



# Atlanta Kennel Club

# DIGEST

Atlanta Kennel Club Newsletter

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## March Meeting

Wednesday, May 27th, 2020

## Annual Meeting

Come on down to the annual meeting! There is no program for this time as this is the annual meeting instead of a monthly meeting.

## Menu

Salad, Chicken Francais and Cannoli

## Location

Aldo's Italian Restaurant — Sandy Springs 6690 Roswell Rd NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328  
Phone: 770-992-9600

Time: Dinner @ 6:45, Meeting @ 8:00

Directions: Aldo's is on the northwest corner of Roswell Rd. and Abernathy Rd. in Sandy Springs, just outside the perimeter and just west of 400. Parking is behind the restaurant in the Sandy Springs Crossing shopping center.

RSVP: DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED IF YOU PLAN TO DINE WITH US! You are not required to have dinner, but it is absolutely necessary if you want to dine with us. Join us for drinks or come shortly before 8 for the program and short business meeting that follows. Please be sure to call ahead for your reservations if you plan to join us for dinner as the restaurant has a cut off for reservations and cancellations. You may reserve and pay via Paypal on the club website under "Events" OR Contact Kellie Holbrook by email at holbrookcc@mindspring.com NO LATER than Friday at NOON prior to the meeting on the following Wednesday. If you RSVP'd and do not attend you will be billed for your meal. Price \$25 adults and \$5 for children under 12. If you have special dietary needs, please mention this to Kellie when you make your reservations. If you decide to attend after the RSVP deadline, you can order food "to go" from the restaurant and join us in the ballroom. Just be sure to let us know so we can hold you a seat!

You can make your dinner reservation online and pay via Paypal! Go to the Atlanta KC website, click on Events, and click on the "book now" button under the meeting listing. <http://www.atlantakennelclub.org/>

Want a tax-deductible way to support the good works of the Atlanta Kennel Club? Donate to the Atlanta Kennel Club Foundation – contact Mary Ellen Macke for information on making donations and/or bequests:

maryellenmacke@gmail.com

## Birthdays

Mid Jan / February Birthdays

Ralph Barger - May 24  
Dr. Carmen Battaglia -  
May 13

Ann Carson - May 18

Bill Deily - May 29

Jeanne Kemper - May 2

Jasmine Lyon - May 5

Ann Mayberry-Welch,

DVM - May 8

Suzanne Newsom, DVM -

May 21

Gary Oller - May 11

Jeanne Ratliff - May 23

Pan Rushforth - May 29

Katie Skarvan - May 19

Janie Smith - May 21

Glen Soafer - May 13

Sandy Weaver - May 27

## Anniversaries

Jan / Feb Anniversaries

Bud & Rose Marie Hidlay - May  
29

Walter & Sheila O'Brian - May  
3

Carol Roberts Reineke - May 3

Susan Riese - May 18

Anita Tate - May 31

*Editor's Note: A lot of our members didn't include birthday and/or anniversary info when they joined. If you'd like your special day(s) recognized here, please send the info to me – golfndogs@att.net*

## Fun Fact

Paul McCartney added a frequency that only dogs can hear at the end of the Beatles song "A Day in the Life."

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Do not forget to like us on FACEBOOK! Do you have something to post?  
Tamara Brower is the Facebook Administrator for the **Atlanta Kennel Club**, the  
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**Hashtags For Spoiled Pups:**

To help the public understand who we are and how we take care of our dogs, please include two hashtags when posting casual, fun, silly and sweet photos of your dogs being dogs. You'll be part of a concerted effort to show the truth about how our dogs really live – spoiled, pampered and very well loved! Use these hashtags anywhere you post pictures – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.

**#secretlifeofshowdogs #perfectfitforlife**

**Brag:**

*Got brags? Get them to Digest editor Cathy Deily – [kerrybrook@yahoo.com](mailto:kerrybrook@yahoo.com)!*

**Juniors:** The AKC Junior Showmanship Facebook page: Check it out, Juniors and Juniors supporters!

*Got Juniors news? Get it to Digest editor Cathy Deily – [kerrybrook@yahoo.com](mailto:kerrybrook@yahoo.com)!*

**Cards and Flowers**

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Keith Bates, a longtime member of Atlanta Kennel Club and judge.

*If you know of a member who's going through a tough time, please let Jerry Cerasini and Sandy Weaver know. Email them at [ponyguru@aol.com](mailto:ponyguru@aol.com) and [golfindogs@att.net](mailto:golfindogs@att.net)*

**Member of the Month**

Congratulations and thank you to **Tamara Brower**, our May Member of the Month!

