better view of your dogs and where to make changes. You can tell when someone doesn't use a mirror when grooming.

The last thing I want to address is the restricted movement I saw in many of the exhibits. The side gate is slowly slipping away in this variety. Over the years, the minis have had to work hard on the fronts but now it seems they have very restricted front and rear movement. The specials class was absolutely beautiful and up in quality. As always, it gives me goose bumps to see the entire lineup and especially this year on the gorgeous turf with the flowers. As a side note, it will be interesting to see next year how many more show in the modified continental.





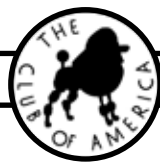
— TOY VARIETY REPORT —

Toy Representative: Jim Wasliak

It was a privilege to watch the Toys in the ring at our National Specialty this year. The quality was quite high across the board, and I was particularly impressed with the lineup of specials at this PCA. As is typical, we had some of the top ranked Toy Poodles from the last couple of years competing alongside more recent up-and-comers. This made for an intriguing and competitive mix of outstanding representatives of the Toy variety.

I have to say, the class winners were particularly lovely this year, and esteemed breeder judge Sharon Stevens give herself some wonderful representatives from which to choose. Ultimately, she chose a lovely dog, Smash JP King and Prince as Winners Dog, and a stunning bitch, Oaktown Gone Rogue, as Winners Bitch. Based on what we saw in the classes this year, the future is quite bright in Toy Poodles!

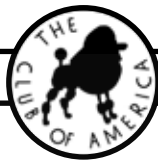
The Best of Variety competition was a joy to watch, as the two littermates, GCH Foxmore Playin Hard to Get and GCH Tough Targa, were BOV and BOS respectively again. History unfolded before us, as these same two littermates were BOV and BOS in 2018, just reversed in position! This is extremely rare for the stars to align in such a way, but they did and it truly shows the quality of these two as specimens and representatives of the Toy variety. Many kudos to Foxmore Kennels as breeders, and to the connections of both of these outstanding Toys!





— INTERVARIETY —





— PCA OBEDIENCE AND RALLY REPORT —

Jan Hooper, Obedience/Rally Chairperson

Tuesday, Obedience and Rally day, went smoothly with many very nice performances in both the Obedience and Rally classes. Congratulations to everybody that showed their Poodles, and especially to the following winners:

OBEDIENCE

High In Trial

MACH Demi's Glitter Rocks UDX4 OM7, Owner Louise Franks (Kim Berkley, agent),

High Combined

CH Saratogas Studious Scholar UDX OM2 AX AXJ OF, Owner Abigail Cooper & Paul Redding & Jim Wasilak

High Scoring Champion

CH MACH Sandstorm Limelite Chick Flick UD MXB MJB T2B XF, Owner Beverly K Duerst

High Scoring without an OTCH

Mlk's Lumen CD, Owner Morgan Kramer

RALLY

High Combined

Dalcrista Roxanne CDX BN JH RM RAE4 RATO WCX SEN SIN , Owner Janice Glosson

High Combined Triple Score

Dalcrista Roxanne CDX BN JH RM RAE4 RATO WCX SEN SIN, Owner Janice Glosson

High Scoring Champion

GCH OTCH MACH2 Absolute Silver Star

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High Scoring Champion out of Advanced B and Excellent B

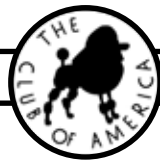
GCH OTCH MACH2 Absolute Silver Star

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A special congratulations must go to Abby Cooper and her wonderful Toy Poodle that earned their MACH in agility and their OTCH in obedience at PCA. What an achievement!

Thanks to my Chief Ring Steward Norine Noonan who did an awesome job. While I would love to have her again as Chief Ring Steward she will be judging Rally for us next year so I will be looking for a Chief Ring Steward for 2020. Thanks to my Hospitality Chair, Lois Noble, for handling everything for me on that end. The judging panel for 2020 will be announced soon. In 2020, by popular demand, we will offer Rally Team. This is a fun class with four competitors making up a team in Novice Rally and the best team score and time wins. Start thinking of your teams now. Maybe a State Team? A breeders Team? A Team made up of all one color or variety? From what I have heard costumes are encouraged. It sounds like a lot of fun!

Another PCA is done and I am already working on and looking forward to 2020!



— PCA 2019 AGILITY REPORT —

Susanne Nash, Agility Trial Chair

Wow. My first year as Trial Chair for the Poodle Club of America National Specialty Agility Trial is a wrap.

Wow.

