Meet The Breeds 2015
Coming Specialties

P.C.A. AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

*Note this list comes from Joan McFadden

2016 PCA AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

March 4, 2016 Valley of the Sun Poodle Club
 Held at Arizona State Fairgrounds
 AM and PM shows
 AM Judge: Davide Kittredge
 PM Judge: Lorraine Boutwell

March 10, 2016 Heart of America Poodle Club
 Judge: Mrs. Toddie Clark

March 11, 2016 Heart of America Poodle Club
 Mr. Allen Odom

March 26, 2016 Central Carolina Poodle Club
 Judge, Fabian Arienti

March 26, 2016 Watchung Mountain Poodle Club
 concurrent with New Brunswick
 Judge: TBA.

April 1, 2016 Poodle Club of Las Vegas
 AM Judge: Jim Ownens
 PM Judge: Richard Bohannon

April 1, 2016 Greater Milwaukee P.C.
 concurrent specialties
 Judges: Christine Martinez
 Judge: Douglas Johnson

April 2, 2016 Key to the Sea Poodle Club
 Holland, Ohio
 Judge, April 2 Karen Rockwell

April 1 and 2nd Poodle Club of Tulsa
 Claremore, Ok
 Judge: Eldon Bishop

April 2 Sharon Sparks

April 3 Key To the Sea Poodle Club
 Anne Heir

April 2 Poodle Obed. of Greater N.Y.
 Karen Rockwell

April 3 Poodle Obed of Greater NY
 Judge: Anne Hier

April 8 Mid-Michigan Poodle Club
 Show 1.....James Reynolds
 Show 2.....Linda Tilka

April 9 2016 Poodle Obed.Training of Greater
 NY AM & PM
 Frank Cardillino - Obedience
 Elizabeth Chase - Obedience
 Sara J Steele - Rally

April 22, 2016 Washington Poodle Club
 AM Show: Judge Edmund Dcuik
 PM Show: Judge Melanie J.
 Harwood

May 6, 2016 William Penn Poodle Club
 Colmar, Pa.
 AM show: Judge to be announced
 PM show: Judge to be announced

May 13, 2016 Enchanted Poodle Club
 Albuquerque, NM
 AM Judge: Mr. Dana Cline
 PM Judge Mr. Jack MacGillivray

May 14, 2016 Los Angeles Poodle Obedience Club
 Judge: Laurence J. Libeu

May 20,2016 PC of Central Indiana
 Judge: James Frederiksen

May 27, 2016 Panorama Poodle Club of Mt.
 Spokane, Wa.

June 4, 2016 Mississippi Coast Col.
 Judge: TBA

June 11, 2016 Mission Trail Poodle Club
 Judges Michelle Mixon Puppy Sweep
 Spec. Judge TBA

June 24, 2016 Twin Cities Poodle Club
 Cambridge, Mn
 Obedience & Rally Cynthis Rusiadi

June 25, 2016 Twin Cities Confirmation: Faye
 Strauss

June 25, 2016 Poodle Club of Southeast Michigan
 Judge: Fr. Brian Timby
 concurrent with Detroit K.C.
 Judge: Glen Lageski

June 25, 2016 Orlando Poodle Club
 Judge: James Moses

July 2, 2016 Poodle Club of Mohawk Valley
 Bainbridge, NY
 Judge: Debra Ferguson Jones

July 7,2016 Lone Star Poodle Club
 Judge: AM: Carole Beattie
 Judge: PM: Richard D. Albee

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only the shows that she sends me the information on. If the
listing is not complete, please contact Susan.

Leslie
President’s Message:

It is again that time of year when our National Specialty is just around the corner. Our theme is “Party time with Poodles and we intend to do just that. Our Show Chairman Judy Cooksey and Don Adams are on the job again and are working hard. Please remember our show is only successful because of the members and volunteers who donate their time and energy. Watch for your premium list, and various mailings for further information concerning advertising, events, referred seating, etc. Also, our show this year is dedicated to three members who passed away this year; Barbara Adkins (Mescal), Daniel Gallas (Jodan), Virginia Millroy (Wavir) and DiDi Solomon (her dogs were shown under the Dassin banner). The Catalogue and Foundation are good ways to remember them.

In December your Board of Directors met in Orlando, Florida with a very busy agenda. The saying “everything old is new again” applied as we welcomed Michael Knight back to the Board, after Toni Sosnoff felt it necessary at this time to resign. I thank her for her hard work and insight when dealing with all the challenges involved with this job. Also, the new Illustrated Standard is progressing, spear headed by Randy Garren. It still has a print date for April.

By this time the Judge Selection Ballots should have been received by the membership. Please take the time to fill them out. The more members who participate, the more diversity we will have in our selections. For example only approximately half of our Affiliate Clubs voted in the nomination process. This is their opportunity to have a voice.

My term is coming to conclusion and this will be my last President’s Message. I cannot stress enough how well my Board and I have worked together. Every Board member has worked hard to make decisions that would only benefit the Poodle Club of America. When I accepted this position 4 years ago, because of all the various tales I had been told, it was with some trepidation. But this Board has worked hard to support each other in their efforts to make the Poodle Club of America the strong Club it is today. At this time you will have received the results of the Nominating Committee for the new Board, I want you to know that I strongly support these nominations and hope so will the membership.

Besides getting ready for our April National, the move to Purina Farms the following years is in motion. The Board has appointed me the liaison between the Board, Purina, and our Show Chairman. There will be all kinds of information available in Salisbury, plus we will be there to start trying to answer as many questions as you may have. Please give us the time to answer these questions and if we do not have immediate answers, to find them.

Remember to make your reservations and so not forget the Annual Dinner will again be held on Thursday. Since it is our last at Salisbury we have changed the menu to Crab Cakes and Prime Rib. I look forward to seeing you in Salisbury in April where we will “Party” with our Poodles.

Dennis McCoy
The Poodle Papers
Please note the deadline for the next Newsletter. Please send your articles to this email account: pcanewsletter@yahoo.com

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 May 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 pcanewsletter@yahoo.com

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**Deadlines**

February 16th
May 16th
August 16th
November 16th

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National Specialty

Spring 2016- Obedience News

I’m sure you have all heard that this is our last year in Salisbury. The practical effect of this change for many of you will mean an end to yearly competition in Obedience and Rally at our National Specialty while for many others it means a new opportunity to compete. Certainly for PCA it is, once more, a chance to move forward, and from all I have heard, the new venue will offer many advantages to our club.

But let’s say goodbye to Salisbury with the best turnout ever! We are offering all the Regular Titling classes, of course as well as all the new Preferred Titling classes, Beginner Novice, Brace, Veterans and Team (I do hope that this year some of you will get teams together – they can be such fun!). In Rally we will offer all the regular classes and, in addition, Rally Novice Pairs. Larry Wilson and Charles Marcantonio will judge Obedience and Diane Stout is our Rally judge. Again this year we will provide a warm-up/practice ring and it will be run in compliance with the new AKC rules.

Linda Howard is Chief Obedience/Rally Steward again this year, but Jan Hopper has a conflict and won’t be at PCA this year. She has entrusted her responsibilities as Hospitality Chair (along with several pages of instructions) to Charlotte Mitchel’s capable hands.

So begin planning now, if you haven’t already, for Salisbury in April. See you there.

Ann Mandelbaum
Obedience/Rally Chair

PCA Agility News

Hi all,

Hope winter is treating you all kindly. We are thankfully rapidly approaching spring and PCA. We have Sandra Moody judging agility for us this year. She judged Salisbury agility last year and then came and ran her poodle at PCA. How fun to have a fellow poodle person as our judge.

