

First, we would like to thank the many members who responded to our November 8th, 2014 email and sent their dues in early. So obviously, this dues notice does not apply to you folks. But please do take a look at the dues notice to answer the question at the bottom that we would like you to answer. Also we would love to hear any suggestions or information you might have. You can always add a little note with your dues notice – we’d love to hear from you on any subject you would like to talk about. If you do add a note, please be sure to put your phone number right there so we don’t have to look it up. Indicate your dues were previously paid (although we have a record of it.) The question on the bottom of the dues notice has been asked before – it is in a slightly different format, but it is very germane in an attempt to confirm what our members have always believed concerning anyone outside of the ring being able to decide if the individual inside the ring has put up the correct dogs.

We have procrastinated sending this notice hoping there would be some news to report on the AKC Board’s action on all that’s been going within the past few months. The Board certainly is faced with a huge problem since they went out with their latest letter of October 28th, 2014, again asking for further input.

Our members are aware the SCJA did not ask our members for input as a result of the October 28th, 2014 letter from the AKC Chairman. In this respect, we will enclose our letter to the AKC Chairman, Board and President dated January 6th, 2015 explaining why the SCJA did not again offer input from our group. Our members have seen SCJA’s previous input of August 25th, 2014 which included the now famous official Hayes letter. The Hayes letter was crystal clear.

The former AKC VP Dog Show Judges letter to an exhibitor in which he copied the AKC President and other AKC officials. The below is a very pertinent paragraph:

“It is the responsibility of judges to interpret the rules and breed standards and apply them accordingly; therefore, how a judge conducts the ring and the specimens they select are at their sole discretion.... Further, a judge’s decision is precisely what an owner seeks when he or she enters a dog in a show. Just as it is practically impossible for anyone to be completely objective about their own dog, it is equally certain that no two judges are going to see the same dog, even at the same moment, in exactly the same way. The whole point of a dog show is for exhibitors to put the question of relative merit up to one particular person at one particular time.” (underlining added)

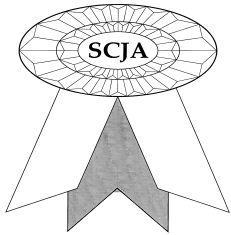
We believe it is important that the AKC acknowledge our 30 years of dedicated service to help our younger judges start their judging career. We will repeat the last bold-faced paragraph in our November 8th, 2014 email to all our members **which we sent to the AKC Board just a few days ago.**

“The one change the SCJA is going to request is that the AKC Board accept our American Canine Education Foundation (ACEF) twenty-four year old, five-day judges course equally with the AKC’s one-day course. Many of you will recall, the SCJA spent many years trying to convince the AKC there was a need for a judges’ course other than breed specific. The AKC was always well represented at our institutes. Through the years, we have had on occasion an AKC Chairman, AKC President, AKC Board members, and annually, AKC Field Reps and the #1 authority on

administration procedures of the American Kennel Club, the AKC Executive Secretary. The SCJA believes the AKC Board will approve our request.”

Obviously, we will let our members know if any action is taken.

Again, we really are concerned for the difficult task the AKC Board members will be facing in having to resolve once again the many and varied suggestions they are receiving. As we said before, we believe it is just like starting all over again. The SCJA would like to thank our loyal members who have been with us all these years and to the relatively newer members for joining the SCJA being aware of the SCJA's many accomplishments in representing its members' interests through the years. But remember, all of our recommendations and accomplishments had to be acted on by the AKC Chairman, Board members and President.



2015 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES ASSOCIATION

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We are a little late with this!! A big thank you for those members who were on the ball and sent their dues in on their own realizing they were due. Please take the time to fill out the dues notice completely, and please print clearly responding to the questions and return this form as soon as possible!!!

LAST NAME (please print) (address label preferred)

FIRST NAME (please print)

E-MAIL ADDRESS (please print clearly): _____

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

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

Please send check payable to SCJA and return to: SCJA 7200 Tanager St. Springfield, VA 22150.

CHANGES ONLY OF ADDRESS, PHONE, OR EMAIL:

New Address (address label preferred)

Phone

Email Address (please print clearly)

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION (PLEASE RETURN EVEN IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR DUES)

Would you and two other individuals, who have been breeding your breed 10 or more years and have bred at least 5 champions, select the same top 4 dogs in a class of 15 dogs of your breed?

_____ Yes _____ No _____ years breeding

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