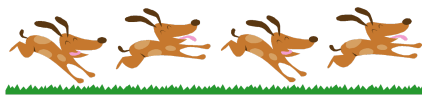




**DKC Newsletter**  
April - 2020 - Durham Kennel Club

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## Durham Kennel Club - News

### From the President

#### COVID-19 Message:

I hope you and your family are well. As you all know the DKC Board of Governors has taken proactive steps out of concern for everyone's safety, health, well-being and to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by canceling and temporarily suspending all Club activities. We continue to monitor the effects of the disease on our clubs, members, and upcoming and current club events and activities have had impacted our daily lives.

As a result of our last board meeting, The DKC Board of Governors would like to share our updated plan moving forward.

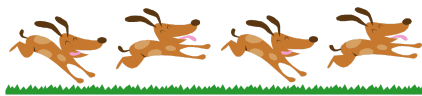
The DKC Board has scheduled a Special Board Meeting for May 1, 2020, at 3:30 pm. We will reassess the situation and attempt to determine when we can safely open the club activities and events. Everyone's safety is our top priority. We will not be meeting in person. I will be setting up a bridge call via ZOOM. If you are not on the DKC Board and would like to participate, please contact me directly and, I can add you to the ZOOM call setup.

#### Classes:

All Conformation Classes through May 2020. We will reassess the situation at our board meeting on May 1, 2020, and will schedule classes accordingly.

Canceling all Freestyle Classes and through May 2020. We will reassess the situation at our board meeting on May 1, 2020, and will schedule classes accordingly.

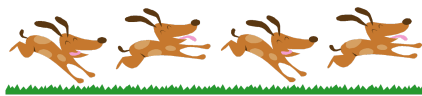
All Obedience and Rally classes are currently delayed for some time in June. Kirk Ridge, DKC Obedience and Rally Class Coordinator Chair will



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be sending an update on classes and schedule status the week of May 11, 2020. If you are signed up to participate in the April Obedience or Rally class, your space will be saved for the June session. If you elect to not participate in the June classes, no worries, just simply request a refund and the next available person on the waiting list will be selected to enroll in the class. Please contact your class instructor for class information.

Agility classes will be scheduled sometime after DKC is open for normal operation. Cathy Wells and the Agility committee will be scheduling classes accordingly. If you have any questions regarding Agility classes please, contact Cathy Wells directly via email: [msmillerunc@gmail.com](mailto:msmillerunc@gmail.com).



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## Meetings & Misc. Activities:

**We canceled the April 26, 2020 Meeting and Picnic at DKC.** As a result, we have to make special provisions for our upcoming DKC Officer and Board Elections. In order to facilitate this activity, we are taking the following actions:

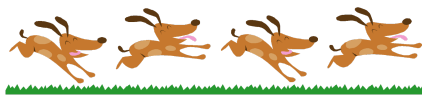
- If you would like to make a nomination from the floor you may submit via email the nominee's name to our DKC club's Secretary Lisa Roberts at [wonderdogs@earthlink.net](mailto:wonderdogs@earthlink.net). All candidates nominated from the floor must be submitted by April 26, 2020, at 9:00 pm EST. In order to be considered, all nominees from the floor must send via email to our DKC club's Secretary Lisa Roberts a simple statement that they agree to serve. The deadline is the same as the floor nomination - April 26, 2020, 9:00 pm
- **Absolutely no nominations will be considered after the deadline.**
- On April 28, 2020, DKC's club Secretary will, in a separate communication, publish to the membership all nominations from the floor that meet the requirements stated above.
- Susan Cicone, our Nomination Chair, and her committee will merge the Election slate with the nominations from the floor to complete our final 2020 Election slate. The DKC Board realizes this may vary from the mechanics of the DKC by-laws, but it tracks with the spirit and intent of the process.

## May 18, 2020, Membership meeting Via ZOOM:

The DKC Board has determined that for everyone's safety we will not be having a general membership meeting at the Durham Kennel Club.

