

MAWA NEWS

News from The Metropolitan Atlanta Whippet Association

October 2007

A look back on The Georgia Classic Southern Specialty



UPCOMING EVENTS

AKC Coursing
Cartersville, GA
October 13-14, 2007

MAWA Meeting
Cartersville, GA
October 13, 2007
Following Lure Coursing

ASFA Lure Coursing
Calhoun, GA
November 23-25, 2007

MAWA Website
www.atlantawhippet.com

The MAWA and Southern Specialty Weekend proved to be a huge success with 139 whippets entered in the MAWA Specialty on Thursday and 152 whippets entered for the Southern Specialty on Saturday. The entry for the Southern Specialty was the largest regional AWC Supported entry of the year according to AWC National Show Chairman Cindy Scott.

A special thanks to Jan Lucree for her dedication and hard work over the course of the Specialty weekend. Jan served as Show Chairman for the MAWA Specialty on Thursday along with her many other duties for the weekend. Jan did a great job in selecting this years trophies for the entire weekend and setting up the trophy table at the event.

The club provided lunch on Thursday and Saturday to all of our exhibitors, as well as a cocktail party which was hosted along with Claire Newcombe on Saturday evening. The cocktail party at the Atlanta Airport Hilton honored Peggy Newcombe who passed away earlier this year. There were a lot of tears from all who attended and honored our great friend.

MAWA would also like to thank the Atlanta Airport Hilton for their generosity in providing rooms to several of the judges over the course of the weekend. Their hospitality was exceptional to both our out of town guest and to our group on Saturday evening. The club received many compliments the hotel facility as well as the service from the hotel staff. We look forward to hosting the AWC Specialty at the hotel in April 2009. The hotel will continue to offer our exhibitors excellent rates for the next several years over our specialty weekend.

Thanks to the club members who assisted with the weekend events included Jan Swayze Curry who headed up the silent auction, Julie Poole who provided photography ringside for the weekend, Elizabeth Gearhart for her help with the lunches and hospitality, and many others who worked hard to make the weekend a special event for our exhibitors.

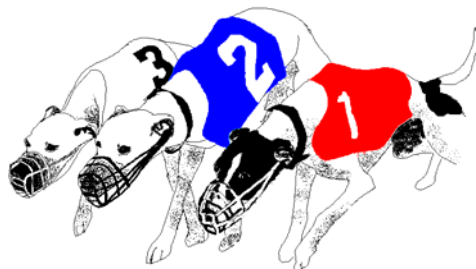
All results for the specialty weekend can be found on the MAWA Website at
<http://www.atlantawhippet.com/2007southern.htm>

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MAWA will be assisting MARS on Saturday, October 27, 2007 with their NOTRA Racing event. The event will provide club members an opportunity to not only enjoy the round track racing but the opportunity to move forward in becoming a NOTRA Sponsored Club for future races. We are looking for volunteers to assist MARS for their weekend of racing.

SHOW RESULTS

MAWA Specialty, Thursday September 20, 2007.
Sweepstakes Judge: Joe Buchanan Kennel Aleema

Best in Sweepstakes: KAMADA'S A MILLION DREAMS. By Ch Plumcreek Fortune Walking Million Dollar Baby. Breeder: Debbie & Kathleen M Davenport. Owners: Pennyworth Kennels and Debbie Davenport.

Best of Opposite to Sweepstakes Winner: SPORTING FIELD'S BACCARAT. By Sporting Field's New Design-Ch Sportingfield Dream Of Sicily. Breeder/Owners: Amanda Giles & Dionne Butt & Daniel Black.

Regular Classes. Judge Lori Lawrence Starline Whippets.

Best of Breed: CH. SEASPELL'S POINT CABRIA JC. By Ch Snowcap's Wildcard Goodfellow-Ch Seaspell's Beach Music SC. Breeder: Judith Britton & Karen Roberson. Owner: Polly Clement Karen Roberson Judith Britton.

Best of Opposite Sex: CH. FESTIVA'S IT WASN'T ME. Breeder: Katie Rudolph & Susanne Hughes DVM. By Ch Wenrick's Man About Town-Ch Festiva's What's Your Excuse. Owner: Kelly Riney.