The National Specialty Agility Trial is in its 22nd year, and the event keeps getting better. This year, we competed on the turf that the Poodle Club of America bought specifically for the National Specialty. The 2019 Agility Awards were given to:

HIGH IN TRIAL

Absolute Silver Going Postal (Miniature)

Owner: Jennifer Foster

PREFERRED HIGH IN TRIAL

MACH10 Baroque Dancin' In The Moonlight (Miniature)

Owner: Lori Young

HIGH IN TRIAL JUNIOR

Safranne's Shooting For The Stars AX AXJ NF TKN (Miniature)

Owners: Emily Walker and Suzi Cope

TED E BEAR MEMORIAL CHAMPION OF RECORD & HIGHEST SCORING NOVICE

GCH Sandstorm Smooth Move (Miniature)

Owner: Jerry Smith

HIGHEST SCORING OPEN

Liveoak It's My Party of OZ CDX GO RAE NA NAJ OF SIN SCN (Standard)

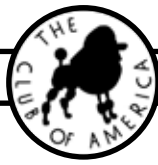
Owner: Norine Noonan

MACH 2 REIGNON DASSIN MR PEABODY AWARD CHALLENGE WINNER

Sarmace's Puttin' on the Ritz CGC TKN

Owner: Judy Harris

Thanks to all the volunteers who made the day a success. Also, special thanks to Debby Dubay and Debbie West who worked so hard on getting the judge change approved by the AKC.



— PCA 2019 WORKING DOG PROGRAM MEDALLIONS —

By Carol McCorkle
Photos by John Carelli

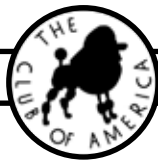


The hunt/tracking awards dinner was the culmination of a fun and exciting week of enjoying our poodles in the field. It is always fun to catch up with friends we sometimes see only once a year and also to meet new ones.

John Carelli once again provided us with fantastic photos of our poodles in action. We can't thank him enough for the precious memories he gives us.

Beth White dazzled us with her table decorations again. This year she followed the theme of "Hats Off to Poodles" with top hats covered with glow-in-the-dark silhouettes of our poodles in action.





Last year we had an auction at the dinner in addition to the usual raffle. This proved to be a good idea as it required a LOT less work assembling baskets and having someone man the raffle tables and generated as much, if not more income. John Carelli once again, did a fantastic job as our auctioneer. Donations by three artists, Shelia Harker, Donald McCorkle and Helene Huffer, along with the generosity of our donors and participants and some of the table decorations, we raised a record amount of money to present to PCA, Inc. Thank you to all who so generously donated and bought auction items.

This year we awarded 5 medallions this year, with 2 Bronze, 2 Silver and 1 Gold.

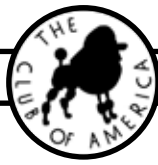
BRONZE MEDALLIONS



CH LouterCreek Wonderful Tonight, JH SHU CA DN BCAT HPC WCX,
Clapton, Angie Louter

Game On Flyin' High Flyin' Fast, JH SHR WC, **Naelie**, Charlotte Mitchell





SILVER MEDALLIONS



Lance's Undercover agent, RN JH WCX, **Zeeva**, Dee Lance

Valentine's With Finnegan I Begin Again, JH UIC WCX; **Finn**, Jan Winner

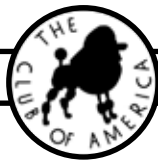


GOLD MEDALLIONS



Poopla Stormn Blue Norman of Howlynn, SH UWC, **Norman**, Elaine Gauthier

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



— PCA 2019 TRACKING —

By Carol McCorkle

Our PCA 2019 National Specialty Tracking is behind us. We were back at the plentiful grounds of the August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area in St Charles, MO. The enormous amount of acreage available to us made finding suitable area for the tracks a breeze and even more this year since we had charted out the area last year and had a returning judge who was familiar with the area.

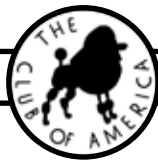
While a successful event, it was not without its challenges. If you aren't familiar with tracking events, they are labor intensive compared to the number of entries. Because of the large amount of space required per track and the amount of time required to plot and potentially run each track, the number of entries allowed is limited. Two judges are required, and the maximum number of dogs two judges may judge in a TD or TDU test is 12 and a TDX test is six. If more than one test is offered on the same day, the tracks may be substituted as follows: 2 TD = 1 TDX.

Though our tests have filled several years, the past couple of years we have had open spots. With tracking tests hard to get in, this makes the perfect opportunity to secure a spot. Many tracking enthusiasts enter dozens of test and only manage to get a spot in one or two, and generally drive many hours to get there. Even if you have a titled dog, this is an opportunity to showcase your talents at your National Specialty and also support the Tracking community.

