

MAWA NEWS

News from The Metropolitan Atlanta Whippet Association

November 2008

A Great Southern Specialty Weekend



MAWA members were busy hosting a very successful **Southern Specialty Weekend** in late September. We had great support from the whippet fancy which was represented by individuals from all corners of the country. There were four different Best of Breed winners over the four days of judging with the winners coming from the classes three of the four days.

The MAWA membership did a tremendous job with their hard work and hospitality. Thanks to MAWA members Sonya Cook, Julie Jenkins, and Sara Lenahan for their hard work with the hospitality job which included the lunches and morning snacks. Also, a great job by Jan Curry, Dr. Ken Latimer, and David Watson for a very successful raffle at this year's event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AKC Coursing
Calhoun, GA
November 15-16, 2008

ASFA Lure Coursing
Calhoun, GA
Thanksgiving Weekend
Nov. 28-29-30, 2008

MAWA Website
www.atlantawhippet.com

MAWA hosted our first NOTRA and WRA race meets on October 18-19, 2008 and we are anticipating approval to become members of each racing association. I would like to thank Mike and Sue Fitzgerald for taking on the responsibility to work with these organizations in getting MAWA approved. Also, a big thanks to Bruce Irvine, Ginny Cox, and Lindsey Lobree from SWAG (Southern Whippets and Gazehound Racing Association) for their support and assistance in working with MAWA to get our club approved by sponsoring the event.



**MAWA Specialty Winner: SPORTING FIELD'S
BAHAMA SANDS,**



**AWC Southern Specialty Winner: KAMADA'S
INSTANT MILLIONAIRE. BREEDER: D & K**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

A.S.F.A Coursing
November 28-30, 2008
Calhoun, GA

2009 AWC National Show
April 4 -12, 2009
Atlanta Airport Hilton
Atlanta, GA
<http://www.awc2009.com>

Upcoming Events

ASFA Coursing: Thanksgiving Weekend annual ASFA Coursing – Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, November 28-30, 2008 at Calhoun, GA. This should be a great weekend of coursing with a large entry. Come out and support your club and assist with the event. The premium is available on the MAWA website at <http://www.atlantawhippet.com>

National Hotel Booking: MAWA members who plan to attend the 2009 American Whippet Club National Show in Atlanta should book their reservations as soon as possible if you plan to stay at the host hotel. The hotel has already received about 200 reservations for next years event which is expected to draw the whippet fancy from around the world. Information regarding the hotel can be found on the 2009 AWC website at <http://www.awc2009.com>

Committee Volunteers: We hope to have many of our club members assisting on committees for the 2009 AWC National. Many of our members will be heading up the committees and we are looking for volunteers.

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Results from Voting for Southern Specialty Judges for Upcoming Events:

2009 AWC Southern Specialty Judge: Dana Cline

2010 AWC Southern Specialty Judge: Madison Weeks

MAWA joins the Atlanta Kennel Club K-9 Daze Meet the Breed



On Saturday October 4th, some of us from Metropolitan Atlanta Whippet Association (MAWA) hosted a “Meet the Breed” booth for Atlanta’s Kennel Club’s K-9 Daze at Wills Park Equestrian Center in Alpharetta, Georgia. There were close to thirty other breeds with booths at the event. The North Georgia Hound Association split booth space with Tara Afghan Hound Club and MAWA. Jan Lucree & Karen Mays set up the booth early in the morning. It was well stocked with informative whippet handout sheets, free pens, a bowl overflowing with candy for the humans, and a heaping bowl of dog biscuits. There was also a sturdy, low bench to showcase our whippet specimens. David & Regina Howton’s “Zach” (WhippetView’s Dreamweaver) was on site for the day to represent the breed. “Lic” (Equiss Licorice Whip) and “Harry” (Ampersand Locar Mariki Torque) also took turns on the bench posing and giving kisses to passers by. Our hounds were all on their best behavior being very good whippet ambassadors. There were many other events on the grounds that day including Handling Classes, Conformation Matches, Canine Good Citizen testing, Obedience & Rally demonstrations, and Agility Trials, so we had plenty of foot traffic.

By Sonya Cook

**Show Results MAWA Specialty
Judge: Tracy Hite
Sweepstakes Judge: Harriet Vincent**



SPORTING FIELD'S BAHAMA SANDS, took Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed at the MAWA Specialty from the 6-9 Month Puppy Bitch Class.

