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June 18, 2015 Orlando Poodle Club Inc.
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 Judge: Maureen Russo

June 19, 2015 Twin Cities Poodle Club
 Judge: Mrs. Debra Schneider

June 20, 2015 Twin Cities Poodle Club
 Judge: Wendy Paquette

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

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

June 27, 2015 Poodle Club of Oklahoma City
 concurrent with Lawton Dog Fanciers
 Assoc.
 Judge: Virginia Lyne

June 27, 2015 Poodle Club of Mohawk Valley
 Bainbridge, N.Y.
 Judge: Lydia C. Hutchinson

July 2, 2015 Lone Star Poodle Club
 Dallas, Texas
 AM Judge: Mrs. Fatima Crump
 PM Judge: Mrs. Patricia Sosa

July 2, 2015 Poodle Club of Southern California
 Venture, Calif

July 3, 2015 Poodle Club of Massachusetts
 Judge Linda Tilka

July 4, 2015 Poodle Club of Massachusetts
 Judge: Sharon Lyons

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

July 15, 2015 Bluebonnet Poodle Club
 NG Center, Houston, Tx.
 Judge: Eugene Blake
 Obedience & Rally
 Judges Robert Margolis, Janice

Dearth

July 17, 2015 Columbia Poodle Club
 Portland, Oreg.

July 29, 2015 Greater Pittsburgh Poodle Club
 Canfield Fairgrounds
 Judge: Mrs. Lydia Coleman
 Hutchinson
 Judges: TBA

July 30, 2015 Creole Poodle Club of New Orleans
 concurrent with: Metairie Kennel Club
 Judge; Debra Ferguson Jones

August 14, 2015 Columbine State Poodle Club
 Greeley, Co.
 Judges: Ann A. Kennedy,
 Katherine Kennedy Vigil
 Marilyn Little

August 20, 2015 Western Reserve Poodle Club
 Moreland, Hills, OH.
 Judge: Richard F. Sedlak

August 22, 2015 Puget Sound Poodle Club
 Snohomish. Wa.
 Judge: Sharon Stevens

October 16 2015 Poodle Club of Central California
 Pleasanton, Ca
 Judge: Jack MacGillvray
 Obed: Alvin W. Eng

October 17, 2015 Poodle Club of Central California
 Pleasanton, Ca.
 Judge: Glen Lajeski
 Obed: TBA

December 12, 2015 Poodle Club of Lehigh Valley
 concurrent with Lehigh Valley K.C.
 Judges: to be announced

Decembe3r 13, 2015 Poodle Club of Lehigh Valley
 Concurrent with Delaware Water Gap
 K.C.
 Judges: to be announced

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January 20, 2016 Columbia Poodle Club
 Portland, Oregon
 Judges to be announced

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We had another great show this year. I want to thank all those who made it possible. There are so many people who work so hard from the most visible, to those people behind the scene who never get seen or heard. But I must give special thanks to our show chairman Judy Cooksey, assisted by her husband Don Adams and of course our "Ms. Salisbury" Barbara Furbush. These three people made sure everyone got their jobs done efficiently and thoroughly; certainly, not an easy feat. Again thank you to every committee chairman, committee member, and volunteer, from myself, the Board of PCA, and everyone who attended our National Specialty.

It is also necessary everyone is aware of the efforts put forth by the City of Salisbury and the staff of the Wicomico Civic Center. We could not have the "best Poodle show on earth" without their desire to make sure the Poodle Club of America has everything they need to run a show where exhibitors and spectators, from all over the world; feel safe and content in their surroundings, something to appreciate in this day and age.

The Poodle Club of America continues to move toward the future. The ongoing success of the Foundation Seminars, the Grooming Competition, and our Juniors Program is still strong. It looks like moving the Annual Meeting and Dinner to Thursday night has proved to be a positive idea and will remain.

Our AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award this year went to Cathy Catelain. This award is given by the AKC in their efforts to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members. The program was established in 2006 to provide each member club a medallion to award to one of its own on a yearly basis. This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition. The Board resoundingly felt that Cathy has made a difference in our club. She is an active and extremely valued member. She never says no when asked to do anything and everything. Again, congratulations to Cathy Catelain.

Our judge selection process was completely handled by our CPA, insuring there were no questions regarding our selections. The judges for 2017 are: Standards-Frank Sabella, Miniatures-Patrick Guilfoyle, Toys-Tina Yuhl, and Inter Variety-Helen Tomb Taylor.

I repeat from last year, as most of you head into the summer, looking forward to family vacations and the joys of the warm weather, remember that the members and volunteers for Poodle Club of America 2016 are already hard at work.

Dennis M. McCoy
 President Poodle Club of America

From The Poodle Papers Editor

Please note the deadline for the next Newsletter. Please send your articles to this email account:
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The deadlines have not changed since the show was moved to April. Please be considerate and get your articles in to me on time.

Thank you!

Leslie

Poodle Papers!

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

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National Specialty

Notes from Ann

Obedience and Rally Trials went well this year. I hope that competitors liked the change in ring orientation from previous years (we moved the obedience rings to the far end of the arena and put the rally and practice rings at the near end).

Our entries were up slightly from 2014 although we don't match the huge entries for Agility! I can't say enough about my committee, the judges, stewards and volunteer juniors whose various efforts combined to make Tuesday memorable. Linda Howard has served as Chief Obedience Steward for several years and has assembled a crew, many of whom return every year, of knowledgeable, cheerful and tactful stewards who keep the rings running smoothly for our judges. This year's stewards were Frank Cardillino, Barbara Rooney, Matthew Tylenda, Vera Zumba, Lynn Ashman, Mary Ann Burton, Bonnie Garris, Millie Angelino, Joyce Miller Susie Osburn and Diane Stout. Jan Hopper makes sure judges are properly welcomed, and that we are all hydrated and nourished and generally looked after. It was a pleasure to welcome Juniors Jourdan Miller, Jackie Nachimas, Stephanie Poot and Rachel Rivkin assisting the stewards. They made a significant difference at the same time that they gained some close-up experience into how our rings run.

Recently I have reached out to competitors and the two Poodle Obedience Clubs asking informally for names of judges under whom they have enjoyed showing. We have always been proud to offer fine judging panels, and I feel that this year's panel of Mrs. Nancy Withers and Mrs. Carolyn Wray judging obedience and Mrs. Betsy Horn Humer judging rally, was among the best.

As for the awards: High in Obedience Trial, from the Open B class with a score of 198.5, went to CH OTCH MACH2 Saratoga's Sophie UDX8 OGM MXB MJB MXF T2B2 TQX (Toy) bred, owned and handled by Abigail Cooper. This is the third year in a row that Sophie has won this award. She was also Highest Scoring Poodle in Open B and Utility with a combined score of 395.5, Highest Scoring AKC Champion of Record and this year's winner of the Ch Canterbury

Tails Notsosimple UD RA Memorial Challenge Trophy for highest Scoring AKC Champion of Record in Utility Classes, and I want to add that the day before she had earned her MACH2 at our Agility Trial, having earned her first MACH last year – also at PCA.

Second Highest Scoring Poodle in Obedience Trial, from the Novice B class went to GCH Sandstorm X's in Texas TD MX MXJ (Miniature) bred, owned and handled by Joann Neal with a score of 197.5

Highest Scoring Poodle in Rally Advanced B and Excellent B Combined was GCH MACH Eaglehill Right On Tyme MBX MJB OF RE BN T2B (Miniature) bred by Handi Skorich, Deborah Schnulle and Tim Garrison and owned and handled by Cathy Winkles with a combined score of 197. He was also winner of the Ted E. Bear Versatility rosette for Highest Scoring Poodle AKC Breed Champion of Record with a score of 99 in the Excellent B class.

Highest Scoring Junior Handler was Rachel Rivkin who showed GCH Unique Anticipation (Standard) bred by Linda Green and Joan E. McFadden and owned by Sarah Rivkin, with a score of 86 in the Rally Novice A class.

The only perfect score of the day (100) went to MACH PACH Carlyn's Legally Blonde (Standard) bred by Mary Ann O'Neill and owned and handled by Charlotte Mitchell.

I am happy to report that close to a quarter of the entries in Obedience and Rally are breed Champions, and about as many have AKC Agility titles. Also many have Field and/or Tracking titles. Poodles are the most glamorous of dogs, of course, but they are so much more. A properly made Poodle should also be a superb athlete and a Poodle of correct temperament and characteristic intelligence should be able to ace any training challenge. Our Poodles are the whole package and it is gratifying to see so many of them being given the chance to demonstrate that fact.

Ann Mandelbaum
Chair, Obedience/Rally

Fabulous Childs' Pink Poodle Barking Rocking Chair was a hit!

PCA RAFFLE 2015

For the first time in PCA history the 2015 PCA Raffle began on Monday during the PCA National Specialty Agility Trial. Before the traditional beginning of the raffle (on Wednesday) more than 500 raffle tickets had been sold!

With over 100 baskets being raffled off and 10 special silent auction items - more than \$3,200.00 was made for PCA!



Over 100 beautiful baskets were raffled off!

This years' show was dedicated to the memory of Sally Kinne and in honor of her husband Hal. The raffle was honored and thrilled to include some of Sally Kinne's much loved and personal possessions. These items were donated by her beloved husband and distinguished military veteran Col (USA Ret) Hal Kinne. Thank you sir! Once again the Kinne's had a huge impact on our club!

Thank you EVERYONE for the generous donations! Thank you 2015 PCA Vendors for your donations! (So many donors! Please forgive us for not listing each of you individually.) And thank you for allowing us to put similar items together - making over 100 fabulous and beautiful baskets!

This raffle would not have been possible without your spectacular and generous donations!

And lastly - thank you agility peep volunteers! You were instrumental in getting the raffle set up two days ahead of schedule!

Thank you ALL!

Sincerely,

Jan Hopper, Susie Osburn & Debby DuBay, 2015 PCA Raffle Committee



Ten unique items were part of a silent auction. Over \$3,200 was made for PCA! Thank you all!