This year we started out with two entries for the TDX and no TD entries. Before closing, one of the entries withdrew. Tom Harding, who is always instrumental in organizing the event and contributing time and resources to make it a success decided he would enter his dog. This put us back to two entries, but also removed Tom and his wife Judy from our very limited pool of workers. They both usually lay tracks and cross tracks and do a myriad of duties with the plotting, driving judges, etc. associated with the event. Fortunately, the tracking community is loyal and giving. Joann Neal, from Texas, always comes in early just to help with tracking. This year, she was the tracklayer for BOTH of the TDX tracks. This means walking it once on plotting day with the judges, and a number of additional times on plotting day to make sure that when the flags are removed you can find each and every turn and article on tracking day when you walk it gain and remove the marker flags to lay the track. The TDX tracks also require two cross tracks. With Tom and Judy out of the worker pool this was proving to be a challenge, but we were blessed to have an unsolicited volunteer, Emily Schmidt came to our rescue. Emily contacted me a number of months prior to PCA and said she would be attending and would like to help wherever needed. I immediately thought of tracking and she agreed. Boy did we hit the jackpot with Emily. Not only did she help with flag carrying on plotting day, but also was one of the Cross Tracklayers for both tracks, drove judges, ran errands, hauled equipment and any and everything else we asked of her. Between Emily and Joann, the work of several was shouldered by two hardworking, dedicated ladies.

Plotting day was windy and cool. We ended up with two lovely tracks and we had many choice sites to choose from. Tracking day was cool with a light breeze. Perfect tracking weather. Unfortunately, we had no passes this year.

This event wouldn't have been possible without the support of many people. Tom Harding continues to be the man behind the success. He organized the event, lined up workers, provided all of the workers gifts,



hired awesome judges, and so much more. Thanks to TDX Tracklayer Joanne Neal and cross-tracklayers Emily Schmidt and Carol McCorkle. Carol McCorkle was the event Chair and secretary. Tracking is almost always a cost negative event for any club due to the low number of entries available. We are always struggling to cover our costs and we offset our expenses for the events through a raffle as well as through donations. Thanks to those made contributions to help offset the cost of holding the test.

✱ Joyce Miller- Financial Donation

✱ Susan & Robert Burge—Gadabout - Financial Donation

✱ Shirley Robertson – Financial Donation

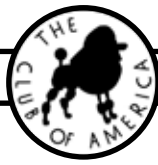
✱ Donald & Carol McCorkle - Financial Donation, Gloves for tracks, Tracking Flags

✱ Tom & Judy Harding - Start flags, judges gifts, worker gifts, items for the
tracking auction and draw articles

✱ Ann McDonald - Financial Donation

We had awesome judges. Jack Sappenfield, II joined us again this year along with Tony Hinson. Both judges were delightful to work with and went out of their way to make sure the tracks were safe and the event was fun for both dogs and participants.

Thanks so much to all who helped, participated in, and supported this event. We hope to see you in April 2020 either as a competitor, worker, or supporter.



— **AKC HUNT TESTS** —
Poodle Club of America National Specialty,
April 13-14, 2019 – St. Charles, MO
Mia DiBenedetto

The Poodle Club of America National Specialty held its annual AKC Retriever Hunt Tests on Saturday, April 13, and Sunday, April 14, 2019. All of the AKC Hunt Tests and Sunday's WC/WCX events were held at the August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area in Weldon Spring, MO.

AKC JUNIOR, SENIOR AND MASTER HUNT TESTS

The field events began on Thursday with normal temperatures but unfortunately the weather continued a downward slide ending on a horrible note on Sunday for the WC/WCX events. If there is one word to describe the poodles and handlers it would be brave!

Saturday began with colder than normal temperatures but clear skies. A factor that may limit the number of Hunt Test entries is the time of year the tests are held. By April, most poodle owners do not have the opportunity to accomplish any field training to prepare their dogs for the rigors of the tests. Handlers must prepare for field work by doing drills and full test set-ups, many involving water. All of this requires outdoor training. Many poodles have not been in water before April and this proves to be a problem especially on cold days. Some of the dogs are reluctant to re-enter the water after a first retrieve in these cold conditions.

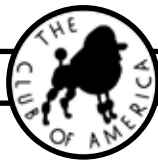
The judges did their very best to help handlers and dogs get through the day and the tests. Although this is a Specialty it is still an AKC Hunt Test and follows the same rules and guidelines as any other AKC test. The WCX/WC tests on Sunday are a Poodle Club of America function and does not have the same rules and guidelines, giving dogs and handlers a bit more leeway.

Judging the Master, Senior and Junior Stakes this year were Robert Montler and Jack D. Combs. Montler of Altoona, PA. is a founding member and former Vice President of the Master Amateur Retriever Club. Jack D. Combs, of Wickford, RI., serves as President of the Master National Retriever Club.

"I was thrilled to see so many poodles entered into the hunt test this weekend, it shows how much interest there is in field work. And I especially enjoyed the enthusiasm of the poodles and their handlers, well done," said Montler.

"The essence of the PCA National Specialty is the quest for Excellence in the breed. I felt very proud watching our poodles and handlers, we have come a long way since PCA's first AKC Hunt Test in St. Joseph, MO in 2005.

The teamwork between dog and handler continues to improve and each of you shows more confidence in your dog's ability to do the work required at the various AKC hunt test levels. Clearly handlers have put in the training required! I was so happy to see handlers leaving the line smiling with pride," says Combs. Both judges could not have been more accommodating in the wicked weather or more supportive of our handlers. Next year be sure to bring your hand warmers!