**Rosters:**

The Atlanta KC Membership Roster is now available on the Atlanta KC website, [www.atlantakennelclub.org](http://www.atlantakennelclub.org), under the Members tab. An updated roster was uploaded in May. Another roster reflecting the results of our annual membership renewal will be posted after membership renewals is completed. This roster is provided for personal use only by members of the Atlanta Kennel Club Inc.

ANY OTHER USE (i.e., BUSINESS or POLITICAL SOLICITATION) IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED by Club Policy). Any violation should be reported to the Atlanta Kennel Club Officers or Board of Directors. This is available to members only. You must have a sign in and password to access the members only section of the website. If you do not have your sign in or password email Jim Macke at [jimmacke@comcast.net](mailto:jimmacke@comcast.net).

The roster will be updated as soon as the annual membership renewal process is complete.

**Judges' Selection Committee 2020-2021**

*Please contact committee members from the appropriate groups to suggest judges for consideration by the selection committee which meets several times during the year. Please remember not everyone "suggested" can be placed on a panel due to a variety of reasons, however, club members input is given priority. We do work with our "sister" cluster clubs and also have a policy not to hire the same judge for the same show two years in a row. Since we do share judges with the other cluster clubs, we tend to try to hire judges approved for several groups, if possible, to control expenses through judge sharing. Members provisional for any breeds are also given a priority as well as suggestions from specialty clubs for their supported entries.*

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If anyone in our club is newly provisional in new breeds or thinking you may be soon, you must let Kathleen Steen know in order to be included in a future panel. The new judges lists are not necessarily being monitored, just an FYI reminder. If you know of someone who may be provisional in their first group, non member, etc, to recommend, also let Kathleen or the group leader know as they are always seeking provisional judges for AKC requirements.

**Membership**

*Know someone who loves dogs? Invite them to attend a meeting with you. It's a great way to introduce friends to the sport that includes their furry best friend! You can also refer them to Gilda Mallik – [gilndon@comcast.net](mailto:gilndon@comcast.net)*

**New Members**

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**So, You're Thinking About Judging...**

If you're thinking about becoming a conformation judge, you'll need to do some stewarding assignments as part of the application process. Luckily you belong to a club that is delighted to help you get those assignments. Atlanta Kennel Club has a long history of members steward at our shows. If you'd like an assignment, please contact Mary Ellen Macke, [maryellen.macke@harrynorman.com](mailto:maryellen.macke@harrynorman.com), to let us know of your interest!

**Atlanta Kennel Club Website Update**

Atlanta Kennel Club has a new website! It is the same web address you are used to going to, [www.atlantakennelclub.org](http://www.atlantakennelclub.org), but the site looks very different. As with any website change there may be some kinks to work out so if you notice anything that doesn't work, send an email to [TamaraBrower@gmail.com](mailto:TamaraBrower@gmail.com) and let her know.

If you notice you are not seeing the new site when you go the the url (web address for Atlanta), please refresh your screen and see if that works. If not, then your host internet server has not yet updated with the new register information and it may take a few days for that to happen, so give it time.

There is a login area for members only and we will be sending out an email with instruction on how you will log in to access the membership roster and minutes of the meetings.

We hope you enjoy the fresh new look of the site!

**Dis an' Dat**

Volunteers are needed for our July Scentwork Regional in Perry. Contact Tamara Brower, [tamarabrower@gmail.com](mailto:tamarabrower@gmail.com).

Premium list is out! Check Onofrio, <http://www.onofrio.com>. It will be posted on the website. Note: several new breeds are having specialties, so be sure to check the premium list.

**Farm Dog** has been added to the Peach Show on Friday and Saturday. Gail LaBerge, Susan Ray and Patty King are judging. Contact Ginger Aldrich 770-380-9404, [snofire@aol.com](mailto:snofire@aol.com) for more information and entry information.

Peach Show volunteers are needed! Contact Mary Ellen, [maryellen.macke@harrynorman.com](mailto:maryellen.macke@harrynorman.com) for how you can be part of our club's events.

## Good Sportsmanship Award Request for Nominees

*Please send your nominee in writing to the Digest editor for listing in the Digest*

*Cathy Deily - kerrybrook@yahoo.com 601-347-3715*

**The voting will occur at the June meeting and the award presented with a medallion from the American Kennel Club at the July meeting**

### PAST GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS

2010 winner was Carol Simmons.