However, **we will be having a virtual membership meeting via ZOOM.**

Lisa Roberts, our Club Secretary, will be providing call link information and ZOOM setup instructions for participants. Please contact me directly, if you would like help with your ZOOM setup.



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Most of the membership is well aware that we have our DKC Board Election at the May meeting. Due to the fact that we will not meet in person on May 18, 2020, at our membership meeting, there will be a change to the voting process. The DKC Board has made arrangements for members that are eligible to vote in the 2020 Board Election to receive via email a 2020 Election Ballot on May 8, 2020. You will have until May 15, 2020, at 5:00 pm EST to complete your voting.

We don't want to disenfranchise anyone eligible from voting. We have three eligible voting members that don't have email addresses. The DKC Board had made special consideration for these members only. Susan Cicone our Nomination Chair will be mailing manual ballots with a self-addressed envelope for only these three eligible voting members. Manual Ballots will be mailed by May 4, 2020, and in order for the manual votes to count the manual ballots must be received by May 15, 2020, at 5:00 pm.

Reminder, The DKC Board realizes this may vary from the mechanics of the DKC by-laws, but it tracks with the spirit and intent of the process.

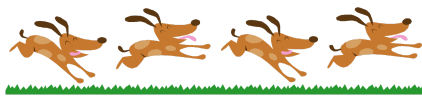
**Very Important Action Required:**

[Click here for a copy of the latest Membership Roster](#) provided by our membership Chair, Terri Toohil. I'm asking our members to please review your contact information from this latest Roster and Contact Terri Toohil directly via email: [ttootil13@aol.com](mailto:ttootil13@aol.com) for any changes please respond before April 24, 2020, 5:00 pm. We will be using the latest Roster to send out via email voting ballots. We need your help to ensure accuracy.

Thank you for your understanding and support during a truly challenging time!

Thomas Wrath  
President, Durham Kennel Club

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### **August Obedience Trial Chair Announcement:**

We are very happy to let you know that Ellen Beasley will be the August Obedience Trial Chair. We are so very grateful for Ellen's willingness to serve this essential role. I'm confident that Ellen will do an excellent job. I'm asking the membership to provide support and help if you can for our upcoming August Obedience Trial. If you are currently serving on the August Trial Committee and would like to continue to serve on the committee or would like to participate, please contact Ellen for consideration. Ellen's email: [ellenebeasley@gmail.com](mailto:ellenebeasley@gmail.com)

Best regards,  
Thomas Wrath

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### **Durham Kennel Club - Nominee Bios:**

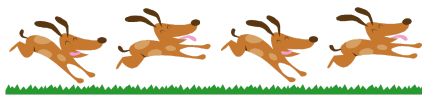
Thank you for the contributions you have made for this 2020 nomination election ballot. Approximately 50 people were contacted since January for the open positions.

Here are the Nominee's Bios:

#### **RECORDING SECRETARY - LINDA WOZNIAK**

I am honored to be nominated as Recording Secretary for Durham Kennel Club.

I purchased my first Labrador Retriever in 1980, attended my first dog show, was hooked, and bred my first champion in 1983. Since that time, I have been lucky to have been part of the dog show community, breeding and showing numerous Labradors to specialty wins and championships. In 1990, I purchased my first English Setter and had the good fortune to have bred the 1997 national specialty winner, as well as champions and multiple specialty winners. Along the way, I have had dogs compete in Hunt Tests, Obedience, Rally, Barn Hunt, Farm Dog, CAT Tests, Scent Work and serve as Therapy Dogs.