On Sunday, Robert Montler and Jack D. Combs judged the PCA Working Certificate Excellent and the Working Certificate tests both held on the Busch grounds. The weather was the absolute worst on this day giving us a combination of rain, sleet and frigid temperatures. Here again the poodles had to show they really wanted to work, entering the water in very nasty conditions. Both judges showed boundless energy during the tests and worked hard to be sure every handler felt comfortable and calm at the line. By the number of smiles and “good jobs” given out to handlers, it was clear the judges had fun, too.

On Saturday, the AKC Hunt Test competitors were judged in three divisions: at the Junior, Senior and Master levels.

A total of 22 poodles started the tests in the three levels. The breakdown of entries included: 10 Junior, 6 Senior dogs and 6 Master entries.

At the end of the day, 13 poodles earned qualifying legs. Seven poodles qualified in the Junior test, 2 poodles earned qualifying legs in Senior and poodles in the Master test!

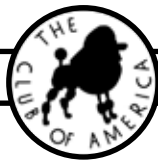
It was great to see this number of competitors at the PCA Hunt Tests. I think this shows the field sports are of interest to many poodle owners, and it's terrific to see more handlers moving into the AKC Hunt Test game from basic field work. A great deal of hard work and dedication goes into training for this event but for those who put forth the effort, the poodle as a breed has shown it can compete with the best in the field.

The gallery watching the Hunt Tests and WCX/WC events was not as large as other years but the weather was definitely a factor. I heard comments from folks at Purina that they would have come out to watch but didn't have the proper gear to withstand the temperatures and rain. Big kudos go out to PCA President Sue Burge and her husband Bob who braved the weather to watch the poodles work on Sunday. Along with Sue and Bob, came the new Editor and Publisher of Poodle Variety magazine Patrick Guilfoyle. Thank you folks, we really appreciate your dedication and interest in Poodles in the Field!

THE MASTER HUNT TEST

Six poodles took the challenge and entered the Master Hunt test. This represents the first time at PCA a Mini has entered at the Master Level. The Mini, called ‘Ricky’, did not qualify but gave a valiant effort. There are three separate series at this level, a land test, a water test and a land/water test. Also included within the series is a walk-up, a double blind and an honor.

Four poodles earned qualifying scores and received AKC Master passes. Argus MH, owned and handled by Dan Cassidy of Concord, MA; Deaux Rey's Remington Steel Silk MH WCX owned and handled by Lizabeth Erickson of Stillwater, MN; MACH UH HR Paragon's In The Express Lane UD SH MJB WCX UWCX UG MXS MHU owned and handled Jo Swanto and Tuderrose Light My Fire UDX OM VER MH WCX TD owned and handled by Joann Smith of Concord, NC.



SENIOR HUNT TEST

Six poodles competed in the Senior Hunt Test. The Senior test consists of double marks on land and on water, a blind and an honor.

Two poodles qualified in Senior. It should be noted that the move from the Junior level to Senior represents the most difficult transition for dogs. Congratulations SHR Lances' Undercover Agent CD RA SH WCX UWC owned and handled by Dee Lance of Junction City, WI and HR Valentine's With Finnegan I Begin Again UIC, JH NAP NJP WCX owned and handled by Jan Winner of Smithville, Mo.

JUNIOR HUNT TEST

Ten dogs competed in the Junior stake. Junior dogs ran a land series consisting of two single marks on land and two on water.

Seven poodles earned qualifying legs in Junior. ROSEPOINT HOGAN SEALS THE DEAL QUICK owned and handled by Burton Quick of Carlsbad, CA; CGCH Mia's Victorious Cossette CD RA WC owned and handled by Hayli Kaminski of Austin, Texas; Lances' Special Agent WC owned and handled by Dee Lance of Junction City, WI; Family Affair's Loaded Gun WC owned and handled by Patricia Talley of Locus, NC; Game On Flyin' High Flyin' Fast JH SHR owned and handled by Charlotte Mitchell of Green Cove Springs, FL.; SHR Paragon's Bart's Shooting Starr SHU WC owned and handled by Jo Swanto of New Berlin, WI.

A big Congratulations to all our Qualifiers.

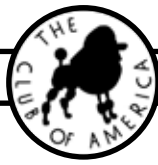
Our Sincere Thanks!

Thank you again to our wonderful judges Robert Montler and Jack Combs. Your expertise and encouragement was invaluable to us! You put everyone at ease and made the tests challenging but fun.

We also need to thank August A Busch Memorial Conservation Area for the use of the grounds. What a perfect spot for the Hunt Test, the dogs, the handlers and the spectators!

And thank you to all of the Board Members and Club Officers of the Poodle Club Of America Inc., who were present to help and support the participants. Now that's dedication to the promotion of poodles.

