

# Southeastern Working Group Association

Hi all,

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter! For the time being, we're still calling ourselves the Southeastern Working Group Association. Hopefully we'll have an "official" name and logo to go with it by the next issue, scheduled for October. 15.

This issue will be pretty basic-- general Club news such as our current list of officers, board and membership meeting minutes, the schedule of upcoming events (including our match flyer) and future meeting dates. I've also added a timely article (dogs and heat stress), submitted by Judy Smith.

I'm new at this newsletter-formatting stuff, so bear with me (fyi, I'm a "Mac" person). I'll get it all figured out eventually. The next newsletter should come out October 15. Please send me anything you'd like to see included by October. 5. Thanks!!!

Judi Randall

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## Officers

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*Recording Secretary:* Judy Smith

([smith\\_judith@bellsouth.net](mailto:smith_judith@bellsouth.net))

*Treasurer:* Bob Busby

([DIDIOK9@aol.com](mailto:DIDIOK9@aol.com))

*Board members:* Jerry Cole, Vicki East, Dr. Lou Guthrie, Andrea Jung, Lorraine Rainwater

## Upcoming Events

### Friday, July 24, 2009:

Match, 8 PM Greenville, SC, on the grounds of the Phoenix Hotel (see flyer for complete info)

### Saturday July 25, 2009:

Special Board Meeting (to discuss AKC application), Greenville, SC. Exact time/location TBA

### Saturday, August 8, 2009:

Board and Membership Meeting, Greensboro NC (exact times/location TBA)

### Saturday December 9, 2009:

Board & Annual Membership Meeting/Dinner, Winston-Salem, NC, following BIS (details, location TBA)

## Special Board Meeting Minutes June 6, 2009, Asheville, NC

Attendance sheet was passed around and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Barbara Finch called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. She called for a motion to approve the minutes that was distributed by email by the Recording Secretary. Motion made by Jerry Cole and seconded by Bob Busby. Minutes approved unanimously.

President's Report – Barbara reported on her findings after phone calls with Mike Liosis and Bobby Birdsong about the fun match. Since we were informed we could not hold the match at the Expo Center, the match has now been moved to the grounds of the Phoenix Hotel on a grass area towards Pleasantburg Road. Match is to start 8 p.m. Friday night, the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. Since Tammy Rabold has a litter coming, Karen Cole was asked to be the co-chair in order to get all we needed done within the time limitations. We'll have a Best Puppy and a Best Adult and Barbara Finch has volunteered to donate Trophies for these two awards. Since Barbara was off to the Delegates Meeting in Raleigh on Monday and Tuesday, she was going to see Bobby Birdsong and possibly Robin Stansell to confirm a couple of other questions we needed answered to insure our first match goes smoothly.

Recording Secretary Report – Judy explained some of the paperwork that has been recorded in the binder for the formation of the club and also as a history for our records for the Club in the future. She reminded people that we needed to be progressive in planning future activities in educating not only the judges, but new exhibitors and new Club members in the many areas of interest, e.g. drafting, carting, etc.

Corresponding Secretary – Cathy Rubens was on a judging assignment but Judy reported for her about distribution of flyers to the working clubs in area for our match by emailing the secretaries of these Clubs. Also Cathy volunteered to work on Standing Rules for our Club. Barbara has asked all board members to review the Standing Rules Cathy distributed by email and get back to the committee appointed by Barb, (committee is Bob Vandiver, Barbara Finch and Cathy Rubens) of any additions or changes we need to make and then ask for a motion for approval.

Report of the Treasurer – Bob Busby gave a report on our finances. Motion made by Jerry Cole and seconded by Bob Vandiver to accept this report. Motion unanimous.

### Report of Committee Heads

Karen Cole, Membership, reported on the updated report she distributed to everyone with breakouts of areas of interest for each member, states represented by our Club, breeds represented in our Club and a copy of the amended application. Barbara thanked Karen for this very complete membership list.

Tammy Rabold – Match Chair (who wasn't present due to her showing dogs), so Karen informed us of where they were in ordering ribbons including rosettes for the higher awards. Cathy Rubens will make up flyers and distribute and Judy Smith will ring steward for the match.

Unfinished Business – Motion to change Membership Application. This motion was made by Bob Busby and seconded by Cathy Rubens. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board and Officers then went into Executive Session at 9:47 a.m. Came out of Executive Session 9:54 a.m.