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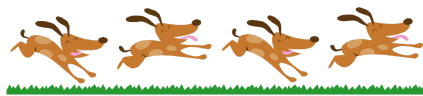
I have had the great pleasure of serving as the Club's AKC Delegate for the past sixteen years. At present, I enjoy teaching DKC's conformation handling classes and being an integral part of the AKC Family Dog Program as Trick Dog and CGC Instructor and Evaluator. In addition, I enjoy being Fall Show Chair, Co-Chair for the Spring Show, Chair of the Spring Rally and July Obedience Trials, and as Conformation B Match and Open Show Secretary. In past years, I have served the Club as a member of the Board of Directors as well as its Treasurer. By volunteering at many of DKC's various events, I have been able to gain an understanding of every AKC venue. I am currently an AKC judge, licensed for Sporting and Non-Sporting Breeds, Junior Showmanship, Scent Work, and Farm Dog Certified Tests. I believe it is important that all members of Durham Kennel Club have a voice in the governance of the Club and are kept informed.

During my tenure in the fancy, I served on the Board of the English Setter Association of America. As President of Jersey Skylands Labrador Retriever Club, Central Carolina English Setter Club and the Carolina Sporting Dog Association, I chaired events and have been an integral part of helping each club achieve AKC Licensing status. While on the Board of Directors of the NJ Federation of Dog Clubs, I worked closely with AKC regarding pending legislation including testifying in court cases relating to restrictive dog ordinances and vicious dog legislation. My corporate background as Corporate Credit Manager for British Petroleum and as President of the NJ Credit and Financial Executives aids in understanding of business and finance.

I thank you for your past confidence, and I look forward to continuing to support the fancy, Durham Kennel Club, and its membership.

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**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - LORI GROVE**



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Dogs have been a huge part of my life for the past 45 years. Through the years, I've shown and bred Belgian Sheep dogs and Belgian Tervurens.

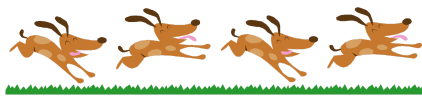
After my second daughter was born, my husband and I decided children and showing dogs was just too expensive and we had to give one of them up. We chose the kids. My children participated in the 4H program and raised several Guide Dogs in our home.

When we moved from California to North Carolina, I decided it was time to rejoin the pure-bred dog community. We adopted our first Belgian Tervuren in 1994. Razzle introduced me to performance sports, and we competed in Agility and Rally.

I was a founding member of the Youngsville Agility Club and Club Treasurer for several years. I was also a member of the Raleigh Kennel Club for several years and have been an active member of the Durham Kennel Club since 2016.

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTOR (2 positions open, 4 candidates)**

### **1. KITTIE RUE DEEMERS**

Breeds: Papillon and Chinese Crested

In 2013, I bought my first show Papillon. He finished his Championship in 2015 with the help of a handler for the majors. I finished his GCH on him in 2015. At this time, I joined the Durham Kennel Club as a non-voting member.

I have recently bred my first litter of quality Papillon puppies, and also a litter of Chinese Crested from which I have held back a powder puff bitch pup.

I'm currently expecting 2 litters of Papillon puppies, which should help me determine the next steps I'll take in my fledgling breeding program.

Service: I have photographed a tracking trial for the club and have performed various services such as volunteering for the health clinic during the Tar Heel Cluster and have lately been helping as steward and at times a ring volunteer for the Rally/Obedience matches.

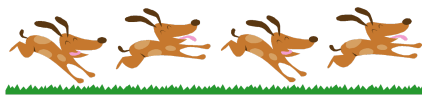
Discipline: I'm mostly conformation/breeding oriented and am attending classes in Rally when I can. I have 2 very intelligent and willing Toy breeds, and I think it makes them and me happier to be learning new things.

I'm currently serving as Secretary for the Papillon Club of the Carolinas, a newly accredited specialty club.

### **2. LISA ROBERTS**

I started at DKC in classes with my unruly German Shepherd puppy in 1995. My instructors, Marge White and Stella Maunsell introduced me to the world of dog training and sports, and I have been hooked ever since.

In 1996 I became a member and started assisting with the obedience classes. Since that time, I have taught many sessions/years of



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obedience and agility and competed in obedience, agility and herding.