BREEDER: Dionne Butt & Jesse Martin. By Sporting Field's Live On-Mill Landing's Bahama Breeze. OWNER: Daniel Black & Dionne Butt. Judge Tracy Hite with Amanda Butt handling. Ann Clippard presenting the Dr. James A Gray Memorial Trophy for Best of Breed, along with Jan Lucree, MAWA Show Chair.

MAWA Specialty Photos and Winners



Best of Opposite: CH BO-BETT'S HIGH SPEED CHASE Owned by Carol A. Harris



Winners Dog: BO-BETT'S QUIGLEY DOWN UNDER. Owned by: Windy Winans & Carol Harris



Best in Sweepstakes: SNOWCAP N ADVOCATE AIRS ABOVE . Owned by Jean Meader & Dianne Reimer.



Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes: ABLEAIM MORGAN LE FAY. Owned by Deana McNamer.



Best if Veteran Sweepstakes: CH WILHAUS HERE COMES THE SUN SC. Owned by Robin & Cecil Brown & Angie Bass.

MAWA Specialty Photos Award of Merits



**CH OXFORD N STARSEKER'S
GUIDING LIGHT**



CH HUNTERHILL SIMCHA SC



**CH ABLEAIM KEEPSAKE OF FREE
FLITE SC**



**CH SPORTING FIELD'S LITTLE BLACK
DRESS**



CH KAMADA'S DREAM WALKIN'

No photo available Award of Merit to **CH ABLEAIN JUST NOT ANOTHER PRETTY FACE JC**

Reserve Winners Dog: SNOWCAP N ADVOCATE AIRS ABOVE. BREEDER: Dianne Reimer & Francis Newsom Lang. By Ch Snowcap's Stage Door Johnny-Ch Mariki N Snowcap's Secret Garden. **OWNER: Jean H Meader & Dianne Reimer.**

Reserve Winners Bitch: SNOW HILL ONYX AT STONELEDGE. BREEDER: Susanne Hughes DVM. By Ch Sportingfield Hot Topic-Ch Snow Hill Mind Body & Soul JC. **OWNER: James Clever & Susanne Hughes DVM.** AGENT: Lesley Anne Potts

MAWA Sweepstake Judges Comments from Harriet Vincent

Another terrific weekend and a much appreciated opportunity to evaluate some wonderful Whippet youngsters. I want to thank David Howton for his gracious hospitality during my stay in Atlanta, and for chauffeuring me back and forth to the show grounds. I had a chance to visit with Tracy Hite who used to be an "almost neighbor" during our nine years in Washington State, Cindy Scott who I haven't seen since her judging assignment in Eugene, and it was nice to finally meet Molly Rule-Steele about whom I had heard a great deal from mutual friends; those three are rare birds with whom it was great fun to exchange ideas and share some after-hour beverages. And I want to thank the show committee for their hard work. The trophies for the class winners were beautiful and I was thrilled to receive one as a parting gift.

The entry, although it was not extremely large, was well presented and high in quality. Overall, I think the puppies were very nice. I was a little disappointed to see so many flat toplines standing as well as on the move. There were also several young dogs that had the arch too far forward over the back (as opposed to over the LOIN). However, there were many beautiful heads, lovely and long arched necks, and pretty underlines.

My thanks to all the exhibitors who brought their handsome puppies to be judged this day. And one final note: the Airport Hilton where I stayed has been retained as the host hotel for our 2009 AWC National Specialty, I want to report that I found it a marvelous facility. The rooms are spacious and comfortable, the public areas are very extensive and user-friendly, and the staff was exceptionally helpful and courteous. I think it will prove to be an outstanding site.

6-9 month puppy dog:

Starline's Windborn Evan Almighty is a lovely brindle dog of nice type. He is sound coming and going and very sure of himself for such a young dog. I liked his overall balance and pretty front assembly. He moves easily and keeps a nice outline at all times.

9-12 month puppy dog:

Kamada's Instant Millionaire is a fawn and white dog with a very pleasing shape and moderate angles. He moves effortlessly and gives the impression of true soundness. I liked his moderation overall - not too much of any one component and he has a very poised and elegant presence.

12-15 month junior dog:

Bo-Bett's Quarterback Sneak. This is a very appealing brindle and white dog. He has a pretty head and expression and a happy-go-lucky attitude. He had a little trouble keeping himself organized on the move. His handler is quite obviously the object of his affection but I think he will move well with a little more experience.