See you all soon.

Debbie West
Agility Chair

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.
The 84th PCA National Specialty Show is right around the corner and we cannot wait to see all of those beautiful poodles in the ring once again! The theme for the show is “Party Time with Poodles”.

This specialty is dedicated to Barbara Adkins, Daniel Gallas, Virginia Millroy and Delores Solomon.

The PCA Entry Closing Date is April 7. The Premium List will be mailed out approximately February 25. In an effort to save trees, the Tracking Tests, PCA Upland Tests, Hunt Tests, PCA Working Tests, and the Agility Trials Premium Lists will not be mailed with the main PCA Premium List but will only be posted on the PCA Website at www.poodleclubofamerica.org.

The Host Hotel is once again the La Quinta Inns & Suites Salisbury, 300 S. Salisbury Blvd., Salisbury, MD. The phone number is 410-546-4400.

There is no change in the RV Parking. The rate from 1:00 P.M. Sunday, April 24 through 10:00 A.M. Saturday, April 30 is a flat rate of $120.00 without electric and $200.00 with electric, regardless of time of arrival and/or departure. All RV arriving prior to 1:00 P.M. Sunday, April 24 will be temporarily staged in the vacant lot adjacent to the Civic Center.

Please be sure to check out The PCA Junior Education Program special section in the premium list for all of the new activities that are planned for this year. We will once again have the $10,000.00 Raffle – 50/50 split and only 100 tickets will be sold at the show at $100.00 each.

The 3rd Annual Amateur & Professional Grooming Competition will be held on Monday, April 25th in the Da Nang Room and all proceeds are being donated to PCA. Please note the competition will have three classes: Toy, Miniature and Standard and will be divided into two divisions: Amateur and Professional. (Amateurs – Owner/Handlers, Assistants, Novice Groomers; Professional - Professional Handler and Professional Grooming Competitors).

The dates and judges for the 2016 PCA National Specialty Show are as follows:

**Tracking**  
22 April  
*Location:* Pemberton Park, 5561 Plantation Lane, Salisbury, MD  
*Judges:* Mrs. Susan R Ammerman and Mr. Jack E Sappenfield II

**Upland Tests**  
22 April  
*Note:* New location  
*Location:* Turtle Creek Retrievers, Greenwood, DE  
*Judges:* Mr. Steven Roth and Mr. Rick Abolt

**Hunt Tests:**  
23 & 24 April  
*Note:* New location  
*Location:* Johnson Farm, Greenwood, DE  
*Judges:* Rodger Everett, Joseph Romanczak

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Agility Trials:  25 April
Location:  Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, 500 Glenn Ave, Salisbury, MD
Judges:  Sandra Moody

Obedience  26 April
Location:  Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, 500 Glenn Ave, Salisbury, MD
Judges:  Charles Marcantonio, Larry Wilson

Rally Trials:  26 April
Location:  Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, 500 Glenn Ave, Salisbury, MD
Judge:  Diane Stout

Conformation:  27 – 29 April
Location:  Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, 500 Glenn Ave, Salisbury, MD
Judges:  Intervariety Competition:  Mr. Johnny Shoemaker
        Standard Competition:  Mr. Dana Plonkey
        Miniature Competition:  Mr. Daniel Augustus
        Toy Competition:  Mr. Jordan Chamberlain
        Juniors’ Competition:  Mr. Randy Garren
        Veterans Sweepstakes:  Mr. Jack MacGillivray
        4 Months and under  Ms. Tina Yuhl
        6 Months

I am delighted to be your PCA National Show Chairman.  Thank you for your support as we continue to plan our celebration of Poodles!  Should you have any questions, please call or email.

Fondly,
Judy C. Cooksey, PCA National Show Chairman,
Cell Phone: 240-346-5192
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Washington Poodle Club
Join us before PCA National

When coming to the Poodle Club of America consider starting on Friday, April 22, 2016 with Washington Poodle Club at the Baltimore Combined Specialties.  We are having back to back specialties. The Breed Judges are Ms. Melanie J. Harwood from England and Mr. Edmund Dziuk.  On Saturday, is Old Dominion Kennel Club.  Poodles are judged by Mr. Dana Cline, the Toy Group by Mr. Joe Walton. the Non Sporting Group judge is Mrs. KeKe Kahn; and Best in Show is Mr. Dana Cline.  On Sunday, is Baltimore County Kennel Club.  Poodles are being judged by Mr. Robert Hutton.  The Toy Group judge is Mr. Daniel Augustus, the Non Sporting Group by Mr. Robert Hutton and Best in Show is being judged by Mrs. Keke Kahn.

This weekend will afford exhibitors the opportunity to compete for four major wins.  Plus gives your exhibits a warm up for the Poodle Club of America.  MB- F is our Superintendent. Mary Ellen Fishler is Show Chairman. Please feel free to contact her for any information you may need, from entries, to hotels, airports, etc.

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Mrs. Pat Hastings leads us in an interactive seminar in solving the puzzle of “Which Puppy to Keep” $20.00

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Mrs James Edward Clark leads a panel of prominent Poodle Breeders who express their views on “The Successful Raising of a Show Puppy” $20.00

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**GMPC Concurrent Specialties**

*Friday, April 1, 2016.* Judge: Mrs. Christie Martinez

*Saturday, April 2, 2016.* Judge: Mr. Douglas A. Johnson

**Concurrent with Northeast Wisconsin Dog Show Classic**

*Thursday, March 31 through Sunday, April 3, 2016*

(Manitowoc County Kennel Club and Packerland Kennel Club)

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**Poodle Judges for Northeast Wisconsin Dog Show Classic**

*Thursday, March 31, 2016:* Mrs. Carolyn Taylor
*Friday, April 1, 2016:* Mr. Merle Taylor
*Saturday, April 2, 2016:* Mr. James Brown
*Sunday, April 3, 2016:* Mr. Elliott Weiss

**GMPC Concurrent Specialties Show Chair/Secretary**

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Eighty four balmy degrees, turquoise blue skies, brown leaves on the trees.....BROWN leaves!!!!! Well it is only February. Valley of the Sun Poodle Club held a much-anticipated Poodle fun day, Valentine’s day. Program Chair, Lois Noble coordinated and orchestrated the activities at Cactus Park in Phoenix AZ. Among the varied events, limited conformation, poodle tricks, parade of champions and title holders, and a very popular best costume. President Maryln Brooks was the ring steward for volunteer judge Charmaine Berglof. Charmaine’s mother raised toy poodles in North Dakota.

The costumes for the poodles were absolutely fabulous. From poodle skirts, and the tooth fairy to red, white and blue patriotic theme, to harem girls, the standard poodles rocked the costume event.
The ages of the poodles varied. We had a five month old, a two year old, a handful of 4 to 7 year olds, and even veterans that are 9, 11 and 14 years old.

Benji, 14 years old, still enjoys an afternoon with his poodle buds!

Lucy, his 11 year old companion REFUSED to have her picture taken….she hides her face each and every time.

Advertising for this event was made possible by the use of “FaceBook”(FB). FB’s a popular social networking website reaching a wide and varied audience. We used our Valley of the Sun membership roster to reach as many members as practical to make them aware of the fun day. However, a few of us “very mature ladies” also use Facebook to socialize and stay in touch with poodle events. We (VSPC) were pleasantly surprised to meet new poodle people from the state of Arizona. Quite a few “new” friends and potential club members, said, they came because they saw the match notices on FaceBook.

