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EDITOR'S BENCH

Since the Potomac Afghan Hound Club will be beginning a new year with the election of officers on April 30th, I have a New Year's recipe for you.

"Of busy hours take quite a few, and beat them well (or they'll beat you). Defrost all feuds, and be advised, words must be minced and tenderized. Now add the essence of all things bright, and fold in the peace of a starry night. Take patience preserved, pound after pound of, and a pinch of something you're really fond of. Mix well with friends both far and near - it's the recipe for a glad new year."

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A "club" does not exist without its members. The "club" cannot do a thing for its members. But we, as members, each can give a bit of our time and talent, and contribute to our club, making it an organization to be proud of.

I recently saw a quote from the president of an international organization. In encouraging the membership to do more for the club, she pointed out, "Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else."

We would not be members of the Potomac Afghan Hound Club unless we were sincerely interested in the progress of the club and the betterment of the breed.

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HOUND CLOWN SPEAKING.....

by joan blanco

This part of your new club paper is going to be directed to you PAHC members who reside in D.C., Virginia, and south. I shall attempt to give news of matches, point shows, and other things of interest, so it is for you that the HOUND CLOWN speaks. Send in your news and be part of the club paper.

I do wish to welcome you new members at this time and invite you to become a part of our club. I hope you have fun and enjoyment with your lovely Afghans. There's nothing like them, you know, so join in. Let's make this a big year for PAHC. I'm

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FROM MARYLAND, NORTH & WEST.....

by Ray Kelly II

Hi, Friends,

With all the spring shows coming up, everyone should be busy grooming, bathing, training, exercising, and showing. I am delighted to see the swelling entry of Afs at the shows. In fact, I think we all are.

We were pleased to see the handsome entry of pups at the recent Gaithersburg match. This match gave us a chance to see the new pups that we had heard so much about this winter, and to meet many new Afghan

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Do you sometimes feel so tired after a long day at a dog show that you know you can't possibly relax and go to sleep easily that night? I read recently about an esteemed doctor who doesn't prescribe tranquilizers, sedatives, and the like for this feeling; instead, whenever possible, he prescribes a mustard bath for a restful night, and that tranquil feeling. Here is his prescription:

"Dissolve 3 or 4 heaping tablespoons of dry mustard in about 1 cup of water. Pour into a tub of lukewarm water (not over 102 degrees F.). Relax in it, he says, for at least 15 minutes, with the water about as high as it can go."

The article points out that you should tingle at the thought of this, particularly if you know anything about a mustard plaster, and it's the tingling (increased action in the capillaries) that does the tranquilizing trick.

The article further points out that as a sedative this might be habit-forming. but it should be harmless - -

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unless you are allergic to mustard, or slip in the tub!

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Thinking again of the election of officers, I ran across an editorial recently in the magazine published by a well known organization, and I want to quote some lines that I think pertain to the Potomac Afghan Hound Club.

"Divergent points of view have been harmonized by willingness to obey the philosophical ideal, 'Come let us reason together.' Temperance in opinion and speech is worthy of us... If we are to 'reason together' we must have communication from one to another; a communication based upon fair-minded debate, objective and creative.....It is not wrong to differ in opinion. There are two sides to most questions, not just 'my side and the wrong side.' If there is one rule equally applicable to men and women in all walks of life, it is the rule that choices should be dictated by justice and reason.....A democracy is strong only as an informed electorate chooses to make its decisions known. No organization can survive unless such an informed electorate will consent to a debate which offers choices and reasonable alternatives. The majority, once defined, and clearly articulate, should be supported in good will and loyalty."

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RING TALES is your newsletter, and its purpose is to do everything to increase communication among members. Let's have a sounding board for members. Write me with your opinions, ideas, complaints, etc. If you'd like to express something, but remain anonymous, please sign your letter but ask that your name be withheld. If your ideas are constructive, we'll be glad to publish them.

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sure we all want the same things - to uphold our beloved breed, guard it, and respect it. Also I'd like to salute the good works of our President, Mr. John McCollom. He and his wife have been hard at work with this new club paper to get it published at a minimum and serve the club for better communication and fellowship at a maximum. His open-minded unselfishness, plus his goodwill and hard work for the club this year are to be admired, and we have all profited by it. Tho' it does take time to get a ball rolling, he has always headed it in the right direction for the good of the club. And that is how it should be with all of us - not what the club can do for us, but what we can do for the club . . . to uphold the breed.

The HOUND CLOWN saw some PAHC members at a recent match....Fred Guedel showing a doll out of Kay and Wally Pede's lovely Zelda, by their Oh. Sasha of Scheherezade.... saw Jane Slusher with a tall, gold, and handsome son of Sasha. Heard her muttering, he's too tall, he's too tall. Don't kick it, Jane; we should all have that worry! . . . Diane Furkis, so well poised and efficient in the ring; she'll be a good handler to watch.... Saw handsome Neil Bratton with wife and children; Cynthia is a real beauty; it's sad we're losing them....Leo Murphy with his beautiful Shine, making a good win - and Paul, his brother, on sidelines with that wonderful smile of his. Too bad you couldn't market that sincere friendliness, Paul....Lots more, but space won't permit.

The HOUND CLOWN listened to a birdie....heard that Jill and Hap Mullins have a new baby girl (Afghan that is). We can't wait to see her, Jill....Martha Wright with her new

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owners. At a sweeping glance, one could spot over half of the PAHC members at ringside. All seemed to be enthusiastic about the match. Miss Bolte seemed to enjoy her judging assignment and often made humorous comments to the exhibitors about the antics and clowning in the ring by the pups. Her picks were as follows:

PD 3-6 mos.

1. Wazir - Bratton
2. Rufus - Bratton
3. Jamal - Bratton

PD 9-12 mos.

Tiajuana Brass

Novice

1. Kush - Murphy
2. Mimi
3. Shay and Clark

Open Dog

1. Shine - Murphy (WD)
2. Frosty - Wright
3. Silver - Slusher

PB 3-6 mos.

2. Sheba - Wright

PB 6-9 mos.

1. Show Girl - Blanco (WB)
2. Show Motion - Blanco
3. Silver Sandles - Cannon
4. Ke' - Guedel

PB 9-12 mos.

1. Fly - Horn
2. Shari - Wright
3. Tom Hummel

Open Bitch

1. Arctura - Lobdell
2. Khem - Kelly

BOB - Show Girl - Blanco

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baby girl, 3 months old, another Afghan doll....Joe Cannon with his 5 new kids, 3 f., 2 m., out of Ch. Crown Crest Miss Universe by Spellbinder. Hope they're doing fine on bottle, Jor...(milk, of course)....Speaking of Joe, a bird told me he has a new wagon to squire his Stumpy Acres Silver Sandles to the shows, etc. Godd luck....Pat Dirks saw a book on sex and the single Afghan, took one look at Cleo, sent her to Spellbinder, and I hear that Pat is knitting pink and blue snoods.

SHOW SCOOPS AS THE H. C. SNOOPS.... Martha Wright's lovely silver blue dog, Rubyat's Blue Frost, has made a smashing debut by winning best of breed and group two at Salisbury K.C. sanctioned match; best of breed and group one at VKC's Richmond match; reserve winners dog at Greensboro, N.C.; reserve winners dog at Raleigh, N.C. Her gold bitch, Shari of Scheherezade, was winners bitch in Richmond VKC sanctioned match, best of breed and group one in puppy division, Salisbury sanctioned match. Nice going. Congratulations, Martha!....Blanco's Stumpy Acres Copa Cloud Nine, W.B. & B.O.S., Winston Salem, N.C.; W.B. & B.W., Durham, N.C. Their puppy bitch, Stumpy Acres Show Girl, was reserve winners bitch at Raleigh, N.C., and Best of Breed at Rock Creek sanctioned match.

More news next time, so send me some. So long from the HOUND CLOWN.

Be good....and think purple.

Mr. and Mrs. Derek Walmsley and Julie Jo left for a two week camping trip in Florida on April 1st. "Jango" was the house guest of the Neil Brattons.

From Maryland, N & W...(continued)

Guess who represented the breed on TV as advertisement for the National Capitol Show! None other than Jane Slusher's Sheena. Sheena was the reserve bitch at the Harrisburg show. She appeared on April 14th on Channel 4 and April 15th on Channel 7.

For those of you who have not heard the good news, the Fedes, Kay and Wally, are planning to spend a few weeks with us during the month of May. Wally has accepted a new assignment in Hawaii. They will visit us while enroute. I am sure that they are both overjoyed at the thought of getting back to the States and the Afghan folk again.

The Harrisburg results are as follows:

Judge: Mrs. Silvernail

PD - 1. Moonraker - Moore
2. Shamall - Slusher
3. Burfi Gorg - Walsh
4. Sultan - Kegel

ND - 1. Blue Frost - Wright
2. Sundown - Grockett
3. Hesse Ben - Pequignot

AB - Dervish - Zimmerman

OD - Montezuma - Houtsma (WD)
Silver Lining - Williamson (Res)

PB -
1. Barfly - Horn
2. Lady of Gold - Rick
3. Lakme - Hummel
4. Chucha - Walsh

AB - Shahzaidi - Herbert

OB - Calibad - Itzkowitz (WB)
2. Sha'heen - Slusher (Res)
3. Philomena - Freeman

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BOS - Ch. Loubdelle's Zadia of
Belden - Horn

BOB - Ch. Holly Hill Desert
Wind - Porter

The Mason Dixon KC results:

Judge: Mr. Hartley

PD - Shamall - Slusher

ND - Happi - Aub

BE - Shoe Shine Boy - Murphy (Res)

AB - Kabaya - Gorla

OD - 1. Hapi - Switch (WD)
2. Rikki Tikki Tavi - Feldman
3. Black Lancer - Morgan
4. Yusef - Guedel

PB - 1. Windsong - Cuthriel (Zalis)
2. Barfly - Horn
3. Penny - Sidary

OB - 1. Philomena - Freeman (WB &
BOW)
2. Lady Fatima - Guedel (Res)
3. Khem - Kelly
4. Sha'heen - Slusher

BOS - Philomena - Freeman

BOB - Ch. Desert Wind - Porter

Back in December I took a trip to New York to attend an "Open House" meeting of the Afghan Hound Association of Long Island (AHALI). Mr. and Mrs. Winston Green graciously opened their beautiful home to the club members and fanciers of the breed. We looked at movies and slides of Afghans at the dog shows of '66 and sat around talking about Afghans for hours. The last conversation finally broke up around 4:00

a.m. AHALI is a relatively new Afghan Hound Club. They have not yet received their charter, but are rapidly moving toward that end. They have organized themselves, held regular meetings, given several Afghan matches, and had several affairs to promote fellowship among the members. The "Top Line" is a publication distributed by the club for its members. (ED. NOTE: We think you should know that the clever name "Top Line" was suggested to AHALI by our own Ray Kelly.) With this type of enthusiasm and spirit I am sure that they will make a fine contribution to the Afghan world.

Roy Horn and I dared to combat the elements to attend the Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club Specialty last March. The trip almost ended in a catastrophe for the both of us. As we travelled across the Ohio Turnpike, after fighting miles of snow and ice-covered highway, at minimum speed, I gradually applied the brakes and found the car completely out of control. We were driving on a block of ice. The car swerved from one side to the other, leaving us completely baffled as to where we would stop. A few seconds later the car stopped, headed down a snow-covered embankment. Within minutes a tow truck pulled us out, and we were on our way again. We are thankful that no harm came to us, the dogs, or the car. We reached Detroit early the next morning, beat, tired, and exhausted.

The show itself was spacious, clean, and well attended. In the Sweepstakes Roy placed 3rd in the 9-12 mos. PB class with Fly. I placed 3rd in Jr. Bitch class with my Khem, under Judge Pat Sinden. In the point classes, judged by Wasko, Roy placed 2nd in PB class

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with Fly, and Khem was placed 2nd in the AB class.

Barbara and Lee Bramlette were the only other Afghan fanciers from our area present. They say we people in dog business do the craziest things. I think I would try it again. How about you, Roy?

All you people in Maryland, or places North and West of Maryland, that have any Afghan news or show wins, please send it to me for publication.

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Our paws are crossed
for the 13th of May

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THE BLANCOOS OF STUMPY ACRES WISH THE RING TALE MUCH SUCCESS

Once upon a time, an Afghan Hound knelt at prayer, saying, "Oh, Great One, I know I have a few faults, so pardon, please. After all, am I not majestic, royal, haughty, exotic, alluring, and beautiful? I will concede that sometimes I am a wee bit naughty, snobbish, arrogant, sneaky, sly, aloof, and even a mite peculiar, but, Oh, I am so nice, so sweet, so kind, so gentle, so thoughtful and faithful, ever diligent, ever alert."

Then, the Afghan Hound added, "Oh, yes, I'd like to ask some things for my owner, such as health, wealth, and happiness, plus a big steak on his plate every night (so I can steal it). With all humility, Amen."

His owner, overhearing that simple prayer, also went down on his knees, saying, "Oh, Lord, make me worthy of such and help me be half as good, in my heart. And please, most of all, let me win that show with him tomorrow. Amen."

- by Joan Blanco

(Adv.)