AKC Hunt Test Event Chair Lin Gelbmann of St. Paul MN., again did an amazing job under difficult conditions in getting us through the tests. Lin said she "Was so impressed with not only the quality of the dog work but also the tenacity of the owners in such challenging weather." Kudos to Test Secretary Susanne Nash, of Centerville, OH. And to our Hunt Test Committee Members Carol McCorkle, Jaci Bowman, Joyce Carelli and Cathryn Catelain.

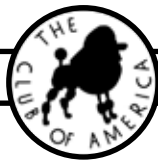


And a special thanks to Lizabeth Erickson, Dee Lance, Dan Cassidy and Joe Mikolajczak who worked the gun stations and helped with setup.

Everyone who participates in the field events, the Upland and Hunt Tests and WC/WCX events are forever grateful to our Grand Photographer John Carelli. As many of you know John is the husband PCA Board Member Joyce Carelli. John works tirelessly to shoot our field events and to generously give all the competitors his 'world class' field photos —what a gift he is to us! What more can we say, "Thank You," seems inadequate. Our sincere appreciation for all you do.

It takes a great deal of coordination and hard work to host a Hunt Test and as the event grows each year, it takes more and more volunteers to keep this great weekend going. Our volunteers worked under difficult weather conditions all day to keep all the tests running smoothly.

**Kudos to everyone involved on another successful performance event
and a wish that we see everyone next year!**



— PCA 2019 WC/WCX —

By Carol McCorkle

Photos by John Carelli



The PCA 2019 WC/WCX was again held at the August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area in St Charles, MO. The grounds were lovely and the staff very accommodating.

Our entries were about the same as last year with 40 total entries. Ten dogs passed the Working Certificate (WC) out of 20 entries, and 9 dogs passed the Working Certificate Excellent (WCX) out of 20 entries. We also had a nice turnout for our Hunting Instinct Test this year in spite of the dismal weather. We are continuing to see

new participants showing interest in the field events.

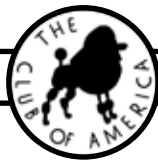
This year we were thrilled to have two hired bird boys thanks to the generosity of the PCA Board. With experienced workers manning both blinds, it kept the tests running smoothly as we didn't have to swap out workers to allow for folks running dogs and more importantly, allowed more camaraderie among the participants. This really allowed everyone to relax, enjoy their day and spend time catching up with friends they only see once a year.

Our judges this year were Jack Combs (one of our own) and Bob Montler. They set up a nice test and kept things moving and fun.

Last year we thought the weather was a fluke. Nice, almost summer-like weather on the upland days and getting colder as the weekend progressed. Well, this year seemed to mirror last year, but if anything, it was worse! The temperatures dropped to the low 30s and we had rain mixed with snow most of the day. and SNOW FLURRIES on Sunday. While challenging for the water marks, we had many dogs brave the cold and succeed.

Many thanks to the PCA board for continuing to support our poodles in the field. Thanks to Chief Marshall Libbe Erickson for getting workers, making sure workers and judges were and keeping the test running smoothly. She also worked with our host hotel to get some comped judges' rooms and the pet fees waived. Thanks to Beth White for making many runs out for hot coffee and lunches. Thanks to Cat Weil for helping all day at the test and for conducting our puppy aptitude test for us as well. Thanks to all who volunteered and worked to help make the event a success.





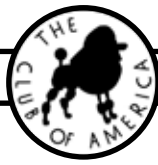
WC Qualifiers

Lance's Tye One On	Lizabeth Erickson
CH Carlyn's Distorted Humor WC WCX	Joyce Carelli
Lances' Special Agent WC	Dee Lance, Paul Lance
Rebelstar's Opus Wins The Scent Challenge CD BN RE CGC WC	Judy Harding
HR Valentine's With Finnegan I Begin Again UIC, JH NAP NJP WCX	Jan Winner
RJ Haven's Jolly Holiday	Suzanne Fairbairn
GameOn Flyin' High Flyin' Fast JH SHR	
Rosepoint Hogan Seals the Deal Quick	Burton Quick
Lances' Forensic Analyst WC	Dee Lance, Paul Lance
Lyca Happy Man UD BN RA MXJ NF OF AX	Lisa Harrison, Camille Lashley

WCX Qualifiers

Simply Southern's Ladybird The Queen RN CGCA WC JHU UGA	Amy Sterner
Argus MH	Daniel Cassidy
Family Affair's Loaded Gun WC	Patricia Talley, Paul Talley
HRCH Akelter's In Lieu Of MH, TT, CDX RA OAP WCX UWCX OJP TD	Jan Winner
Deaux Rey's Remington Steel Silk MH WCX	Lizabeth Erickson
SHR CH Jed's Top Hat and Pintails	Sydney Suwannarat
SHR Lances' Undercover Agent CD RA SH WCX UWC	Paul Lance, Dee Lance
SHR Tudorose Light My Fire, UDX OM VER MH WCX TD	Joann Smith
HR Valentine's With Finnegan I Begin Again UIC, JH NAP NJP WCX	Jan Winner

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.