New Business

Future Meetings – We, by our Bylaws/Constitution, must have a quarterly meeting. So our next meeting will be in August 8<sup>th</sup> in Greenboro after BIS. Barbara also discussed the fact that we need at this time to set a date for Annual Meeting in December.

Application to AKC to be a Recognized Club – This paperwork will be turned in by Barbara Finch after the match in Greenville.

New Membership Applicants to SWGA – Barbara reminded us of the 1 year time constraints in sponsoring new members.

Standing Rules – A committee comprised of Bob Vandiver, Cathy Rubens and Barbara Finch will get back to us, after review of the ARC Standing Rules, with suggestions for us to possibly use.

Ballots by Mail – In some instances it may be necessary to accomplish some membership voting by mail. Barbara discussed these options.

Election – Given in August, we must according to Bylaws/Constitution, have a nominating committee in place. Linda Fowler volunteered to be the Chair and will ask two regular membership people to make up her committee.

All agenda items were discussed. Barbara said membership meeting to follow at Bob Busby's motorhome at noon this date. Motion to adjourn was made by Andrea Jung and seconded by Jerry Cole. At 10:24 a.m. meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Judith Ann Smith., Recording Secretary

## Membership Meeting Minutes June 6, 2009, Asheville, NC

Attendance sheet passed around and with 12 people attending, a quorum was present.

Barbara called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m. Minutes were sent to all members by Cathy Rubens and Barbara asked for a motion to approve the minutes as recorded. Bob Busby made the motion and Judy Randall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report – Barbara Finch gave an update on the match the Club is holding in conjunction with the Carolina Cluster in Greenville on Friday evening, 8 p.m. at the Phoenix Hotel off Pleasantburg Road. Barbara explained why the venue was changed from the Expo Center to the hotel site. It was decided that we would have day of match entries and entry fee is \$5. A table will be set up in the Expo Center Friday in order for us to be able to take entries. In addition Cathy Rubens will be making a flyer up and disseminating this info to the secretaries of working dog clubs in the area via email. In addition we'll have flyers placed on crates in the set-up areas in the Expo Center to inform exhibitors of this match. Tammy Rabold, Chair and co chair Karen Cole will insure ribbons, rosettes for the higher awards will be ordered. Since we are off the AKC Event show area, we will now have a 3-6 mos class, 6-9 mos, and 9-12 and the award of Best Puppy. We'll have an adult class and have a Best Adult. No handlers unless they handle their own dogs, no champions or dogs with major points toward their championship.

Membership Application – Discussion took place on the update of the area of interests each applicant participates in.

This motion had passed with Board approval thru an email sent out by Bob Busby and seconded by Cathy Rubens. No new membership will be considered until April 4, 2010 due to the Piedmont Meeting this year was when our Bylaws/Constitution were approved

Future Meetings – Barbara reminded the membership that quarterly meetings are mandated by our Bylaws/Constitution. So our next meeting will be August 8<sup>th</sup> at Greensboro N.C. after the Carolina K.C. BIS. For our December meeting, after the Forsyth K.C. B.I.S., Barbara thought a pot luck or perhaps going to a restaurant might be fun for the members. Billy East reminded us that a lot of the restaurants which use to be located in that area are now closed. So Vicki East said perhaps we could use the building located on this show site for a pot luck. She is going to check into this and get back to Barbara.

Standing Rules – Barbara advised the membership that a committee was formed with Bob Vandiver, Cathy Rubens and Barbara Finch to look over the Standing Rules of ARC and to utilize only those that this Club might benefit from. Since the ARC Standing Rules consists of 23 pages of document, Barbara wanted a much less populated rules.

Nominating Committee – Since August is the third quarter meeting for our Club, it also at that meeting that the nominating committee was put forth the slate for 2010. Barbara advised the membership that Linda Fowler was the Chair and she would be assigning two of our membership to serve on this committee.

Biographies for Officers and Board Directors – In Barbara's discussion with AKC, the officers and Board Directors will provide a biography of themselves using specific bullet points. Cathy Rubens will develop the bullet points so that we all follow a certain pattern in responding to the request. They did not want lengthy bio's but highlights of the strengths of the officers and directors.

AKC Application to be a Recognized Club – Barbara asked Judy Smith, Recording Secretary to give some detail of the records which will be turned into AKC with the application. Judy went over the binder containing the Clubs development, meetings, Constitution/bylaws, activities and future educational activities the Club plans on being able to provide to judges as well as exhibitors and the public. Copies of all of this will be sent with the application.

SWGA Newsletter – Judy Randall will be the editor. She will produce a newsletter for each quarter for the Club and will send to Cathy Rubens for distribution. She will keep to news about Club activities.

A motion was then made by Bob Vandiver to adjourn the meeting at 12:56 p.m. The motion was seconded by Pat Randall. Meeting stood adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Judith Ann Smith  
Recording Secretary

## Avoiding Heat Related Injuries in Dogs

### Nate Baxter DVM

The first thing that needs to be understood is that dogs and people are different enough that most of the info cannot cross lines. I do not profess to know what the appropriate procedures for people other than what I learned in first aid.

Dogs do not lose enough electrolytes thru exercise to make a difference, but if the dog gets truly into heat stroke the physiology changes will make them necessary. BUT oral replacement at that point is futile, they need IV and lots of it.

**Cooling:** Evaporative cooling is the most efficient mean of cooling. However, in a muggy environment, the moisture will not evaporate so cooling does not happen well. I cool with the coldest water I can find and will use ice depending on the situation. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can run water over the dog and place it in front of a fan that is the best. Misting the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan. Just getting the dog wet is not the point, you want the water to be cool itself, or to evaporate.

For MOST situations all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, ie shade, or in the cab of the truck with the air conditioning on (driving around so the truck does not overheat and the AC is more efficient). Up to a couple of years ago, I was very concerned about my dogs getting too hot in the back of my black pickup with a black cap. New white truck fixed a lot of that problem. When I had one dog I just pulled the wire crate out of the car and put it in some shade and hopefully a breeze. But having 2 dogs and running from one stake to another, that was not feasible. So I built a

platform to put the wire crates on, this raises the dog up in the truck box where the air flow is better. Then I placed a 3 speed box fan in front blowing on the dogs with a foot of space to allow better airflow. I purchased a power inverter that connects to the battery and allows the 3 speed fan to run from the truck power. It has an automatic feature that prevents it from draining the battery. When I turned that fan on medium I would find that the dogs were asleep, breathing slowly and appeared very relaxed and comfortable in a matter of 20 minutes or less, even on very hot muggy days.

**Alcohol:** I do carry it for emergencies. It is very effective at cooling due to the rapid evaporation. It should be used when other methods are not working. You should be on your way to the veterinarian before you get to this point. We recommend using rubbing alcohol, which is isopropyl alcohol, not ethyl, for those of you not aware. So do not try to drink it. Alcohol should be used on the pads and lower feet area where there is little more than skin and blood vessels over the bones. Use a little bit and let it evaporate, you can use too much as some is absorbed through the skin. There are concerns about toxicity, but you have to get the temperature down. [UPDATE NOTE-alcohol has fallen out of favor with ER specialists, use it only as a last ditch effort if nothing else works.]

I purchased those cooling pads, but found that the dogs would not lay on them. I would hold them on the back of a dog that just worked to get a quick cool, but have not use them for years. I also bought a pair of battery operated fans but found them pretty useless. Spend your money on the power inverter and get a real fan.

**Watching temperature:** If you feel your dog is in danger of heat injury, check its temp and write it

down. Keep checking the temp every 3 minutes. I recommend to get a "rectal glass thermometer. The digital ones for the drug store I have found to be very unreliable, Don't forget to shake it down completely each time, sounds silly, but when are worried about your companion, things tend to get mixed up. This is **\*\*VERY IMPORTANT\*\*** once the temp STARTS to drop, STOP ALL COOLING EFFORTS. The cooling process will continue even though you have stopped. If the temp starts at 106.5, and then next time it drops to 105.5, stop cooling the dog, dry it off, and continue monitoring. You will be amazed how it continues to go down. If you do not stop until the temp is 102, the temp will drop way too low. I cannot emphasis this point enough.

When the dog is so heated that it is panting severely, only let it have a few laps of water. Water in the stomach does not cool the dog, you just need to keep the mouth wet so the panting is more effective. Do not worry about hydration until the temp has started down. A dog panting heavily taking in large amounts of water is a risk of bloat. Due to the heavy panting they will swallow air, mixed with a large amount of water they can bloat. Once the temp is going down and panting has slowed to more normal panting then allow water. The dog will rehydrate it self after temp is normal. If the dog has a serious problem and even though you have gotten the temp normal, get the dog to a vet, as it can still need IV fluids and some medication. Also, a case of heat stroke can induce a case of hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (not parvo), with a ton of very bloody diarrhea and a lot of fluid

and electrolyte loss. These cases need aggressive treatment.

The best method of treatment is prevention. Learn to watch your dog, and see the changes in the size of the tongue, and how quickly it goes down. Learn your dogs response to the different environments, and be careful when you head south for an early season hunt test or trial. I have been to Nashville at the end of May, only 5 hours away, but the difference in temp and humidity did effect the dogs as they were used to more spring weather in Ohio. Try different things in training to help the dog cool and learn what works better. Another very important point: Do not swim your hot dog to cool it then put in put in a box/tight crate. Remember, evaporation can not take place in a tight space, and the box will turn into a sauna and you will cook your dog. Carry a stake out chain, and let the dog cool and dry before putting it up.

I know this is a bit long, but hopefully this is easy to understand and helps provide some useful information. Remember: Prevention, learn your dog. It is worth the time and effort.

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## Fun Match

### Members ONLY

**“Fun” MATCH – Working Group Members Dogs ONLY**

- WHEN:** Friday evening 8:00 PM, July 24, 2009
- Match is in conjunction with the Carolina Cluster in Greenville, SC
- WHERE:** Phoenix Hotel off Pleasantburg Road  
Greenville, SC
- JUDGE:** Barbara Finch and Bob Busby
- CLASSES:** 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, Open (Best Puppy and Best Adult)  
Champions of record may not be exhibited.  
Handlers can only show their own dogs.
- ENTRIES:** All entries must be submitted using an official AKC entry form
- Entries day of show \$5.00  
Entries can be made on Friday.  
Cash or checks only.  
Checks made payable to SWGA
- CONTACT:** Tammy Rabold, Chair or co chair Karen Cole
- 1304 W. Sandy Ridge Rd. 16133 Lee Highway  
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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

AGREEMENT

I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim, and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog.

IMPORTANT-Read Carefully Instructions on Reverse Side Before Filling Out. Numbers in the boxes indicate sections of the instructions relevant to the information needed in that box (PLEASE PRINT)

BREED	VARIETY 1	SEX
DOG, SHOW CLASS 2, 3	CLASS 3 DIVISION Weight, color, etc.	
ADDITIONAL CLASSES	OBEEDIENCE CLASS (Jump Height)	FALTY CLASS (Jump Height)
NAME OF (See Back) JUNIOR HANDLER (if any)		JR. SHOWMANSHIP CLASS
FULL NAME OF DOG	Enter number here	JR. HANDLER NUMBER
<input type="checkbox"/> AKC® REG. NO. <input type="checkbox"/> AKC LITTER NO. <input type="checkbox"/> LIP OR PAL NO. <input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN REG. NO & COUNTRY	DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH (last country) <small>Do not print the above in the catalog.</small>	
BREEDER	SIRE	DAM

ACTUAL OWNER(S) \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

OWNERS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF OWNER'S AGENT \_\_\_\_\_ (IF ANY) AT THE SHOW \_\_\_\_\_

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

SIGNATURE of owner of this agent \_\_\_\_\_

duly authorized to make this entry \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a new exhibitor? Yes  No

E-MAIL Address (An acknowledgment or receipt of entry may be sent to this e-mail address): \_\_\_\_\_

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Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons. I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN ITS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND TIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Variety: if you are entering a dog of breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering, i.e., Cocker Spaniel (solid color black, ASCOB, parti-color), Beagles (not exceeding 13 in., over 13 in. but not exceeding 15 in.), Dachshunds (longhaired, smooth, wirehaired), Collies (rough, smooth), Bull Terriers (colored, white), Manchester Terriers (standard, toy), Chihuahuas (smooth coat, long coat), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles and Ruby, Blenheim and Prince Charles), Poodles (toy, miniature, standard).
- The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in Best of Breed competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs which, according to their owners' records, have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed. The showing of unconfirmed Champions in Best of Breed competition is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the dog completed the requirements for a championship.
- (Event Class) Consult the classification in this premium list. If the event class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog, i.e. age division, color division, weight division.
- A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for an event closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any event for which entries closed after the date of acquisition, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to the AKC. (For complete rules, refer to Chapter 11, Section 3.)

If this entry is for Junior Showmanship, please give the following information:

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ JR.'S DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

AKC JUNIOR HANDLER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

The above number MUST be included. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, this may be obtained from the American Kennel Club. Phone: (919) 816-3776.

By signing the entry form I (we) certify that the Junior Showman does not now, and will not at any time, act as an agent/handler for pay while continuing to compete in Junior Showmanship.

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

If Junior Handler is not the owner of the dog identified on the face of this form, what is the relationship of the Junior Handler to the Owner? \_\_\_\_\_

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