15- 18 month junior dog:

Snowcap N Advocate Airs Above caught my eye from the very first moment. He is not a dramatically marked dog but he was the best balanced in this class and he has a very smooth, athletic side gait. I loved the way his neck flows into the shoulder and the correct topline that he keeps when moving. He is a lovely size and is very shapely in outline. He has a definite masculine air about him and he went on to be my choice for BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES.

MAWA Sweepstake Judges Comments from Harriet Vincent, continued

6-9 month puppy bitch:

Devereux Unchained Melody. This little fawn and white bitch is captivating. Her head is pretty and feminine and she is completely balanced standing and moving. She is a crisp and typey little package and I just couldn't take my eyes away from her. She will be fun to watch mature and should do very well in the future.

9-12 month puppy bitch:

Sporting Field's What Ever is a very curvy and stylish bitch. She has a gorgeous underline and overall shape. She just flows from one end to the other and that fluidity manifests itself in her movement. She was pushed hard, however, by the second place bitch Sporting Field's Bahama Sands. This is a red fawn and white bitch of a very different type but who also has lots of shape, a beautiful neck and a nice arch in her back when standing. I liked all four bitches in the ribbon line-up. They were feminine and curvy and a credit to their breeders.

12-15 month junior bitch:

This was the most challenging class for me to place. All four bitches who were in the line-up for ribbons are really exceptional in quality. Each bitch had things about them that were very appealing and correct. The one who had it all together that day is Ableaim Morgan Le Fay and she went on to be my BEST OPPOSITE IN SWEEPSTAKES. She is a very beautiful fawn and white bitch. She is a very balanced and consistent bitch with a lovely underline and easy, ground-covering side gait. I liked her attitude a lot - controlled but with that "look at me" presence. I was impressed with her bone and substance that does not overwhelm her definitely feminine qualities. She was in excellent condition and used herself well. The second place bitch, Ableaim Masquerade, almost stole it from the first place winner (I later realized they are litter sisters). The Masquerade bitch has a little more length, a little more depth, but occasionally she was not quite as smooth on the go- round with her handler. The third and fourth place bitches were also very attractive, nice moving and shapely.

15-18 month junior bitch:

Bo-Bett's Bloomin Bikkie is a dark brindle and white bitch. She is quite curvy and stylish. She had a decent side gait and was sound on the down and back but was a bit straight in shoulder which didn't enable her to move quite as freely as I would have liked.

BEST VETERAN IN SWEEPS. My Best Veteran went to Ch. Wilhaus Here Comes The Sun. This fawn and white bitch was in lovely condition. She is a houndy girl with nice curves and a very pretty head and eye. She has a beautiful, deep underline and moves quite well. I later learned that she is the mother of the pretty 6 to 9 month puppy bitch who I found so charming.

Douglasville Kennel Club Winners JUDGE: Mr Clifford W Thompson Jr



Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed:
ABLEAIM MEANT TO BE. BREEDER: Owners. By
Ableaim I'm In A Hurry SC-Ch Meisterhaus Goldie
Hawnd SC. **OWNER: Jenny & Gail Boyd.**



**Winners Dog: FESTIVA'S BEEN THERE DONE
THAT.** BREEDER: Katie Rudolph & Susanne Hughes DVM.
By Sporting Field's Move On-Ch Festiva's Whats Your
Excuse. **OWNER: Dan Black & Dionne Butt**

Best of Opposite: CH OXFORD N STARSEKER'S GUIDING LIGHT. BREEDER: Owner & Richard McNulty. By Ch Sunbeam Rembrandt Of Endeavor JC-Ch Oxford Tobel Whatsinitforme. **OWNER: Diane Bowen.** AGENT: Lori Turner-Wilson

Reserve Winners Dog: C.SQUARE'S SOCCER DAD. BREEDER: Greg Owens & Kirk Buchholz. By Ch C.Square's Hitman-Ch C.Square's Silly Rabbit. **OWNER: Greg Owens & Kirk Buchholz**

Reserve Winners Bitch: WILHAUS SNOW HILL SLICE O'HEAVEN. BREEDER: Kitty Williams & Matthew Williams. By DC Snow Hill Indecent Proposal LCX2 MC-Ch Wilhaus Jazz Renaissance. **OWNER: Susanne Hughes DVM**