— PCA NATIONAL SPANIEL TEST — AND UPLAND CERTIFICATE SERIES 2019

Jaci Bowman

PCA Spaniel test and Upland Certificate Series 2019 Chair



Our tests this year again went off without a hitch and all that participated had a great time in the field at the August A Bush Wildlife Area.

We had good weather for upland hunting testing, good birds and a well machine of Judges and workers!

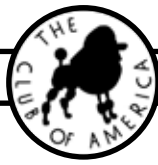
Tim Baker and Tim Ripperger were our judges for both events. For the past 2 years they were gunning for us, and have seen the progression the last few years. They were extremely pleased how far the dogs

have come and are very impressed as well how far the handlers have come.

In the Spaniel test, we had 4 dogs entered in junior, with one pass, 9 dogs entered in Senior with 7 pass, and 7 dogs entered at the Master level with 3 pass. Plus we had a first this year, all the dogs that got to the water portion of the test, passed in the very cold water that we had again. So that was SUPER!

In the Upland Certificate series, we had 4 dogs entered in the UIC instinct test, and all 4 passed, 9 dogs entered in the WC working certificate level and 8 passed, and 6 dogs entered at the UWCX working certificate excellent level and 3 passed.

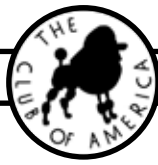
All in all we had a fun two days in the upland fields watching the poodles and their handlers do their 'huntin' dawg' thing!



Spaniel Test Qualifiers

UWC 'smallest dog' running and qualifying in the Certificate series...hunting poodles come in all sizes... this is the dog at the beginning of the article that is shown making a flush, heading out into the field to work!





— JUDGES EDUCATION —

Nancy Hafner
Judges Education Coordinator

Again this year we had great attendance for our Judges Education at the National. Many more pre-register than attend however, we are always happy to have as many who come to learn and to understand our wonderful breed.

This year we had several that hadn't applied yet, and many with several groups. This make the question and answer period in seminar interesting. The ring side mentoring is the key for our student judges to see the great numbers in the ring of all colors, trims. The Toy Variety is the most difficult for MOST to understand. With the extra table in the ring by ring side mentoring in Miniature and Toy's they get to see up close(DO NOT TOUCH, lean over or get near) to observe faces, feet, tail set's and the balance of the whole picture of each exhibit when ring time is allowed.

Many of our student judges think this is the best way to get to see what they HOPE one day some will be in their ring to judge.

OUR hands on in the afternoon of Judges Education with being divided into THREE groups to go over each variety and place and in their paperwork that goes to the AKC Judges Operation Department signed by each conducting the hands on portion of each variety. Its lots of paperwork for not only our student judges but each of us who conducts each of the portion of teaching to understand to JUDGE POODLES!

Wish to THANK EACH AND EVERYONE WHO BROUGHT POODLES FOR HANDS ON EVALUATION. Without you the Judges Education would NOT be educational for our Student Judges. Our Student Judges spend lots of time, effort and Monies to attend 3 or 4 days at our National to learn to be the best judges they can be with everyone's help!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

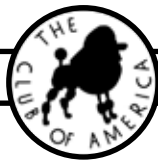
AGAIN, THIS YEAR WE will be giving THE POODLE SEMINAR IN ORLANDO.

We always NEED HELP, with dogs, and support in making everyone understand POODLES who plan to judge our BREED!

It's every Breeder's, Owner's, Handler's and Judge's RESPONSIBILITY to help other's understand how TO JUDGE and LOVE Poodles.

Have a Great Summer!

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



— PCA JR ED PROGRAM REPORT —

Gina Weiser and Tabatha Waters



This year's Junior entry in the PCA National had ten in Conformation, two in Agility and one in Rally.

The Junior Ed team continues to move forward focusing on Juniors from all disciplines. Thank you, Tabatha Waters, Debby DuBay, and Joyce Carrelli, for your continued support.

We are pleased to announce that the Anne Rogers Clark stipends were awarded to five qualified Juniors attending the AKC Championship 2018, Westminster 2019, and PCA 2019. Congratulations to all the recipients!

Our 2019 Jr Ed Fundraising Activities included our annual 50/50 \$10,000 raffle. Chris Manelopoulos (and the JRs!) were the big winners of the day. Scott and Mary Olund generously donated a beautiful original Poodle oil painting for the Silent Auction and Barrie Drewitt – Barlow was the high bidder, thank you! Book donations to the Junior's Reference Library are always appreciated, as they are available to juniors at no charge. Several other items were gifted by various members and we want to express our appreciation!

