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Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays!
Wishing all a Happy, Healthy and
Prosperous 2022!
From Joni and Marji

Our Cover



Our cover for this edition is for the ACKCSC 2022 National Specialty. After two years without a National, everyone I speak to is looking forward to going to Ohio for our specialty. Eileen Starks, the 2022 show chair, has submitted a very informative article to this newsletter that should catch us all up on what’s happening and how to find additional information. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Thank you to all individual Members and Member Clubs who have paid their dues for 2022. Fair warning from our bylaws to the approximately 25% of you who have not yet paid:

“Membership dues ..., payable on or before the first day of January of each year. ... A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues, ... remain unpaid 30 days after the first day of the fiscal year.”

If you need help getting your dues paid, feel free to contact me!

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Remembrance of Robert Schroll

As breed enthusiasts, we build on the efforts and contributions of those who have gone before. Now we have lost one of the pillars of the breed in the passing of Robert Schroll. John Gammon and Robert have played a major part in the history of Cavaliers in the USA. They were attracted to the breed in the early 1980's when they established their Ravenrush kennel with several imports from major kennels in the UK – Craigowl, Chandlers, Sanubray, Kindrum and others. The Ravenrush Cavaliers, shown in the CKCSC USA, included the first ruby to win a Club BIS in America and several champions and notable stud dogs.

Cavaliers were a popular breed worldwide but not recognized by the AKC, being shown in Miscellaneous classes. Eventually the AKC decided it was time to include Cavaliers in regular classes. The CKCSC USA declined the invitation to become the new parent club. So twelve experienced breeders and exhibitors, a number of them active in other breeds stepped forward to form the new parent club The American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club in 1993. The AKC formally recognized the breed in 1996. John became the first President and Robert a Board member.

Immediately following the recognition, Robert handled Ravenrush Gillespie to win the first All Breed Best in Show. A stream of Champions, specialty and all breed best in show winners followed. Robert was a consummate handler, presenting the dogs to perfection, the bond between him and his dogs very apparent to all who watched him show.

He served on the Board of the club for many years in addition to serving as President of the Clarksville Kennel Club to which he managed to attract a stream of famous and well respected judges every year. He was also the AKC Delegate for Clarksville.

In addition to his undoubted handling, grooming and organizational skills, Robert was a brilliant cook, able to whip up a gourmet meal while mixing cocktails and discussing the state of the breed. His cheery and effervescent personality made him such fun to be with.

While not a licensed judge, he had a wonderful eye to pick out quality and excellence in many breeds. It seems only fitting that he was asked to judge his own breed at the ACKCSC 25th Anniversary show at Hyanis in 2019 having been so involved in the formation of the Club. The respect in which he was held was reflected in the enormous BOB entry that he received – recognition of his place in Cavalier history and his contribution to the breed.

Submitted by *Jeanie Montford, BIS & BISS Cavalier King Charles Spaniels since 1972*
Patron & Life Member Cavalier Club NSW
ANKC AKC & FCI All Breed Judge



(Photo © Downey)



A Tribute to Robert Schroll

For months the 2019 ACKCSC National had loomed large in my mind; I thought about it often while working to prepare our most promising Cavaliers for the event. The judge was to be Mr. Robert Schroll of Ravenrush Cavaliers, a master breeder and founding member of the ACKCSC. He and his partner John Gammon had been a great influence on the development of Cavaliers in this country. His opinion mattered.

The night before the National I slept fretfully, nervous at the prospect of presenting our home bred Cavaliers to an iconic breeder.

The rest is a blur of excitement and gratification as Mr. Schroll chose Orchard Hill dogs for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite and two Awards of Merit, won by litter mates.

You have to respect a judge who finds consistency of type in his final winners. Mr. Schroll had found that consistency on his own, using his breeder's eye and his integrity as a judge. My daughter Rachel and I were struck by the talent of the man; after years away from the rings he had found litter mates and close relatives in an entry of well over three hundred Cavaliers. On that day Robert Schroll showed us all what judging can be if you have the eye to see a dog, along with the intestinal fortitude to listen to your breeder's mind as it speaks to you.

Thank-you, Mr. Schroll. Not for the recognition of our dogs on that day, but rather, thank-you for your talent as a breeder. You had the ability to see a dog and reward it regardless of who was on the end of the lead. And for that we must all respect your memory forever.

Submitted by Erica Venier—Orchard Hill Cavaliers, reg



2022 ACKCSC National Specialty



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April 11-15th - Wilmington, Ohio

2022 National Specialty

By Eileen Starks, 2022 Show Chair

Weeeee're back!!! Yes! The National Specialty is scheduled to take place April 11-15, 2022! Are you excited?