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

Notes from Cathy Catelain:

PCA Catalog Advertising Report. Many thanks to the Poodle community for their continued support of the 2015 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 Janet Kingsley and her team for selling our catalogs, answering questions, and making everyone feel welcome to our show. We look forward to seeing all those familiar faces.

The Catalog Advertising Committee has agreed to continue their work for the 2016 catalog. Mary Lebet and Sandy Marshall act as our advisors and mentors. It wouldn't be the same without their efforts. Mandy Sprigel helps prepare the first advertising mailing which targets our advertisers and trophy donors. Marilyn Page helps with the mailing lists. My thanks to all of them.

Additional thanks to Joan McFadden, Sue Burge, and the Affiliate Clubs for their support of our advertising and donation campaigns. Mary Olund and Katherine Kennedy make sure electronic information is posted on the PCA Face Book page and the website for all to share. Jim Wasilak, and Jack MacGillivray worked together to make sure credit card payments were processed through the on line store located on the PCA Website.

Again this year the Catalog celebrated the inclusion of Agility ads and entries. Many thanks to Susanne Nash who works tirelessly to improve the quality of the print. She has agreed to continue to convert the Agility entries for downloading into the catalog. We are truly grateful for her talent and support. Thanks to Debbie West and the Agility community for their support of our catalog. It is thrilling to see these poodles in action.

Lastly, the Catalog Ad Committee sends a 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 2016 with a catalog ad and trophy donation. We look

forward to seeing you at "The Greatest Poodle Show on Earth."

Cathy Catelain, PCA Catalog Advertising Chair

Notes from Debbie:

I have been agility chair for at least seven years. When asked, I was told that my job was to basically come to the agility trial and be a cheerleader for PCA and agility. Well I was doing that already so it seemed like a good fit. I also said yes because I knew the agility community and the poodle community is a helpful, giving group. Over the years many people have stepped up and done whatever job needed to be done and also been able to come to me with ideas to make our trial better each year. I can't really name the top people because the team is huge and ever changing. That is the agility community.

Our High In Trial this year is MACH Westsong Vivace, better known as Viva who is owned and run by Esther Newton.

High In Trial Novice is Zamora California Dreamer, Aka Dreamer owned and run by Rosemary Kenfield.

High In Trial Open is Spice Girls Call Me Maybe, Aka Carly Rae owned and run by Megan Shelter.

High In Trial Junior is Michael Borgha with his standard poodle MACH 3 Kali's Lil Kasha, Aka Kasha. High In Trial Champion of Record is CH MACH Westsong Stardust Memories, aka Dusty owned and run by Debbie West. Dusty is also the dam of Viva.

High In Trial Preferred is CH MACH Eclipse Christmas Spirit, Aka Spree owned and run by Carol Srnka. Carol and Spree are also the winners of the MACH 2 Reignon Dassin Mr. Peabody memorial award.

Mr Rod Ramsell from Minnesota was our judge and for all accounts he enjoyed being here as much as we enjoyed having him. We over drew in entries as a judge can only judge 330 runs and we had 337. Barbara Bounds from Salisbury came into to judge the overage. Rod Ramsell donated his judging fee to the Poodle Club of America Health Foundation. This is a truly generous and deeply appreciated gesture.

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On another note I have spent the last 6 days listening to Jaakko and Janita from Finland. They have created a business called One Mind Dog. They had a deaf dog that they had started in agility when they realized the dogs disability. In the process of working through this problem they came up with an efficient way of communicating the correct and timely information to our dogs while running and indicating turns and obstacles. The amount of thought that went into their process is incredible. In their world you teach a dog to have very good obstacle commitment so that you can show the dog where to go and then you leave so that you are always ahead. They have combined ideas that we have already thought about but in a new way. I think I left brain cells at the training center. Wow.

See you all next year.

Debbie West
Agility Chairperson

2015 PCA Vendor Committee

I wish to thank Aileen Tobias and Bruce Swift for the outstanding job they did with the vendors at this year's PCA national show when I was unable to attend at the last minute due to an accident suffered by my puppy sitter. The vendors were happy, apparently the shoppers were happy because they bought lots of merchandise and everything ran very smoothly. Aileen and I have taken care of vendors for a number of years now, so she knew what to do; this was the first year for Bruce, and he took to it just as if he had always been doing it. Thanks so much Aileen and Bruce; you were superb!

Jean Lazarus
Vendor Chairman

Notes from the Editor:

With this Spring Issue of *The Poodle Papers*, this marks my 15th year doing this newsletter. Little did I realize when PCA President Anne Clark approached me in 2000 at the National in Upper Marlboro, that I would still be doing it 15 years later.

The Newsletter has gone through many changes since I took it over from Kay O'Bryant. Annie had a specific vision, as did the rest of the board, at the time for the newsletter. They wanted it to also be available to all Poodle Fanciers to obtain to read for free on line. Permission was granted to Poodle Variety at that time, to reprint any PCA News from it. The goal was to have the newsletter be informative and educational for all. It was the hopes of the board of PCA to have the newsletter be a way of giving back to the Poodle fanciers through the newsletter.

Since then the newsletter has grown in leaps and bounds in size. It is available in color on line at www.poodleclubofamerica.org free for all to read and or download. It is still mailed by request to PCA members that do not have internet access. In print it remains a back and white publication. It continues to be a work in progress as all things do.

Many Thanks to all who have comtributed through the years with their valuable articles for me to include in this newsletter, especially to Joann Neal who for a vast number of years did a column that was eagerly anticipated with each issue. I hope now that she is retired will start up again.(Please?)

Once again I would like to thank everyone that has helped make my job easier to carry out the vision of the 2000 Board of PCA making this newsletter reach their goals.

Leslie Newing
Editor of The Poodle Papers

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Notes from the PCA National Show Chairman –

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The theme for the 2016 PCA and the 84th PCA National Specialty Show is “Party Time with Poodles”. The colors will be lavender, pink and yellow.

The dates for the 2016 PCA are as follows:

Tracking and Upland Tests:	22 April
Hunt Tests:	23 & 24 April
Agility Trials:	25 April
Obedience & Rally Trials:	26 April
Conformation:	27 – 29 April

The 2016 PCA Judges are as follows:

Intervariety Competition:	Mr. Johnny Shoemaker
Standard Competition:	Mr. Dana Plonkey
Miniature Competition:	Mr. Daniel Augustus
Toy Competition:	Mr. Jordan Chamberlain
Juniors' Competition:	Mr. Dennis McCoy

Thank you for your support as we continue to celebrate Poodles! Should you have any questions, please call or email. I will do my best to assist you anyway possible.

Fondly,
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Affiliate Club News

Greater Cincinnati Poodle Club will hold our specialties this year in conjunction with the Clermont County Kennel Club on September 5 and 6 at the Hobart Arena, Wilmington, Ohio.

Then on September 12 and 13 Greater Cincinnati Poodle Club will hold agility trials at the Queen City Dog Training Club, Sharonville, Ohio.

This is a new venue for our conformation shows and the fourth year for our agility trials at this location.

Hope to see you this fall.....

Chairperson for Conformation.....Marianne Donahue

Chairperson for Agility Trials.....Tonnie Gear

Any questions...you can contact either Chairperson or Jan Elwert, President

Congratulations to Cathy Catelain

AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award 2015



Poodle Club of America Member, miniature Poodle breeder and Poodle judge, Luis Aizcorbe with his painting of “Flame”, GCH Dawin Hearts on Fire.

Flame was Best of Breed in 2014 at the National.

She is owned and bred by Linda Campbell.

Flame was shown throughout her career by her handler and soulmate Sarah Perchick.

This was presented to Linda at this years National in April, by Luis.





Minis at PCA 2015 © Leslie Newing '15 The Poodle Papers



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Toys at PCA 2015 © Leslie Newing '15



Best of Breed Judging:

First let me say that I take everything I do very seriously! Whether it my job for a retina specialist, as an AKC delegate, a show chairman or being a dog show judge I enjoy all of it. When I received the message that the members of PCA had voted for me to judge Best of Breed at the National in 2015, I was very proud and honored. Realizing that my peers felt I was qualified to judge the breed that is the closest to my heart was overwhelming. After being notified, I tried to put it out of my mind since it would not happen for a few years. In January when I was looking at the calendar, I watched the month's slowly tick away next it was March... my mind was racing... am I up for the task? I told myself that if I ever was



going to be up for the task this was it. I helped the committees with making arrangements getting items for PCA. I always worried I might have forgotten something I had been asked to check on. After all, this year, all I really had to do was show up ..and judge.....really. As the hours got closer, my adrenaline was really pumping and I could barely breathe as I realized I would have 3 lovely Poodles to put my hands on and examine and make my qualified decision. As I entered the ring with Dennis McCoy there for encouragement, my fears soon left as I realized this was indeed going to be a privilege and an honor to select from the three Poodles before me. Each taking their turn around the ring, back and forth, which will it be today. I would be remiss if said I had not seen the black Miniature from a distance and he was quite a

handsome young dog, never having my hands on any of these Poodles made for a very even playing field. I loved the connection that the white Toy Poodle shared with her handler as they moved around the ring. I loved the black Standard very much and again, I had never seen either of these dogs to my knowledge, so I had my work cut out for me. After quite a bit of positive thoughts, and making my final decision, the Toy Poodle showing so completely in sync with her owner was my choice for our Best of Breed for PCA 2015. The lovely Black



Standard Poodle was not to be denied Best of Opposite Sex, as he is every thing a Standard Poodle breeder looks for when selecting a show dog and companion. Only after coming home that night did I hear this handsome Standard Poodle had indeed won Crufts. I loved my Miniature Poodle as well and he showed perfectly for his handler. I could not have asked any of these three to do anything differently or change one thing. They were in perfect form, however, it was the Toy Poodle and her handler that took Best of Breed home in 2015. It was a lovely April, Friday in Salisbury and I enjoyed having the opportunity of a lifetime to select from 3 fabulous Poodles.