Winners Bitch/Best of Winners: KAMADA'S A MILLION DREAMS. By Ch Plumcreek Fortune Walking Million Dollar Baby. Breeder: Debbie & Kathleen M Davenport. Owners: Pennyworth Kennels and Debbie Davenport.

Winners Dog: CROSSING THE RUBICON DE SUD JC. By Ch Ableaim I Wanna Talk About Me SC-Ch Calico Sphinx De Sud. Breeder: Kathy Armato & Jimmy Cabailo. Owner: Jenny Boyd & Kathy Armato.

RWD: Sporting Field's Move On.

RWB: ABLEAIM JUST NOT ANOTHER PRETTY FACE JC.

Awards of Merit: CH WHIPPLETREES ICY AFFIRE ROM JC, CH MIMBRES ZUNI WARRIOR, CH OXFORD TOBELL FIRE AND ICE, CH MERCI ISLE DOVE FEATHER, KAMADA'S A MILLION DREAMS

Friday, MAWA Supported Douglasville Kennel Club

Judge: Doug Arthur Marial Whippets

Best of Breed and Group 2: CROSSING THE RUBICON DE SUD JC. By Ch Ableaim I Wanna Talk About Me SC-Ch Calico Sphinx De Sud. Breeder: Kathy Armato & Jimmy Cabailo. Owner: Jenny Boyd & Kathy Armato.

Best of Opposite Sex: CH MERCI ISLE DOVE FEATHER. By Ch Byerley Savile Row-Ch Merci Isle Velvet Hammer. Breeder: Iva & Jeffrey Kimmelman. Owner: Iva Kimmelman.

Winners Dog: EUPHRATES DE SUD. By Ch Ableaim I Wanna Talk About Me-Ch Calico Sphinx de Sud. Breeder: K S Armato & Jimmy Cabailo. Owner: Katharine S Armato.

Winners Bitch/Best of Winners: HYCKS HOLLOW LAVENDER ILLUSION. By Ch Cherche's The Country Man-Ch Hyxh Cherche'Lady of The Lake. Breeder: Crystal McNulty & Chris Durance. Owner: Crystal McNulty & Chris Durance & Mary & Ron George.

RWD: ABLEAIM BARCHET KURT RUSSELL

RWB: MERCI ISLE TOUCH PARADISE

Help Needed

We are looking for more volunteers to assist with huntmastering at the AKC trail next weekend in Cartersville. Contact David Howton 770-345-2120 if you can assist.

The 2009 AWC National

I hope all of the MAWA members will start thinking about the 2009 event to be hosted by the club here in Atlanta. We are looking for the membership to volunteer to assist with bringing back the National Show to Atlanta for the first time since 1997.

For more information to volunteer, contact David Howton at 770-689-7106 or drwhippet@aol.com.

We are planning some new events that will make this the best AWC National show ever and I know you will want to be a part of making our international audience feel welcome on their visit here in 2009.

Saturday's AWC Southern Specialty - Atlanta Kennel Club Sweepstakes Judge Karen Gibson Andauer Whippets

Best in Sweepstakes: HOLLOWELL KEWPEE. By Hollowell Plum Creek Trust You Me-Hollowell She's A Treasure. Breeder: Diane Laratta & Linda Larson. Owner: Jane Cooney Waterhouse & Shirley Cooney.

Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes: POLO PLAYER DE SUD. By DC Sportingfields Jazz Fest-Ch White Linen De Sud. Breeder/Owners. Jimmy Cabailo & Kathy Armato.

Regular Classes, Judge Michelle Billings

Best of Breed and Group 1: CH SPORTING FIELD'S ROCK ON. By Ch Wenrick's Man About Town-Mimbres Zophisticate N FLD. Breeder: Dionne E Butt & Owen J Light. Owner: Dan Black & Bruno Gideon & Dionne E Butt.

Best of Opposite: CH DEVEREUX'S EVENING STAR JC. By Ch Sportingfield's Rock On JC-Ch Wilhaus Here Comes the Sun JC. Breeder: Angela Bass Cecil & Robin Brown. Owner: Angela Bass Robin & Cecil Brown.