What a journey! We started planning for this event in early 2019, with the show scheduled to take place in April of 2020 in Wilmington, Ohio. That, of course, was before the Covid Pandemic turned everything topsy-turvy and the event had to be cancelled – as was the 2021 National Specialty in Virginia Beach.

We are back to the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, Ohio for our 2022 National Specialty. We can't wait! It's been too long since we've had the chance to get together and visit. The upcoming National Specialty has been challenging on a number of levels. In addition to the pandemic and resulting show cancellations, we've had to deal with changing hotel contacts; renegotiation of contracts; some changes in sponsors; prizes that had originally been embroidered with the 2020 logo and had to be replaced with other items; and prizes that were in storage but that were damaged by local flooding and had to be replaced. In addition, some of the judges that originally had been contracted for the 2020 show are unable to judge at the 2022 event. So, our new judges will be:

Barbara Pepper - National Specialty conformation
Susan Shidler - National Specialty Jr Showmanship
Mary Cunningham - Sweepstakes
Kim Baillie - Futurity & Maturity
Catherine M. Thompson - Rally & Obedience National Specialty
Laura English - Agility
Stephanie Abraham - Independent Specialty Conformation & Jr Showmanship
Kathleen Cook - Rally & Obedience Independent Specialty
GCG & Trick Dog - Evaluator: Gail Katz
We will also be offering Fast CAT!

As you can see, this is a very full week of events and it will have been in the planning for 3 years by the time we all get together. *There's something for everyone at this show!*

This venue “almost” has it all! The “almost” coming into play because the demand for rooms at the host hotel exceeds the rooms available. Fortunately, we have been able to contract with 3 very nice secondary hotels (all at approximately the same address) that are a very easy drive about 10 minutes away from the venue, and in the heart of Wilmington. We hope to also provide a few extra touches for our members staying at the secondary hotels. (If you are staying at a secondary hotel and would like to help, please let us know through the volunteer form on our National Specialty website). We estimate up to 30% of our attendees will be staying at the secondary hotels, so there will be plenty of friends there! You can find more information about the secondary hotels on our website.

The best way to get to the venue is by car - either driving or getting a rental car from the airport. As rental car prices are up due to the pandemic, you might want to plan ahead, and car-pool with friends if possible.

2022 National Specialty—Continued

By Eileen Starks, 2022 Show Chair

In addition to gorgeous rosettes and other fun prizes purchased by the Club, we are also fortunate to have some extra-special prizes for some items this year.*

- Erica Venier has generously agreed to donate \$500 cash prizes for Best Bred by Exhibitor Bitch and Best Bred by Exhibitor Dog in memory of Robert Schroll.
- Royal Canin has agreed to provide the following prizes:
 - Best of Breed – Royal Canin Tack Box
 - Best of Opposite – Royal Canin Duffle Bag
 - Best of Winners – Royal Canin Garment Bag
 - Winners Dog – Royal Canin Grooming Caddy
 - Winners Bitch – Royal Canin Grooming Caddy
 - Best Puppy – Royal Canin Sturdi Grooming Organizer
- We also have received wonderful donations from Sturdiproducts, Redhead Beds, Laser Lites & Primo Pads for use as prizes or for the Club's use for the event.

We always offer educational seminars, and this year is no exception. The Health Seminar will be presented by Lynette Cole, DVM, on her PSOM and BAER Research (part 2). The Breeders seminar will be focused on genetics, and will be presented either by Leslie Slusher, Ph.D. or Embark. You won't want to miss these lunchtime seminars!

As a reminder, the Catalog Advertising deadline is February 15, 2022. Contact Danna Robinson-Saathoff at dmrobinson@me.com - ad requirements are listed on the National Specialty Website at www.ackcsc.org/2022national.

We continue to offer much-loved Exhibitor Welcome Bags. Clubs and individuals that wish to contribute items or funds toward the welcome bags should contact Peggy Gelakoski at ariacavaliers@gmail.com or use the welcome bag donation form on our show website under the sponsorships tab.

Last, but certainly not least – we know that many of our members have had difficulty during the pandemic getting health testing for their dogs. The Health Clinic will be an important and valued part of this year's event. Volunteers are always appreciated. Suzanne Robison is the chair for the Health Committee.

Want to help at the National, but not sure how? Fill out our Volunteer form on our National Specialty website. All volunteers needed and appreciated!
We look forward to seeing you at the 2022 National Specialty!!

