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*“Advertising shall be factual.”*

# OFFICERS REPORTS

## President's Report

Steve Anderson  
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Midsummer already and time to start preparing for the annual membership ballot in October!

Please check your updated e-mail address by logging in to the AMCA web site, especially if you've made a change in the last few months. As in the last two years, the first round of Judges Selection will be primarily electronic, and will run two weeks in July. The full list of eligible judges was posted on the web site for you to preview, and you will each receive a personal link to the poll portal. Hard-copy judges list and response sheet are available on request from Ruth (amcavp@comcast.net). The second round will be on the fall ballot.

All candidate petitions and campaign statements are due to the Recording Secretary by August 1.

There are three bylaws amendment proposals published in this issue. All are largely editorial, correcting internal inconsistencies and bringing procedures into compliance with *Robert's Rules*.

**Outstanding Service Award:** Do you have a nominee? Each year this award recognizes an outstanding deed or exceptional service to the breed by an individual member, or members jointly. Send the name to the Recording Secretary, Jo Ann Krause (jkrause@boreal.org) by August 1.

## Recording Secretary

Jo Ann Krause  
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MOTION 12: 2014/15: H-1: The contracts for conformation judges at the National and in-conjunction Regional Specialties will specify that the judges agree not to judge any Alaskan Malamute specialty anywhere in the Continental United States or Canada for that calendar year prior to the contracted  
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specialty and also agree not to judge Alaskan Malamutes in the Continental United States or Canada after 1 April prior to the contracted specialty. No one shall be eligible to judge the National Specialty who has judged an AMCA-sponsored specialty within that Region during the two (2) years prior to the date of the National Specialty. No one shall be eligible to judge National or associated Regional conformation more than once in a 10-year period or sweepstakes more than once in a five-year period. (NB11 Jan 12). (Levesque)

For: Anderson, Coburn, Colman, Fraser, Krause, Levesque, Toussaint  
Against: Fusco, Moore  
Abstain: Sanders, Willhauck  
Background: The purpose of this change is to clarify the geographical restrictions on judging malamutes after 1 April prior to the contracted specialty. (Levesque)

MOTION 13: 2014/15: Late fees shall be waived for any members who, in accordance with Standing Rule A-4, have been deemed to be Life Members. (Moore)

For: All  
Background: The Board approved the recommendation that late-renewal fees not apply to Life Members, but annual renewal forms are still required of all members.

NOTICE: The AMCA Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2015, in Sturbridge MA.

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## Treasurers Report - May 2015

	<u>Apr-15</u>	<u>May-15</u>	<u>Change</u>
Bank Accounts	80,037.07	77,268.48	-2,768.59
Reserve Funds	30,376.35	30,376.35	0.00
Committee Total	<u>19,502.93</u>	<u>19,502.93</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<b>\$129,916.35</b>	<b>\$127,147.76</b>	<b>-\$2,768.59</b>

<b>Revenue</b>			
	2014 Year	May-15	2015 YTD

### Newsletter/Directory

Advertisements	2,440.00	455.50	1,636.75
Newsletter/Directory	14,860.00	90.00	10,790.00
Subscriptions/Add. NL	40.00	0.00	30.00
Mail/Delivery	2,757.00	0.00	2,170.00
Breeders List	3,025.00	0.00	2,125.00
<b>Newsletter/Directory Total</b>	<b>23,122.00</b>	<b>545.50</b>	<b>16,751.75</b>

### Membership

Application	428.00	15.00	35.00
Membership Fees	6,665.00	40.00	4,550.01
Late Fees	570.00	60.00	260.00
<b>Membership Total</b>	<b>7,663.00</b>	<b>115.00</b>	<b>4,845.01</b>

### Pass-Through

National Specialty	0.00	0.00	0.00
AMAL/CHF Donation	4,080.00	0.00	2,958.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	1,207.00	0.00	1,495.00
Legislative/Other	137.38	0.00	0.00
<b>Pass-Through Total</b>	<b>5,424.38</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,453.00</b>

<b>Committees' Total</b>	<b>2,584.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>
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### Other Revenues

Affiliate Clubs	0.00	0.00	265.00
National Specialty	17,903.26	0.00	27,000.00
Purina Partnership	981.89	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous/Interest/Fees	1,022.78	39.88	298.04
<b>Other Revenues Total</b>	<b>19,907.93</b>	<b>39.88</b>	<b>27,563.04</b>

<b>Subtotal Receipts</b>	<b>\$58,702.11</b>	<b>\$700.38</b>	<b>\$53,812.80</b>
<b>Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$2,737.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-53.90</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$61,439.19</b>	<b>\$700.38</b>	<b>\$53,758.90</b>

<b>Expenses</b>			
	2014 Year	May-15	2015 YTD

### Newsletter/Membership

Print-Basic	13,103.60	847.40	4,988.52
Newsletter/MD coordinator fee	4,571.11	350.00	1,775.00
Prep-Mail & Supplies	5,531.00	400.00	2,000.00
Mail/Delivery/CD	4,553.82	248.22	1,296.82
Bulk Postage	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Newsletter artist fees	160.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Newsletter/Membership Total</b>	<b>29,919.53</b>	<b>2,845.62</b>	<b>11,060.34</b>

<b>Officer/Board/Delegate</b>	<b>2,990.22</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>775.76</b>
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### Pass-Throughs

National Specialty	0.00	0.00	0.00
AMAL Donation/Auction	3,530.00	0.00	0.00
NS/RS Trophy Donation	1,244.00	585.00	1,627.00
Legislative/Other	37.38	0.00	0.00
<b>Pass-Through Total</b>	<b>4,811.38</b>	<b>585.00</b>	<b>1,627.00</b>

National Specialty	2,618.20	0.00	500.00
Affiliate Clubs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Bank/CC Processing Fees	819.72	23.35	700.89
AMCA MEM/AKC Expense	417.06	0.00	152.87
Elections Costs	1,841.05	0.00	0.00
Insurance	1,700.00	0.00	0.00
External Financial Review	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web Site	165.00	15.00	143.36
Miscellaneous/Legal/Other	194.28	0.00	175.99
Committee's	1,219.77	0.00	300.00
<b>Other Expense Total</b>	<b>9,975.08</b>	<b>38.35</b>	<b>1,973.11</b>

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$47,696.21</b>	<b>\$3,468.97</b>	<b>\$15,436.21</b>
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1) This report shows treasury funds reported as of 5/31/15

2) The "Pass-Through" lines contain funds collected by AMCA for others. They are held temporarily in the General Fund but are not owned by the General Fund.

3) 2014 National funds are reflected in this report.

4) Not all committee balances are included above. Corrected committee balances to reflect 12/31/14 balances which were reported by committee on 4/30/15

# AMCA Calendar of Events

(Prepared by Ruth Levesque, Vice President & Specialty Events Coordinator)

## AMCA Specialties & Affiliated Club Specialty Events

<b>NE AMCA Regional Specialty</b>	11/8 thru 11/10	Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center 366 Main St Sturbridge, MA 01566  Closes: 10/14	Ruth Levesque, Show Secy c/o Caper Show Services 24902 Apple Rd Waterford, WI 53185 <a href="http://www.caper-dogs.com">www.caper-dogs.com</a> Ruth Levesque, Show Chair <a href="mailto:amcavp@comcast.net">amcavp@comcast.net</a> 860-214-0972	Ilona Chu Laurie Wells Elizabeth "Tibby" Chase  Terrie Breen	C/JR PS/VS Obed/Rally (2 trials)  4-6 Month
<b>NE AMCA National Specialty</b>	11/11 thru 11/14	Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center 366 Main St Sturbridge, MA 01566  Closes: 10/14	Ruth Levesque, Show Secy c/o Caper Show Services 24902 Apple Rd Waterford, WI 53185 <a href="http://www.caper-dogs.com">www.caper-dogs.com</a> Ruth Levesque, Show Chair <a href="mailto:amcavp@comcast.net">amcavp@comcast.net</a> 860-214-0972	Dr. Joseph Hug Robin Hug Joyce DeLay Lynda Moore  Janina Laurin	C JR PS/VS Obed/Rally  4-6 Month

\* Pending AKC approval

## SUPPORTED ENTRY EVENTS

Area/Host / Kennel Club	Dates	Location / Closing	Supt / Event Contact	Judging Panel	
<b>SO AMCA area event w/Forsyth KC</b>	12/5	Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Winston-Salem, NC Closes 11/16	MB-F, Inc.  Tina Sanderford	Robert Vandiver Robert Sturdivant Joan Scott John Schoeneman	C
	12/6				PS/VS
<b>RM Supported Entry with Plum Creek KC</b>	2/12	National Western Complex Denver, CO  Closes 1/27	Onofrio Dog Shows  Barbara White	Pat Putman * Pat Jenkins *	C
	2/13				PS/VS
				Doris Cozart * Shannon Van Duren *	C PS/VS

## AGILITY TRIALS

Area/Host	Dates	Location / Closing	Trial Secy/ Event Contact	Judging Panel	Classes
<b>NY/NJ All Breed Trials</b>	8/28	Syracuse Obedience Training Center 6392 Deere Rd Syracuse, NY Opens: 7/1 Closes: 8/14	Libby Loughnot, Trial Secy 8205 Yukon Dr Cicero, NY 13039-9388 Pamela Renock, Event Chair <a href="mailto:amcatrialchair@gmail.com">amcatrialchair@gmail.com</a>	Lavonda Herring (all trials)	Standard, JWW & FAST (Exec/Masters ONLY) T2B (Novice – Masters)
	8/29				Standard & JWW
	8/30				Standard & JWW
<b>NE AMCA Regional &amp; National Trials Two events same day to be held simultaneously</b>	11/9	Sportsworld 226 Main St Windsor, CT  Opens: 9/2 Closes: 10/14	Noreen Bennett, Trial Secy 1 West St Belchertown, MA 01007 413-283-4490 <a href="mailto:Noreen@pawprinttrials.com">Noreen@pawprinttrials.com</a>  Laura Heft, Event Chair 716-425-4468 <a href="mailto:granitemals@gmail.com">granitemals@gmail.com</a>	Monica Stathers (both trials)	Standard & JWW (both trials)

Updates to this event calendar will be made when the required AKC paperwork has been received from the Show Chairs and submitted to AKC for their approval by the Vice President.



**Want more information about the  
2015 National Specialty?  
Visit the Official Website @  
<http://www.alaskanmalamutenationals.com>**

## These Proposed Bylaws Amendments will be presented on the annual ballot for membership approval.

Question 51. Add a sentence to ART IV Section 3, as follows:

### **Section 3. Annual election**

The annual election of officers and directors shall be conducted by ballot, either mail or electronic, or a combination that permits all regular members to participate. Only those ballots received before the deadline set by the Board shall be valid. Ballots shall be counted by such person or persons as the Board shall designate, according to procedures established and published by the Board. Participants shall be neither members of the current Board nor candidates on the ballot. The person receiving the highest number of votes for each position shall be declared elected. **In the event of a tie, the toss of a coin shall determine the winner.** If any nominee, at the time of the meeting, is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall not be elected and the vacancy so created shall be filled by the new Board of Directors in the manner provided by ARTICLE II, SECTION 4.