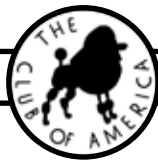
Gina Wieser spoke during the Jr Ed luncheon teaching breed type, style, purpose, and structure. Our Annual Trivia Game followed, and we are delighted that Gina's lessons registered! The Juniors all knew the answers and were gifted with Purina's donated items for knowing the correct response. The afternoon included six of our conformation juniors attending the annual handling clinic. This year professional handlers' Sharon Svoboda and Terri Myers taught the 90-minute class. We are always thankful to have the professional handlers step up and pass on their knowledge to our Junior Poodle people.

As always, the PCA Board supported our mission to the next generation of dedicated Poodle fanciers by approving tickets for the Juniors to be part of the annual banquet and general meeting. It was very rewarding to have nine kids that attended! PCA President, Sue Burge, opened the meeting and gave Tabatha Waters/Jr Ed Chair, the opportunity to recognize our Jrs including Conformation Best Junior- Danielle Miller, Reserve Junior- Darlene Lopez and Emily Walker -Agility and Rally High in Trial Jr. Ms. Burge shared that Emily was chosen for the AKC EOJ team but her Poodle, having a docked tail, was ineligible for the competition. Emily was able to obtain an undocked Poodle and with little time left she crammed to train her new dog for the event. Good luck, Emily!

Melony Lopez, (PCA Best Jr 2018, Westminster 3rd 2019 and AKC NS Grp BJ 2018) was then given the floor. Melony delivered an emotional speech of gratitude to PCA and especially to her mentors. She concluded speaking of her future in the sport, and aspirations as part of the club!

We continue to encourage all National Breed Clubs to offer a Juniors program that tutors the next generation to be informed exhibitors, owners, club members, and breeders.

As for our Poodles, they have a bright future with these young people!

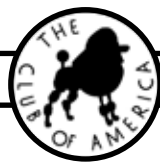


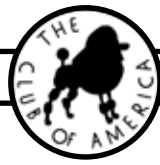
— JUNIOR'S SPEECH FROM MELONY LOPEZ PCA 2019 —

Good Evening Everyone,

I am honored to have been asked to speak on behalf of all the Juniors within our cherished breed. Thank you all. Many of you who sit before me do so much for the next generation of poodle people. With your generosity, kind words, professionalism and continued support of the next generation, you all are insuring that this breed and club will live and be cared for by many generations to come. Each one of us Juniors presents our dogs proudly and “to the 9’s” with the knowledge that our community cares deeply for our success. The support and love we feel from you all means the world to us. So many have opened their hearts to us to share the knowledge that they have gained throughout their own journey. Thank you all for this and know that we will take that knowledge and pass it along as well. We will continue proudly to follow the examples that you all have set forth and one day lead by example as you all have done for us. I hope to one day soon be sitting where you all are today. On a personal note I Thank You! For all you have shared with me ...For all the many ways you have supported me...For all the encouragement and poodle power cheers! My Junior journey was an amazing one and I thank you all for being a part of it and Thank you Betty Brown.







— 2019 PCA RAFFLE —

Raffel Chairperson-Debby DuBay

Thank you ALL for donating to the 2019 PCA Raffle!



This year the official PCA Raffle was in a new location in front of our vendors. It was another spectacular event because of all of you! We had donations of raffle baskets, agility equipment, unique poodle items, statues, pottery, books, collars, wine, chocolate, art and much more. We had items from three European countries. We had baskets from twenty Affiliate Poodle Clubs who shipped, brought or had their baskets carried by a member. We had donations from Poodle peeps starting to arrive in December 2018. With all of these donations - we had over one hundred and fifty fabulous baskets. In addition our spectacular vendors payed for a vendors spot and then donated items to the raffle! Our raffle continues to grow and is so much fun for all.

Thank you to the following Affiliate Clubs for your support:

**Poodle Club of Central CA
Quinnipiac Poodle Club
San Diego Poodle Club, Inc.
Orlando Poodle Club
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Great Lakes Poodle Club
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TX Lone Star Poodle Club
Greater Cincinnati Poodle Club
Columbine State Poodle Club**

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Tampa Bay Poodle Club
Apricot Red Poodle Club
Poodle Club of MA
Puget Sound Poodle Club
Poodle Club of Lehigh Valley**

Congratulations to the Tampa Bay Poodle Club who won one hundred dollars for the Affiliate Club Basket with the most tickets in their bag. And congratulations to Susan Riedel for the individual winning basket!

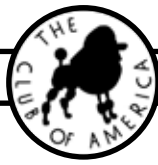
Thank you to my team: Juniors: Emily Walker, Melony Lopez, Darlene Lopez, Gracie Argueta, Michael Argueta, Danielle Grace, Young Mr Crowley and Miss Brooke. Co-Chairs: Dale and Nancy Walker. Thank you Team. Together we made it happen!

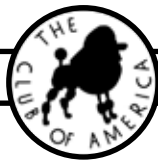
Lastly thank you to all of you who purchased tickets. It is the ticket sales that make the event successful.

Thank you everyone. There are too many supporters to list but all of your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you! Can't wait to see you all in 2020!