Barbara Furbush

A.K.C. Delegates Corner

The Delegate Committee Meetings and Meeting were held in Newark, New Jersey, on March 9th and 10th, 2015. The Parent Club Committee started with a tribute to Bill Blair, the delegate from Progressive Dog Club, and member of the Parent Club Committee. He had been a member of the delegate body for 45 years and had never missed a meeting. Chris Walker from Marketing and Communications spoke on the new AKC website. He discussed why it was necessary to revise the site. It seems that the old website was running with outdated technology (16 years old) and after a year they realized it was insufficient for the needs of the AKC. The site at that time reached 12 million hits. From their research it was established that only 8% of these viewers were from active participants of the sport of dogs. That means that means that 92% of viewers use the breed pages for various reasons. (find a breeder, AKC activities, etc.) Chris went on to apologize for the way the website was started. (It went up fast because of the Westminster Kennel Club, our website use increases that week.) He went on to discuss that Parent Clubs would be able to make any changes they felt necessary, (we are working on ours at the time) He reminded us that if we were unhappy with the pictures the public was posting, then we should make an effort to send our own. (Candid photos not show pictures or advertising pictures.) They do not intend to discourage the public from submitting pictures because it has already proven a successful tool for reaching the public. Pat Laurens, Chairman of the Parent Club Committee, reminded us to be positive when approaching this department.

Tom Powers, AKC Board member, reported that the Canine Good Citizens program currently has 29,300 titles complete. He also spoke on the Judging Approval Process. A draft of the Board's recommendations is again different than previously reported. It will be sent out to the delegate body when it is completed. All in all it will take quite a while to get this one completed since last time only 750 responses were received out of 57,000 sent out. It was also said that there are now 159 mem-

bers currently on the Parent Club Rescue List, 169 invites have not been returned they are sending out a new request letter to these participants.

Alan Kalter reported on the Breeder of Merit Program. It was discussed that one of the questions asked if the person applying was a member of a club but not if they were a member of their parent club. I am not sure if this is something that would work for us since so many of our current successful breeders are not members of the Poodle Club of America. The AKC is also working on a Market Place program allowing each club to place a PSA on the AKC website.

There was also a discussion on the Bred with Heart program. You can go to the website for information. Heart stands for, Healthy, Education, Accountability, Responsibility, and Tradition. It was reported that the Pet Disaster Program has delivered 19 trailers, with 9 more in the pipeline.

At the Delegate Meeting on Tuesday, elections were the first order of business. The election to the Board of 2019 required 180 votes of the 358 cast to elect. It only took one vote. The three Directors elected were: Dr. Carman L. Battaglia, Dr. Thomas M. Davis, and Steven D. Gladstone. In addition later after the meeting, Ronald H. Meneker was elected as Chairman of the Board, and Carl Ashby was elected as the Vice Chairman of the Board.

Alan Kalter gave his Chairman's Report, that the AKC's ability to deliver our mission is made possible by the health of our finances. In 2010 we had an operating loss of over \$400,000. In 2014, operating profit was almost \$6 million. During that time the AKC's total assets increased by 1/3 to almost \$140 million. Some of that growth has come from new programs like Canine Partners, CGC/Star Puppy, GoodDog Helpline, etc. Alan then went on to discuss the Los Angeles Times article written during the Garden. which in the past has accepted PETA's views, This quote was in reference to Meet the Breeds. "This may or may not be news to PETA,

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but even if you're made a little queasy by the way humans have shaped the dog gene pool, and even if you'd never dream of not adopting from a shelter, you'd still be hard pressed to find among the Meet the Breed gang anything but animals that are deeply loved and responsibly Bred." But it did not mention the American Kennel Club. Even more reason for marketing to reach the public. There is an e book being produced to help clubs promote themselves and their shows, it will be available the second quarter. After the financial report and comments from the general delegate body, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Ellen Fishler

From AKC: New York, NY – The American Kennel Club has launched the initial stage of AKC Marketplace, a new platform that will first allow AKC clubs to market and promote themselves directly to dog lovers visiting AKC.org.

Through interactive profile pages, unlimited event listings and email outreach, AKC Marketplace will help clubs attract spectators to their events and recruit new members. Later this year, the platform will expand to include breeders, groomers, veterinarians, trainers, and other dog-related service providers.

“AKC continually looks for new ways to help our clubs grow event entries, membership and spectator attendance,” said Dennis Sprung, President and CEO, AKC. “With the new AKC Marketplace, we’ll be doing just that. This platform will drive millions of engaged dog lovers directly to local clubs’ profile pages, connecting our resource-filled constituency with owners that are looking for training advice or new events to try with their canine best friend.”

Clubs that sign up for AKC Marketplace receive:

A dedicated club profile page with the capability to host video, images and more A trusted AKC.org vanity URL to share when promoting club events Unlimited event listings to showcase dog shows, trials, tests, community

outreach and more. Events will be included the AKC.org Events section and Breed pages, and targeted to site visitors based on location and interests.

Show promotion in a weekly AKC newsletter
Event results promotion on the AKC.org homepage
Targeted email outreach to new AKC registrants and site visitors in the club’s area to drive membership, entries and new people to events.

Profile page analytics, technical assistance and customer service support Clubs can have unlimited use of AKC Marketplace for \$99/year by signing up at marketplace.akc.org. Take a tour of the new AKC Marketplace:



New!

AKC BRED WITH H.E.A.R.T. PROGRAM

As part of AKC’s century-long commitment to advance the health and welfare of all dogs, the AKC has a new program called Bred with H.E.A.R.T. The program gives AKC a new way to engage, encourage and recognize ALL breeders who meet specific health testing standards and who participate in continuing education. Click on the links below to learn more about the specific commitments that an AKC Bred with H.E.A.R.T. breeder makes to the health and well-being of their dogs.

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<http://www.akc.org/dog-breeders/bred-with-heart/>

In the Spotlight!

Spotlight on a PCA Member – Bernie Cano

By Adrienne Dorland

This issue we head out west to Arizona to meet and get to know a bit about Bernice (Bernie) Cano of Belstar Toy Poodles. Bernie tells me she obtained her first Toy poodle as a Sophomore in High School and has had only Poodles since. She has always” loved everything about Poodles, the curly hair, the attitude, the whole package”.

Bernie became truly involved in showing Poodles in the mid ‘80’s when she entered and took her cute little pet Poodle to the show. The judge withheld the first place ribbon from Bernie and told her if she really wanted to “do this” she would need to get a better Poodle. Bernie was, of course, devastated by the experience. However, she did not allow that to stand in the way of her dreams. During this time she met and was befriended by Doris Cozart and Jack and Cindy MacGillivray. Doris was instrumental in helping Bernie get her first show puppy and Jack and Cindy became her mentors, friends, and travel buddies.

Bernie has participated exclusively in the conformation ring both hiring handlers and as an owner/breeder/handler. She has enjoyed each, and every champion and litter, taking things slowly and with care. Her current champion, Ch. Barclay Madison Ave. at Belstar (bred by Barbara Burdick) is bringing joy to Bernie. Madison has had a couple of stellar weekends, finishing with 3-5 point majors and soon after winning 20 points towards her grand championship in one weekend. Bernie says, “Madison is fun to show and fun to live with.

When I asked Bernie her mentors and biggest influences in her years in Poodle, she quickly named Jack and Cindy MacGillivray as being there to guide her through her early years. Bernie also, said Doris

Cozart helped her get on the right track. In recent years, Joan Scott and Barbara Burdick have become special friends and great resources.

Bernie lived in Albuquerque for many years where she was a member of Enchanted Poodle Club. Bernie met Louie Cano and they were married nine years ago in Maui. After working many years as an insurance underwriter, Bernie and Louie retired from work and moved to Vail, Arizona, just outside Tucson. Louie had never had a dog, let alone a Poodle and he has adjusted to owner role well, even caring for a litter of puppies when Bernie had to attend to business in Wisconsin for two weeks. The Cano’s enjoy a busy social life and days on the golf links. Bernie considers being retired like being on a permanent vacation, she is enjoying every moment. Louie supports Bernie by traveling with her when the schedule works. Bernie had just recently joined Valley of the Sun Poodle Club in Phoenix.

When asked what words of wisdom Bernie would have for those new in Poodles, she responded with, “don’t get discouraged , it can be discouraging, don’t let things get to you, be persistent. In the end it’s a lot of fun and you meet people from all over”.

Bernie is enjoying retirement, life with Louie, and showing Madison. She and Louie look forward to getting some traveling in and they are looking forward to a possible Madison litter in the fall.

Juniors Corner

Poodle Club of America National 2015



The Juniors who participated are: Back row standing- Hanna Sunderman, Rachel Rivkin/ Best Jr. Rally, Dennis McCoy/Judge, Matthew Tylenda/Best Jr. Conformation, Celeste Morrelli, Heather Brown, Gina Wieser/Jr. Chair, Jackie Nachimas, Jourdan Miller Front row kneeling- Melanie Lopez, Stephanie Poot Not pictured Michael Borgal/Best Jr. Agility

PCA JUNIOR'S

By- Tabatha Waters and Gina Wieser

What a GREAT TIME for PCA Juniors! While entries around the country statistically show a slow decline, the junior entries at the 2015 PCA Nationals were greater than 90% of Parent Clubs in the United States. Juniors participated in several disciplines, as well as two new attendees that joined us at our annual Jr.'s Round Table luncheon. It was exciting to welcome new faces seeking a mentor, and expressing great interest in the PCA Jr Education Program. Once again, Michael Knight came through with the contribution of the hospitality room for this event. Thanks, Michael!

From the Purina bags filled with donated items, to the Raffle Tickets that SOLD OUT; the PCA Jr Education thanks the supporters at the Greatest Show on Earth. All proceeds go towards future programs designed to encourage, educate, and engage juniors, the future of our sport!

This year the PCA juniors had the opportunity to attend three different learning seminars. The first on Monday; Laura Thistle donated her time teaching Canine First Aid and CPR. Thank you, Laura! Tuesday afternoon, a one on one grooming clinic, taught by Poodle professionals and headed up by committee member Terri Meyers. Wednesday the professionals were on the grass giving handling classes and training tips in conformation, obedience, and rally. We GREATLY appreciate that the Poodle handlers continue to donate their time. After all it is their busiest week of the year! Wednesday also offered fun, playing games featuring PCA Poodle Facts during the midday Round Table pizza lunch. Thank you PURINA, coming through once again with a donation of a ring side chair for the Poodle Trivia winner, Melanie Lopez. A refurbished and stocked tack box was won by Hanna Sunderman. Thank you, Cynthia Tylenda, for the generosity of your time and hard work making it all look brand new and to Barb Furbush, for donating the tack box.

Tammy Breckenridge was the winner of a beautiful Poodle quilt, crafted and donated by Cynthia Tylenda. Cynthia graciously donated a unique Poodle Quilt two years in a row as our re-occurring fundraiser. This was also the inaugural year of the 50/50 Raffle. The

whopping five thousand dollar prize was awarded to Bruce Swift. Congratulations Tammy and Bruce! The PCA Jr Education Fund has grown to over \$7,000 through your generous donations to the raffles. Thank you all for your time invested and to our donors from the fancy!

Congratulations to our BEST JUNIOR winners;
Matthew Tylenda- Best Junior / Conformation
Rachel Rivkin- Best Junior / Rally
Micheal Borga- Best Junior / Agility

Trophies for the winners of the various disciplines included a lovely etched glass Poodle bowl, Oster products, Purina products, and over three hundred dollars in various gift cards

It's an exciting time to be a PCA junior. *The PCA Anne Rogers Clark Junior Stipend Program* has been launched and the guidelines are now pending final approval by the PCA Board of Directors. A stipend will be made available to a deserving junior who qualifies and competes at Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, the AKC/ Eukanuba National Championship Dog Show and/or the PCA National Specialty. (Stay Tuned for more details!)

To all the parents, volunteers, handlers, PCA Jr Education Committee members, PCA Show Committee members, and the PCA Board of Directors we give a huge THANK YOU on behalf of the juniors, and the PCA Jr Education Program.

We could not do this without your time, great ideas, fabulous donations, selfless efforts, and enthusiastic support!!

Our future is so bright, we have to wear shades!

Photos submitted by Gina Wieser



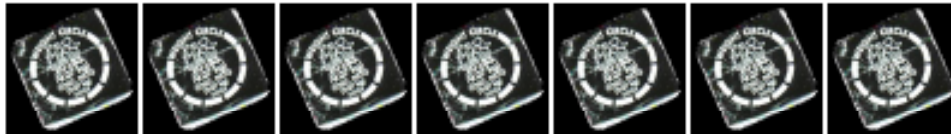
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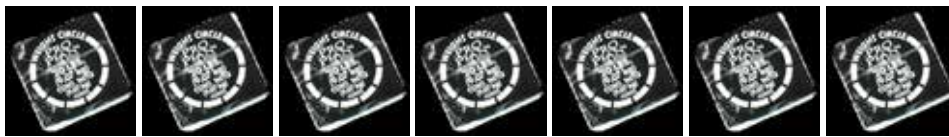
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Variety Representatives

Report from Janet

It's hard to believe that another PCA has come and gone. I just want to say how proud I was of the miniature poodles in the ring this year. There were many that I would have loved to sneak in my van! I was really impressed with the reduction in size, the beautiful feet and the gorgeous heads. The fronts are still a problem to be addressed but I definitely think we are going in the right direction. I think the one thing we all need to keep in mind and try and work on, are the gay tails. Way too many were on their backs.

The minis were very well represented in the hunt tests with SHR Dalcrista Roxanne CD BN RAE2 JH WCX RATO achieving the gold hunt medal. Roxanne, a silver miniature is proudly owned by Janice Glosson from Genoa City, WI. In the conformation ring,

Congratulations to the Best of Variety winner GCH Surrey Cherry Garcia, bred and owned by Kaz Hosaka and Kathleen Wallen.

Best of Opposite went to CH Penchant Phabulous of Kalein Bred by Fatima and David Crump and Kay O'Bryant. Juliette is owned by Dottie James and K. O'Bryant.

Best of Winners and BBX Campanile Clarion Composition breeders and owners DeAnn Wingslager & Katherine Kennedy and Ann Kennedy.

A very special thank you to Judge Mrs. Helen G. Tomb-Taylor for stepping in and judging this amazing group of miniatures. With barely three weeks notice to take on this assignment, job well done

I'm already excited about next year, with five new puppies in the whelping box, I'll see you at the greatest poodle show on earth.

Janet Lange Moses

Report from Joyce

Once again Standards were well represented at our recent national specialty show. The classes were beautiful and the line-up of specials was magnificent. Congratulations to all who put in the enormous amount of time and effort that I know goes into getting a Standard Poodle ready to show at PCA!

Our variety continues to amaze me every time I watch them at a show, obedience trial, agility trail, lure coursing field, hunt field, or just at home being the best companion that anyone could want. Their intelligence and trainability is far above any other breed, at least in my humble opinion! While we still have our health concerns, I think a lot of breeders are trying hard to produce healthy dogs with correct structure and temperaments. Kudos to those dedicated breeders who continue to test and show only their best!

Please consider supporting the ongoing research for Addison's disease (see information from PCAF). This is one disease where Standards are particularly hit hard and blood samples are still needed from affected dogs as well as unaffected (over 10 years old) dogs. We CAN find an answer but it takes a village of support!

Joyce Carelli

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Working Poodle

AKC Hunt Tests at the Poodle Club of America National Specialty, April 18 and 19, 2015

Mia DiBenedetto

The Poodle Club of America National Specialty held its annual AKC Retriever Hunt Tests on Saturday, April 18, 2015. All of the AKC Hunt Tests and Sunday's WC/WCX events were held at Anatidae Farm in Rhodesdale, Maryland.

AKC Junior, Senior and Master Hunt Tests

Judging the Junior, Senior and Master Stakes this year were **Karen Denman** of Egg Harbor, N.J. and **Joseph**

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

A record number of 25 poodles were entered into the three levels of AKC Hunt Tests this year. A total of 11 poodles competed at the Master Level – a record in PCA history! The breakdown included: 8 Junior, 6 Senior dogs (one scratch in this division) and 11 Master entries.

At the end of the day, 15 poodles earned qualifying legs—again another PCA record. Two poodles qualified in the **Junior** test, five poodles earned qualifying legs in **Senior** and eight dogs in the **Master** test!

It was great to see so many competitors each year at the PCA Hunt Tests. I think this shows the field sports

are of interest to some poodle owners, and it's terrific to see more handlers moving into the 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.

Hunt tests presented at this time of year often do not allow for many owners to have their dogs in the water and trained by our early April date. This may keep some poodle handlers from entering.



Eschert of Elmer, N.J.

This was the first time each of the judges has judged the **PCA Specialty** but for Joe Eschert, it wasn't his first time judging a National Breed Specialty. Joe has judged the Golden Retriever and the Chesapeake Bay Retriever Specialties—but was quick to point out that the Poodle Specialty was definitely the “most fun.”

Entries into the event came from as far away as Oregon and California and as far north as Canada and south to Florida. Wow, that is impressive to see.

The weather ‘gods’ shined down upon us again and helped to make the two-day event a great success. An

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enthusiastic gallery cheered on the poodles and gave the handlers an 'extra' boost in confidence.

Spectators were treated to some excellent work by the dogs and handlers. We saw lots of new faces in the gallery as more and more poodle owners become interested in field work. We really appreciate the support



we receive from the **PCA Board of Directors** and want to say thank you to them for being there for us each year.

The Master Hunt Test



Eleven poodles took the challenge and entered the Master Hunt test which consists of three separate series. A land test, a water test and a land/water test.

The first series was a land triple with a no-call walk up and a double blind. The first bird was a left to right bird angled back about 55 yards. The middle bird was a left to right and the go-bird was a

right to left flyer thrown along the wood line.

One land blind was placed between marks 1 and 2 and the second blind was along the tree line to the left of the second mark.

The second series was a water series with triple



marks and a blind. The first bird was thrown right to left into open water about 50 yards. The second mark was a right to left throw across the pond and onto land along the wood line. The go-bird was a left to right into water and behind a point. The water blind was about 70 yards through the fall of the first mark and onto the shoreline.

The third series were double marks in an area of the property called "flooded timber." The first bird was a right to left landing in the water among multiple trees. The second bird was a bird thrown onto land from left to right into an open field. There was an honor on this last series.

Valentine's Sly As A Fox CD SH, RA, owned and handled by **Margaret Fox**; **Dreamers Kickinaz Jake MH**, owned and handled by **Ann Marie Duncan**; **Lance's Me Too of Marsh & Glen CDX RE MH**, owned and handled by **Dee Lance**; **Marquis Diamond Remy MH**, owned and handled by **Ted deLooze**; **Argus SH**, owned and handled by **Dan Cassidy**; **Feldspar Dream On At Windsong SH**, owned and handled by **Paddy Berne**; **Bibelot's Tolka Hands Up MH MNR THDD** owned by **Jack Combs and Mia DiBenedetto** and handled by **Jack Combs**; and **CH Lemerle Silk Tie CD SH** owned and handled by **Lin Gelbman** earned qualifying scores and received Master Hunter qualifications. The PCA test was especially sweet for **Bibelot's Tolka Hands Up (Ten)**, who earned her sixth consecutive master leg during the current hunt test season, qualifying her for the **2015 AKC Master National** event to be held in South Carolina in October.

Senior Hunt Test

Five poodles competed in the Senior Hunt Test. The

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first series was a double land mark with a blind. On land, the first bird was a walk-up mark, thrown left to right into the open field. The second mark was a flyer thrown right to left along the tree line. The blind was outside the marks and angled across the road.



