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SCOC Newsletter

CSCOC Highlights

Meetings & Programs

It was good seeing such a wonderful turn-out at the Christmas Party at Marie Callendar's in Ontario. We had many guests and family members which made it a joyous occasion!

Many thanks to Bonnie Compas for organizing this event for the club. She did a fantastic job!

There will be no Board Meeting in December, and no General Meeting in January. Routinely scheduled meetings will commence with the January Board Meeting and the February General Meeting.

<u>Scheduled Upcoming Programs:</u> **January** — Meeting Canceled **February** — TBD

Eye Clinic

Debra Praznik has kindly consented to coordinate the club's annual eye clinic for 2004. She is working on finalizing a date and flyers will then be distributed. Look forward to bringing your dogs to the clinic at the 2004 clinic. Remember that it is open to non-Cocker breeds also. So, share the news of the upcoming clinic with friends who have other dogs other than Cockers.

The following are the objectives which this Club honors and abides by:

To encourage and promote the breeding of pure-bred Cocker Spaniels and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection:

To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Cocker Spaniels shall be judged:

To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials and field trials.

To conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows, obedience trials, and field trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting

General Meeting

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CSCOC Highlights (cont'd)

Futurity

2 bitches are nominated for the 2004 Futurity.

2004 Summer Specialty

The 2004 Summer Specialty will be held on Saturday, June 19th at Cal State Long Beach. Bea Jones, Showchair, will be looking for volunteers to assist in making this event a successful one.

Sue Goldberg has accepted the assignment for judging regular classes at our specialty.

Membership

The following application for club membership was "received" at the November Meeting, "read" at the December Meeting, and will be voted on at the February 2004 General Meeting:

Diane L. Love



<u>Legislative</u> <u>Review</u>

The Puppy Protection Act has

been re-introduced. Here is an excerpt from it as of 11/13/03. Please visit http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=1916 for full information.

The so-called "Puppy Protection Act" (PPA) has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY) designated H.R. 3484. 36 co-sponsors have already signed onto the bill. H.R. 3484 is virtually identical to the PPA introduced by Whitfield in the 107th Congress, except that it does not require setting federal "socialization" standards for dogs. Companion legislation is expected to be introduced in the Senate shortly, sponsored by Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA). The AKC urges all fanciers to write or call your U.S. Representative asking him or her NOT TO COSPONSOR H.R. 3484.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Contact your U.S.
Representative in
Washington. Ask them
not to sponsor H.R. 3484
for the reasons stated
above. To find out who
represents you in the
House, click here. You
may also phone the
United States Capitol
switchboard at
(202) 224-3121 and an
operator will connect you
directly with the House
office you request.

Please check this website regularly for further developments.

Other Information Biscuits......

Please Find Enclosed

- Upcoming January Events
- · Legislative Review
- Ain't It The Truth?? Article

Future Meeting Reminders

- January Board Meeting –
 As Scheduled—January 27, 2004
- February General Meeting As Scheduled — February 3, 2004
- February Board Meeting –
 As Scheduled February 24, 2004

News Clips

If you have any articles you'd like to have included in future newsletters, please mail them to Mindy.

If you know of someone interested in Cockers and our Club's activities, perhaps they would like to receive a complimentary 3-month subscription. Forward their name and address to Mindy.

For a 12-month subscription, please forward a \$10.00 check payable to CSCOC to the Newsletter Editor:

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New Year



Events In Januar y

Date	Event	Judge
1/3 — 1/4	Kennel Club of Palm Springs Indio, CA	Wanda Spediacci (1/3) Ring 8—8:00am Bonnie Clarke (1/4) Ring 15—8:00am
1/10 — 1/11	AKC Agility Trial Lakeview Terrace, CA	Jay Acker Patti Davis
1/17	San Fernando Kennel Club Ventura, CA	Jose Payro
1/17 — 1/19	AKC Agility Trial City of Industry, CA	Gillian Crawford Debbie Carloni
1/18	Ventura Co. Dog Fanciers Ventura, CA	M arissa O'Connor
1/19	Simi Valley Kennel Club Ventura, CA	Terry Stacy
1/23	West Coast Cocker Spaniel Club San Bernardino, CA	Harry Smith
1/24 — 1/25	Orange Empire Dog Club San Bernardino, CA	James Edward Clark Susan St. John Brown
1/24 — 1/25	AKC Agility Trial Camari llo, CA	Joni Weed Kylie Bourke
1/31	AKC Agility Trial City of Industry, CA	Joan Mullen Gay le George-Sack ett

CSCOC Board Members President: Julie Virosteck Vice-President: Mindy Donovan-Tandy Secretary: Marleta McFarlane Treasurer: Linda Praznik Delegate: Bea Jones Delegate: Quinn Ruvacava Delegate: Lois Wilson Delegate: Doug McFarlane Past-President: Hap Jones

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Ain't It The Truth?!!!!

- 1. After trying forever to obtain that elusive second major, you have no problem getting the third major the next day.
- 2. The novice people that enter every show and always show up even if the breed judging is at 8 am and the show is a six hour drive will not show up when the count is exactly a major. Or if they do, the dog that finished yesterday will be moved up and break the major anyway.
- 3. If you attempt to build a major, one of the extras will win, never the dog the major was worked around.
- 4. The day you don't take an umbrella or raincoat to the show because the weather is beautiful at your house, is the day it is raining (or snowing) at the outdoor show site.
- 5. Although all dog shows have lots of vendors, the day you forget the tack box is the day there are NO vendors on the premises selling show leads.
- 6. If you go to the trouble of checking out of the hotel before leaving for the show, you will not win the breed.
- 7. If you don't check out, you will win the breed, and there will be no time to do so before groups.
- 8. Your national will always be scheduled so that you are forced to move your immature puppy up, by just a few days.
- 9. Your dog will decide to completely blow coat just after entries close for the national, which you have already committed major bucks to attend.
- 10. If you are showing dogs in two different breeds that have the same judge, it is inevitable that one breed will be the first one in at 8:00 am, and the other will be the last one of the day at 2:30 p.m.
- 11. The day you say, "If Rover doesn't win today, this will be his last show and I'm putting him in a pet home" will be the day he wins a four point major. (After which, of course, the waiting list of pet homes disappears and he never gets another point.)
- 12. And of course we all know about the puppy we sold as a pet with a spay/neuter contract. And his littermate that we kept as a show prospect.
- 13. If your dog does better behind other dogs, you will draw the first place number and the judge will insist on catalog order.
- 14. If your dog does better at the front of the line, the judge will allow you to line up in any order and someone will beat you to the first spot.
- 15. If the judge is requiring the dogs to be shown in catalog order, your male special will be sandwiched in between two bitches in full standing season. If you are showing a bitch special in season, she will be the only girl in a ring full of attractive males. (And if you decide to leave your special home because he or she has gone boy/girl crazy, none of the other specials entered will show up.)
- 16. The judge you didn't enter under because he/she hates your dog will draw an overload and your breed will be given to a judge who loves your dog.
- 17. Whenever a premium list includes a group judge that loves your special, the breed judge will be the one who told you to neuter it and put it in a pet home. (But if you don't enter, remember that rule 16 applies).
- 18. A particular judge will ALWAYS put the Winners Dog up for Best of Winners, unless YOUR dog goes WD and there is only a major in bitches.
- 19. If you enter a small show where there are normally no specials or only one, three of the top ten dogs will be flown in from all over the country.
- 20. If you do win an easy breed at a small show in Podunk Nowhere, you will then learn that a dozen top dogs and professional handlers have flown in from the farthest corners of the country, and every one of them will show up in YOUR group.
- 21. If you win the group, you will discover that the BIS judge's favorite dog, who is the all time top winning dog in its breed, has just won it's group, and the BIS judge has recently given it a BISS.

- Submitted By Bonnie Compas