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**Cavalier King Charles Spaniels *AKC TopDogssm* Using Breed Totals
Starting January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021
For Events Processed Through Wednesday, December 8, 2021**

Rank	Name	Sex	Wins	Total
			BOB/V	Defeated
1	<u>GCHP CH Roi L Man In The Moon</u>	D	92	1,680
2	<u>GCHG CH Castle Peak Field Of Dreams CGC</u>	D	46	913
3	<u>GCHS CH Kbpride Perle Cuff Link</u>	D	67	846
4	<u>GCHS CH Ellemich The Huntsman</u>	D	33	800
5	<u>GCHG CH Sheeba Valegro</u>	D	56	679
6	<u>GCHS CH Shirmont Remembers Sigma Chi</u>	D	60	553
7	<u>GCHS CH Northpointe Spennithorne Thyme After Thyme</u>	D	27	502
8	<u>GCHG CH Piccadil's The Greatest Showman Come Alive</u>	D	37	471
9	<u>GCHB CH Fields Edge Riding Shotgun</u>	D	37	378
10	<u>GCHS CH Chocoletto Du Chateau Noblesse</u>	D	16	314
11	<u>GCHS CH Harrington The Bear Necessities</u>	D	19	309
12	<u>GCHG CH Castle Danger Walking On Sunshine</u>	D	29	270
13	<u>GCHB CH Truelegance Moonlight Mile</u>	D	15	252
14	<u>GCH CH Swishthrees Mommaluvs Tcm Stewdios</u>	D	15	248
15	<u>GCHB CH Wyndancer Trouble With The Curve</u>	D	14	196
16	<u>GCHB CH Matlyne Tickle Me Pink</u>	B	12	191
17	<u>GCH CH Ellemich Secreteriat</u>	D	9	190
18	<u>GCHB CH Mayfield Academy Award</u>	D	15	186
19	<u>GCHB CH Ivyline Mackintosh</u>	D	13	175
20	<u>GCH CH Chadwick Best Seller II</u>	D	10	171
21	<u>GCHB CH Kbpride Denton's Gentle Ian From Royalty</u>	D	17	168
22	<u>GCHS CH Fields Edge Sugar Magnolia</u>	B	9	165
23	<u>GCH CH Kell's Love Me Do</u>	D	9	164
24	<u>GCH CH Spice Rack Indica Fred</u>	D	9	155
25	<u>GCH CH Legacy Blind Justice</u>	D	6	133

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

**Cavalier King Charles Spaniels *AKC TopDogs* Using All-Breed Totals
Starting January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021
For Events Processed Through Wednesday, December 8, 2021**

Rank	Name	Sex	Wins				Group				Total Defeated
			BIS	I	II	III	IV	BOB/V			
1	<u>GCHP CH Roi L Man In The Moon</u>	D	1	12	10	8	9	92	6,672		
2	<u>GCHS CH Kbpride Perle Cuff Link</u>	D	0	4	3	6	12	67	3,317		
3	<u>GCHG CH Castle Peak Field Of Dreams CGC</u>	D	1	2	7	5	6	46	3,212		
4	<u>GCHG CH Sheeba Valegro</u>	D	0	8	3	6	4	56	2,497		
5	<u>GCHS CH Ellemich The Huntsman</u>	D	0	3	6	3	1	33	2,394		
6	<u>GCHS CH Shirmont Remembers Sigma Chi</u>	D	0	2	6	9	5	60	1,781		
7	<u>GCHS CH Northpointe Spennithorne Thyme After Thyme</u>	D	0	4	2	2	3	27	1,492		
8	<u>GCHG CH Piccadil's The Greatest Showman Come Alive</u>	D	0	1	5	8	4	37	1,476		
9	<u>GCHB CH Fields Edge Riding Shotgun</u>	D	0	1	7	2	5	37	1,435		
10	<u>GCHG CH Castle Danger Walking On Sunshine</u>	D	0	6	3	3	4	29	1,033		
11	<u>GCHS CH Harrington The Bear Necessities</u>	D	0	1	3	1	2	19	969		
12	<u>GCHS CH Chocoletto Du Chateau Noblesse</u>	D	0	2	1	0	2	16	790		
13	<u>GCHB CH Mayfield Academy Award</u>	D	0	1	1	4	1	15	686		
14	<u>GCH CH Ellemich Secreteriat</u>	D	0	1	2	0	2	9	619		
15	<u>GCH CH Swishthrees Mommaluvs Tcm Stewdios</u>	D	0	1	1	1	1	15	570		
16	<u>GCH CH Chadwick Best Seller II</u>	D	0	1	1	2	0	10	553		
17	<u>GCHB CH Kbpride Denton's Gentle Ian From Royalty</u>	D	0	1	2	0	1	17	545		
18	<u>GCHB CH Trueelegance Moonlight Mile</u>	D	0	0	1	1	2	15	541		
19	<u>GCHB CH Angel's Pride Katelynn</u>	B	0	0	2	0	4	18	521		
20	<u>GCHB CH Matlyne Tickle Me Pink</u>	B	0	0	3	1	0	12	480		
21	<u>GCH CH Carlen Myrddin Wylit at Tycwn</u>	D	0	1	2	1	1	11	439		
22	<u>GCHB CH Wyndancer Trouble With The Curve</u>	D	0	0	0	2	2	14	432		
23	<u>GCH CH Althof Beach Boy</u>	D	0	0	0	0	2	5	412		
24	<u>GCHB CH Ivyline Mackintosh</u>	D	0	0	1	2	3	13	403		
25	<u>GCH CH Legacy Blind Justice</u>	D	0	0	2	0	0	6	382		

***Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Top 25 National Owner Handlers
Starting September 22, 2021 thru September 21, 2022
For Events Processed through December 8, 2021***

Rank	Dog Name	Owner Name	Sex	OHS Points
No. 1	GCHG CH Piccadil's The Greatest Showman Come Alive	Janet York	Dog	425
No. 2	GCHB CH Legendcrest Finnicksyskye Dream Catcher CGC	Mrs. Sharon Onorato Utych/Mr. James Utych	Dog	305
No. 3	GCH CH Crownheir Irish Blessing	Mrs. Kelly Fadel/Mr. Christian Fadel/Miss Faith Fadel	Dog	245
No. 4	CH Masterpiece St Jon I Just Can'T Wait To Be King	Barbara Michael/Jennifer Wehking/Angela Thibodeaux/Carolyn Heckert	Dog	180
No. 5	GCH CH Swishthrees Mommaluvs Tcm Stewdios	Heather Donahue	Dog	145
No. 6	CH Covington Rhaegal	Heidi Mohn/Allyson Gonyo	Dog	85
No. 7	GCH CH Spice Rack Indica Fred	Randi Max/Kelly Collins	Dog	80
No. 8	GCHG CH Castle Danger Walking On Sunshine	Jay Livesey/Brent Strege	Dog	75
No. 9	CH Ha'Penny Queen Eleanor Last Shot Of Expressa	Kathleen Maris/Tim Rollins	Bitch	55
	GCH CH Mayfield Hercules At Hiflt	Robert Parris/Wendy Parris	Dog	55
	Tia's Huntington Mcmath	Melissa McMath Hatfield	Dog	55
No. 12	CH Meadowlake Giggles And Grins	Dorothy J Swanson/MARY Nicole Morrison	Dog	45
No. 13	CH St Jon Masterpiece Backgammon	Jennifer Wehking/Angela Thibodeaux D.V.M.	Dog	40
No. 14	Kalleasun Faith On A Jet Plane	Karen Van Cleave/Daniel Van Cleave	Bitch	35
	GCH CH Pinnacle's Huey In The News	Lori Bennett/Alaura E Brown/John Bennett	Dog	35
No. 16	GCHB CH Spice Rack Surfin Safari	Kelly Collins/Kimberly Albrecht	Bitch	30
	CH Torlundy Courtlore Penny Royal	Robyn Russak	Bitch	30
No. 18	CH Fields Edge Of My Seat @ Athercroft	Claire Parker/Shirley Fippin	Dog	25
	Little Poppet	Monique Tyler	Bitch	25
	GCH CH Millaray Just Keep Your Eyes On Me	Jackie Dallman/Benjamin Dallman	Dog	25
	GCH CH Ranlyn's Diamonds Are Forever	Lynnette Bragg	Dog	25
	MACH Seraphaven Cupid's Crush MXB MJB OF T2B	Pamela M Gogol	Bitch	25
	TAMYSE TINKERBELLE	Owner Not Found	Bitch	25
	Torlundy Courtlore Royal Repeat	Colleen Osman/David Osman	Dog	25



***Top Ten Cavalier Juniors up to and including
November 30, 2021***

- 1 Alaura Brown***
- 2 Madyson Smith***
- 3 Annaliese North***
- 4 Isabel Beaumont***
- 5 Katryna Smith***
- 6 Justine Vilmo***
- 7 Lily Neiser***
- 7 Sarah Anderson***
- 9 Brighton Brown***
- 9 Scarlett William***

Rejuvenate Bio and Mitral Valve Disease in the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Reprinted from the AKC Gazette, December 2021.

