



Butler County Kennel Club August 2008 Newsletter



Upcoming Events

August 2008	Meeting Cancelled
September 2, 2008 BCKC Picnic 6:00 p.m. at McCormicks'	

General Meeting Minutes – Butler County Kennel Club, Inc. (BCKC)

Tuesday, July 1, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mick McCormick.

Roll Call sheet was sent around, and there were 7 members in attendance and 1 guest.

Minutes from the June 2008 meeting were approved with a correction to the Treasurer's Report – it should have stated: End of May cash flow shows a negative \$3,162.74.

President's Report:

Mick reported that there will be NO August meeting. The September meeting will be at Mick and Kathy's house on Tuesday, September 2, 2008

starting around 6:00 p.m. Members are asked to bring a side dish or salad.

The AKC has a mentoring program which is designed to familiarize new participants with the in's and out's of showing dogs. If anyone is interested please contact Mick.

The Judges' Institute will be held the week of August 11th. The schedule is not yet out.

Secretary's Report:

We have received the ballot for the AKC's Lifetime Achievement Awards. Please see the attached document with the biographies of the nominees. If you would like to vote, please send the vote to Jinnie by September 2, or bring it with you to the picnic.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash flow – negative \$1,250.45 (Mick mentioned that \$1,100 of this was for the IRS tax status)
Balance - \$70,620.52

Dog show surplus - \$4,320.13 (Cluster monies is not included)

Committee Reports:

1. Education – next series starts July 16 and end on September 10. Due to vacation classes will meet – July 16, 23, August 20, 27 and September 3, 10.
2. Public Relations – the First Aid kits have been ordered; Kathy made the motion that \$50 be donated to CART for a booth at the Regatta, this was seconded by Harry and approved.
3. Newsletter – nothing at this time
4. Nominating Committee – nothing at this time

Brags:

None at this time.

Spring Show:

Mick reported that he had received some notices about ineligible dogs in classes. He is still awaiting final Cluster financial information.

Puppy Match

Kathy had the fliers available and asked that anyone that could, pass them out.

Fall Show:

Jinnie reported that one judge had to decline her assignments due to ill health. A new judge has been secured, and we are waiting on AKC approval.

Fees have been raised this fall to compensate for higher AKC recording fees.

Erie does have an approved Judging Panel, and is in a holding pattern as we are waiting on the new judge approval.

Mick has secured a new veterinarian for the day, at a cost of \$250.00

And he found someone to take over the responsibility of keeping the washrooms up!

For vendors, we have gone to offering an exclusive to the Blade sharpening booth at a premium of 10%. Other vendors that request booth space after the deadline can, if available, obtain space at a premium of 20%.

Unfinished Business:

The new PA Dog Law is still pending, and new emails have been sent to elected officials asking them to vote against it.

New Business:

Our guest this evening was Pat Luce.

Harry made the motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Jennifer. The motion was approved by the Club Members, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Proposed PA Dog Law

Here is a copy of the letter Mick sent out:

Dear Senator -----:

The members of the Butler County Kennel Club urge you to vote NO on HR2525 and HR2532. There are significant issues at several levels:

1. PETA (People for the Elimination of Tame Animals) is at its core a philosophical organization. It is neither practical nor particularly humane, thus the one size fits all character of this legislation. If you are going to control animal care at this level of detail then it becomes imperative to promulgate targeted regulations for almost every breed. PETA couldn't sell its brand of Animal Rights to the pet owning public so they have come to you. Let's not let them run Pennsylvania.

2. The anti docking provisions of the bill create constitutional burden of proof issues by attempting to place the burden on the criminal rather than the state where it

belongs. Many of these criminals will be citizens who bought a dog from a local breeder. Others will be who brought their pet Boxer to Pennsylvania for a vacation or, God forbid exhibition at a dog show.

3. Many of these provisions can and will cause financial hardship to Pennsylvania both dog people and business men. A single dog show can bring revenues into local areas ranging from \$300,000.00 to over \$1,000,000.00. Butler County plays host to two such shows every September.

This legislation deserves a lot more thoughtful input from people who love their animals not just the purely ideological animal rights lobby. Please vote NO on both HR2525 and HR2532.

Mick McCormick
President

What follows are the responses that Mick's letters received:

Senator Mary Jo White:

"I appreciate the concerns you and your kennel (club) members have that the provisions of these bills are too restrictive toward law-abiding and reputable dog breeders and kennel operators."

"The Senate has recessed for the summer, so I do not expect any changes to these bills to be adopted until September at the earliest. Please be assured that I will keep your objections in mind and work with

my colleagues to ensure that any changes made to the Dog Law are sensible and fair to reputable breeders and kennels."

