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Foreign Affairs - Viva La Difference

By Rose J. Radel

Some of you may know that Ed and I traveled extensively to show our dogs. I credit Pat Scully with starting us by suggesting that we exhibit in foreign locations. We started in Canada, Bermuda and Mexico. From there, it extended to Europe, South and Central America, many islands and various places we would probably never have visited except that they held dog shows.

One of my favorites was the Riviera or Mediterranean Circuit. Within several days, shows were held in Monte Carlo, Monaco; Nice, France and San Remo, Italy. In each country the shows are for two days and only about an hour drive apart. Each show had separate entry forms and the fees were similar to ours then. Health certificates were required by customs for entry to the countries. However each show

had veterinarians at the entrance to examine dogs prior to entry. All three countries had benched shows. In Monaco, the show was held on the terrace of the Grand Casino and was spectacular. The show in Italy was held close to the sea and in France in a huge auditorium.

We received written confirmations for the



Rose Radel, left, shown at the *Federacion Cynologique Internationale (F.C.I.) World Show in Mexico, May, 1978*, with her Best in show winning brace of Min Pins— *World, International, American, Canadian, Bermudian and Mexican Ch. Repeage's Toma*, and *International, American and Mexican Ch. Repeage's Shameis*, handled by Scott Radel. Judge—*Tina Violi Gussoni of Italy*.

shows in advance and entries were assigned numbers. No formal judging program is published. Breeds to be judged are announced on the loud speaker in French, German and Italian. Fortunately, fellow exhibitors were kind enough to alert us when we were to be in the ring. There were separate catalogs in each country very similar to ours. Instead of arm bands, cards were given to handlers which could be pinned to clothing. Judges were from various countries. We were even judged by a Polish Prince. Judging is less formal than in the states. In Monaco, breed standards were posted on a large placard at each ring for spectators to see breed requirements.

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President's Message



Sharon Fremer

Happy New Year to all our members and their families!

May this year bring each of you the best of everything. I hope you reach your goals both inside and outside the dog world. That said, please be sure to let Tilly Grassa (tgcreative@aol.com) know about your

conformation, companion and performance accomplishments so she can include them in a Brags section in the monthly Growl.

Lorraine Fennemore did her usual stellar job organizing our annual holiday dinner. We were once again at a new venue; this time at Franco's Restaurant in West Caldwell. The buffet dinner offered a delicious selection

of salads and entrees and the service was excellent. Desserts were contributed by members and topped off a fun evening. Bravo and a big thank you to Lorraine!

The AKC recently sent a survey out to member clubs asking for their best practices. Chief among included topics was that of New Members; how to grab the dog loving public's interest, participation and —ultimately— their membership in a club. We touch on this subject periodically in meetings. It's time to make it a priority. I have some thoughts that I will share at

next week's meeting, but I welcome input from everyone. Please contact me whenever is convenient with your thoughts. My email is teneo@mac.com and my cell number is 201-665-2565.

We will have a general membership meeting on Wednesday, January 14th, at 8pm at the VFW Hall in Fairfield. A Board meeting will be held prior to that at 7:15pm. Our program will be about Essential Oils and their benefit to our pets for a multitude of ailments and conditions. The presenters are essential oils educators Kamala Murthy and Claudia Sherwood along with Dr. Gerald Buchoff of Holistic Pet Care in Little Falls.

Our February meeting program is in the planning stages. Due to potentially inclement weather (our last 2 February meetings were canceled because of this) we will not ask an outside group to speak to the club. Rather, we will turn to our members for involvement. We're not yet 100% sure what we will include, but when it is decided I will reach out directly to members to ask for their participation. If you have ideas for things we can do, please let me know. Your input is important.

The next few months will likely bring snow, ice and freezing temperatures. If there is any question about if a meeting will be held, please confirm it before heading out the door. We will get cancellations posted on the website as early as possible and will use the call tree to notify everyone. Feel free to call my cell phone (201-665-2565) or email me (teneo@mac.com) if you are unsure.