2011 winner was Kellie Holbrook

2012 winner was Valerie Dombrowski

2013 winner was Kellie Holbrook

2014 ?

2015 winner was Susan Catlin

2016 ?

2017 winner was Carol Simmons

2018 winner was Jerry Cerasini

2019 winner was Kellie Holbrook

## Things I Learned From AKC Sports

The cancellation of swaths of AKC events has left many of us wistful and impatient for their return. With no shows to enter and plenty of absence to make the heart grow fonder, I found myself pondering what I got out of them in the first place. Here are *10 THINGS I LEARNED FROM AKC SPORTS*.

1. I learned how to drive. Where I'm from (NYC), a car is a luxury, but it's a necessity to get to dog events. Whether I was mastering the hills of San Francisco to get to the SFDTC, cruising along Route 80 to Top Dog Obedience School, learning the back roads to PCOTC or staving off white line fever on the way to a Specialty, AKC events made me into something of a road warrior. We really get our miles in for our dogs.
2. I learned how to be on time. When it comes to AKC events, if you're on time, you're late. I learned how to build time into my departure plans to be sure I had ample time to warm up my dog and be ring ready without extra stress.
3. I learned persistence. We lose more than we win in dogs. We have more NQs than Qs and placements. From every NQ in Obedience I gained a lesson for improvement. As they say, "there will always be another dog show" – always an opportunity to do better next time.
4. I learned patience. Success in our events comes with a side of waiting around. Waiting for Best of Breed or Groups. Waiting for sits and downs. You've gotta be in it to win it, so stick around.
5. I learned how to be creative and resourceful. Since I never had a yard for a practice ring, I set up jumps in Central Park. The long alley behind my building served well for down-and-backs. Flocks of pigeons stood in for Indian Runner Ducks.
6. I learned the downside of procrastinating. Sure as the sun will rise tomorrow, entries will always close two weeks ahead. Waiting too long to enter adds the extra expense of online entry fees (now inevitable for those of us always out of stamps) and the risk of being shut out altogether. This is a rule that never changes, and yet, I still wait till nearly the last minute almost every time.
7. I learned how to get organized. Have a full tank before setting out for a show, lest you miss your ring time or confuse your dog with the smell of fuel on his scent articles. Wash and dry those articles the night before a trial. Pick out your outfits and get your show gear packed up the night before, too. A frantic, last minute search for that lucky show lead could cancel out its good vibes. Load driving directions up ahead in case you lose your signal along the way. AKC events helped me pull myself together!
8. I learned the importance of setting goals and about the joy that comes with achieving them. While so much in life remains out of our control, our dog events give us wonderful opportunities to pursue challenging and fulfilling objectives while having fun along the way: a home-bred champion, an OTCH, a MACH, or any number of titles that reward instinct and breeding for purpose.
9. I learned the value of volunteering. Being a ring steward, match secretary, parking attendant or any other seemingly thankless job is truly important. Without helpers to perform these tasks, the show can't go on. It is satisfying to play a role in something bigger than yourself.
10. I learned that we humans can get along with everyone and anyone – no matter our differences – because we are all working toward similar goals with our dogs. Our sports build camaraderie between rich and poor, young and old, men and women, gay and straight, rural and urban. We build deep and lasting connections with others by training and showing our dogs. The dog show community sets a tremendous example to others by building strength through the diversity we celebrate in our clubs, events and friendships.

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Thank you to the members who have contacted me that are willing to try to receive the digest via email instead of snail mail!

***In case you did not know...*** Digests are now and have been available for viewing without using a login and password. If you have a computer go to the website: [www.atlantakennelclub.org](http://www.atlantakennelclub.org) and click on the tab at the top for Newletters/Digests – It's all there! **EXCEPT** for the minutes which remain private for members. To view those you will still need to access the member only section with your login. **BUT** you can read the rest of the Digests anytime you want! The past digest are also archived there.

Anyone wanting to "review" how to access your member only info on the website please do call us. If you have an email address on our database you do receive the meeting notice and announcement via email that the digest is available online whether it is snail mailed or not. If you are not getting the notices for any reason please let us know if your email has changed or add [atlantakc@comcast.net](mailto:atlantakc@comcast.net) to your address or contacts list.

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*To promote, advance and protect the interests of purebred dogs and to encourage good sportsmanship at all purebred events as recognized by the American Kennel Club. To educate the fancy, government and the public regarding responsible dog ownership... The Atlanta Kennel Club*