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CSCOC Newsletter



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In Memory Of..

Virginia Gilleland



It is with deep regret that we have to report to the membership of the December 2006 passing of long-time CSCOC Member, Virginia Gilleland. We didn't have a picture of Virginia, but we thought she would approve of showing her much-loved Cocker that is currently in the ring and that she was so proud of.

CH. Peri's Legally Blonde
(Picture Taken ASC July 2006)

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

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Mimi's Café

7:30pm



General Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

7:30pm



General News

2006 Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas event was held again at the Candlelight Pavilion in Claremont. "The Wonderful World of Christmas" is done each year, but with a different storyline, songs, etc. Those who were able to attend had a great time. We also had family guests and old friends that we haven't seen in a long time come for the festivities. "Thank you's" are extended to Bea Jones for coordinating this event.

Nominating Committee

At the February Board Meeting, the Board will be selecting members who will be on this year's nominating committee. This committee is responsible for reviewing our membership roster and providing a recommended slate of Board Officers for 2007-2009.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let one of the current Board Officers know. At that time, the Board will submit your name for consideration to participate on the committee. The deadline for expressing your interest in this activity is Monday, February 19, 2007.

Board Meetings

As a new year is starting out, we'd thought we'd remind you of a standing invitation. The Board Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month. We meet for dinner at Mimi's Café. All club members are welcome to attend if they like. The only criteria we request, is that if you are interested in coming one evening, please let Mindy Donovan-Tandy know so she can modify the dinner reservations to include you.

Futurity

For the Summer '07 Specialty, there are 5 bitches and 0 puppies nominated at this time.

Upcoming New Members

The following application was read at the October Meeting and will be voted on at the February 2007 Meeting:

Frank & Karen Castiello

Meeting Locations

Wonder where that next CSCOC Meeting is going to be, so you can plan on attending? Here is the current list for upcoming meeting locations (subject to change):

February 2007: Hap & Bea Jones

March 2007: Mindy & Jerry Tandy

**** April 2007: Open**

**** May 2007: Open**

June 2007: Mindy & Jerry Tandy

July 2007: Canceled

August 2007: Lois Wilson

September 2007: Open

October 2007: Open

November 2007: Open

December 2007: TBD

We have openings for April & May 2007, for any member wishing to host a meeting in those months. If interested, please contact Mindy.

Pet Expo

Mark your calendars for the 2007 Pet Expo. It'll be taking place at the Orange County Fairgrounds on April 13, 14, and 15th (Friday-Sunday).

Sadly, we have to report that our long-time show secretary & friend, **Dorothy Hicks**, has passed away. Dorothy served as the CSCOC Show Secretary for over 20 years.



Reminders

Future Meeting Reminders

- February Board Meeting –
As Scheduled - February 27, 2007
- March General Meeting –
As Scheduled - March 7, 2007
- March Board Meeting:
As Scheduled - March 27, 2007

"E-Newsletter"

If you are interested in receiving your newsletter via e-mail rather than snail mail or in being removed from the e-newsletter online distribution, please contact Mindy at MLDT@earthlink.net

News Clips

If you have any articles you'd like to share with the membership, please mail them to Mindy to have them published in the newsletter.



Newsletter Subscriptions

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

Mindy Donovan-Tandy, Newsletter Editor

February Events

Date	Event	Judge
2/3 - 2/4	AKC Agility Trials So Cal Port. Water Dog Club City of Industry, CA	Mark Upshaw Sherry Porter
2/10 - 2/11	AKC Agility Trials Samoyed Club Van Nuys, CA	Not Available
2/18 - 2/19	Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club San Jose, CA	Betty Nelson Patricia Trotter
2/24 - 2/25	Silver Bay Kennel Club Del Mar, CA	Linda Riedel Charles Trotter
2/24 - 2/25	AKC Agility Trials Silver Bay Kennel Club Del Mar, CA	Jean Conroy Barbara Diaz Laura English

CSCOC Board

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Julie Virosteck

Braggs 2006



*The Brags Page is dedicated to those who wish to share with others.
Not always does it have to be about dogs or about happy times. The wish to share is all that counts.*



Jane Wade

At the High Desert Cocker Spaniel Club specialty show, my black/tan boy, DOUBLE J's PURE COUNTRY ("Dusty") picked up his 2nd major on Sat going WD! Our judge was Judy Corbett. Dusty only needs a few singles now to finish.

To top it off, my new black/tan boy, DYNAMITE'S N DOUBLE J'S NO CHARGE ("Cash") went reserve to the major his first time in the ring at 6 1/2 months old!

Double J's Pure Country

Linda Hulbert

At the Artful Dodgers' NADAC agility trial, on Nov 4, UCD Bizzmar Hamlet CD, RAE, OA, NAJ, NJP, O-NJC, CGC ("Rerun") got his second Novice Tunnelers leg and on Nov 5 he finished his Outstanding Novice Jumpers title. Both were first place runs. At the Oriole Dog Training Club's AKC agility trial, December 9, Rerun finished his Novice Agility Preferred (NAP) title with a 1st place. I did not move him up so the next day he got another 1st place in Novice Standard Preferred.



Norris & Jackie Williams

In September we bred our Black and Tan Bitch CH. OMNI NOR-JAC'S TOUCH OF GOLD ("Megan") owned by Norris and Jackie Williams and Co-owned by Judy Bjelland to CH. BRICKETT'S SHOT IN THE DARK ("Shiner"). Puppies are due November 11 thru the 19th. Megan is in Ramona at Loma Point's home for unwed mothers Judy is going to be the midwife and deliver the litter. Then Megan will come back to Nor-Jac's to raise her family.

