



The Cockney Courier

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Officers:

President – Susan Frye

Vice-President – Sally Rosenthal

Secretary – Deb Deane

Treasurer – Jack Pettee

Board Members: Salli Burch, Troy Frye, Lynda Gall, Joyce Miller, Anne Tucker

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Next Club Meeting

TBD

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the General Membership Meetings are on hold.



BOARD DECISIONS

Often time the Board must make decisions between Board meetings and therefore these decisions would not be in any minutes but are announced in this section of the Courier. Activities this period: **The Board approved a motion to send \$1000.00 to ECSCA to help with the parent club's operating expenses.**

President's Message

Greetings one and all,

I hope this finds everyone well and staying safe. Unfortunately I have heard back from Peri Norman of the Ventura Dog Fanciers and their shows in May have been cancelled. The Board is planning to have a teleconference in the upcoming week to figure out if it will be feasible to have a Specialty in 2021.

Troy and I are staying out of trouble, and are looking forward to going to dogs shows and seeing our friends.

Until next time,
fondly,
Sue

2/24/21 Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order: Meeting was called to order via telecon by President Sue Frye at 11:04 AM

Members Present: All Board Members were present

Minutes of Last Meeting: Sue moved, Lynda seconded that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held 6/19/20 and published in June 2020 *Courier* be accepted as published. Motion passed.

Report of Secretary: Deb Deane

1. Deb announced that the new Board is registered with ECSCA and AKC

Report of Treasurer: Jack Pettee

General Fund: \$12,380.15

Rescue Fund: \$5337.58

Total Funds: \$17,717.73

Report of Committees

1. Specialty – Sue Frye –

Sue announced that Ventura has cancelled their shows in May so we are without a venue.

After a lengthy discussion as to how, when, and where we can have a Specialty in 2021, it was decided the following actions will be taken:

- a. Sue, Troy, Lynda and Sally will explore the possibilities of different venues available – probably best to have a private venue rather than public due to possibility of abrupt cancellation of public spaces
- b. Depending on “a” above we will have to decide if we’re going to hold an independent or designated specialty and whether or not we should invite the Nor Cal Club to join us
- c. A back-up plan needs to be developed in case judges decide they don’t want to travel during pandemic
- d. Board will meet again on 3/9/21 at 11 AM to discuss results of investigations and determine next course of action

2. There were no other committee reports

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

1. Should we donate to AKC Health Fund? Sally to contact Addi Pittman (ECSCA Health Committee chair) to see where best to donate for research for ECS
2. California Assembly Bill 702 Seeks to Regulate All Dog Breeders, Although this bill contains some good elements, it is catastrophic for the responsible breeder in its restrictive and expensive breeding requirements.
 - a. All members are encouraged to follow the link sent by Deb to demand the bill be removed from committee and to share this info with others.
 - b. Sally moved to send \$500 to NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance) to fight this bill. Troy seconded. Motion passed.
 - c. Troy moved, Sally seconded to send \$500 to California Federation of Dog Clubs to fight this bill. Motion passed

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 11:49 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Deane

ECSCSC Secretary

FROM THE AKC

Dear Friends,

2020 has taught us many invaluable lessons. We learned how to better support our clubs, many departments collaborated to pivot our events and create virtual options, offered more canine education courses, and expanded the AKC brand into new spaces. Though trying, the last year proved that the AKC is a staple in the lives of dog owners. As we journey through 2021, we renew our commitment to our growth, our sports and bettering the lives of dogs everywhere.

We ended the year with a safe and successful AKC National Championship. More than 4,000 dogs vied for the title of America's National Champion. And the competition did not stop there. We held championships in Obedience and Rally, as well as invitationals in Agility and Fast CAT. We also had our time-honored competitions in Best Bred-By-Exhibitor and National Owner Handled Series.

Our inaugural Fastest Dogs USA show premiered on ESPN 2 on December 13 and was the #1 program on the channel for the entire day! A wonderful achievement for the AKC and our competitors.

MORE NEWS FROM THE AKC

(taken from *Dog News* Jan. 2021 issue)

[Ed. Note: I thought you might find this interesting]

Junior Showmanship To Welcome Mixed Breeds

At its January meeting, the American Kennel Club board of directors green-lighted a proposal from the Delegate Junior Sub-Committee and AKC staff to allow non-purebreds to be exhibited in Junior Showmanship.

The AKC pilot program is modeled after the rules used in 4-H, where mixed breeds are permitted. In order to compete, dogs must have an AKC Canine Partner number and meet the ownership eligibility criteria. Juniors will indicate the breed that the dog is being exhibited as on the entry form. So, for example, a dog entered as a Golden Retriever mix would be presented in the same way as a purebred Golden.

The rationale for allowing mixed breeds in Junior Showmanship is to provide an opportunity for a wider range of youngsters to participate in the sport of dogs, and give them an opportunity to learn, practice and improve their handling skills, as well as find mentors.

This pilot program will go into effect on July 1, 2021, and continue for 18 months before it is assessed in 2022. It is limited to all-breed shows or events holding all-breed Juniors.

