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Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta

2008 Annual Specialty: The Best Yet!

Alice Alford

As January 2008 arrived, we found ourselves facing our Seventh Annual Specialty in just a few weeks. Not only was this our first independent specialty (outside of hosting the National Specialty in 2006), but this was a new venue, new host hotel, new date and new president with several new board members. As the newly elected president, I was concerned but soon found

out what teamwork really is! This year's specialty was a learning experience for us all. There were many last minute tasks that we had not thought about when holding an independent Specialty; in the past, the Combined Cluster made most of these decisions. In true fashion of the CKCSCGA members, working as a team, all went well and the show was a huge success. One change that

was a concern was changing our Specialty from a weekend to a Thursday; to our delight, the entries on Thursday were one of the highest we have ever had, the major factor being a great team of judges for the day; Lu Dunham (O'Skot, USA) & Michael Levy (Pascavale, UK). On Friday night, we had a great turnout for our annual Auction and Banquet; (cont on page 5)

Dr Carmen Battaglia to speak in March

Dr. Battaglia is a highly respected AKC judge of more than 40 breeds. By education, (holding the Masters and Doctorate from Florida State University), he is a researcher, lecturer and author. His articles have appeared in the "AKC Gazette", "Dog World", "Dog News", "Canadian Shepherd Journal", "South African Dog Magazine" as well as dog publications in Australia and Ireland.

Being very active in the dog world, Dr. Battaglia is

a Director of the American Kennel Club and has served as Chairman of such important committees as: National Genetics Committee (German Shepherd Dog Club of America), the American Kennel Club Committee for the Future, the Operations and Planning Committee, as well as the Health and Education Delegates Committee. The AKC called upon his expertise in genetics to create and develop their DNA program.

To learn more about Dr. Battaglia, visit

www.breedingbetterdogs.com

March 4th Meeting-Agenda

Welcome Guest
Approve Jan Meeting Minutes
Report of President
Report of Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Committee reports
Unfinished business
New business
Brags
Adjournment
Program...Dr Battaglia

Welcome To Our New Officers and Directors



Front l to r: Sue Hardwick, Alice Alford, Paula Ayers. Back l to r: Vickie Herring, Lisa Stephens, Kay-C Phipps, Sonya Thompson

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January Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Alice Alford, Ray Alford, Marlene Anderson, Paula Ayers, Melissa Crane, Lu Dunham, Sue Hardwick, Jeff Herring, Vickie Herring, Pat Lander, Brenda Martz, Carolyn Powell, Susan Robinson, Wes Sherrill, Lisa Stephens, Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes, Sonya Thompson, Linda Whitmire,

Guests: Carolyn Heckert, Michelle Lander

The meeting was called to order by Paula Ayers at 7:30pm on 1/8.

Secretary's Report: Lisa Stephens

Read the November minutes. (Minutes were not read at Dec meeting due to social.) Alice Alford made the motion to approve the minutes. Sonya Thompson seconded the motion. All approved.

Read the December minutes. Sonya Thompson made the motion to approve the minutes. Alice Alford seconded the motion. All approved.

There was a second reading for Michelle Lander's application for membership. All approved her application. There was the first reading for Jody Floyd's application for membership.

Nominating Committee Report: Alice Alford

Read the proposed slate for a vote:

President Alice Alford

Vice President Paula Ayers

Secretary Lisa Stephens

Treasurer Vickie Herring

BOD Sonya Thompson, Sue Hardwick, Kay-C Phipps
Ballots were passed out. All members approved the slate as offered by the nominating committee.

Treasurer's Report: Vickie Herring

Vickie handed out the annual Year End Summary. There are \$14K in expenses \$19,500 in income and a balance of \$20K.

Reminder to renew membership and breeder listings. Reminder to turn in reservations for the Specialty banquet.

Trophy fund has enough to cover the Specialty expenses for trophies, but not prizes. Linda Whitmire made the motion to approve the funds for the remainder of Specialty prizes/trophies. Alice Alford seconded. All approved.