The litter has been born and she had 2 Black boys and 1 Black and Tan Boy



Bonnie Compas

Ch. Omni Nor-Jac's Touch of Gold

Elmer and I are proud grandparents for the first time and it's been a long time in coming, as Elmer is now 82 and his daughter, the mother of the baby, is 44. Alicia Amber Goetze was born Nov 25, weighing 6 lbs 11 oz APGAR 8.9.

In addition, my sister Robin's (and her husband's) first grandbaby was born on the same day! Also a girl, her name is Desirae Marie Ladebauche.

Debbie Roper

AM/INT CH CAROUSEL MOON LIGHTNING, CGC ("Porsche") made her television debut and was chosen to be in the AKC/Eukanuba Invitational promo commercial. It is being aired on Animal Planet. Come to find out from a really good source the commercial has also been spotted in Movie Theatres.



WE NEED THIS GUY.



By Gretchen Bernardi

(from <http://www.caninechronicle.com>)

What better time for storytelling than the first week of the New Year, especially if the story is true and, as an added benefit, it contains a lesson for all of us?

This past fall I met a young man whose occupation had taken him into a world that was completely new to him—dog shows. This was a completely new experience for this ivy league-educated man, whom we will call Tom, but he took to this assignment immediately and had a “where has this been all of my life” kind of moment. He began to really enjoy the shows, especially the conformation part and the people that seemed to be taking an intellectual approach to breeding dogs. The aesthetic element also appealed to him.

But, truth be told, what he really loved were the dogs. One look at him around the dogs and you knew he was in trouble, the kind of trouble every one of us will recognize, the trouble that ultimately determined where we live (few zoning restrictions), what car we drive (big enough for our crates), the clothes we buy (don't show dog hair, rarely navy blue) and ultimately, how we pick our friends. Because he is good at what he does, he got more opportunities to go to more dog shows, primarily all-breed shows in our area and he began to find himself drawn again and again to the Bloodhound ring. Clearly, he would soon decide, this was the breed for him. He studied the dogs and met the people. He did all of the things we advise people to do, making sure the choice is right long before the choice is made. He thought he'd like a Bloodhound and he thought he'd like to show it. Someday, he said, looking into his future as a true dog person, he might even like to breed them, maybe even judge them. I am sure, at this point in the story, we all know exactly what he is feeling. Tom is hooked.

Then something terrible happened. He ventured out from the little 1200 entry dog shows in the area and, still on assignment, hit the big time. He went coastal to one of our big, corporate-supported and televised shows and everything fell apart. The next time I saw him, he was deflated, cynical and just plain turned-off. He'd lost that feeling. “Those people are obsessive,” were the first words out of his mouth, with an expression of something just slightly short of terror.

And what happened at this big, highly competitive dog show that changed Tom's opinion about us, about dog shows and whether he really wants to be a part of it? First, he saw some not-so-attractive aspects that have been creeping into the sport in recent years: the heavy promotion of dogs, financed by multiple owners and the unsavory little tricks to which we seasoned participants turn a blind eye. He saw powders and sprays going into coats and saw colors painted onto faces. “Isn't that illegal,” he asked? If it is, then why was it being done in the open, so obviously and without worry of being seen...or caught? Good question, but I think he could have gotten over that part.

The one incident was the one that may have turned him against us forever. Tom carefully and smilingly approached a woman working on her dog on the table in the grooming area. “May I pet your dog,” Tom asked, following the suggestions he had been repeatedly given. The woman came from behind her dog, scissors in hand and snarled: “You touch this dog and I'll stab you in the heart with these scissors.”

I told him it was a joke (was it?) and reminded him that some people are more nervous than others before showing and some are more heavily invested in the win. He didn't seem to find the remark funny at all and was not convinced there was an excuse for this behavior. Now, at the end of all of this, Tom has exactly the same feeling about Bloodhounds but a decidedly different one about dog shows and about us.

The subject of concern here is not foreign substances in dogs' coats or unenforced rules or greed or even bad behavior. It is about first impressions and it is a subject I have addressed before. But it is really not enough for us all to agree that the participants in our sport are aging and the newcomers are rare. It is essential that we look with clear and honest eyes at how we treat potential participants and how we must look to them upon close inspection. There is considerable discussion in the delegate body about potential methods for our clubs to attract more members or, to be perfectly honest, more workers. But before a person ever gets to the club level or perhaps even knows there is a club level, he more than likely has to like some aspect of our sport—the conformation ring, the performance events or both. If this person comes to a show to find the right breed or has the breed already and wants to find out what all of this dog showing is about (“I saw one on TV”), this is the time to impress him in a positive way. This is the time to convince him to join a dog club, not a gardening club.

I don't think our current attitude is working too well. We are treating new owners badly, scorning the kennel where they bought their dog, rebuffing every contact because we're nervous or close to ring time or are grooming/walking/training/exercising our dog and then saying: “Would you like to join our club? Would you like to park cars and clean up at the show?”

Our club memberships are declining for several reasons, some simple and some more complex. But every weekend at every show potential exhibitors, breeders, club members, officers and workers go to our events, giving us the opportunity to actually help solve, at least to some degree, a problem that threatens our sport. And it doesn't require the formation of a committee or the writing of more rules. The responsibility belongs to us all—show committee members, professional handlers, breeder/exhibitors, judges, photographers, vendors and those contracted to help. We just need to be nice.

One really good teacher can make all the difference to a student. One outstanding mentor can teach us so much about a breed. One very special dog can make us a friend to that breed for life. And one memorably bad experience can drive a person away forever. I hope that didn't happen to Tom. Because we really need this guy...and a lot more like him.

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See you At
The February Meetings!



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Happy Valentine's Day!