UPDATE ON NOR CAL SPECIALTIES IN OCTOBER

[See update below on the Nor Cal Club's Specialties held in conjunction with the Del Valle Cluster in October. Note that Del Valle (and ECSCNC) will be looking for a new venue because Alameda County Fairgrounds have increased their price. What a shame. Such a perfect site for a dog show. Lots of memories left up there. Many will miss going there in the Fall.]

It is with extreme disappointment and sadness that we notify you of the decision to cancel our shows, The Harvest Moon Classic, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in October 2021.

Unfortunately, the fairgrounds cannot guarantee the site will be available to us due to being a COVID vaccination site well into the foreseeable future. However, even more critical to our show are the new increased fee schedules instituted by the fairgrounds which make them NOT affordable for us any longer.

Our total membership made the decision to look for a new site for 2022 that will allow us to hold the type of high caliber show for which Del Valle has always been known. We do not feel it is possible to find a new and guaranteed venue in 2021 with COVID restrictions still in place.

We anticipate our shows will be held on October 20th through 23rd, 2022. As soon as we have any details in place we will notify everyone.

We thank you for your past support and we hope to have you come back with us in 2022.

Respectfully,

Sandra Pretari Hickson, Del Valle Dog Club Show Chairman

Sandi McCue, Del Valle Dog Club President

Linda Souza, Skyline Dog Fanciers President and Show Chairman

Ryan Horvath, Del Valle Dog Club and Skyline Dog Fanciers Asst. Show Chairman

UPDATE*****

So just as a point of reference - so you all know what kind of increase we're talking about here - first our venue was extremely expensive to begin with, \$110,000 over the course of the shows. That is the venue only. The increases were 25% this year, 50% next year and full price going forward after that. A building that cost us \$1000 per day last year would be \$1250 per day this year, \$1500 next year and full price after that. A building we paid \$800 per day for last year is now priced at \$3500 per day. Even in the heyday of dog shows when our entry pushed 3500 on our biggest day, we could not have absorbed these costs. The increase was not nominal. The increase was insane.

<h2 style="color: red;">Upcoming Events</h2>		
	There are no local shows scheduled for the months of Feb. or March	But there are shows scheduled in Northern CA in March
Fri – Fri April 9 -16 2021	ECSCA National Specialty Host Hotel: Holiday Inn at show location Have to call hotel directly to get ECSCA room: Front Desk 937-2833200	Roberts Centre 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, Ohio See: https://englishcocker.org/national-specialty-2021/

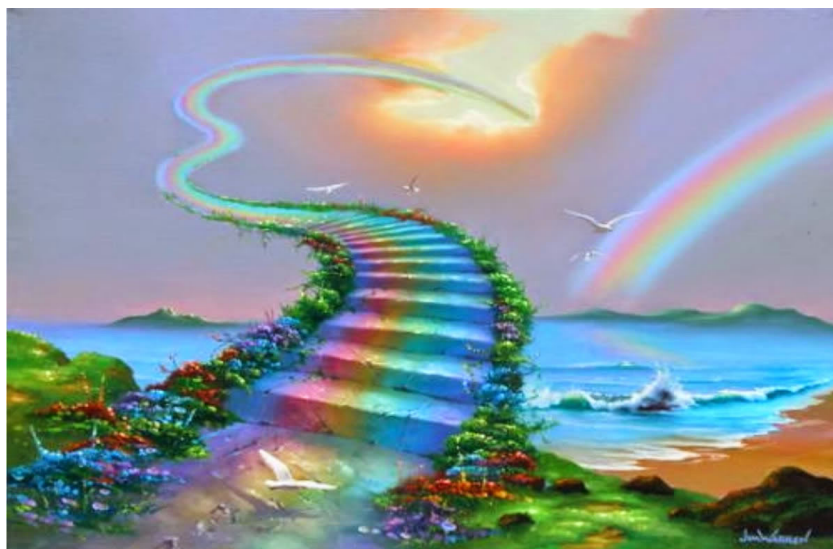
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*Whelping Box News:
None*

OVER THE RAINBOW



None

**ENGLISH COCKER
SOUTHERN
FEBRUARY
REGULAR**

Name	Name
Dennis & Leanna Balzarini	Marleta McFarlane
Dr. Bruce Barrett, DVM	Marcie Medof
Sherrie Bie	Steve Medof
Gary & Cindy Bernsdorf	Joyce Miller
Salli Burch	Pamela Morgan
Marty & Celine Butler	Joyce Rowland
Peggy Clark	Curt Neely
Tom & Linda Clark	Nina Skorus-Neely
Karen & Gregory Davis	Lisa Petersen
Debbi Deane	Sally Rosenthal
Gary Eck	Eydie Sawyer
Troy & Susan Frye	Valerie Schulter
Lori & Ray Gachewicz	Louise Southard
Robert & Lynda Gall	Shelley Stevenson
Robin Gruenwald	Jenny Sullivan
Debbie Hoffman	Tami Tilley
Connie Hughes	Ann & Lee Tucker
Le' Kubow	Eileen Weston
Lanore Matter	Savanna Yager
Doug McFarlane	Peggy & Larry Yamagata

**SPANIEL CLUB OF
CALIFORNIA –
2021
MEMBERS**

**ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA –
FEBRUARY 2021
SUSTAINING MEMBERS**

Name	Name
Wendy Aldrich	Lainey & Jim O'Grady
Marla Furio	