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GAASC NEWSLETTER

Greater Atlanta Australian Shepherd Club

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March Showers bring May Flowers?

Remember to put June 5-7 and June 20-21 on your calendar.

Check the Calendar inside this newsletter for details or online at the club website:

www.gaasc.org.

We need volunteers!

You make the Show Go!



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Reminder!!! Renew your membership for 2009

This is membership renewal time, please get your memberships renewed for 2009 .

The membership form is available in the newsletter and on the club website at

www.gaasc.org.

President's Message

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Spring is in the Air!

Thanks to everyone who pitched in at the Spring Fling making it a great success. I think we all had a great time visiting, and competing as well as the added watching of the horse show. I know two little juniors who cheered on the "weave pole" horses. I had to tell them that it was called pole bending in horse events.

There are some things that I need to go over to make sure that future events will run as smooth.

Chairs of events need to remember that any expense over \$150 must be board approved *FIRST*.

We can not spend money blindly, even with good intentions. Communication is the key to keeping everything running well. Such things as airfare and hotel accommodations for judges should go thru the treasurer and Board of directors first because many times we can "work deals" or have more experience at where they should stay or how they can travel... in other words we can get the best deal or the cheapest airfares, etc.

We do not encourage people to go out on a limb to book flights, or hotels as they may end up on the short end of the deal being unable to reimburse such funds. We don't need that kind of "donation" to the club. Early planning and lots of communication are needed to make events happen. Lets keep it that way.

Also lets not forget that at no time are the ring stewards or chair people responsible for any entries. We always try to accommodate people with conflicts whenever possible. But the information on the entries is ENTIRELY the responsibility of the exhibitor. I don't believe that the show secretaries need to "hunt down"

people for the complete information. I understand when things a "forgotten" at home and you still want to show. Please make every attempt to keep the secretaries/ ring stewards job as uncomplicated as possible.

As always, GAASC strives to be user friendly. We accommodate at much as possible because we believe in multiple venues for our tremendously talented aussies. We are all human, also and not nearly as perfect as our four legged fur babies. Mistakes will happen because of that human factor. We must learn from these mistakes and not hold grudges and just move on to the next event. Planning better and working harder will make our wonderful events successful.

With that said, I will see you all at the next event planned by GAASC.

Terry

Vice President's Missive

It's been a good couple of months since our last newsletter. Spring Fling has come and gone and as usual – the weather was unpredictable! Thanks to everyone that braved the elements and turned out for the show – it was a success!

At our Big Kahuna III Obedience Trial/Conformation Show in July we will be holding a clinic for Hereditary Cataract (HCT) in Aussies. The Clinic will be in the building at the close of Saturday's Obedience/Conformation events. Information on the HCT clinic can be found later in this Newsletter, by visiting the club's website www.gaasc.org/calendar under the Big Kahuna III area or by contacting me at loveaussie@nitestar.net

Until the next time,
Trisha Herring



It's Planting-
Time!



Treasurer's Report

Club Checking Account \$0.00

Club CD \$11,897.30

Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report, 1/1/09-2/15/09

Following is a synopsis of business discussed via email by GAASC Board of Directors, 1/1/09-2/15/09. There were no general member meetings during this time, nor did the Board formally convene.

1. A proposal was presented from Amy Burnette to sponsor a Jan Wesen Stock dog clinic. This would be a 3 day affair and could be held at Wendy Eldridge's farm. Several dates were proposed. Nothing was definitely decided, but see update in minutes for 2/15/09-4/15/09.
2. After some debate, it was decided to schedule a Farm trial on Friday, June 5. Amy Burnette contributed to this discussion listing the pros and cons of each. This will be in conjunction with the Stockdog trial and Conformation shows being held that weekend at Wendy Eldredge's farm.
3. A problem arose regarding Spring Fling. Bartow Saddle club accidentally double-booked. Airfare had already been purchased for the judges, the flyer had been circulated and published, and people were planning for that particular weekend. It was proposed that we rent panels and do the show in another corner of the facility. Upon further discussion, it was decided to purchase the panels and store them at the Saddle Club. Renee and Cheryl got all details addressed.
4. There was discussion of hiring judges for Big Kahuna III, to be held at Ironclad Training Facility in July. Details were discussed to prevent problems of previous years. Scheduling will be slightly different and more specific so that there isn't such a large number of people waiting for their turn(s) in the ring.
5. A general club meeting was planned for Spring Fling. Due to weather and time constraints, however, this did not happen.