Winners Dog: SPORTING FIELD'S MOVE ON. By Ch Sporting Field's Live On-Ch Sportingfield Paris N River Chase. Breeders/Owners: Dionne Butt & Amanda Giles & Daniel Black.

Winners Bitch/Best of Winners: ABLEAIM JUST NOT ANOTHER PRETTY FACE JC. By Ableaim I'm In A Hurry SC-Ch Ableaim Heart Breaker. Breeders/Owners: Jenny & Gail Boyd.

RWD: PENNYWORTH BELIEVE ME ALONE

RWB: SPORTING FIELD'S LITTLE BLACK DRESS

Awards of Merit: SPORTING FIELD'S MOVE ON, ABLEAIM JUST NOT ANOTHER PRETTY FACE JC, CH SPEEDY G HVN SENT REDEMPTION, KAMADA'S A MILLION DREAMS, CH KARASAR'S ARTISTRY, CH BO-BETT'S HIGH SPEED CHASE.

Sunday's AWC Supported - Newnan Kennel Club

Judge: Stacey Davis O'Bailee Kennels

Best of Breed and Group 2: KAMADA'S A MILLION DREAMS. By Ch Plumcreek Fortune Walking Million Dollar Baby. Breeder: Debbie & Kathleen M Davenport. Owners: Pennyworth Kennels and Debbie Davenport.

Best of Opposite: CH INDIGO CHARLESTON DE SUD. By Ch Sonseeahray's in Hot Pursuit-Ch June Bug de Sud. Breeder: Kathy Armato and S P Biscoto. Owner: Douglas and Barbara Conrad and K S Armato. Agent: Connie L Alexander.

Winners Bitch/Best of Winners: BO BETT HALLMARK'S DANCE DANCE DANCE. By Ch CH. Sonseeahray's In Hot Pursuit ROMX-Ch CH. Lake's Carry Beyond Music. Breeder: Carol A. Harris. Owner: Carol A Harris & Jill Couture.

Winners Dog: NONSUCH WHIPPORWILL. By Ch Sprtgfld Nonsuch Black Sheep-Ch Nonsuch Cafe' Sumatra. Breeders/Owners: Kalen & Karan Dumke.

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All photos courtesy of Julie Poole Photography



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Region 7 Loses a Great Whippet

**"Gala", Comet's Royal Gala, LCM20, VLCM6 on
April 11, 1997 - October 2, 2007
Owned by Les Pekarski and Shirri Peak**

"Gala" who was ten years old, and one of the greatest coursing whippets ever, holds the record for the number of LCM's earned by any sighthound, a record that will likely stand for many years to come. She was one of the most talented and consistent Whippets in Region 7 and across the nation as she traveled with Les and Shirri to run weekend after weekend. She was truly one of the great sighthounds of the sport of lure coursing, and will be sorely missed by all of the fancy. May she rest in peace and run in joy.

Gala ran in the MWCC trials in Racine, Wisconsin the prior weekend without incident or problems. She returned home with Les early Monday morning and had a normal and unremarkable day. When Shirri went to turn her out late Monday afternoon, Gala was dead in her crate. A necropsy done at the University of Georgia vet school did not reveal anything out of the ordinary. Tissue samples will be examined to attempt to determine the cause of her death, but so far everything about her seems to have been normal.

Meet our Featured Members Julie Poole and Family



Meet Larry, Julie, Taylor, and Tanis, the Poole Family. I asked Julie to share a little information about her and her family with our membership. Julie shot photos ringside at Specialty Weekend this year and those photos can be found on her website at <http://www.juliepoole.com>. Julie became a member of MAWA earlier this year and will be our photographer at the 2009 AWC National.

I am a photographer who specializes in equestrian and pet photography. A niche not many of my professional photographer friends want to do! I have been a hunter/jumper and dressage competitor in the equestrian world since I was 11 years old. My love for the horses spilled into photography, which I casually did all through college, of course, mainly of my animals. I started photographing clinics and horse shows when my twins were about 2 years old. The hobby morphed into a profession about a year later.

