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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

this is my last message as president. yippee! seriously, as some of you know, i do not have internet at home or a computer. i've done most of the club business on an ipad or at the library on their computers. i tell you this because if you think you do not have the time or resources, if you really want to help your club you can find a way.

included in this newsletter are the names of those members running for the board (you may even have received your ballot already). please be sure to vote! i think we've got a nice group of people running with diverse interests across all areas of competition. thank you to all who agreed to run for office!

and thank you to all the outgoing board members for all your work over the last few years.

the next meeting is january 7, 2018 at canine mastery in seekonk, ma. debbie keach-tomes has offered to bring her rats and do an intro to barn hunt. hope to see you all there - to have some fun with rats, welcome the new board and start off ascne's new year.

take it easy,

gull

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FROM THE EDITOR:



NEXT MEETING:

january 7, 2018

canine mastery

102 pond st, seekonk, ma

508 399-5867

debbie keach-tomes has offered to bring her rats and do an intro to barn hunt.

intro to barn hunt: 10 - 11:30am

pot luck: 11:30am

meeting: noon

Directions:

From Rte 95 South of Attleboro, MA:

Take Exit 2A (Newport Ave) to the first light. Take that left onto Cottage St. Follow along 1 mile and turn right on Read St. to 2nd right onto Pond St. Watch for Orion Industrial Park on right (3/10 mile). Turn into park, second building on left.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

I thoroughly enjoyed following along on social media with those of you lucky enough to attend ASCA Nationals in Texas! You all represented ASCNE exceptionally well! Congratulations on your many successes!

Thank you to our current Board Members for your service. And, thank you to everyone who has volunteered this year in some way!

Check out the new section where we feature items in ASCNE's library. The library is a wonderful collection of resources that are available to all ASCNE members!

Please send news, brags, and updates announcements about upcoming events; and event results to me at ariane.m.bailey@gmail.com. I'm especially grateful for photographs to be included with the above (please tell me who is in the photo).

Thank you all and sending wishes for a very happy holiday season!

Ariane

From Rte 95 North of Attleboro, MA:

Take Exit 3B/Rte 123. After fire station take left onto Read St. Follow to stop sign, turn right and immediate left onto Read St. (There are signs for the animal shelter) Take 2nd right onto Pond St. Watch for Orion Industrial Park on right (3/10 mile). Turn into park, second building on left.

From Rte 195 East or West:

Take Massachusetts Exit 1. Follow 114A North. In approximately one mile you will reach a fork in the road, bear right (Grist Mill restaurant is on your left). This is Arcade St. You will come to intersection of Rte 44. Go straight across and continue on Arcade to the end. This is junction of Rte 152. Take a right onto 152 North / Newman Ave. Follow for about 5 miles to intersection of Central Ave (after Rojacks). Go 1/2 mile and take left onto Pond St. Watch for Orion Industrial Park on left. Turn into park, second building on left.

ELECTIONS

From the Nominating Committee:

The election process is proceeding. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters by November 20. Complete ballots are due by December 15.

The ballots will be mailed in an envelope also containing a small addressed envelope to use to return the completed ballot. Ballots will be mailed to the Chair of the Nominating Committee (Anne Hubbard). All returned envelopes will be kept sealed until votes are counted. On December 16, Anne Hubbard will meet with Dottie Duclos and Kathie Chouinard, at which time the ballots will be unsealed and counted. Results will be posted on the ASCNE website, as well as on the ASCNE FaceBook page and the ASCNE-L Yahoo Group list.

There will be a page set up on the ASCNE web site that will contain candidate information. The link to this page will be printed on the instructions sent with the ballots.

Nominating Committee:

Jen Chase
Anne Hubbard
Peter Kontos

ROM REMINDER

Please remember to send your show/trial results in to the appropriate ROM Coordinator (see the Who's Who section for contact information) for any non ASCNE competitions if you wish for those results to be considered for ROM awards at the ROM Banquet this year!

NEWS, BRAGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

From Alica Campbell:

Morgan and I are so proud to introduce CH. Moonstone Terra-Blue Red Lite, BN, CD, RNX earning all her championship points from the Bred By Exhibitor class. Thank you to the following judges who recognized our little red head; Vincent Savioli, Heather Braddock, Linda Braun, Keli Gaunt, and Kelly Menear English. RoXXXanne is co-owned with Alicia & Morgan Campbell, Emmy Adasiewicz and Samantha Stoeke. RoXXXanne lives with Samantha. Samantha has put all of RoXXXanne's obedience titles on her and shows her in juniors. Watch for these two in the breed ring.