Specialty Report: Sonya Thompson

Nothing new to report. It has been noted that the judges are not listed correctly on Onofrio or Infodog. Reminder that entries close 1/16.

Trophy Committee Report: Alice Alford/Sonya Thompson

Sandra at Six Pence is mailing trophies to Sonya. Should receive them Thurs/Fri. Prizes were ordered 1/7. Carol Uptegrove will be the ring steward.

Support Entry Report: Vickie Herring

Reminder that we are supporting the three
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ACKCSC

2008 National Specialty



**2008 ACKCSC NATIONAL
SPECIALTY SHOW
POMONA CALIFORNIA**

The 2008 ACKCSC National Specialty will be proudly hosted by the CKCS Club of Southern California May 5 - May 8, 2008 at the Pomona Sheraton Suites Fairplex in Southern California.

Immediately following the National is the 3rd Annual CKCSCSC Specialty May 9-11, 2008. See www.ckcscsc.com. We look forward to having a great week of events, shows & fun.

ACKCSC 2008 National Specialty

Monday, May 5

Agility - Debby L Carloni
Puppy Sweeps - Elaine Mitchell
Cinco de Mayo Welcome Party

Tuesday, May 6

Regional Clubs Meeting
Obedience - Mrs. Shirley M. Indelicato
Junior Showmanship & Dogs - Joanne Nash
Junior Showmanship Seminar
Vaccine Seminar - Jean Dodds

Wednesday, May 7

Rally - Mrs. Shirley M. Indelicato
Bitches - Annette Jones (TIMSAR, UK)
Movement Seminar – Frank Kane

Thursday, May 8

Therapy Dog Presentation, CGC
Veterans, Non-Regular classes, Best of Breed -
Annette Jones (TIMSAR, UK)
Banquet and Charitable Trust Auction

CKCSCSC Regional Specialty

Friday May 9, 2008

CKCSCSC 3rd Annual Specialty
Obedience, Rally, Judge
Sweeps - Katie Sloan (Turretbank Cavaliers, UK)
Juniors & Bitches - Jan Tornblom (Hackensack Cavaliers, Sweden)

Saturday May 10, 2008

CKCSCSC 3rd Annual Specialty
Veterans, Non-Regular classes, Dogs, Best Of Breed - Jan Tornblom (Hackensack Cavaliers, Sweden)

**Sheraton Suites Fairplex
601 West McKinley Avenue
Pomona, California 91768
www.sheraton.com/fairplex
888-627-8074 Phone**

When calling to make reservations, make sure and indicate you are with the ACKCSC (American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club - Specialty Show)

Group rate is available until April 14, 2008 so make your reservations early. \$139.00 (Plus charges and taxes) per night.

A Message from the President.....

If our 2008 Specialty is any indication as to what the rest of our year will be like, then we have no worries.

Everyone is in agreement that this was the best one yet. I would personally like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this year's specialty happen, this includes the Board and Officers, the show committee, contributors to the trophy fund and auction, our Judges and Steward, and all the members that stepped forward to help set up and take down at the show and Auction. Organizing and putting on an independent specialty is no easy task, but we did it well. Our exhibitors and visitors were impressed, and so was I! If you were not able to attend this year, please make plans to be part of it all next year.

As we move forward, I would like to cover some of the items of discussion at our Working/Planning Board Meeting on Feb 5th.

We have formed several standing committees, these are:

Program Committee....Sue Hardwick as Chair, Alice Alford, member.

This committee will be responsible for programs at our meetings. We will have a program every other month. **We need one more volunteer to be on this committee..** Please contact Sue Hardwick if you are interested.

shardwi@bellsouth.net

Education /Publicity Committee.... Sue Hardwick as Chair

Coming up with ways to educate the public about cavaliers, their health and also publicizing information, including our club website. **We need a couple more volunteers to help Sue on this committee** Contact Sue at shardwi@bellsouth.net

Rescue Committee.....Kristen Montalvo, Chair and Carol Quaif as assistant.**Anyone that can be a foster home for a rescue cavalier let Kristen know.**
teacupcavalier@aol.com

