

GREATER TWIN CITIES AFGHAN HOUND CLUB presents

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2/19 – 7 PM, Sandy
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello to all,

We are planning something special for our members and their hounds who have earned new titles in 2011 and 2012. I am asking that if your Afghan Hound earned a new title in Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Lure Coursing, Tracking or anything else I have missed, to please send me your information. We will be celebrating those new titles at an upcoming Awards party that is still in the planning stages. More info to come on that. In the meantime I need from you:

Your dogs full name
Your dogs call name
The new title earned
The date it was earned
Your name
The owners & co-owners name

You can send that information to me by email, or scan the certificate and send that. Send to: lynnlabahn@yahoo.com

Thank you!

CONFORMATION:

Conformation classes are being held at Nate's (King's Ranch) in Ramsey, Minnesota, on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$11. Of that \$11, the GTCAC receives \$1 as reimbursement for the use of our mats we purchased in November,

\$5 goes to Nate for the use of his facility, and \$5 goes to the instructor. Pat Champaign is currently instructing. This is a very good training class. Come and join in.

2013 SPECIALTY:

Our specialty show is Friday, August 23, 2013 (pending AKC approval) and will be held at the Washington County Fairground by Lake Elmo, Minnesota in conjunction with the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club all breed dog shows. Susan

Weatherhead is the show chairperson. Our judge is Russell McFadden for regular classes, intersex, and junior showmanship. Leslie Stoffels is our sweepstakes judge.

Theme: Afghans the Fabric of Our Lives
Show Chairwoman: Susan Weatherhead
Hospitality Chairwoman: Anna Tyler
Trophy Chairwoman: Sue Medure
Show Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

A specialty lure coursing trial will be held on August 24, 2013.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS:

Lure Coursing & CAT: We have the dates set for 2013 for our lure coursing trials and coursing ability tests. All events are subject to AKC approval. Please go to our website at www.gtcahc.com for up-to-date information and possible changes in location.

Saturday, March 30, 2013 CAT
Location: Kings Ranch, Ramsey, MN
Judge: Pending

Saturday, May 4, 2013 All Breed Lure Coursing
Location: Kings Ranch, Ramsey, MN
Judge: Pending

Sunday, May 5, 2013 CAT
Location: Kings Ranch, Ramsey, MN
Judge: Pending

In conjunction with the Summer Solstice All Breed Shows (Anoka County Kennel Club and Cambridge Kennel Club)
Friday, June 21, 2013 All Breed Lure Coursing
Location: Princeton, MN
Saturday, June 22, 2013 All Breed Lure Coursing
Location: Princeton, MN
Judges: Dr Dan O'Neill and Vilme O'Neill

In conjunction with the 2013 GTCACHC Specialty
Saturday, August 24, 2013 Afghan hound only Lure Coursing
Location: Kings Ranch, Ramsey, Minnesota
Judge: pending

Saturday, October 19, 2013 All Breed Lure Coursing
Location: Kings Ranch
Judge: Bob Frost
Sunday, October 20, 2013 CAT
Location: Kings Ranch
Judge: Bob Frost

EDUCATION:

The grooming seminar on April 6 is full! We are all looking forward to learning how to make our Afghan Hounds look their best.

MEMBERSHIP:

Two new applications have been submitted and read at the January 26, 2013 meeting.

Pamela Ristau, 27072 Platte Lake Lane, Hillman, MN 56338.
Pam has an Afghan Hound named **Inisfree Sirae Duet's Leave To Chance**

Marie Sheppard, 463 Sheppard Circle, Madison Lake, MN 56063.
Marie has an Afghan Hound named **Xzotika's Tiger Lily**

These applicants will be voted on at the February 19, 2013 meeting.

RESCUE:

Rescue foster homes are needed. Contact Susan weatherhead.

LEGISLATION:

A recap of a recent email sent by the American Kennel Club:

[House File 84](#) and [Senate File 36](#) have been introduced in the Minnesota State Legislature. The bills seek to require licensing and inspection of commercial dog breeders as described in the legislation. HF 84 has been assigned to the House Civil Law Committee, while SF 36 has been assigned to the Senate Jobs, Agriculture, and Rural Development Committee. Neither bill has been scheduled for consideration. However, the American Kennel Club (AKC) encourages all concerned responsible dog breeders in Minnesota to contact the members of the Committees listed below and express their concerns.

The American Kennel Club strongly supports humane treatment of dogs, including an adequate and nutritious diet, clean water, clean living conditions, regular veterinary care, kind and responsive human companionship, and training in appropriate behavior. The AKC also supports reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who take their responsibilities seriously.