Representative Dick Stevenson:
"As you may be aware, both bills are still being discussed, HB 2532 has been passed out of the

Judiciary Committee and may be scheduled for a vote before the full House late this year. HB 2525 is

now in the House Appropriations Committee and may also come before the full House in the fall.

Rest assured that I will keep your concerns in mind, if and when I am called upon to vote on this legislation."

Unfortunately, it appears that these votes will split along party lines and the Democrats hold a majority at this time. It is a shame that PETA may reap the rewards of a power struggle rather than winning on the merits of their argument.

I suggest that individual members may wish to contact their legislators personally and I am certainly open to any new ideas that might help turn this battle in favor of the fancy.

Thanks for your time,
Mick

AKC Lifetime Achievement
Award

Please see .pdf attachment
for bios.

ADJSJ ADVANCED
INSTITUTE 2008
Let Mick know by August
25 if you would like to
attend.

MONDAY 8/11
CHESAPEAKE BAY
RETRIEVER
IRISH SETTER
HARRIER
OTTERHOUND
BULLMASTIFF
GREATER SWISS
MOUNTAIN DOG
WELSH TERRIER
AIREDALE TERRIER
MINIATURE PINSCHER
SILKY TERRIER
LHASA APSO
BULLDOG
PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG

TUESDAY 8/12
CURLY-COATED
RETRIEVER
GORDON SETTER
AMERICAN FOXHOUND
BLACK & TAN
COONHOUND
SAMOYED
GREAT PYRENEES
LAKELAND TERRIER
SKYE TERRIER
PAPILLON
POODLES
TIBETAN SPANIEL
SHETLAND SHEEPDOG
CARDIGAN WELSH CORGI

WEDNESDAY 8/13
VIZSLA
ENGLISH SETTER
BASSET HOUND
ENGLISH FOXHOUND
SAINT BERNARD
NEWFOUNDLAND
MANCHESTER TERRIERS
AUSTRALIAN TERRIER
YORKSHIRE TERRIER
TIBETAN TERRIER

BOSTON TERRIER
AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD
COLLIES

THURSDAY 8/14
CLUMBER SPANIEL
FLAT-COATED RETRIEVER
BEAGLES
BASENJI
ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD
BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG
MINIATURE SCHNAUZER
PARSON RUSSELL
TERRIER
CHINESE CRESTED
POMERANIAN
SHIBA INU
BICHON FRISE
BRIARD
BOUVIER DES FLANDRES

FRIDAY 8/15
SUSSEX SPANIEL
FIELD SPANIEL
BLOODHOUND
NORWEGIAN ELKHOUND
AKITA
MASTIFF
BEDLINGTON TERRIER
BORDER TERRIER
TOY FOX TERRIER
ITALIAN GREYHOUND
FINNISH SPITZ
FRENCH BULLDOG
AUSTRALIAN CATTLE
DOG
CANAAN DOG

BRAGS
On Sunday, July 20, 2008 at the Richland KC show in Medina, OH, Milwin Partner in Crime (Wyatt), an Australian Shepherd, was selected as WD. Wyatt is owned and loved by Jen and Mike Joy and was shown by Jen.

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINEES

NOMINEES IN CONFORMATION:

Constance M. Barton, of Middleburg, Virginia, began in the sport of dogs in the early 1950s, exhibiting Doberman Pinschers in conformation and obedience. In the years before seminars, breed forums, and other educational tools were available, Connie says that her formative years in dogs were "more or less, a trial-and-error experience."

By the 1960s, she was managing Elizabeth Clark's legendary Springfield Kennels. During her tenure at Springfield, where she concentrated mainly on Labrador Retrievers, the facility became the largest showing and breeding kennel in the United States. After eleven years at Springfield, the AKC invited Connie to become the second female field-representative in the organization's history. She served in the field for sixteen years before applying to judge. She is now approved for the Sporting, Hound, Working, and Terrier groups, as well as Best in Show and Junior Showmanship. Connie had the honor of judging Best in Show at the 2002 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

Connie is a founding member of the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac and the Middleburg Kennel Club. Connie judged the Working Group at the Westminster Kennel Club in 2008 and said it would be her last judging of an All-Breed dog show. Her most recent assignment was the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac in April of 2008.

Wendell J. Sammet, of Bryantville, Massachusetts, became active in the sport of pure-bred dogs after World War II, in which he fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was a P.O.W. He began breeding Dalmatians under the Dalmatia banner in 1950, finishing many Champions.

In the early 1950s, Mrs. Henry T. Kaiser asked Wendell to breed and exhibit white Standard Poodles for her Alekai Kennel in Hawaii; he did so for twenty-seven years. In 1984, she turned the line over to him, at which time he changed the name to Ale Kai.

