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IMPORTANT NOTICE

THIS EDITION OF THE SCJA NEWSLETTER HAS YOUR DUES NOTICE. We request you take five minutes to answer the questions on the dues notice (enclosed) concerning your interests in upcoming events and mail it in with your dues. Our annual dues of \$40.00 (\$50.00 for husband & wife or those living at the same address) are now due. For those members who were on the ball and sent their dues in on their own, and for our recently joined members, there will be a highlighted "**NO DUES DUE!**" line at the bottom of the enclosed dues notice. Do not send your dues in, but please return the form since it asks for other information. Please take the time to fill out the dues notice completely and return it with your dues as soon as possible to: SCJA 7200 Tanager St. Springfield, VA 22150!!!

SCJA IS NOW SET UP TO USE PAYPAL www.paypal.com for those who wish to use it to pay their dues. SCJA's PayPal payment address is scja@scja.org. Please remember that this is the SCJA PayPal payment address only – any email correspondence should still be directed to scja@cox.net.

(In the past, to make it easy for you, we enclosed a self-addressed envelope to return your dues & answers. In order to save the club \$500 or \$600 and many hours of work, we are emailing this trusting that you won't mind volunteering the few minutes to address an envelope to mail in your dues and answers.)

(Just think about how many minutes it took us to put out this newsletter.) 😊 Your cooperation is appreciated. **WHY NOT DO IT NOW WHILE IT IS FRESH ON YOUR MIND?**

WE WANT TO REITERATE ANY MEMBER IS FREE TO DISCUSS AND SEEK ADVICE ON HOW TO HANDLE ANY MATTER YOU PERCEIVE TO BE A PROBLEM INCLUDING ANY REPORT OR CONVERSATION WITH ANYONE IN AUTHORITY AT THE AKC. YOUR ORGANIZATION WAS INCORPORATED 26 YEARS AGO AND IS HERE TO HELP YOU IN ANY WAY AND ALL AREAS INVOLVING YOUR JUDGING CAREER.

WORTHY OF NOTE - NO SCJA funds have ever been spent for office space or utilities except for communication. No members have ever received any remuneration for their services. Some of our members donate their own funds for travel and other expenses.

IMPORTANT – Always include a phone number with all emails. We simply do not have the staff to answer all the emails, and mainly, Col. Pedé is not known for his typing skills. The phone is another story. 😊

SCJA BI-ANNUAL ELECTIONS

As outlined in the 2010 Summer Newsletter, the following members were nominated by the Nominating Committee for the 2011 elections for Board members:

Ms Rita Bell Ms. Stacey Davis Mrs. Laurie Doumaux Mrs. Sharon Smith

There being no further nominations, the above nominated slate is hereby declared elected effective February 1st, 2011, in accordance with Article V, Section III (d) of our bylaws.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW YORK FEBRUARY 8th – 16th, 2011

We strongly recommend you make your reservations ASAP!

NEW YORK'S HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA, 401 7th Ave., New York, NY 10001 (across from the front entrance to the Garden on 7th Ave.) 1-800-223-8585 or 1-212-736-5000. Be sure you tell them you want the "**SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES BLOCK**". Rates for Tuesday, February 8th, 9th, 10th and Wednesday, February 16th are \$129 for one bed and \$154 for two beds, with or without dogs. Without dogs, rates for Friday, February 11th through Tuesday, February 15th are \$195 for one bed and \$220 for two beds. With dogs, rates for Friday, February 11th – Tuesday, February 15th are \$239 for one bed and \$264 for two beds. Premium rooms with dogs are \$299 for one bed and \$324 for two beds. Two-night minimum stay required. The above rates are subject to all taxes. Check in 3PM and check out 12 noon.

NEW YORKER HOTEL, 481 Eighth Ave. at 34th St., New York, NY 10001 (behind the Garden on 8th Ave.) 1-800-764-4680 or 1-212-971-0101. Tuesday, February 8th through Thursday, February 17th, 2011. Be sure you tell them you want the block for "**SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES GROUP**" Booking Code: CGJU11. Depending on which room, single or double from \$219 - \$289; triple from \$239 - \$309; quad from \$259 - \$329. Above rates are subject to all taxes.

AGAIN, WE SUGGEST YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY! Anyone interested in looking for a roommate, let us know via email but include a phone number and address. We will put you in touch with each other.

THE AMERICAN CANINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION (ACEF) & THE SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES ASSOCIATION (SCJA) 28th ANNUAL BUFFET RECEPTION & DANCE

TO CELEBRATE THE JOINING OF THE GENERATIONS

THIS YEAR THE ACEF & SCJA WILL BE JOINED BY THE METROPOLITAN DOG CLUB OF NEW YORK CITY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 2011. COME CELEBRATE OUR 28th ANNUAL BUFFET RECEPTION AND DANCE at the New York's Hotel Pennsylvania in the Penn Top Ballroom from 7:30PM to Midnight. Mark your calendar, and don't miss a really fun party that is well represented by a true cross-section of our sport. **Last year,**

ACEF & SCJA ANNUAL RECEPTION & DANCE (con't.)

we were delighted to welcome our overseas guests from Brazil, Mexico, France, Italy, England and Australia. Our members and others enjoyed the opportunity to meet and exchange views with their fellow judges and show officials from the various countries. Everyone agrees the ACEF Sunday night party is the place to be for a friendly and enjoyable evening. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

This year we will be celebrating a meeting of the generations joined by the Metropolitan Dog Club of New York City. The Metropolitan Dog Club will be holding a silent auction to include some very interesting items.

IF YOU WILL BE IN NEW YORK, DO PLAN TO ATTEND. No speeches, no programs; just a short time out for a free room drawing, 50/50 raffle and the silent auction. Dress: Semi-Formal. A few of the men wear a tux but you will be perfectly at ease in a coat & tie, and the ladies like their evening gowns but others will be perfectly at ease in a dressy dress. **The cost of our buffet reception and dance is \$50.00 per person.** There will be plenty of good food, good music for dancing, a cash bar and most of all, there will be an "across the board" representation of the Dog World from newcomers to old timers and all in between: judges, professional handlers and their enthusiastic young assistants, exhibitors, superintendents and officials. Let us know if you plan to be in New York during the Westminster week (on the dues notice form or via email scja@cox.net). **REFRESHINGLY DIFFERENT FOR A NEW YORK PARTY, EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO SIT DOWN, ENJOY A DRINK AND CONVERSATION AND HAVE ROOM TO DANCE.** Party form is enclosed with this newsletter and on our web site www.scja.org as well as the ACEF web site www.k9education.org.

DRAWING FOR A FREE HOTEL WEEKEND STAY (2 nights) for those including a donation to the ACEF with their party reservations. Those of you who have attended the ACEF Sunday night reception and dance know that we have a drawing for a free weekend at the New York's Hotel Pennsylvania or the New Yorker Hotel or the equivalent if you are staying at another hotel.

BOX SEATS FOR WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB SHOW

The Westminster Kennel Club has placed severe restrictions on the number of available box seats. The SCJA has reserved a number of box seats through the years, and priority will go to SCJA members and ACEF patrons for 10 days. Checks should be made out to the SCJA and mailed to the Chief Executive Officer by November 15th, 2010. Box seats are good for both dates' admission (Monday, February 14th and Tuesday, February 15th, 2011). A reserved box seat ticket is \$130.00 per ticket. Tickets and judging programs will be mailed in the latter part of January 2011. Box seat ticket request forms are enclosed with this newsletter (on reverse side of party form) and on our web site. **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE! THERE IS A LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE.**

Every year there are a number of people looking for a decent box seat. Additional seats will not be available this year. **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15th, 2010 BUT REMEMBER FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE. PRIORITY TO SCJA MEMBERS AND ACEF PATRONS FOR THE FIRST 10 DAYS.** When you send your check, **PLEASE INCLUDE A LARGE SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE - at least 4 ¾" x 11" - WITH AT LEAST 3 STAMPS FOR POSTAGE PER TWO TICKETS & PROGRAM (MORE POSTAGE FOR A LARGER NUMBER OF TICKETS) FOR US TO RETURN YOUR TICKETS. REMEMBER PROGRAMS ARE INCLUDED WITH TICKETS. IMPORTANT - BE SURE YOUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ARE ON YOUR CHECK!!!** Checks made out to the **SCJA** for \$130.00 per box seat (good for both days). If you email us for any reason, always include a day and evening phone number.

ACEF GRADUATE INSTITUTE ON THE NON-SPORTING GROUP

The ACEF has scheduled the Non-Sporting Group for our Graduate Institute in Louisville, KY, for Thursday, March 17th through Sunday, March 20th, 2011 (registration check-in on Wednesday evening, March 16th).

ACEF GRADUATE INSTITUTE ON THE NON-SPORTING GROUP (con't.)

No matter which Non-Sporting breed you need, it will be covered. Onofrio Dog Show staff cooperate 100% to maintain the success it has been. All Non-Sporting breeds will be covered by parent club approved mentors. You may advise us on the dues notice that you return, or we can be reached by email scja@cox.net or phone (703) 451-5656, or emailing ACEF Director of Education, Nina Sherrer, at nina@k9education.org. Please, when emailing us, put **2011 NON-SPORTING GROUP**. **Always include a day and evening telephone number with your emails.** **Tuition for the Non-Sporting Group Graduate Institute if registered by January 31st, 2011: SCJA Members & ACEF Patrons - \$150.00; non-members \$190 (\$190 tuition will include membership in the SCJA if desired).** Refunds up until 48 hours before classes begin. Complete details on the ACEF web site www.k9education.org. **REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED. ACEF IS NOW SET UP TO USE PAYPAL www.paypal.com for those who wish to use it. ACEF's PayPal payment address is ACEF@k9education.org.**

SCJA'S ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Plans are to hold SCJA's Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY in conjunction with the ACEF Non-Sporting Group Graduate Institute. The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 19th, 2011. **Details will be sent to those indicating on their returned dues notice they plan to be in Louisville in March.**

SCJA HELP THE PROVISIONAL JUDGES PROGRAM

Good news for all of our provisional judges! This is covered in the **"POSTSCRIPT TO SCJA'S FALL 2010 NEWSLETTER"** that all provisional judges on our list now will be advised of our entirely new concept that was employed originally many years ago. It will prove most beneficial and 1000% more effective now that AKC has finally agreed to SCJA's position that judges can advertise. All provisional judges on our list will receive a separate mailing from us to let you know the new details. Any provisional judge that is not on our list should advise us that you want to be placed on the mailing to receive the new details. We guarantee you it will be 1,000 times more effective.

For provisional and Group judges, see specific question on dues notice.

Just a reminder to please let us know when your provisional status changes, i.e. no longer need provisional assignments, when new provisional breeds are approved or you have new provisional breeds. If any of your information changes such as address, phone, email, please keep us updated. Forms can be found on our web site at www.scja.org. You should resubmit a new form every 12 months since so many fail to let us know when you have completed your provisionals.

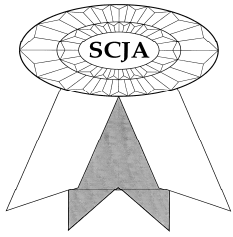
ENCOUNTERS WITH AKC FIELD REPS AND/OR AKC JUDGES DEPARTMENT

If any member has what they consider an unprofessional experience with an AKC Rep or the AKC Judges Department, please feel free to advise the SCJA. Any replies will be held in strictest confidence.

Likewise, if you have had an extremely positive experience, be sure to let us know.

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON THE BOTTOM OF THE DUES NOTICE AND RETURN IT ASAP – WHY NOT TODAY?

Our members should feel free to call or write to us on any set of circumstances they feel needs addressing.



2011 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES ASSOCIATION

Web Site: www.scja.org Email Address: scja@cox.net

Our annual dues of \$40.00 (\$50.00 for husband & wife or those at the same address) are now due. For those members who were on the ball and sent their dues in on their own, and for our recently joined members, there will be a highlighted **“NO DUES DUE!”** line at the bottom of the enclosed dues notice. Do not send your dues in, but please return the form since it asks for other information. Please take the time to fill out the dues notice completely, responding to the questions concerning your interests in upcoming events and return it as soon as possible!!!

 LAST NAME (please print) (address label preferred) FIRST NAME (please print)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK _____ CELL _____
 (if it is OK to call)

ANNUAL DUES....\$40 HUSBAND & WIFE (same household)....\$50

Please send check payable to SCJA and return to: SCJA 7200 Tanager St. Springfield, VA 22150 or if using PayPal, PayPal payment address is scja@scja.org, **BUT PLEASE** remember to fill out this form and return to SCJA (address above).

Change of address, phone, or email:

 Address (address label preferred)

 Phone Email Address (please print clearly)

INTERESTED IN OR MAY ATTEND:

Plan to Attend Send Info

- 1. NEW YORK Feb. 2011 _____
- 2. GRADUATE INSTITUTE ON ALL NON-SPORTING BREEDS _____
- 3. For provisional judges: Are you interested in the entirely new SCJA “Help The Provisional Judges Program” (see Postscript to Newsletter) _____ YES _____ NO

For Group judges: Are you interested in donating one or two shows a year (as in our original program) in order to help the provisional judges and the clubs?
 _____ YES _____ NO

- 4. Please indicate if you are a Show Chair, President, Officer or Delegate (circle any that apply)

WHY NOT SEND IN YOUR DUES TODAY WHILE IT IS FRESH ON YOUR MIND?



NEW YORK PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 2011

in conjunction with THE METROPOLITAN DOG CLUB OF NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK'S HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA
7th Ave. & 33rd St. across from the Garden

DANCING 8:00PM - MIDNIGHT

BUFFET 7:30PM - 9:30PM

\$50.00 Per Person

CASH Bar

Dress: Semi-Formal

A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO THE ACEF MAY BE ADDED TO YOUR CHECK AND WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. FOR THOSE MAKING A DONATION, THERE WILL BE A SEPARATE DRAWING FOR A FREE WEEKEND AT EITHER THE NEW YORK'S HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA OR THE NEW YORKER WHERE WE HAVE A BLOCK OF ROOMS.

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2011 NEW YORK PARTY

PLEASE PRINT (Address Label Preferred)

Last Name

First

Address

City

State/ZC

Day Phone (incl. area code)

Evening Phone (incl. area code)

Email Address

Guest Name, Address & Email Address

OF PEOPLE _____ x \$50.00 @ person = \$ _____ TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION \$ _____

CHECK TO ACEF ENCLOSED FOR \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ACEF and mail to ACEF 7200 Tanager St. Springfield, VA 22150
DO NOT BE CONCERNED THAT YOUR PLANS MAY CHANGE AT THE LAST MINUTE. REFUNDS
WILL BE MADE AS LATE AS FEBRUARY 10th, 2011. A CALL WILL SUFFICE FOR NOTIFICATION OF
CANCELLATION: (703) 451-5656.



REQUEST FOR WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB BOX SEATS 2011

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE: DAY _____ EVENING _____ CELL _____

NUMBER OF BOX SEATS _____ @ \$130.00/ticket CHECK TO SCJA ENCLOSED \$ _____

BE SURE TO ENCLOSE A LARGE ENVELOPE STAMPED AND SELF ADDRESSED. LEGAL SIZE ENVELOPE (4 ¾ " X 11") FOR 2 BOX SEATS (3 STAMPS) APPROPRIATELY LARGER ENVELOPES AND POSTAGE REQUIRED FOR MORE TICKETS. (TICKETS ARE HEAVY STOCK PAPER AND ALSO INCLUDES A PROGRAM.) Send to SCJA at 7200 Tanager St., Springfield, VA 22150. Any questions, please call (703) 451-5656.



Registration Form

American Canine Education Foundation Graduate Institute

On All 19 NON-SPORTING Breeds
Wednesday, March 16th - Sunday, March 20th, 2011

All Presentations will be at the HOST HOTEL!

The KENTUCKIANA CLUSTER OF DOG SHOWS will be held during this time at
The Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center approx. 1/2 MILE FROM THE HOTEL.

HOST HOTEL is the **COMFORT INN & SUITES**, 653 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY 40209
Their phone is (502) 375-2233; The room rate is \$85 per night. Make your Hotel reservations as soon as possible by *calling the host hotel directly and asking for the AMERICAN CANINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION (ACEF) BLOCK.*

Hotel is adjacent to the fairgrounds & airport with shuttle service between hotel and airport courtesy of the hotel.

Please note, *pets are not allowed* at this hotel.

Plan to arrive for Wed. night registration 6:15pm-7:00pm. Classes begin 7:45am on Thu. March 17th and end on Sun. March 20th by 2:00pm.

ALL 19 NON-SPORTING BREEDS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE PRESENTED.

Parent clubs are invited to provide approved breed presenters to conduct their breed presentations.
With your registration, you will be able to attend ALL 19 breeds or just the ones you want.

Tuition for the entire Institute is \$175 for ACEF/SCJA members or \$215 non-members.
EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT of \$25 if you register by January 31, 2011

Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Registration CLOSES February 28, 2011. Class book cannot be guaranteed after this date.

For additional information go to www.k9education.org or contact;

Wally Pedé (703) 451-5656, fax (703) 451-5979 or Email Nina Sherrer: nina@k9education.org

If you email, subject should be "ACEF Non-Sporting Group" and include your phone number.

If you want confirmation, please include a SASE. If you need an immediate answer, we suggest a phone call.

More Info and Keep Up To Date at: www.k9education.org

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ACEF 2011 NON-SPORTING GROUP GRADUATE INSTITUTE, Louisville, KY

Checks should be made out to the ACEF and mailed to:

ACEF, c/o N. Sherrer, PO Box 7476, Loveland, CO 80537

Register by Jan 31, 2011 and deduct \$25. Please PRINT information clearly. Thanks! Address labels preferred.

Per ACEF/SCJA Member \$175* = \$ _____ Per student \$215* = \$ _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone Day: () _____ Telephone Evening: () _____

Cell: () _____ Email: _____

Reservations made at **HOST HOTEL**? Yes: _____ No: _____ Roommate Name: _____

SAVE EXPENSES!! Want a Roommate? Send an email to: nina@k9education.org to be put on the ROOMMATE list. You will be paired up as requests come in.

IMPORTANT: * Register **EARLY** by Jan 31, 2011 and deduct \$25 per registration.

You may go to www.PayPal.com to pay your tuition. Click on "Send Money". Use ACEF@k9education.org for PayPal "payment to" address. Credit cards are accepted through PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account.

Add \$100 (per person) to the cost of the Institute if you are NOT STAYING at the HOST HOTEL.

The reasonable hotel costs are due to using a number of rooms. Please help us keep costs down by registering at the host hotel.