The water series for Seniors consisted of a double mark, the first one thrown onto a peninsula left to right and the second mark a right to left thrown into open water. The water blind was thrown outside the marks to a point about 35 yards away.

Five poodles qualified in **Senior**. It should be noted that the move from Junior level to Senior represents the most difficult transition for dogs. Congratulations to **CH Carlyn's Charismatic JH** owned and handled by **Joyce Carelli** and **Marquis Diamond Phoebe** owned and handled by **Ted DeLooze**; **CH Caryln Song of the South UD JH AX AXJ**, owned and handled by **Suzanne Fairbairn**; **Tudorose Light My Fire CD JH BN**, owned and handled by **Joann Smith** and **Akelter's In Lieu of CDX BN RN TDX JH**, owned and handled by **Jan Winner** on excellent performances.

Junior Hunt Test

Seven dogs competed in the Junior stake. Junior dogs ran a land series consisting of two single marks thrown from left to right into an open field and then a flyer thrown right to left. In their water series, the first water mark was thrown left to right to the end of a point about 35 yards and a right to left into open water.

Two poodles earned qualifying legs in **Junior**. **Louter Creeks Huntin With My 12gauge** owned and handled by **Ann Marie Duncan** and **Paragon Where There's A Will**, owned and handled by **Mary Hudson** both earned qualifying ribbons.

Our Sincere Thanks!

Thank you again to our wonderful judges, **Karen Denman** and **Joseph Eschert**. Your expertise and encouragement was invaluable to us! You put everyone at ease and made the tests fun!

We also need to thank landowners **Frank** and **Terri Durham** of **Anatidae Farm**. What a treat it is to be able to run on such a wonderful piece of property. Frank is always so gracious in helping everyone and he's always there with an encouraging word for poodle folks wishing to train their dogs. And thanks to **Terri Durham** who not only ran as our Master test dog, but provided us with appetizers at the end of the day. What a great hostess.

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.

Thank you also to the **AKC Hunt Test Chairperson Linda Miller** of Newark, DE and to **Test Secretary Susanne Nash**.



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And a thank you to **Chief Marshal Margaret Fox** for keeping us all in line and moving! And added thanks to PCA Test Committee members; **Joyce Carelli, Barbara Furbush, Jaci Bowman, Carol Stone, and Susanne Nash.**

It takes a great deal of setup for the tests and kudos need to be sent out to **Joe Quinn** and **Gary Boyce** for supplying all of the ducks and with working so hard to setup and breakdown all of the tests. **Joe** and **Gary** are there every year to support us — and we want to say a Big Thank You!

Special thanks also go out to **Kim Tyndall.** This poodle owner doesn't even run a dog at the hunt test event, but makes the most delicious chili in the world! Thank you Kim, your hospitality help each year is greatly appreciated by all.

And still more thanks, especially to all of the unnamed 'worker bees,' who manned the stations and worked tirelessly in making this double-event a tremendous success. 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.

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



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Obedience and Rally Trials went well this year. I hope that competitors liked the change in ring

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PCA 2015 WC/WCX

By Carol Stone

Photos by John Carelli

The PCA 2015 WC/WCX was a resounding success. We had a phenomenal entry of 43 dogs. Out of these 43 dogs, there were 29 passes. Sixteen dogs passed the Working Certificate (WC) out of 22 entries, and 13 dogs passed the Working Certificate Excellent out of 21 entries. We also had a record number of entries for our Hunting Instinct Test this year with 12 participants!

Our judges were Joseph Eschert and Karen Deman from New Jersey. They were both very personable, had a good sense of humor, and were very complementary to the poodles. Joe said he had judged several national specialties previously, and the poodles were definitely the most fun.



Betty and Lucky WC Water



The land portion of both tests had both marks coming out left to right with a strong right to left wind. The wind wreaked havoc for the WCX dogs with a strong push of the memory bird scent towards the go bird. Some of them were able to recover on their own while others had to be handled. The WC dogs had the same marks as singles with the line moved up a bit closer. It wasn't quite as big of a challenge for them since they got to chase each bird as soon as it fell.

Nina WCX land

We had a wonderful lunch, courtesy of our hospitality chief Kim Tyndall, and we then moved to water. Once again the wind was a challenge. For the water double for the WCX, the judges tried have the birds fall close to land so the wind wouldn't blow them too far off course. Occasionally, strong gusts would push the birds into the water where they quickly started drifting away. This was especially apparent on the last WCX dog. Unfortunately, it also happened to the smallest dog in the test, Roxanne, a little silver mini. Roxanne's bird was launched into the water in Maryland and soon made its way to North Dakota. By the time she got to the bird; it had blown almost to southern California. During her return swim, the wind blew her up to Omaha before she was finally able to swim it back to Maryland. She had the whole crowd on their feet cheering as she returned, tired, but happy, with her prize.



Raven Test Dog Water WCX

After judging the AKC Hunt Test the previous day, Joe, had mentioned that he had more fun judging the poodles than any other specialty. I had told him, "Just wait, you haven't seen anything yet. The WC/WCX will prove to be even more entertaining. I can almost guarantee you a wet T-shirt contest at some point in time." We were not to be disappointed. The last dog of the test had the crowd on their feet once again when he decided to make his mommy swim. Lucky looked at the water and said, "I don't think so," and Betty Cantey said, "Oh yes, sir. You will!" And



Troy WCX

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Roxanne WCX

in she went - all the way up to her armpits, to help Lucky retrieve his first bird. He must have gotten the message because she only had to go up to her knees on the second bird. Lucky said, "O.K. I got the message!" He swam out and came back with his prize as well.



Many thanks to the PCA board for continuing to support our poodles in the field. Thanks also to Chief Marshall Beth White who kept the steaks running smoothly, Hospitality



Chair Kim Tyndall who always keeps us well fed and hydrated, Chief Steward / Gun Captain Joe Quinn. A big THANK YOU goes out to John Carrelli, the best ever photographer who helps us preserve our memories. He captures our wonderful poodles in a way I have not seen before.

Congratulations to all who came, all who tried to, and all who succeeded. I hope to see just as many there next year and maybe even more. If you haven't been before, it's truly a treat and an experience you will not forget.

Will WCX land

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Planning ahead for Poodle Club of America National ?

- 2016 Dates: 4/22 to 4/29 Breed 4/27-4/29
- 2017 Dates: 4/21 to 4/28 Breed 4/26-4/28
- 2018 Dates: 4/20 to 4/27 Breed 4/25-4/27

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WC Qualifiers

Registered Name	Call Name	Owner
Carlyn's Charismatic	Crystal	J. Carelli, M. Polito & M. Lamb
Bibelot Tolka VIP of Vibrant	Troy	Vivienne M. Swarbreck
Akelter's In Lieu Of	Lewis	Jan Winner
Marquis Diamond Phoebe	Phoebe	Ted de Looze
Duxbury Smoke Jumper	Smoke	Jack Combs & Mia DiBenedetto
Dreamers Kickinaz Jake	Jake	Ann Marie Duncan
Louter Creek's Hunting With My 12 Gauge	Gauge	Ann Marie Duncan
Argus	Argus	Daniel P. Cassidy
Paragon Where There's A Will	Will	Mary Hudson & Carol Liebl
Valentine's No Red Flags	Blush	Linda V. Miller
Louter Creeks Simply Irresistable	Si	Kim Tyndall
Paragon's In The Express Lane	Driver	Jo Swanto
The Divine Miss "C"	Chyna	Margaret Fox & Diane Divine
Marquis Diamond Remy	Remy	Ted de Looze
Lexicon Magic To Do	Pippin	Suzanne Fairbairn
Duxbury My Ten Cents	Dime	Jack Combs & Mia DiBenedetto

WCX Qualifiers

Registered Name	Call Name	Owner
Lance's Me Too of Marsh + Glen	Me Too	Dee & Paul Lance
Valentine's Sly As A Fox	Sly	Margaret Fox
Akelter's In Lieu Of	Lewis	Jan Winner
Marquis Diamond Phoebe	Phoebe	Ted de Looze
Dreamers Kickinaz Jake	Jake	Ann Marie Duncan
Argus	Argus	Daniel P. Cassidy
Tudorose Light My Fire	Flint	Joann Smith
Carlyn Song of the South	Zip	Suzanne Fairbairn
Carlyn Hard Spun	MacGregor	Joyce Carelli
Feldspar Dream On At Windsong	Tyler	Patricia Berne
The Divine Miss "C"	Chyna	Margaret Fox
Marquis Diamond Remy	Remy	Ted de Looze
Dalcrista Roxanne	Roxanne	Janice Glosson

Poodle Club of America Upland Series 2015

This is the 2nd PCA National Upland Series tests, Upland Instinct Certificate, Upland Working Certificate, Upland Working Certificate Excellent. As well as the 3rd test offered under the Poodle Club of America Upland Working Certificate Rules.

I co-authored the rules and regulations, along with Joyce Carelli, and the late Jacquelyn E. Taylor who was instrumental at spear heading the development of the program. She unfortunately passed away in December of 2014 losing her battle with cancer and is dearly missed

The program was brought to the PCA board, accepted, and put into action in 2013 to help fill the need for poodles to be documented as upland dogs. With the development of the program the goal is that it will, along with the history of the breed, demonstrate to AKC, that the Poodles are indeed talented upland dogs and should be allowed to run and title in Spaniel Hunt tests.



The program is also used to encourage new people to try their dogs as upland dogs, far it is working very well, as each test has drawn new exhibitors and dogs into the field to upland hunting field. It seems once folks try it they (and their dogs) LOVE it!

“ Valentine’s Splash ‘N Dash CD,RA,SH,WCX, owner Linda Miller”

This year we had a full test (we must limit the entries to 25, a full day) with 25 different dogs running in the 3 levels of testing

The turnout was, with 5 entered and passing in the UWCX (upper level) 12 entered and 11 passing the UWC (middle level) and 8 entered and 6 passing in the UIC (instinct level). Dogs were pretty much limited to one entry per dog, so as to allow all that wanted to run the opportunity.