I have served on the December Obedience/Rally Trials Committee and as Chair of the DKC Awards Committee, both since the early 2000s. I assist with the spring and fall member meeting picnics. Currently I am the Recording Secretary for the Board.

DKC is a wonderful, diverse club that means many things to its members. I would like to continue to serve and volunteer for those members and toward the club's continued success.

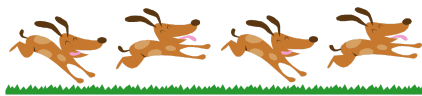
### **3. CYNDI SWANSON**

I have had dogs in my life since I can remember. My family had Chihuahuas and Pekinese, I adopted a Siberian Husky from our local shelter as a teenager and trained her in obedience (no easy feat!). My first competition dog was a Doberman Pinscher that I bought when I was in college. I have had Dobs ever since. My husband and I founded Doberman Rescue of NC, which we ran for years before handing off to most capable hands.

I bought my first greyhound in 199 and have been absolutely in love with the breed ever since. We actively compete in conformation and lure coursing, and have dabbled in agility, obedience, rally and now Scentwork. We occasionally breed and have several homebred dual champions. I am especially proud of the puppies that have gone on to be wonderful companions as well as therapy and service dogs.

I am a long-time member of Durham Kennel Club, the Mid-Atlantic Hound Association (currently VP), and the Greyhound Club of America (former board member, currently chair the rescue committee).

### **4. BETH WHITE**

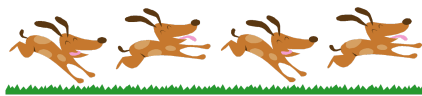


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I grew up as a teacher's daughter in Arkansas. After graduating from college, I worked for the Aluminum Company of America for almost 30 years near Knoxville, TN. My husband, Joe, and I moved to Youngsville, NC to be near kids and grandkids. "I became a dog person when I needed a companion to keep me company as I helped my husband recuperate after a long hospital stay.

I met miniature poodle Nina at 10 weeks old and fell in love with her cute expressions. She was supposed to be a lap dog, but soon she would scale her X-pen like an agile rock climber and would run like the wind to chase anything that moved. "Your lap is cozy, Mom ... BUT... there's so many fun things to do!" So we started walking, then hiking, and quite by accident, discovered agility. Before long, we were traveling around the Southeast competing two to three weekends each month, and she achieved her first MACH at 2 years old. We met another poodle woman who introduced us to Obedience, Rally, Tracking, and Field Work. It turned out that my little silver girl would give her best for anything I asked her to do. Nina earned her Junior hunter title the first-year minis were allowed to compete and she became the first mini to achieve a Senior Upland Hunting title."

I was a member of the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club for 10 years holding many positions including board member, webmaster, and agility trial chair. I am an active member of the Durham Kennel Club contributing my energy to the Agility Trial Committee, Awards Committee, and the Finance Committee.



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## **AKC DELEGATE**

### **JODI LaBOMBARD**

My husband and I raise Mastiffs and Rottweilers. Most have earned AKC championships, many have Obedience, Rally, Carting titles, and several are Certified Therapy Dogs.

I have previous and current experience on other dog club BODs. I held positions in an all-breed KC as Vice president and Treasurer, in the Mastiff parent club as Recording Secretary, and Membership Chair. I am currently the Treasurer of DKC, as well as a regional Rottweiler Club. I have taught several Rally classes for DKC over the past few years.

With these various interests in dog activities over many years, I'm interested in becoming more involved in the relationship between AKC and our club. I would like to continue to serve the club to further enable our club to continue to be successful, and to be the club that many people want to be part of because of the positive experiences that our club can offer.

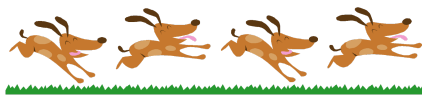
Best regards, Susan Cicone [shc@nc.rr.com](mailto:shc@nc.rr.com)

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### **DKC 2019 Awards Banquet:**

Our Awards Banquet was held on Saturday, February 29, at the DKC building with 46 people attending. This year's awards event was a more casual, daytime event with a barbecue luncheon provided by Gillis Barbecue.