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Debby DuBay, Raffle Chair





— AFFILIATE CLUB NEWS —

2019 ORLANDO POODLE CLUB SHOW

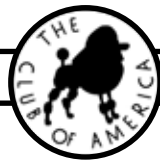
2019 Orlando Poodle Club Show Chairman's Report, Ms. Judy C. Cooksey: The Poodle Club of America is sponsoring the Orlando Poodle Club's Specialty Show that will be held on December 13, 2019, at the Orange City Convention Center, North/South Building, 9899 International Drive, Orlando, Florida. As you know, our specialty is in conjunction with the Royal Canin/Eukanuba Nationals. We welcome ARTERO, USA INC. as our new Official Sponsor as a supported PCA Specialty! Our judge is Mrs. Sydney Good of Sarasota, FL and I think most of you know her as the prior Florida AKC Representative. We were very excited to learn that she had just received her license to judge poodles. Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Good in her new AKC Breed assignment and her first poodle show assignment. OPC invites you to help us in giving Mrs. Sydney Good a memorable first poodle assignment! Entries may be made at www.infodog.com.

In March, the Orlando Poodle Club Members voted in their new board as follows: President, Karen Tucker; Vice President, Carolyn Holmes; Treasurer, Karen Kazma; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Kathie Gagel. The Board of Directors are Charlotte Mitchell, Jane Giffin and Louann Curry. The new Show Chairman is Judy Cooksey.

We are grateful for your continued support. You may contact me directly for any additional information. We'll see you again in Orlando, Florida!

Warmly,

Ms. Judy C. Cooksey
Orlando Poodle Club Show Chairman
Email: adamscooksey@gmail.com



— **PCA HEALTH FOUNDATION** —
POODLE RESEARCH NEEDS YOUR HELP
Pat Forsyth for the PCA Foundation

Many thanks to everyone whose donations have helped the PCA Foundation support research for Poodle health, and an especially big thanks to those who have allowed researchers to study their dogs. We couldn't do this without you! Current studies are making exciting progress and still need samples.

Addison's Disease

At this year's PCA Foundation seminar, Dr. Steve Friedenberg presented an update on University of Minnesota research to determine possible genetics involved in Addison's disease. If anyone can sort out mysteries of this complex disorder, this team can do it, and we are continuing to support their work. Poodle people have submitted many samples for this study, and the researchers are still requesting:

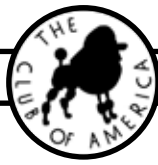
1. Blood samples from any Standard Poodle with Addison's disease that has not already contributed to the study, especially dogs that are newly diagnosed (within past 60 days).
2. Cheek swabs from any healthy Standard Poodle 5 years of age or older (just one dog per litter).
If you can help, please contact Dr. Friedenberg at fried255@umn.edu.

Poodle Eye Disorders

Dr. Gustavo Aguirre is a Poodle-world legend, in part for research that led to discovery of the prcd-PRA mutation and a DNA test that has allowed breeders to virtually eliminate this devastating form of blindness. With a PCAF grant, Dr. Aguirre and his University of Pennsylvania team are now studying possible genetics of several other eye disorders in Poodles. They have made tremendous progress, and we expect exciting news soon. Meanwhile, the researchers are requesting additional participants who have optic nerve hypoplasia (ONH), cataracts or polymicrogyria. Please contact Dina Torjman if you can help: dtorjman@vet.upenn.edu.

Genetics of Back Problems in Poodles

As you know, PCAF recently funded a UC-Davis study to investigate causes of back problems in Poodles. If you have a dog that has suffered a herniated disc, please contact Kevin Batcher at klbatcher@ucdavis.edu. These dogs will help the researchers sort out genetics that may explain why some dogs will suffer a herniated disc (often requiring expensive surgery) and others won't, even if they carry a recently discovered mutation (CDDY) that raises risk of herniation and is very common in some breeds.



In the other arm of this study, affiliate clubs have already collected swab DNA samples from more than 200 Poodles of all varieties so the researchers can determine whether the CDDY risk mutation is in our breeding populations, and if so, what if any action we should take. We're aiming for 500-600 dogs, so if your club hasn't yet heard from us, you probably will, or you can email patforsyth@aol.com to get involved.

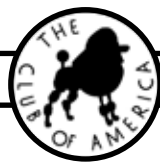
Multiple Genes Possibly Involved In Epilepsy

University of Missouri researchers studying genetics of epilepsy are using the latest DNA technology to explore the possibility that multiple genes play a role. Early results with other dog breeds in this team's AKC CHF study identified genes that may ramp up nerve activity and thus risk of seizures, including some genes that are breed specific. While the researchers investigate further, A PCAF grant has extended their work to Poodles, and samples are needed from Poodles of any variety with epilepsy. Please contact Liz Hansen at hansenl@missouri.edu if you have a dog who has been diagnosed with epilepsy.

Again, thanks to all for your help!

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