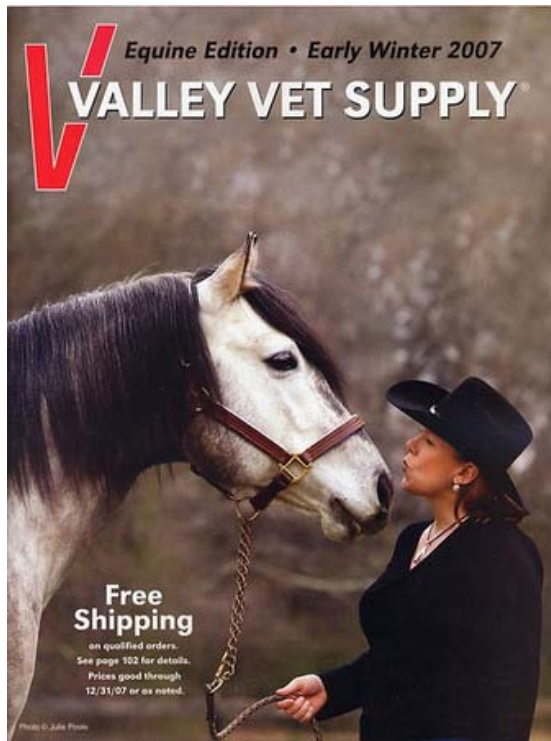
I have been branching out from horses to dogs, to people as time has gone by. My favorite area is people and their animals. I have such a dislike for having my photo made, I try and bring out everyone's real (and beautiful) self via the camera. I have had more than one person call me in tears because their photos moved them so much. The most touching emails I have gotten have been the ones that people have sent me after their animal has passed on. The photo of the beautiful girl and dark bay mare is one of those. I will always treasure the email I received from her after the mare was killed. Those are the things that make me love photography like I do.

My family and I are active in ASFA and AKC coursing, usually in the KY/GA areas. We occasionally make it over to Camden too. I also show my whippet puppies, Dottie and McGuire. Dottie is my super special white whippet with black ears. I chose her at birth for no other reason than I loved her. McGuire is a Wilhaus whippet and I have very high hopes for him on both the coursing field (he is a Bowie son) and in the ring. Cinnamon is my first whippet and my wonderful coursing dog. She has enough heart for a whole field of whippets!!

My husband loves photography almost as much as I do. You will usually find him with a camera in hand at coursing events. My daughter loves the dogs and wants to start with Jr Handling in a year when she turns 9. You will always see my son with a basketball or football looking for someone to start a pick up game. He loves the dogs, but, could take or leave the sport of them.

A few of Julie's Favorite Photos





Thank you Julie for sharing your story and these beautiful photos.

Available Whippets from Club Members

Please contact David Howton if you would like to advertise your whippets in the newsletter.

For Sale: 5 Month old pet whippet puppy, Male, red brindle & white. All shots, micro chipped, house trained, crate trained, health guarantee. Would be great in a family with children. Contact Becki Lansford at whippet4@bellsouth.net. Sunybrook Whippets and a Greyhounds

For Sale: 2 Year Old Whippet - Lakewoods Family Tradition JC-"Ty" 2 year old male who loves to run, has 2 legs toward his SC-up to date on vac-on a heartworm pervention-loves to show, has four or five points, but I felt that his chest never dropped down far enough to finish. He would make a GREAT junior showman dog! Photos available on website at <http://Lakewoodwhippets.homestead.com> Phone Debra Johnson at 256-820-1436 cell...256-282-1588

Other Regional Events

Bluegrass Coursing Club ASFA Trial
Curry Farm
205 Elbert Frankum Road
Columbia, KY 42728
270-378-4699

Friday, November 16 – Sunday, November 18, 2007
For More Information, contact Jan Curry
whippet@duo-county.com

<http://bluegrasscoursingclub.org>

Upcoming NOTRA Race Meets
at the Greyhound Training Track
in Jacksonville, Florida
November 17-18, 2007
and 2008: January 26-27, February 9-10,
March 1-2, March 22-23, April 12-13
Held by Southernmost Sighthounds -
SOMOS "We Run for Fun"
FL-SOMOS at yahoo groups.
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