



2010 Chinook Club of America Specialty and Sanctioned A Match



"Tail-Gait" Party

The Chinook Club of America held our Specialty and sanctioned A Match on September 26, 2010 at the Anheuser Busch Brewery in Merrimack, New Hampshire. Events on the eve of the Specialty included a dog walk with swimming in a muddy pond: just what one wants the night before a dog show but, luckily, Chinooks are wash and wear! There was a wine tasting party to celebrate the custom Chinook wine labels designed by Stephanie Wheatley, who did an awesome job on the labels. There was also a "Tail-Gait" pizza party at the host motel. The night was perfect for al fresco dining in the courtyard at the motel, and later that evening there was even an earthquake to surprise Chinook lodgers!

Sunday was busy, busy, busy with organizing and setting up. The Anheuser grounds are huge, dog friendly, and absolutely lovely! Prizes were donated by members and included a \$100 gift certificate to PETCO from the Durnings, a soft-sided crate from the Richards, Chinook Café Travel Mugs from Susan Parsons, Crate Pails full of cookies from Dianne Tyree, a gift bag from Jude Griffin, specialty "Jitterdog" Coffee direct from Alaska, donated by Gary & Doreen Palmer, a Skijor Belt, lines and a Maine Cookbook from Rick Skoglund and Amanda Bays made sure everyone who entered the match received a goodie bag with CCA pens, calendars, samples, and all sorts of cool stuff. How great that everyone stepped up to help make this event special even if some couldn't be there!!



Auction Table



Ranson and Fionn

Eleven Chinooks were entered in the breed ring and twenty Chinooks were in attendance including Tullibardine's Kan and Kenai, Belfast, Ransom, (who looks just like his Mom, Jessie), Fionn, Huck and Birr, (who are all Jackson grandkids). Half of the Riverstone litter of April 2010 attended: Basil, Belle, Rhys, and Kenzie delighting all as they made their debut in the puppy class ring.

Mr. Ed Lyons was the A match judge. He was good-humored and kind, and he was thorough in his examination of each Chinook. Ed gave good feedback on handling and pointed out the positives. He made a few remarks after the Specialty regarding his

thoughts on the status of the Breed. He talked about Best of Breed winner Qannik's beautiful topline, and how clearly her rear drives her front. He commented on variability in the phenotype, his recollection of the reduction in overall breed size, remarking that Chinooks used to be the size of malamutes: "But now they eat less and still pull well." Ed also pointed to faults in some dogs being shown, including weak back and incorrect tail set. He also suggested that exhibitors need to train their dogs specifically for the show ring.

Susan Burell, a professional handler, gaited many of the Chinooks while Chester Halloran took video of the dogs as Susan moved them in a large grassy field. Chester was the epitome of patience as videographer! Susan has a special way with the Chinooks and they all showed to the max under her guidance. Her husband, breed judge Bill Burrell, watched Susan move the dogs and shouted helpful suggestions from the sidelines. Photographer Jude Griffin took lots of photos and seemed to be everywhere, taking pictures to document the event for the club. Jude must have been exhausted by day's end!



Susan Burell with Jamaica



Basil

We had representatives from so many areas of the country at the National Specialty including Cheryl Brown from the west coast, Candace Mizell from the south, Joan & Pete McMahon from the Midwest, New Englanders from Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Connecticut, and KJ Krammes with Jamaica from the mid-Atlantic. Everyone appreciated Cheryl B's lovely speech at the Annual Meeting and Cheryl's "above and beyond" effort to attend the Specialty was really appreciated by everyone!

The Match Committee had forwarded a press release to the New Hampshire papers and Fosters Daily Democrat posted this notice online, at:

http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100921/GJCOMMUNITY_01/100929981/-1/FOSCOMMUNITY17

In addition to the A match, some club members also entered the Souhegan Kennel Club's B conformation match and obedience and rally matches, all held at the same location. But by mid-afternoon, it was time to pack up gear, prizes, gift bags, along with many tired Chinooks!

The Match Committee would like to thank the following people for making the 2010 CCA Specialty a huge success. These people worked for a year planning this Specialty and they pitched in with determination and good humor!



Rhys

Dianne Tyree for handling the horrendous job of Secretary with such organization. Dianne donated the cost of printing and mailing the judging schedule and also the cost of printing the catalogue.

Susan Parsons and Doreen Palmer for starting judging at the exact moment it was scheduled, for keeping things moving properly and doing all with a great sense of humor.

Deb Meese for guarding the T-shirt and wine sale table, and collecting money for the purchase of those items along with the mugs.

KJ Krammes for purchasing the ribbons and organizing the awards table and making sure everyone picked up their prizes and goodie bags

Jude Griffin for her energy and skill taking photographs.

Chester Holleran for taking video of Susan Burrell expertly moving dogs for our Judges Ed program, for taking down the food orders for Saturday night's "Tail-Gaiter" party and getting the meals!

Nancy Bartol for arraigning the wonderful T-shirts and wine, and just helping out with what ever needed doing.

Jo-Ann Smith for handling the money.

Wendy St. George for the great fruit and cheese for our wine and dinner party at the host motel.

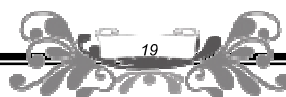
Candace Mizell for coming all the way from Texarkana and putting together the goodie bags on Friday night after flying all day.

Amanda Bays, who wasn't even officially part of the Committee, but found all the neat items that made up the goodie bags and also some of the Silent Auction items.

Cheryl Brown, our club president, for coming across the country to help with anything that needed doing, including officiating at the club's annual meeting.

Tom Goldthwait and Perry Richards for doing anything and everything else that needed doing.

Because of all our volunteers' help and support and the participation of our wonderful Chinook owners, our Match and Specialty was a huge success. Thank you all!



2010 National Specialty Results

Results Under Judge Mr. Ed Lyons

Puppy Class:

Puppy 6 & Under 9 Months Dogs:

1st - Riverstone Lighthouse Basil

Puppy 6 & Under 9 Months Bitches:

1st - Intervale's Riverstone Beltaine

Open Dogs:

1st - Lakeside Run's Little Bear

Bred by Exhibitor Bitch:

1st - Forever Greene Qannik

American Bred Bitch:

1st - Paddlby Lighthouse Keeper

Open Bitch:

1st - Paddlby Lighthouse Keeper

Best of Breed: Forever Greene Qannik

Best of Opposite Sex: Lakeside Run's Little Bear

You can see Jude's photos of the 2010 CCA Specialty here

http://www.flickr.com/photos/jude_the_obscure/sets/72157624915974753/show/



*Moonsong
Roethlisberger*

It's Time To Start Planning Our 2011 CCA Specialty Match!



Site of the 2010 CCA Specialty

If you would like to volunteer to Chair the next Specialty Match, please contact Cheryl Brown cbchinooks@comcast.net with the following details: available match site(s), possible date(s), estimated number of Chinook dog entries, and approximate number of volunteers available to staff a specialty committee.


The 2010 Specialty was held in New Hampshire and it would be great to have the 2011 Specialty in another area of the country. So, if you have the ideal spot, the people to help, and Chinook dogs for entries, please let us know!

The 2010 Specialty Committee will be glad to provide guidance to the next Match Chair to help make the next Specialty a huge success!

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