Sharon

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Minutes

**RKC Member Meeting
December 10th 2014
Franco's Restaurant
Caldwell, NJ 07006**

Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 9:01pm

Sharon asked members if there was any business that needed attention. There was nothing new and Janis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm seconded by Gerrie voted upon and approved.

*Respectfully submitted by Kim Luikert
December 21 2014*

January Program

Essential Oils

Our January meeting's program will be presented by essential oils educators Kamala Murthy, Claudia Sherwood along with Dr. Gerald Buchoff of Holistic Pet Care in Little Falls. They will discuss topics such as how essential oils can be used for natural flea and tick prevention, behavior modification, alleviating arthritis pain and calming fear and anxiety. Dr. Buchoff has 20 years' experience using therapeutic grade essential oils in his practice.

American Kennel Club Presents Legislator of the Year Award to NJ Assemblyman Russo

(Wednesday, December 24, 2014)

Trenton, NJ – The American Kennel Club (AKC) was honored to present New Jersey State Assemblyman David Russo with the "AKC Legislator of the Year" award. Assemblyman Russo has earned this distinction for his strong advocacy of responsible dog ownership and the rights of dog owners.

"I was greatly honored to receive this award and look forward to working with the AKC on other legislative initiatives in the future," Rep. Russo said.

The New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs (NJFDC) presented Assemblyman Russo with the award on December 18 at the State House in Trenton, New Jersey.

"He has supported many local initiatives while working with the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs to improve the lives of both pets and their owners," states Jeffrey Ball, President of NJFDC. "We are proud to honor him and grateful for his

leadership in the New Jersey legislature."

Assemblyman Russo remains a steadfast, selfless advocate for and supporter of The Seeing Eye dog program in New Jersey, which trains service dogs for blind or visually impaired individuals of all ages. This year, Rep. Russo supported legislation that exempts service guide dogs from license and registration requirements, allowing The Seeing Eye vaccination schedule to be observed consistently across all incoming program dogs, while avoiding unnecessary over-vaccination

"The American Kennel Club was honored to present Assemblyman Russo with the AKC Legislator of the Year Award," AKC Director of Government Relations Sheila Goffe said. "Assemblyman Russo deserves this award for his strong support of responsible dog ownership and his dedication to service dog programs. The work he's doing in the statehouse is very important to canine owners in New Jersey; we congratulate him on this honor."

AKC Delegate's Report

Delegates Committee Meetings December 12, 2014

Below are the two committee meetings I attended and a summary of items discussed:

All-Breed Clubs Committee

1. Best Practices report from the subcommittee- Membership
2. Online Resource library
3. Rules applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 2 – territories
4. Point schedule recommendations and options
5. NOHS
6. Reinstatement of a Dog disqualified for attacking
7. Use of ramp
8. Judging approval process
9. CGC update
10. Agility clubs becoming member clubs
11. Rules applying to Dog Shows – Limited registration

Dog Show Rules Committee

1. Chairman Housekeeping Items
 - a. Items sent to AKC since last meeting
2. Board of Director Liaison report
3. Chapter 2, Section 3 – Territory/Venue Update
4. Proposal for Group Judging Rule Change
5. Proposal for altered classes for Miscellaneous & FSS Competition and Editorial in Dog News
6. Question for board candidates at the March Meeting
 - a. Current board members: How did you vote on the mandated NOHS Series and why?
 - b. Potential board members: What are your thoughts on the mandated NOHS?
7. Inclusion of Veterans in the points awarded for Best of Breed
8. Two Shows in One Day – Move-ups to BOB

Delegate Causes and Coordinating Committee followed.

I then attended the Canine Health Fundraiser that night.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Delegates Meeting

December 12, 2014

Legislative Caucus – 101: Legislation course and updates on local, state and national legislation.

Introduction and questions for the March 2015 AKC Board Elections. There are three open positions and five candidates running. The candidates are Mr. Robert A. Amen, Delegate for the Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, Delegate for the German Shepard Dog Club of America, Dr. Thomas Davies, Delegate for the Springfield Kennel Club, Steven D. Gladstone, Delegate for the Waterloo Kennel Club, and Dr. Gregory J. Paveza, Delegate for the Elm City Kennel Club.

Jim Crowley read the names of the Delegates seated since the last meeting and introductions followed.

Dennis Sprung: It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of four Delegates. Dr. J.A. Humphrey, Delegate for the Ohio Valley Beagle Club since July 2007, died on September 19th. Carol Williamson died on October 5th. She was the Delegate for the Houston Kennel Club since October 1997, and, of course, chaired the Perspectives Editorial Committee. Robert Goodin, Delegate for the Heart of America Kennel Club since February of 2004, died on October 26th. Gwen Wexler, Delegate for the Heart of America Kennel Club since February 2004, died sometime last weekend. At this time we do not have an exact date.

The Chair called on James Crowley to read the names of Delegates seated.

The minutes of the September 8, 2014 Delegates meeting were approved.

The Icelandic Sheepdog Association of America was elected as a member of The American Kennel Club.

The Chairman gave his report.

The President gave his report.

The Chief Financial Officer gave his report as follows:

Good morning. It's been a very full morning today; and so, in the interest of time, my presentation is going to be relatively brief. I'll go right into the year-to-date results for October. We have operating revenue of \$48 million versus 49.6. I will go into the reasons for some of these changes. Operating expenses, however, have been held and actually reduced, so the comparison of those two figures is a modified decrease in net operating profit of a million dollars. That represents the first ten months of the year to date. What are the contributing factors to that? Royalties, sponsorship and advertising are substantially weaker. Operating revenue is down 1.6 in aggregate. This first area — royalties sponsorship and advising — are about a \$3 million drop all by themselves. So how do we get to just a 1.6 million? We've had stronger registration revenues than expected; we have continued slowing the registration drop; new revenues from brand new initiatives that started just last year; and payroll, which is our single largest expense, has been tightly controlled during 2014. Controllable expenses other than that — travel, consultants, that sort of thing — are all below 2013. The 20-year downward trend in dog registrations is showing signs of being arrested in just the past five years. There will probably be no drop in dog registrations from 2013 to 2014. That will be quite a change. So that's a very good sign. The balance sheet remains strong. We had about a \$110 million of unencumbered financial assets. That's outside of about \$70 million of pension assets, which are in fact restricted to the pension fund. Of those 110 million, we have about 39 million that are earmarked as reserves for long-term future obligations — unfunded pension liability, future medical claims, that sort of thing.

By-Laws Amendment:

The American Chesapeake Club proposed an amendment that would allow clubs to hold an Amateur All-Age stake without amendment,

provided they hold at least one minor stake as the rules are now; and with one point and caveat that they also held an Open stake within the past 12 months. The question on the adoption of the motion to amend did not pass and the original amendment was adopted as follows:

A club may not offer amateur stakes without offering an open stake, except the National Amateur Championship. Amateur All-Age Only Trial. However an Amateur All-Age stake, run without an Open All-Age Stake, may be selected by a field trial club provided that club has held two all-age trials consisting of both Open and Amateur All-Age stakes in the previous calendar year. This Amateur All-Age only stake is available to qualified clubs on an every other year basis and must be accompanied by two minor stakes.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 1, Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Mr. Crowley spoke as follows: This amendment, Chapter 11, Section 1, Dog Show Entries, Conditions Affecting Eligibility, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, would change the time-frame at which the limited registration must be removed for a dog to compete in a breed competition. Currently, the limited designation must be removed prior to the closing date. This amendment would make it the day of the show rather than the day of the closing date, when the dog would have to have a full registration to compete. The amendment was brought forward by the Dog Show Rules Committee. It will be published in two issues of the online AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the March 2015 meeting.

The Chair informed the Delegates that the annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel.

*Submitted by Jeffrey Ball
AKC Delegate*

JUDGING PANEL SUGGESTIONS FOR 2015 POINT SHOWS

We need your input! Judging panels can make or break a good entry at shows. Please help us put together a group of judges that will appeal to owner handlers as well as the pros. Share your thoughts about judges, pros and cons, for our 2015 point shows. All suggestions must be submitted on this form, via either hard copy or email. It is important that you provide the reason(s) you feel a judge would be good or bad for our shows. We particularly want to include several provisional judges on the panel. Judges coming from a long distance must be able to do one or more Groups.

Deadline is January 31, 2015

MEMBER NAME:

JUDGE'S NAME:

JUDGE'S FEE (if known):

BREEDS/GROUPS LICENSED TO JUDGE:

WHY THIS JUDGE IS GOOD/BAD:

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Jeffrey Ball
2014 RKC Show Chairman
11 Pershing Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07481
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The NJ Federation of Dog Clubs, Inc.
Pure Breed Resource, Rescue & Canine Service Directory
2015- 2016
Canine Services Application

This year the NJFDC Pure Breed Resource, Rescue & Canine Service Directory will include a Canine Services Section. This directory is supplied free of charge to all Veterinarians, Shelters, and Libraries in the State of New Jersey. This new section will advertise a variety of canine services to help assist canine owners. These services may include Veterinarians, Groomers, Pet Supplies, Boarding Facilities and Trainers.

Companies may purchase ads in increments of 4 1/2" x 2". Cost of each unit is \$50.00. The Directory page size is 5 1/2" x 8 1/2", Live area 4 1/2" x 7 1/2". Photos and art resolution: @ 300 dpi

Electronic submissions preferred. Ad proofs, camera ready art or copy must be submitted with payment.

COMPANY

ADDRESS

PHONE

E MAIL

CONTACT INDIVIDUAL

SIGNATURE

Please check off the one (1) area you would like to be listed in: If you would like it to appear in more than one, you must pay for additional listings.

Boarding Facilities

Groomers

Pet Supplies

Trainers

Veterinarians.

The New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs and its member clubs are not endorsing these companies or individuals, but provide this as a resource to assist canine owners. The companies or individuals listed have provided their information for this directory. Neither the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs nor its member clubs are responsible for the actions of anyone listed in this directory.

Any complaint received by the NJFDC against any company, group or individual will be referred to the NJFDC Board of Directors.

E-mail ads to: Jackie Faust jackiefaust@comcast.net DEADLINE December 15, 2014

Mail proofs, camera ready ad or copy and checks to: Jeffrey D. Ball, 11 Pershing Ave., Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Questions, contact Jackie Faust jackiefaust@comcast.net or Jeffrey D. Ball, 201-689-1323 or Jeffbetsyball@yahoo.com.

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JANUARY 31, 2015

ATTENTION RKC MEMBERS

Pure Breed Resource, Rescue & Canine Service Directory 2015-2016

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Each application must be approved by Ramapo Kennel Club and signed by an RKC officer.
- Applications must be typed or printed legibly, with all information included and the appropriate boxes for inclusion checked off. Please proofread each application as they will be published as received.
- Ensure that you read the Guidelines for Responsible Breeders and agree to abide by them.
- Breeder listings are restricted to those breeds either fully recognized by AKC or eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class. Those still in the FSS listing program are not eligible.
- The \$35 breeder listing fee, payable to Ramapo Kennel Club, along with completed application must be sent to:
Sharon Framer, 25 Van Blarcom Lane, Wyckoff, NJ 07481
- **All applications with appropriate fees must be received by Friday, January 31, 2015.** None will be accepted after the deadline.

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Each judge must evaluate every dog and has a secretary to record his/her comments. Some judges openly discuss various dogs with the steward as well. Teeth and the dog's bite seem very important in all breeds. Typically, you receive a card for each placement and a written evaluation. Ribbons and trophies vary greatly. There were no official photographers for individual photos. I was told there were no professional handlers in Monaco. I don't know if any came from elsewhere.

There are usually ten groups in the shows which are under the jurisdiction of the Federation Cynologique Internationale or (FCI) based in Belgium. I'll share more on that organization at another time. There are four group placements. In addition to Best in Show, they also select a Reserve Best in Show. Brace classes called "couples" are offered as well. In Italy, they must be a male and female but not in the other two shows. Since exhibitors come from various countries, flags of all participants are flown. For all the three times we showed at this circuit and were the only Americans doing so, our flag was flown at all shows only because we were there. It was like the Olympics. Our patriotic pride was intense.

In Monaco, Princess Antoinette was the president of the Monaco Kennel Club. The Princess was an extraordinary person... gracious, charming and beautiful. To top it off, she loved dogs. The princess called our hotel upon our arrival to ask if we needed

dog food. She was also concerned that we give only a certain water to our Min Pin. There were flowers and a welcome note from her as well. We became good friends and the princess sent us a Christmas card every year since 1977 until she died in 2011. We also corresponded throughout that time and family and dog photos were included.

Princess Antoinette was the only sibling of Prince Rainer and the entire royal family attended the best in show judging. They also presented the breed and other trophies. Since Princess Grace was born in the United States, it was a special honor for me to meet her. I also took her photo admiring the Best in Show dog on one occasion.

Monaco honored one or more breeds each year with a specialty. Postage stamps and first day covers of the breeds honored were issued and included in the catalogs. It started me on the hobby of collecting dog stamps. How nice it was to be able to take our dogs everywhere... into restaurants, on buses, shopping, etc. On our flight from Paris to Nice, France, passengers carried small dogs into the cabin in their arms and they sat on their laps during the flight. Needless to say, my dog was out of the carrier below the seat promptly.

I need to mention that it's been many years since Ed and I participated in these countries. Things may have changed over time. I am so grateful for those spectacular experiences and the incredible memories.

Show Handling Schedule - 2015

TUESDAY EVENINGS

6:45 - 7:30

DROP IN CLASSES ONLY

\$10.00 per dog

No classes July and August

Jan. 6, 27

Feb. 3, 17

Mar. 3, 17, 31

Apr. 14, 28

May 5, 19

June 2, 16

FMI: LINDA HACHTEL

973-697-4337

or rkc@ramapokennelclub.com

RKC Training Class Schedule - 2015

TUESDAY EVENING

Rally Novice
Rally Advanced/Excellent
7:30 - 8:15 Rally Novice
8:30 - 9:15 Rally Advanced/
Excellent

SESSION 2

Jan. 6, 20, 27
Feb. 3

SESSION 3

Feb. 17, 24
Mar. 3, 17, 24, 31
Apr. 14

SESSION 4

Apr. 21, 28
May 5, 19, 26
June 2, 16

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Puppy Kindergarten-Pet Training-AKC Star
Puppy Program
6:30 - 7:15
Beginner Obedience-Canine Good Citizen
Instruction
7:30 - 8:15
Advanced Beginner
8:30 - 9:15

SESSION 2

Jan. 7, 21, 28
Feb. 4
February 18 - Canine Good Citizen
Testing/snow day (there is a fee for the
test)

SESSION 3

Feb. 25
Mar. 4, 18, 25
Apr. 1, 15, 22

SESSION 4

Apr. 29
May 6, 20, 27
June 3, 17, 24
June 23 (Tuesday) Canine Good Citizen
Testing/ snow day (there is a fee for the
test)

FOR CLASS INFORMATION AND TIMES
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Class registration form available on the
website:
[http://ramapokennelclub.com/RKCClasses.
html](http://ramapokennelclub.com/RKCClasses.html)

Got Stuff?

Send your news, brags, suggestions,
comments and photos to Tilly Grassa,
tgcreative@aol.com. Remember the *Growl*
comes out about a week before each
monthly meeting. Check the calendar on
the last page for submission deadlines.
The *Growl* is by and for the members so I
need your help to make it interesting.



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Dates to remember:

All membership meetings are held at

**VFW Hall
45 Plymouth Street
Fairfield, NJ at 8:00 PM
(unless otherwise noted)**

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| Wednesday, January 14 | RKC Member Meeting, 8PM. Board meeting at 7:15.
Program about essential oils and its use in dogs. |
| Friday, January 30 | Deadline for Growl submissions |
| Wednesday, February 11 | RKC Member Meeting, 8PM. Board meeting at 7:15
Program TBA. |
| Friday, February 27 | Deadline for Growl submissions |
| Wednesday, March 11 | RKC Member Meeting, 8PM. Board meeting at 7:15
Program TBA. |



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