Show Committee....We will be looking for volunteers for our 2009 Specialty **Contact Alice if you are interested** Jonboy5@msn.com

Judges Selection Committee...Vickie Herring, Marlene Anderson, and Paula Ayers....**If you have any suggestions, let one of these ladies know**

Newsletter.....Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes **If you have articles, brags, pictures that you would like to add to the newsletters, contact Hilarie at** Locustlee@yahoo.com
This is a temporary e-mail

Sunshine.....Maureen Miles will continue to handle this. Please keep Maureen informed of any members or family members that need to be remembered by our club

Calendar

March, 2008

4th: **CKCSC of Greater Atlanta Meeting**

6:30 Board Meeting (open to membership)

7:30 PM Meeting & Program - Plan to attend our

upcoming meeting Tuesday March 4th, where we'll have short business meeting and the Dr. Carmen Battaglia will speak about Pedigree Analysis and Choosing Puppies. Materials will be provided to all that attend in person and Dr. Battaglia is also offering the club a few door prizes – two videos, and another special gift to stay a surprise until the meeting

8th: **Franklin, TN**

Country Music Cluster and Nashville Kennel Club

Heart (Gompf) OFA auscultation \$35.00/\$40.00

Eyes (Hendrix) CERF \$27.00

Hearing (Strain) BAER \$60.00/\$65.00

Contact: nkcinfo@nashvillekennelclub.org

Pre-registration & prepayment required for reduced fees

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on 3/8

9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. On 3/9

8th: **West Palm Beach, FL**

Everglades Golden Retriever Club, Inc

Heart (Schroeder) auscultation \$45.00

Contact: Heidi Miller, (305) 785-2344

daniadivas@aol.com

Pre-registration is recommended; deadline 3/1/08.

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM **Dogs must be entered in show**

April, 2008

5th: **Orlando, FL**

Petite Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of America

Eyes (Brown) CERF \$35.00

Contact: Colleen Learn

clearn1@tampabay.rr.com

May, 2008

5th: **ACKCSC National begins**

(see page 3 for schedule of events)

7th: **Chattanooga, TN**

Belgian Tervuren Club Specialty

Eyes (Martin) CERF \$25.00

Contact: Suzanne Cook cooksb@nettally.com

2008 Annual Specialty: The Best Yet!

Alice Alford (cont)

as in the past, 25% of the proceeds from our Live Auction will go to benefit the ACKCSC Charitable Trust. We have heard only positive comments from our exhibitors and guest.

There are numerous people to thank for the success of our '08 Specialty; first, a huge thanks to our members who worked so hard for many months putting the show and Auction & Banquet together. We would also like to thank our exhibitors and visitors for your support and positive comments. As always, the contributors to our Trophy Fund and Auction gave generously, a special thank you goes to all! Without our dedicated members, contributors, and exhibitors there would be no show. Thanks to everyone who had a part in making the Seventh Annual CKCSCGA Specialty a memorable and successful show!

Ted Eubanks and "Rocky" (CH Pinecrest Rock The Boat), for the second consecutive year, was our BOB winner (see photos). Congratulations to Ted & "Rocky" and to ALL the winners at the 2008 CKCSCGA Specialty Show. We hope everyone will make plans to join us again for our Eighth Annual Specialty Show in 2009!

With our Specialty behind us, plans for the remainder of the year are in the works.

At our March, meeting we will have Dr. Carmen Battaglia present our program.

Our plans are to have a program every other month and several "fun days" and "membership matches" scheduled throughout the year. Visit us online for all the upcoming programs & events for 2008 (www.ckcscatlanta.org).

Kibbles 'N' Bits

OFA Fee Increases

Starting January 1, 2008, fees will increase for the OFA Hip and OFA Elbow databases. Details on the OFA site at <http://www.ofa.org/hipinfo.html>

Club Contacts:

SUNSHINE: If anyone knows of a member who has been ill, suffered a loss in their family, celebrated a birth or marriage, etc. or just needs cheering from the club please notify Maureen Miles at 770-460-9197 or mvmiles@bellsouth.net.