Deb Phillips, Corresponding Secretary and Show Chair, Valley of the Sun Poodle Club
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Please contact:
Cathryn Catelain
The Committee and Delegate Meetings were held in Orlando, Florida; on December 10, and 11, 2015.

These meetings are held during the week of the AKC Eukanuba National Dog Show. Because of this, my report is going to be different than as in the past.

My week started earlier. On Tuesday I was tying up loose ends for the Meet the Breed, Wednesday I was involved with Gina Weisner and Randy Garren dealing with the Judges Education program the Poodle Club of America was presenting at the American Kennel Club’s Seminar Program. It seems like we are constantly involved in this process because of the way they divide the groups from one year to the next, since we are three varieties spread into two groups. Anyway it was a tremendous opportunity for the Poodle Club of America to reach potential new judges to our breed. The limit for the class is something like 32 and we had over 42 take part. It is a time consuming effort put together with only the future best interest of our breed at heart. I am really going into this because since the AKC Eukanuba National Dog Show, I have received as the Delegate, letters, e mails, and phone calls from people who wanted questions answered pertaining to our size disqualifications.

First, as a toy breeder I know how difficult it can be to breed a 10 inch toy. Please remember I had just helped teach and ringside mentor judges for two days. It is the members of the Poodle Club of America who are responsible for our breed standard; thus it is up to us to help maintain its integrity. Please continue to mentor potential breeders and future judges with what is correct in our standard. It does us a disservice when dogs who are obviously way too large for our requirements, win groups. Especially at a venue such as the AKC Eukanuba because it draws so many International entries. Afterall, we must follow the rules when we take American dogs into other countries, i.e. England not allowing our Poodles with docked tails to be exhibited at Crufts. If you feel strongly about an occurrence at a show seek out your AKC Representative, it is their job to help guide our judges.

Enough, of the lecturing. Basically it was old business at the Committee meeting. The real discussions were centered around the March elections for the AKC Board of Directors and two motions. The first motion going to be read for the first time, and to be voted on in March; dealt with the ability for Delegates who were not what is considered professional judges, would be able to charge a fee of $150 to clubs per assignment. Up until now they are not allowed to charge a fee, only for expenses. Typical, of this organization when a group does not get their way, the motion just keeps coming back. I have voted on this topic twice already. This is the first time they have set an amount. I still disagree, when you accept this job, the limitations are written down and clear. Either you do the job or not. Since the AKC has changed the rules for judges looking for assignments, I cannot tell you how often I hear Delegates using this meeting as an opportunity to gain future judging assignments, if this passes, it will also involve money, no matter how small, it is the principle.

The second motion was voted on at the meeting on Friday. I have discussed this motion before. It is the third time I have voted on term limits being abolished. Even though the Poodle Club of America was holding their Board meeting at the same time as the Delegate Meeting, I was not leaving until this vote was taken. I can report that it was again, by a large majority voted down.

All in all it was a very hectic week and I was pleased with the outcome. There are 42 potential new poodle judges who hopefully gained a better insight into the breed we are most passionate about, the Motion on abolishing Term Limits did not pass, the Poodle Club of America Board had a very productive meeting, and the Meet the Breed Booth took third place in our group. I look forward to seeing everyone at our National in April. In the mean time please feel free to contact me with any of your concerns. Hopefully, I will be able to help.

Mary Ellen Fishler
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In the Spotlight!

Spotlight on a PCA Member
Keith Burbank

By Adrienne Dorland

It’s February and we are finally looking towards spring sunshine, PCA in April, and renewing and making new friendships. I would like to introduce you to one of our newest members and ask you to make a point to introduce yourself to Keith Burbank of Firenze Standard Poodles.

Keith is from Florence, Alabama, Florence or “Firenze” in Italian inspires Keith’s prefix for his Poodles. In 2006, Keith and his partner Wallace decided they wanted a new dog, Wallace has owned many breeds of dogs, but had his eyes set towards a Standard Poodle. As with many of us, their first Poodle was wonderful, but not the show dog they wanted. Keith was directed by a friend to talk to Nancy Hafner, who happens to live only 20 miles away. Nancy told Keith to really see and find what he wants in a Poodle he needs to come to PCA, and yes, they made the trip to Salisbury to the big show.

Keith spent time educating himself on Standard Poodles as he has experienced the health issues that can happen. Keith was directed to Missy Galloway from whom he obtained his first champion, GCh, Hightide Aiden at Firenze. Keith then received a bitch from Seven Seas in Canada selected by Michele Polito, he bred this girl to Aiden for his first litter. From this litter Keith finished three champions, two owner handled and one with a handler. Another breeding with one of Missy’s gave him Ch Hightide Bridges over Firenze, who was finished by Chris Manelopoulos. In total to date, Keith has six homebred champions and to his credit, three of those being owner handled. Keith’s Poodles have won several group placements in his region.

Keith expressed the desire to own a Toy Poodle to Nancy, Nancy in turn guided him to Ianthe Bloomquist and Baliwick Toys. Keith now owns and is enjoying Baliwick Boston Blackie, known at home as “Bruiser”.

Keith credits Michele Polito, Missy Galloway, and Nancy Hafner with giving him the guidance to have a good foundation in Poodles. Michelle has giving Keith countless hours teaching him how to groom and maintain his Poodles coats, we know this is huge for the owner handler. Missy has mentored Keith with Standards, breeding and raising, giving him access to solid breeding stock for a good foundation. In addition, Nancy, who has been a friend and available to answer questions, who has pointed him in the right direction for Keith to find the information he needs to be a good Poodle owner and breeder.

Keith currently belongs to two Poodle Clubs, Poodle Club of Alabama, and Creole Poodle Club. He belonged to Decatur Kennel Club for a bit where he was the Trophy Chairman, he hopes to be able to get back to the club soon.

Keith along with his life partner Wallace Davis enjoy living on the Tennessee River, where they make extensive use of the veranda that faces the river and provides a peaceful place to go to. Together, they own and run China Doll Salon in Florence. Keith began working at China Doll in 1992 where as he says, “I was groomed to become a professional man” by the original owners. Those owners became good friends and eventually offered ownership of the salon to Keith. They still work at the salon but now speak of retirement in their near future. Keith and Wallace have 14 employees that have helped them to create a happy and long-term work place.

When I asked Keith what piece of wisdom he would offer to someone new in Poodles, Keith replied, “Do your research on breeders and a find a good grooming mentor”. Keith brings his own level of professionalism to the game, from his professional experience, by understanding of the need to educate himself, to his existing comfort with a pair of scissors. He is proof of these words.

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I asked Keith about his hopes for his future with Poodles, he replied he “would like to breed better quality and better tempered Poodles”. He hopes to one day begin breeding Toys as well as maybe a Mini in the mix.

Keith will be attending PCA again this year; he is bringing a white Standard bitch and his Toy boy with him. I hope to get to meet Keith face to face and enjoy his company and I hope you will too.

News Flash!

PCA RAFFLE

“Draws” Pulitzer Prize Winning Author’s Donation!

Have you ever wanted to immortalize your amazing poodle in a book? Well, here’s your chance. Lynn Franklin, author of the five-star Jeweler’s Gemstone Mystery Series, is raffling off the opportunity for your dog to appear in the fourth book in her series. The winner will choose the name of the dog (kennel as well as call name), variety and color. Lynn will interview you about your dog’s accomplishments, personality and quirks and will incorporate as many distinctive traits as possible into the dog character that appears in her novel.