Mitral Valve Disease or more appropriately Myxomatous Mitral Valve disease is the most common acquired heart disease in small dog breeds, can also affect larger dogs and is the primary cause of a new murmur in an older pet. When speaking with Cavalier owners, breeders and veterinarians, one would think it is endemic to the breed and the product of the history of the Cavalier's heritage. Fortunately, careful breeding programs have improved longevity in the breed and have lessened or prolonged the presentation of the disease. Still, MVD represents a major health concern for the Cavalier, and a burden to the Cavalier owner in terms of veterinary expense and early demise of many cherished pets.

You can imagine the excitement when several years ago the Board and Officers of the ACKCSC and its Charitable Health Trust met with Cell-Biology and Genetics researchers from Harvard and Tufts University and were informed of a project called Rejuvenate Bio, which might arrest or possibly reverse the process of myxomatous change in the valve leaflets.

The team had identified genes that had the potential to treat heart failure. The team had also found a way to encapsulate the DNA for delivery to involved animals. The idea was to administer one injection of the therapy to dogs diagnosed with heart failure. This is adeno-associated virus (AAV) gene therapy. The therapy changes protein levels, stopping remodeling in the heart. The dog becomes healthier and happier and requires only one treatment and not daily medication.

The Board and Officers were overjoyed at the presentation and the early results shown in mice and then supported the experimental venture. This occurred at an ACKCSC Annual meeting and its National Specialty, and the Board elected to open this presentation to its membership. The acceptance and support by members and regional clubs was simply amazing in terms of emotion and financial commitment.

So, let's review the concepts:

The treatment is a gene therapy similar to others that have been approved for use in humans. It introduces an Adeno-viral-like particle.

It does not edit or change any genetic material in the animal.

It introduces a new piece of DNA into the dog's cells, which then produces a beneficial protein with the potential to treat this age-related disease.

This newly introduced piece of DNA is not passed on to the next generation and is not transmissible between dogs.

The use of AAV has been well established in dogs and humans, initially as pre-clinical models and through other work at their labs

Dogs have been shown to handle AAV with minimal immune responses in outside experiments which have been confirmed

If successful, a dog will require just one treatment, which is meant to last greater than 10 years.

Thus far the experiment has been very successful, moving from mice and beagles to the first 12 Cavalier volunteers. The chosen volunteers were all senior dogs with MVD with murmurs and in a pre-cardiac failure (CHF) condition. Dogs were followed over a year by auscultation and doppler exams and there have been no adverse events. We were allowed to see one of the Cavaliers, a senior girl who was in Stage 2B as were all the other subjects. Stage 2B is a precursor to CHF. The change was amazing. Whether Rejuvenate Bio can reverse MVD remains to be seen but it does appear to arrest the process and by so doing seems to improve the cardiac function and the quality of canine life.

The Pilot Program is expanding and is setting up a manufacturing and safety run trial, as well as securing approval to allow marketing through Veterinarians for dogs with MVD to validate their experimental results. The future is very exciting.

- <https://www.veterinary-practice.com/article/staging-and-management-of-canine-mitral-valve-disease>

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Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Breed Column - AKC Gazette - December, 1998

Close your eyes and conjure up a mental picture of what you consider to be the perfect Cavalier. Envision the dog's profile. Do you see a toy spaniel built like a sporting dog with a level, straight topline? Does it have enough muzzle to differentiate it from the English Toy Spaniel? Does it have a lushly plumed, ever-wagging tail? Hopefully, you are nodding in agreement.

What sort of coat do you envision on the dog? I see long, silky ears that are not bobbed or sprayed into silly bell-bottomed balloon shapes. I see a lovely bib of coat on the dog's forechest, and that beautiful tail. I see a very moderate amount of furnishings on the legs and underline, and proper toe feathering. I see a natural blanket of silky, flat-lying coat on the neck and upper body, and shorter silky hair on the front of the legs. In envisioning the ideal Cavalier - keeping in mind that the picture you see should be your goal in breeding - what kind of coat do you see?

This mental exercise was prompted by the number of recent puppy and stud service inquiries that expressed desire for coat, coat and more coat. This is dangerous ground for a breed such as ours. Like it or not, the Cavalier is historically, purposefully, and by its written standard, an untrimmed breed.

Some years ago, a well-known dog breeder who was also an artist drew a series of sketches depicting what one popular breed might look like in following decades if a then-current trend of "the hairier and more exaggerated, the better" continued. The last drawing showed a too-thick-backed, too-small dog, propped up in the middle of a ridiculously trimmed, haystacked coat. This caricature presented a sad commentary on the phrase "Be careful what you wish for."

At our breed's infancy in AKC competition, must the Cavalier experience a similar trend? If we, as breeders, ignore the standard, then we have no right to expect more from judges. What we present to them will influence their mental picture of the ideal Cavalier.

