PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE - Karen Coffey

Another Year Gone By....

This past year as President has truly given me an appreciation for what Bill Kochler and Brenda McCann (past Presidents), have done for this club in order to keep it going! It is very hard to get motivated to make change when the same handful of members attend meetings/events and then a fewer number actually do the work to sustain the club’s existence. In the past year, we moved to quarterly meetings due to the poor attendance at meetings and at the match show; we had no entries for the judge that drove 3 hours to judge this show! Only 4 club members attended the match! So why have a club? A question that is asked by the handful of us constantly, but yet we all chug along hoping that more people will attend and more people will actually care whether this club remains intact! The answer is up to the club’s membership - why pay dues if you don’t participate? So I ask all of you to support the new President and help them keep this club afloat for another year!

AIREDALE, EXHIBITORS AND MEMBERS OF THE ATCGP are cordially invited Sat., MAY 10, 2014 to the annual meeting (election of officers only) that was put off because of our bad winter weather. We will support the Chester Valley K.C at Ludwigs Corner, Pa. May 10th, 2014, and will have an early supper party at Birchrun Kennels after the groups -- about 4PM -- hosted by Adele Abe....GPS: 2263 Beaver Hill Rd., Birchrunville, Pa. Airedales welcome, on lead. I would like to know if you can make it so I can have enough food and drink!! Please call Adele at 610-827-7088.

The ATC of G.P has moved our Specialty to the Bucks Co. Show, May 3rd, 2014 to correspond with the N.J. and N.Y. specialties:

Friday, May 2nd Garden State ATC at Trenton, NJ, ATCMNY Specialty
Judge: Mr. John Constantine
Sweeps: Mr. Ted Hollander
  Judge: Mr. Tom Ward, Regular classes
  Sweeps: Mr. Chris Nance.

Sunday, May 4, 2014….. Trenton KC,. at Trenton, N.J., MID JERSEY ATC SPEC
  Judge: Wood Warnall, Regular classes
  Sweeps: Richard Berg

Entries close 4/25/14. We will support the Airedale entry at Chester Valley K.C at Ludwigs Corner, PA on May 10th, 2014 with trophies.

CANINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE


The primary purpose of this event is to give the public an opportunity to learn about the various AKC breeds. In spite of the inclement weather that day, Bill Kochler made it to the show site to man our Club Booth. There was a continuous flow of people throughout the day to gain a hands on experience with our breed, as well as partake of the many informational materials provided by the Club.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Per Article IV, Section 4(b) of the By-laws, the Nominating Committee, consisting of Jim Vaughn and Jack McLaughlin, reported the following nominations:

President Adele Abe
Vice President Jack McLaughlin
Secretary Barbara Vaughn
Treasurer Bill Kochler
Directors Jim Vaughn, Judy Mullikin, Brenda McCann, Doris McLaughlin, Caroline Beard.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. & Mrs. Ciancarelli
18 E. Pine St.
Audubon, NJ 08106

Allan & Joan Rothberg
PUPPIES

Karen Coffey, 610-220+5873, has a 4 males and 1 female still available. Dr. Valaria Rickard, 703-919-8753, has female pups still available.

BRAGS

The ATCGP held its match show back in September with sweeps judge Charlene Johnson as a tune up for Montgomery. Our club members had a very good year at Montgomery this year (2013) with the following wins:

Raynaire V Crescent V Emerick This Girl is on Fire won WB at Hatboro day 2 for a 5 pt. major from the 12-18 class while her brother, Crescent V Emerick V Raynaire took RWD from the 12-18 class. Both went either first or second all weekend in their classes.

Raynaire V Crescent's Weekend Gambler won a 4pt major at Devon and RWD at Hatboro Day 1 and was in the ribbons all other days.

CH Raynaire V Crescent's Gone with the Wind won Select Bitch at Hatboro Day 2

SGCH Raynaire V Crescent's Secret Storm won Select Bitch at Hatboro Day 1 and Devon and earned an AOM at Montgomery

GGCH Joval's Angel's Whisper had a great weekend.

FROM THE TREASURER

The Club wishes to thank those members who renewed their 2014 memberships and contributed to the Trophy, Hospitality and Rescue Funds.

Your generosity makes it possible to fund Club activities.

IN MEMORIAM

NORMAN BAKER, died April 14, 2014. Older club members will remember Norm and his good friend, Jerry Arnold who joined the club in the late ’70’s. Norm was very active for a number of years as an exhibitor, breeder and Airedale lover. He was mainly responsible for getting the club approved by the AKC to hold approved matches and specialty shows. He judged sweepstakes for our specialty one year. He was always very congenial and willing to talk dogs. He left our club when the Trenton club was formed and was active with them for many years. He will be missed.
CH TOPSTEP ALTENA FLASH ACT – (MAKO) Leslie Apple reports he died on 1/9/14 at 11.5 years of age. He was the perfect Airedale in every way. Most of all, he was a kind companion with a devilish sense of humor.

TOPSTEP ALETNA ALL IS WELL – (LILY) Caroline Beard reports she was a great companion who had a hard luck life. She hopes she is now free of her problems and that her name is now meaningful.

THREE AIREDALES???

Someone (who came over to pet Katie while we were at PetSmart) asked me today why an otherwise sane-looking person would EVERY want to have THREE Airedales at once. The sincerity of her question might have been more convincing if the woman had not had her 4 Yorkies with her in the shopping cart at the time.

The above notwithstanding, her question got me started thinking, and here is what I came up with.

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The Top 10 Reasons to Get a THIRD Airedale

10. OK, so maybe the first two were mistakes.

9. Three on a match is unlucky. So three on the sofa must be lucky ... right?

8. With three of them, my Airedale-manure business can finally turn a profit.

7. If a burglar breaks in, we will have fewer remains to dispose of.

6. Once I have three, I will finally be able to collect enough of the sheddings to make that Airedale-wool sweater I've always wanted.

5. If I have THREE, then maybe ONE of them will be well-behaved.

4. Perhaps one of them will be the inspiration for my best-selling novel.

3. I will have a better chance of confusing the neighbors and avoiding blame. What? If you can't describe the Airedale that did that, how do you know it was one of mine?

2. Well, we already have two Airedales and the chances of rescuing our sanity or our house are already nil anyway, so why not?

1. Being awakened by a game of BITEYFACE played by THREE Airedales just above your face while you're lying in bed at 05:45 on a Saturday morning is so much more rewarding than having it done by only TWO.
Newsletter Committee: Barbara Vaughn, Ed.; Jack McLaughlin; Leslie Apple