

Capital City Cocker Club

Cocker Chatter

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Next Board Meeting: **Sunday September 22 at Luann Chandler's Home, 12:00 noon**

Next General Meeting: **Wednesday October 16 at Chesterbrook UMC, McLean, Va. 8:00 p.m.**

The President's Turn

Okay, Folks, I've guided only one regular meeting so far, so.....where were you? I'm new at this. I need all the input I can get. It would be just great to see some newer faces at a meeting or two. If it's hard to get to the Wednesday evening ones, there'll be a lot more on Sunday afternoons coming up. Besides, we really do have fun and, if you're there, we can't talk about you.

Capital City is working hard on being more versatile. Our main interest is, of course, our Cockers. There are so many facets of Cockers that we could keep busy all year. Think about where your personal interests lie and let us know. We'll plan programs to fill your needs and pique your curiosity. If you aren't sure just where you want to go, maybe you'll find out by dropping in and listening to others. Bring your Cocker friends as guests and possibly we can pick their brains a little and maybe something one of us says will help them on their quest in Cockerdom. Whatever we do, we want it to be informative and most of all fun.

With everything that's going on in the dog world right now (new regulations on breeders, breed specific legislation, impossible rescue rules etc.) we need to pull together and be as one. And the more of us there are, the better and stronger we'll be. To be prepared, we have to know what's going on around us. What better way to keep up, than an evening or afternoon talking Cockers and being with friends.

Here's hoping to see you at the next meeting or event.

Luann Chandler

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From Diane Kepley: At her first show, my ASCOB puppy, "Never Blue's Sweet Dreams", was WB and went BV over a special at the Burlington KC out of the 6-9 puppy class.

Highlights of General Meeting Minutes - August 21, 2002

Secretary's Report - There was discussion about the AKC Banner Program. Nancy reported that OBG Rescue wanted to be added to the newsletter mailing list. OBG rescue sent a nice thank you note for the donation of obedience judge Bill Huffman's fees. It was decided that membership applicants will remain on the mailing list for one year unless they become members.

Specialty Show Report - (Lloyd Alton) 2003 Judges are as follows:

Friday May 16, 2003

Regular classes - Bob Ennis, Sweeps - Tom Dowell

Saturday May 17, 2002

Regular classes (TBA), Sweeps - Tiina Blue

Membership - Beth Slagle is the new membership chairperson. The club wants to do as much as it can to encourage new membership.

Eye Clinic - Ginny Roop reported that Dr. Rubin has confirmed that he will be present at our eye clinic on Saturday Dec. 7, 2002. We may possibly offer microchipping as well. Please let Ginny know if you can help us out on Dec. 7! We need you...

Agility Committee - Nancy reported that an organizational meeting was held to research the possibility of CCCC becoming licensed for AKC all-breed agility trials.

Website - Jim Slagle is working on updating the CCCC website. It is currently under development, but will have the following address when completed: www.capitalcitycockers.org

Fun Match - No one volunteered to be Fun Match Chairperson. Discussion ensued about replacing the Fun Match this year with a "Puppy Picnic" on Sept. 22. See enclosed flyer for details.

New Business - Two new standing rules were adopted by the membership (described elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Other Announcements and Correspondence

The Commonwealth Dog Obedience Training Club will be sponsoring a "Rally-O" seminar with Pat Miller on Friday Nov. 1 in Waynesboro, VA. FMI call Judy Paris at (540) 269-2333 or send e-mail to RallyOSeminar@aol.com

New CCCC Standing Rules Adopted

The following standing rules were adopted at the CCCC meeting held on Aug. 21, 2002:

Associate Members

Associate membership in Capital City Cocker Club will be accorded to individuals who have rendered sustained and outstanding service to the club. To be accorded this honor, the individual must be nominated by three club members and be approved by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at a regular club meeting. Associate membership shall not carry the right to participate in club business (i.e., vote) and shall not require the payment of dues.

Life Members

Life membership in Capital City Cocker Club will be accorded to regular members who have rendered sustained and outstanding service to the club. To be accorded this honor, the individual must be nominated by three club members and be approved by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at a regular club meeting. Life membership shall not carry the right to participate in club business (i.e., vote) and shall not require the payment of dues.

CCCC Plans to be Agile!!

Mark your calendar for Saturday Nov. 23, 2002

Application has been made to the AKC for CCCC to hold a sanctioned "A" all-breed agility match. If the necessary approval is received from the AKC, the match is scheduled to occur on Saturday Nov. 23 at Mountain View Dog Training in Amissville, Va. If the AKC deems that the sanctioned match was successful, the club will be accorded a license to hold AKC all-breed agility trials.

The club will need your help at the match and trials. Even if you are not well-versed in this sport, you can still be of great help. The club has a core of agility exhibitors, but there are many jobs to be filled if the match or trials are to be run efficiently and well. Anyone can be "trained" easily.

You may say, "Why should I help with agility? What does this have to do with Cockers? I have no interest in agility and therefore have no plans to help!"

The short answer is that a healthy club treasury helps ALL venues and activities within our club - i.e., the Specialty Shows, Obedience Trial, Eye Clinic, Fun Match, etc. Perhaps we could even afford to be more charitable to good Cocker causes. Your assistance in this endeavor has the potential of greatly benefitting the club's treasury which in turn would greatly benefit our many and varied interests in Cockers. Agility trials are VERY popular and well-attended. Clubs undertaking this challenge have reaped **great** financial rewards.

So, if you want to see CCCC be able to continue with its Specialty Shows and other areas of interest, please say "How can I help?"

Agility committee: Nancy Bean, Edie Allyn, Felicia Mazur, Melissa Frye and Joanne Dzenkowski