CONTACT INFORMATION: If you have a change in address, phone number, or email address please notify Lisa Stephens @ lisa4dean@comcast.net or Vickie Herring @ vwherring@aol.com

BREEDER REFERRAL: Send changes, corrections, or additions to your breeder referral listing on the club's website to Vickie Herring at vwherring@aol.com. Also contact Vickie if you would like to be included in the Breeder Referral listings.

FIND US ONLINE FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS AT:

www.ckcscatlanta.org

If at anytime you have questions, suggestions or concerns regarding the CKCSCGA please contact any of your officers or board members – WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Brags: Pat Landers' Cinderlace Bramble At Jayba at 9 months old and in his first show, went RWD at the Atlanta Specialty.

Litter Box: Pat Landers – born January 17, 2008 – 4 new babies, all Blenheim, 3 girls and 1 boy. Out of Ch Cinderlace All About Sally At Jayba by Ch Jayba's Monte Carlo

Check It Out!

[Georgia Coalition of Dog Clubs, Inc.](#) click on [2008 Legislative Summary](#)

This is a watchdog group which the club supports. Given the ever increasing anti-breeder legislation that is happening on a nationwide basis, we all need to stay informed. Keep up with what is happening in Georgia by visiting these sites.

More Kibbles 'N' Bits on page 8

2008 Specialty Photos

Best of Breed



Great Food



Winners Bitch and BOS



Great Friends



Winners Dog and BOW, AOM



Great Prizes



AKC NEWS

AMATEUR OWNER HANDLER CLASS

From the AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB Delegates Meeting Minutes December 4, 2007

After a motion made and seconded, the new Amateur-Owner-Handler class was adopted as follows:

CHAPTER 3 (RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS)

Section 3. The regular classes of The American Kennel Club shall be as follows:

Puppy

Twelve-to-Eighteen Month

Novice

Amateur Owner Handler

Bred-by-Exhibitor

American-bred

Open

Winners

These classes shall be divided by sex.

Section 7. The Amateur-Owner-Handler class shall be for dogs that are at least six months of age that are not champions. Dogs must be handled in the class by the registered owner of the dog. This class is restricted to exhibitors who have not, at any point in time, been a professional dog handler, AKC approved conformation

judge, or employed as an assistant to a professional handler. Additionally, members of the immediate family or household of a current professional handler are ineligible for this class (as defined in Chapter 11, Section 13).

Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.

The new class may be offered at shows held on and after January 1, 2009.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP REGULATIONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS meeting November 12-13, 2007

There were comprehensive amendments to the Junior Showmanship Regulations. The complete revisions are included with the minutes of the November 2007 meeting and are effective January 1, 2008. To review the changes go to:

http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/board_minutes/1107.pdf

And To All Those Who Donated Items to Make Our Auction A Success!

Alice Alford
Paula Ayers
Lu Dunham
Vickie Herring
Pat & Michael Lander
Carla Marshall
Leah Reppert
Sonja Thompson
Mary Pickett Beads
Phyllis Ensley

Marlene Anderson
Lisa & Steve Balaam
Mr. & Mrs. B.M. Hardwick
Helen Jesse
Carol Lesley
Brenda Martz
Wesley Sherrill
Linda Whitmire
Joan Prancing
Barbara Garnett-Wilson
Sandra Pence

Kathy Aycock
Susan & Gaylon Dodson
Susan Hardwick
Dr. Rebecca Kestle, DVM
Steve Lewis
Kay-C Phipps
Pat & Dr. Gene Stein
Highland Pet Supply
Dorothy Edge
Teri Hamrick

A Very Big Thank You!!!

More Kibbles 'N' Bits

Membership and Breeder Referral Renewals

The deadline for renewals for your 2008 club membership and breeder referral listings is fast approaching. If you have not already done so, please send in your membership and your breeder referral listing renewals as soon as possible. If you no longer have the form mailed contact Vickie Herring to have one emailed to you. . If you are not sure if you have sent your renewal or have any other questions regarding your membership or breeder referral listing please contact Vickie Herring at vvherring@aol.com or 678-284-0086. Mail renewals to: Vickie Herring, Treasurer, 97 Spivey Chase Trail, Jonesboro , GA 30236-5476 . Thank you!

