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It was great to see everyone at the January meeting. It was also great to step out of the truck into much warmer weather than when I'd left home!

We have had a few changes in staff starting with 2013. Thanks go out to Robin Goodman, who is transitioning Newsletter Editor duties to Anne St. Pierre, and to Lizette Durrschmidt, who is transitioning Conformation ROM Coordinator duties to Keli Gaunt. Thanks to Anne and Keli for volunteering to take on these tasks.

This was my first year at the Winter Blast Agility trial – a very aptly named trial. Although this past weekend didn't feel too much like winter, it certainly was a blast! One of the most exciting things of the weekend was to see Bill Haggis handling Red in three classes – thank heavens for acupuncture!

We just seem to keep adding more and more events to the calendar, so we're off and running again in 2013!

I hope you've all saved the first Sunday in March for the Annual Meeting and ROM/Volunteer Banquet. All of the events in 2012 didn't just happen by themselves. Please make sure to contact Lecia Whitlock (aussix2000@yahoo.com) so she can make the appropriate plans with the Log Cabin. While everyone else starts with the main courses, you'll find me starting at the dessert table.

Until then, stay safe and warm...

From the Editor | anne st.pierre

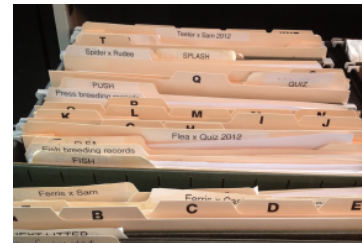
Welcome to the first New England Aussie issue of the New Year! I'm very excited to present the updated design in its electronic format. Not only does the new format allow for significant print and mail cost savings to the Club (because now you're downloading it!), but it also allows us to be far more creative than we've been in the past. We can include pictures and active links at the touch of a key – providing more effective ways of getting information to our members. I hope you find the newsletter to be both informative and relevant. Feel free to offer your suggestions and comments.

Email your comments, questions, suggestions, brags, and other contributions to me at: docollege@yahoo.com



The Ethical Dog Breeder's Office | by alison smith

The phrase “dog breeder” generally conjures up visions of blissful hours spent playing with adorable puppies, but rarely includes the reality of just how much office work, among other things, is actually involved. As I dug through my overstuffed file cabinets the other day in a hurried search for an old dog’s long forgotten hip rating, I decided there has got to be a better way to keep track of kennel related information. In pursuit of success at my New Year’s resolution to finally “get organized,” I sought out the advice of my fellow breeders. I posed these questions:



Alison Smith's views and curiosity are informed by 30 years of involvement with companion dogs and their owners.

Alison is the owner of Paradox Australian Shepherds in western Massachusetts. She is a Hall of Fame Kennel breeder of 20+ years, AKC Breeder of Merit, Canine Good Citizen Evaluator and owner of a small boarding and daycare kennel, The Grinning Dog, LLC.

Q. What office, filing and software systems do you have in place for managing the endless paperwork of dog breeding? What have you tried, what works best for you, paper or computer - a mix? Any favorite software or tricks to help stay on top of whose cheek swabs were sent in, who needs a rabies shot, flea preventative or eye clearance next? How do you keep track of microchip numbers, contracts and buyer records?

The responses I received indicate that the majority of breeders use a combination of paper files and digital storage and tracking.

PAPER BASED SYSTEMS

Good old-fashioned paper files are far and away still the most popular way to keep dog records. Although there does appear to be a shift towards scanning paperwork into easily searchable digital folders, it seems doubtful the file cabinet will be phased out entirely. Here are some examples of the paper-based systems that were shared with me:

"Accordion files for each dog with folders within for registrations, health, heats, litters, etc. all by hand. I keep a single folder for each litter..."

"Three ring binders: One for current dogs and one for past dogs. Each dog has a plastic page sleeve with all pertinent information in it. The front of each protector has a sheet with the dog's name, vaccine info, heat info, etc."

"Subject Binders: Kennel, Medical, Individual dog, Litter, Show, and special interest binders. My favorite is a handwritten spreadsheet from the Litter binder kept over weeks at the whelping pen: names, time of birth, weights, markings, teeth, NBT, & temperaments (huge was early written temperament observations...how constant over time: smart/alert/does not settle, quiet/soft, cute/calm/smart, pissed!)"

"I have a file cabinet where I have marked dates of birth on the main tab folder with sire and dam under that. Then in each hanging folder is a tabbed folder with each puppy and their paperwork. I scan all paperwork into my computer so I have it on file there as well."

"I use a simple alphabetical system for the active dogs and their litters. Inactive/archived files are kept in a dated system in a separate file cabinet"

The Ethical Dog Breeder's Office | continued

COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS

Pedfast, a database and pedigree program, was the choice of the majority that used a computer-based system, followed closely by self generated spreadsheets on programs such as Excel, Access and Filemaker/Bento. One breeder links each dog's files directly to its webpage so all clearances are readily available to anyone who's interested.

"I scan everything and have a folder on my desktop. Then I have excel for shots, heats, expenses, registration numbers, shows, points and judges names (with notations)..."

"A folder for each dog on my computer, connected to the terminal (sic) of the dog on my website."

"The data in Filemaker is completely manageable and searchable. You can link it to other files you may currently have as well."

"I use the program Breeder's Standard [now Pedfast], which gives me pedigrees, health records, litter records, championships, addresses of owners of pups, etc. But I also have paper files and other records on computer, such as record of dogs bred, individual medical files and such..."

"I use Excel files and iCal. I have one for puppies/owners, another with many tabs for my income/expenses. For worming, heats, birthdays, vaccinations, etc. I use iCal (Outlook Calendar would probably work as well). If I put in a dog's name on the search it brings up a box of every entry I've ever made with that dogs name on it in date order. I print them out monthly in case of computer glitch. I can input annual/monthly/etc reminders with the date in parenthesis that I first entered that info. Calendars have more user-friendly organizational features than most people know about. Imagine being able to put in a dog's name and have every notation you've ever made come up together. "

"I use NeatDesk to scan and digitally file all my paperwork. You can scan up to 50 sheets at a time (good for archiving), label them and keep them in a virtual, fully searchable file cabinet. You can email files directly from the program."

REMINDERS

Programs like iCal and Microsoft Outlook work well as a reminder system and are almost ideal for breeders who have so much time and date related information to keep track of. Most have a search feature that allows easy access to historical data (when was she in heat last?) on any dog whose name you've ever noted. Reminders are easy to schedule (eye clearance next November, rabies due on Fluffy, send lease paperwork, etc.) and each "appointment" can have files (directions, registration, contracts) linked to it and notes (bring vaccines, client cell phone) made on it. These systems have possibly the most untapped potential for breeders. Paper calendars are still the trusted stand by for many people, but lack the easy search-ability of digital versions.

SAFETY

Several respondents reported using a fireproof safe to store paper files. Those that depended primarily on digital files used either online backup services like Carbonite or backed up to external hard drives. Many breeders mentioned regularly printing out digitally stored material, in case their computers or servers crashed.

The Ethical Dog Breeder's Office | continued

How we organize our offices and shuffle our papers is, of course, quite personal. The best systems seem to combine some form of paper and computerized filing. Easy searching is becoming more and more of a priority as we juggle increasingly onerous amounts of paperwork. Being able to get your hands on that archived hip rating without losing the time to return calls or go for a dog walk can help keep your kennel running efficiently. It means a happier breeder, happier clients and, most importantly, happier dogs. Less stress all around!

It's vital to remember that even as small hobby breeders, we are essentially running a micro business. If we want buyers to opt for us, as opposed to the instant satisfaction of the internet, we must present an organized, reliable and accessible package. Keeping our offices and paperwork running smoothly is just one part of helping reframe the work of ethical dog breeders as reputable and professional.

BRAGS | all members



Anne Hubbard and Versatile Veteran Dog, Ellie.

Anne Hubbard

Arboretum's Elymus Be Mine (Ellie) ADCH PDCH ATCH2 NACH MX MXJ, earned her VVD (USDAA Versatile Veteran Dog) title in October, at the young age of 12 3/4! She was the oldest dog at the trials in which we competed and ran with her usual style and gusto -- and voice!

Kathy Fretz

Congratulations to Rio on her ATCH! She is now:
ATCH CH Sunpiper's Tears On A River CDX RMX RS-E-OP JS-E-OP RS-E-OP

Ellen Kurdzo

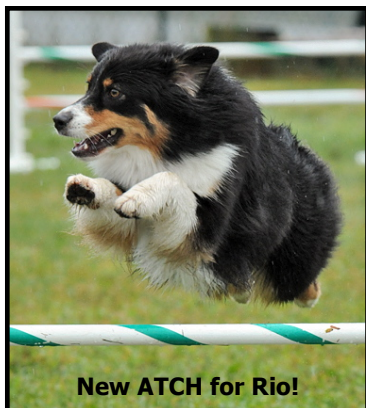
Congrats to Hemlocks Harvest Moon (Luna)! Luna got her ATCH II at Harvest Moon.

Fran Swanson

Ch. Halifax Prince of Tides (Nick) won BOB at the Cascade ASC pre-national show in Bakersfield, CA. He also premiered at the national show, along with his daughter Reese (Ch. Harmony Hills Legally Blonde), owned by Toni Lake and Heather Braddock.

Audrey McKay

At 11 years old, Bindi Su got her ATCH II at the WASCUNY trial in December.



New ATCH for Rio!



ATCH II for Bindi Su!

Submit brags to the Editor, and include a picture, if you like.

ROM Awards, Club Meeting and Banquet: March 3, 2013

Come join us for food, fellowship and a celebration of all the things our wonderful dogs have accomplished this year! Luncheon buffet will be served. Dogs are not welcome in restaurant.

Date & Time: Sunday, March 3, 2013 starting at 11:30am

Location: Log Cabin Meeting House 500 East Hampton Road, Holyoke, MA.

ASCNE Members who volunteered for any event or club service are the guests of the club.

\$10.00 per person for non-volunteer ASCNE members

\$20.00 per person for non-members

\$10.00 for children (non-volunteer, under 12 yrs of age)

Because the club must pay in advance for all attendees, this is a reservation only meeting. To reserve your place, please send in the reservation below, or e-mail your RSVP to Lecia Whitlock, by **Feb 20, 2013**. Reserve your seat early! Please be courteous and cancel if you cannot attend.

Send RSVP to: Lecia Whitlock, 17 Sterling Road, Waltham, MA 02451

For more information email Lecia at aussix2000@yahoo.com or call (781) 647-1649

Call for Pictures! As a special event we are displaying pictures of club members from the past as well as pictures of our Aussies. Please put the name of the club member or dog on the back of the photo. The pictures will be posted at the restaurant. Please either send COPIES of the pictures or let me know that you will be bringing them so I can plan for space. We cannot guarantee that the photos will be returned. Thanks!

Directions to Log Cabin:

From the Mass Pike, take Exit 4 to I-91 North.

From I-91, take Exit 17 to Route 141 west (toward Easthampton, MA). Proceed 2 miles.

ASCNE ROM BANQUET RSVP FORM

Send RSVP to: Lecia Whitlock, 17 Sterling Road, Waltham, MA 02451

Name: _____ Volunteered? YES NO

Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

Total Number Attending: _____

Volunteer Members: _____ Non-members: _____ Non-Volunteer Club members: _____


Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

The Advantages of Purebred Dog Research | Podcast C.A. Sharp

Provided by the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, this podcast is an interview with C.A. Sharp, President of the Australian Shepherd Health and Genetics Institute, an organization dedicated to sharing knowledge about the genetics of the breed. C.A. is also a prolific writer on canine health. In this podcast C.A. discusses the reasons why purebred dogs are good research models; why purebred dogs are helpful to human medicine and to veterinary medicine for all dogs; and the need to participate in research by providing DNA samples.

To listen to this 15-minute interview with CA Sharp, click the link below, or copy the link to your browser.

<http://www.akcchf.org/news-events/multimedia/podcasts/the-advantages-of-purebred.html>




"They have identified areas on three separate chromosomes that may have some relation to epilepsy in the breed."

ASGHI NEWS: Samples Needed

Dr. Patterson's research team at the University of Minnesota has analyzed data from 88 Australian Shepherds, half of whom have epilepsy and half who do not. They have identified areas on three separate chromosomes that may have some relation to epilepsy in the breed. Improved DNA technology will be used to sequence those areas to search for mutations that may play a role in Aussie epilepsy – however, to be able to do so, they need more samples.

Samples from epileptic dogs are especially needed. If you have an Aussie with epilepsy and have not previously submitted a sample to the study, please consider doing so. Your participation is greatly needed and is entirely confidential. Instructions on how to participate and forms are available on the study's website at the following link: <http://www.cvm.umn.edu/vbs/faculty/Mickelson/lab/ie/home.html>



"This study is our best hope for developing tools that will help breeders avoid producing this terrible disease."

This study is our best hope for developing tools that will help breeders avoid producing this terrible disease. Knowing the genetics of Aussie epilepsy may also lead to better treatment for affected dogs. Please, if you have an epileptic dog, send a blood sample.

ASHGI is committed to the support of this vital research. If you would like to help support epilepsy research by providing financial support, please click on or paste the link below into your browser. Our IRS not-for-profit status will allow a conduit by which interested individuals may be able to make deductible donations toward education and research on breed genetics issues: <http://www.ashqi.org/donate.htm>

Upcoming Events

ASCNE WINTER WARM-UP: Obedience, Rally, Conformation

Saturday, February 2, 2013:

AM Show: All-breed Rally trial - JUDGE: Denise LaCroix

PM Show: All-breed Obedience trial - JUDGE: Diane Cohn

Pre-entries close on Jan 27, 2013 or when limit of 30 is reached.

Sunday, February 3, 2013:

Two conformation shows - JUDGES: Donna Blews Pappas & Roland Pelland)

Conformation classes are only open to Australian Shepherds

Pre-entries close on January 27, 2013

Location:

Canine Mastery - 102A Pond St. Seekonk, MA

Held indoors on mats, building opens at 8:00am

Download the Premium for this event at: <http://www.ascne.org>

ASCNE 17th ANNUAL RESCUE SHOW: 4 Conformation Shows!

March 16 & 17, 2013

Four conformation shows - JUDGES: Gail Karamalegos, Senior Breeder

Judge, TX; Margaret Reed, AKC Judge, CT; Sunday Miles, Breeder

Judge, MI; Sandra Walker, AKC Judge, Stow, MA

Conformation classes are only open to Australian Shepherds

Pre-entries close on March 4, 2013

Location:

Silver City Canine Training Center, 480 John Hancock Rd, Taunton, MA

Held indoors on mats

Download the Premium for this event at: <http://www.ascne.org>

ASCNE All-Breed Agility Trial

March 30 & 31, 2013

JUDGE: John Raymond (NH)

Location:

All Dogs Gym, 505 Sheffield Rd, Manchester, NH

Entries Opens: No postmarks prior to January 30, 2013

Entries Close: March 14, 2013

6TH Annual Fund Raiser for Local Food Bank

Download the Premium for this event at: <http://www.ascne.org>



*Did you know that
Harvest Moon Mania
will celebrate its 20th
anniversary in
October 2013?*

Upcoming Events - continued

Working Stockdogs on Cattle, Sponsored by ASCNE

Instructor: Cindi Hayden

April 6 & 7, 2013 | 8:30-5:00pm

This will be a clinic for teams with previous cattle experience to further develop skills. Handlers and dogs will be coached through tasks such as penning, sorting, holding and working individual animals.

Registration: Stockdog entry form postmarked on or after February 1, 2013

Clinic Location: Riverfare Farms, 301 Tyler Rd, Webster, NH

Participants: Limited to 8 participants, per day

Fees: \$150 for one day. \$245 for both days (lunch/drinks included)

Auditor fee: \$35 per day

Make checks payable to ASCNE and send to:

Matt Mason
557 West Salisbury Rd
Salisbury, NH 03268

Stockdog Trialing Strategies Clinic, Sponsored by ASCNE

Clinician: Jim Hartnagle, Colorado

April 27 & 28, 2013 | 8:30-5:00pm

The clinic weekend will revolve around handling the various obstacles and dilemmas encountered during stockdog trials. A variety of ASCA obstacles will be utilized during the morning sessions and a course will be set up for the afternoon sessions. Runs will be scored and timed to assimilate an actual trial. Jim will coach and help handlers work through problem areas. Time will be allowed to discuss aspects and variations of runs.

Trialers of all levels are welcome to participate to help calm the "trial nerves" and to develop good habits for a successful trialing season.

Registration: Stockdog entry form postmarked on or after March 11, 2013

Clinic Location: Riverfare Farms, 301 Tyler Rd, Webster, NH

Weather permitting, the outdoor arena will be used both days.

Livestock: Sheep, goats and cattle will be available

Participants: Limited to 10 participants, per day

Fees: \$150 for one day. \$250 for both days (lunch/drinks included)

Auditor fee: \$35 per day

Make checks payable to ASCNE and send to:

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Upcoming Events - continued

ASCNE All-Breed Agility Trial – Hosted by ACT-UP

May 11 & 12, 2013

JUDGE: Chuck Klein (NC)

Location: Canine Mastery, Seekonk, MA

Limited: 350 Runs per Day

Entries Opens: Pre-entry only; No postmarks prior to March 4, 2013

Entries Close: April 29, 2013 - 9PM; Move ups close: May 6, 2013 - 9PM

Classes Offered: Regular (2 Runs / Day); Jumpers (1 Run Saturday / 2 Runs Sunday); Gamblers (2 Runs Saturday / 1 Run Sunday); Novice, Open, and Elite Levels Standard, Veterans and Jr. Handler Divisions; Pre-Novice (2 Runs / Day); Exhibition Class for Retired Canine Competitors (Saturday only)

For a premium contact:

Michelle Whall

144 Lyman Street

North Attleboro, MA 02760

Tel: 508-699-9276 Email: mickeycw@aol.com

Fees: All Regulation Classes: \$12.00; Pre-Novice Classes: \$10.00; Retired: \$3.00

Download the Premium for this event at: <http://www.ascne.org> or www.actupagility.com

ASCNE All-Breed Agility Trial

May 25 & 26, 2013

JUDGE: Susan Perry (WA)

Location: Hopkinton State Fairgrounds, Contoocook, NH

Limited: 350 Runs per Day

Entries Opens: Pre-entry only; No postmarks prior to April 3, 2013

Entries Close: May 15, 2013 - 9PM

Classes Offered: Regular, Jumpers, Gamblers (2 Runs / Day); Novice, Open and Elite Levels; Standard, Veterans and Jr. Handler Divisions; Pre-Novice Regular (2 Runs / Day); Exhibition Class for Retired Canine Competitors (Saturday only)

For a premium contact:

Jean Janotta

24 Country View Drive, Raymond, NH 03077-2479

Tel: 603-895-5436 Email: jjanotta@myfairpoint.net

Download the Premium for this event at: <http://www.ascne.org>. Mailed by request only.

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Please consider volunteering at
Club events or the ASCNE BOD!
Your participation is highly
encouraged, very much
appreciated, and necessary to
help run the Club and events.

2013 Trials, Shows, Clinics

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
12 & 13-Jan	Agility Trial	Hamden, CT	W. Richmond
2-Feb	Obedience	Seekonk, MA	Kathy Buckley
3-Feb	Conformation	Seekonk, MA	Karen Miller
16 & 17-Mar	Conformation: Rescue Show	Taunton, MA	Susan Winters
30 & 31-Mar	Agility Trial	Manchester, NH	Kathy Fretz
6 & 7-Apr	Cattle Clinic w/ Cindi Hayden	Webster, NH	Matt Mason
21-Apr	Intro to Herding	Lebanon, CT	Tenley Dexter
20 & 21-Apr	Obedience & Rally	Seekonk, MA	Kathy Buckley
27 & 28-Apr	Stock Strategies Clinic w/ Jim Hartnagle	Webster, NH	Matt Mason
5-May	Obedience & Rally	Goshen, CT	Claudia Reed
11 & 12-May	ASCNE Agility Trial	Seekonk, MA	ACT-UP
25 & 26-May	Agility Trial	Contoocook, NH	Jean Janotta
8 & 9-June	Colors of Summer - Agility/Conformation	Westfield, MA	Keli Gaunt
15 & 16 Jun	Stock Trial	Portland, CT	Linc Keiser
12-Jul	Farm Trial	Prospect, ME	Diane Menard
13 & 14-Jul	Stock Trials	Prospect, ME	Diane Menard
3 & 4-Aug	Obedience & Rally	Seekonk, MA	Kathy Buckley
10 & 11 Aug	Stock and Farm Trials	Webster, NH	Matt Mason
12 - 14-Aug	Stock Clinic w/ Marti Parrish	Webster, NH	Matt Mason
17 & 18-Aug	ASCNE Agility Trial	N. Smithfield, RI	ACT-UP
18 - 20-Oct	Harvest Moon Mania - 20th Anniversary	Westfield, MA	Peter Kontos
9-Nov	Obedience & Rally	Seekonk, MA	TBD
10-Nov	Conformation	Seekonk, MA	Sharon Ruppel
16 & 17-Nov	Agility Trial	Westborough, MA	Joey Mason

NEW ENGLAND AUSSIE Newsletter Deadlines

January 15, 2013
March 15, 2013
May 15, 2013
July 15, 2013
September 15, 2013
November 15, 2013

CLUB MEETINGS DATES All Club Members Welcome

January 6, 2013: Seekonk, MA
March 3, 2013 - ROM Banquet: Holyoke, MA
July 7, 2013: location TBD
September 8, 2013: Pomfret, CT
November 3, 2013: Canterbury, NH

ASCNE Club Meeting, January 6, 2013, Canine Mastery, Seekonk, MA

The came to order at 12:06 PM with Jean Janotta president, presiding. **Board Members present:** Jean Janotta, Karen Miller, Secretary; Pete Dolan, Treasurer; Pauli Haggis, Board member; Gull Gullicksen, Vice President; Anne St.Pierre, Affiliate Representative; Kathy Buckley, Board Member: Members present: Bill Haggis, Karen Souza, Joey Mason, Jo-Ellen Vought, Barbara Miller, Dianne Barrett, Dottie Duclos, Ellen Kurdzo, Michael Kurdzo, Kathie Chouinard, Lisa, John, Janelle and Kiara Andrade, Susan Winters,

Robin Goodman, Kathy Buckley, Alexis Reidy, Linda Gray. Guests and members elect: Jen and Bill **Secretary's Report**-Karen Miller
The November report was accepted as printed in the November/December 2012 ASCNE Newsletter. Motioned by Pauli Haggis and seconded by Robin Goodman, so voted.
Treasurer's Report-Pete Dolan
The club is \$3,000.00 more to the good at the end of 2012, then at the end of 2011.

TREASURER'S REPORT: 1-6-2013

Account balance as of 11/04/12: \$12,416.30 (includes \$140.54 Rescue Fund)

Account balance as of 01/06/13: \$11,715.36 (includes \$140.54 Rescue Fund)

EVENTS - 2013	Income	Expenses	Profit
Cranberry Classic - Nov 10-11	\$2,091	\$2,017.00	\$74.00
January Agility Trial - Jan 12-13		\$50.00	
Winter Warm Up - Feb 2-3		\$100.00	
Rescue Show - Mar 16-17		\$323.00	
March Agility Trial - Mar 30-31		\$500.00	
November Agility Trial - 16-17		\$1,100.00	

2012 DONATIONS & EXPENSES

2012 ROM Banquet	\$4,326.00
Toby's Foundation	\$85.00
New Hampshire Food Bank	\$420.00
Ribbons	\$4,956.00
Newsletter	\$1,065.00
Insurance	\$655.00
TOTAL	\$11,507.00

2012 Show/Clinic/Event Summary

January Agility Trial	\$7,126	\$5,507	\$1,619
Winter Warm-up	\$2,112	\$2,127	(\$15)
February Agility Trial	\$7,825	\$5,602	\$2,223
Rescue Show	\$4,382	\$3,346	\$1,036
Cindi Hayden Clinic	\$1,950	\$1,830	\$120
Rally/Obedience Trial	\$1,467	\$1,334	\$133
Intro To Herding	\$1,415	\$763	\$652
Jim Hartnagle Clinic	\$2,100	\$2,373	(\$273)
May Obed Show	\$303	\$470	(\$167)
May Agility Trial	\$10,291	\$8,890	\$1,401
Colors of Summer	\$14,113	\$13,011	\$1,102
July Stockdog Trial	\$6,370	\$5,478	\$892
August Obed Trial	\$2,330	\$2,393	(\$63)
August Stock Trial	\$7,013	\$6,824	\$189
CA Sharp Seminar	\$495	\$778	(\$283)
HMM 2012	\$31,777	\$30,431	\$1,345
Cranberry Classic	\$2,091	\$2,017	\$74
Total	\$103,160	\$93,174	\$9,985

Treasurer's Report was motioned to be accepted by Dottie Duclos and seconded by Dianne Barrett. So voted.

Affiliate Rep Report-Anne St Pierre

OBEDIENCE CHAPTER I: GENERAL

REGULATIONS Section 32: EMERGENCY JUDGE

On the day of the trial, if the judge hired is absent or incapable of judging, the Obedience Chairperson, Obedience Trial Committee or Show Committee shall first ask another obedience judge in attendance to substitute judge. If no other obedience judge is present or willing to be the substitute judge, the officials listed above should hire the individual most experienced in obedience trialing and training.... competitors may request and receive a refund of entry fees if they choose not to show under the emergency judge. New Rule: Effective June 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 7: OBEDIENCE TRIAL CHAMPION

OTCH : SECTION 3: REQUIREMENTS FOR THE

OTCH-O TITLEA total of one hundred (100) points must be earned. Points can only be accumulated after the dog has received a UD title from ASCA. The dog must have (1) score of 193 or higher from ODX Open B, one (1) score of 193 or higher from Utility B, and one (1) score of 195 or higher from either ODX Open B or Utility B. Only scores from ODX Open B and Utility B will qualify a dog for the OTCH-O title. Any dog that has met the qualification requirements for the OTCH-O will receive a certificate for the title and will be allowed to use the prefix "OTCH-O" before the name of qualified dog. Each additional time a dog is awarded the title of OTCH-O, the applicable number following the title may be added (such, as OTCH-O2, OTCH-O3, and so forth. Scores of 185 or lower will not earn points towards an OTCH or OTCH-O title

AGILITY: Motion 11-2012 Junior Handler

Division - Qualifications for Finals

11.2.4 Minimum Points

For all divisions, a dog will need at least 7 points total to be eligible to compete at the Agility Finals. A minimum of 2 points must be earned in the Elite Jumpers class and a minimum of 2 points must be earned in the Elite Gamblers class and a minimum of 3 points must be earned in the Elite Regular class in the Standard or Veterans or Junior Handler division, during the qualifying period. Points must be earned during the ASCA Agility Finals qualifying period and within the same division that the dog will enter at Finals.

Section 6 - Protests and Complaints

6.1 Rule Infractions - At Trials

Exhibitors witnessing rule infractions or violations of the Judges Code of Ethics shall notify the Trial Chairperson or Trial Committee of any violations. The Trial Chairperson will be responsible for discreetly and tactfully discussing the complaint/rule infraction with the judge in a timely manner to avoid any further rule infractions during the remainder of the trial. Any judge refusing to comply with the rules after being notified by Trial Chair/Committee shall be reported on the club's Judges' Conduct. Evaluation Form and the incident will be investigated by the Agility Committee.

6.1.1 Trial Reports

General comments and impressions of judges can be submitted by the host club using the Judges' Conduct

Evaluation Form. The Business Office will forward comments on a judge's performance to the Agility Committee for review. Multiple negative comments may be forwarded to the Board of Directors for possible suspension of judging privileges

6.2.1 Timely submission of courses and/or trial reports.

Judges who fail to comply with the timelines for course review and trial reports will be sent warnings of the infraction(s) via email by the ASCA Agility Trial Chair. Repeated (more than two or three incidents) failure to comply with the guidelines will be reported (with documentation included) to the ASCA Board of Directors for possible suspension of judging privileges.

6.2.2 Rule infractions - Post Trials

Incidents of rule infractions should always be brought the judges attention at the trial by the Trial Chair or Trial Committee. Incidents of rule infractions/violations after the trial has ended may be submitted to the Business Office or the Agility Committee. Critical rule violations will be investigated and the judge will be contacted to discuss the incident by the Agility Committee Chair. Repeated (two or more incidents at subsequent trials) violation of rules by the Judge will be reported to the Board of Directors for possible suspension of judging privileges.

6.3 Formal Complaints

Exhibitors may file a formal complaint of any rule violations made by an Agility Judge to the Board of Directors for investigation. Complaints shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary, pursuant to Section 1.1.2 of Appendix G - ASCA Dispute Rules. If the complaint is valid, the judge may be reprimanded, suspended, or have judging privileges revoked by the Board of Directors

MVA EVALUATOR

5A. The individual must be an ASCA breeder judge;

5B. must apply to be an MVA evaluator;

5C. Tried Aussies on cattle or sheep; Or worked Aussies on their farm or ranch, Or have worked at a stock trial as course director, timer, or stock handler.

Comments: The intent of the rule change around judge selection is the committee's attempt to make the MVA Evaluation is a level playing field for all dogs competing.

There was some discussion following the Affiliate Report in regards to the conformation results from the last ASCNE show not having been posted by ASCA as yet, even though the sanctioning fees have already been paid.

ASCNE Library - Gull Gullicksen

Gull brought the library with her. She asked for any suggestions on additions to the library.

Sunshine Fund - Karen Miller

Two sympathy cards were sent out to two of our ASCNE families on the loss of a loved one. A congratulations for "new grandchild" will be sent.

ASCA BOD - Linda Grey

Phil Wildhagen is giving away his collection of the Aussie Times. The club has been offered the hard copies for the library. Gull had a choice expletive for

the substantial offer (she would have to lug that collection as well). The membership is of the thought that perhaps a CD library of the copies might be a better way to go once the issues are scanned. Linda also added that the ASCA board is still working on redistricting the regions.

Event Updates

Cranberry Classic is already in the Treasurer's Report. Rally and obedience were a success and came below budget.

1/12 & 13 Agility Trial

Entries are full for both days per Mike Kurdzo. He had a question on title ribbons. Could we not buy "tabs" to attach to the ribbons to designate what venue and level the title was earned in. Also price bars for ATCH II and III titles. The cost of tabs is very expensive, but the price of bars will be looked into.

2/2/13 Obedience/Rally: Seekonk MA-Kathy Buckley-She needs Rally Stewards.

2/3/13 Breed Shows: Seekonk MA-Karen Miller-Judges hired, some awards on hand and one more ring steward for the afternoon is needed. Thank you to Mike Sheehan who volunteered to do hospitality.

3/3/13 ROM & Appreciation Banquet-Holyoke MA-Lecia Whitlock- Reservations for the banquet are on the club website.

3/16 & 17 Rescue Show-Silver City-Susan Winters-Flier is up. Looking for donations/items for the silent auction. Dog beds, gift baskets, books, etc, are always welcome. Pete Dolan offered to make a teeter for the auction.

3/30 & 31-Agility Trial-Manchester, NH -Kathy Fretz-Looking for help with the lunches for both days. Also need help for set up and tear down, before and after the trial.

5/11 & 12-Act Up Agility trial-Seekonk MA-Judge: Chuck Klein

4/27 & 28-Herding clinic-Clinician is Jim Hartnagle

6/22 & 23 Proposal-Linc Kaiser is proposing a stock trial in Portland CT.

8/12-14 Stock Clinic with Marti Parrish-Webster/Salisbury NH-Matt Mason-Marti will stay over through Monday in Webster and then to Matt's for the clinic.

8/17 & 18-Act Up trial location is being moved to the Wild World of Sports in Rhode Island

9/8 ASCNE meeting will be held at Bill Kings' home in Pomfret CT.

10/18-20-Harvest Moon Mania-Still need an agility chairperson

11/9-Obedience/Rally show-Seekonk-Jo Ellen Vought volunteered to Chair the event-She has never done this before and needs LOTS of help from members.