From Anne Hubbard:

Gilli earned her AKC Started Duck Title.

At the NESAs trial in October, Gilli earned her HSA title with a first place score of 95. She also earned Reserve High in Trial. Gilli is now Laconia Buff Cap Carmel Black Gilliflower RS-E, JS-E, GS-E, STDsd, OTDd, OFTDm, PT, HSAsd, AAD, ASA, AG, AJ, AS.

From Ariane M. Bailey:

Jacob earned his ARCHMX (Rally Master Champion) in WCRL Rally at the Monadnock Humane Society on October 1, 2017.





From Kathy Fretz and Alexis Reidy:

Nationals

"Slider" ATCH CH Sunpiper's By A Landslide BN CD REMX RTX

MVA 6th place

Pre-Trial Rally High Combined

Agility Finals 16th out of 60

Alexis & "Rio" ATCH-IV CH Sunpiper's Tears On A River CDX REMX

Pre-Trial Agility High In Trial Junior

Nationals Altered Premier

Veteran Bitch 4th place

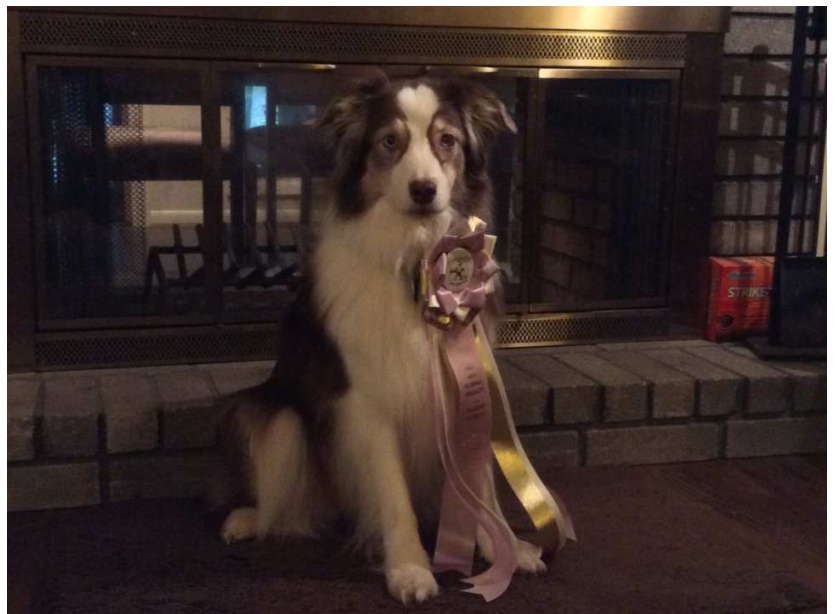


From Ellen Kurdzo:

ATCH V Copper Hills
Shooting Star (Haley) and
Michael Kurdzo with their
loot from Agility Finals.

From Ellen Kurdzo:

ATCH IV Hemlocks Harvest
Moon (Luna) Parade of
Veterans at Nationals



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From Judi Schachte:

Group photo of ASCNE members representing Agility at Nationals. Notice my two on two off technique!



From Judi Schachte:

Summit and Lira had amazing showing at nationals in Bryan Texas. Lira finished Finals in the ribbons with a seventh place overall. She won final Regular 1 beating some great Aussies and handlers. Nationals she was 5 for 6 with one bar down in the first jumpers. She finished nationals with three firsts and two seconds in a competitive 16" class.

Summit finished finals winning the veterans gamblers class but out of the ribbons due to a handling bobble early in jumpers. Summit shinned during nationals finishing 5 for 6. FIVE first places in a very competitive 16+ veterans class. The highlight of his nationals was finishing his ATCH 9!

Michael Kurdzo captured a variety of moments at the 2017 ASCA Nationals in Bryan, TX.



Agility Finals Judge Sue Graham.



