

Capital City Cocker Club

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Meeting Notices

Next General meeting: Wednesday October 20, 8:00 p.m.
Chesterbrook United Methodist Church
1711 Kirby Road, McLean, Va.

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President's Message

Well, the summer lull was nice, the fun match was fun, but, looking at CCCC's calendar, it's time to get back to work. Our agility trial is coming up in November. Felicia will be looking for volunteers, so why not just offer and save her the time. It was fun last year, and will be again this year, especially since we all now, "understand" our jobs. The eye clinic is the first weekend in Dec. (pray for good weather), and along with our new Microchip clinic, it should be a busy day. Once again, anyone who can, please volunteer to help out. Call Ginny (eye clinic) or Lloyd (microchip clinic) for jobs.

Then we have our annual Christmas Party. But that's not work, that's fun. We'd really like to see everyone there. It's a good catching up time and we actually do have fun. Diane Kepley needs your ideas for judges for the 2006 specialty by Dec. 31, so get your minds working on that one. We can't expect Diane to do all the thinking.

Other than that, there's not much going on.....

Luann

CCCC Agility Trials Nov. 13-14, 2004

Dear Club Members (and their families/friends!),

It's that time of year again and I'm now looking for club member volunteers for our November 13 & 14 agility trials in Woodbridge, VA. We had a great time last year and hope to repeat the same this year. The funds raised enabled us to have a very nice Specialty in May, help Cocker rescue, and donate New Title rosettes for the 2005 Summer National, making our club the first in the country to do so.

But we won't have a successful trial without your help. Agility trials are different than conformation shows in that we need about 100 volunteers each day to do all the jobs. Many of the ring jobs are filled by participants, but many others require too much time for any one competitor to handle. Last year, Diane Kepley and Chris Miller performed admirably as gate stewards (it's very different than a show), Luann Chandler did just about everything, Billy and Lloyd kept our other volunteers informed and supplied with lunch tickets, Jim and Beth Slagle kept everyone fed and watered, Melissa Frye did a great job with the ribbons, Christal and Melvin Stanbrough set jumps, Linda Wright & Noemi (Taylor) Arthur sat in a cold ring for hours, Susan DeJulius and Dorothy and Ginny did whatever was asked and many others pitched in. And, of course, the agility committee of Nancy Bean, Edie Allyn, Joanne Dzenkowski, Melissa Frye and Katie Knepley worked extremely hard. I'm sorry if I missed anyone, but thanks so much.

So we need everyone to pitch in and help. We'd love to have you both days, but even one day would be nice (not great, but nice). We promise we won't ask you to do anything the rest of us wouldn't do! We even feed you lunch, as well as all day snacking.

You can reply with your volunteer info by e-mail to Feliciamazur@yahoo.com or call me at 540-972-9988.

Thanks and see you at the trial,

Felicia Mazur
Volunteer Coordinator (Queen)

Member Updates

Lesley Russell-Doney (new e-mail address) Gemstonz@att.net
American Spaniel Club (new e-mail address) ascsecy@charter.net

Braggs

From Jean Sherrick:

Toby got two legs towards his Open title recently. At Mount Vernon DTC, his score was 181. His score at Capital DTC was 183.5. Jean hopes to finish him at Oriole DTC – if not, it is on to "The Turkey Cluster." Congratulations, Jean. Good luck finishing that CDX!

From Jim and Beth Slagle:

CH Kaplar's Krimson Tide and CH C'lestials American Glory announce the birth of three buff sons on Columbus Day, 2004.

“Open Letter to the American Spaniel Club”

Following is a letter sent to the ASC on behalf of the Board of Directors and members of CCCC:

August 18, 2004

Open Letter to the American Spaniel Club

Re: Performance and Companion Events at ASC Shows

We, the members and Board of Directors of the Capital City Cocker Club, want to applaud the ASC for having recognized the importance of including the companion and performance events of agility, obedience and hunt tests as integral parts of our Summer National. The Capital City Cocker Club has the distinct honor of being the first Cocker Spaniel Specialty Club (and ASC member) to become licensed to sponsor AKC all-breed agility trials. As evidenced by our members' support and hard work, our club's first agility trials were held in November of 2003 in Woodbridge, Va. Also, we have offered an annual Specialty Obedience Trial since 1999 in conjunction with our annual Specialty Show(s). We have been very proud of the popularity of these added companion events and see them as a way to showcase the versatility of the Cocker Spaniel.