Eleven states were represented.

Sarah Shull and Steven Roth were our judges this year, and they did an excellent job of setting up fair tests and totally enjoyed our talented dogs and could not say enough good things about them at the awards ceremony.

Jo Swanto, Kim Tyndall, Kathryn and Arthur Foran, Susanne Nash, Carol Stone, Mary Hudson as well as Joyce Carelli, and many others rolled up their sleeves and helped pull this all together.

...and of course John Carelli capturing the awesome action shots of the dogs working the birds can't be left out!

The judges were impressed with all the help the 'Poodle People' did in the field, as that is not the norm for a lot of other breed clubs, where the division of the 'field' and 'conformation' dogs is so pronounced. One thing the Poodle is not, we are one breed with 3 varieties!

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Speaking of varieties, we had a strong miniature representation, with minis running at all 3 levels this year and doing very well!

The qualifiers this year were:

UWCX

Argus, Daniel Cassidy

Unicorn's Rare and Radiant Maiden "Nevermore" VCD2,GNRE,TDX,MJB,MXJ,MX,JH,ThD, CGC,VCX,HP,WCX, owner Carol Stone

MACH3 Menina De Prata CD RE JH MXC MJS2 MXF T2B3 CGC WCX HPC, owner Beth White

Lance's MeToo of Marsh & Glen CDX RE MH WCX UWC, owner Dee Lance

Paragon's In The Express Lane CDX JH MX MXJ MXB HPCX, owner Jo Swanto

UWC

Tudorose An Affair to Remember, owner Paul Dove

Marquis Diamond Remy, owner Ted deLoose

Marquis Diamond Phoebe, owner Ted deLoose

Oakwind's Ragtime Rosie NA NAJ OF UIC, owner Jacquelyn Bowman

Ch Carlyn Song Of The South UD JH AX AXJ, owner Suzanne Fairbain

Valentine's Splash 'N Dash CD,RA,SH,WCX, owner Linda Miller

Valentine's Sly As A Fox CD RA SH owner, Margaret Fox

The Divine Miss "C" owner, Margaret Fox

Louter Creek's Simply Irresistible CD,RAE,BN,JH,CGCA, owner Kimberly Tyndall

Paragon Where There's A Will, Will, owner Mary Hudson

Rudorose Light My Fire CD BN JH WCX, owner Joann Smith

UIC

Dalcrista Roxanne CD,BN,JH,RAE2,RAT-O, owner Janice Glosson

Lexicon Magic To Do owner, Suzanne Fairbain

Safranne's Sweet Girl Blue Storm Rising owner, Carol Stone

Zero's My Hero In Winter White, owner Lisa Linden

Akelter's In Lieu Of CDX BN RN TD JH WCX, owner Jan Winner

CH Carlyn Hard Spun SH WCX, owner Joyce Carelli

Jaci Bowman

PCA Upland Chair



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Notes from OptiGen:

During the 1st quarter of 2015 (January 1-March 31, 2015) OptiGen tested Poodles for PRA and the breakdown is as follows:

Total Dwarf poodles tested this quarter – 13

Normal – 9

Carrier – 4

Affected -0

Total Miniature poodles tested this quarter – 65

Normal – 55

Carrier – 9

Affected – 1

Total Moyen poodles tested this quarter – 4

All normal

Total Standard poodles tested this quarter – 24

Normal – 21

Carrier – 3

Affected – 0

Total Toy poodles tested this quarter – 60

Normal – 47

Carrier – 12

Affected – 1

Countries testing this quarter include: Austria , Belgium , Denmark , Finland , France , Germany , Ireland , Italy , Japan , Netherlands , Norway , Sweden , Russia , Switzerland , UK & US.

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

Kind regards,

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MORE SAMPLES NEEDED FOR ADDISON'S DISEASE RESEARCH

Many thanks to all who have volunteered their dogs for the PCAF-funded North Carolina State University study on possible genetics of Addison's disease in Standard Poodles. Just since PCA's National Specialty, where Dr. Steven Friedenbergr talked about this research at our PCAF Seminar, the study team has received 25 new samples! Dr. Friedenbergr reports that the research is going well, and additional samples are needed from Standards that have Addison's disease and Addison's-free Standards over 10 years old. The study covers expenses of testing to confirm that your older dog does not have the disease. Please check out the study's website www.ncstatevets.org/addisonsstudy. And you can e-mail Dr. Friedenbergr directly on how to get involved in this important research: (steven_friedenbergr@ncsu.edu)

Dwarfism Test for Miniature Poodles

Here is a link for the test at UC Davis.
Its under Miniature Poodles .

<http://www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/services/dog.php#MiniaturePoodle>



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The Poodle Papers

PCA Agility 2015

submitted by Debby DuBay, Ret USAF

PCA 2015 had a record number of agility competitors. Many were first timers like Stephen Estrop and his standard poodle Sky who flew in from Seattle, Washington. And some - like first timer Donna Steortz Batdorff and her standard poodle Gingerella from Michigan - stayed for the entire week. For the first time in history the official PCA Raffle began on Monday during the Agility Companion Event. Over five hundred raffle tickets were sold - and all but ten of the PCA 2015 Catalogs! Thank you everyone!

Breeder, owner, handler, and competitor Debbie West was once again our Agility Chair. When I spoke to her about the event - Debbie gave all of the competitors the credit for what she felt was: "The best PCA agility ... with the best energy ... to date!" What a great leader to say it is all of us: our volunteerism, our creative ideas, our financial donations, our purchase of special ribbons; our participation that made this year's PCA Agility "The best one yet!"

An event of this magnitude takes an army of volunteers! Thanks to Susanne Wright Nash and her team for making sure the event moved like a strategic military operation! (And for singing the National Anthem.) Thank you Carol Srnka, Debby DuBay, Charlotte Mitchell, Debbie West, Leslie and Bob Cameron, Laurie Danboise & Chris Denny, Janet Frand, Mallorie Morse, Nancy Gee and Barbara Hoopes for generously paying for the beautiful "double Q" ribbons (for the last two years!)

Thank you Minnesotan Judge Rod Ramsell for the poodle friendly yet challenging courses. And Claudia McGuire for using her She Tzu Nationals experience and expeditiously compiling the High in Trial (HIT) results.

The prestigious 2015 PCA Agility HIT was awarded to: Dr Esther Newton and her five year old 12" miniature poodle MACH 2 Westsong Vivace: "Viva" MXS MXJG OF T2B6.

A Professor; Ph. D. University of Chicago in Anthropology 1968. Dr Esther Newton now teaches at the University of Michigan in Women's Studies. From a

family well established in the dog world (Esther's mom was a leader in papillons) Esther trained her first standard poodle "Lucy" for her father in 1946. Sixty-some years and six standard poodles later, Esther is now partnered with her first miniature poodle: Viva. (She also has a baby Songbird mini named Rider.) Esther states running a 12" mini in agility is not that different from running her 24" standards. "Viva loves to learn, is strong, fast and is as athletic as an NFL football player! To get a MACH I knew I'd have to 'up' my handling skills to match Viva's ability." Currently a MACH 2, Viva qualified for Nationals and competed in Nationals 2014 in Harrisburg, PA. Esther states: "Winning HIT at PCA is the highlight of our career ... So far!"

Esther states the secret to her success started with letting good breeders (like poodle pal Debbie West) pick a puppy based on what she told them she wanted. "Starting with a poodle with great structure and health - my basic knowledge of dog training and an obedience background - along with always having been athletic and being in good shape and health (for 74) have contributed to my success! In addition: It's being hooked on the excitement and challenge of agility!"

Esther is an inspiration (at any age) and is currently working on her memoirs. Writing and agility are her two favorite things and not necessarily in that order!



PCA 2015 HIT Winners: Esther Newton & Viva

Preferred HIT went to Carol Srnka & her 8" miniature poodle "Spree" - CH MACH2, C-ATCH/ UKC BIS Ch Eclipse Christmas Spirit RA, MXS, MJC, ChSN, ChJU, CHIC, VCX, CGC.

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Carol has been involved in dog sports since her teen years. Her first purebred and HIT dog was a miniature poodle named Jojax Christmas Holiday - "Holly." She has been involved with breeding and handling dogs for more than forty-five years. Carol and her late husband blended their hobbies of dog shows and hunting - and raised English and Gordon Setters. Carol downsized to Schipperkes and eight years later she began breeding and finished numerous Tibetan Spaniels. It was with her Tibbies that Carol's love for agility began!

In 2007, after her wonderful husband Chuck passed away, Carol told me: "I looked at my bucket list and said I wanted a breed that would love agility as much as I did and would be easy to live with. Miniature poodles fit the bill perfectly."

Eight years ago this December - Leslie Newing helped her find the perfect puppy. Carol and her daughter Tori traveled between snow storms to pick up "Christmas Spirit" - named for the December holiday and in memory of her husband Chuck and first poodle Holly's ... spirit. Carol decided on the call name Espree meaning spirit in French. Carol shortened Espree to "Spree" because she states: "She's fast ... and it is much quicker to yell out a one syllable word."



The Poodle Club of America Foundation and Janet Lange Moses offers a Sterling Silver Tray Challenge Trophy in memory of MACH2 Reignon Dassin Mr. Peabody CDX RA MJP4 PAX NFP - awarded to the highest scoring miniature poodle in Preferred Agility Classes at the National Specialty. This year Carol and Spree were honored with the award given by Peabody's mom Judy Leister.



Debbie West and her amazing ten year old 12" miniature poodle CH MACH Westsong Stardust Memories "Dusty" CD RA MXS MJS T2B were awarded HIT Champion of Record. (There were approximately 21 dogs entered that qualified for this first time offered award!) The HIT winner "Viva" is Dusty's daughter and was also bred by long time breeder, owner, handler and PCA Agility Chair: Debbie West.



Debbie West and Dusty HIT Champion of Record with Dusty's daughter Viva HIT and Esther Newton.