New MRI Equipment

Georgia Veterinary Specialists now have an MRI! The radiologist and neurologist are interested in doing SM screening for Cavaliers if there is enough interest by club members to warrant a clinic. Estimated price would be approximately \$1,100.00 per dog. The clinic is located at 455 Abernathy Road, Atlanta, Ga. Those interested in having screenings may contact the clinic at 1-404-459-0903

to be placed on the list.

March Program....More!

To prepare for Dr Battaglia's talk, you may want to read these two articles prior to the meeting:

"Early Neurological Stimulation" Explains to breeders, both experienced and novice, how they can give newborn pups a head start on life. This easy to use method details why stimulated pups get a life long advantage over others who were not stimulated. Illustrations are provided to show exactly how each exercise is performed.

"Selecting Sires" Essential information for breeders who wish to find the ideal stud dog for their female. Easy to read with practical suggestions for finding the strengths and weaknesses in the pedigrees of sires and dams. Learn how to screen and sort candidates that can produce award winning dogs.

Both of these articles are available at <http://www.breedingbetterdogs.com/articles.html> To learn more about Dr. Battaglia, visit <http://www.breedingbetterdogs.com>

January Meeting Minutes (cont)

days of the Cherokee Rose Cluster.

Alice Alford said "thank you" to Pat Lander and Lu Dunham for their support.

Auction Committee: Sue Hardwick
26 items have been collected = approx. \$3,000
We need/want 60+ items.

Sue passed out a listing of needed items. She also stated that she would like art and handmade items. Sue noted that framer Sharon Price of Briarcliff Frame Shop would be giving the club a discount again this year. Sue also said that pre-framing helps the art to sell better. She is looking for an auctioneer.

Last minute Specialty discussions:
Brenda Martz will do the breed education table. Lisa Stephens will give the table decoration items to Sonya. Pat Lander will work with Alice on the hospitality. Everyone was reminded that you could make auction reservations through the club website.

Pat Lander noted that Mindee Hill was having trouble with publishing the newsletter due to technology issues. She also said that Mindee mentioned that the newsletter was taking her about five hours each month.

Alice Alford said that many new ideas would be welcomed. A working board meeting will occur after the Specialty.

Paula Ayers encouraged attendance at the banquet.

New Business: none

Braggs:
Alice Alford's Brookhaven Chancellor at Monticello (Chance) W/BW in Jackson, Mississippi on December 13, 14, and 15th. He received 2 points each day. He also took a reserve on Nov 16 in Concord, NC and took W/BOW on Nov 18 for 1 point.

The meeting adjourned at 9pm. Pat Lander made the motion to adjourn. Paula Ayers seconded the motion. All approved.

The Cavalier Chronicle

We're on the Web!
See us at:
www.ckscatlanta.org/home

Who We Are

Cavaliers of Greater Atlanta is a sanctioned breed specialty club, licensed by the AKC to conduct dog shows and matches. We maintain membership in the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, the ACKCSC, which is the AKC parent club for the breed. The purpose of our Club is to protect and advance the interests of the breed by promoting quality breeding, sportsmanlike competition, and the education of both its members and the general public.

Our members range from experienced show competitors and breeders to first time pet owners, and we are the second Cavalier King Charles Spaniel local specialty breed club to become licensed by the American Kennel Club.

For more information visit us at <http://www.ckscatlanta.org/home/>

Check it out!

Meetup is a web site that helps people find others with similar interests. When we checked out Meetup we found Meetup groups for Cavaliers – two of which are in the Atlanta area! There was a long list of cities where at least one person had signed up hoping that other local folks would join in. Check it out! Send it to your pet owners! For more information go to:

<http://cavalierspaniel.meetup.com/>

Editor's Corner

Deadline for submission for the March newsletter is March 16, 2008. Send articles, brags, litter announcements and advertisements to me at locustlee@yahoo.com. If you have suggestions for articles or find a website that others might enjoy, please let me know. You can also reach me at 865-988-5271.

Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes