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ATCMW 2016 Specialty Trophy Table

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### The Club Objectives

- (a) To encourage those who breed Airedale Terriers to do so responsibly and with the welfare and improvement of the breed having highest priority.
- (b) To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of perfection by which Airedale Terriers shall be judged.
- (c) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials.
- (d) To conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows under the rules of the American Kennel Club.
- (d) To institute and maintain programs which promote the welfare of individual Airedale Terriers through rescue and education, and through any other means which the Club considers helpful.

### Newsletter Disclaimer:

Newsletter articles are the views and opinions of the authors and are not official Club policy. Club policy is made only by motions passed by the board or by the voting membership.

## President's Message

Our 2016 Specialty has come and gone, marred only by the bittersweet moment when the Russell J. Hammond, Jr. Best of Breed trophy was award at the same time as Russ' memorial service was being held at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Alexandria, VA.

Russ was a long time member of the ATCMW, was its President for many years, and held the club together during some major changes in its makeup and membership. He will be missed by those of us who had the pleasure of knowing him these many years.

I want to give our new Trophy Chair, Deb Todhunter, a special thank you for the great job she did. The trophy table and the trophies themselves looked beautiful. The whole operation was made more difficult for her on her first time at this by the complication of the show being held outdoors, the result of a leap year scheduling glitch by the facility.

Be sure to check out the nominating committee's report for our new slate of officers. Additional nominations can be made ot our July meeting.

## SAVE THE DATES

**July 30, 2016** Club Luncheon Meeting at Bertucci's Restuarant in Columbia, MD

**September 3, 2016** Club Picnic Meeting at Frying Pan Park, in Herndon, VA.

We always get such an enthusiastic turnout for this activity! Let me know what program/activities you'd like to see. Contact me [clickertrain@verizon.net](mailto:clickertrain@verizon.net) with your suggestions.

From the editor:

Once again the DC metro region seems to have jumped directly from winter to summer with scarcely any spring in between: time for short haircuts and swim sessions. Willa is the champion dog paddler on the Adirondack Airedale Swim Team. (She's also the only member, but we don't have to point that out to her.)

I was excited to receive several ideas for features for this newsletter. I know everyone will enjoy reading Wilder Leavitt's reflections on learning to walk in harmony with Juno ("Dances with Airedales") as well as learning about Becky Moore's positive experiences with taking Wheeze for therapeutic swimming sessions. We also have a special panel format for Ask the Trainer, in response to a thought-provoking question put forth by one of our members.

Please help me ensure that the newsletter reflects the interests of our members by contacting me with ideas for features, questions for Ask the Trainer, and news of your dog's accomplishments. Send me your summertime photos, as well. I look forward to hearing from you at [jgrabin@aacc.edu](mailto:jgrabin@aacc.edu).

*Jessica Rabin*

## Spotlight on Rescue

As told to Ann Riley by Pam McKusick

Pam currently has 2 dogs. One is Bella, formerly Topaz, who was reported on in the last newsletter. She was one of 60 dogs seized in an animal hoarding case. Bella had an old untreated leg fracture (2 yrs) which is now being treated, and she is doing very well. She is in a foster to adopt home and is fitting in nicely. Her new home has a Yorkshire Terrier, and they get along great. Bella lived with a couple of Yorkies in her previous home. The former owner of Bella and the 59 other dogs has been convicted of 66 counts of animal cruelty and is awaiting sentencing.

Pam is also fostering an Airedale/poodle cross named Bailey. He is being cared for with private funds and not AR money. He is living with Pam temporarily. Bailey will be 2 in July and was given up by someone offering him for free on Craigslist. He is very athletic and active but calm in the house. He is good with other dogs and children. He knows basic obedience commands and walks nicely on a lead. He has a lovely temperament and likes lots of company. Pam thinks he would make a great agility dog!

Contributions to Airedale Rescue are now tax deductible. Your contributions help pay for vet care, housing and food for rescued dogs. You can also volunteer by fostering, walking dogs, grooming etc. Please contact Pam to donate or volunteer!

