



Greenville Kennel Club

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM

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Greenville Kennel Club News

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A Message from our President



Ashliegh Boudreaux



GKC Memebers,

I hope this holiday season is finding each and every one you, and your families, well. It is a time joy, laughter and celebration as well as spending time with those near and dear.

Our Christmas party looked to have been as spectacular as ever with the Sharon creating a beautiful set up and really making everything sparkle and shine! Even with the last minute date change, it seems that we had a fabulous turnout. I am so very sorry that I had to miss this year's festivities with the sudden and unexpected passing of my Grandfather. While I may not have been celebrating the season, we did celebrate a wonderful life while I was back in Louisiana.

As we move forward towards a new year and enjoy this wonderful holiday season, remember to cherish these moments with friends, family and loved ones and spread the joyfulness of the season with those around you.

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful Howl-iday season,

Ashliegh





Sunshine Report - Lisa Jumper

Hope everyone had an amazing time at our Christmas party.

A Big Thank You to everyone that made it possible!



Please keep our President *Ashliegh Boudreaux*, along with members *Ken Walker*, and *Kari Hill* in your thoughts and prayers this holiday season.

Ashliegh's grandfather, Ken's brother, and Kari's mother recently passed. Many of you knew *Charla Hill* who was a long-time active member of GKC.

Wishing the following a very Happy Birthday:

Tamara McElyea Dec.4, *James Owens* Dec.15, *Danial Dunham* Dec.16, *James Holliday* Dec.19, *Heather Hetager* Dec.25 and *Jeff Boguslofski* Dec. 30.



Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting..

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year !!



Lisa

Sunshine Committee Chair
864-593-8649

GKC Christmas Party



Election for 2024 GKC Board

Membership Meeting January 16, 2024

(You must be present at the meeting to vote)



****President:** *Debbie Kaplan
Ashliegh Boudreaux*

Vice President: *Dawn Hitchcock*

Recording Secretary: *Jan Clifford*

****Corresponding Secretary:** *Sharon Smith
Sue Dwelly*

Treasurer: *Debbie Ennis*

****AKC Delegate:** *Gloria Askins
Ken Walker*

Board Member: *Nancy Wargus thru 2026*

Board Member *Todd MaGahey thru 2024*

Board Member *Kris Harner thru 2025*

**** Candidate Profiles**

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Nominee for President

Debbie Kaplan



It would be a great honor to have the opportunity to serve as your Greenville Kennel Club president.

We have had great leadership in our club and if selected I will work diligently to continue this path of success. GKC is a prestigious kennel club due to the positive, forward thinking members, I will do all I can to nourish that environment resulting in GKC being the Best.

I became a GKC member in 2015 and served as a board member for 3 years.

To tell you a little about me.... As far back as I can remember I have loved and shared my life with dogs.

As a 6 year old, I very much remember my mother taking my brother and me to the GKC dog show every year, we didn't have show dogs back then but she always wanted a Collie, so we never missed the shows. Finally on my 18th birthday I got my first Sheltie puppy, I immediately started taking her to matches and got her CD title and that was the start to my dog show addiction. Later on Sheltie friends started asking me to show their dogs so eventually I started handling professionally and finished many Shelties, Collies, Siberians (my mother switched to Siberians instead of Collies). I campaigned a Papillion for a few years and always has had a Sheltie special.

These days I enjoy just showing my own dogs which also allows me the time for a couple of litters a year. I am active in our breed and currently serve as Vice President and Treasurer and Show Chair of the Greater Charlotte Shetland Sheepdog Club and also was a founding and again current member of the Spartanburg Shetland Sheepdog Club. Yes, I am a "Dog Person", it was meant to be!

Outside my dog life I enjoy assisting people with their vacation plans. I purchased a CruiseOne & Dream Vacations franchise in 1994. I now have a team of 12 agents working with me and we stay in the top 10% of company sales each year. Who is ready to cruise? It's a fun and exciting business, I have put lots of groups together with TV celebrities, the biggest was Paula Deen and 3000 of her fans. That was a lot of work and quite interesting! I also love to garden and completed the Master Gardener course barely, it was tough. I was a member of the Clarice Wilson Garden Club, one of the oldest and largest garden clubs in Greenville. I was honored to serve as their President for 2 terms. About 2 years ago my husband and I moved back to my hometown, Woodruff, and bought a farm. We have been busy rebuilding the 60 year old ranch house and the cottage on the property. I am hoping by the end of the year it will all be complete so I can start on my chicken house and veggie gardens. The plan was to downsize and slow down but I just don't think it is in our DNA.

Again, thank you and I would be grateful for the opportunity to serve as your President.

Barkacorially,
Debbi Kaplan

Nominee for President**Ashliegh Boudreaux**

I moved to Greenville in 2017 from just outside of New Orleans. I found the idea of joining my local kennel club as something new and exciting, as well as seeing it as way to meeting new, like-minded people. Even before I became a member I signed on to help out with any event, no matter the role, and have have now served on and chaired several committees. I came on to the board as Corresponding Secretary in 2021. I was asked in 2022 to move into the Vice President position where I served until this past September where I stepped into the position of President.

Currently I am a member of the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Seaboard English Cocker Spaniel Club, and Lone Star English Cocker Spaniel Club, all of which I am considered and active member, volunteering and helping out wherever needed

I may not have been born into the dog show world, but I was brought up hunting and running Beagles and Blue Ticks with my dad and uncles. Even at a young age I knew that animals would be a very important part of my life. Hurricane Katrina put an end to my vet school goals but laid the foundation for me to move forward as a veterinary technician. From Lead Emergency Supervisory positions to upper hospital management, I have seen and dedicated so much to small animal medicine and strive to bring further education to all pet owners.

I was introduced to my first English Cocker in 2008 by a former employer, who then quickly became my mentor. It wasn't long before I was hooked and was attending multiple shows a month, learning and assisting every chance I got. I purchased my first show dog in 2010 and learned so much along the way. My first litter was born in 2017 under the Aurum kennel name. Since that time I have finished 7 dogs, won multiple regular and owner handled group placements, multiple Best in Sweeps, multiple Best Bred By Exhibitor/Best puppy placements.

My time as a member of GKC has brought me to meet so many new people and gain new friends along the way. I hope to be able to continue to serve the club and continue growing our community for the better into the new year.

Nominees for Corresponding Secretary**Sharon Smith**

I spent 35 years in education as a first-grade teacher and school administrator. During those years, my husband and I also ran a weekend program for special needs children. After retiring from education, I turned my focus to my dogs. I am part of the AKC Patriotic Puppy Program and started Timberland Farm Labradors.

I also have a business called On Top of the Table. I have organized events and created wedding flowers for over 30 years. I enjoy volunteering my time each year to create all the flower arrangements for our dog show, Christmas party and Spring Fling. I have served as the Hospitality Chair for 6 years, Trophy Chair for 3 years and Corresponding Secretary for one year.

Sue Dwelly

One could say I was born into the sport of dogs. My parents bred and raised Gordon Setters before I was born. Once I was old enough, I began showing in Junior Showmanship and conformation. In the early 1980's I decided I wanted a breed of my own to show and breed. With the support of my parents, I choose the English Cocker Spaniel, and started my breeding program.

My Dad was a former AKC Judge, AKC Delegate and SKC Show Chair. When he was tragically killed in an Automobile accident in 2005, I took his place as the SKC judges selection member. (2005 – 2012). When SKC and HKC pulled out of the Cluster with GKC, I decided to join GKC as I was totally blindsided that they had this split in the works.

I have been a member of Spartanburg KC since 1986, and served on the board (still have my membership, but not an active member). I joined the Greenville KC in 2012, when the Cluster split. I am a Lifetime Member of the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, and a former Board member and will be rejoining the Board in 2024. I am a founding member of The Seaboard English Cocker Spaniel Club, and currently the Vice President.

I have breed multiple English Cocker Spaniel BISS Winners and finished my last 3 dogs with all points coming from Specialty wins. I am an approved ECSCA Breed mentor and have been a part of hosting 3 ECSCA Nationals and will be hosting our 4th next year in Asheville.

Since joining GKC I have been the Assistant Show Chair, The Cluster Specialty Coordinator, I have previously been a member of the judges selection committee (2012-2014), and currently I am the advisor to the judges selection committee. I have also been active with other events we hold, working at the Obedience Trials, Rally Trials and our Matches.

Professionally, I am a Project Analyst/Coordinator with TRC Environmental Services, an Environmental/Engineering Firm in Greenville for the past 25 years.



Nominee for AKC Delegate**Gloria Askins**

I have been involved with AKC dog sports since graduating from college in 1975. By 1978 I had become a founding member of the Beckley WV Kennel Club and finished my first show dog. In 1981, I bought my first Irish Setter, Scarlly's Summer Solitaire, who finished her championship with all specialty majors and although a case of pyometra cut her producing years short, she produced four champions, including a ROM producing dam. After over 40 years of breeding & showing Irish, I decided to retire from the whelping box and find a more

"wash n wear" breed for conformation & field work. My new puppy, Ozzie, an (English) Pointer will be 6 months old next month!

My AKC club experience also includes, the Irish Setter Club of America (40+ yrs), Potomac Irish Setter Club (23 yrs), founding member of the Carolina Irish Setter Club in 2014, Sandhills Pointing Breeds Club, Sporting Dog Club of Indiana & Greater Murfreesboro KC. As an active member of these clubs over the years, I've held every office and served on the boards of directors for a majority of my memberships. In addition, I've served multiple times as Show Chair, Specialty Chair, FT & HT Sec, FCAT/CAT Sec & Rally Sec. as well as numerous other committees and support functions.

In 2012 my husband and I retired to Greenville SC and a short time later I joined GKC where I've served as a member of the Show, Match, Bylaws, Juniors/4H, Annual Awards & Finance Committees, 2016 & 2017 RDO Days, Training Coordinator and 3 years as Recording Secretary.

In 2018, I was honored to be elected as your Delegate to the AKC. Navigating meetings and assimilating into a 450+ person group doesn't happen overnight. However, I was fortunate to be recognized after only two years, by being elected to serve on a standing committee. I am currently in my 3rd year serving on the AKC Hunt & Field Committee and was recently re-elected by the delegate body to serve another 3-yr term beginning in January 2024. Because of my involvement with this committee, I was privileged to be a part of the production of the first AKC form & function educational film "Meet the Breeds in the Field" and I hope to be involved with future productions. My position has also enabled me to be a part of the HT Committee for the first Master Hunter EX Test to be held next month in NC. This is an exciting committee to be a part of at this time because of its involvement with Detection Dogs, ESPN/ABC TV Sports Series and hopefully the future expansion of Form & Function Education into the public sector. This committee is also tied to AKC TV and in 2021, I was able to get our Carolina Foothills dog show on the program schedule. I still consider this one of my best accomplishments! Although my family situation required that I move a few hours away last year, I have done my best to maintain a strong presence at club meetings and events and to make sure I am accessible to our members. I still very much consider GKC my "home" I love it and all of our members and will continue to work hard to represent you well.

Nominee for AKC Delegate

Ken Walker



A brief background ... Debbie and I acquired our first Elkhound in 1980. We had no interest in showing or breeding and had never heard of dog shows. Later that year, simply by chance, we attended the Norwegian Elkhound National Specialty show. During the next two years we became involved in the local Elkhound club and started going to every dog show in the area to learn about the sport. In spite of this novice handler, our first Elkhound obtained a CD Title. We acquired our first “show” Elkhound in 1982. From there on nearly every weekend and every vacation for the next 40 years involved dogs. AKC dog shows and dog clubs have become part of our family. Debbie and I are proud that our daughter has become a respected Professional Handler and breeder of Labradors and Pointers. Our grandson is now becoming the third generation and can be seen assisting his mom and competing in Junior Showmanship.

Active member of the Columbine Norwegian Elkhound Association 1980 – 1984. During this time, I was Show Chair for the regional specialty. As a result of our overall involvement with the club, we were honored as “Lifetime” members when my job took us to Pennsylvania.

We began breeding Elkhounds in 1986 and have bred numerous Champions and a Specialty Best in Show winner.

1984-1994 as a member of Norwegian Elkhound Association of the Potomac Valley I was a board member, President, and Regional Show Chairman. In 1994 my job took us to Atlanta, GA

1994-1998 we became active with the all-breed Atlanta Kennel Club. I served on the board and was Vice President of the Club until my job moved us to South Carolina. Our family coordinated and taught handling classes for the Atlanta Club, and I was Santa for pictures with Santa. I was appointed me to represent dog owners in the preparation of animal ordinances for Gwinnett County GA. I was honored as Atlanta Kennel Club “Member of the year” in 1998.

1998 – 2012 my job responsibilities prevented me from actively participating in a local Kennel club.

2012- present. I was active in the creation and presentation of the Norwegian Elkhound Association of America award winning “Meet the Breeds” booth at AKC sponsored events. As a result of these efforts we were the recipients of the “A. Wells & Catherine S. Peck Award”. This award is presented to persons whose work and efforts are deemed by the Association to have been of outstanding quality and benefit to the Norwegian Elkhound Breed.

I have also served as web coordinator and Show Coordinator for the NEAA and was honored with “the Ed Schlesinger Outstanding Service Award”, to the person whose work and efforts are deemed by the Association to have been of outstanding quality and benefit to the Association.

As an active member of the Greenville Kennel Club. I have served on the nominating committee, as well as Match Chair, President, RV parking chair, Newsletter editor, and volunteered at most club events.

In 2015 the nominating committee asked me to serve as President for the 2015-2016 club year. I expressed my reluctance to the nominating committee that our upcoming retirement may conflict with the duties of GKC President. During my second term in 2017, I realized it would be difficult to attend every board and membership meeting. This was pre-Covid and “zoom” board meetings were not the norm. I did not feel absentee leadership was in the best interest of GKC so I regretfully resigned. Two years ago, the nominating committee again asked if I would consider the office of President. I was honored but declined since I still felt I would not be available each month to lead the club. Our out-of-state family responsibilities and personal travel will no longer be an issue. In fact, last year, when I learned our AKC delegate was relocating, I expressed interest in this position to our club president Jeanette Stribling.

I have been an active participant in the AKC Club Development chats since July 2022.

I look forward to representing GKC as AKC Delegate.

**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL**
Annual Dues

**It is once again time to renew
your Greenville Kennel Club Membership.**

The dues for 2024 are due by January 1, 2024.

- Individual \$25.00
- Household \$40.00
- Associate \$15.00
- Junior \$0.00
- Life Members..... \$0.00

If you are a new member and were voted in at the September, October or November meeting your dues payment included 2024. So, no payment is due at this time.

You may pay your dues on the direct link online at
<https://www.greenvillekc.org/index.php/dues>

Or you may pay your dues by check, payable to the Greenville Kennel Club:

Mail to:

**GKC
c/o Tracy Iffland
110 Overland Dr
Anderson, SC 29625**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

Tracy Iffland
Treasurer



Welcome New Members

The Greenville Kennel Club welcomes our newest Members, *Tim Tedrow, Nancy Godbey, and Celine Tepedino* pictured with GKC Membership Chair Ken Spiegel.



Members' Brags



Carol Underwood

My former street dog, Kyte, earned HIT at the Columbia trial with a 199.

Two weeks later, she earned a ninth of 52 placement at the AKC Obedience Classic in Orlando.

I cannot express how pleased I am that she went to such a tough venue so early in her career, where all of her environmental triggers occurred while in the rings, yet worked so hard to stay with me in spite of them.

She's come a long way in a year!



Members' Brags cont.



Jan Clifford

TANSSI
 GCHB WILDEST DREAM KINDRED SPIRIT
 TT WPDN CGCA TKN

NOHS Reserve Best in Show 2023 • NOHS Group Winner 2023 • Multiple NOHS Group Placements 2023
 Top 10 Female AKC Breed Standing & NOHS for 2023 • Multiple Best of Breed Winner 2023 • Multiple Specialty Select Bitch 2023

Thank you to the many Judges for these honors

Exclusively Owner Handled by Jan Clifford
 Co-Owned & Loved by: Jan & Patrick Clifford / Tina & John Bailey

Bred by: Tina & John Bailey - Wildest Dream Swissies
 DAM: CH Wildest Oak Dream Boat Annie SIRE: CH Wildest Dream Walk the Plank

Next Board Meeting - Tuesday January 2, 2024, 7PM via Zoom video conference. Any member is welcome to attend; however, if you have business for the Board to address, it must be submitted in writing to a Board member at least one week prior to the meeting. Minutes will be published to the Club website.



Next General Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Hospitality starts at 6:30PM - Meeting starts at 7:00PM

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For more information on our meetings or scheduled programs, please contact the Recording Secretary, **Jan Clifford**, jancliffordgkc@gmail.com



If you have any suggestions for Speakers or Programs for upcoming General Meetings

Contact: **Michelle Christian** gcmc4c@bellsouth.net

If any member knows of any members that need to be called upon or recognized due to illness, accomplishments, deaths or any other challenges in one's family please call or email: **Lisa Jumper** @864-593-8649. Lijmpsc@gmail.com



You may also contact **Paula Ford** @864-895-6837 with any news that the Club needs to be informed about.

All items to be included in the NEWSLETTER are due on the Wednesday before our monthly meeting.

Send brags, news, photos, articles, and any information to:
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