Lynn and her two-time Pulitzer Prize Winning husband, Jon Franklin, have been poodle enthusiasts since 1980. In addition to the rare chance for your dog to appear in a book, the authors have donated autographed copies of Jon’s The Wolf in the Parlor and Lynn’s The Blue Diamond.

In Jon Franklin’s The Wolf in the Parlor, the author uses his relationship with his standard poodle to show how dogs and humans evolved together. In the process, he comes to a startling conclusion: humans and dogs are more than simple companions. They are true symbionts, as dependent on each other as pilot fish and sharks. Lynn Franklin’s Jeweler’s Gemstone Mystery Series blends humor, suspense and a touch of romance. The heart-warming cast of characters, delightful gemstone legends and lore and antics of a standard poodle named Rorschach have earned a five-star rating from readers. In The Blue Diamond, gemologist/psychology professor Kimberley West races to uncover the origins of a rare blue diamond before a determined killer catches her. In this raffle, we will draw six tickets from one bag. Five will win two autographed books, one by each author. A sixth ticket will win the grand prize opportunity to name a dog character.
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The Retriever Hunt tests will be held at a new site this year, Johnson Farm 7706 University Rd., Greenwood DE. 19950. Johnson farm is approximately 40 minutes north of Salisbury. Joe Romanczak and Roger Everett will be our judges. These tests are open to standard and miniature Poodles.

We will be running a progressive test format again this year. This format allows one to easily view Junior through Master level Poodles working. Since we are running a progressive format, no duel entries of the same dog will be accepted for the Retriever Hunting tests. (Dual entries will be accepted for PCA’s WC/WCX tests which will be held on Sunday April 24, 2016.) The hunt tests start at 8:30 am.

If you plan to attend, please dress for the weather. At retriever hunting tests it is required for everyone, including the gallery, to wear darker colors. It’s also suggested to bring something to sit on and water to drink. Please put cell phones on silent mode. Lunch may be available for a fee.

Hunt test premiums will NOT be mailed in 2016. Premiums will be available on the Poodle Club of America website.  http://www.poodleclubofamerica.org/

Any questions related to the test or for anyone who wants to volunteer to work, please contact: Linda Miller-rmiller942@comcast.net

Looking forward to seeing everyone at PCA’s Retriever Hunting Tests!

Linda Miller
PCA Hunt Test Chairperson
The winter months are typically slow for the working poodle program. Spring will bring a host of new events and hopefully along with them, new titles for our poodles as more join the ranks of the working poodle.

**WORKING CERTIFICATE TESTS**

Our next big event is the WC/WCX at the Poodle Club of America National Specialty on April 24, 2016. Our tests this year will be at a new location. They will be held at the Johnson Farm, 7706 University Rd., Greenwood, DE, located about 40 minutes north of Salisbury. Our judges are Joseph and Dawn Romanczak.

This test is open to all Poodles. Poodle Club of America, Inc. rules will be used. WC/WCX Rules and Guidelines are available from Ms. Carol Stone, PCA WC/WCX Co-Chairman, 1598 Hawk Lane, Seymour, TN, 37865, schwartzpudel@hughes.net, or are online at poodleclubofamerica.org. Premium lists will NOT be mailed, but will be posted on the PCA website. Confirmation e-mails will be sent for entries received. Running order will be e-mailed to exhibitors after entries close and draw is complete. Those interested in volunteering to work, please contact Ann Marie Duncan at rockieduncan@yahoo.com.

For spectators, a Public Relations representative will be available to answer any questions regarding the tests and appropriate gallery etiquette. Please place chairs for viewing only in the area as instructed by the PR representative or the Marshall. The weather can be unpredictable, so bring warm clothes and rain gear.

**UPLAND WORKING CERTIFICATE TESTS**

Don’t forget to join us for the 3rd annual PCA National Upland Certificate series on Friday, April 22, 2016. Test your Poodle’s skills as an upland flushing dog, and have a chance at the PCA Hunting Poodle certificate. Make it a “Hunting Poodle” 3-day event, rules and Premium List and Entry form available at http://www.poodleclubofamerica.org.

**MEDALLIONS**

For those that have already earned or will qualify for field medallions at PCA, in order for the medallion to be presented on Sunday, proper documentation must be presented to the WC/WCX Medallion Administrator, Carol Stone, prior to the test weekend. Passes earned on April 23rd and 24th will count toward medallions presented on Sunday, but previous passes must be documented ahead of time. No exceptions! Medallion application forms can be found on the PCA website or by contacting Carol Stone at schwartzpudel@hughes.net. Don’t forget to include a brief bio along with your application to be read at the Performance awards dinner on Sunday night.
Poodle Club of America National 
Upland Certificate Test Series

The 3rd annual PCA Upland Working Certificate tests will be held at Turtle Creek Retrievers. on Friday April 22, 2016. Turtle Creek Retrievers, is located at 12613 Rd 602, Greenwood, DE 19950

Our judges are Steven Roth and Rick Abolt, both are AKC Spaniel Test judges, and totally enjoy watching the Poodle in the upland field.

Upland hunting is quite different than Retriever test work as the handler must trust the dog to track, trail and locate a bird, chase it up (called flushing) for the gunner to shoot, watch where the bird falls (called a mark) then run to catch and retrieve the bird to the handler.

Upland hunting is a team sport as the dog has as much control of the hunt as the hunter does, and the dog is one of the most important components of the sport.

The poodles are naturals at this type of hunting. Their spaniel heritage definitely is evident when you watch them work. The true zest for the hunt definitely comes out. Their tenacity, grace, athleticism, and intelligence are definitely show cased in this event.

Dogs from total beginners in the Instinct test, all the way through finished hunting dogs will be run. Most poodles that are used for hunting in the United States currently do some form of upland hunting as their primary work. They are truly versatile hunting dogs.
Make plans to join us, we always have a great time!

Blaze orange must however be worn for safety, but ‘loaner vests’ are available, and the PCA upland series hats will also be available for sale (proceeds go to the PCA Upland, and Retriever tests) at the event in case ‘blaze’ is not your normal color.

The tests will run from about 8am-4pm.

Jaci Bowman
PCA Upland Chairperson

2016 National Championship Show Judging Panel

The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) and Royal Canin are pleased to announce the judging panel for the 2016 National Championship to be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida on Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18, 2016. The 2016 event will showcase the top national and international dogs and will also include popular attractions such as the Best Bred-by-Exhibitor competition, the AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals, AKC Meet the Breeds® and the NADD/AKC Dock Diving National Championship. The show will once again take place alongside the AKC Agility Invitational and AKC Obedience Classic, with junior events in each sport.

The Brevard Kennel Club, the Central Florida Kennel Club and the Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay shows will precede the National Championship at the same site on Dec. 13-15, 2016 and a day of specialty and group shows will be held Dec. 16, 2016.

Heading the panel as Best in Show judge for the 2016 National Championship is Dr. Anthony DiNardo of West Hartford, Connecticut, began exhibiting dogs in 1970. “We purchased a family Great Dane for the children,” he says, “and he turned out to be a successful dog in the ring.”

Pursuing a limited breeding program, Dr. DiNardo produced a record-setting Doberman Pinscher that was number-one dog in the breed from 1982 to 1985. He has also bred winners of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America’s Top 20 and the breed’s national specialty show.

Dr. DiNardo became an AKC judge in 1980 and is approved to judge all sporting, hound, working, toy and non-sporting breeds, as well as a few terrier and herding breeds. He includes among his judging highlights Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show at The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, the Doberman Pinscher Club of America nationals, the Rottweiler Club of America’s Top 20, and judging Best of Best in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Dr. DiNardo is the founder and president of the Connecticut River Working Group Association, the first AKC working-dog member club. A past president and former delegate of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America, and is proud to have “contributed to many changes at the DPCA.”