## TOPAZ (now BELLA)

Her Life was Changed by Airedale Rescue

by Pam McKusick

Topaz was one of the Rockville 66 - 66 dogs kept by a hoarder and rescued by Montgomery County, MD, Animal Control on January 1, 2016. (It is unknown how long Topaz had been in the Rockville house.) All of the dogs were taken to the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center for evaluation and treatment. Three of the dogs could not be saved, but the remainder received treatment including grooming, vaccinations and medical care. Topaz's treatment included shaving her coat, and removal of three growths (one on the back of her neck, one on her right side, and a large one on her right rear flank that required a drain). Further evaluation revealed that her right front leg (the humerus) was broken - and probably had been that way for some time - and the bones were adjacent to each other - surely painful. Because her broken leg prevented her direct adoption to a new family, Airedale Rescue was given the opportunity to take her into our care on February 6, 2016. She was shy and reluctant and pitiful-looking. But that day was the beginning of a new and better life for her.



On February 7, Topaz had her first appointment with an Airedale Rescue vet. In addition to her incisions and her broken leg, she was found to have a significant infection in both ears. On February 12, she had her first appointment with the Veterinary Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Group (VOSM) (Annapolis Junction, MD) vet, Dr. Christopher Leasure. His exam revealed a badly broken right humerus (the bones were adjacent to each other! - see photo), and he initially agreed with Animal Control that her leg had probably been broken for 6 - 8 months. Surgery to repair her leg had to be postponed until the ear infection was under control and her incisions were healed. On March 4, Dr. Leasure repaired her leg (a plate connected the two bones with 4 screws in each section of bone - see photo). When he opened her leg to repair it, he was convinced by the build-up of tissue surrounding the break that it was at least 2 years old!



She had been struggling with the pain for a very long time. She came home the day after the surgery with strict activity restrictions. She has done very well with her post-op rehab including initial movement restrictions (no stairs, running or jumping and

crated most of the time —she liked her comfy bed and private accommodations!). She gradually progressed to at-home exercises and short walks - but still no play with her Airedale roommates. She continues weekly visits to VOSM for laser treatments and massage therapy. After 8 weeks post-op, VOSM wanted to schedule her for underwater treadmill to strengthen her leg. Oh, NO! For the first time, she clearly showed her Airedale stubborn streak. Not even her favorite treats could make her change her mind. She would have none of it! The second time (May 11), they got her in, but she only took a few steps and was clearly unhappy about the whole thing. The therapist wanted to try a third time on May 19, but this time, when they tried to lift her onto the treadmill, she wouldn't even allow them to lift her, and she twisted and turned and bucked and fussed so much that they decided it would do more harm than good to force the issue. She WON!, and came prancing out - tail up! — after her laser therapy and massage. It has been delightful to see her Airedale personality emerging! She's very loving and trusting, but clearly didn't want to use the treadmill. After three tries on three different appointments, underwater treadmill has been removed from her PT schedule.

Her 12 week evaluation was on June 1. The repair looks very good - but new growth of the bones has not bridged the repair gap. It has started, but is not as far along as was hoped. This is not uncommon in older dogs, and when the break has been unrepaired for a long time. Thus, her therapy will now include ultrasound which is known to enhance healing in situations such as her's. She will have another evaluation in 8 weeks.

It's remarkable to note that even after all she has endured, she is very sweet with everyone she meets, and loves the attention she is given.



And, the really good news for Topaz is that she moved in with her new family on April 29, including two Yorkshire Terriers who think she's A-OK! She loves having a family of her own and they take such good care of her, and couldn't love her any more than they do! She gets lots of loving attention, and enjoys relaxing in the shade of the rhododendron, and going for walks around her neighborhood where everyone greets her with a smile and a gentle hand. Her coat has grown in thick and luxurious, and she looks and feels great.

Her new name is Bella - related to the Italian, Latin, and French words for BEAUTY - which is what she is!

I'm so grateful for your donations to Airedale Rescue that made it possible to give Bella the life she so richly deserves!