The next time we evaluate puppies or potential breeding stock, suppose we select for excellent hindquarters, eyes or temperament, rather than for amount of coat? The Brittany standard goes so far as to state that given a choice for more or less coat, it is better to err on the side of less. We might be wise to follow this example, at least for a while.

If we are going to be sticklers about natural presentation, we must then strive to produce dogs that lend themselves to such. Many a fluffball pup of 8 weeks has been shown to me with its owner proudly proclaiming, "Look at all this coat!" (My answer to such a remark usually is "We can only hope it will all shed out when he blows his puppy coat.")

As has been evidenced in other breeds that have weathered fads for excess coat, coat texture changes with increased abundance. Coats that should be silky are cottony or woolly when overly profuse. Such coats easily mat and collect dirt and stains, and are difficult to maintain on a pet Cavalier, let alone a show dog. Coat color differs as well when coat is overabundant: Blenheims are more orange, and the black coloring on tris and black and tans loses its luster and becomes rusty looking. The white hairs of over-coated dogs lose the ability to reflect light and are a flat white rather than the required pearly, silvery white.

I do not intend to disparage proper presentation of good coat. Show dogs must look the part; to do so, they must have sufficient coat that is impeccably and naturally prepared. To accomplish this, you must start with coat of the correct amount, of proper texture and growing in the right places. We do not have the option of growing hair all over the dog and then sculpting it into a Cavalier. The dog must be correct naturally; it must be bred that way.

When we groan about trimmed, sculpted, stripped and plucked dogs, let us also ponder our selection standards over the whelping box and when breeding our bitches. Breeding and choosing for more coat is no different than aiming for shorter noses or longer backs. It changes the appearance of our breed, and no good can come of it.

If necessary, go back and modify your mental image of the ideal Cavalier. Envision it with just enough coat reveal the lines of a beautifully made little spaniel standing before you. Perhaps judges will eventually modify their image of the ideal Cavalier in a similar way. Think about it.

- Copied from The AKC Gazette - 1998 An article by John D. Gammon, Then AKC Parent Club President

Regional Club Reports



CKCSC of San Diego
Submitted by Mary Sharp

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater San Diego met in person for our November meeting. It was celebrated with a pizza party and attended by several Cavaliers of members and visitors. The new slate of Board Members for 2022 & 2023 are as follows:

Kevin R. Sharp D.V.M./President, Michelle Mixon/Vice President, Shirley Wilson/Treasurer, Jackie Check/Director, Mary Sharp/Secretary

We look forward to our next in person meeting in January where we will discuss our upcoming 2022 Specialty. Planning of the upcoming year of events to include educational speakers, agility and obedience training and fun day!

Save the Date! We are super excited to host our 2022 Specialty in conjunction with the Silver Bay Kennel Club following Toy Dog Fanciers! This provides a chance for 6 Majors packed into one weekend! Conformation Judge: Ms. C Cornelia (Conny) Hansen, Althof Cavaliers. Sweepstakes Judge: Ms. Keiko Shimizu. To be held P.M. Saturday, February 26. We hope to see you there! Happy New Year to all

*The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club
of Greater San Diego Presents*

*Our 2022 Specialty in conjunction with Silver Bay Kennel Club
PM Saturday February 26, 2022
AKC Event #2022623401
Conformation Judge: Ms. C Cornelia (Conny) Hansen,
Althof Cavaliers
Sweepstakes Judge Ms. Keiko Shimizu*

*Our 2022 Specialty in conjunction with Silver Bay Kennel Club
PM Saturday February 26, 2022 following Toy Dog Fanciers a
total of 6 chances for earning a Major this weekend!*

Regional Club Reports—Continued



Twin Cities CKCSC
Submitted by Peggy Gelakoski

While it's the most wonderful time of the year, it's also the busiest for the Twin Cities Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club!

We hosted our fall all breed agility trial in early November and had a fantastic turn out. We have a few club members who run agility and they volunteer hours and hours of their time to make our trial a success.

We are wrapping up 2021 putting the finishing touches on our Regional Specialty "Where The Snow Sparkles Like A Million Stars" to be held January 8, 2022—FINALLY! Although January in Minnesota can be really cold, it'll be nice and warm inside the RiverCenter in St. Paul. We are excited to welcome breeder judges Ms. Heidi Mohn, Covington Cavaliers (Specialty and Juniors) and Mr. Dave Eckhardt, Cuyuna Cavaliers (Sweepstakes) judge after two years of canceled specialties. We hope you will join us!

Happy holidays everyone!



CKCSC of So. California
Submitted by - Sue Miller

As we approach the change of seasons into the Winter months ahead, I know everyone has been busy preparing their homes and making sure the dog areas are ready for the rain and snow which will be forthcoming. California has been experiencing a drought and we finally got some much needed rain...like a lot...all at once! The mountain tops here in So Cal are laced in snow which is a beautiful sight to see when the skies are so clear and the air crisp.