*Rationale—This necessary tie-breaking procedure is currently in the Standing Rules. Robert's Rules requires that all decisive election procedures be in the Bylaws.*

Question 52. In ART IV Section 4, change reference to "slate" in paragraphs (a) and (c) to "candidates":

### **Section 4. Nominations and ballots**

(a)The nominating committee shall nominate, from among the eligible members of the club, one candidate for each office and for each other position on the Board of Directors, and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The committee should consider geographical representation of the membership on the Board to the extent that it is practicable to do so. The committee shall then submit its ~~slate of~~ candidates to the Board not later than March 31. The Recording Secretary shall publish the list (including the full name of each candidate and the name of the state in which he/she resides) in the club newsletter on or before June 30, in order that additional nominations may be made by the members if they so desire.

(c) If no valid additional nominations are received by the recording secretary on or before August 1, no balloting will be required, and the nominating committee's **slate candidates** shall be declared elected at the time of the Annual Meeting.

*Rationale — Robert's Rules recommends against using "slate" since all candidates stand for election individually, not as a group.*

Question 53. Amend ART VIII Section 2 as follows:

**Section 2.** The Constitution and By-Laws, and the Standard for the Breed may be amended at any time **by ballot, either mail or electronic, or a combination that permits all regular members to participate. However transmitted, ballot packets shall include a copy of the proposed amendment and shall specify a deadline for return not less than 30 days after the date of mailing. Only those ballots received by the published deadline shall be valid. Ballots shall be counted by such person or persons as the Board shall designate, according to procedures established and published by the Board.** ~~provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed (by first-class mail) by the Recording Secretary to each regular member in good standing on the date of mailing, accompanied by a ballot on which the regular member may indicate his/her choice for or against the action to be taken. The notice shall specify a date not less than thirty (30) days after the date of mailing by which date the ballots must be returned to the Recording Secretary to be counted. The favorable vote of 2/3 of the regular members in good standing who return valid ballots within the time limit shall be required to effect any such amendment.~~

*Rationale—Brings special balloting procedures into alignment with regular election procedures.*

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## Committee Reports & Special Report

### **AMCA Legislative Committee**

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Since Humane Watch was launched in 2010, its goal has been to educate people as to what the HSUS (Humane Society of the United States) is really funding - a radical, PETA-like animal liberation group. Humane Watch

supports people donating to local animal shelters. As you may recall, the HSUS only gives one percent of its money to pet shelters across America. It seems folks are getting the message. Humane Watch looked at the HSUS's financial data from 2010 through 2013 (the most recent data) and discovered a decline in contributions to the HSUS since this campaign begun.

While donations are down for the HSUS, legislation continues to be introduced and passed throughout the United States that is harmful to hobbyist dog breeders and dog owners in general. The Legislative Committee continues to encourage AMCA members to go to the AKC web site to monitor legislation in your state, county, and city.



## ATTENTION ALL REGULAR AMCA MEMBERS!

### 1<sup>ST</sup> Round Judge Selection Poll 2018 Conformation & 2016 Sweepstakes

Membership polling for the Regional & National Specialty Judges will open on July 10, 2015 and run until July 31, 2015.

ALL REGULAR MEMBERS with an email registered with AMCA will be sent a poll invitation by e-mail. The goal is to verify that all members who wish to vote electronically can receive the e-mail and connect to the balloting website without issue. The sender e-mail address will be <[AMCA@SimplyVoting.com](mailto:AMCA@SimplyVoting.com)> so please make sure your e-mail program's spam filters will allow emails from this address.

The invitations will be sent on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone should receive their e-mail within 24 hours. If you DO NOT receive your e-mail notice by July 11<sup>th</sup>, please check your spam folder. If you still have not seen this e-mail, please contact the **Election Manager (EM), Michael McGuire**, for guidance at <[AMCA-MGM@comcast.net](mailto:AMCA-MGM@comcast.net)>. Please report any problems to the EM so we can iron them out before the annual ballot in the fall.

The listings of eligible judges for nomination are included in this Newsletter for your review. It is highly suggested that you review this alphabetical listing of conformation and sweepstakes judges and determine your selections PRIOR TO OPENING THE SURVEY to record your choices. Your survey may time out if you take too long to record and submit your entry.

All members are encouraged to use the electronic polling method which proved to be very successful last year. However, a hard copy poll will be AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. Each member may ONLY SUBMIT ONE POLL RESPONSE, either electronic or hard copy. All hard copy responses will be verified against the electronic results.

**NO HARD COPY POLLING BALLOT WILL BE SENT OUT WITHOUT A SPECIFIC REQUEST.** All Polls conducted by AMCA are conducted electronically and through the Newsletter. THE OPTION OF AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVING A POSTAL (HARD COPY) BALLOT ONLY APPLIES TO THE ANNUAL ELECTION.

If you desire a hard copy for this poll you must submit your request directly to:  
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**BE SURE TO ALLOW ENOUGH TIME TO RECEIVE AND RETURN YOUR POLL BALLOT BY THE JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINE. Returns received AFTER July 31<sup>st</sup> will not be counted.**

## 2016 National & Regional Specialty Sweepstakes Judges List – 1<sup>st</sup> Round

Electronic Polling will be conducted July 2015. Members will receive an email with a unique link to their specific polling ballot. Each member will ONLY BE ABLE TO SUBMIT ONE POLL RESPONSE. The preferred method is electronically, however, hardcopy will be **Available Upon Request** and responses will be verified against the electronic results.

A hard copy may be obtained by contacting Ruth Levesque, P O Box 667, Tolland, CT 06084, calling 860-871-9001 (h), 860-214-0972 (c) or via email at [amcavp@comcast.net](mailto:amcavp@comcast.net)

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### Sweepstakes Judge List

**Each member may select 10 judges from this list.**

**The 2016 National & Regional Specialties will be held in the Rocky Mountain Region (Colorado Springs, Colorado)**

It is highly suggested that you review this alphabetical listing of eligible sweepstakes judges and determine your selections prior to opening the survey to record your choices. Your survey may time out if you take too long to record and submit your entry.

**The top 15 judges from this poll will be used for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Ballot.**

The following individuals meet the 10 year AMCA membership requirement and have indicated on their 2015 renewal application their desire to have their name placed on this 1st Round Poll.

S601	Allen, Linda	S623	Harris, Beth	S645	Putman, Edward
S602	Allen, Ronda	S624	Harrison, PJ	S646	Quercio-Traxler, Bernadette
S603	Antolin, Jaime Aguerri	S625	Hartveld-Upmeijer, Erna	S647	Rehmert, Renee
S604	Anton, Sharon	S626	Hinman, Raissa	S648	Roberts, Linda
S605	Bedell, Amanda	S627	Hood, Dorothy	S649	Robinson, Thea
S606	Bedell, Suzanne	S628	Howarth, Kathleen	S650	Salvadore, Barbara
S607	Bursten, Beatrice	S629	Hukill, Karen	S651	Sautbine, Andrea
S608	Carriegan, Cindy	S630	Jenkins, Pat	S652	Seman, Leah
S609	Cebula, Bunny	S631	Lauridsen, Michael	S653	Stables, Peter Robert
S610	Chauvie, Cyndi	S632	Lichota, Barbara	S654	Sturdivant, Robert
S611	Collins, Dennis	S633	Loades, Sharon	S655	Summersett, Jerry
S612	Corkum, Kathleen	S634	Loft, Catherine	S656	Szuhai, Jackai
S613	Corr, Jennifer	S635	Maeda, Sachi	S657	Taylor, Karen Ann
S614	Corr, Wendy	S636	Manus, Brenda	S658	Thomas, Audrey
S615	Croft, Jan	S637	Marie, Suzanne	S659	Thomas, Leesa
S616	Curtis, Marilyn	S638	Martin, Bonnie	S660	Till, Tricia
S617	Effler-Leveille, Jennifer	S639	Martin, James	S661	Toussaint, Gloria
S618	Ellis, Sue	S640	Neely, Cindy	S662	Toussaint, Terry
S619	Foster, Cindy	S641	Newburn, Laurie	S663	Turner, Shelley
S620	Griffiths, Bill	S642	Martin-Nutzell, DruAnne	S664	Unterholzner, Dorothy
S621	Hagan, Gidget	S643	Olmen, Evie	S665	Van Zandt, Jay
S622	Hamilton, Phyllis	S644	Price, Eddie	S666	Walker, Michel

The following individuals are INELIGIBLE in accordance with Standing Rule H-1 since they have judged either a Regional or National specialty sweepstakes within the past five (5) years. These individuals will become eligible in the 6th year following their previous assignment.

2011	Haggard, Robin	2013	Birmantas-Beam, Lynda	2015	DeLay, Joyce
2011	Pohl, Ron	2013	Schultz, Helen	2015	Wells, Laurie
2012	Coburn, Michele	2014	Colman, Karyn		
2012	McMahon-Howen, Bonnie	2014	Williams, Carol		

## 2018 National & Regional Specialty Conformation Judges List – 1<sup>st</sup> Round

Electronic Polling will be conducted July 2014. Members will receive an email with a unique link to their specific polling ballot. Each member will **ONLY BE ABLE TO SUBMIT ONE POLL RESPONSE**. The preferred method is electronically, however, hardcopy will be **Available Upon Request** and responses will be verified against the electronic results.

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or via email at [amcavp@comcast.net](mailto:amcavp@comcast.net)

**NO HARD COPY POLLING BALLOTS WILL BE SENT OUT WITHOUT A SPECIFIC REQUEST.**

## 2018 National & Regional Conformation Judge List

Compiled from the AKC 2015 Electronic Judges Directory\*

**Each member may select 10 judges from this list.**

**The 2018 National & Regional Specialties will be held in the Southern Region.**

This region includes the following states: AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, VA & WV