Our membership includes many dedicated breeders of Cocker Spaniels. As such, we are happily finding increasing numbers of our well-bred dogs in the “performance rings” as well as in the breed ring. While looking through the catalog of entries for the companion events at the recent Summer National in Indianapolis, we recognized the names of many outstanding breed kennels. Notable examples are the kennel names of Brookwood, LaMar, Ging's, Begay, Kamps, and Kaplar. Also, a daughter of the ASC multiple BOV winner Ch. Luzana's Look N' Tri-if-fic was competing in the agility trial. There were also other fine examples of well-bred and accomplished Cockers exhibiting good structure for a good performance.

We also noted that well-respected breeders such as Judy Klepp and Sandy Roland were participating in agility, obedience and conformation at this summer's National Specialty. As such, they are setting an excellent example of promoting and exhibiting form and function within the breed. Cocker fanciers who put the time and effort into training “performance” dogs are looking for the same qualities that our breed judges are looking for - good health, structure, balance, and the wonderful Cocker temperament. Performance and companion event exhibitors are also counting on long careers in these events, as longevity is an important attribute for any dog trained to the top levels of any such sport. This is accomplished only when good breeders breed good dogs and support the performance and companion event exhibitors and events that showcase their hard work and efforts to their fullest. So, what better way to promote form and function within the breed than continuing to support all of these activities at ASC events?

The American Spaniel Club can look forward to the support of these performance and companion events from our club and its members now and into the future. To that end, our membership has already voted to sponsor new title rosettes for each day's agility trial at the 2005 Summer National. Our membership was more than willing to donate these very meaningful awards (out of the earnings from our own agility trials) to all those exhibitors completing well-earned titles at these trials.

Please let us know what we can do to help make these events continue to be a success and a great showcase for our beloved breed.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read our letter of support. We hope that it sufficiently expresses not only our own support, but the support of the many fanciers who participate in and/or appreciate the inclusion of performance and companion activities at ASC events.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Bean, Secretary
Capital City Cocker Club
Member, ASC

for officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Capital City Cocker Club: Luann Chandler, Lloyd Alton, Dorothy Heindsmann, Bill Gorodner, Diane Kepley, Ginny Roop and Jim Slagle

Response from ASC:

Dear Nancy,

The Board of Directors of the American Spaniel Club has asked me to express their appreciation to the Board of Directors and members of the Capital City Cocker Club, Inc. for your recent “Open Letter to the American Spaniel Club”.

Response from ASC (cont'd)

We are pleased to have your club, one of the oldest ASC member clubs, recognize our parent club's efforts to incorporate within our sponsored shows, the multiple talents of our Cocker Spaniels. We too feel it is very important to promote and showcase our breeders and exhibitors in the performance and companion events as well as the conformation ring and hunt trials.

Your offer to sponsor new title rosettes for the agility trials at the 2005 National is gracious and meaningful. Lee Brown and the other members of the 2005 National Show Committee will be as appreciative as the Board. Please let us know which of your members will be present at the National so that we can recognize the Club's contribution to the National.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Mustard, Secretary
American Spaniel Club

Club Chatter

Nancy received a phone call request for a black male puppy (December or after). Please contact Nancy for caller's contact information.

2005 CCCC Specialty Show judges: Friday May 20 – Bettie Campbell (sweeps), Betty Duding (regular classes). Saturday May 21 (Mattaponi KC) – Cindy Lane (sweeps), Judith Goodin (regular classes). Obedience – Harold and Rose Doan. "Heavy hors d'oeuvres" will be provided for exhibitors and guests after the show on May 20.

See enclosed flyer for upcoming Eye Clinic and Microchip Clinic to be held on Dec. 4, 2004.

Va. Federation – Linda Wright will replace Luann Chandler as our alternate delegate. Lloyd Alton remains our delegate.

Holiday Party

The CCCC Holiday Party is to be held on Sunday Dec. 12, 2004 at Jim and Beth Slagle's home in Hamilton, Va. (outside Leesburg). More information will follow, but mark down this date!

Don't Forget.....!

Don't forget.....contact Felicia Mazur and let her know when you can be available to help at the CCCC agility trials. We would appreciate your participation!!

THANKS