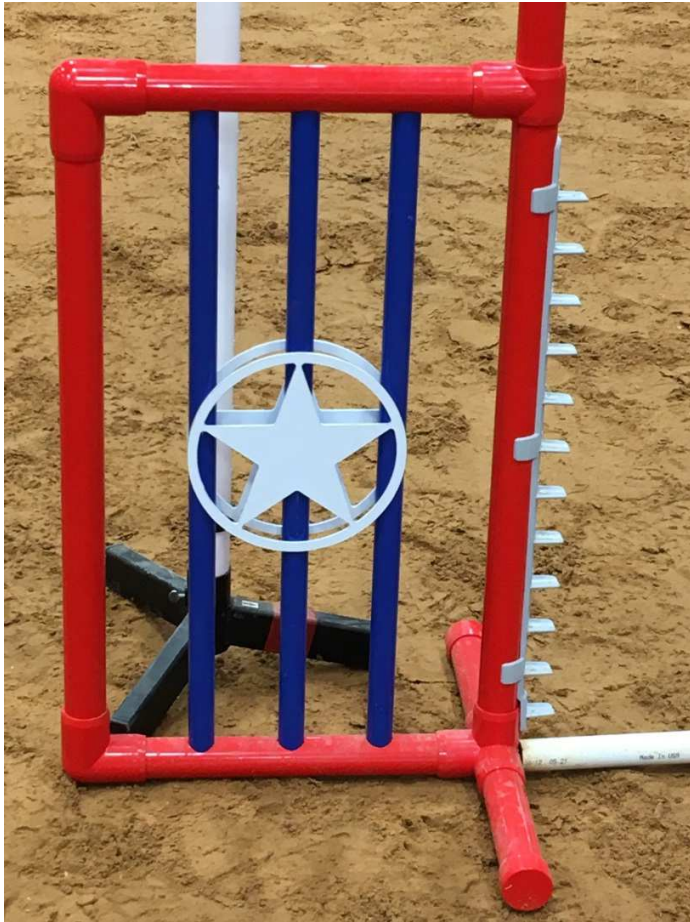
One of the Agility rings.



Medals awarded to placements in classes at Agility Nationals (Michael and Haley took second place in a Regular run).



Keli Gaunt and Jack:
ASCA/AKC Ch. Absoloot It Goes Like This #6 in ASCA Conformation standings.



A Texas style wing jump in the Agility ring!



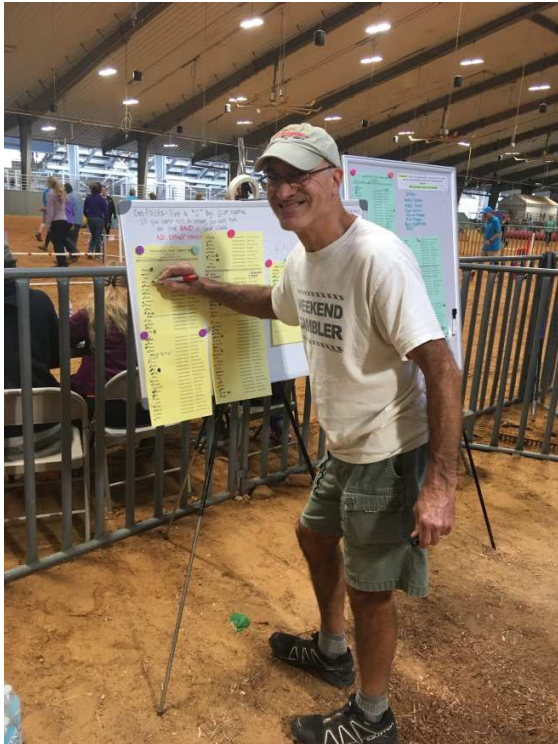
Peter Kontos as Master of Ceremonies for Conformation.



Lee Prager with Ike.



Judi Schachte, Ellen Kurdzo,
and Linda Prager sitting
ringside.



Lee Prager gating the Elite Jumpers class in Agility.



Lee and Linda Prager by the agility rings.



Alexis Reidy and Rio in the
Conformation ring.



Linda Prager motoring along
on her knee cart!



One of the pavilions.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from the November 5, 2017 meeting
Pawsitive Kinection, Grantham, NH

Meeting was called to order at 12:21pm

Attendance: Kathie Chouinard, Gull Gullicksen, Anne Hubbard, Kate Viles, Matt Mason, Jean Janotta
Guest: Beverly Lancaster

Secretary's report Minutes from the September 10, 2017 meeting were published in the newsletter. Anne Hubbard made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes, Kate Viles seconded. Motion approved.
Anne Hubbard made a motion to accept the minutes, Matt Mason seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report Lee Prager sent an email the approximate account balance is \$21,000.

Lee also sent the totals for HMM 2017

Conformation - \$399.57 profit

Rally/Obedience - \$102.82 profit

Agility - \$64.67 profit

HMM overall - \$567.06 profit

Thanks again to all the chairs for a great job!

