

# The Plaid Piper

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our lives have turned upside down since March. Life as we know it has changed drastically. We are establishing a new normal of self or imposed quarantine, social distancing, intensified personal hygiene, masks and gloves. COVID-19 has permanently left its mark on 2020. Our March and April meetings have been cancelled and our June Specialty has been cancelled. So what does the future look like for STCC?



The resiliency of the human spirit and our ability to adapt and overcome is amazing. We will carry on! We may not be able to connect physically, but we can connect electronically. I miss seeing and talking with members and hearing their Scottie's latest activities and antics, and I know you do too. Mary Ellen Kanthack has agreed to facilitate this. Zoom, Facebook Live and Skype are some programs to connect us.

June 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM is the date for this. More details will be forthcoming.

There are a couple of snags with electronic meetings. First, several members are not that tech savvy. For those willing to learn a new media of communication, I am sure one of us can give you some help. I Skype with my 92 year old mother once a week. Once it is set up, it is easy to "come to the meeting." I am definitely technically challenged; so, if I can do it, so can you. The second problem with meeting electronically, is voting. Both AKC guidelines and our own Bylaws prohibit voting electronically. The Board is working on this one by contacting AKC and asking what they propose. There are business decisions that need to be made. We are not the only Dog Club with these questions and concerns.

For now, the STCC Board is acting "as if". We will keep the August 16<sup>th</sup> date for our Annual Awards Luncheon, the September 13<sup>th</sup> Bladder Cancer Screening, and the October 18<sup>th</sup> Howl-O-Ween Party. We will keep the membership informed of any changes in these events as we go forward.

Keep in touch with each other. If you think about another member, pick up the phone, message them on Facebook and/or email them. Chances are, they are thinking about you too. Isolation is dangerous. Keep reaching out. None of us are too busy to talk to you.

Stay safe and healthy.

*Thank you,  
Kathy Hufnagle,  
President, STCC*



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## ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING AND AWARDS

DATE: August 16, 2020 (Tentative)

EVENT: Annual Luncheon

INCLUDING: STCC Membership Award Presentations, 2019

PRESENTER  
TOPIC:

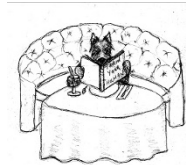
**Legislative Update: The Illinois  
Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners**

GUEST

SPEAKER: Lisa Hills, IFDCO Treasurer

TIME: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

LOCATION: The Westwood Tavern  
1385 N. Meacham Rd.  
Schaumburg, IL 60173  
(847) 969-9500  
[www.WestwoodTavern.com](http://www.WestwoodTavern.com)



COST: Amounts below include tax & gratuity

REMIT: \$37.00 by check, payable to STCC, -  
via snail mailing to Sue Grant - or -  
\$38.50 (incl. fee), payable to STCC,  
sent via PayPal from the STCC website  
(Payment must be received by August 7, 2020)

BUFFET INCLUDES:

Hummus & Pita / Chicken Wings  
Fresh Field Greens House Salad (Ranch & Balsamic)  
Champaign Salmon and Chicken Piccata  
Steamed Broccoli & Carrots / Baked Mostaccioli  
Vanilla Ice Cream Sundae  
Soft Drinks, Iced Tea, Herbal Teas, or Coffee  
(A cash bar is available)

REMINDERS: Humans only  
Board Meeting follows Club meeting.

The election of our 2020-2021 board  
members and officers will take place during  
the annual meeting during the luncheon.

### A Tail Tale from the Past!! Plaid Piper, Summer Issue, 2001

**BICYCLES:** Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly, and run alongside for a few yards; the person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away....

**DEAFNESS:** This is a malady which affects dogs when their person wants them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

**SOFAS:** Are to dogs like napkins are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the safe and wiper your whiskers clean.

(Thank you Carol Mallquist for sending this in. Anyone else who has old issues of our newsletter? Please send in items you might think are as apropos today, as they were then! (Or just things that caught your heart then. Or, that should be remembered. That also includes photos. Thank you! The editors.)

### The Final "Show" Budgets for BOTH June 2018 and June 2019

I can now say that I have received the final reconciliations from GLATA (Great Lakes All Terrier Association) for both our June 2018 and June 2019 shows. These were the first two shows for STCC that I was a part of. I thought it might be helpful for all members to see the income and expenses for these annual events. (Especially, as we have now had our June 2020 show cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, yet we need to be ready for our Friday show in June 2021 working with Little Fort Kennel Club and Onofrio as our superintendent, along with hosting the STCA National Rotating.