**American Whippet Club Southern Specialty Winners
Judge: Molly Rule-Steele
Sweepstakes Judge: Deann Christianson**



Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of Breed, and Group 3: KAMADA'S INSTANT MILLIONAIRE. BREEDER: D & K Davenport. By Ch Ableaim Kodak Moments-Ch Kamada's Million Dollar Baby.OWNER: Pennyworth Knls & Debbie & Kathleen Davenport

American Whippet Club Southern Specialty Winners



Best in Sweepstakes: SNOW HILL ONYX AT STONELEDGE. BREEDER: Susanne Hughes DVM. By Ch Sportingfield Hot Topic-Ch Snow Hill Mind Body & Soul JC. OWNER: James Clever & Susanne Hughes DVM. AGENT: Lesley Anne Potts



Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes: KAMADA'S MEGABUCKS. BREEDER: Owners. By Ch Ableaim Kodak Moments-Ch Kamada's Million Dollar Baby. OWNER: **Debbie & Kathleen Davenport**



Best in Veterans Sweepstakes: CH SPORTINGFIELD ALWAYS BE TRUE SC. BREEDER: Dan Black & Mrs J Butt & Debbie Giles. By Ch Snowcap's Wildcard Goodfellow-Sporting Field's Promise Me Forever. OWNER: Angela G Bass & Dionne Butt



Winners Bitch, and Best of Opposite: SPORTINGFIELDS ROCK TO THE TOP JC. HP173209/02. 06/27/2005. BREEDER: Dionne E Butt & Bruno Gideon & Daniel Black. By Ch Sporting Field's Rock On JC-Ch Sporting Field's Forever And Ever. OWNER: **Landon Price**



Reserve Winners Dog: FESTIVA'S BEEN THERE DONE THAT. BREEDER: Katie Rudolph & Susanne Hughes DVM. By Sporting Field's Move On-Ch Festiva's Whats Your Excuse. OWNER: **Dan Black & Dionne Butt**

American Whippet Club Southern Specialty Award of Merit Winners



CH SPORTING FIELD'S LITTLE BLACK DRESS



CH SURREY HILL'S GOLDEN BOY



CH ABLEAIM KEEPSAKE OF FREE FLITE SC



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CH ABLEAIM BARCHET KURT RUSSELL JC

Judges Comments from The Southern Specialty 2008

It was a pleasure to travel to Atlanta to judge your Specialty. I was not disappointed. The depth of quality of my entry made it tough when making my final decisions, as many classes were brimming with lovely dogs.

When judging our breed my prime considerations are the hallmarks that make our breed unique. The underlines of the majority were deep and curvaceous, with top-lines flowing in harmony. I was also impressed with the balance of the outline of the majority. There were a few exhibits who were taller than long, which is not a typical outline for the breed. Also a few had no fore-chest, with too much leg under them, and as mentioned in my critique a small number of my entry didn't have the return of upper arm setting the front under the body, with upright pasterns.

My heartfelt thanks go to all the exhibitors who brought their dogs to me for adjudication. It was indeed an honour to sort through such a large entry of high class Whippets.

My ring steward Rita Stovall was god sent. Her help in arranging photographs for me, and keeping my ring flowing like clockwork made my job a breeze. Hats off also to the show committee, Cindy Scott, and to David Howton in particular. David showered upon us the famous southern hospitality, chauffeured us around, and then took us back to his and Regina's lovely home after the show to chill out. We also had the pleasure of meeting Peggy Hodge. Our day with Peggy shopping, and visiting the day spa, followed by margarita's, was one of the many highlights of our visit to Atlanta.

The Atlanta Hilton is to be the venue for Whippet National Specialty 2009. We can highly recommend this location. The staff and management were warm and hospitable. And thumbs up to the spa and pool area, sports bar and all the other facilities, including their own Starbucks!!

6-9 Puppy dog: 1. Festiva's Been There Done That Quite imposing fawn and white puppy with attitude plus. He has a masculine well-balanced head, strong under jaw with an appealing expression. His deep body and well-ribbed back underline, together with a top line to match, won him this class along with his free and easy sound movement. 2. Sowagla Sportingfield Tawny Pipit This Fawn brindle and white trim puppy is a little up on leg at present. Lovely fronted baby with a pretty head and eye. He has a long arched neck blending into well laid shoulders. His front is set well under him and his body deep, with a sweepy underline. Just preferred the overall balance of body proportions of #1. 3. Summit Simply Irresistible Red brindle white trim. Very striking and quite mature boy who is well balanced with a masculine head, a good top line and underline. Just didn't have the depth of brisket and spring of rib behind the elbow as #1 and 2. Three very nice puppies.