11/10-Breed Show-Seekonk, MA-Need a Show Chairperson

11/16 & 17 Agility trial in Westborough MA-Joey Mason-facility has been booked.-Ben Philbert Judge-

Old Business:

Stacey Ux has been accepted as a new member. Please send all conformation results to ROM coordinator Keli Gaunt. Please submit breeder referral information to Keli by January 31st.

Anne St Pierre is the new newsletter editor succeeding Robin Goodman who has stepped down. Show Premiums vs. Approved Premiums-ASCA approved premiums are posted on the official ASCA website. Any changes to show premiums by the affiliate club cannot be made unless approved first by the ASCA business office.

Robin Goodman sends out a copy of the show flier to the show chairs of that show for their perusal (1 week) at which point she send it to the Show Coordinator (Susan Winters) who in turn sends it along with the sanctioning form to ASCA for sanctioning. Usually most fliers state "sanctioning pending."

Newsletter distribution- Robin sends a PDF file to Dottie who forwards it to member email addresses (electronic newsletter). Robin Goodman suggested that she can post the newsletter on an unpublicized site on the ASCNE website. When Anne St Pierre creates the PDF newsletter, she will put it up on the website. Anne also brought up a program that would cost the club 25.00 a month to maintain called the "Wild Apricot". It manages membership files, newsletter, passwords, electronic payments i.e. Paypal, etc. The website we use now is 55 dollars for the whole year along with a minimal domain charge. This brought up LOTS of discussion. Pete Dolan interjected that our "Pay Pal" account, which was created for the 2007 Nationals, had been dormant since. The big question was "does the club care if the newsletter is "open" or "password" protected?

Robin Goodman made a motion: Send out the newsletter electronically with a blind link and archive all the previous electronic newsletters, each with their own blind link. The motion was seconded. It was voted by the membership by a show of hands to accept the motion. (this lengthy discussion morphed into some new business as well)

Anne St Pierre brought up the MVA class at last Harvest Moon Mania - specifically say that there were conflicts that involved stock, agility, obedience and rally. Joey Mason suggested buying a radio system so show chairs of each venue could talk to each other when there is a looming conflict. Pete Dolan said that MVA participants must enter stock and conformation evaluation. They have a choice whether to enter rally, obedience and agility. If an individual wants to enter "everything" that

is their choice. The "extra" entry money is for the conformation evaluation. If you don't run in turn in stock you have the option to run at the end of the class. Agility offers the magic "c" next to your entry number designating a "conflict" and they can accommodate that person. It is difficult to do MVA but doable. If there are realistic avenues to alleviate the stress and make it easier on the entrant so be it, per Pete Dolan.

Robin Goodman brought up a think tank "lessons learned" adopted from her place of work. All the show chairs from the HMM show or whatever show offering MVA should get together and brainstorm right after the event to figure what worked, didn't work and how to fix it for the next time. Then get together ahead of the event, refresh issues, thus work things out ahead of time. This has been relayed to Peter Kontos to apply to his show chairs for the HMM 2013 with hopes of diverting future MVA issues if at all possible.

New Business-Membership Applications-Dottie Duclos
Jennifer & William Richardson
Sponsored by Debbie Keach-Tomes and Steven Phillips

James & Lisa Haley
Madison Hey (JR)
Sponsored by Debbie Keach-Tomes and Susan Winters

Kelsey Bryan (JR)
Sponsored by Susan Winters and Kaylene Scotton

ROM BANQUET AWARDS-
Bowl Call-Karen Miller -ASCNE members need to get their titles to Karen by 1/15
Please skip this year if you received a bowl w/agility titles last year.

Special Awards-Lizette Durrschmidt
Please get your achievements to Lizette for Versatility, Performance and Achievements

Anne St Pierre brought up a thought of "marketing the club events" due to lack of Obedience/Rally entries, i.e. Colors of Summer and Harvest Moon Mania.
Considering all breed dogs are able to enter our trials perhaps we can put our trial info on other organization sites. Is it OK to send emails to outside groups? Jean Janotta said she sends out stuff all the time via email to other clubs. And cross posts to K9NE, Yahoo groups and NE Dog Events.

If anyone has any suggestions for the Website, please contact Robin Goodman, Webmaster.

Motion to adjourn by Dottie Duclos. Seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Miller
ASCNE Secretary

Please Volunteer at Club Events!

Volunteers don't just DO the work...they MAKE it work! There are many ways in which you can volunteer at any of our events - such as stewarding, helping set up/break down, etc, etc.

Giving your time at a Club event is an excellent way to acquire more experience, get to know people, try something new, and to use your skills and energy doing something that has meaningful, positive impact on the Club – and ultimately, the dogs! Please consider volunteering...