# Dancing With Airedales

## By Wilder J. Leavitt

My favorite scene in the film "Dances With Wolves" is the moment Lieutenant John Dunbar, fulfilling his military orders by manning Fort Sedgewick alone in Lakota Sioux territory, encounters a wolf he later names "Two Socks." Although the wolf is initially leery of Dunbar, the soldier's persistence and patience earns him a beautiful close encounter and the start of a lasting companionship with the canine. The moment captures a tender exchange of trust between two beings rather than portraying a human exerting dominion over another living creature. Dunbar and Two Socks simply connect and choose to inhabit the same space and time together, even if only momentarily.

When our Airedale, Juno, came into our lives in June 2014, I also wanted to connect with my little *canis lupus familiaris* and hoped that perhaps someday I would dance with a wolf. I read the "how to" books, talked with dog owners, and listened to trainers. My wife, Mary, and I agreed on our approach: lots of positive reinforcement,



Mary Morningstar, Wilder Leavitt and Juno

patience, no yelling, and a healthy dose of formal training. And as we soon learned from the first few months with our new puppy, the lion's share of training Juno involved training ourselves to understand her. Six months later, we found ourselves spending a few days on vacation watching wildlife trying to cope with winter in Yellowstone National Park. We were fortunate enough to see a small pack of gray wolves spar with two American bison. None of the wolves made a sound. The juveniles, we were told by a wildlife biologist, were testing their hunting skills and communicating with each other through subtle movement and gestures. Body position, placement within the pack, tail, head and ear postures all seemed to indicate that the wolves could express

themselves to each other more precisely and more completely without the burden of vocalization. Over the course of watching the wolves for two hours, I came to appreciate that I had seen nearly all of these behaviors in Juno. I had to admit that I had not been fully attuned to what she had been saying to me up to this point in our relationship.

A few weeks later, I was training Juno to loose lead walk with me back in Bethesda, Maryland. I had been talking to her and trying to get her not to pull on the leash. She kept pulling and I kept talking. My approach wasn't working. And then I thought of Two Socks and the Yellowstone wolves and it occurred to me that I wasn't

communicating with Juno in a language that she understood. I stopped talking and started to listen and watch her. Instead of pulling hard and back on the leash, I simply added a little pressure to change her direction or stopped walking altogether. I varied the walk more, sometimes running with her on leash and sometimes waiting for her to decide when we would move together. I did not deny her every stop and sniff and she did not fight me every time I wanted us to move along. Most importantly, she was looking at me more often while we were out on our walks. She turned her head, looked into my eyes as if to say, "Are we still good?" or "You coming?" I wanted to say back, "Hey, I'm starting to get the hang of us." But I kept my mouth shut. Silence was the only paradoxical response to our new found communication. The dance had started and I was eager to follow rather than lead.

## "Best Terrier Swimmer of All Time!"

edited by Jessica Rabin

Becky Moore's 12-year-old Airedale, Wheeze, learned to swim at [Gunny's Rainbow](#) in Bethesda, MD after she was diagnosed with herniated disks in her neck. Laurie Duperier, Wheeze's swim instructor, has worked with her to the point that now she loves to swim and is toned and muscular for a 12 year old. This has helped her neck problem significantly. Laurie says that Wheeze is her best terrier swimmer of all time!

1. How did you find out about this type of therapy and this location?

Wheeze's chiropractor told me she needed exercise for her neck problems. I knew swimming would be good for her. I read [Laurie Duperier's book \*The Endless Path\*](#), and my friend Mary Ann Redmond was taking her dog there (Mary Ann suggested reading the book).

2. Did you have any concerns/hesitations about trying it?

I was a bit nervous about trying it, but most of the other doggie pools in my area didn't offer the instructor in the water with the dog. They just threw them balls. Actually after reading her book, I was not too concerned.

3. How did Wheeze feel about swimming when she first started?

Wheeze did not like the pool for the first two visits. I asked Laurie at what point do we give up. She said the third visit to be fair to the dog and the owner. No sense in making them miserable.



4. When/how did she become more proficient?

I gave Wheeze a pep talk right before her third visit and to my amazement, she changed her mind about the whole thing and was a rock star that swim. Since then she will start the swim herself and gives it her all. She really swims hard and keeps Laurie moving after her! She does cheat sometimes and cuts corners. We just laugh at her and Laurie redirects her.



5. What improvements have you seen as a result of the therapy?

I have seen her body change and become muscular and fit for a 12 year old. Her endurance and activity level is up. Her vets are pleased.

6. Any advice to people who are considering it for their dogs?

Laurie specializes in aged dogs and getting dogs into shape. I would say it takes owner dedication to follow the schedule in order for it to work. Don't give up right away! It is well worth the rewards and I couldn't be happier with the results.

## ATCMW Specialty Show 4/22/ 2016

### Maryland State Fairgrounds

Due to a double-booking situation, the Columbia Terrier Show was not held in its usual location in one of the fairgrounds buildings. Instead, the show was staged on the racetrack infield. Fortunately, the predicted rain held off until after judging—and shopping—were completed. Many thanks to Trophy Chairperson Deb Todhunter. Thanks, as well, to Walter Todhunter and Piper Lansky for unofficially serving as the club's photographers.



BOB awarded the Russell J. Hammond Jr trophy with Judge Peter Green and ATCMW President Corally Burmaster.

This year, our Specialty Show was a bittersweet event. The Russel J. Hammond Jr. Best of Breed Trophy was awarded to CH CRESCENT V EMERICK V RAYNAIRE SET FIRE TO THE RAIN on the same day as Russ' memorial mass.

Results were as follows:

### **BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES**

**GLENAYR NOTORIOUS LADY'S MAN**

By Ch TerrydaleHK Glenayr Notorious Affair Of Buonaires - GCH Glenayr Lady Luck. Owner: Todd Gue & Peggy F Frye, Brightwood, VA 22715. Breeder: Peggy F Frye & Tim Maher. (Jaime Koskowski, Agent).

### **BEST OF BREED**

**CH CRESCENT V EMERICK V RAYNAIRE SET FIRE TO THE RAIN.**

By Ch Tierra De Churubusco Y Chubasco - Crescent Birchrun Zsa Zsa Gabor. Dog. Owner: Karen J Coffey & Brenda L McCann & Charlene E Johnson, Chester Springs, PA 19425. Breeder: Karen J Coffey & Charlene E Johnson.

### **WINNERS DOG AND BEST OF WINNERS**

**BAJANAIRE NIKLAUS THE ORIGINAL RN**

By GCH Bleu By You - Bajanaire Perhaps A Porsche. Owner: Brittany Swan & Lance Swan, Louisville, KY 40229. Breeder: Janet Baker.

### **WINNERS BITCH**

**AIRERUN THERES ALWAYS HOPE**

By Ch. Bajanaire Full Throttle-Begeot's Aidan's Aire Apparent Ariel. Owner: Nelson & Virginia Begeot Jr. Breeder: Owners



Judge Peter Green taking a first look before examining Ted Hollander's entry.



The beautiful trophy table.

## Meeting and minutes: February 27, 2016

Held at Indigo Landing Restaurant, Alexandria, VA.

At 1:05 PM, President Corally welcomed our speakers: Dr. Elizabeth Embry and Dr. Jerry Hinn. Drs. Embry and Hinn delivered an informative presentation and answered questions from the group. We were updated on the advances with Laser treatment for surgical and therapeutic treatment. Their complete presentation is scanned and attached for additional reference.

At 2pm, President Burmaster thanked our presenters and called our meeting to order. She gave special recognition to Greg and Emma Darling for their bitch, "Ch. Lucy in the Sky of Diamonds" winning Best of Breed at Montgomery. Their feat was further highlighted with a special cake with their photo at the awards presentation. We all shared in toasting the Darlings' great accomplishment with a splendid piece of the cake provided by Pam McKusick.

President Burmaster welcomed new guests John Kiser, who will be an Airedale owner shortly, Piper Lansky, niece to Deb Todhunter, and her mother, Retha Lansky.

1. The President provided the Treasurer's report for Deb Carroll.
2. Recording Secretary, Ginger Robinson said minutes from our last meeting at Frying Pan Park were in the recent Newsletter and available by email upon request.

### Committee Reports-

3. Pam McKusick, our Rescue Chair, said that at long last, ATCMW Rescue is now Tax Exempt. One dog, about 8 years old named Topaz was in rescue. She was seized by Montgomery County out of a terrible hoarding situation. She has lots of issues from infections, tumors and a broken front leg. But with much patience and treatment, she is getting better. Her surgery cost to repair the broken leg will be over \$3,500.
4. No other unfinished Business was reported.

### New Business:

1. The Columbia Terrier Association will host an all terrier show at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD on Friday April 22, 2016.
2. Deb Todhunter is working on the Trophies. Our logo has been redrawn.
3. We voted new membership to Josh Brewer & Melissa Tyson, who will soon have a new puppy.

4. Door prizes were provided by Corally Burmaster & Jeanne Esmond. Winners were Tarry Faries, twice, Ginger Robinson, Margie Goodyear, Emma Darling & Debo West.

At 2:45, a motion to adjourn was made by Greg Darling and was seconded by Jeanne Esmond.

Attendees: President Burmaster; Vice President Karl Broom; Corresponding Secretary; Jeanne Esmond; Recording Secretary Ginger Robinson; Board Member:Pam McKusick.

Margie & Franklin Goodyear, Marie Hammond, Elaine LaMontagne, Gregg and Emma Darling, Mary Morningstar, Wes & Jackie Peebles, Tarry Faries, Debo West, Josh Brewer & Melissa Tyson, Deb Todhunter, Retha Lansky, Piper Lansky, Karen & Jeff Miller, Dr. Embry and Dr. Hinn.

Respectfully filed by Ginger Robinson

### **Nominating Committee Report**

The ATCMW Board of Directors held its May meeting on May 5 to appoint a Nominating Committee. Ginger Robinson was elected Chair with two additional members, Marge Goodyear and Tarry Faries. The slate for 2016 is as follows:

President	Corally Burmaster
Vice President	Karl Broom
Recording /Corresponding Secretary	Ginger Robinson
Treasurer	Jeanne Esmond
Directors	Susan Crawford Pam McKusick Jessica Rabin Jeff Miller Mary Morningstar/Wilder Leavitt

Two notable changes here! We have combined the two Secretary positions, which, in accordance with our By Laws, allows us to have 5 Board members instead of 4. This will bring two newer members onto the Board with new views and fresh ideas. And we have allowed the 5th Board position to be shared by the husband/wife team of Mary Morningstar and Wilder Leavitt, who will also share the one vote of that board member.

Remember that additional nominations may be made from the floor at our July meeting. Voting will take place at our September meeting.

### **New Member Application**

Pending member Ed Burns is looking to join the ATCMW for the second time around. Ed's family has had Airedales for over 60 years. He worked with Pam McKusick at Airedale Square for many years. Ed lost one of his Airedales, Molly, to Lymes disease in February. He recently obtained another through Corally Burmaster and everyone is doing just fine. Ollie and Ed welcomed Maggie in April.

Ed's membership application will be voted on at our July meeting.

## Russell J. Hammond, Jr June 10, 1929 - April 19, 2016

The Airedale community lost a friend and staunch supporter of the breed when Russ Hammond succumbed to the complications of Parkinsons.

Russ had Airedales all of his life. His first Airedale was Lassie. After she died, he got Laddie. Not the most original names but popular dog names for the 30's & 40's!



Russ had a distinguished career in the military and retired with the rank of Commander after 27 years in the Navy. He began his career as a Naval Aviator and ended with receiving the National Defense Service Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal and serving on the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

His interest in Airedales remained a constant in his life and his interest in them went from companion dogs to breeding and showing in conformation. He groomed and showed his own dogs as long as he was able before hiring handlers in the later years.



The early years.



Russ and Marie with their children  
Cyndi, Rusty, Stephanie, and Pam.



The winning years.



The Navy years. Russ (center front)  
with his entire bomber crew.



Russ with two of his "favorite things".....grandchildren and Airedales.





Russ and Marie Hammond

His daughter, Pam Meine, wrote of her father;

*"Parkinson's became one of his hardest trials and he faced it with courage and quiet resolve. He was humble, long suffering, and patient. He came into this world as a sickly youngster who grew into a strong, sharp, successful man to later be trapped in a body frozen by Parkinson's. Yet, these later years were his finest and a testament to his courage. He fought the good fight, he finished the race, he kept the faith."*

The family asks that those who wish to remember Russ do so with contributions to ATCMW Airedale Rescue, 5056 Ten Mills Rd. , Columbia, MD 21044



The Russell J. Hammond Jr. Best of Breed trophy, first awarded at our Specialty in 2014.



The trophy was unveiled at our March 15, 2014 meeting.

## Ask the Trainer:

Q: "In addition to the basic commands, *sit*, *stay* and *come*, what do you think are the 'must have' commands that every dog should master?"

Since the "must have" behaviors depend somewhat on lifestyle and goals, we put this excellent question to several experienced trainers who shared their thoughts on which behaviors are the most important for dogs to learn. Upcoming newsletters will contain more information about how to train these behaviors. Jump in and let us know which you would most like to have discussed first.

### **Ann Riley:**

Interesting question. I suppose that depends on where you live, where you take your dog, and what you do with him. Here are a few must haves for me. I'm happy to explain more about what I use them for and how I train them if anyone is intrigued.

- 1) Emergency recall. I like to have an emergency recall that I use rarely and reward highly. I use a regular whistle. It can be anything that is loud enough for your dog to hear if he is out of sight. I use this if my dog goes off after a deer, or at the dog park if it looks like there could be a fight starting. I want my dog to come back to me no matter what the distraction. It could keep him from getting, hurt, killed, or just in trouble. This is trained separately from a more casual come touch, or an obedience recall to come sit in front of me.
- 2) Don't go through doors without permission. This one is essential for me. I want to be able to answer the door and open my dog's crate in the car without fear that he will leap out and end up in traffic or something.
- 3) Emergency down. I find it useful to be able to drop my dog into a down from anywhere and at any pace.
- 4) I want to be able to get anything out of my dog's mouth that I don't want him to have. At a minimum, he should let go of anything I put my hand on and ask for. But, given the really gross things my dog picks up, there are times when I much prefer that he just drops it on the ground on cue.

### **Corally Burmaster:**

I have only a few hard and fast rules for my dogs. Come when they are called, do not bolt out the door ahead of me, don't dare tighten the leash when we are walking, and "Leave it!" Everything else we can negotiate.

To me the cue "leave it" means don't touch it if you haven't already done so, and spit it out if you have. Failing to teach that to each new dog has cost me thousands of dollars in vet bills to surgically remove rocks and nuts from where they've become lodged in intestines.

Most people try to teach the "leave it" cue by screaming it at the dog and making grabs at whatever the dog already has in its mouth. This is a bit like trying to teach a recall for the first time while the dog is in full chase after a squirrel. It is setting the dog up to fail!

Jessica Rabin:

I've found it very useful to have a "Go to / Stay in your place" behavior, where the "place" is a bed or mat where the dog will remain during a meal, when visitors are present, or when I'm teaching a class. This is different from a formal down/stay because the dog is welcome to stand up and reposition herself, as long as she stays in her "place".

I also think it is very beneficial to have a dog who will walk politely on either side of my body. I often put Willa on my right side in order to use my body as a buffer between her and traffic, approaching dogs, or children on bicycles, skateboards, or scooters.

Which of these behaviors sounds the most important for your dog to learn? Let us know, and the next newsletter will feature information on how to train it!