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Junior HIT went to Mikey Borga and his 10 year old standard poodle MACH 3 Kali's Lil Kasha OF. They had a nice clean run in JWW and a fabulous standard run with one refusal. Mikey has had one heck of an amazing few months! In December he took first place in Junior 24" in Orlando, FL which got him an automatic by into the 2014 Invitationals. The team went to Westminster and was the fifth place 24" double Q team! He did a fabulous job at both events.

The videos of Invitationals and Westminster were seen by EOJ (European Open Junior) Coach Susan Cochran. And - no surprise to those of us who watch this team run - Mikey and Kasha were selected to be on the 2015 EOJ US Team! This selection is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Mikey and Kasha are being coached by Susan Cochran and Susan Salo in order to prepare the team for the 26" jumping. Mikey leaves in July for the Czech Republic. Good luck Mikey! Go poodle! (There is a "gofundme" site for Mikey and Kasha.)

Mikey Borga and Kasha HIT Jr.



Abbey Cooper and CH OTCH MACH 2 Saratoga's Sophie UDX7 OGM MXB MJB MXF T2B2 got her second MACH at PCA! Literally! Abbey and Sophie got their first MACH (Master Agility Championship) at PCA 2014. It was at PCA 2014 that Sophie became the first CH OTCH MACH toy poodle in history. At PCA 2015 - Abbey and seven year old CH OTCH MACH Sophie did it again! They got their second MACH! Not only did they get two MACHs in a row at PCA -

this special team is the only team in PCA history to go obedience high in trial three years in a row!

Poodles have been a part of Abbey's life since she was a child. Her first CH and UD dog was a standard poodle, CH I Like Ike UD. She started breeding toy poodles about 12 years ago thanks to Paul Redding and Jim Wasilak who have bred over 100 champions. "I have bred 7 champions, 4 Mach dogs and of course, Sofie my CH, Otch, Mach dog. She is the only CH Otch Mach toy poodle in the history of the breed with multiple high in trials, plus the only toy poodle to go high in trial at PCA three years in a row."

Sofie got her breed championship by 11 months thanks to Lucille Perzan, who showed and owned Sofie's sire, CH Caprice Good Time Charlie. Charlie produced outstanding performance puppies. Abbey started Sofie's obedience training at 18 months and by the time she was 23 months she had her utility title. One year later she got her Otch. When she was four Abbey decided to try agility "to build her confidence." Sophie and her son Sky have become two of the fastest toys competing!

Abbey states: "Sofie is a special, little dog that, if you are blessed, comes along once in a lifetime. I have been privileged to have her train me.



Abbey Cooper and CH OTCH MACH 2 Sophie. Sophie is the only CH OTCH MACH toy. The only Obedience HIT three years in a row and the only MACH two years in a row at PCA.

P.C.A. Membership News



The Poodle Club of America, Inc.
Annual Meeting
April 23, 2015

President Dennis McCoy called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. He introduced the current board members who were in attendance: Sue Burge, Mary Olund, Jack MacGillivray, Nancy Hafner, Janet Lange Moses, Joyce Carelli, Mary Ellen Fishler, and Joan Scott. Absent: 1st Vice President Toni Sosnoff and 2nd Vice President Joan McFadden due to illness.

Motion 2015-6a N.Hafner/MOlund moved to accept the April 24, 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes as previously published. Passed

Reports

Corresponding Secretary-Sue Burge: Reminded the membership that in order for everything to be up to date in the roster, the information must be sent to her. If there's a change in your email, mailing address and or phone contact you must be sure to let her know. She would also like cell numbers of each member.

Recording Secretary-Mary Olund: No report because of the approval of the April 24, 2014 Annual Meeting minutes

Treasurer-Jack MacGillivray: Finances are healthy. The financial statement will be posted on the Members Only page of our PCA website

Toy Representative-Nancy Hafner: All is well with the toy variety and she was very impressed with the entries this year.

Miniature Representative-Janet Lange Moses: Proud of the miniatures being shown at this year's National.

Their size is down, feet are beautiful and so full of poodle attitude.

Standard Representative-Joyce Carelli: Thanked all who had their dogs in the ring representing the breed standard as written.

Judges' Education: Nancy Hafner and President McCoy reminded everyone that in updating judges' education current poodle pictures are needed. It can be dogs in conformation trim and or dogs in companion trims. They can be movement shots and stacked shots. They are especially in need of Toy pictures.

Publicity-Joan Scott: Joan wanted to thank Jack Furbush for all that he did in communicating with the local community about our National. He was able to have many of the town's restaurants offer discounts to attendees.

AKC Delegate-Mary Ellen Fishler: She explained that in February, AKC launched their new website which has not gone over well with the Parent Clubs. She will be traveling to Raleigh, NC to meet with Jeff and go over with him what corrections need to be made regarding the Poodle.

President McCoy introduced the new PCA members. Individual members: Victoria Law (Posthumously), Jill Lurye, and Bobbi Thomas. Associate member: Russell Thorpe

President McCoy recognized our foreign visitors. This year we had 19 foreign countries represented which included 89 foreign visitors. Foreign visitors in attendance at the dinner were Stein and Cari from Norway and a visitor from Germany.

The 2016 Show Dates were announced: April 22-29, 2016

Upland/Tracking-April 22
Hunt-April 23-24
Agility-April 25
OB/Rally-April 26

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Conformation-April 27-29

President McCoy thanked all the Committee Chairs for putting together a successful National.

Show Chair-Judy Cooksey, Assistant Show Chair-Barbara Furbush, Upland Tests-Jaci Bowman, Tracking-Tom Harding and Joyce Miller, Hunt Tests-Linda Miller, PCA Working Test-Carol Stone, Agility-Debbie West, OB/Rally-Ann Mandelbaum OB/Rally Chief Ring Steward-Linda Howard, Announcer-Andy Kress, Banquet Coordinator-Kay Tripp and Luanne Wilkinson, Catalog Advertising-Cathy Catelain, Mary Lebet, Sandy Marshall, and Marilyn Page, Catalog Sales-Allen and Janet Kingsley, Chief Ring Steward-Johnny Shoemaker, Floral Ring Design-Brad Odagiri, Grounds-Nick Grubb, Hospitality-Michael Knight, Marus, Mark, and Ross, Judges' Education-Nancy Hafner, Judges' Hospitality-Randy Garren, Juniors' Education-Gina Wieser and Tabatha Waters, Luncheon Coordinator-Toni Sosnoff, Parade of Champions and Title Holders, RV Parking-Don Adams, PCA Raffle-Jan Hopper, Susie Osburn, and Debbie Dubay, Reserved Seating-Janet Lange Moses, Trophies-Patti Jason, Nicole Sugai, and Paulo Sugai, T-Shirts-Don Adams and Claudette Bourdreaux, Vendors-Jean Lazarus and Aileen Tobias, Pay Pal-Jim Wasilak and Jack MacGillivray

Appreciation was given to Stacie Desautels and Steve Miller for the Wicomico barbeque, tourism, and making it work smoothly. Purina-Carol Grossman and Deb Cooper, Oster-Aimee Yu and Christine Pawlosky

Mr. McCoy introduced our AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award 2015 recipient-Cathy Catelain

Introduction of 2016 Show Chair-Judy Cooksey. Judy thanked Dennis McCoy, Barbara Furbush, and the board for being so supportive.

Judges remarks for 2015 Show

4-6 Puppy and Veteran Sweeps-Sharon Stevens: Thanked everyone for their beautiful entries making her assignment so enjoyable

BIS Intervariety 4-6 Puppy-Brad Odagiri-Selected a Toy puppy

Toy-Mr. Ray Stevens: It has been his dream as a breeder of toys to judge toys at the National. Dogs on Wednesday were phenomenal. There was more depth in bitches. Breeders need to continue to work on correcting feet and tails. The majority of the entries were all in size.

Miniatures-Ms. Helen Tomb-Taylor: She explained that she found out about the assignment three weeks before the National due to the poor health of Donald Sturz. The BBE was beautiful. The variety was in a lot better shape than she has been lead to believe. Breeders need to work on fronts and underjaw.

Standards-Randy Garren: thanked all who made it possible for him to judge standards at the National. He went on to say that our show is so special and grand. There was depth of quality with the males and that his line up for WB was beautiful.

Intervariety-Barbara Furbush: She described her background in the breed starting from 1959. She said that she was looking forward to judging for BOB. She also expressed the need for Memorial Trophies keeping in mind what the requirements for them are. The trophy must be sterling silver which is capable of being engraved, or if it is not engraveable, it must be provided with an engraveable base. Trophies other than sterling silver must be approved in advance in writing by the PCA Board. The trophy be pre-engraved when it is received by PCA. Each trophy must come in a reusable container, which will protect the trophy from damage. The weight of the trophy cannot exceed twenty pounds and there will be a fee of \$1,500 to cover expenses, including but not limited to, insurance, transportation, storage, and engraving.

Results of balloting for judges for 2017 were announced as follows:

Toy: Tina Yuhl, Lydia Hutchinson, Bradley Odagiri, Scott Wolfe, Randy Garren

Miniatures: Patrick Guilfoyle, Tina Yuhl, Ann Kennedy, Luis Aizcorbe, Randy Garren

Standards: Frank Sabella, Donald Sturz, Carlos Renau, Luis Aizcorbe, Terill Udenberg

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Intervariety: Helen Tomb-Taylor, Doris Cozart, Helen Lee James, Tom Carneal, Scott Wolfe

PCA Health Foundation-Tom Carneal: Introduced his board. \$70,000 has been given in grants 2014-2015. The most exciting project at this time is the \$30,000 grant to the University of North Carolina for their Addison's disease study. He encouraged all poodle breeders and owners to participate in the projects with their dogs so that progress could be made.

The raffle drawing was held for the door prize:

PCA Health Foundation Fundraiser started with auctioning off of two centerpieces from the Hunt Dinner. One went to Jack MacGillivray for \$50.00 and second went for \$75.00. Johnny Shoemaker auctioned off one of his beautiful caps that he's infamous for wearing. The privileged person to get it paid \$250.00 for it. There were two paintings of poodles that were auctioned off for \$66.00. The biggest item to be auctioned was a beautiful original sculpture of a Poodle in the medium of cast paper. The artist was James Gion titled Splendor. The lucky bidders were Mary and Scott Olund who in turn donated \$500.00 to the Health Foundation.