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C101 Alexander, Carolyn	C130 Billings, Karen	C159 Carter, Kathleen	C188 Cozart, Doris
C102 Alhino, Margaret	C131 Birdsong, Bobby	C160 Cassidy, Darla Lynn	C189 Crandall, Jeraldeen
C103 Alston, Mary Ann	C132 Bivin, Edd	C161 Casteel, Kathy	C190 Cuneo, Anitra
C104 Ambrosio, Ralph	C133 Black, Grace	C162 Caswell, Robert	C191 Daniels, Judith
C105 Amburgey, Nancy	C134 Blue, Lynette	C163 Catlin, Susan	C192 Daugherty, Cathy
C106 Amidon, Barbara	C135 Bock, Fred	C164 Chan, David	C193 Davies, Roberta
C107 Andersen, Gary	C136 Bolus, David	C165 Chianese, Vincent	C194 Davis, Arlene
C108 Anderson, Christine	C137 Bond, Louis	C166 Church-Stadler, Janis	C195 Davis, Lowell
C109 Anderson, Diane	C138 Boutwell, Loraine	C167 Clark, Linda	C196 Davison, Arthur
C110 Anselm, Joan	C139 Boyce, George	C168 Clark, Toddie	C197 Dawkins, Pete
C111 Anselm, Klaus	C140 Bradford, Andrea	C169 Clarke, Bonnie	C198 Dean, Denise
C112 Balch, Sheila	C141 Brenner, Patricia	C170 Clemente, Victor	C199 DeLaGarza, Cathy
C113 Bassett, Gary	C142 Briley, Jim	C171 Cline, Dana	C200 DeLong, Paullet
C114 Beam, Maxine	C143 Briscoe, Helen	C172 Coady, Clay	C201 DePietro, Terry
C115 Beckman, Donna	C144 Brocious, Mary Anne	C173 Cohen, Lonny	C202 DeRoulet, Lisa
C116 Beckwith, Richard	C145 Brown, Frandel	C174 Cole, Jon	C203 Deutsch, Roseann
C117 Beisel-McIlwaine, Peggy	C146 Brown, Judith	C175 Collier, Dorothy	C204 deVilleneuve, William
C118 Bell, Catherine	C147 Brown, Lee	C176 Combee, Don	C205 DiNardo, Anthony
C119 Bennett, Al	C148 Brown, Robert	C177 Compton, Hildegard	C206 DiNardo, Sheila
C120 Benson, C Michael	C149 Browne, Jeremy	C178 Conger, Peggy	C207 Dobkin, Marcie
C121 Benson, Lia	C150 Bube, Kathy	C179 Connolly, John	C208 Doeg, Kenneth
C122 Berberich, Linda	C151 Buoniello, Vincent	C180 Cook, Ann Mariah	C209 Doran, Lynnmarie
C123 Berg, Eva	C152 Busby, Bob	C181 Cook, Margaret	C210 Downey, Margaret
C124 Berger, Sally	C153 Buxton, Donna	C182 Coombs, Whitney	C211 Droel, Joe
C125 Bernhard, May	C154 Buxton, Kenneth	C183 Cooper, Annella	C212 Duerksen, Don
C126 Berrios, Alberto	C155 Canestrini, Monica	C184 Cooper, Carol	C213 Dunlop, Gary
C127 Berrios, Terry	C156 Capodice, O. M.	C185 Cooper, Catherina	C214 Dunn, Bradford
C128 Bianchi, Albert	C157 Capstick, Beverly	C186 Cooper, Gary	C215 Dutton, JoAnn
C129 Biddle, Rita	C158 Carr, Susan	C187 Costello, John	C216 Dvorak, Don

\* Permit/Provisional Judges with the exception of Alaskan Malamute Breeder Judges are excluded from this listing. The names of AMCA member judges have been included in this listing in accordance with AMCA SR H-10 & H-11.

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C217	Eichel, Beverly	C263	Haddock, David	C309	Laurans, Patricia	C354	Mulligan, Vincent
C218	Eisele, Robert	C264	Haefner, Jane	C310	Laurin, Edeltraud	C355	Murphy, Patricia
C219	Ellis, James	C265	Hale, Tom	C311	Leininger, Betty Regina	C356	Murray, George
C220	Emily, Peter	C266	Hall, Edward	C312	Leist, Rosemary	C357	Murray, Ken
C221	Esporite, Sondra Joy	C267	Hansen, Dawn	C313	Lemcke, Ralph	C358	Muthard, Elizabeth
C222	Esposito, Peggy	C268	Harrington, Judy	C314	Lentz, Robert	C359	Neale, Patti Widick
C223	Falconer, Marie Ann	C269	Harris, Clinton	C315	Lewis, Richard	C360	Nelson, Lou Richardson
C224	Falk, Walter	C270	Hartinger, Paula	C316	Liebes, Eric	C361	Newton, Garry
C225	Feld, Marcia	C271	Hartinger, Roger	C317	Liebes, Joan Luna	C362	Nichols, Ted
C226	Fell, Clayton	C272	Harvey, Olivia	C318	Liebes, Nancy	C363	Nietsch, Helene
C227	Feneis, Thomas	C273	Harvey, Vern	C319	Liepmann, Carl	C364	Nikkel, Susan
C228	Ferreira, Alfred	C274	Hastings, Patricia	C320	Linnehan, John	C365	Noe, James
C229	Ferris, Fred	C275	Haupt, Fay	C321	Lisker, Miriam	C366	Nonhof, Jeanne
C230	Fertl, Irma	C276	Herbel, Carolyn	C322	Lockman, Elizabeth Anne	C367	Norman, Peri
C231	Finch, Barbara	C277	Hertz, Ruby	C323	Lombardi, Ronald	C368	Nosiglia, Beverly
C232	Fish, Madeleine	C278	Hess, Patricia	C324	Lucas, John	C369	Nykiel, Paula
C233	Fleitas, Daniel	C279	Hiltz, Lesley	C325	Lycan, Audrey	C370	Ogarek, Hubert
C234	Fowler, Linda	C280	Holava, Joe	C326	Lyons, Edward	C371	Olmen, Lois
C235	Fowlis, Olivia	C281	Holloway, Douglas	C327	Mackai, Kathy	C372	Olson, Lew
C236	Frederiksen, James	C282	Horn, Ronald	C328	Mackai, Larry	C373	Olvis, Charles
C237	Freilich, Philip	C283	Hossler, William	C329	Mangini, Shirley	C374	Orseno, Betty
C238	Frey, Roger	C284	Hubbell, Christina	C330	Marquis, George	C375	Osborn, David
C239	Froehlich, Dody	C285	Hubbell, Stephen	C331	Marsman, P. Levi	C376	Owens, Jim
C240	Frost, Ellen	C286	Huber, Nelson	C332	Martin, James	C377	Parris, Betty Lou
C241	Futh, Sara	C287	Hudson, Warren	C333	Martin, John	C378	Paulk, Joanne
C242	Gaeta, Peter	C288	Hundt, Theresa	C334	Martinez, Christie	C379	Pede, Wallace
C243	Geampa, Karen	C289	Hussin, Arley	C335	Martorella, Marjorie	C380	Pelland, Roland
C244	Gentry, Ken	C290	Indeglia, Robert	C336	McCartha, Frank	C381	Penta, Gerard
C245	Gibson, Sherry	C291	Jacobson, May	C337	McFadden, Billie	C382	Pero, Jean
C246	Gilbert, Edward	C292	James, Helen Lee	C338	McFarlane, Karen	C383	Peterson, Lynn
C247	Gill, Donald	C293	Johnson-Snyder, Meredith	C339	McGowan, Charlotte	C384	Pew, Carl
C248	Gladstone, Steven	C294	Jordan, Victoria	C340	McMath, Barrie	C385	Pinsker, Monika
C249	Glendinning, Honey Anne	C295	Kahn, Keke	C341	Mears, Judy	C386	Polimeni, Mickey
C250	Gloster, Robert	C296	Kaluzniacki, Sophia	C342	Menaker, Ronald	C387	Porpora, Angela
C251	Godek, F. Susan	C297	Keating, Steve	C343	Meredith-Cavanna, Kimberly	C388	Porterfield, David
C252	Gomez, Alane	C298	Kenney, Norman	C344	Meyer, Brian	C389	Porterfield, Susan
C253	Gomez, Tomas	C299	Kilcullen, Thomas	C345	Meyer, Cindy	C390	Powers, David
C254	Graff, Ralph	C300	Kipp, Mareth	C346	Meyer, Mary Ellen	C391	Pritchard, Roger
C255	Greathouse, Richard	C301	Koltjes, Minna-Liisa	C347	Miller, Madeline	C392	Purkhiser, Joe
C256	Greendale-Paveza, Sulie	C302	Krause, Alvin	C348	More, Elliot	C393	Purkhiser, Murrel
C257	Gregory, Henry	C303	Krause, Larry	C349	Morgan, Dennis	C394	Putman, Pat
C258	Gregory, Joseph	C304	Krogh, Sharon	C350	Morris, Clyde	C395	Rader, Phyllis
C259	Grimes, Arlene	C305	Krukar, Linda	C351	Morstad, Mary	C396	Ramirez, John
C260	Grosso, Vincent	C306	Kuehnel-Hisatake, Gay	C352	Moustakis, Linton	C397	Rayner, Jacqueline
C261	Gschwender, Rick	C307	Landstrom, Diane	C353	Mowbray-Morgan, Pat	C398	Rayner, Kenneth
C262	Gunville, Mabel	C308	Lashbrook, Richard			C399	Reamensnyder, Kay

## 2018 National & Regional Specialty Conformation Judges List – 1<sup>st</sup> Round

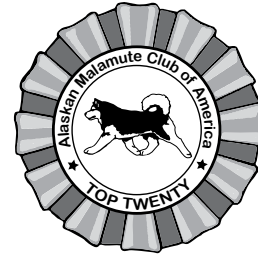
C400	Richards, Donnelle	C427	Shorr, Hal	C454	Stein, Robert	C481	Vinson, Norma
C401	Richardson, Jay	C428	Shreve, Robert	C455	Stenmark, Betty-Ann	C482	Vitner, Carl
C402	Riddle, Karen	C429	Sigler, Jan	C456	Stoess, Mary Ann	C483	Vogel, Sally
C403	Riedel, Linda	C430	Sillers, James	C457	Strakbein, Kenneth	C484	Voran, Bruce
C404	Riggsbee, Nikki	C431	Simmons, Nancy	C458	Strauss, Faye	C485	Voran, Judith
C405	Ringle, Eric	C432	Sinclair, Janet	C459	Sullivan, Evie	C486	Wade, John
C406	Robey, Linda	C433	Sinclair, Lawrence	C460	Szynskie, Gregory	C487	Walker, Sandra
C407	Roland, Barry	C434	Slay, Robert	C461	Tacker, Joe	C488	Wallin, Gerald
C408	Ronald, John	C435	Smith, Judith	C462	Taylor, Ann Marie	C489	Wallis, Sherry
C409	Ronald, Kathleen	C436	Smith, Patti	C463	Taylor, Douglas	C490	Ward, Marion
C410	Rotkowski, Mary Margaret	C437	Smith, Polly	C464	Taylor, James	C491	Watson, Jerry
C411	Rowland, Virginia	C438	Smith, Robert	C465	Temple, Terry	C492	Watt, Alice
C412	Rubens, Cathleen	C439	Smith, Sharon	C466	Thacker, Delbert	C493	Way, Sharol Candace
C413	Rubenstein, Arlene	C440	Sommerfelt, Walter	C467	Thielen, E.A. (Skip)	C494	Weiss, Jerry
C414	Rush, Georgia	C441	Sosa, Patricia	C468	Thompson, Donavon	C495	Wheat, Sandy
C415	Rynder, Rita	C442	Spediacci, Wanda	C469	Thornton, Debra	C496	White, James
C416	Sahloff, William	C443	Speich, Beth	C470	Timbers, Julie	C497	Whittier, Lee
C417	Saltzman, Lynette	C444	Spieker, Gail	C471	Trieber, Jane	C498	Wilkins, Deborah
C418	Saltzman, Stanley	C445	Spritzer, Ronald	C472	Trotter, Charles	C499	Williams, Henry (Hank)
C419	Sanford, Lois	C446	Squicciarini, Thomas	C473	Trotter, Patricia	C500	Williams, Lawson
C420	Schwartz, Francine	C447	Stacy, Terry	C474	Tucker, Marcia	C501	Wilson, Carole
C421	Schwartz, M. Ann	C448	Stanfield, Thomson	C475	Valiunas, Lesli	C502	Woodfork, Adrian
C422	Scott, Joan	C449	Stansell, Cindy	C476	Van Tassell, Michael	C503	Young, Barbara
C423	Shaw, Cheryl	C450	Stansell, Robin	C477	Vanden Avond, Ellen	C504	Zielinski, Joan
C424	Shaw, Mona	C451	Stebbins, Williams	C478	Vandiver, Robert	C505	Zielinski, Stan
C425	Shelton, William	C452	Steele, Luella	C479	Vanek, Joyce	C506	Zuver, Jeanne
C426	Sholar, Susan	C453	Steen, Kathleen	C480	Vics, Beverly		

The following individuals are ineligible in accordance with SR H-1 since they have judged either a National or Regional specialty within the past ten (10) years. These judges will become eligible in the 11<sup>th</sup> year following their previous assignment.