He and his wife Shelia DiNardo, have four children, all of whom grew up in the sport of dogs.

Dr. Robert Indeglia is a native New Englander, born and raised in Rhode Island. His schooling has included Johns Hopkins University and Georgetown Medical School, with further training in surgery and cardiovascular surgery at the University of Minnesota during the infancy of cardiac surgery, where he also received a PhD in surgery and biomedical engineering. He is currently emeritus at the Miriam Hospital, a major Brown University teaching institution. Although he is now less active clinically, he served as chief of cardiac surgery and led one of the most active cardiovascular and thoracic surgery practices in New England. He also served as chief of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery at several private hospitals in Providence. In addition, he

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served as President of the Rhode Island Heart Association and member of the New England Council of the American Heart Association.

His activities in purebred dogs began in early childhood with his parents’ involvement with Cocker Spaniels in the 1930s and 40s. He became involved with Norwegian Elkhounds in 1960 and over the next 37 years bred 40 litters and has shown over 50 champions. He has been active in the Norwegian Elkhound Association of America and served on its board as well as President and AKC delegate in the 1970s and 1980s. He was Chairman of the first standard revision committee in 1972. He bred two Boxer litters in the 1960s and has shown and owned Irish Setters, Golden Retrievers and Labrador Retrievers. His wife, Mary, a Whippet enthusiast, currently has group-winning Whippets and two Elkhound puppies, as well as an ever present Yorkie.

He began judging Elkhounds in 1971 and is currently licensed to judge the Sporting, Hound, Working and Non-Sporting Groups, and a number of Herding breeds. His outside interests include golf, as well as following all major sports. He has been a season ticket holder for the Boston Bruins hockey team and The New England Patriots football team, but his Achilles heel (except recently) has been the yearly trail of disappointment of the classic Boston Red Sox fanatic.

Judges for each of the seven variety groups and the Miscellaneous Classes are:
SPORTING – Ms. Pamela Bruce – Ontario, Canada
HOUND – Mr. Houston Clark – Decatur, Tennessee
WORKING – Mrs. Kimberly Meredith-Cavanna – Pleasant Hill, California
TERRIER – Mr. Geir Flyckt-Pedersen – Raleigh, North Carolina
TOY – Mr. Peter Green – Bowmansville, Pennsylvania
NON-SPORTING – Mr. Wayne Burton – New South Wales, Australia
HERDING – Mrs. Barbara Dempsey Alderman – Moon Township, Pennsylvania
MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES – Mr. Wayne Burton – New South Wales, Australia

Judges for the seven Bred-by-Exhibitor variety groups are:
SPORTING – Mr. Robert Vandiver – Simpsonville, South Carolina
HOUND – Mrs. Toddie Clark – Decatur, Tennessee
WORKING – Ms. Helene Nietsch – Newtown, Connecticut
TERRIER – Mr. William DeVilleneuve – Dix Hills, New York
TOY – Mrs. Gina Weiser – Weston, Missouri
NON-SPORTING – Ms. Janet Allen – Point Reyes Station, California
HERDING – Mrs. Susan Vroom – Denton, Texas
BEST JUNIOR HANDLER – Mr. Edd E. Bivin – Ft. Worth, Texas
JUNIOR PRELIMS – Mrs. Elizabeth Jordan-Nelson of Sacramento, California and Ms. Whitney Perry of East Falmouth, Massachusetts.

Toy Group:
Mr. Edd E. Bivin - Poodles (Toy)

Non-Sporting Group:
Mr. Edd E. Bivin- Poodles (Miniature), Poodles (Standard)

* *Panel subject to final approval.

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Standard- Joyce Carelli
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The Poodle Papers
Agility
by Debby DuBay
On Monday, 25 April 2016 the Poodle Club of America (PCA) will hold their last specialty agility trial at the Salisbury Civic Center. AKC agility judge Sandy Clayton Moody will help us keep our 2016 PCA theme: “Party Time With Poodles.” Sandy has been a judge since 2011 and is known for her fun yet challenging agility courses! She has a great sense of humor and she loves poodles!

Sandy lives in nearby Georgetown, Delaware. She has an adorable party colored mini poodle named Reign. Reign competed in agility at PCA 2015. Sandy and Reign have been trialing a little over one year and have earned Master titles in both JWW and STD.

Sandy has been competing in agility since 2000 with her German Shorthair Pointers (GSPs). Her GSP “Rosie” has earned national recognition as being the number one GSP, was invited to every AKC Agility Invitationals until she retired and was the first GSP to earn MACH 3-7. Sandy has also trained and competed in agility with three of Rosie’s offspring.

On Monday, 25 April - during the agility trial - the RAFFLE will commence! Clubs & individuals are invited to participate by donating a raffle basket keeping in the theme of: “Party Time With Poodles” The winner receives a $100 cash prize!

During the week of PCA, on Wednesday, 27 April, Mike Borga will be the guest speaker at the junior handler seminar luncheon.

In 2014 Mikey had the third standard poodle in AKC history to be in the prestigious AKC Agility Invitationals. He won the spot by being the number one junior. Last summer Mikey was invited to participate at the European Open Jr Agility competition held in the Czech Republic.

Mikey’s presentation will include a discussion on mental preparation for handlers (of all venues) going into the show ring. And - he will share ideas that ensure he always brings a happy dog into the ring.

He will also be showing a slideshow of some of the pictures from his experience at the European Open agility juniors competition in the Czech Republic.

Wrapping up 2015, at the AKC Agility Invitationals in Orlando, FL, Cindy Glover & her miniature poodle Summer earned the Top Poodle Award.

After running all of their qualifying runs clean - Summer came in 3rd in the 12” class Finals!

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Summer received a cash reward for being the Top Non-Sporting Dog, a cash reward for coming in second in the cumulative scores after four clean runs in the 12” class, a cash reward for coming in third at the Finals and a trophy!

Summer was presented with the Top Poodle Medallion offered by the Poodle Club of America for being the Top Agility Poodle at the Invitational for 2015. Huge congratulations Cindy and Summer!

Betty Jean Carter and her miracle miniature poodle Bongo ran all of their qualifying runs clean. Then Bongo placed 7th in the Finals. This was 7th place out of the 138 teams of 4 and 8 inch dogs! A huge accomplishment. Congratulations to our Texas team with their Texas sized hearts!

Betty Jean Carter and Bongo - taking 7th place out of all 4-8” dogs!

Miniature poodle Summer Glover. The Top 2015 Agility Invitational Poodle wearing her PCA medallion!

Bongo running his dog walk with the heart of a true Texan!
Congratulations to all five 2015 AKC Agility Invitational invitees: Ganesha, Shambhu, Summer, Preston, Bongo and the number one preferred poodle: Dominic - for receiving this prestigious invitation.

In March the National Agility Championship (NAC) is being held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This year there is a record number of poodles attending: 105. These 105 poodles met the 2016 NAC qualifications of 500 points, five double Qs and 20 qualifying legs in either JWW or Standard. Eight of the 105 are breed Champions (CH). Seven of the eight are CH/Master Agility Champions (MACH), one is a CH OTCH MACH and there is one GCH MACH!

The breeders of these nine breed champions - who have qualified and are attending the NAC - must be very proud of these poodles with multiple championships! Poodles do it all!