Through the decades, Wendell has prided himself in breeding for health, temperament and breed type. Along the way, he has always found time to serve as mentor for newcomers to the breed and the sport, as well as an advisor to his peers. He has been an active member for both the Poodle Club of America and the Dalmatian Club of America. Today he co-breeds many of his Poodles with Karen LeFrak of On Fifth fame.

Over the years, Wendell has garnered numerous accolades, including: Dogdom's Professional Handler of the Year (1977); *Dogs in Review* Achievement Award as Best Breeder-Owner-Handler (2004); and breeder of Dogs in Review Top Non-Sporting Sire (2007). Wendell was the inaugural recipient of the Anne Rogers Clark Hall of Fame Award in 2008, as well as the first AKC Breeder of the Year Award in 2002.

Dr. Robert D. Smith, of St. Stephens Church, Virginia, is a past member of the AKC Board of Directors. He began in the sport in 1960 exhibiting German Shepherd Dogs, but the course of his life changed forever when his wife, Polly, bought him an American Foxhound puppy.

Bob and Polly together bred three generations of Best in Show American Foxhounds and five generations of group winners. They have given Foxhound seminars, and Bob has written extensively on the breed.

As an owner-handler, he had the top-winning American Foxhound for seven consecutive years and was a three-time Owner-Handler of the Year nominee.

Dr. Smith is an all-breed judge who has judged on every continent except Africa and Antarctica and five AKC/Eukanuba National Championships, and at the Westminster and International (Chicago) kennel club shows. He has held every conceivable office in dog clubs from Tennessee to Michigan to Mississippi to Alabama to Virginia, including all-breed, obedience, group, and specialty clubs.

A native of Charlottesville, Virginia, Bob earned a BA from the University of Virginia, and his doctorate from Vanderbilt University. An educator at heart and an administrator by choice, he taught at the college level for twelve years before entering the field of economic development.

NOMINEES IN COMPANION EVENTS:

Susan (Suzi) B. Bluford, of Carmel, California, started in the sport during the early 70s. Over the years Suzi's dogs earned seven breed championships, including one from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class; two obedience trial championships; one UDX; seven UD's and over ten CD's. In 1977, her Golden Retriever, Streaker, was the number one obedience dog in the country. Suzi's dogs have also earned a TDX, three TD's, two Master Hunters, four Senior Hunters and numerous WC's and WCX's.

Her dog's agility titles include two MX and two MXJ's, several AX's, plus novice and open agility titles. Her Golden Retriever, Allie, qualified for the AKC Agility Nationals four years in a row.

A member and past corresponding secretary of National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors (NADOI), Suzi is currently on NADOI's board. She is a founding member and consultant for a local therapy dog program.

Suzi is an AKC judge, approved to judge all levels of AKC obedience, rally and agility, and judged many AKC Retriever Hunt Tests at the Master Level. She has served as show and obedience chair for the Norcal GRC Specialty and also chaired the Del Monte Kennel Club's annual agility trials and obedience program. For several years, Suzi wrote the obedience column for the Golden Retriever Club of America's magazine, *The Golden Retriever News*.

Kenneth A. Buxton, of, Kingwood, TX, and his wife Donna purchased their first St. Bernard in 1966, deciding Saints should be able to earn at least a CD, breed championship and tracking title. The first and only Saint accomplishing this until almost 10 years ago was a dog from their first home-bred litter, Ch. Twin Oaks Cinnamon Bear, UDT. Starting at Queen City Dog Training Club, Ken trained several dogs through their UD's. Eventually, exhibiting changed to judging. Ken currently judges all classes in Obedience, Rally, and Tracking, plus four groups (Sporting, Working, Non-Sporting and Herding).

Ken was active in Queen City Dog Training Club, Clermont County Kennel Club (lifetime member), St. Bernard Club of America, and now Baytown Kennel Club in Texas. In these clubs he served in various positions as President, Vice President, Board of Directors, Show Chairman, Obedience Chairman and Director of Training. He was on the 1988 AKC Obedience Advisory Committee and the

committee for the Illustrated Commentary of the St. Bernard. Currently, he is on the Board of the American Dog Show Judges, serving as benefit chairman.

Ken was in the Marine Corps and has degrees in finance and economics. He was an accountant, serving as accounting manager before retiring. Hobbies include working out at the YMCA, computers, investments and two grandsons, 7 and 8-years-old.