We definitely have a lot of planning to do for 2021, and we will need to keep in mind what we "typically" spend, so that we keep an eye on additional expenditures for that year, such as marketing, hospitality, increased advertising, and possible items such as insurance increases. (And, probably much more that I have not even thought of!) Anything I learn, I will let you know. Anything you learn or know? Please pass it along to us. Thank you.

		<u>June, 2018</u>	<u>June, 2019</u>
Trophies:	Donations	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,225.00
	Costs	<u>\$ 853.85</u>	<u>\$ 2,177.62</u>
	Net Trophy costs	\$ 171.15	\$ -952.62
Income:	Specialty Entries - Regular Classes (22 @ \$3.00 2018 / 30 @ \$3.50 2019)	\$ 66.00	\$ 105.00
	Sweeps Prize Money (65% of entry fees)	<u>\$ 48.75</u>	<u>\$ N/A</u>
	Sub-Total: Show Income	\$ 114.75	\$ 105.00
	Fundraising - Annual Total	<u>\$ 455.00</u>	<u>\$ 511.00</u>
	Total Income Available to Show Costs	\$ 569.75	\$ 616.00
Expenses:	AKC Application	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
	Advertising	\$ 76.50	\$ 50.00
	Campsite/Golf Cart Rental	\$ 235.00	\$ 75.00
	Sweeps Judge Costs/Thank You's	\$ 440.26	\$ 149.18
	Rosettes (\$6.50 each)	<u>\$ 6.50</u>	<u>\$ 6.50</u>
	Total Expenses	\$ 772.36	\$ 295.68
June Shows - Net Profit/Loss		\$ -202.61	\$ 320.32

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Marilyn Flanagan, STCC Show Chair*

**STCC MEETING NOTES: March 15, 2019 and April 19, 2020**

Club Meetings and Board Meetings - Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic

**STCA BAGPIPER , Clan Connection, Volume 2020 #2**

STC Chicago was founded in 1930, making us the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest Scottish Terrier club in the nation. We currently have 52 members and meet at locations throughout the Chicagoland area six times a year. In just the past few years we have had educational presentations on grooming, nutrition, understanding conformation shows, hosting a national rotating, barn hunt, and agility, to name a few. Yes, the Chicago club is a group of committed Scottie owners who run the gamut from companion owner to breeder, and everything in between! In this same time period, we have also announced at least five new litters!! While all of our club members deserve recognition on behalf of their Scottie, here is one that we wish to highlight:

Eleanor Goss, a long-time member of STC Chicago, with her beloved Scottie, Mackenzie, was an example of dedication to what a Scottie can do, and what the relationship between a Scottie and its owner can accomplish. Together they achieved many titles while pursuing their performance journey together. Eleanor sadly passed away on March 1, 2019 and one of her final wishes was to have Mackenzie recognized for all her many accomplishments. These include:

Canine Good Citizen (CGC, CGA), Therapy Dog (THD, THDA), Trick Dog (TKN, TKI, TKA, TKP), Barn Hunt (RATI, RATN, RATO, RATS, RATM), Beginner Novice (BN), Companion Dog (CD, CDX) and Rally (RN, RA).

As a close friend of hers has said, "It is not too often that a Scottish Terrier can achieve these titles. Eleanor was so proud of her exceptionally smart and beautiful girl and the two of them worked so very hard to attain these titles." Thirteen titles with over 100 therapy dog visits.

Please go to our website, STCChicago.org, and Facebook page often! We will keep you up to date with upcoming meeting information and other events.

*Marilyn J. Flanagan,  
STCC Bagpiper Correspondent*

**CALL FOR AWARDS, 2019**

If you have a Scottish Terrier who has won a title from AKC in 2019, you are entitled to an award from The Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago. The title can be for Conformation, CGC, Obedience, Agility, Rally, Earth Dog, Barn Hunt, Therapy Dog, Trick Dog, Lure Chasing, Tracking, or any other discipline for which AKC gives titles.

If you send me a copy of the title from AKC to me by June 15, 2020, I will make sure you receive you Award from STCC at our Annual Awards Banquet which is scheduled for August 16, 2020. The COVID-19 Virus may require us to postpone this event, but the STCC Board is acting "as if" . We will keep the membership apprised of any scheduling changes.

