

# Our 1st National Specialty!

On September 21, 2008, Chinook Club of America made club history when we held our first National Specialty in Merrimack, New Hampshire. Roo Roo!



*Brewery Tour Anyone*



*Anheuser-Busch Clydesdale*

Our Specialty was held in conjunction with Souhegan Kennel Club's AKC Sanctioned B Match on the beautiful grounds of the Anheuser Busch Brewery and Clydesdale horse stables. Since the Chinook breed hails from New Hampshire, it was fitting to hold our first club Specialty in the state where the Chinook breed originated. Our Show Trail and Trail Chair, Candace Mizell, with her two sisters Mike Mankins and Cherie Holmquist (all from Texas), even made the 100 mile trek from Merrimack to Wanalancet and the Chinook Trail to visit the historic birthplace of the Chinook!

The day of the Specialty was sunny and warm - a beautiful fall day and perfect weather for a Specialty. The day began at 8 am at the show site where we gathered to set up our CCA booth and organize the ribbons for the match. Our Chinook history table was overflowing with historic Chinook photographs and news articles from the Perry Greene Era. This booth was attended by Peter Richards who is Perry Greene's grandson, Peter's wife Brenda and Peter's son Perry Richards. Perry Greene's beautiful, hand-painted 4ft X 15ft mural of a team of Chinooks in deep snow was used as a back-drop to the history table. We also had a table with an assortment of super raffle items which were all donated by our members, another table with custom screen-printed Chinook T-shirts and Chinook note cards, a table with Candace's canine artwork on display, and a table with AKC Canine Health Foundation information and handouts. Give-aways included specialty magnets featuring Perry Greene Riki on them and CCA Four-Chinooks Art on refrigerator magnets,



*Candace Mizell on a scooter*

as well as the updated club brochure. Our Chinook tables drew quite a lot of interest from both the exhibitors at the Souhegan Match and those folks who came just to enjoy the Clydesdales and the beautifully landscaped grounds of the Brewery. We also visited with several prospective Chinook puppy owners, who talked about the breed with us and took home club brochures to read.



*Handling Class for Juniors and Adults given by AKC judge and CCA Board Member Susan Parsons*



*Handling Class participants*

Susan Parsons, our Judges Education Chairperson (and herself an AKC breed judge), conducted a handling class for those who were interested. Many in the class were first timers to the conformation ring and received advice on what to expect in the ring, and how best to present their dog to the judge.

At 10 am the judging began with Dianne Tyree, a pro handler and aspiring AKC Judge, judging Puppy Sweeps, Veterans Sweepstakes, and Junior Showmanship. Best of Breed followed with Mr. George Marquis judging. George is an AKC licensed judge who is approved for the Working Group, Miscellaneous Class, and Best in Show. We offered puppy and adult classes, with both sexes represented in the ring. George chose Forever Greene Qannik as Best Puppy in Match and Forever Greene Talis as Best Adult. Talis went on to take Best in Specialty Match.



*Praise from the Judge, Dianne Tyree*



*Judge George Marquis in a discussion on the Chinooks Exhibiting*



*Forever Greene Qannik smooches up to the judge*

It is so important for us to get our Chinooks out in the public spotlight for all to see, and the club is most appreciative of those owners and their Chinooks for participating in this, our very first National Specialty! Congratulations to all the Chinooks who came out and were



shown! (Results from the match may be found at the end of this article.)

Over the course of the day, our Specialty judge spent a lot of time going over all the photos and items that we had on display regarding the Chinook, making a study of the historical aspects of the breed. With this background in hand after the judging the breed, George discussed what he saw in the Chinooks he had judged. He offered his thoughts on the current Chinooks, what he liked, and what he felt were things that we, as a breed, might improve on. George answered questions, patiently stood for photos with the Show Committee, and generously offered his help to the club in the future.



*Doreen Palmer with Eastern Waters Sea Zephyr giving Rally Demo*



*Patti Richards and Forever Greene Qannik learn Rally*

Everyone who took the opportunity to give Rally a try came away encouraged and eager to train their Chinooks for a real Rally trial. Rally was a lot of fun for the Chinooks and their handlers and was fun to watch as well. Many of the spectators expressed an interest in Rally O after hearing Doreen's talk and watching the Chinooks take to the course

Thanks to our Specialty Committee, our volunteers, our exhibitors, our club members and our friends who helped make this very first CCA Specialty such a huge success! We are looking for a location to hold our 2009 National Specialty Match. CCA may have a match in conjunction with an approved AKC club's Match. We would also like to hold the Match in an area where a number of Chinook owners would support the match with their entries, and volunteer to help out. Please contact Candace Mizell at chinook4me@windstream.net with your suggestions.



*Sisters Qannik and Qivi want to play, not show.*

Chinook Club of America 2008 National Specialty Results:  
Judge: Ms. Diane Tyree

Puppy Sweeps:

Best in Puppy Sweeps: Forever Greene Qannik

Best of Opposite: Forever Greene Zebulon

Veteran Sweeps:

Best in Veteran Sweeps: Intervale Imp Face

Junior Handling:

Best Junior: June Kolentus with Intervale Imp Face

2nd Best Junior: Taylor Andrzejewski with Forever Greene Zebulon

Judge: Mr. George Marquis

Best Puppy in Match: Forever Greene Qannik

2nd Place: Forever Greene Qiviut

Best of Opposite: Forever Greene Zebulon

Best Adult/Open in Match: Forever Greene Talis

Best of Opposite and 2nd Place: Intervale Ursa Major (Kody)

3rd Place: Intervale Brown Eyed Girl

Best in Specialty Match: Forever Greene Talis



*Forever Greene Qannik*



*Forever Greene Zebulon*



*Intervale Imp Face*



*Lisa Andrzejewski with Zeb gets tips from the judge*



*Kody gaiting*



*Forever Greene Qivi*





# Specialty Snapshots!



*Veteran Class with Intervale Imp Face (Ursa)*



*Veteran Class with Intervale Kat and Tony*



*2008 CCA Specialty Inspecting Intervale Luna's bite*



*Luna and Wendy in an advanced exercise-over the jump*



*Around the ring*



*Tom Meese with BJ and Quivi*



*Veteran Singing Woods Nakomis*



*Walking dogs*



*A chance to talk*



*Judge and Board Members*



*Forever Greene Qiviut down and back*



*Jr. Handlers*



*Great focus on Nancy Bartol*



*Forever Greene Zebulon try out the Rally course*



*Intervale's Ursa and Claire*



*Patti Richards with specialty winner, Forever Greene Talis*



*Wendy St. George and Emma*



*Dinner Saturday*