Joanne L. Johnson, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, became "hooked" on Obedience with a toy poodle. With the help of Jack Godsil, she trained a Golden Retriever that acquired the 104 OTCh points in one weekend, tying him as the eighth dog to gain the newly recognized AKC title. She then moved on to Shetland Sheepdogs which became her passion, thus earning a total of seven OTCH titles.

Her sheltie, Hobby, was recognized eight times for earning the most OTCH points in a year. His record includes an astounding 16,711 OTCH points, 713 UDX legs, 440 HIT, 492 HC, and 15 scores of 200. Hobby also has his MX, MXJ in agility and was a member of the first two Crufts World Teams. In addition, he won both HIT and HC at two national specialties. His son Bogey, following in his footsteps, did the same at the 2008 national in April.

Joanne became an AKC judge in 1972 and is an active member of the Sioux Empire Kennel Club since 1968. Over the years she served as the club's board member, an obedience/agility/rally instructor, and served as their President, Secretary, and Treasurer. She was instrumental in building a new clubhouse and started both their agility and rally programs. Recently, club members showed their appreciation by granting Joanne an Honorary Lifetime Membership.

NOMINEES IN PERFORMANCE

Jacquelyn (Jackie) Mertens has been a dedicated retriever enthusiast since establishing Topbrass Retrievers in 1968. She has bred or owned more than 130 FC's/AFC's, Master Hunters and Qualified all age retrievers, and won the 1985 National Amateur Championship with FC NAFC Topbrass Cotton. Cotton is also the hi-point Golden of all time and was inducted into the Retriever Hall of Fame in 1993.

She judged over 90 Open and Amateur Championship stakes and two National Championships. She has also participated in Judges' Seminars nationwide and the Golden Retriever Club of America breeder symposiums.

Jackie has been Chairman and Chief Marshal in AKC Field Trials for 30 years. She is past president of the National Open Retriever Club, and also served as Chairman and Chief Marshal of their Championship. A past board member of the Golden Retriever Club of America, Jackie currently is their National Representative. She officiated as president of the Women's Field Trial Club from 2000 - 2007 and is a past president of the American Amateur Field Trial Club.

Jackie has written many Retriever Training articles and created the training video, *Sound Beginnings*, to promote early puppy training. She is past Webmaster of the Golden Opportunities Rescue Organization and mentored many current trainers and field trial competitors. Jackie was inducted into the Retriever Hall of Fame in 2006.

Wayne R. Price, of Navarre, Ohio, joined a Beagle Club in 1953, and began his lifelong career in the sport of Beagling. He held almost all offices from the club level to the president of the International Beagle Federation. Presently, he holds membership in two AKC member clubs: Beagle Club of Northern Ohio and Buckeye Beagle Club. Wayne competed with his hounds throughout the nation and has finished many field champions. He also judged many major federation events.

In 1972, AKC appointed Wayne as an instructor of AKC Field Trial seminars. He traveled from coast to coast for 18 years, teaching at these seminars and most of today's Beagle judges have attended one or more of them. Wayne served on the AKC Beagle Advisory Committee for eight consecutive years during the 1970s.

At this time, Wayne is in his 35th year as a Contributing Editor of *Hounds and Hunting*, and writes a monthly column for *Beagle* magazine. He has never missed a deadline in the all those years, and beaglers everywhere rely upon this column to be kept informed. In recognition of the many contributions he has made to his chosen sport, he was elected in 1984 to the Beagling Hall of Fame, Beagling's highest honor. Beagling has been a major part of his life and he continues to give generously of his time and knowledge.

Mary Jo Trimble, of Carterville, Illinois, has been involved with Brittanys since the mid-1960s. She was a charter member of the Sahuaro Brittany Club in Arizona and the Illinois Brittany Championship Association. She is Treasurer for the Illinois Brittany Club and has served as Executive Secretary of the American Brittany Club (ABC) since 1998.

Mary Jo is a Hall of Fame recipient and recently was elected to the Field Trial Clubs of Illinois Honor Roll for her service to that organization. Her dogs have won numerous AKC Championships, including the National Open Brittany Championship, and awards such as the IAMS All-Age Dog of the Year, and the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame.

Mary Jo is the ABC's AKC Legislative Liaison, and a Director and Legislative Committee Chair for the Field Trial Clubs of Illinois. She attended the first AKC Parent Club Conference as a presenter and has twice been invited to attend AKC's Lobby Day in Washington, D.C. *The American Field*, *The American Brittany Magazine* and *AKC Afield* have published her articles on legislation.

The Illinois General Assembly declared May 28, 2006 as Trimble Day, to recognize Mary Jo's and her husband Ray's contribution to the sport of field trialing and for their efforts to help acquire 16,000 acres of new public land, including two new championship-type field trial areas in Pyramid State Park.