2008	Clarke, Houston	2011	Hug, Robin	2015	Chu, Illona
2008	Willhauck, Paul	2012	Yamada, Burton	2015	Hug, Joseph
2009	Willhauck, Wendy	2012	Gifford, Roger	2016	Zimmerman, Ruth
2009	Holabach, Albert	2013	Benson, Cindy	2016	Patterson, Cheryl
2010	Bedford, Shilon	2013	Battaglia, Carmen	2017	Alderman, Barbara
2010	Fournier, Jean	2014	Weston, Sharon	2017	Chu, Larry
2011	Russell, Nancy	2014	Walkowicz, Chris		



# TOP TWENTY



Final Standings through April 30, 2015

Hey everyone!

I am pleased to announce the following Alaskan Malamutes have qualified to participate in the Top 20 Event at the 2015 National Specialty. If you have any questions, comments, worries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. Congratulations to all! I look forward to seeing you all in Sturbridge in November.

Stacey Moore  
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Rank	The Top 20	Points	Area	Owner
1	GCH Peace River's Gathers No Moss At Sunstra (D) Robinson	395	PNW	T Robinson/A Syar/M Coburn/K
2	GCH Catera's Keepin' It World Class (B)	375	PNW	J Dewing/R Dysart
3	GCH Tugar's Taking On Tyson (D)	305	NY/NJ	K Hausner/S Das
4	GCH Storm Kloud's Test Of Time (D)	262	IL/WI	J El Dissi
5	GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune (D)	226	IL/WI	D Roberts-Burrill
6	GCH Wolfholic's Extraordinary (D)	189	AL	Y Choi
7	GCH Peaceriver's Silverice Summer Solstice (D)	187	WC	A Syar/M Stone
8	GCH Northern Lites Mr. Lincoln (D)	181	GL	H Donovan
9	CH Wintuk's Let Me Steal Your Heart (B)	153	IL/WI	S Kalous/L Kalous
10	GCH Northern Lites Patriot Of Snowvale (D)	139	GL	R Phillips/D Phillips/H Donovan
10	GCH Samaljankan's I'M The One At Nyrakym (D)	139	NY/NJ	K Colman/J Nirhamo
12	CH Winter Park's Look Sharp Live Smart (D)	126	ME	M Park/J Park/S Park
13	GCH Silverice's Poker Face (D)	121	WC	A Syar/M Stone
14	GCH Owyhee Bar-Vic's Girlz Gone Wild (B)	113	NY/NJ	G Kuehnel-Hisatake
15	GCH Mytuk's Technical Knock Out (D)	106	PNW	D Milburn/A Milburn
16	GCH Alcan 'N' Snodanc Party Of One (B)	101	WC	D McComb/D Ragsdale
17	GCH Joshua's Guns And Roses (B)	99	WC	C Chauvie/C Sires
18	GCH Awanuna's Tornado Of Snow (D)	98	IL/WI	B Pfeiffer/R Pfeiffer
19	GCH Ice Fall's Locked "N" Loaded (D)	97	IL/WI	L Ryer
20	GCH Sno Klassic Nanuke Lifes A Dance (B)	96	GL	J Taylor/P Peel/M Peel
20	GCH Vykon's Kumata Heart's On Fire (B)	96	SO	V Jones

**NOTE: No Area is listed when the primary owner is not an AMCA member.**

# AREA REPORTS

## GREAT LAKES

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Connie Jankowski reports

Spring has sprung and so has the fun. It started with ZEPPELIN, **GCH Malaczar's Get the Led Out, RA, NA, NAJ, NF, BN**, earning his AKC Rally Advance title and then the following weekend earning his ARCH which is his World Cynosport Rally Championship. Then we headed down to Louisville Kentucky and ZEPPELIN finished his AKC Grand Championship and ELTON, **Fall Moon Malaczar's Kingdom North of Nevar-Land CGC**, earned five points toward his AKC Championship including a 3 Point Major.

The following Tuesday ELTON and I were invited to visit a friend's classroom to talk about the Iditarod and we had a great time. The kids got to see ELTON pull his sled, took lots of pictures and they spent lots of time getting to know him and the breed. He was very good and we were invited to come back next year.

We started May off and running..... ELTON and ZEPPELIN showed at the UKC Confirmation Shows and ELTON went BOB three of the four shows and Group 1 each time. ZEPPELIN also took a Group 1. On Sunday ELTON went Best in Show. It was so exciting and so unexpected because the line-up of dogs in the ring was strong.

I received an invitation from a friend to bring ELTON to join her and her Siberian husky on a nursing home visit. She goes once a month, and usually there are two of them visiting, but her partner has had to drop out for a while, so she thought of ELTON. Well, we accepted the invitation, but I wasn't sure how ELTON would react, because he has never been around wheelchairs and walkers, and older people with shaky hands. He was awesome, and the clients really enjoyed his visit. His

only complaint is that it was very warm inside, but he did well, and let anyone who wanted to pet him and hug him. Once again, we were invited back.

The next weekend we headed to Kalamazoo and ELTON was entered to try and pick up the few points he needed to finish. He went WD on Monday for one point. That same weekend ZEPPELIN was entered in his first Barn Hunt trials. What an exciting experience for both of us. I learned so much about myself and him, and we had a wonderful time. We managed to earn one leg toward his RATN Title... and a fourth place.

That Sunday we came home, and went to another training club that was offering a Nosework Fun Match. Because we are entered in Nosework at the Premier, my trainer strongly suggested that I take him and see where we are at. My goal was to just do containers, but once I got there, the people putting on the match suggested that I do it all - interiors, exteriors, vehicles and containers. I haven't done too much in a show situation with him so I had them tell me where the scent was for the interior, exterior and vehicle search. Then I let him go to work. My objective was to reward him when he got it right. I wanted to know because I didn't want to reward a bad find. The containers I did blindly, and he got the right one in 12 seconds, with a good, clear alert. On the other three he was just as good, and he amazed me at how much he really knew; not bad for just under two years of age. I will be going to the Premier this year with the boys and competing in events that one year ago I would never even imagined. ZEPPELIN will be in Barn Hunt and ELTON in Nosework. It will be a fun time this year.

Well that is all for now. Hopefully we will have some brags coming out of the Premier weekend.

On May 22, Gina Pickett and Colleen and Dave Belanger of Motown Working

Alaskan Malamutes, put on a seminar at Freeman Elementary School in Flint, MI. The students were told the history of the Alaskan malamute, physical traits of the dogs, including the double coat of northern breeds, dog sledding (a sled was brought into the classroom), racing, and other activities that the dogs participate in. However, as much as the three of us tried to make the talks interesting and keep the kids attention, it was Gina's KEO, **Sno Klassic Dancin On The Pedals**, Colleen and Dave's DEUCE, **Spiritrun's Uppin The Ante**, and MADISON, **Spiritrun's Utter Madness**, who stole the show. The three dogs had several dozen kids ages eight to 11 to meet and greet, and they made every effort to do just that. The kids' excitement showed as these large animals mingled with them at their desks (in DEUCE's case it was on the desks). The dogs were put into harness, to show what a small dog team would look like. They also demonstrated backpacking and weight pulling. KEO demonstrated how to launch a rocket on command. At the end of the presentation, everyone went out in the hallway, and scooter rides, compliments of KEO, were given to staff members.

The whole program was well received and plans are already under way to return next March during the Iditarod race.

## ILLINOIS/WISCONSIN

Pat McGovern, Area Reporter  
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First off, I owe Carol Simon an apology. She sent me this lovely news about her girl, and I somehow managed to cut and paste without finishing the paste. Duh! Anyway, Carol, here's your good news:

"GRACIE was BOS on Friday May 1 at the Badger Kennel Club show under Judge Evie Sullivan and Select Bitch on Saturday, May 2 at the Janesville-Beloit Kennel Club show under Judge Houston Clark. She is

**GCH Powderhound's The Leading Lady, WWPDX**, handled by Jen Effler-Leveille, co-owned and loved by me and Jen, bred by Jen."

Some of the IL/WI folks trekked to Michigan for the GLAMC Specialty weekend. I heard there were some nice ribbons received. Bev and Rick Pfeiffer were happy to report as follows: "GUCCI finished her Championship on Friday, May 15 at the second GLAMC specialty by going WB for a 4 point major under Judge James Fredrkcon. I moved her up the next day and Teri Chaban handled her to a major Select Bitch under Judge James Noe. She is now **CH Sno-Kist's I'm No Knockoff at Awanuna.**"

Donelle Roberts sends news that she took CIRCE, **Staghorn & Snokist Enchantress**, to Michigan for the GLAMC Specialties. CIRCE was WB under breeder Judge Gay Kuehnel-Hisatake on May 15. Donelle's ATOM, **CH Snokist N Staghorn U Da Bomb**, started his specials career earning his first Select Dog under Judge James Frederikson at the GLAMC specialty #2, also on May 15.

Donelle also has some fabulous news for her handsome boy LEGEND, **GCH Kasaan Snokist Ropin 'N' 'T' Fortune**. LEGEND was BOS at the GLAMC Specialty #1 on May 15 under Judge Gay Kuehnel-Hisatake, and was BOB under breeder judge Cheryl Paterson at the Genesee County KC show on May 17, moving on to a Group 4 under Judge James Frederikson. Then they went to the Fox River Valley KC shows on May 30 and 31, where he won BOB and a Group 1 under Judge Ken Murray and then made the cold, rainy, windy day worthwhile by earning his first Reserve Best in Show under Judge Ellen Fetter. On Sunday LEGEND was BOB again and Group 3 under Judge Ellen Vanden Avond. What a great month for LEGEND and Donelle.

Areminder that the Wisconsin Malamute Club is holding its annual specialty on Friday, July 24 at the Waukesha, WI Fairgrounds. We are having a specialty with sweeps in the morning, and (for the first time) a SECOND specialty in the

afternoon. Lawson Williams was asked to judge our second specialty, but his doctor has advised him not to travel. So, our afternoon judge is changed to Sharon C. Smith. The annual luncheon will be available between specialties to keep our energy levels up. We'll hope to see a lot of our malamute friends there. Until next month.

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#### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN**

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No Report

#### **MIDWEST**

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I have been very busy so I have to make this report short. Our birth daughter (Candy) bought a house and she lives in Spokane, WA and we have been busy packing up everything she has saved since she was a little girl. We get to take a long trip and take as much of her stuff as possible with us.

Bravo for BRAVO, a huge accomplishment for Andrea and Lynda and BRAVO.

Lynda Ste Jhoure writes:

"Andrea and I have a nice brag about our lovable boy, BRAVO, **BIS, NOH, CH Stormy's The Love Spirit, CGC**, whom we purchased from Prague. He accumulated more points towards his championship in Fond Du Lac, a Major win at the Jefferson County Shows in Wisconsin, and finished his championship at Key City, MN on May 23, 2015. It was short ride for BRAVO finishing his championship in just 60 days with major wins, Best Puppy in Group, a Group 1, and a Best in Show Owner Handler in Manitowoc. He was listed as Number 2 in the AKC Statistics for owner handler rankings as a seven month old puppy! We are very proud."