Once again DKC members have been very busy and successful with their dogs! We had a lot of competition for many of the trophies! Congratulations to all who earned titles and those who won the trophies. The complete list



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of award winners will be available on the DKC website and in the newsletter.

For all their work before, during and after the banquet, the awards committee – Nancy Akers, Florence Archer, Diane Divine, Cathy Wells, Donna Wesemann, Beth White and Nancy Zawadowski - deserve a big thanks. Thanks to committee member husbands Roger Akers, Byron Archer, Scott Wells and Joseph Zawadowski for their set up help Saturday morning.

A huge thank you to everyone who stayed after the banquet and helped the awards committee tear down and clean up – Roger Akers, Byron Archer, Emilie and George Beglane, Tracy Fletcher, Rose Mary and Bob Pries, Marcia Stedman, Amanda Stipe, Scott Wells, Thomas and Michele Wrath and Joe Zawadowski. Sorry if I left anyone out, but all help was greatly appreciated!

The awards committee would like to get feedback on the awards event. We will be sending an email to the membership for input.

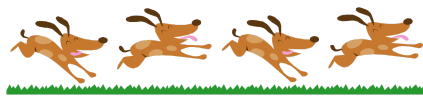
Congratulations again to all the title earners and winners. And good luck in the 2020 show year!

Lisa Roberts (Awards Chair), Nancy Akers, Florence Archer, Diane Divine, Cathy Wells, Donna Wesemann, Beth White and Nancy Zawadowski

Click the links below to see the lists:

[People Awards](#)

[Award Winners](#)



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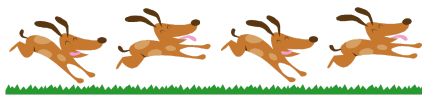
## Proposed New Members (Carryover From March Newsletter)

### Candidate Membership

- Amy & Neil Dean; Youngsville, NC; Great Danes and Pointers; participates in Conformation, Obedience and Therapy; Ch titles; Has kennel - Dogma Danes and Pointers; learned about the club through a workshop and friends in the club; seeking membership to become involved in multiple dog sports and to get to know more dog people.
- Sarah Lennon; Hillsborough, NC; Boston Terrier; participates in Obedience and Conformation; learned about the club through referral by AKC customer service; seeking membership to find fun ways to bond with her dog and to meet new people with similar interests.
- Cameron Mahan; Cary, NC; All American; participates in Obedience, Rally, Agility and Tracking; many titles; learned about the club by attending trials; seeking membership to have opportunities to learn about setting up events, being able to help my local club, and having more information on topics such as training and handling at events.
- Ann and Rob Partin; Chapel Hill, NC; Labrador Retriever; participates in Obedience and Therapy; learned about the club by AKC affiliation and web site; seeking membership to continue training and to be involved with a community of people and dogs with similar interests.
- Susan Sheets; Durham, NC; Golden Retriever; participates in Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Hunt/Field trials and Tracking; many titles; learned about the club from her breeder, Marcia Stedman; seeking membership because she is moving to Durham and wishes to continue training her Golden Retrievers.

### Full Membership

- Paula & Spencer Botkin; Wake Forest, NC; Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Border Collies and Swiss Mountain Dog; Has requirements; Sponsors: Susan and Dick Cicone.
- Dolores (Do) Kennedy; Charlotte, NC; Shetland Sheepdogs; Has requirements; Sponsors: Lisa Roberts and Cathy Wells.