*Kathy Hufnagle,  
President STCC*

**FUTURE DATES TO "Pencil In"**

- August 16, 2020 - Annual Luncheon and Awards Banquet
- September 13, 2020 - Bladder Cancer Screening
- June 18, 2021 - STCC Annual Specialty (on Friday!)
- June 19, 2021 - STCA National Rotating (on Saturday!)

**FROM THE AKC**

The AKC continues to navigate uncharted territory during this pandemic and its staff remains dedicated to assisting clubs, exhibitors and customers. We are optimistic that we can rebound stronger and better than before.

As we look ahead and some states begin to open, we must remain cautious and vigilant to maintain the health and wellness of our sport. We continue to encourage each of our 5,000 clubs to adhere to federal, state and local restrictions pertaining to minimizing the spread of COVID-19. We support each club's informed decision to reschedule, postpone or cancel their respective events, as well as support clubs ready to hold events in municipalities that are open and permit gatherings. In an ongoing effort to assist event chairs and organizers, the Sports and Events Department has been working on suggested guidelines for best health practices to be used when the resumption of our sports is possible, as well as assisting events with date checks, Judges assignments, conflicts, etc. The guidelines will be made available in the coming weeks.

We are also working on ways to engage our exhibitors across all sports via activities. In an effort to keep our beginner Rally competitors active and training their dogs, we have released the AKC Rally® Novice Virtual pilot program.

Rally Novice competitors can set up a pre-designed AKC Rally® course in the safety of their own yard, record the performance and submit it. In turn, AKC will assign a pre-selected AKC Rally Judge to virtually review and score the team's Rally performance. There will be five pre-designed official rally courses published on [akc.org](http://akc.org) for the exhibitor to choose from. The exhibitor will follow the setup instructions provided, video the performance, upload the video to YouTube and submit the video link with the entry form and fee. The entry will be assigned to an AKC judge for scoring. All qualifying scores will be recorded on the dog's AKC record and applied toward the Rally Novice title requirements.

This is just one of the ways we are engaging exhibitors until we are able to hold events. We also have many fun activities for dog owners of all ages, as well as COVID-19 updates on [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). It is updated daily.

We are here for you. Staff is available to assist you during our regular business hours, Monday-Friday 8:15a -4:30p ET and customer service is available until 8p ET. I can be reached anytime on my cell phone at 516-637-6567.

AKC's commitment and loyalty to our sport, constituency and our treasured dogs is strong. We will continue to do everything possible to meet your needs and preserve our sport. We can't wait to share an event with you! Stay healthy and be well. These are unprecedented times for the world and our sport. The AKC is aware that the recent COVID-19 virus outbreak has greatly impacted our clubs nationwide. Though this is a difficult time, we remain encouraged that we will all get through this together.

*Dennis Sprung,  
President & CEO*



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### *The Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago*

The Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago was founded in 1930 by T.E. Weible and Mrs. M.F. Hills. On September 17, 1979, we were formally incorporated as a Not For Profit in the State of Illinois.

Our club is the 2nd oldest Scottish Terrier club in the nation. (California being the oldest club.) It is interesting to note that in 1959 there were still only eleven regional clubs. However, today, STCC is proud to be one of twenty Scottish Terrier regional clubs recognized by the Scottish Terrier Club of America.

STCC held its first Specialty show in November, 1930. Today, our Specialty shows are held annually the third Saturday of June at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, IL.

Across the years our club has changed leadership and direction, as has every regional club. The allure of the Scottish Terrier has decreased, and nationally there is a strong conversation as to how to rebuild the breed, and our clubs. At our height we had 80 members. Although our membership declined, our current initiative is to expand our clubs footprint, and we are reaching out full force to add new members and, thus new energy and ideas. Today we boast 57 members and counting.

Most of our tenured members have served this club in a leadership capacity - at least once. And, there is a strong knowledge base across our club, focused on our mission. Breeders, exhibitors, and those with companion Scotties have come together with determination to improve the lives and futures of our Scotties.

In recent years, successes have been made for our breed. A test is available for Cushings Syndrome through Dr. Zimmerman and UTenn. Studies at Purdue University have increased our knowledge of bladder cancer. A home collection kit, made possible by Dr. Breen, allows owners to send in urine samples for diagnosis.

If this is the first (or 100th) time reading *The Plaid Piper*, you may have a strong, personal interest in our breed you would like to share. If not already, please consider joining as a member of STCC. Thank you.