Below is the worst part of reporting. I am so sorry to hear Of Pat and Chris Ford's loss.

#### **BLACK RIBBON**

"I have a Black Ribbon to report: Chris Ford and I had to make the ultimate decision to send our beloved ELI, **Int, Am CH Gothic's Elijah's Renaissance**, to the Rainbow Bridge. His health had deteriorated quickly, to the point that it made it necessary for Chris and me to make this very sad decision. ELI lived with Chris and Jennifer along with the two dachshunds that he ran the yard with. ELI would come and stay with me when Chris went out of town, or just to visit me for a while and play with our BAILEY. He will be sorely missed by all of us that knew and loved him. He is now playing with all the other Gothic malamutes and is free of his pain and suffering. Rest in Peace, ELI...You will always be in our hearts."

#### **WEST COAST**

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Dorothea Ragsdale shares her news: "ZIVA, **CH SnoDanc Save the Last Dance for Me**, got Select this past weekend at the following shows: San

Gabriel KC and Los Encinos KC . She has not been out for a while so I was glad she had not forgotten how to show. She is just two so we have some time to achieve the GCH title.”

Well done, Dorothea and ZIVA! Hope you continue to have fun and success in the ring.

Bernadette sent the following:

“After a much needed stay away from shows and dog people, I entered my puppy that I co bred with Margaret Cleek in the Mission Shows over Memorial Day Weekend. **ZACK, Artic Luv’s Zachariah of Shandael**, was in his first shows at seven months old. Friday May 22 at the San Fernando KC Show under Judge Elizabeth Muthard, he went BOW for a 3 point major. Sunday May 24 at Los Encinos under Terry De Pietro, he won BOW and BOS over specials for a 4 point major. I am happy to report that ZACK loves the show ring and attention. Thank you to all his supports and good wishes.”

Happy to hear your baby had a fun and successful introduction to showing! Best wishes for many more wins.

News from Jerry & Patricia Smith:

“Our boy **OSO, CH Cabin Fever’s Oso Negro mi Amorcito**, was awarded Select on Thursday and Friday May 28 and 29 at the Gridley shows. We are very happy with his performance both days.

We missed and fondly remember Debbie Griffiths who first invited us to join the fun in Gridley.

With Debbie Hunyada’s two girls, Terry and Kathy’s boy and girl and our three mals, our mals did their best reminding the other campers where we were, with some very loud full throated Howls! This was very enjoyable. Thank you to all who have supported and educated us in this “sport.”

Congratulations Jerry, Patricia & OSO! Many of us miss and think about Debbie Griffiths, thanks for saying so.

Last but not least, from Dian McComb: “May was a terrific month for my LOLA, **GCH Alcan ‘n’ SnoDanc Party of One**, owned by me and Dorothea

Ragsdale. With seven specials entered, LOLA took the Breed all four days at the prestigious Mission Circuit. Then she went to the Pasadena shows, and picked up two more Breeds. Her grandson, Seamus, entered on the Mission Circuit, won his 9-12 puppy class daily, went RWD and WD for his first major at age 10 months.

Huge congrats to all!

Saturday May 9, I took COMET to an ORT (Odor Recognition Test). This is the pre-test required in order to enter NACSW (National Association of Canine Scent Work) Trials. I only tested her on Birch, which is the first odor used in Level 1. In an ORT there are 12 identical boxes, which can be positioned in one or two rows, 48” apart. One box contains the odor the dog is being tested on, and the dog should be able to indicate that box.

This fun sport is based on the idea of other scent detection work, such as drugs or explosives. Level 2 adds Anise and Level 3 adds clove. UKC’s version adds two more odors. C-Wag’s version uses birch, clove and a different scent. Anyway, COMET easily found the box containing birch in 12.09 seconds (they are allowed three minutes). She typically has a very easy-to-read indication where she gets her nose as close to “source” as possible, and waits for me to mark/reward/release her (sometimes called a “focused response” or obedience to odor). While I’ve been doing nose work with my own dogs and teaching it for 2 ½ years, this is my first introduction into the formal testing/trialing world. My boys are entered in an ORT the first Saturday in June (unfortunately there is a limit to the number of dogs one handler can test per odor, based on the space available in each individual ORT). Trials are a whole different beast. Entering is no guarantee of getting in, as it is a lottery system. By being able to enter three dogs, I’m hoping I will increase my odds of getting drawn, though only one/the dog that is drawn will be able to attend that particular trial. At NACSW Trials, dogs must pass all four elements in order to obtain their Level title: interior, exterior, vehicle and container.

Sunday May 17 COMET completed her PCD in one of AKC’s new optional obedience titling classes (Pre Novice). It is the same as regular Novice, except instead of the group stays, there is a stay while the handler walks around the ring. These are welcome classes for those of us who have had bad experiences with group stays and prefer to avoid the anxiety! There were only three entered in the class, and we were the only qualifying team, so placed First with a score of 184.5. We got a club medallion for completing a title and a \$20 cash prize for placing first! I’m looking forward to brushing up our skills and giving Pre Open a try.

Our local NCAMA had two Specialty Shows on May 8. I solicited results via the club email list and Facebook to no avail, so will not be providing a full report. I did submit complete weight pull results in a non traditional format, which I will let Holly or Betsy decide whether to print. I am not a computer whiz, do not have a usable template and time is currently an issue while I care for my 90 year old father who had a stroke.

Thanks to all who contribute.

Happy Independence Day!

## **AT LARGE – N HEMISPHERE**

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Hello from Europe. Congratulations to all of our area brags and news this month.

UK member Joan Sheehan has sent news. “This month our home bred girl VIENNA, **Amaqut Leading The Pack WWPDA, WPD**, and her litter brother MASON, **Amaqut Harnessed Power WWPDA, WPD**, went off on holiday to the Cairngorm mountains in Scotland where they backpacked for around 44 miles over three days, meaning that MASON has completed the requirements for his WPDA title. This will be the third advanced title for our only litter, we are so incredibly proud of their accomplishments.”



# AFFILIATE and INDEPENDENT CLUB SPECIALTY SHOWS

## Show Report Rocky Mountain Area Specialty (show 1)

Date: 5/15/2019

### Puppy Sweeps

Judge: Ms Dee Hanna

Best In Sweepstakes: Koolrunnings Once Upon A Dream (P Jenkins)

BOS in Sweeps: CH Greyrocks's Echoes of the Past (C Hibner)

### Veteran Sweeps

Judge: Ms Dee Hanna

Best in Veteran Sweeps: CH Wolf Mountain Sweet As Sugar (A Allen)

Best of Opposite Veteran Sweeps: CH Wh Peak's Kokopelli of Inukpak (M Kolsted/M Kolsted)

### Regular Classes

Judge: Ms Nancy Popovich

27: D=2 (1 pt) B=8 (4 pts) 10 (6-5) 3 VD 3 VB

**BOB/BISS:** GCH Wolfmountain's Warhammer (P Jenkins/M Jenkins)

**BOS:** CH Vykon's Aluk Busy Bein' Fabulous (B Erickson/C Erickson)

**WB/BOW:** Strawberry Mountain Starfire (J Silvestri/P Putman)

**WD:** Valhalla's Brave Vali (R Pratt/S Pratt)

**RWD:** Powerpaw's Pleasantly Punchdrunk (A Allen)

**RWB:** Koolrunnings Once Upon A Dream (P Jenkins)

**Select Dog:** GCH Windswepts the Games Afoot At Stormrunner (C Rogowski/L Rogowski/ M Wild)

**Select Bitch:** GCH Adair'n'Hug Always on Your Mind (R Hug/J Hug/KJ Hug)

## Rocky Mountain Area Specialty (show 2)

Date: 5/15/2015

### Puppy Sweeps

Judge : Ms Lynn McClure

Best in Sweepstakes: Koolrunnings Once Upon A Dream (P Jenkins)

Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes: Valhalla's Brave Vali (S Pratt/R Pratt)

### Veteran Sweeps

Judge: Ms Lynn McClure

Best in Veteran Sweeps: CH Halatsuu's Raven Aflame RN (D Hunyada/C Hibner)

Best of Opposite Veteran Sweeps: CH Wolf Mountain Sweet As Sugar (A Allen)

### Regular Classes

Judge: Dr Donal Gill

28: D=2 (1 pt) B=8 (4 pt) 6-6) 3 VD 3 VB

**BOB:** GCH: Peace River's Gathers No Moss at Sunstra (T Robinson/A Syar/K Robinson/M Coburn)

**BOS:** GCH Adair N Hug Always On Your Mind (R Hug/J Hug/KJ Hug)

**WB/BOW:** Strawberry Mountain Starfire (J Silvestri/P Putman)

**WD:** Valhalla's Brave Vali (S Pratt/R Pratt)

**RWD:** Powerpaw's Pleasantly Punchdrunk (A Allen)

**RWB:** Koolrunnings Once Upon A Dream (P Jenkins)

**Select Dog:** GCH Wolfmountain's Warhammer (P Jenkins/M Jenkins)

**Select Bitch:** CH Halatsuu's Raven Aflame RN (D Hunyada/C Hibner)

### Junior Handlers

1 NJ, 1 OI, 1 OS

**Best Junior Handler:** Justin Scoffield

## AFFILIATE & INDEPENDENT CLUB SPECIALTY SHOWS

<b>Mount Ogden Kennel Club</b>	<b>May 16 2015</b>	<b>Judge: Mr. Bart A Miller</b>	<b>19: D=2 (1 pt) B=7( 4 pts) 6-6 3 VD 1 VB</b>
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**BOB:** GCH PEACE RIVERS'S GATHERS NO MOSS AT SUNSTRA (T. Robinson and A. Syar and K. Robinson and M. Coburn)  
**WB/BOW:** KOOLRUNNINGS ONCE UPON A DREAM (Pat Jenkins)  
**RWD:** Powerpaw's Pleasantly Punchdrunk (A. Allen)

**BOS:** CH Majestic's Greyrock Wonderfully Wicked (Debbie Hunyada and Chris Hibner)  
**WD:** Valhalla's Brave Vali (R. Pratt/S. Pratt)  
**RWB:** Monikoona At First Sight (Andrea Allen)

<b>Mount Ogden Kennel Club</b>	<b>May 17 2015</b>	<b>Judge: Ms. Sharon Derrick</b>	<b>20: D=2 (1 pt) B=7 (4 pt) 6-6</b>
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### REGULAR CLASSES

**BOB:** GCH: Peace River's Gathers No Moss at Sunstra (T. Robinson/A. Syar/K. Robinson/M. Coburn)  
**BOS:** GCH Adair N Hug Always On Your Mind (R. Hug/J Hug/K.J. Hug)  
**WB/BOW:** Monikoona At First Sight (Andrea Allen)  
**WD:** Valhalla's Brave Vali (S. Pratt/R. Pratt)  
**RWD:** Powerpaw's Pleasantly Punchdrunk (A. Allen)

**RWB:** Koolrunnings Once Upon A Dream (P. Jenkins)  
**Select Dog:** GCH Wolfmountain's Warhammer (P. Jenkins/M. Jenkins)  
**Select Bitch:** CH Wh Peak's Kokopelli of Inukpak (Mark and Marilyn Kolstedt)

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# Neuter, Leave Intact, or What?