Secretary's Report (continued)

6. The Tracking Budget for the Tracking test scheduled for the weekend of April 4th and 5th was discussed. There was a last minute scramble to find judges when the original ones were not available. During the course of these discussions, it was clear that the Tracking Test would lose money. However, the Board agreed that this is an important event to have, and it should be accepted that it will lose money.

7. There will be a Tracking Seminar June 20-21 led by Linda McKee. It will be on the Furniss property.

Secretary's Report, 2/15/09-4/15/09

Following is a synopsis of business discussed via email by GAASC Board of Directors, 2/15/09-4/15/09. There were no general member meetings during this time, nor did the Board formally convene.

1. A May show had been planned, and the Bennetts were willing to chair it and have it on their property. In mid-February, it was reported that two judges had been hired and volunteers were needed to help with the show. In late March, however, the show had to be cancelled due to extenuating circumstances.

2. Amy Burnette made a proposal to the board for a Jan Wesen Stockdog clinic, date to be determined. The Board voted to approve this.

3. Plans for Spring Fling were finalized. After the event was over, Terry congratulated everyone for keeping a sense of humor about the weather and for the camaraderie the club exhibited.

4. Plans for Big Kahuna were moved forward and pat sent in the sanctioning paperwork. There were questions about the decision to have 3 Obedience trials and only two Conformation shows. This decision was made to try to bypass some of the logistics problems of previous Big Kahuna shows caused by the large number of Obedience entries.

5. Plans were discussed for October Jubilee. Such things as start times for different venues needed to be tweaked.

6. There were only two entries for the April Tracking Test. The Board decided to go ahead with it anyway.

7. The Board voted to raise entry fees due to fee increases from ASCA. This will be effective June 1, 2009.

A Pre-trial for 2010 Nationals is being discussed. This would be a Stock trial.

Emily Chapman

If you have not already sent your renewal to Renee Reschenthaler please take the time now to renew.

Print this page.

Fill in the form.

Sign it, and send the completed form to the address listed along with your dues.

Dues:

Family \$20 Electronic Family \$12 Single \$18 Electronic Single \$10 Junior \$5
Newsletter Only \$8

Name

Phone

Address

City State

Zip

E-Mail:

Are you an ASCA member? Membership No. Exp. date

Are you registered with: ASCA IESR AKC UKC SKC (check all that apply)

Are you interested in:

Conformation Obedience Herding Agility Breeding Tracking

Would you like your name, phone # and E-mail address included in the club directory?

Signature:

Send to:

Renee Reschenthaler

5793 Rollingwood Dr.,

Stone Mountain, GA. 30087

May 2009

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Schedule of Events

- **May 15-17, 2009**
FL Panhandlers ASC Beach Ball Bash
Baker, FL

2 agility, 4 conformation, 3 obedience
<http://www.flpanhandlersasc.com/upcoming.html>

C = Conformation

O = Obedience

A = Agility

S = Stock

T = Tracking

June 6 & 7, 2009

Summer Breeze Stock Trial & Conformation Shows

Flying Carpet Farm, Canton, GA

4 Stock Trials, 1 Farm Trial, 3 Conformation Shows

Stockdog Judges: Rachel Vest & Wally Butler

Farm Trial Judge: Wayne Kirby

Conformation Judges: Sat AM - Cheryl Padgett & Bobbie Myrick (Non-Reg), Sat PM - Margaret Shappard & Tracy Bennett (Non-Reg), Sun AM - Bonnie Turner & Cindy Allison (Non-Reg)