As a reminder: PCA 2017 will be held at the beautiful Purina Farms show site in Missouri. We are coordinating with a local trial chair for agility on the weekend prior and selecting another fun agility judge! Stay tuned for further info and “Meet me in St Louis” in 2017 at Purina Farms!

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**Westminster

Breed Results 2016**

**Toys:**
BOV: CH Wonderful Rizu Jp Nicole Precious  
Owner: Hiromi Nagami

BOS: GCH Donnchada Wink’s Touch Of Elegance  
Owner: Twila E Winkleman & Bob J Winkleman

SEL: GCH Lomar Swag’s One Tin Soldier  
Owner: Lori Logli & Terri Meyers

SEL: GCH Foxmore Boxwood Bodeen  
Owner: Ingela Gram & Janet R Reed

AOM: CH Foxmore Frayna  
Owner: Mary McSweeney & Janet R Reed

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**Miniatures**

BOV: GCH Durandel Dance With Me  
Owner: Leslie Diane Simis & Roslyn B Maner

BOS: GCH Bellefleet Don’t Pass Me By  
Owner: Alysia Reichertz & Joanne Reichertz

SEL: GCH Tulip Gardens Double Trouble  
Owner: Ellen Charles & Bonnie Datema

SEL: CH Karadale Clarion Game Of Thrones  
Owner: Julie Pantages & Karen Berlind & Katherine Kennedy-Vigil & Ann A Kennedy

AOM: CH Bellefleet’s Stealth Force  
Owner: Stephanie Poot

AOM: CH Madans Driven By Style  
Owner: William Lee

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**Standards**

BOV: CH Afterglow Maverick Sabre  
Owner: Ilaria Biondi De Ciabatti

BOS: GCH Lakeridge Atalanta Summer In Paris  
Owner: Lindsay Gorder

SEL: CH Huffish Rave The Rhythm  
Owner: Missy Galloway & Charlotte Sandell

SEL: GCH Gala Brighton Lakeridge Reflections Of Me  
Owner: Ron & Debbie Scott

AOM: GCH Lakeridge Kaylens Spend A Little Time With Me  
Owner: Virginia Dorris & Kay Peiser & Hanna Sunderland

AOM: GCH Hillwood Dassin Ouspenskaya  
Owner: Ellen M Charles & Joseph Vergnetti
Notes from OptiGen:

During the 4th quarter of 2015 (October 1, 2015-December 31, 2015) OptiGen tested 10 Dwarf Poodles for PRA; 4 Moyen(Klein) Poodles for PRA & 1 for OC; 84 Miniature Poodles for PRA & 16 for OC; 15 Standard Poodles for PRA & 33 Toy Poodles for PRA. The breakdown is as follows:

Total Dwarf Poodles tested for prcd-PRA for this quarter – 10
Normal - 8
Carrier – 2
Affected – 0

Total Miniature Poodles tested for PRA this quarter – 84
Normal – 61
Carrier – 23
Affected -0

Total Miniature Poodles tested for OC this quarter – 16
All Normal

Total Moyen/Klein Poodles tested for PRA for this quarter – 4
Normal – 3
Carrier – 1
Affected – 0

Total Moyen/Klein Poodles tested for OC this quarter – 1 ALL Normal

Total Standard Poodles tested for PRA this quarter – 15 ALL Normal

Total Toy Poodles tested for PRA this quarter – 33
Normal – 23
Carrier - 10
Affected – 0

Countries testing this quarter include: Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, UK & US.

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

Regards,
Becky

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**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

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**Dwarfism Test for Miniature Poodles**

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

http://www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/services/dog.php#MiniaturePoodle
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You are invited to the
ANNUAL PCA FOUNDATION SEMINAR
Tuesday, April 26, 2016
Wicomico Civic Center Da Nang Room
Salisbury, Maryland

9:00 a.m.  Registration

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Seminar

Introduction  followed by an update on Health Problems in Toy Poodles and a report on North Carolina State University research on Possible Genetics of Addison’s Disease, followed by:

What You Need to Know About Vaccines and Vaccination in 2016. We are very pleased to welcome our keynote speaker, Dr. Richard Ford, who serves with Dr. Ronald Schultz on the American Animal Hospital Association’s Canine Vaccination Task Force. Hardly seems like six years since Dr. Schultz spoke to us about vaccines and vaccination programs, but much has changed in the vaccine world since then, including new vaccines (such as oral Bordetella and the recently announced canine flu vaccine), Rabies Challenge progress, new recommendations and more. Don’t miss this important update for anyone living with dogs!

Testing Offered at the Wicomico Civic Center during PCA Week

- Tuesday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, April 27, 9 a.m. to noon: OptiGen prcd-PRA testing at National Specialty discount, and blood draw for research on hereditary eye disorders in Miniature and Toy Poodles and a study on possible genetics of Addison’s Disease in Standards. See www.poodleclubofamericafoundation.org under “Samples Needed” for more on these studies and others. Identity of dogs enrolled in research projects is confidential.

- Tuesday, April 26: CERF (OFA) eye clinic, $30.  9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  Pre-register Monday at the health testing tables. Walk-ins are welcome if clinic slots are available.

- Thursday, April 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday, April 29, 9 a.m. to noon, special prices on Texas A&M heart screening by echocardiogram for Atrial Septal Defect ($100) in Standard Poodles and auscultation for OFA heart clearances ($40) in all varieties.

- DNA test kits will be available all week at special prices: vWD ($75), Neonatal Encephalopathy ($55) and Degenerative Myelopathy ($55).
Marion Usher Donates Poodle Quilt for PCAF Fundraiser

Many thanks to Marion Usher of Tinkilee Toy Poodles for donating a gorgeous handmade quilt featuring Poodles in all colors to the PCA Foundation for a fundraiser. We are excited to offer Poodle people a chance to own Marion’s work and will hold a raffle or auction at our PCA National Specialty. The quilt will be displayed Tuesday, April 26, at the PCAF Seminar and at other Wicomico sites during the week. Many of you know Marion as a longtime breeder and exhibitor of lovely Toy Poodles, and this work of art reflects her passion for our breed. As she puts it, “Poodles have been my life.” Watch the PCA National Specialty page, Facebook and PCA Online for more as PCA plans take shape. Again, many thanks to Marion for her generosity to the Foundation and for offering the chance to own and enjoy this beautiful quilt.

Pat Forsyth for the PCA Foundation
**P.C.A. Membership News**

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

**Associate Membership**

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Variety, Standards, Miniatures

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**Lori Wintz**  
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The following individuals passed their first reading at the December Board Meeting and the Membership Committee has been charged to contact their references and make recommendations as to membership in PCA at the April 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**

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**Individual Membership**

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**Roster Changes:**

Everyone should have received the newest hard copy of the Membership Roster, naturally, printing something is the absolute best way to be informed in regard to changes!! Listed below are the changes (to date) for the hardcopy Roster. If you would like a digital copy of this (which would include the changes) just contact me at msstb@aol and I will send it to you.

**Changes in Membership Roster mailed February, 2016.**

**ADD:**
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**Variety Representatives**

**Miniature Representative**

I hope everyone has stayed safe and warm this winter. Before we know it, PCA will be here.

I would like to extend huge congrats to our Westminster variety winners this year. They were all beautiful representatives of our breed and we are all very proud of them. Our miniature best of variety this year was GCH Durandel Dance With Me. He was beautifully presented by his breeder Leslie Simis and is owned by Leslie and Roslyn Maner. Best of opposite sex was awarded to GCH Bellefleet Don’t Pass Me By. Breeder Alysia Reichertz also co-owns this beautiful girl with Joanne Richertz. Select dog was Bonny Datema’s GCH Tulip Gardens Double Trouble which she co-owns with Ellen Charles. Select bitch was Ch Karadale Clarion Game of Thrones bred by Karen Berlind Giles, Katherine Kennedy-Vigil and Ann A. Kennedy. She is owned by her breeders and Julie Pantages. The two award of merits winners were CH Bellefleet’s Stealth Force and CH Madan’s Driven By Style. Congratulations to everyone for making the mini people proud.