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For many years the decision to neuter or leave a dog intact has rested on a foundation of science, dogma, and culture. Several recent peer-reviewed studies based on large populations deserve special attention. Researchers examined how sex hormones influence risk for disease or behavior problems.

A team at the University of California-Davis focused exclusively on Golden Retrievers and hip dysplasia, cranial cruciate ligament tear, lymphosarcoma, hemangiosarcoma, and mast cell tumor. The study population was divided into six groups. Each sex had three groups – those left intact, those neutered before 12 months of age, and those neutered after 12 months of age. With reference to hip dysplasia, neutering after 12 months of age was more protective than being left intact or neutering before 12 months of age. The incidence of cranial cruciate ligament tears occurred less often in dogs left intact. Female dogs left intact had a lower risk of hemangiosarcoma while for males, neutering after 12 months of age was more protective against this cancer. Lastly, male dogs that were neutered before 12 months of age and female dogs left intact had the lowest risk of mast cell tumors.<sup>1</sup>

A University of California-Davis group was prompted, after the study above, to compare breeds – Golden and Labrador Retrievers. Several joint disorders were examined – hip dysplasia, cranial cruciate ligament tear, and elbow dysplasia. Cancers examined were lymphosarcoma, hemangiosarcoma, mast cell tumors, and mammary cancer. This study's results for the Golden Retrievers were very similar to the first study. However, there was a marked difference between the two breeds. The incidence of joint disorders after neutering at less than six months of age was greater with Labrador than Golden Retrievers. The researchers also concluded that female Golden Retrievers' cancer risks increased much more after neutering at any age compared to male Golden Retrievers and male or female Labrador Retrievers. Interestingly, no intact female Golden

Retrievers in this study developed mammary cancer while 1.4% of the intact female Labrador Retrievers and 2% of the dogs neutered between two and eight years of age were diagnosed with mammary cancer.<sup>2</sup>

An older study from 1993 examining a large variety of breeds, as opposed to only one or two breeds as above, also supported that neutered dogs had a higher incidence of cranial cruciate ligament tears.<sup>3</sup>

Vizslas were the focus of another study, specifically how neutering affected risk for behavioral disorders and cancers. Results indicated that neutering at any age significantly increased risk for cancers and fear of storms.<sup>4</sup>

Two studies bear examination that focused exclusively on Rottweilers. Like humans, female Rottweilers live longer than males on average. However, if a female Rottweiler is spayed during the first four years of life, that survival advantage is eliminated.<sup>5</sup> An earlier analysis focused on bone sarcomas and found a three to four times greater risk of bone sarcoma for Rottweilers neutered before one year of age compared to Rottweilers left intact. The authors even stated that there was a 1.4% reduction in bone sarcoma risk for each additional month a Rottweiler was left sexually intact.<sup>6</sup>

Older studies have also shown marked differences between neutered and intact dogs though small sample sizes and questionable methodology bring their accuracy into question. Three different studies reported a two to four times greater risk of prostatic cancer in neutered male dogs over those left intact.<sup>7, 8, 9</sup> Conversely, no association was found between neuter and intact status and the development of prostatic cancer in another study.<sup>10</sup> Urinary incontinence may occur from two to eight times more frequently in neutered female dogs compared to those left intact, though age of neutering may also be important.<sup>11, 12</sup> The occurrence of hypothyroidism has also been examined with a greater risk found in neu-

tered dogs versus intact.<sup>13</sup> Two studies found more behavioral reactivity or aggression in neutered female dogs compared to intact females.<sup>14, 15</sup>

Even the authors of some studies expressed cautions: that the results may not be applicable to other breeds, that neutering has greatly reduced pet overpopulation and subsequent euthanasia rates, and that there are well-done studies showing benefits of neutering with respect to other health and behavior issues.

For female dogs, prevention of two medical conditions—pyometra (infected uterus) and mammary cancer - is often cited as reason to neuter especially since 50% of mammary cancers are malignant.<sup>16</sup> Pyometra, a potentially life-threatening infection of the uterus, is mostly eliminated with traditional neutering.<sup>17</sup> Over 200,000 intact female dogs of various ages and breeds were the focus of a Swedish study with 23-24% experiencing pyometra by ten years of age.<sup>18</sup> For all breeds combined, a mammary cancer incidence rate of 13% by age ten was found for intact females.<sup>17</sup> For dogs neutered prior to 2.5 years of age, mammary cancer risk is greatly reduced by approximately two thirds.<sup>19, 20</sup>

A retrospective analysis of cause of death for over 40,000 dogs without regard to breed found that sterilization was strongly associated with longevity. Infectious disease and other causes of death were decreased in neutered dogs however; some causes of death such as cancers increased with neutering. The authors evenly divided their data into small, medium, large, and giant breeds to determine if size changed the results – which it did not.<sup>21</sup> This does bring to light some questions though. Are the deaths from infectious disease a reflection of a specific pet owning population that does not utilize veterinary services such as vaccination in addition to neutering? Are the increased cancer related deaths over infectious disease deaths for neutered dogs because these pet owners are providing better preventive care in-

cluding vaccinations and lived longer? Longer lifespans are associated with a greater chance of developing cancer.

Other effects of sex hormones should also be considered. A neutered male dog is less likely to roam, engage in aggressive behavior toward other dogs, urine mark, and mount.<sup>22,23</sup> Traditional spay and neuter eliminate the risks of ovarian and testicular cancer respectively though both have low incidence to begin with. While testicular cancer can occur in intact male dogs, it is rarely malignant and death is uncommon. Intact male dogs will be more likely to experience benign prostatic enlargement, other non-cancerous prostatic diseases, perineal and inguinal hernias, and non-malignant perineal cancers than neutered dogs. Bacterial prostatic infections, which can be life threatening, are more common in intact male dog than those neutered.<sup>24</sup> Hormone driven mating behavior can lead to sexually transmitted diseases, physical injury, and a stressed out household. And let's not forget the mess of a female dog in heat.

So how can owners make informed decisions regarding allowing their dog to keep their sex hormones or not in light of such studies? There is no one answer regarding neutering or leaving a dog intact that is applicable to every dog and every situation. One option is learning which medical and behavioral conditions a particular breed is prone and how sex hormones influence those conditions. The decision whether to neuter should be individualized, taking into account breed, age, the intended use of the dog, sex, household environment, owner preferences, and dog's temperament. To avoid returning to previous overpopulation and euthanasia rates yet consider the benefits of sex hormones – a new option is emerging – sex hormone sparing sterilizations.

If an owner has excellent control of their male dogs at all times so as to be able to prevent roaming behaviors and the accompanying injuries that can result, a vasectomy (removal of a portion of the spermatic cord) instead of a traditional castration is an option. While an owner can leave a male dog completely

intact, even one unintended pregnancy can add to a community's overpopulation problem or throw a wrench into a planned breeding program. Why not eliminate that risk through vasectomy? If this route is chosen, regular testicular and prostate examinations should be performed regularly to identify medical issues early. A small risk of spontaneous spermatic cord healing, restoring fertility, can rarely occur.

The decision for a female dog is a bit more complicated. A female dog has three options – remaining intact, traditional spay (ovariohysterectomy), or an ovary sparing spay (hysterectomy). The latter involves removing the uterus and cervix, while leaving one or both of the ovaries intact for physiologic, health, and/or behavioral reasons. One ovary will still produce the same hormones and allow the dog to cycle the same as if both ovaries remained, but halves the risk of ovarian cancers. With an ovary sparing spay, the ovary is still functional, so, while the female cannot become pregnant, heat cycle behavior and small amount of bleeding (from vaginal membranes) will still occur. She will still attract males and will stand to mate. A dog with an ovary sparing spay should still be confined away from males for the full three weeks of the heat cycle, to reduce the risk of injury from the attempted act of breeding and sexually transmitted diseases. Owners must stay alert to this possibility of mammary tumors—the only significant health risk remaining after a hysterectomy, as their dog ages, with regular examinations.

Overall, several reasons for considering an ovary sparing spay or vasectomy exist.

- When puppy contracts require sterilization yet owners desire the benefit of sex hormones;
- When performance and show dogs will not be used for breeding;
- When certain dog breeds are prone to diseases and condition that may occur more often when sex hormones are removed.

Studies have been performed on some breeds examining various disease and behavior developments. Results indi-

cate that the health benefits of keeping sex hormones may outweigh the health risks of removing them. One should not assume that the presence of sex hormones will outweigh the benefits of traditional ovariohysterectomy or neuter for all breeds. No perfect study examining the removal of the sex organs' effects on all breeds, all medical conditions, and all unwanted behaviors can be performed. Thus, no single sterilization recommendation can fit every dog and owner however, the new sex hormone sparing sterilizations represents an exciting opportunity to individualize such medical decisions yet still prevent reproduction.

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BY STEPHANIE HUNT-CROWLEY

So many things have changed in the dog world in the past few years that it is hard to know where to start. We have all seen the obvious: the legislative issues, the media portrayal of dog breeds and their breeders, and the shrinking number of newcomers to the world of dog shows. Between local zoning regulations with numerical dog limit laws and anti-breeder legislation, it has become more difficult for people to own more than a few dogs, and even harder to breed them. That is the obvious — but there is a hidden side that we do not always see.

What will happen in another few years when the previous generations of breeders become fewer and fewer? Whom will the newcomers ask when they have questions?

Newcomers to the dog world today have great intentions and a lot of obstacles — but we all started with a clean slate and little to no knowledge! We had to learn, but we could learn from those who came before us. There were breeders who had been in their chosen breed for enough years to have gained good old-fashioned “boots on the ground” experience, or perhaps there was a local “dog lady” who had enough knowledge for three. When I bred my first litter, I hadn’t a clue! I was a teenager — and my mother knew less than I did. The saving grace was that a local dog lady took me under her wing and talked me through the whelping over the telephone, step by step, telling me what to expect, when, and what to do at each stage of the process. How many dog ladies like this do we have these days? Not many, and what happens when they are all gone? Don’t think dog ladies are going extinct? The way things are going, that is not as unlikely as it sounds.

What will happen in another few years when the previous generations of breeders become fewer and fewer? Whom will the newcomers ask when they have questions?

I have been watching the trend on the Internet where the questions are coming from newcomers who obviously have nobody closeby who can answer or give them advice, and that includes the breeders of their dogs. Many of those who came before have not gained enough experience to be able to help the next generation. We have all seen the 20-year veteran who brags, “I have been breeding Wafflehounds for 23 years, and I have *only* bred three litters!” as if this should gain them a medal, but how could they help their puppy buyers with even the simplest of questions? These could run the

gamut from teething to training, and as to reproductive issues, it would be the blind leading the blind. Some-

times people become the teachers based on time in the breed, and then their followers simply reiterate what they were told, and if asked why they believe this or that, their answer is simply, “That is what I was taught!”

People now turn to the Internet. If they are lucky, they find an Internet forum where there is someone who can answer their questions, but sometimes the answers they get are wrong. It may turn into a war of words because someone has such an entrenched opinion based on what they were “taught” that they will not listen to anything that might contradict it, and the poor newcomer is left in a state of confusion. The questions I have been seeing have been so basic: New breeders have asked at what age should puppies be weaned, what the appropriate vaccine schedules are, what food the puppies should get and when, etc. And I have seen these questions so often that it is positively scary. Why did they have no live human being to ask and have to resort to a faceless computer screen and hope for help from a stranger?