Our fun day was well attended and lots of fun was had by all who were able to make the drive to beautiful Santa Barbara. Thank you to club members Robyn and Karl for securing the park area and working hard to get all set up and ready for the attendees. Many other members donated time and energy into the food and activities that were enjoyed by all the members and their beautiful Cavaliers.

Our club just this past Sunday had our annual Holiday Luncheon which was held at the Smokehouse Restaurant in Burbank right next door to Warner studios where the many photos of Hollywood stars and celebrities line the walls of this famous eatery which makes for some very interesting viewing. The food was topnotch and many of our club members were in attendance and shared in the warmth of the day getting to meet with friends that we have not been able to see for well over a year in a gathering atmosphere. Awards for the members dog's achievements for this past year were handed out along with awards for members who excelled in the support of club activities and volunteering to help where needed.

Our club is continuing to work and focus on our upcoming specialty which will be held on March 4th 2022. We are fortunate to have Ms. Shirley (Charlie) Fippin judge our class dogs and bitches including Best of Breed and Dr. Jason Maret who will be doing puppy sweepstakes. Our show will be preceded by the Malibu KC which will have two shows on Wednesday and Thursday before. And we will be followed by the famous KC of Beverly Hills On The Red Carpet BIG event that will be filmed by NBC and televised at a later date. Be sure to go to our show superintendent Jack Bradshaw on line to view the slates of judges and to make entries. This will be an exciting 5 days of shows with an opportunity for majors., and the chance to maybe have your dog be a star on the Red Carpet.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday season and the best New Year as we all will welcome 2022!

Regional Club Reports—Continued



Bay Area Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club
Submitted by Susan Gonyo

On November 21, 2021, we finally had our first in-person meeting since November 2020! This was our annual meeting, our theme was “Fall Appreciation Day,” and it was held at the Emerald Glen Community Park in Dublin, CA. As you can tell by the photos, it was great to meet in person and socialize with our dogs. We also celebrated the presence of our members by giving everyone who attended one raffle ticket entry. Three baskets, which included Cavalier collectibles and theme related items were raffled off to our members for just coming to our meeting. There was also one special basket for which raffle tickets were sold.

At this annual meeting, the following slate was approved:

President: Kevin Ellingson
Vice President Victoria Marina Tompkins
Recording Secretary Jo Anne Mittelman
Corresponding Secretary Susan Gonyo
Treasurer Molly Hughes

Directors to serve two-year terms from November 2021 to November 2023:

Allyson Gonyo and Paula Colombo

Director to serve a one-year term:

Joanne Chan Director to serve the second year of two-year term: David Moody

We are looking forward to the opportunities the new year will present as we are able to get back to in person activities.



Regional Club Reports –Continued



CKCSC NENY
Submitted by Adrienne Sherman

It is almost time for the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of NENY to begin planning their 2022 Straw Hat Cavalier Specialty! Stay tuned for more details. In the meantime, members of the club have been working on a variety of other things.

After taking 2020 off, we are thrilled to be hosting our annual Christmas party at The Vista in Clifton Park, NY on January 15. Thanks to those who have been working to ensure this will be a success! A great menu is planned, along with our traditional Yankee Gift Swap that is always so much fun. To RSVP, email Pat Hicks at vjb1209@aol.com.

This event will also feature a silent auction, with proceeds benefitting the Cavalier Rescue Trust. If you have high-quality items to donate, or any questions about the event, please email Amy Cox at ac4dogs@nycap.rr.com.

You can stay up to date on all the NENY Club's happenings by visiting our website at nenycavaliers.com. Future plans include a possible grooming workshop for members, as well as the election of new officers for 2022. Congratulations to Carol Rose, Darlene Petralia, and Penny Freberg, co-owners of "Grayson" Karlee Gray Stone Fifty Shades at Saranade. He was Winner Dog, Best of Winners and Best of Breed over Specials for a 4-point major at the Springfield Kennel Club show on November 28. Brags to be included in future newsletters can be emailed to Adrienne Sherman at shermanam@yahoo.com.



Blue Ridge CKCSC
Submitted by Malinda Johnston

Our Sanctioned Match took place on October 10th at the home of Jim and Linda Shreffler.

It was a great way to bring out pandemic puppies and for members to get together and have fun. Since the pandemic has so many of us staying home, an outdoor show was just the thing to cheer us and our dogs up! The weather was absolutely perfect for the first time in several years. Our judge was B J Parsons DVM who is very familiar with the breed and does reproductive work for many of our breeders. The costume class was once again a hit, and the potluck food was as usual, a big success.

The Club is looking forward to 2022. We will be doing supported entries in Asheville and our Specialty will be in conjunction with the Greenville South Carolina. Our schedules are as follows:



May 26-30, 2022
Blue Ridge Classic Cluster in Fletcher, NC
5 All Breed Shows
Designated Specialty w/Sweeps on 5/26
and Supported entries 5/27-30.

July 28-31, 2022
Foothills Cluster in Greenville, SC
4 All Breed Shows
Concurrent Specialties on Saturday and Sunday
Sweeps on Saturday



Regional Club Reports –Continued



Cavaliers of Southern New England
Submitted by Anne O'Reilly

As a club, the Cavaliers of Southern New England have been busy this fall with a Sanctioned B Match, a two-day Specialty Show, and a fun-filled Holiday Party. Our monthly Zoom meetings have had lively discussions around a variety of topics.

On October 2, 2021 CSNE held a sanctioned match in Spencer, MA with many entries judged by Thelma Laliberte. From eager, energized puppies to veterans aged 13 we spent the morning doing some training with our beloved Cavaliers while Judge Thelma evaluated them according to the breed standard. Winners this year were: Best in Match, Best Adult, and Best Veteran was Trefoil's Brooksyde Serenade owned by Anne O'Reilly and Annita Broberg; Best Puppy was Piaffe Angels Envy owned by Jana Rychlik. In the fun classes the winners were: Longest Ears --- Brooksyde Sentimental Journey owned by Anne O'Reilly and Annita Broberg; Best Trick --- Ted E Bear owned by Maria Bertolino; Best Kisser and Waggiest Tail --- Compass Cape Cod Bonnie owned by Peggy Kenney; Longest Sit --- Isla Mae owned by Connie Lundberg-Watkins. The oldest veteran at 13 ½ was Vineyard Hiacoomes' Highland Lily at Brookside owned by Anne O'Reilly and Annita Broberg. We gathered for a potluck lunch after the match and some of us participated in the All-Toy match held after lunch.

Three weeks following our Match we held our Regional Specialty Shows which kept us busy and excited at having so many truly lovely Cavaliers in our midst here in New England. We have listed a complete accounting of the shows as to winners, judges, and winners of raffles, etc. on our website under "events" then "specialties" that I will only report the Best in Specialty Shows here. Best of Breed, under judge Cesar Cortes on Saturday, October 23, was Ch Chadwick Pursuit of Perfection owned by Anne Eckersley. On Sunday, October 24, our judge was David J. Kirkland. Judge Kirkland awarded Best of Breed to GCH CH Ellemich The Huntsman owned by Gwendolyn Wells & Lisa Schrank & Michelle Chapman & Tanya Ireland. Congratulations to all the winners and exhibitors that made our specialty shows such a success! Photos pertaining to the Specialties appear below.

We are now looking forward to our March 27, 2022 Health Clinic where we will have three veterinarians checking hearts, eyes, patellas, hips, and elbows as well as inserting microchips and doing blood draws. Please check our website for the health clinic flyer with the necessary information for registering in advance of the clinic. The clinic is held at Dr. Ann Huntington's Suffield Veterinary Hospital and has been entirely filled during the last few years. We like having healthy Cavaliers!

Our Holiday Party was held on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at the historic Publick House in Sturbridge, MA. We have such a wonderful time with the seasonal New England fare and the hilarity of the Yankee Swap. For the last few years dog beds and crate pads have been in great demand; once again there were quite a few and they made the rounds in the many swaps that took place.

Lastly, we wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Healthy and Safe 2022! Make a resolution to try doing some-



Regional Club Reports –Continued



Meadowlands CKCSC
Submitted by Kelli Marsh

Meadowlands CKCSC held their first ACT(Agility Course Test) event Sunday October 24th at Infinity Farm, a beautiful, spacious indoor riding arena in Shamong, NJ. The event was well attended with 69 runs of which 40 were qualifying. The club offered ACT1 and ACT2 standard courses with two runs each. The evaluator was our very own Sabine Gregory who also worked tirelessly promoting the event and processing the entries and paperwork. We are fortunate to have Sabine, an experienced agility event coordinator, in our club. Club members, Betty Lou Marter, Susan Drastal, Karen Kaufhold, Kelli Marshall and Courtney Carter, were a great team and made the event run smoothly. The owners of Infinity Farm, Diane Goodspeed and Rich Oswald, built all the courses for the event. All of this made for a fun filled, relaxed day for watching exhibitors with their young agility prospects come out and play. Thanks and kudos to all involved.