Please don’t forget to check out the latest health news for miniatures in the Poodle Variety Oct-Dec 2015 issue. (pages 89-90)

It won’t be long before we will all meet in Salisbury for the greatest poodle show on earth! If Westminster was any kind of preview of things to come, our Judge Daniel Agustus will have some awesome minis to choose from. Keep up the great work! For the mini and toy spectators, don’t forget to buy your reserved seats early. This section fills up quickly.

See you in Salisbury
Janet Lange Moses
In Memoriam

Pat McMullen
Michanda

February 19, 1935- January 5, 2016

What can I tell you about Pat? Her favorite color was pink. She drank coffee with cream and sugar. She loved Stouffer’s Lean Cuisine Mac and Cheese. When she read in bed before going to sleep she would eat Kraft Caramels. Two of her favorite TV shows were CSI and Storage Wars. Pat was an avid Yahtzi and Bunco player and enjoyed hosting card parties. She loved playing Bingo and occasionally going to casinos. She gave up the Internet after Web TV went out of service as she found the computer or a tablet too “stupid”. “I just want to pick up the keyboard and look at my television.”

Pat was a founding member of the Mid-Michigan Poodle Club. She could be loud, stubborn, opinionated and warm-hearted at the same time. There were many a time she stopped to pick up a stray dog or cat from the median of the highway. She worked for a telephone answering service in downtown Flint and stopped more than once to coax a dementia patient who had wandered away from a nearby nursing home into her car and then took them to the police station. Many years ago I recall hearing a loud crash right after she left my house. I ran outside in a panic as I saw her car pulled over to the side of the street. When I got up beside her car it was fine...and EMPTY. Pat was sitting on the floorboard of another vehicle holding the crash victim’s hand and stayed with her until the ambulance arrived.

Pat loved to laugh and had quite a sense of humor. Once I had gone up to visit for the weekend and she told me she had made lunch for us- had slaved over the stove all moving. I told her she shouldn’t have gone to the trouble. She then plopped a pre-packaged box of tuna and crackers down on the table. She enjoyed her friends in the neighborhood where she lived for more than fifty years and her dog show buddies. Quite a ruckus has had been heard more than once if she were involved. If there were several of us sharing a room at the shows she would jump on the bed and sing “The Good Ship Lollipop” when the alarm rang. She would insist on picking up several heavy objects and taking them to the car when it was time to leave a show site because “I’m a tough old broad”. Another favorite saying was “eat, eat, eat” when she thought it was dinner time at the show. A favorite restaurant of her and Jane Winne’s was Bill Knapp’s and she almost always ordered steak.

“Michanda” is a combination of her daughter Linda and Linda’s son Michael’s names. Pat’s foundation bitch was Ch. Michanda’s Pebble of Syntiny and a dearly treasured companion for many, many years. I won’t address the history of her dogs as that can be followed in “Poodles in America”. We all know there are many champions that carry the Michanda prefix. The two of which she was the most proud was Ch. Syntifny Michanda Show Biz and Ch. Michanda Pin Oak Scott Free, TP. “Bird” was BOV at PCA from the classes under Frank Sabella in June, 1981. She went on to wind the Variety under Maxine Beam and BOB under Becky Mason at the Regional in Kansas in October, 1981, and the Variety at the Washington Regional in 1982 under Mrs. George Dow. “Scottie” was specialed for a short time, had several group placements, and won the Toy Group under Dr. T. Kirk, Jr. in April, 1991. Even though Pat’s health had been deteriorating for several years she was breeder or co-breeder of three champions in 2014: Lordemar Dare and Go at White Magic (also a Canadian champion), Michanda Mari Something Else (champion producer), and Chudan Michanda Full Speed Ahead (also an UKC champion and champion producer). In 2015 she co-bred three champions: Michanda Mari American Made, Michanda Mari Only in America, and Mari Michanda Flash Forward. (The first two are litter sisters of Full Speed Ahead.)

Pat leaves behind her children Linda Arnott, Ward Jr. (Barb), and William, 7 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. She also leaves too many friends to count...

Respectfully and lovingly submitted by

Jaye Klein Justice

The Poodle Papers
Barbara Adkins
Mescal

Barbara was a long time member of the Poodle Club of Southeast Michigan and the Poodle Club of America. She had been passionate about poodles since she was a young girl when her parents helped her establish a grooming business at the age of 15. (one of the things her friendship with Mark Shanoff had in common). Her first standard poodle purchased in 1966 was the beginning of Mescal Poodles.

Barbara was determined to develop a line of Standard poodles to be proud of and had no problem going to the people who she thought could help her achieve her vision. Freeman “Bud” Dickey helped her with Cabel of Bushyrun, she worked with Yvonne Chase Fowler-Viscara’s kennel to breed Ch. Viscara Vindicator of Mescal, a Top Producer of 20 Champions. She also, bred Ch. Mescal Jeremiah another Top Producer of 20 Champions. She also acquired Ch Wycliffe Minerva of Tawasentha, another Top Producer of 10 Champions.

Barbara knew her vision and was obviously successful. At the 1975 Poodle Club of America National she went Winners Dog with Ch. Mescal Jeremiah, owner handled. Ch. Hollowell Sophie of Mescal went Winners Bitch at the Regional in October 1981. Again, owner handled in 1985, she co-owned with Pam Newhart, Ch. Mescal Alyse, who went on to Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and an Award of Merit at that years National. Later in 1992 she co-owned Ch. Haleyon Another Rembrandt, Winners Dog and Best of Winners at the National.

Over the years she worked closely with many more breeders and friends including Kathi Cohen, Diane Laretta, Anne Rogers Clarke, Florence Graham, Jean Lazarus, Mark Shanoff, Daniel Augustus, John and Julie Seeley, Mary Ellen Fishler among many others.

She is survived by her husband Delbert Adkins, son and daughter in law, Jeff and Tammi Adkins and grandsons Brandon and Mathew.

Submitted by MaryEllen Fishler

John Quandt
Ziegfeld

John Quandt was born on May 24, 1944 and passed away on December 5, 2015 at his home in Clearwater, Florida after struggling through a battle with cancer for nearly 20 years. He and his wife Kathy began an interest in pure bred dogs shortly after they married. They quickly gravitated to toy poodles. Their first breakthrough dog was Ch. Laurelbury Durandel Durango who ultimately sired 40 champions. They bred their toy poodles under the Ziegfeld banner.

Ch. Laurelbury Ziegfeld Girl during her career, was the number one toy poodle one year and number 2 the second year. Besides winning several All Breed Best in Shows and Specialties, she won the Toy Variety at Poodle Club of America in 2000 and later in 2007 she returned to PCA to win Best Toy Veteran. Her call name was Agnes and she was John’s heart dog.

There have been many more successful Ziegfeld toy poodles over the years; 50 plus American Champions, title holders in Italy, Canada, and other overseas countries. John and Kathy had poodle friends worldwide, and you never saw one without the other,”. John will be missed, but by no one more than Kathy.

There is a picture in my mind of John in Heaven, sitting in his favorite chair, surrounded by all of his toy poodles who preceded him.