Several aspects of both bills are of concern to the AKC, including:

- Describing a “hobby breeder” as a person who possesses or has an ownership interest in animals and is engaged in the business of breeding animals for sale or for exchange in return for consideration, and who possesses fewer than ten adult intact animals or whose animals produce five or fewer total litters of puppies or kittens per year. Additionally, all hobby breeders are required to register with the Minnesota Board of Animal Health. **The AKC is concerned that the vague nature of the new definition—including the use of the phrase “ownership interest” and a focus on the possession of animals, along with someone who is “engaged” in the business of breeding animals—will include an unnecessarily large number of dog owners who would then be required to register with the State.**
- Defining a “commercial breeder” as a person, other than a hobby breeder, who possesses or has an ownership interest in animals and is engaged in the business of breeding animals for sale or for exchange in return for consideration, and who possesses ten or more adult intact animals and whose animals produce more than five total litters of puppies per year. In addition to other requirements, licensees will have to adhere to already-existing care and conditions standards, submit to at least annual inspections of their facilities, and submit annual reports to the Board. **The AKC believes these bills will prove costly and will not improve the health or quality of dogs bred in Minnesota.**
- Mandating the Minnesota Board of Animal Health to maintain on its website a directory of licensed commercial breeders and of those whose licenses have been suspended or revoked. **The AKC believes that requiring any responsible breeder to post their name, address and other personal information on a public registry opens them up to unwanted contact by anti-breeder groups. Such listings should instead be voluntary.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FUN MATCH:

The fun match will be on **Sunday, April 7, 2013, AT Nate's in Ramsey, MN.** Our judge will be Dr. Camille McArdle. We will offer the following classes:

3-6 month puppy; 6-9 month puppy; 9-12 month puppy; 12-18 month; Bred By; American Bred; and Open. Entries will be \$5.00 a class. Entries will open an hour before the Match begins. We will also do a Parade of Veterans, a Parade of Rescues, and Brace.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT SOON. PLAN ON COMING, EVEN IF JUST TO WATCH!

BRAGS:

Sandy Nelson's Ledy is now a Grand Champion having earned her 25 points with 6 major wins, including two Best of Breeds (with one Award of Merit and a Group 2), and two Best of Opposite Sex. Congratulations to GCH. Sirae` Fast N Furious, JC!!!

Her last points were obtained at the Minneapolis Kennel Club on November 10 & 11 with Select Bitch and a Best of Opposite Sex awards.

Granite City Kennel Club, Saint Cloud, Minnesota:

Saturday, December 8, 2012

Judge Mr Ken J. Murray awarded Best of Breed to Parker (Br .Gr.Ch. Jakar Majic Park Avenue JC) owned by Susan Weatherhead.

Sunday, December 9, 2012

Judge Mrs. Anne Katona awarded Best of Breed to Parker (Br.Gr.Ch. Jakar Majic Park Avenue JC) owned by Susan Weatherhead.

Land O'Lakes Kennel Club, Saint Paul, Minnesota:

Saturday, January 5, 2013

Judge Dr. John C Shelton awarded Best of Breed to Parker (Br.Gr.Ch. Jakar Majic Park Avenue JC) owned by Susan Weatherhead.

Winnegame Kennel Club, Oshkosh, Wisconsin:

Saturday, January 12, 2013

Judge Cindy Vogels awarded Best of Breed to Parker (Br.Gr.Ch. Jakar Majic Park Avenue JC) owned by Susan Weatherhead.

Oshkosh Kennel Club, Oshkosh, Wisconsin:

Sunday, January 13, 2013

Judge Shelley Hennessy awarded Best of Breed and Best of Winners to Willow (Inisfree Sirae Duet Lady of the Dance) from the 6-9 month Puppy Bitch Class over Specials. Willow is owned by Lorene French, Louise Paulson, Anna Tyler & Cynthia Byington.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

2013 SPECIALTY SHOW:	Susan Weatherhead
BREEDER REFERRAL:	Sandy Nelson
EDUCATION:	Lynn LaBahn
MEMBERSHIP:	Sandy Nelson
RESCUE:	Susan Weatherhead
PERFORMANCE EVENTS:	Open
LEGISLATIVE LIAISON:	Open

NEXT MEETING:

February 19, 2013 at 7 P.M. at Sandy Nelson's home.

BRING A SNACK OR BEVERAGE TO SHARE.

NOTICE

DUES ARE DUE BY MARCH 1



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GTCAHC Membership Renewal

DUE BY MARCH 1, 2013

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Membership Renewal: \$ _____

Trophy Donation: \$ _____

Rescue Donation: \$ _____

Education Donation: \$ _____

Lure Coursing Equipment \$ _____

TOTAL Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **GTCAHC**

Please mail checks to: **Sandy Nelson**
9420 Magnolia Way N.
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Membership Dues are: \$25.00 for Single
\$40.00 for a Couple

Note: *The dues of Members accepted during the months of **December, January and February** will apply to the **March 1** dues for the next fiscal year (**March 1** to the last day of **February**).*
*A Member will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if the Member's dues remain unpaid ninety days after **March 1**.*