

Capital City Cocker Club

Cocker Chatter

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Treasurer - Dorothy Heindsmann
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IMPORTANT - NOTE NEW DATE AND PLACE OF Next General Meeting:

Old Dominion KC Show on Sat. 4/19 - at ringside 30 minutes after completion of Cocker judging (exact time and ring # were unknown at time of publication)

PLEASE RSVP TO LUANN IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND MEETING (TallyLuann@aol.com)

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Brags

From Felicia Mazur: "Darcy" is now Tallymark's Totally Sweet, NA, NAJ, with six runs, six Q's, one blue ribbon and 5 red. She also had three clean runs. What a girl!!!

From Christal and Melvin Stanbrough: "Josie" (Jigsaw's Joyous Lady) finished her Championship on April 5 in Charlotte, N.C.

From Lloyd and Bill: "Bert" the buff boy bred and owned by Lloyd and Bill, AKA Ging's Explorer, (Ch. Kaplar's Krimson Tide ex Ging's Bold and Beautiful) took his third major at the Maryland CSC specialty with Laura Henson leading the way. So now Bert has added a "CH" to his name.

Announcements

1. **Sunshine** - Cindy Mueller is resting at home after several weeks in the hospital. Cheery thoughts are sent Cindy's way!

Announcements (cont'd)

2. From Paula Emerick (ASC Zone 1 Director) - Paula wrote to let us know that any ads for the upcoming Summer National are due to Judy Brickey by 5/31/03. (Doggies@pacbell.net) If you have any matters to discuss with Paula, you may contact her at APPLHL@aol.com or call (978) 772-5545.
3. Jim Slagle wants to let us know that club members can receive a 10% discount on items at www.craftmonkey.com (just mention the club's name!)
4. From the Cocker Spaniel Adoption Center:

They are facing a serious crisis and are requesting foster homes (temporary/one-time or longer), transportation and/or donations. If you can foster, please contact Judy McArthur at cockerspanluvr@aol.com or (301) 972-2694. For donations or other questions, contact Valerie Macys at vmacys@cockeradoption.com Website: www.cockeradoption.com

Cocker Spaniel Adoption Center - P.O. Box 275, Phoenix, MD 21131

CCCC Website

The new club web site, <http://www.capitalcitycockers.org> was launched on November 7th. If you wish your kennel name listed, your web site listed, have links or books to add, or have any other comments, suggestions, or gripes, email me at jim.slagle@erols.com or admin@capitalcitycockers.org.

The goal is to make our site the BEST Cocker site out there and a reference point for anyone interested in the American Cocker Spaniel.

Jim Slagle

CCCC Specialty Shows May 16-17, 2003

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I hope you have received premium lists for our specialties on Friday and Saturday, May 16th & 17th and are making plans to attend both shows. As you know there are myriad of jobs associated with putting on these events and it seems we never have enough hands to make like of the work.

So we hope you will make a strong effort to help out in any way you can. There are a few areas not yet covered so we would dearly welcome your volunteering to help out. Please call or email Nancy or me if you plan to attend one or both of the shows and we'll fit you in an assignment to your liking. Or better yet we can discuss your participation at the general meeting on April 19 at the Old Dominion KC show (see meeting announcement at beginning of newsletter).

We enjoy a reputation of putting on exhibitor-friendly shows and we want to be certain to live up to that claim. Your help in achieving that goal will make Capital City proud.

Lloyd Alton

Specialty Show Boutique

We need donations for the auction (like that Md. CSC had) for our show. If at all possible, just doggie related stuff. But, otherwise, art and collectibles would be accepted. Please - no "white elephant" items! I will be attending the meeting at Old Dominion KC and the items can be brought there or to the show site on the day of the show or earlier (preferable). Please contact me with any questions.

Gwen Hales GCHales2@cs.com

Proposed Slate of Officers and Board Members May 2003 - May 2004

The proposed slate of nominees are the same as they were for 2002-2003:

President - Luann Chandler

Vice President - Lloyd Alton

Treasurer - Dorothy Heindsmann

Secretary - Nancy Bean

Board Members - Bill Gorodner, Gwen Hales, Diane Kepley, Ginny Roop

2003 CCCC All-Breed Agility Trials

Per verbal communication with the AKC, we have been approved to hold our all-breed agility trials on Nov. 15-16, 2003 in Dale City, Va. at the Cedar Run Horse Center. Due to a Shelties-only agility trial being held in Maryland on Nov. 15, we may have to omit Shelties from our trial on Nov. 15. But this should not be a problem. We can still expect a big turnout.

I would like to re-emphasize that we will need members' support in holding these trials. Agility trials require more manpower than other venues such as dog shows and obedience trials. (And luckily, the "return" is greater, too!) We have some time to make plans, but you can expect to see more requests for help in the future!

Nancy Bean and the CCCC Agility Trial Committee

An Ode to Performance Titles.....

What is a performance title really? Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores. A title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in record and in memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain.

Few humans will do as well or better in that regard. And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title

says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, that you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear, short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name.

A performance title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received and permanently recorded.

-- Author unknown