Submitted by MaryEllen Fishler

*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 email 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.*
Frank R. Wolaniuk  
Kuinalow Kennels

Frank R. Wolaniuk, age 89, of Lima, PA died on December 14, 1015 at the Fair Acres Geriatric Center. He was born in Philadelphia, PA, Frank resided for over 5 years with his wife and Poodle Club of America member Alice, at the facility. Previously, they resided in Warwick, MD where the family business, Kuinalow Kennels resided. Frank always had a passion for animals, so having a kennel and showing his own toy poodles grew into Professional Handling. Eventually, he gained status as an AKC Licensed Judge. He passed this love of our breed and sport onto his daughter Gail who is also an accomplished Professional Handler. He was a Marine during WWII. He was a member of the American Legion and the Marine Corp League and Devil Dogs Marine Group in Elkton, MD. In his early years as a policeman, he was an accomplished marksman and won Police Marksmanship competitions.

He leaves his wife Alice and son Steven and daughter Gail Wolaniuk; as well as two grandchildren Natalie and Eric.

Submitted by MaryEllen Fishler

Beth J. Harris  
Aris

Beth J. Harris of the well known Aris Standard Poodles fame, died in her home in Florida in mid-December 2015. She is survived by her parents and by her sister and brother, and other family scattered about the U.S. Beth is also survived by a multitude of friends and poodle families who were fortunate enough to have known her as the stellar breeder she was, and lucky enough to actually own one of her pups. Beth was inarguably one of the top breeders of standards during her long years in the fancy, known and respected by handlers, fellow breeders, owners, active in several poodle clubs, canine genetics groups, and in PCA. A retired criminal attorney, she had a keen eye for details, a sharp memory, and was always a force to be reckoned with in whatever endeavors she chose to pursue, forever generous with her time and talents. A treasured daughter, sister, mentor and friend, she leaves an enviable legacy to be admired for years. She will be missed.

Submitted by Bev Crosby

Jack Wellman  
GulfBreeze

James Olson  
Mabilo
Meet The Breeds Update  
By Joyce A. Miller

One of the most popular features of this country’s two premier all-breed dog shows—the AKC/ Eukanuba and Westminster Kennel Club—is the Meet The Breeds booths, where people can learn more about future four-legged family members.

To encourage the parent breed clubs to decorate their booths, AKC awards the best booths in each of the 7 groups. Despite stiff competition, the Eukanuba booth won third place in the Non-Sporting Group. Thanks to The Orlando Poodle Club and Tampa Bay Poodle Club along with several volunteers from other clubs for their efforts to make this booth such a success! Those volunteers include Louann and Allen Currey, Carolyn Holmes, Jia Miller, Joyce Miller from Poodle Obedience Training Club of Greater New York, Norine Noonan, Lorna Ulrich, and Mary Watson from Washington Poodle Club.

Showtime! Jia Miller’s Ruger jumps through a hoop, while the other Poodles await their turn to dazzle the crowds.
This is what the Meet The Breeds is all about! Lorna Ulrich and Joules greet fans.

The MTB booth at Westminster won 2nd prize in the Non-Sporting Group. Thanks to Jim Wasilak from Washington Poodle Club and Nancy Evans along with juniors Sarah and Rachel Rivkin whose hard work was rewarded! The following comes from Sarah Rivkin:
Poodles are ready for the crowds at the 50's diner-themed booth. Gideon the black Mini therapy dog on the far left with Nancy Evans. White Standard puppy is Chanel in the middle (Vogue Uniquely Coco Chanel) owned by Sarah Rivkin. White Standard laying down is Branson (CH Afterglow Unique Physique) owned by Rachel Rivkin.

Chanel on the left (Vogue Uniquely Coco Chanel) and father Branson (CH Afterglow Unique Physique) on the right. Both dogs ready for a day's worth of Poodle petting.

{Notice the 2nd place rosette in the background.}

Congratulations to all involved!
photo submitted by Carolyn Holmes & MaryEllen Fishler
PCA Rescue Foundation

Please consider a tax deductible donation to PCA Rescue Foundation. One hundred percent of your donation goes to support the efforts of volunteers all over the United States to rescue Poodles from abandonment and find them permanent, safe loving homes. Return this form to the address below.

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The Poodle Papers
OptiGen

OptiGen is pleased to have served the Poodle community for many years, providing you with the highest quality and service in DNA testing for inherited diseases in dogs. In appreciation of your loyalty and in anticipation of exciting changes at OptiGen, including a new website and ordering process that will be launched in the near future, we are pleased to offer a special discount code to Poodle breeders that will give a 40% discount off the pricing on any of OptiGen’s tests. This code will be effective February 4th and is good for any orders placed during the month of February. All of OptiGen’s other discounts, including litter pricing and combo discounts, also apply. Please feel free to share this discount code with other Poodle owners.

All of us at OptiGen look forward to serving the Poodle community—as always with our sincere dedication to providing you with the highest possible quality assurance and customer service. Please look for our new and improved website coming soon!

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Osteochondrodysplasia (OC) Testing - November 11, 2015

For: Miniature Poodles

A form of severe dwarfism was first described in the Miniature Poodle in Great Britain almost 60 years ago (1). Also known as osteochondrodysplasia (OC), it involves abnormalities in cartilage and bone development. The initial clinical signs of the disorder appear at 3 weeks of age when affected puppies show stunted growth and abnormal movements. Later, deformity in limbs, jaws and the rib cage become apparent, causing difficulties in breathing and feeding. Affected puppies are typically euthanized. Dogs with less pronounced symptoms of OC can survive into adulthood but the majority have significant physical abnormalities and increased incidence of osteoarthritis.

Combined efforts of the dedicated Miniature Poodle breeders and the research team led by Dr. Mark Neff at the Van Andel Research Institute culminated in the discovery of a partial deletion of the sulfate transporter gene, SLC13A1, as a cause of the osteochondrodysplasia in this breed (2,3). The mutation is inherited as an autosomal recessive disease. Affected dogs of both sexes develop this form of OC, apparently due to abnormalities in sulfate metabolism, when they receive two copies of the truncated gene, one from each parent.
Prevalence of the SLC13a1 mutation:
The frequency of the SLC13a1 mutation has been estimated in the U.S. subpopulation of the Miniature Poodle, with an average of 9.7 percent of tested dogs being carriers of the mutation (2). Cases of the OC disease have been described in European subpopulation of the breed but the frequency of the mutation has not yet been reported.

DNA test for OC in the Miniature Poodle:
The mutation based test for OC is designed to detect the presence/absence of the SLC13a1 deletion and to clearly distinguish three groups of dogs corresponding to three genotypes:

AFFECTED homozygotes with two copies of the truncated SLC13a1 gene develop clinical signs of OC and they can only pass the mutated gene on to their offspring.

CARRIERS heterozygotes with one copy of the mutation and one copy of the normal gene do not develop OC but they can transmit the SLC13a1 deletion to progeny.

NORMAL/CLEAR homozygotes with two normal copies of the gene can only transmit the normal gene to its offspring.

Recommendations for breeding strategies:
Because of the recessive nature of OC inheritance, the mutation can exist in breeding lines without detection for many generations until two carriers of the mutation produce an affected pup. On average, 25 percent of the offspring from a mating between carriers will be affected. Due to random (chance) assortment of gametes and the relatively small litter size, the actual percentage of puppies affected with OC produced in Carrier to Carrier mating often deviates from the expected 25%. It is recommended to test dogs prior to mating to ensure that at least one parent is Normal/Clear of the OC mutation to avoid production of affected progeny.

References: