

AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

It's time to honor one of our own! Our Club is made up of great members, and all members of the BSCA should qualify for this. Now is the time to honor the person who has stood out to you. Please send your nomination to me in an email jefiechter@gmail.com of 500 words or less by March 1, 2017. Please pass the word to all BSCA members, encouraging those who haven't signed up for BSCA Notice to do so. Now is a good time!

AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award is the American Kennel Club's ongoing effort to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members. This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club.

- 1) How to nominate a person:
Nominations must be from a BSCA Member in Good Standing in the form of an essay of 500 words or less stating why the individual is deserving of this award. The essay should describe the activities of this individual that makes them a worthy candidate and explain how this person is deserving of the award.
- 2) If there are no nominations received from the membership, the Board of Directors will nominate between 3-5 persons.
2) Send nominations to Julie Fiechter, jefiechter@gmail.com by March 1, 2017. Please put BSCA Outstanding Sportsmanship in the subject line.
- 3) Selection of the award recipient:
Nominees will be posted on the BSCA Notice Yahoo Group. The selection of the Award recipient will be determined by vote of the BSCA general membership in good standing. Votes can be received by email or regular mail to the Corresponding Secretary who will count the votes. The Medallion will be awarded at the awards banquet at the National Specialty.
- 4) The criteria of the award is based on the AKC Code of Sportsmanship which follows:

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of the AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance, and companion events. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this Code is presented:

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The Sportsman Judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The Sportsman Exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The Sportsman Exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The Sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations, and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

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