9-12 Puppy Dog: 1. Kamada's Instant Millionaire Red fawn and white. This upstanding puppy oozes breed type. He is moderate without any exaggeration. He has a flow to his body that blends smoothly from his long well arched neck, to the tip of his low set tail. His headpiece is exquisite with dark expressive eyes. He won this class on his effortless free movement, with reach in front and drive from behind, and the body shape he maintained both moving and standing, and overall balance. Very promising young man. 2. Stoneledge Rocky Mountain High Red brindle and white. This dog has an attractive well-balanced head with nice expression. He is not as good neck into shoulder as my winner, and his rear is not as well made being longer in second thigh and higher on hock. He moved well and his body is deep with a good underline. 3. Avari Hit Me With Your Best Shot Similar style to 2nd place. His head is balanced but the expression was not as appealing. His front is very well made with good return of upper arm.

Judging, continued

12-18 Puppy Dogs It was difficult to find a dog in this class with the front assembly set under the body. The upper arms were straight on many exhibits, together with upright pasterns. 1. Raybar's Black Monday Black and white. This boy has a lovely underline. His neck into shoulder is smooth and he has a good top line. He moved well in profile. Would prefer a better return of upper arm, and he was upright in pastern. 2. Snowcap N Advocate Airs Above Fawn and white, very nice standing but didn't quite have the smooth profile gait as #1. He was very upright in pastern and he lacks return of upper arm. 3. Rideouts First Knight of Mimbres Fawn and white. Very similar style to #2. He has a nice underline but just didn't have the head qualities of #2 and he was flatter over the croup.

BBE dogs 1. Kentruth Antiquary An eye-catching fawn and white with a lovely head and eye. Good strong arched neck with nice body, and well made front. He moved well. 2. Kamada's Megabucks Rose fawn and white. This dog has a lovely body with good depth of underline and nice over the top. He has a good front with nice angles in the rear. His head is balanced but his expression is foreign due to him lacking in stop and a little down-faced. Movement was free and easy. 3. SDW Lifelongs Blazing Hot MC Fawn and white. Nice head and expression with good underline. He is a little weaker behind than the 2 boys ahead of him, and didn't have enough spring behind the elbows

Open Dogs Cut 5 1. Surrey Hill's White Vienna A very handsome fawn and white male, very well made. He has a lovely head- piece and his neck into shoulder is smooth. His front is well under his body. Lovely underline, with a good strong rear. When moving his top-line over the croup jacked up, which could have been contributed by his handler moving him too fast. 2. Ableaim Kallikrates Fawn brindle and white. Lovely size male with an appealing head and eye. He has a good front with deep body and shapely underline. He is a balanced dog but today I preferred the length of loin on #1. 3. Sportingfield Lying Eyes White with brindle. A pretty headed male, with nice shape to his body and moderate fore and aft. He was not as balanced standing as the dogs before him being more up on leg.

WD - Kamada's Instant Millionaire I was thrilled to see my winners come back into the ring for WD. I chose for final consideration the open dog, the 6-9 and my 9-12 puppy dogs. After working the three dogs, I decided my selection for WD would be between the two puppy class winners. Then I gave the nod to the soundly constructed, and elegant 9-12 puppy. His effortless movement, with perfect footfall, the shape he held both on the go around and standing, and his attitude to life gave him the edge today. I am sure he has been here before!!

RWD - Festiva's Been There Done That It was a very close call between these two puppies. The WD just held more shape on the move. This puppy also has a very bright future.

6-9 mo Bitches 1. Devereux Unchained Melody Fawn/ white puppy that is as cute as a button. She has a very sweet expression and her head was balanced with a good under jaw. I would like more curves and depth to her underline, which should come with age. She won this class on her movement, which was sound and free. 2. Summit Masquerade White with brindle. A nicely put together puppy bitch. She is sound and shapely, and she moves well for one so young. I preferred the neck into shoulder placement of my winner. 3. Sporting Fields Red High Heels Red fawn and white. She has a pleasing outline, and good strong front. Her profile movement was impressive, a little hocky moving away. Just a little too much of her for me for a puppy.