June 20 & 21, 2009

Tracking Seminar

Pete & Gail Furniss' Home

Clinician: Linda McKee

Cost: \$75/working spot / \$35/audit spot

Contact Larinda Wilken for details -

larinda@mindspring.com



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June 2009

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Upcoming Events for 2009

July 11-12, 2009

Big Kahuna ARPH Benefit

Ironclad Training Facility, Woodstock, GA

August 15-16, 2009

Heat is ON!, Agility & Conformation

Bartow County Saddle Club Arena, Cartersville, GA

October 17-18, 2009

Jubilee Stock, Conformation & Obedience

Bartow County Saddle Club Arena, Cartersville, GA

Stockdog Judges: Dana McKenzie & Preston Kissman (tentative)





"Echo" - Spring Fling BOBP

Willowbrook Time After Time at Blue Isle

"Owned by Sharon and Joe Willis, and Bred By Barb Hager, Sharon and Joe Willis



Pictured: Breeder Judge Rick Gann and Handler Stacey Brown with Echo

"Echo" went BOBP at the ASCA two Spring Fling shows on March 15, 2009.

The AM Show under ASCA Breeder Judge Rick Gann

The PM Show under AKC Judge Suzanne Kinman

Gator heaven Brags

WOW where did March go - was a busy one here for us - our babies arrived on March 8th - 7 girls and 2 boys! hard to believe they are 5 weeks old already! Check out our website and see the newest photos! Dale and Star did good :o) At this time we have two available.

Well now on to the brags!

At the Spring Fling or Sprung A Leak Shows we all had a fun damp weekend -here is our our kids did!

Our Dale (AKC/ASCA Ch Legnends Starn Runnin Down A Dream STDD, STDS) finished his Started Duck title - thank you Judge Rachel Vest for the very nice score and to his handler/trainer Amy Burnette - she was a trooper that weekend indeed! He also garned a Best Opposite at the Sunday AM show under Judge Rick Gann, Thanks to Tanner Norris for showing him so well!

Our Stryde (GatorHeavens went WD out of the 12-18 mo class for his 3rd major - WAHOO! Thank you Judge Susan Kinman and to Tanner Norris for really doing a super job with him!

Last but not least our new girl Nava.-

(Rista's An American Girl of Cool-moor) showed for her very first time at the Sunday AM show and garnered a Best Opposite Pup out of the 2-4 mo. class. There were quite a few lovely puppies competing. Thank you Judge Rick Gann.



Everyone did a marvelous job of coping with the weather and it was really great that we got to use the arena Sunday for the shows!

At the Newman Kennel Club on Sunday March 28th our Stryder went RWD to a 4 point major. Congrats to Tracy Bennett for her WD/BOW/BOS with Taylor and finishing him with style.

This weather was a exact twin of the Spring Fling show - miserable, wet, cold and we had slip and slide rings! Several people (I am not naming names) took a few dives in the ring. Glad no one was seriously hurt!

Last but not least we went to the Birmingham AKC shows and did the match Sat evening- our Nava went Best of Breed puppy (over 2 other pups) and rec'd a Herding Group 2 - she thinks this showing stuff is fun :o). Also decided to enter Stryder so Mom could have some practice - WOW - he went BOB Adult (over 3 other Aus-sies) - a herding Group One and then went on to garner Best Adult in

Match! YAHOO! Thank you Judge Gail Smith for the lovely compliments on our silly boy! Enclosing a photo of him being pulled for Best In Match!

Thanks for letting me share and congrats to everyone on all their nice wins these past two months!

Jarilyn

Aussie Geek Corner

Sorry folks the month got away from me. See you next time.

That line, "one generation and out" is part of a quote by Wayne Pacelle, CEO of the **HSUS**. He would like to see the **extinction of all domestic animals**. Animal rights activists in this country have a huge push to stop any and all animal "usage" in this country and the world. The lead groups are **HSUS** (Humane Society of the United States) **and** **PETA** (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). **ALF** (Animal Liberation Front) a more militant group which uses terrorist acts to make their point.