Affiliate report: Michael Kurdzo attended the affiliate meeting at the Nationals. Topics discussed were -
Correct protocols for paperwork (fill out stuff correctly)
The new regions breakdown (if implemented)
Payment for agility course reviewers.
Altered program, quality of dogs on the decline.
Who may contact conformation judges In regard to flights, dates?
Entering trial results on line problematic.

Library report There is an updated list on the website which includes the new items. Lisa Andrade wondered about using duplicate items as prizes at shows. No decision was made to do so. Matt Mason asked how much the library was used and was it worth maintaining. It was suggested to maybe purge some older out-of-date items.

ASCA BOD nothing

Sunshine report nothing

Event updates

- Fall Fling agility - as of 11/4/17 runs for Saturday were 233 and Sunday's stood at 196.
 - Jean Janotta said the 3/31 - 4/1/18 NH agility trial was Easter weekend again. Last year it really effected the runs on Easter Sunday. Low judge's expenses are what saved the trial. Suggestions were to be sure there were 6 runs on Saturday, could we do Saturday only or Friday and Saturday, or a seminar Sunday afternoon if the trial was going to end early again.
 - Spring stock trial - Art Landry had asked about moving the June stock trial to May so it would count towards Finals. May is pretty busy, the only available weekend might possibly be the first. It was thought a stock trial in NH would not draw the same exhibitors as the Obedience trial in CT on that Sunday.
 - August agility trial - Anne Hubbard said outdoors was hot, even with indoor crating. Other comments - indoor places, especially places like a soccer arena are more expensive; would a local judge offset that additional expense; if the same weekend again as Act Up does that affect our numbers; could it be moved to Sept, if so Anne mentioned the place she trained at as a possibility; Kate Viles mentioned Sugerbush Farm (this would require talking to WASCUNY as it is in their territory); does the club want indoor or outdoor trials; would the club be better off offering less trials.
- As of now, no August trial in 2018 but keep the dates available for 2019.
- HMM and stock - Anne Hubbard talked to Mark Gary at the fairgrounds about the possibility of hiring outside help to setup and teardown the stock rings. Boy scouts - he has not had good experiences with, local prison - wants nothing to do with, best option seems to be Mark finds a couple of people to sub-contract. Anne also asked about additional cost of storing more stock items such as buckets and hoses to lessen what has to be brought in. This would probably be only a small increase in fees as we pay per "bay" (our contracts for storing are with Mark and will have to be re-addressed with fairgrounds board when Mark retires). It was suggested easing back in with a duck only trial, but popular opinion was ducks alone were not a big enough draw. If going to do ducks and sheep, did not see a reason not to do all three stock. One trial a day should be sufficient, two a day is too much work. It was asked what the overall chair's duties were, it would be helpful to have a list of the different duties, could chairs get together to hire judges that could judge more than one area of competition, if we have MVA Anne said Kathy Fretz had volunteered to chair. As first step, Anne will continue to talk to Mark about workers.
 - Is it time to look at all events during the year (cost, etc) and think about consolidating some?

Member applications none from the Sept meeting

Old business

ASCNE by-laws There are some more notes for the committee to go over. A possible timeframe would be to get the suggestions to the members at the Jan meeting, allowing time for discussion before a club decision at the ROM meeting, then the changes would have to go to ASCA for approval.

Part of the suggested changes are keeping methods of communications up to date.

Some members have asked about "Skype-type" meetings. There are a lot of questions about how it would work - how many people can be on at once, what does it cost, what if the meeting location has no WIFI, do you need a moderator, how do you allow people to talk one at a time, what equipment is needed, how are acoustics in a large room.

New business

New member applications

Beverly Lancaster 96 Dogford Rd. Etna, NH 03750 ASCA #209900	Sponsors Dottie Duclos Kathie Chouinard
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Lindsey Serafini 70 Wheeler Rd. New Ipswich, NH 03071 ASCA #601036	Kelly Bowie Anne Hubbard
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Judy Van Wyk 237 Lake Drive West Greenwich, RI 02817 ASCA #121403	Anne Hubbard Sandy Hicks
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Jean Janotta made a motion to accept the applications for review, Kathie Chouinard seconded. Motion passed.

- Adding lines to applications - In order to better communicate with club members, lines will be added to the membership application and renewal form asking for method preference of receiving announcements - ASCNE member Facebook page, ASCNE-L, or email.

Jean Janotta mentioned that Honorary members do not fill out membership renewal forms so they will need to be asked also.

ASCNE elections Anne Hubbard asked if there were any nominations from the floor. None, so Anne closed the nominations and presented the slate.

Running are:

President: Keli Gaunt, Anne Hubbard

Vice-President: Alicia Campbell

Secretary: Matt Mason

Treasurer: Jen Chase

ASCA Affiliate: Pauli Haggis

At-large Board Members: Leigh Holmes, Gull Gullicksen (two positions)

Per the by-laws, ballots will be mailed to all members eligible to vote by Nov 20, and must be returned by 12/15/17. Anne will be taking the returned ballots (unopened) to count with Dottie Duclos (meeting

at Canine Mastery on 12/16/17).

Thank you to the Nominating Committee - Anne Hubbard, Peter Kontos, Jen Chase.

Kate Viles made a motion to adjourn, Anne Hubbard seconded. Meeting adjourned 2:37pm.

STOCK AT HARVEST MOON MANIA UPDATE:

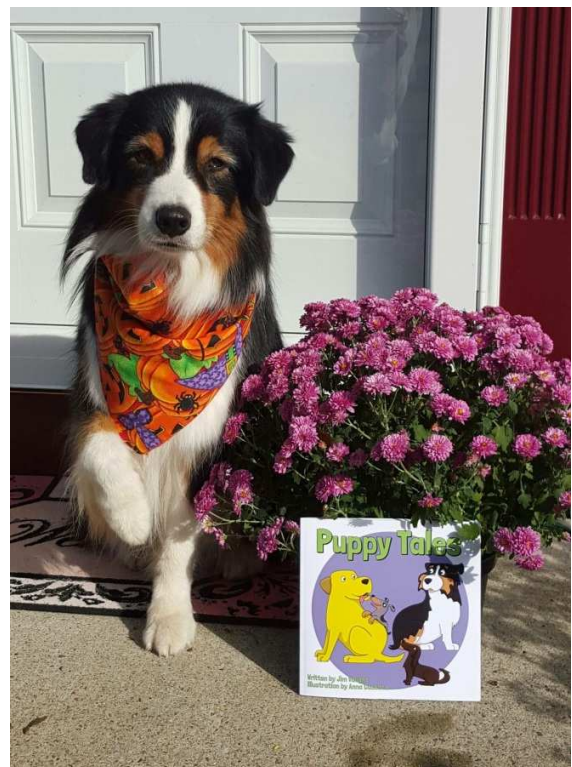
There have been discussions with ASCNE members (and others) and at club meetings about running a stock trial again at Harvest Moon. At this time, a group is forming to plan the stock trial at the 2018 Harvest Moon trial. If you are interested in joining these discussions, please contact Anne Hubbard (familydogtrainingri@gmail.com). This doesn't commit you to become part of the final committee, etc. (but we hope you will)! We are looking for as much input as we can in order to run a successful trial in 2018 (and beyond).

Thank you.
Anne Hubbard

LIBRARY NOOK:

From Lisa Andrade:

We have a very special book to highlight. New to our library is Puppy Tales written by Jim Vought who has a Master's Degree in Psychology. Jim is Jo-Ellen's husband and the four entertaining stories in this book are written about Jim and Jo-Ellen's dogs, Sunny, Bridget, Phillip, and our Aussie friend Casey. Not only entertaining, the stories teach life lessons as well as support therapeutic skills. It is a great read for children! If you would like to check out this or any other book PM or email me at lis_and@msn.com.



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Reimbursement - Expenses Incurred on Behalf of ASCNE

Requests for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the club (whether for a trial, show, clinic, seminar, or whatever) must be submitted within 30 days of the event. Exceptions will be handled on an individual basis but the Treasurer must be notified before the 30-day limit is reached, effective March 2006. (From the ASCNE Policy and Procedures Manual, available on the ASCNE's web site)



ASCA SANCTIONED *
ALL BREED
5th FALL FLING
AGILITY TRIAL

Hosted by
The Australian Shepherd Club of New England
(*Sanctioning pending)

November 18 & 19, 2017
SureFire Dogs Training Center
57 Brigham St. Westborough, MA

JUDGE:
Michael Black, TX

Regular (2 Runs Saturday, 3 Runs Sunday)
Jumpers (1 Run per day)
Gamblers (3 runs Saturday, 2 Runs Sunday)
For Novice, Open, and Elite
Championship STD/VET/JrH and ACE STD/SR Dog Divisions
FEO Entries accepted

LIMITED TO 350 Runs per Day

Entry by Postmark Date (not delivery date)

NO POSTMARKS EARLIER THAN September 27, 2017
ENTRIES/MOVE-UPS CLOSE November 8, 2017 @ 9 PM