So what can we do about it? Education is

the obvious answer, but book learning and Internet searching can only go so far. We need more people — real, live people — with experience who can pass their knowledge on to the next generation. We need to do more to encourage people who have the interest and the tenacity to do it right, and this can be at any age. They could be young people or middle-aged empty-nesters who would like to do something they will enjoy for the next 20 years. It also means rethinking some of the “politically correct” concepts, such as that having more than one breed is a really, really bad sign. Those empty-nesters might have a very good reason for having two breeds, like one spouse has dual-purpose Sporting dogs and the other has Terriers, and between the two they will gain shared experience that they can pay forward. That lady who had three litters last year will probably be able to tell you what to do in an emergency a lot quicker than the one who bred three litters over the past 20 years!

Do we want the dog world as we know it to survive, to get better — or disappear? There is no point in worrying about rules and regulations if there are no people left to continue with what has been created and achieved over the past 100 years. We need to value those of the past and the knowledge they have imparted — and maybe even seek out some who have retired, like the “dog lady” who talked me through whelping my first litter. We need to make sure that people who come into the dog world now and in the future have the opportunity to learn and gain experience so that they in turn may teach those who come along after them. DR

Have an opinion on current events in the dog show world? We'd love to hear from you. Send your 1,000-word pieces to [info@dogsinreview.com](mailto:info@dogsinreview.com). We cannot confirm receipt of submissions or guarantee publication.

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# Out of the Mouths of Mals

By Mary Swinyer

Most of us with malamutes probably feel our dogs talk. We've heard dogs at dog shows say "I love you" or dogs on the internet say "Mama". How many of us have gone further with this?

We spent time to teach our first Mal, Radar the word of one of his/our/all subsequent mals favorite vegies: RADISH! RADAR only got the treat (a radish) when it was pronounced clearly enough for us humans to understand. Many friends and family members heard this and I'm pretty sure we have it on VHS tape. We also worked on other vegies, but the next most impressive was probably "cauliflower" because it was four syllables. We used to hold up the number of fingers to tell RADAR how many syllables it was.

**RADAR making his**



**requirements known**

Since then I've noticed each of my mals have their own unique sounds (perhaps accents?). ARWAH named himself, for goodness sake! Having trouble deciding between a list of great name options, I sat on the kitchen floor with my eight week old puppy, and asked: "What is your name?" He very clearly answered "Ar-wah!"



**ARWAH a very chatty fellow.**

It was not like any prior sound he'd made and sounded like an actual word.

An internet search using best guess spelling (which is correct), brought up an Indonesian word meaning: "Spirit, Soul, Life-force and Vitality." I later found out this is how Indonesians refer to their dead, and have received some strange looks when asked my dog's name. I went with Kindred Spirit as a registered name and ARWAH as a call name.

I've heard all my dogs say "I want one" at one time or another. TURBO's "woo" is more of a "Roo" sound, which I know his grandma, RICKY, was known for.



**TURBO telling it like it is.**

COMET has a variety of vocalizations, but her common sound is harder to figure out how to spell. Perhaps, aurow-ow-ow. As a puppy, she clearly said "ARWAH" one day when I asked her something about her brother.



**Comet talking a blue streak. We're not sure what she is saying but she is speaking volumes**

My friend Jackie Wyandt in IL has COMET's brother, BLITZEN.

Her current cutie is a woolie agouti girl from Denmark named SPIRIT. It is apparent from photos that SPIRIT possesses the charisma that controls humans. I was tempted by her pics on Facebook, but not in the position to get another dog.

Long story short; SPIRIT went to live with Jackie, BLITZEN and the rough Collie DAZZLE. Jackie says SPIRIT has more varied vocal sounds than any of her previous dogs.

#### **SPIRIT**

SPIRIT participates in the home routine of getting a spoon of ice cream in the evening. One evening Jackie's husband, Steve, was not in the kitchen at ice cream time and after searching the rooms, Spirit went to Jackie, and when Jackie asked "where's Steve?" SPIRIT clearly answered "I don't know." Since then she has answered "I don't know" to the question of whether she was going to eat her breakfast, cheered "Whoopee!" at ice cream time, mentioned something about a gorilla when awakened to go outside for her bed time potty and declared "oh, boy" when there was a drop in temperature! Jackie says SPIRIT rolls her r's like they do in Scotland.



  
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- 🐾 Email photos to Julie Edwards: [ghostdance@bigbend.net](mailto:ghostdance@bigbend.net)
- 🐾 Send entry fee to Julie Edwards via PayPal or to her PO Box.
- 🐾 Accepting entries now through August 31, 2015.

### Image Requirements

**Resolution: minimum of 300dpi**

**Formats: JPG or PNG**

Minimum image requirements must be met for ALL photos submitted, or photo cannot be considered for the contest.



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**Committee Chair, Julie Edwards**

**PO Box 1214**

**Las Vegas, NM 87701**

**Ways and Means Pay-Pal email: [julie@bigbend.net](mailto:julie@bigbend.net)**



## 2015 Regional & National Specialty Announcements

For all the latest news visit the NS website at: <http://www.alaskanmalamutenationals.com>

*We have several special events plans along with some different offerings for those in attendance.*

### ***"Celebrating Our Past"***

*The theme for the 2015 National is year's National is "Celebrating our Past". This National is dedicated to the special people and malamutes that have made our breed the wonderful breed that we have today. We promise that this event to will be more than just a dog show, and hope that everyone attending will feel that they are a part of what our wonderful breed is really about.*

***Attendee Registration*** We are requesting that each attendee fill out an Attendee Registration Form, even if you are staying offsite from the host hotel. Filling out the registration provides us with important information to help make your stay comfortable. It will help provide us with an estimated head count to ensure that we order enough Show Catalogs & Welcome Bags for everyone attending. We would also like to get a heads up on the type of competition, if any, you will be participating in. Please help us with this endeavor to assist with the planning phase of these events by submitting an [Attendee Registration Form](#) (Page 8 of May NL or on the NS website. This form can be submitted electronically to Kristin Morrison at

[KristinLMorrison@gmail.com](mailto:KristinLMorrison@gmail.com) or sent by mail to 30 Kidder Brook Rd, Ashford, CT. 06278

### ***Special Events & Competitions***

#### ***Agility Trials – Two Trials offered in One Day – Monday, 11/9***

AMCA's Agility Committee has arranged for two separate trials to be held offsite at Sportsworld in East Windsor, CT (approx. 45 min. from Host Hotel). This facility offers indoor Pro-Green Turf "SmartGrass" fields.

Both Trials will offer All Standard & Jumpers with Weaves (Regular & Preferred) Classes – Judge: Monica Stathers

**ENTRIES OPEN Weds, 9/2 10:00am ENTRIES CLOSE Weds, 10/14 6:00pm**

Event Chair: Laura Heft [mailto:granitemals@gmail.com](mailto:mailto:granitemals@gmail.com) (716) 425-4468

Event Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St, Belchertown, MA 01007 [mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com)

#### ***Weight Pulls – 3 Events (Novice, Regional Sun, 11/8 & National Thurs, 11/12)***

**Fee: Pre-entry: \$10, after 9/30 \$15** Pre-entries (except Novice) will be included in the catalog as long as the Weight Pull Entry Forms is submitted by the deadline. **Day of Event entries will also be accepted at a higher entry rate.** Entry form is available on the website or in next month's Newsletter.

#### ***CGC & CGCA Approved Evaluator - Jane Palinkas – Sat, 11/14 (morning)***

**Fee: \$10 by 9/30; \$15 after 9/30**

CGC: Program recognized as the gold standard for dog behavior. Dogs who pass the 10 step test can earn a certification and/or official AKC CGC title. CGCA: Advancement title of the CGC program. A prerequisite to earn this title is the dog already has a CGC test on record at AKC. The goal is to test the dog's skills in a natural setting rather than in a ring. Participants should bring a brush and 6 ft. lead. **Entry form is available on the website or in next month's Newsletter.**

#### ***Working Dog Showcase – Weds, 11/11 (evening)***

**Fee: \$22 – ENTRIES CLOSE WEDS, 9/30 or when limit reached (Limited to 24 entries)**

**JUDGES: Pat Putman, Vicki McKinney, & Karin Fischer**

To qualify for this exhibition, dog must have a minimum of two AMCA working titles, or a working title and two legs toward an Advanced title, or a working title and one leg toward an Excellent title. Spayed bitches and neutered males ARE ELIGIBLE to compete. **To submit an entry online go to the Event Entry webpage or use the form provided in this Newsletter.**

## 2015 Regional & National Specialty Announcements (continued)

### ***Tournament of Veterans - Thurs, 11/12 (late afternoon)***

A Tournament of Veterans to "Celebrate our Past" will be held to honor today's veterans which play an important role in the future of our breed. This event will be a competitive showcase of our very special veteran dogs and bitches that will be judged by a panel of three judges using a point scale. With this showcase event we wish to honor today's veterans which play an important role in the future of our breed. Many of the entrants in this competition have played a vital part in the foundation of current pedigrees which are actively being exhibited in the conformation and obedience rings today. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor these veterans who have contributed so much to our future.

All malamutes at least 8 years of age are invited to participate and compete in their respective age group, divided by sex. There will NOT be an ULTIMATE WINNER, we feel that each veteran is special and deserves recognition. Each ENTRANT will receive a PERSONALIZED SPECIAL AWARD and a commemorative award will be presented to each age group winner.

#### **Judging Panel: Mary Ellen Erickson, Eileen Gabriel & George Meyers**

At the conclusion of the Judging Procedure for this event we will display a PowerPoint presentation showing photos of each entrant in the competition. Each entrant is asked to submit a photo of their veteran which can be showcased. It is suggested that these photos are of the dogs and bitch in their prime so all spectators can have the opportunity to view the dogs in their GLORY DAYS. **To submit an entry online go to the Event Entry webpage or use the form provided in this Newsletter.**

### ***Special AKC Competition for upcoming puppies. AKC 4-6 Month (Beginner Puppy)***

This AKC competition is open to any 4-6 month old puppy with an AKC Registration or AKC Litter number along with foreign born puppies if they are registered in their country of origin. All entrants must be vaccinated (including rabies) in accordance with their veterinarian's protocol. Dogs that are owned or co-owned by a professional handler may compete in this class, but must be handled by a non-professional handler as defined by AKC. The puppies awarded Best of Breed Puppy & Best of Opposite Puppy will be awarded a Certificate of Merit by AKC which is an introductory title to AKC conformation events. NOTE: All puppies will be judged in ONE CLASS, NO DIVISION OF SEX. **To enter this event you must submit an AKC entry form to the Show Secretary.**

We have received AKC approval to hold two separate 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competitions along with approval to hold a BEST OVERALL 4-6 MONTH PUPPY COMPETITION. The schedules for these events are:

- Wednesday, 11/11 (early evening) – 4-6 Month Competition Event #1 – Judge: Ms. Janina Laurin (CT)
- Saturday, 11/14 (early morning) – 4-6 Month Competition Event #2 – Judge: Mrs. Terrie Breen (CT)
- Saturday, 11/14 (following conclusion of Event #2) – BEST OVERALL 4-6 Month Puppies - Judge: TBD

Note: The designated Best of Breed Puppy from each event will compete for BEST OVERALL 4-6 MO PUPPY; Best of Opposite Puppy from each event will complete for BEST OF OPPOSITE OVERALL 4-6 MO PUPPY.

