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Upcoming Events

**Next meeting
September 2nd**

President's message

Can you believe it is almost September already?

Lots going on with the Cavaliers of Greater Atlanta in the next few months.

Get your calendars out and mark the dates.

Oct 5th is the Chattahoochee Pet Festival in Duluth. We need volunteers to help mind our booth. You can bring your cavaliers. This is a great chance to get them out and about. AKC has approved this to be a RDO (responsible dog ownership) day for us and also it will be a meet the breed day. So bring your cavaliers, a chair, crate or x-pen and help out, it will be a lot of fun. If you can do this let me or Sharon know.

Nov 2nd is our yearly Puppy picnic/Members match. If you have not already done so, let us know if you can come or not. We will have heart/eye/patella clinic. CGC testing, therapy dog testing and as always lots of fun things for you and your cavalier.

Dec 14 is our Holiday party. We will be going back to Maggiano's. And as always we will play the White Cavalier give game. It's time to be looking for a dog related or cavalier related gift to bring.

Jan 31st, 2015 is our Cavalier Specialty. It will be held on Saturday. Tanya Engel of Germany will be our regular class judge, Gwen Wells, will be our sweepstakes judge and Lu Dunham will judge Junior handling.

Jan 31st, Saturday evening at the Hilton, we will be holding our annual Banquet and Auction. This year we plan to have only a few Live Auction items at the banquet so we can have a Judges forum or sorts and we will be able to have more time to socialize.

More on our Specialty and Banquet to come later in the year.

And as always, I expect to see you at our Sept 2nd meeting back at the Holiday Inn.

Alice Alford, President CKCSC Atlanta

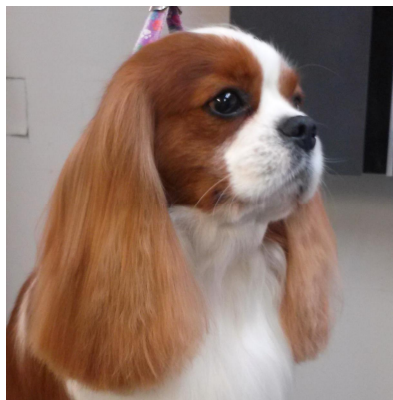
The CKCSCGA September meeting will be held Tuesday, September 2 at Northlake Holiday Inn. The board meeting will begin at 6:00 followed by social hour at 7:00 and member meeting/dinner at 7:30. The Northlake Holiday Inn is located at 2158 Ranchwood Drive, Atlanta, GA 30345. The phone number for the hotel is 770-934-6000. Please make every effort to attend. There is a great deal for the club to discuss and vote on. Every member's presence is encouraged.

Mark Fitchpatrick, Correspondence Secretary



Kinvarrs Pistols At Dawn went winners bitch and best of winners at the Atlanta show.

Missy Crane



CH Castle Eden Mambo added points to his Grand Champion Quest by going Select at the Atlanta show.

Denise Newlon

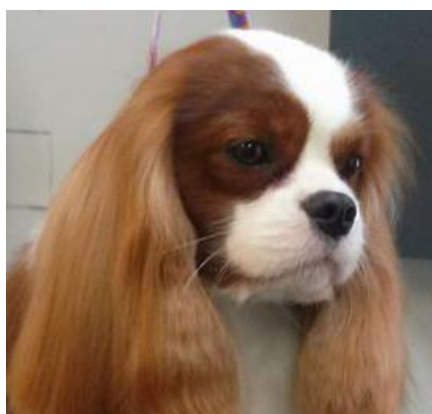
Pat and Michelle Lander are bragging on Jayba Easy Does It "Tiger" going WD, BOW, and BOB over specials for a major at the Atlanta shows on Friday.

Pat and Michelle Lander are also bragging on Jayba Summer Shandy "Shandy" for going WB and BOS over specials on Friday in Atlanta.



Kinvaar Top Gun and Rick Day, had a great weekend at the Atlanta show. 3 times Winners Dog and on Sunday he beat 6 Specials taking the Best of Breed, went to the Toy Group for the first time and showed beautifully. Hope to get there again in the future.

Denise Newlon



What does it mean to you – an opinion piece

Webster defines a club as “a group of people who meet to participate in an activity (such as a sport or hobby)”. I suppose you could say that for our club, the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta, our activity is the dog show fancy, which is a hobby for many of our members since the majority breed and show. There are some of us who breed and do not show or only show on a limited basis.

There are a few of us that are strictly “pet people”, we do not breed, we do not show. We just love the breed and our activity is to learn about them, be surrounded by them and assist the club with our time and talents to make it easier on other club members who are showing cavaliers and cannot commit to always set up a specialty, etc. That is where Jim and I fall into, the pet people category.

Clubs also facilitate socialization. We meet and have business meetings, seminars, puppy picnics and other events outside the show ring. My husband Jim and I have been club members since early 2009. We purchased our first cavalier, Finn, from Brookhaven in June 2008 and subsequently Skye in November 2008. Paula and Brenda gave us information on joining the club and especially attending the Holiday Party in 2008. Our first meeting was the 2008 Holiday Party. We had a wonderful time and met some great people. I still vividly remember our first Holiday party, attending our first Specialty Show, Banquet, and Auction. It was a wonderful show and we had a lovely time at the banquet and bidding on the auction items! There were many faces at this show and banquet that I remember and continue to see, however there are many more that I remember that I have never seen again, except every so often at the Specialty show. Why is that? Are they not members any longer? Yes and no. Several are still members and some have left the club.

I often wonder why. Why can't folks who are still active members come to a meeting? Perhaps not every meeting, but maybe just one or two a year. I know life gets in our way along with Atlanta traffic, but being in a club takes a certain level of commitment. What happened to your commitment to the club if you no longer participate? Some folks may think this club is being run like “an Old Club”. Let me tell you, if you have been to an Old Club meeting (which is only 1x a year vs. monthly), you can definitely say our meetings are NOTHING like an Old Club meeting. And, if you have never attended an Old Club meeting, how can you even think this? Just because our members may also have membership with the CKCSC USA does not make OUR club an Old Club. It is far from it. Why not join us for a fun afternoon at the puppy picnic or a lovely holiday luncheon? Or even help out at our Meet the Breed booth? I know I personally would be thrilled to see some of the faces I saw back in 2008 at a meeting or event.

Some folks keep their membership but may not attend due to health or family issues. Totally understand. However, do you no longer attend but keep your membership only to be on the club's breeder referral website? Do you no longer attend because you are dissatisfied with the club or an aspect of how you perceive the club is being run or managed? How can you be dissatisfied when you are staying away, not participating, contributing and not coming to meetings? Is that how a member of a club should participate through non-participation? I would hope not, because then it is no longer a club.

Why not become “re-involved” with the club. Be part of a catalyst for change if you feel aspects of the club need to be changed. Sitting on the sideline does nothing to improve your opinion of the club or the club itself. What do you have to lose? Brag on your cavaliers in the newsletter. Volunteer to chair our specialty show, or run for an office or committee. Do you think you cannot get “into” a committee? ASK. I know people prefer to be approached and be asked vs. asking but I am asking that you take the first step.

This club can be the great club that I see when I look back and re-read all the Cavalier Chronicles posted on the website. Give it a try AGAIN. Come to Puppy Picnic or the Holiday Luncheon. Visit our website to keep up with events. I know we would LOVE to see you again!– *Sharon & Jim Utych*

Meet the Breed Booth Volunteers Needed

We are holding our AKC sanctioned Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) activity on Sunday, October 5 at the

Chattapoochee Pet Fest in Duluth GA. Our club has a "Meet the Breed" tent at the event where we have

all sorts of fun! Club members bring their cavaliers for the attendees to meet and pet. In addition,

attendees get to speak with responsible cavalier breeders and owners who can educate them on our

precious breed and hopefully steer them away from puppy mill and backyard breeders. You will be surprised how many people who stop by are unaware of the concerns we have regarding the health of these cavaliers that are being bred purely for monetary gain and those breeders that seemingly have no concern of the overall health and conformation of the breed.

We also have educational packets that we give to the children that contain crayons, pencil, stickers, an AKC balloon, color sheets, educational game sheets, AKC brochures on being a responsible dog owner, RDO pledge, Rescue Trust information and our club information.

It is a great time to spend networking with people who are interested in the breed and our club members outside the ring and monthly meetings!

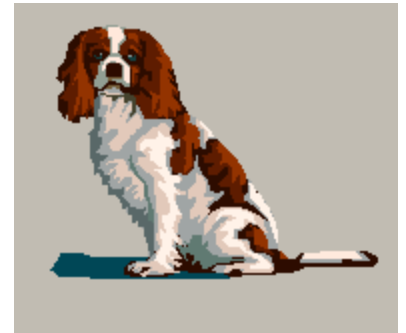
The club provides the tent, table, water and the handouts. We need you to volunteer you and your cavaliers for an hour or two at the Pet Fest. There is usually a member that brings an x-pen, but bring a chair and make sure you have your cavalier leashed!

The event is held at the Chattapoochee Dog Park, 4291 Rogers Bridge Rd, Duluth from 10am to 4pm. There will be lots of vendors, rescues, vet booths, silent auction, pet blessing and the naming of the Dog Mayor of Duluth!

Interested in coming, helping, and meeting potential cavalier owners? Come on down and volunteer!

Please let Alice Alford know if you can help!

We need YOU and YOUR cavaliers to represent OUR breed!



It's Almost Puppy Picnic Time!

Can you believe that in only two short months our annual puppy picnic will be here! WHERE did the year go?! Let us pray for great autumn weather; cool, crisp autumn air with lots of sunshine! As you remember, last year's picnic was canceled due to inclement weather, so we are keeping our fingers, toes and paws crossed that November 2 will be a bright sunshiny day with moderate temperatures!

If you have not received your Evite invitation in your email or any of the weekly email notifications from Evite, please send Sharon Utych an email at utych@earthlink.net and she will add you to the list to receive and respond to the Evite.

Why do we need you to respond to the Evite invitation? To put on a picnic of this size, we need to know how many people are coming so we have enough food to feed everyone! Moreover, we need to know for our doctors how many cavaliers they can expect at the health clinic. These are the most important responses we need from you if you are planning on attending.

Additionally, we will have Therapy Dogs Inc come and test, so if you are planning to have your cavalier tested to become a registered therapy dog, we need to know this. If no one wants this, then we do not want the tester to come all way out to the picnic for no reason (it is a drive for her). There are a series of questions to respond to once you RSVP "yes" for the picnic, and we really need you to respond to them. Several folks have not responded, so please take the time to go back into the Evite details online and respond! THANK YOU!

If you can help with the set up on Saturday, November 1, please contact Linda Whitmire directly. Many hands make light work in getting everything prepared for Sunday.

The picnic is open to members and non-members alike. If you know of any of your puppy people that would like to attend, send Sharon their email information so an invitation can be emailed to them.

Beginning this year, you can PREPAY for your health clinic! You can visit our website and pay online via PayPal (you do not need to have a PayPal account to do this); or you can print out the payment form and send in your check to our club treasurer, Sue Bess. Of course, you can still pay at the picnic (cash or check).

Visit our club website, www.ckcscatlanta.org for FULL DETAILS on the Puppy Picnic!

It has its own tab on the left hand side of the home page.

Have you checked out our website lately?

We have added lots of information for you to check out! Get a glass of iced sweet tea and sit down at

your computer, smart phone or tablet and take a trip through our website!

What we have added:

- Information page on our upcoming 2015 Specialty
- Information page on our 2014 Puppy Picnic along with a prepayment option page for the health clinics (you can now prepay online or by completing the form on the website and mailing it in with your check).
- Information page on our 2014 Holiday Party – stayed tuned for online payment options for this!
- Information page on the 2015 ACKCSC National in Asheville NC
- Updates to the Therapy Dog page, the Rescue page (shop Amazon.com and help the Rescue Trust) and our calendar of events
- A club logo page where you can purchase items from Zazzle.com with our club logo; there is even a toddler shirt with the logo and the back says “Future Junior Handler”! How cute is that?
- Our newsletter, The Cavalier Chronicle and all the back issues are there also! It’s fun to go back and re-read the newsletters if you haven’t!
- A permanent Trophy Fund page where you can donate ONLINE or via mail using a form that is provided online ANYTIME of the year! This fund provides our Specialty with quality trophies.

What we are working on:

- Online membership and breeder referral renewal! Can you say “WOOHOO”?!

So, take a moment when you are surfing the web and check out your club’s website!



MINUTES OF MEETING
CKCSCGA - REGULAR MEETING

August 5, 2014

Holiday Inn Northlake 2158 Ranchwood Dr NE, Atlanta,
GA 30345

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

- Welcome Guests
- Roll Call
- Approve Minutes of Last Meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Corresponding Secretary
- Report of Recording Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of the Committees
- Election of New Members
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

Braggs

MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order at 7:42pm by Alice Alford second Mark Fitchpatrick,

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Quorum Present? Yes

Regular: Mark Fitchpatrick, Alice Alford, Sue Bess, Ken Bess, Denise Newlon

Associated: George and Beverly Manley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

A motion was made by Sue Bess to approve the July minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mark Fitchpatrick. Motion was carried.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT: None

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY: None

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: None

REPORT OF TREASURER: Sue report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Puppy Picnic, Chat-a-poochee, see board minutes.

Bylaws – Sharon motion to change term to 2 years 2 consecutive years. We will establish a By-laws committee.

For our Show Gwynn Wells, Tanya from Germany hopefully will be our judges. Lu Dunham to do Juniors Saturday January 31st. Pot luck banquet, auction. Hilton will be host hotel. Show chair will be Ken Bess, Sue Bess will do hospitality for judges.

Christmas Banquet Mark looking for date.

Sharon will do paypal for Membership renewal and sign up for puppy picnic clinics.

Chatapochee qualifies as AKC responsible dog ownership day and meet the breed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:51 PM Mark Fitchpatrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ken Bess. The motion carried.

Submitted by Denise Newlon