Johnny Shoemaker shared that there was an affiliate club that is toying with the idea of putting on a Regional. He expressed the possibility of an affiliate club or clubs on the east coast to think about organizing a Regional. He reminded the membership that it's a two year process leading up to having the Regional.

President McCoy reminded all in attendance that our Poodle Club of America National is the greatest National of all the breeds. We have something to be very proud of.

Motion 2015-6b MEFishler/NHafner to adjourn the meeting. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Recording Secretary Mary Olund, May 3, 2015

From the Corresponding Secretary, Susan Burge

Update your PCA Roster Information

I have been attempting to get the most current correct contact information about our members. Many may live at the same address but have changed phone numbers, want to add cell phone numbers or delete their FAX numbers. PLEASE let me know of any changes. If you are not sure of what we presently have listed just email me at msstb@aol.com and I will send you what is on file. I want to have this done by June 1 so that the web administrator can post the new Roster in the Members Only section of the PCA web site. The updated Affiliate Club Roster should be on the web site now.

Life membership

In accordance with Article IV, Section 6 of The Poodle Club of America Bylaws, the Board of Governors awards a Life Membership to individuals in recognition and appreciation of their many years of meritorious service to the breed and the club. Life Members are exempt from paying membership dues, but are entitled to all Club privileges, including voting and office holding.

I know it is never polite to ask a lady (or gentleman for that matter) their age but Jack MacGillivray does need the names of members who have or will reached the age of 80 (or possibly more) in the 2015 calendar year. As stated in the policy above the point is to thank members of that age with the status of Life Membership. Unfortunately we have missed some members who are already well into their 80's. I would ask that if you know anyone who qualifies to let us know. You can contact Jack at jmacg@monarchnm.com or me, Susan Burge at msstb@aol.com Thank you.

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P.C.A. Membership News

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

Associate Member

Russell Thorpe

33 Holiday Lane, Kingston, NY 12401

Tel: 845-339-8567

Agility,

Email: russthorpe@gmail.com

Variety: Standards

Individual Members

Victoria Law (posthumously)

85 Kellogg Mill Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22406

Tel: 540-455-0471

Kennel Name: Luminary

Email: Victoria@Luminarystandardpoodles.com

Variety: Standards

Jill Lurye, DVM

183 Flamingo St NW, Oak Grove, MN 55011

Tel: 412-977-1832

Kennel Name: Musique

Variety: Standards

Bobbi Thomas

2262 Ryder Rd., Newark, NY 14513

Tel: 315-331-9407

Kennel Name: Jaboas

Email: poodlepuddle_77@hotmail.com

Variety: Miniatures

The following individuals passed their first reading at the April Board Meeting and the Membership Committee has been charged to contact their references and make recommendations as to membership in PCA at the December Board meeting. Any comments you would like to make in regard to a candidate's approval are to be mailed (hard copy only) to Jordan Chamberlain, Chair PCA Membership, 126 Lookout Drive, Apollo Beach, FL 33572

Associate Membership

Louann Currey

Sponsors: Anita McKenna & Louann Wilkinson

8351 Wakeford Rd., Lake Wales, FL 33898

Tel: 917-318-4767

Obedience, Rally, Agility

Email: louanncurrey@gmail.com

Variety: Standards

Debby DuBay

Sponsors: Mary Lebet & Bob Burge

549 Curtis Brook Rd., Rutland Town, VT 05701

Tel: 781-254-3706

Agility

Email: dlimoges@flash.net

Variety, Standards, Miniatures

Joyce Miller

Sponsors Barbara Furbush & Linda Howard

1220 Rahway Rd., Scotch Plains, NY

Tel: 908-377-5072

Obedience, Agility, Hunting

Email: poodolls@comcast.net

Variety: Standards

Norine E. Noonan

Sponsors: Debbie West & Leslie Pope-Hall

1329 Tropicana Rd. NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905

Tel: 703-627-1042

Agility, Rally, Obedience

Email: liveoakpoodles@hotmail.com

Individual Membership

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Keith Burbank

Sponsors: Missy Galloway & Ann Stokes

811 Jabo Dr., Killen, AL 35645

Tel: 256-627-6570

Kennel Name: Firenze

Email: keithburbank@bellsouth.net

Variety: Standards

Anne S. Thorne

Sponsors: Missy Galloway & Leslie Pope-Hall

162 Kentucky Blue Circle, Apopka, FL 32712

Tel: 407739-2745

Kennel Name: Anthem (formerly Kittridge)

Email: cethorne@aol.com

Variety: Standards

Tabatha Waters

Sponsors: Margaret Tauzin & Sharla Roussel

609 Metairie Rd. #282, Metairie, LA 70124

Tel: 504975-8376

Kennel Name: NOLA's

Email: Tabatha@NOLAStandards.com

Variety: Standards

Lori Wintz

Sponsors: Gail Wolaniuk & Kathy Marker

5583 Wagner Rd., Coopersburg, PA 18036

Tel: 484-225-1577

Kennel Name: Lorien

Email: lawintz@ptd.net

Variety: Standards

Westminster Judges Announced

NEW YORK - Dr. Richard Meen of Toronto has been selected to judge Best In Show at the 140th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show February 15-16, 2016.

He will become the sixth foreign judge and third Canadian to make the selection of the top award in the sport's most prestigious event.

Dr. Meen became actively involved with purebred dogs

in 1965 and has bred and exhibited a number of breeds under his prefix Kishniga. His homebred Borzoi was top dog All Breeds in Canada in 1977, and he bred and co-owned the top Terrier in Canada in 2011 - a Skye Terrier.

Past President and Chairman of the Board of the Canadian Kennel Club, he is active in many dog organizations in Canada and the U.S., and judges all over the world. He has judged at Westminster on four other occasions, including the Terrier Group in 2007.

Dr. Meen practices psychiatry in Toronto.

He will head a panel of 37 judges from 17 states, Canada and Ireland who will officiate at the dog show, held at Madison Square Garden and Piers 92/94 in New York. The panel includes 12 judges who have judged Groups in the past, and 14 who are judging for their first time at Westminster.

Group judges are Ms. Bonnie Threlfall of Cary, NC, Sporting; Ms. Virginia Lyne of Saanichton, B.C., Canada, Hound; Mr. Norman Kenney of Crossroads, TX, Working; Mr. Geir Flyckt-Pedersen of Pinehurst, NC, Terrier; Mr. Jason Hoke of Madison, WI, Toy; Mr. Luc Boileau of Lake Geneva, WI, Non-Sporting; and Ms. Dorothy Collier of Sapphire, NC, Herding. Dr. Wyatt Delfino of New York, NY, will judge the Junior Showmanship finals.

Seven breeds will be eligible for Westminster for the first time in 2016: Lagotto Romagnolo (Sporting Group), Cirneco dell'Etna (Hound), Boerboel (Working), Berger Picard (Herding), Miniature American Shepherd (Herding), Bergamasco (Herding), and Spanish Water Dog (Herding). The addition of these breeds makes a total of 199 breeds and varieties in competition.

The club also announced the judges for its 3rd Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster to be held at Pier 94 on Feb. 13, the Saturday preceding the All Breed Show. Those judges are Mr. Nalle Jansson of Haggeby, Sweden, and Ms. Kitty Bradley of Boulder, CO.

All Poodles- Mr. Norman Patton, Mesa, AZ

In Memoriam

Helen Sokopp Syrena



was a recipient of the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship award, presented to Helen by Poodle Club of America in 2011. Helen also participated in Obedience and Agility with her Poodles and was a huge supporter of performance events, which she supported at the National level. Helen also was a strong supporter for the Poodle Club of America's Health foundation and was a founding Donor to the Foundation. Helen also maintained the PCA mailing list for all the events as well as the membership list for the club.

Helen's spirit will live on through the people that she mentored in the breed. Helen's smile lit the room when she was there. Her wit and enthusiasm for poodles should be an example for us all.

Helen will be missed by many.

Submitted by Leslie Newing

Study of Optic Nerve Hypoplasia (ONH) and Micropapilla (Mp) in the Miniature* and Toy* Poodle

**The Poodle Club of America
Foundation, Inc.
and
Gustavo Aguirre, VMD, PhD
University of Pennsylvania
and
OptiGen, LLC**

FMI:

http://www.optigen.com/opt9_onh_micropap.html

In Memory of Helen Sokopp

Life has a beginning and an end. Its what is in-between in the dash that is remembered about a person. Yesterday the Poodle Fancy lost a person that filled her dash with years of dedication to a breed she loved so much.

Helen grew up in the Puttencove dynasty that her Mother Mrs. George Putnam created, a dynasty that included many top producers and top winning Poodles in the history of the sport. Helen went on to create her own vision of Poodles under the Syrena prefix.

Helen's dedication to the Sport of dogs was vast. She was a well-loved Judge of Poodles, Past President of Poodle Club of America, Board Member of Poodle Club of America, Member of Poodle Club of Massachusetts, and Ladies Kennel Club in Massachusetts. She also

Pat Breha



Pictured with Ch. Suffolk Casanova of Joval. Standard top producer. Pat was a well known handler for many years. Pat owned and showed Ch. Wycliffe lorne, "Ben",

Submitted by Debbie Dowling

*Jane Consentino
Consentino*

•If you know of someone that has passed away that contributed to the Poodle Fancy, that you would like to appear in the Poodle Papers, please send the information by e-mail to

pcanewsletter@yahoo.com

Note they do not have to be a PCA member but they do have to of been active in Poodles at some part of their life, someone that contributed to the breed in some aspect.

*The next deadline is August 16th
for the summer issue of
The Poodle Papers.*

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issues and the current issue at
www.poodleclubofamerica.org*