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## American Kennel Club News

### Notes from March 2020 Delegates Meeting:

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### AKC Update April 16, 2020:

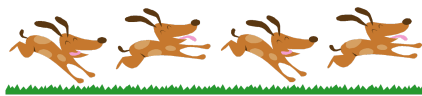
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### AKC Additional Update April 2020:

**FINANCE** AKC's unaudited financial results for the two months ended February 29, 2020 reflected that revenue was down \$98 thousand, or 1 percent below budget, mainly due to weakness in fees related to events and sponsorships. This weakness was offset by strong results in registration and admission sales to the Meet the Breeds® event in NYC. Controllable expenses were down \$433 thousand, or 4 percent below budget, as a result of reduced payroll related costs (14 headcount below budget) and a delay of some marketing related costs. These savings were partially offset by increased spending to secure the Meet the Breeds® rental space. Non-controllable expenses were down \$185 thousand, or 8 percent below budget, as savings in depreciation were realized from reduced capital spending since Q4 2019 along with other expense savings. Net Operating Income exceeded budget by \$520 thousand, mostly as a result of cost savings identified above. These results were prior to the effects of the pandemic. Other non-operating losses were almost \$5 million with a majority of the loss coming from investments.

The **Biewer Terrier** has been accepted into the AKC Stud book effective January 1, 2021 with eligibility to compete in the Toy Group on that date. The Board also approved the breed standard as the official AKC Standard for the breed.



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The Board approved a modification to the **Limited Number of Events Policy** to allow clubs the option of holding a third show provided they meet specific criteria. The staff recommendation is, in addition to the current policy, a club would qualify for a third show provided there are no other shows within 500 miles on the day of the show or any day of the cluster.

Recommendations have been made to expedite the **Sanctioning Process of Group Clubs**. These changes are meant to reduce the administrative burden of forming a Group club and to shorten the time required for a club to become licensed to hold a show. These specific recommendations are:

1. Reduce membership requirements to 20 household / 12 local. (Currently 30 household / 25 local) ,
2. Reduce breed representation to 25% of the breeds in the group. (Currently 50%), and
3. Reduce the sanctioning process to be dependent upon the amount of experience in the club. (Currently two B-matches and two A-matches are required).

From DKC Member: Linda Wozniak [oswicks@att.net](mailto:oswicks@att.net)

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### **AKC Free Webinars:**

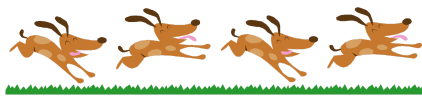
Join us for the latest installment of Canine Health Bytes – a webinar series sponsored by the AKC Canine Health Foundation and presented by VetVine. **Register for this informative webinar [here](#).**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 **Time:** 8:00 pm ET **Speaker:** Jason Stull, VMD, MPVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVPM **Topic: Time to get tough and "Ruff": Protecting dogs from infectious diseases**

Join this timely webinar about infectious diseases in dogs to learn what we can all do to protect our dogs (and ourselves) from infectious diseases - the ones of today ... and those of tomorrow.

This discussion will unpack key modifiable practices likely to have the greatest influence on reducing dog infections and disease. Both individual dog and community level (e.g., dog importation) approaches will be





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discussed. Special attention will be devoted to areas under increased scrutiny by dog owners such as vaccination. At the conclusion of the session, attendees will have learned and be able to put into practice simple, practical steps that best protect our canine companions.

Previous webinars are available on demand [here](#). Thank you for your continued support of AKC Canine Health Foundation and your commitment to help all dogs live longer, healthier lives!

Linda Wozniak [oswicks@att.net](mailto:oswicks@att.net)

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## Heartfelt Letter from a Junior Handler:

This handwritten letter from junior handler “Theo B” touched my heart.

[Read it here](#)

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Instructions for posting your wins:

**1. Post you show wins directly on the DKC website:**

1. Navigate to “[Show Wins Recording](#)” page.
2. On the left of the screen, click either:
  - a. Report **Conformation** Show Wins
  - b. Report **Performance** Show Wins
3. Enter your information in the fields provided.
4. Click Submit.
5. You will then see a verification page of your posting

The website process described above requires you to repeat the process for each separate win.