***Special Tribute—Rainbow Bridge Ornaments*** Arrangements have been made with Artist, Nan Holt, to create a special 3" porcelain keepsake ornament that will be personalized with the dog's call name on the front and registered name, titles and optional birth/death dates on the back. These ornaments will come in a variety of colors to represent the dog or bitch that you wish to pay tribute to. To ensure availability for pickup at the National and offer personalization these ornaments will only be available with PRE-ORDERS. As soon as the artist's renderings are available they will be posted on the RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS page for your viewing and selection.

***ORDERS RECEIVED BY TUES, SEPT 1ST WILL BE DISCOUNTED. ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS TUES, SEPT 15TH.***

**Discounted Price: \$15 each Orders after 9/1: \$20**

Above pricing does NOT include S/H if mailing is required. S/H costs will be determined depending on ship to location. As soon as the artist's rendering are available they will be posted on this website so you can view the dog color choices.

## 2015 Regional & National Specialty Announcements (continued)

**We have two special projects planned that involve the assistance of ALL AMCA MEMBERS to be successful; whether you are attending the events or not WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

### ***Celebrating our Heritage & Working Dog Walls of Fame***

The AMCA National Specialty is our way of celebrating our dogs and their accomplishments on how they have influenced the direction of our breed. This year we would like to honor these dogs in a special PowerPoint display to be viewed by all attendees. Members are asked to send in photos for inclusion. (See below for additional information.)

- **Celebration of Our Heritage Wall of Fame:** At the 2003 National Specialty, which was also held in Sturbridge, MA, we celebrated the 50th Year Anniversary of AMCA with the Charter Member Event recognizing these individuals for their outstanding contributions and commitment to the formation of AMCA and their devotion to our wonderful breed. As we return to Sturbridge we would like to continue that celebration by honoring the dogs and bitches that have, throughout the years, contributed to the breed as we know it today. This is certainly a project that will need participation from many contributors.

For inclusion we welcome submission for any dog/bitch which has “crossed the rainbow bridge” that you feel has made a contribution, in any way, to past or present pedigrees. Your dog does not need to be famous in the show ring but may have made a significant influence to the gene pool. Dig through your stack of photos and send them in. We ask that those members who are historians of our breed to help with this project with their knowledge and photo contributions if available.

Preferred method of submission is electronic. If actual photos are submitted please be assured they can be picked up at the National or they will be mailed back to you if you will not be present.

**Include: Dog's Name, Sire & Dam, Life Span, Breeder, Owner, & brief summary of contribution (bullet format preferred)**

*Send to Terry Becker at <mailto:kringabiss@yahoo.com> (860) 742-5723  
or mail to her at 22 Bear Swamp Rd, Andover, CT. 06232*

- **Working Dog Wall of Fame** Alaskan malamutes excel not only in the conformation ring but also in many working events. This year we are representing a display of our mals working and participating in performance events .....sledding, weight pulling, back packing, (any AMCA Working Dog Title) Obedience, Agility, Rally, Therapy, any AKC non conformation title. If you have a dog that participates in any type of working or performance events, please submit a photo and your dog's titles if applicable. We will provide descriptions of those many titles so that all can realize the amount of time, effort and sheer determination it took to earn them. We will also have brochures for those interested in possibly pursuing an AMCA's working dog titles.

Preferred method of submission is electronic. If actual photos are submitted they can be picked up at the National or they will be mailed back to you if you will not be present.

**Include: Dog's Name, Call Name, Owner, Category/type of Working/Performance Event, Titles (if applicable) & Brief summary of accomplishment (bullet format preferred)**

*Send to Leesa Thomas at <mailto:Leesa@goadventure.com>  
(440) 968-0150 or mail to her at 10101 Madison Road, Montville, OH 44064*



# 2015 Regional & National Specialty Trophy & Hospitality Donors

*Special thanks to all AMCA members and clubs that have already made a donation to the Trophy & Hospitality funds.*

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In order to offer trophies for all placements at both specialties and hospitality every morning additional funds are still needed. If you do not see your name on the listings above it is because we have not heard from you yet but there is still time to be included. The deadline for inclusion in the Premium List is AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>.



# Hospitality Donation

Our goal is to have a hospitality room available each morning during the show week. We are looking for individuals, groups or clubs to help sponsor each day. Grab breakfast on the go or enjoy a moment of relaxation before you start your day. Please help us with this tradition to spend some time with old friend, good friends and the opportunity to meet some new friends.

It is estimated that each day cost approximately \$300 to fulfill the needs of our members in attendance. We ask for your help in sponsoring this endeavor. Sponsor a day, or a part of a day, to help keep this tradition alive.

Individual Name(s) or Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation Amount:  \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Pledged  \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Included

**All Pledges MUST BE PAID BY OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.**  
**All Donors will be acknowledged in the Hospitality Room.**

**IF PAYING BY CHECK (\*\*US FUNDS ONLY\*\*)** Make checks payable to "AMCA 2015"  
 Mail to: Ruth Levesque, P O Box 667, Tolland, CT 06084-0667  
 (860-871-9001) [amcavp@comcast.net](mailto:amcavp@comcast.net)

**IF PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD (\*\*NO PROCESSING FEE\*\*)**  
 To pay by credit card, go to website and follow the instructions and links to the PayPal portal, where all major credit cards can be safely and instantly accepted. Enter your **PAYPAL TRANSACTION #** \_\_\_\_\_



# Trophy Donation

*Your support is needed to make these events special with your donation.*

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount:  \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Pledged  \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Included

1<sup>st</sup> Preference to where donation should be applied:  National  Regional  
 Conformation  Obedience/Rally  Tournament of Veterans  Weight Pull

Note: There is no guarantee that your preferred class can be honored due to donations already received. If class has already been taken your donation will be used as part of the general fund. Excess funds for above listed designations will be applied to the General Fund.

1st Preferred Class to Sponsor	2nd Preferred Class to Sponsor
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In Memory of (optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Note: No trophy can be donated in "Memory of" or "In Honor" of any living dog or person.  
 Donation Amount PLEDGED or INCLUDED:  \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Pledged  \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Included

**Donation Level (will be listed in Catalog):**  
 Diamond \$300 & up  Platinum \$200-\$299  Gold \$100-\$199  Silver \$50-\$99  
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An electronic version of this form can be found on the AMCA website which can be filled in using your computer, saving it and then submitting it either by printing and mailing the form or emailing it to the contact person indicated.



# Catalog Advertising

## 2015 Regional & National

Kathy Raynes @ [Kathy.raynes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kathy.raynes@sbcglobal.net)

Showcase your kennel or just that special dog in the National & Regional Specialty catalog. All prices include necessary design work or submit your camera-ready material. All electronic photos submitted must be at least 300 dpi.

### **SPECIAL ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY FOR PAST AMCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY WINNERS:**

Since the 2015 NS is a celebration of our past, we are offering a special advertising rate of \$50 for a full color 1 page/1 photo ad for past NS winners (BOB & BOS).

### **Pricing for color ads INCLUDES 2 photos.**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Back Cover - \$155 (Sold) (2 photos)                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Each additional photo \$25 X Qty _____               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inside back or front cover (color only) - \$145 (2 photos)                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Each additional photo \$25 X Qty _____               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full color inside page with 2 pictures - \$125 (2 photos)                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Each additional photo \$25 X Qty _____               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full page inside black and white - \$75 (1 photo)                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Each additional photo \$25 X Qty _____               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Special advertising rate for PAST NATIONAL SPECIALTY WINNERS (BOB &amp; BOS) - \$50</b> full color 1 page/1 photo |                                                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half page inside black and white - \$40 (no photo)                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 lines of type or well-wishes ads - \$25 (no photo) |

**All advertisements received by September 1<sup>st</sup> will qualify advertiser to a raffle entry ticket to receive a \$50 refund on their paid advertisement.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Logo Included:  Yes  No

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Advertising Material should be sent directly to: Kathy Raynes, Catalog Ad Chair**  
**ALL ADS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, 9/30**

**@ [Kathy.raynes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kathy.raynes@sbcglobal.net) 314-319-8202**

**Mailing Address: 10769 Dittmer Catawissa Rd., Catawissa, MO 63015**

**Ads will not be processed until payment is received.**

**Payment must be made by one of the methods as stated below. If paying by check, send form with check. If paying by credit card, send form to Kathy and use PayPal.**

**Acknowledgement of payment will be promptly sent to advertiser and committee chair by email.**


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**Tournament of Veterans**

Event Chair: Kristin Morrison  
Judges: Mary Ellen Erickson, Eileen Gabriel & George Meyers  
Event Chair email: [KristinLMorrison@gmail.com](mailto:KristinLMorrison@gmail.com)

**DEADLINE – WEDNESDAY, 9/30 – ENTRY FEE \$22**

This event is a competitive event judged by a panel of three judges using a point scale. All malnutties at least 8 years of age are invited to participate and compete in their age group, divided by sex. Each entrant will only compete with dogs or bitches within their own age category with the selection of ONE WINNER PER AGE CLASS. There will NOT be an ULTIMATE WINNER, we feel that each veteran is special and deserves recognition. Each entrant will be awarded a personalized award and a commemorative award will be presented to each age class winner.

Dog's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (yrs) \_\_\_\_\_ (mos)

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**At the conclusion of the Judging Procedure for this event we will display a PowerPoint presentation showing photos of each entrant in the competition. Each entrant is asked to submit a photo of their veteran which can be showcased. It is suggested that those photos are of the dogs and bitches in their prime so all spectators can have the opportunity to view the dogs in their GLORY DAYS.**

**Send Entry Form & PHOTO to: Kristin Morrison @ [KristinLMorrison@gmail.com](mailto:KristinLMorrison@gmail.com)**

**30 Kidder Brook Rd, Ashford, CT 06278 860-803-0639**

If paying by check, send form with check. If paying by credit card, send form to above address and use PayPal. Acknowledgement of payment will be promptly sent by email and committee notified.


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**Working Dog Showcase**

Wednesday Evening, 11/11/15  
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**DEADLINE – WEDNESDAY, 9/30 or when LIMIT MET (limited to 24) – ENTRY FEE \$22**

**Qualifications and Procedures to Participate**

1. Limited to 24 entries, on a first come, first served basis.
2. To be eligible for this exhibition, the dog must have a minimum of two (2) AMCA working titles, or a working title and two (2) legs toward an Advanced title, or a working title and one (1) leg toward an Excellent title. Entrants must provide proof of eligibility. Any entrant found to be ineligible will not be allowed to compete, and the entry fee will be forfeited. Spayed bitches and neutered males ARE ELIGIBLE to compete.

Name of Dog (limit titles to AKC & AMCA): \_\_\_\_\_

AKC #: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  Male  Female

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

AMCA Working Titles: Indicate Type & Title # \_\_\_\_\_

Title 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Title 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Advanced or Excellent Leg(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Please supply 50 words or less to be included in Catalog: Please type or email text, if possible; otherwise, use back of entry form, if necessary, and print legibly

**Send Entry Form to: Leesa Thomas @ [LeesaLT@gmail.com](mailto:LeesaLT@gmail.com)**

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If paying by check, send form with check. If paying by credit card, send form to above address and use PayPal. Acknowledgement of payment will be promptly sent by email and committee notified.

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