There is currently legislation in our states that support the ULTIMATE AGENDA of these organizations.

KNOW THE ENEMY OF THE DOMESTIC ANIMAL!

**IF WE DON'T UNITE AND ACT,
THIS LEGISLATION WILL BE THE LAW!**

ANIMAL RIGHTS VS. ANIMAL WELFARE

Animal Rights is based on the idea that humans must not use or own animals at all. The organizations who support this philosophy work by changing the laws to eliminate the raising of farm animals for food and clothing, hunting, trapping, fishing, rodeos, circuses, zoos, the use of animals in lifesaving research, and the breeding and ownership of all animals as pets and companions.

Animal Welfare is based on the principles of humane care and use of animals. When one supports the idea of animal welfare it means they believe that humans have the right to use animals and own them, but with that use and ownership they must take responsibility to provide proper and humane care and treatment. Organizations that support animal welfare are those who work to improve the treatment and well-being of animals.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Check the websites to find out what is happening in your state and nationally. What you can do to fight back? We have been way too passive and silent, while a powerful

vocal minority has pushed its will on us! JOIN TOGETHER AS CITIZENS~!

This must stop now!

Sorry folks I got sidetracked this month. Ran out of steam. See you next time.

www.naiaonline.org

www.consumerfreedom.com

www.adoa.org

www.mydogmychoice.com

www.saova.org

www.petlaw.com

*Submitted by Jarilyn Pusz

Spooky Brags

Sometimes, it takes the worst conditions to bring out the best in your dog....Spooky finally finishes his Altered Championship at Spring Fling 2009! In the torrential rain and muddy fields of Saturday, Spooky collected his final 3pt Major win, earning Winners Dog and Best of Winners under Breeder Judge Sheila Hall. THANK YOU to Junior Handler Anna Tso, for handling Spooky from his initial 2 points, to his breeder Trisha Herring for handling him to his second 3pt. Major win, and to everyone who supported us all along the way, through the 22 points we earned on the way to his Altered Championship!

A big thank you to Breeder Judge Amy Burnette, for suggesting lo these many years ago, that Anna might be a good partner for Spooky in the Breed Ring - back when I sprained an ankle and couldn't walk, let alone heel or gait an Aussie, back at Toys for Tots in 2006. This is the first dog Anna has shown to its championship.

A-CH Nitestar's ABump Inthe Night CGC ASCA/AKC-CDX RAE FFX-OG DNA-VP is owned, loved, and trained by Pat Pierce and Carl and Teddy Bartz.



More Titles from Shell Bluff Aussies!

Shell Bluff's Next Best Thing "Bruce" CD, PT, STDsd, OTDd got his Open Sheep Titles and Advanced Duck titles with a HIT and HIT Aussie at Spring Fling.

He also got a "Special Judges Award" from Rich Hardin





CLINIC ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

Inherited Cataract Test

Clinic Date: Saturday; July 11, 2009 In the Show Building, after all events have finished.

All dogs MUST BE Present & TESTED ON THE SAME DAY. No mailing of swabs to me. (Sorry, not my rules)

Required to complete the form for each dog: Registered Name ASCA Registration Number, Microchip/Tattoo Number, Color, Date of Birth, Sex. Owners Name, Address, Telephone and email.

Cash or Check Made out to Trisha Herring in the amount of \$74.57 per dog, plus \$2.00 per owner to offset the express air mail costs back to England.

Please RSVP to Trisha at loveaussie@nitestar.net with the number of dogs you would like tested. Once I receive the kits, forms and directions I will add links to the web site. If you have previously RSVP'd to me no need to do so again, unless you want to **remove** or add more dogs than you originally signed up for.

Currently we have 23 dogs signed up and I have ordered 40 kits. If the numbers exceed the 40 I can order more kits but need to know ASAP! If we exceed 50 dogs the price drops to \$65.25 per test, plus the \$2.00 per owner shipping charge.

Trisha Herring

ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge #4680

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