9-12 Puppy Bitches: 1. Longlesson Elysian Blast From The Past Dark brindle with white trim. An easy winner in this class. She has a lovely outline being smooth on top with a curvy underline, nice bone with good feet. She moved very well in profile and has elegance to spare. 2. Elysian Little Blue Box White with brindle. Good head qualities and smooth neck into shoulder. She has a lovely depth to her underline, rather up on leg for me, and her pasterns straighter than desirable. 3. Triplettime Have Mercy Sable fawn and white. A bitch of lovely size. She has a balanced head and correct top line. Her underline cuts up too severely to the waist, which spoils her profile silhouette both moving and standing.

Judging, continued

12-18 Puppy Bitches: 1. Snow Hill Onyx at Stoneledge Impressive black with white trim girl, who screams breed type. Her head is pleasing with crisp ears and a long crested neck. She has a flawless body shape, her proportions are balanced and not overdone. She moved with easy low reach in front movement, with drive from behind, and on the up and back was foot sound. 2. Ableaim Masquerade Another lovely white and pale fawn girl that excelled in head, neck and front assembly. Deep bodied. Just wasn't quite as smooth over the croup area as my winner in profile. 3. Ableaim Morgan Le Fay Fawn and white. Pretty headed bitch with a strong arched neck. Nice body but would prefer better layback of upper arm.

BBE Bitches: 1. Mimbres Mandinga A very elegant and feminine dark brindle with white trim bitch. She is of good size, and has a lovely head, eye, and expression. Her top-line is smooth with good length. She has nice curves to her underline, with a good upper arm return. She moved well from all angles. 2. Ableaim Making Memories Attractive Fawn and white with a well balanced head. Her body is curvy with an underline that complimented the top line. She is a taller bitch and wasn't as balanced standing as my winner being more up on leg. Nice mover. 3. Wildoats Summit Hello Dolly Classical fawn and white girl with a lovely head and eye. She has a nice body and well-balanced front and rear. Moved well.

Am Bred (2): 1. Sporting Fields Just Deal With It Attractive white with brindle bitch with a deep body and well tucked up in the loin. She is a little forward set in shoulder and cuts away a little too severely over the croup. Nice muscled rear and moves well. 2. Ableaim Zing Out At The Opera Fawn brindle white. Today carrying a little too much weight. She has a lovely head and nice neck into shoulder. She moved well. I preferred the underline on my winner.

Open Bitches: A very competitive class of top quality bitches. 1. Sportingfields Rock To The Top A Brindle/white trim girl who is so feminine. She has a stunning head with sweet expression, with a strong under jaw. Her neck is long and well arched. The outline is curvy and the top-line flows smoothly. She won this class on her overall breed type, and her movement that was sound and effortless. She is the complete package. 2. Sachem Remarque of Sowagla Another quality fawn/white girl, who is similar to my winner in style. Lovely head, correctly made front assembly, with a pretty outline, good bone and a sound mover. 3. Deco La Dolce Fleur De Lis Another stylish and very feminine brindle with white trim girl with a lovely body shape with a pretty head and eye. Well-balanced overall. Nice mover.

WB - Sportingfields Rock To The Top (5 pt. Major): This was a very difficult decision. I pulled my first place in Bred By, the 12-18 months, and my open as my final contenders. I then decided the Bred By who although a lovely bitch, just didn't have the front reach in profile movement as the other two girls in contention. So therefore my decision was between the black/ white 12-18 and my brindle and white open bitch. After final examination it came down to head qualities that divided these two outstanding girls. It was such a close call. This was a hair splitting decision. My open winner has better fill under a fuller eye, and more strength and depth to her under jaw. So therefore was my WB.

RWB- Snow Hill Onyx of Stoneledge An easy decision as this bitch pushed the WB to the end, so therefore had to be my Res WB. Two very lovely bitches and I would be proud to own either one.

Veteran Dog Brindle dog. Nice headed male with a nice body and top-line. Moved well both coming and going.

Veteran Bitch Fawn. Lovely head and eye. Smooth top-line and good depth to body. Moved well for her age of 13.

Judging, continued

BOB: My WD and WB were my finalists for BOB. I cut the specials class and worked the remaining dogs. My eyes were continually drawn to both WD and WB. My WB may have pushed to BOB. However she had a change of handler, and did not perform as she had to win her open class in such stiff competition. My WD showed his heart out, and the more you asked of him, the better he moved.

So BOB went to my WD with the WB Best Of Opposite.

My first Select was the black and white Ch Sportingfield Lil Black Dress. What a fantastic name!! This girl has a very lovely headpiece, well balanced with crisp small ears. Her neck is crested and of good length. She was in contention for my Best Of Opposite. However my WB was better in hindquarter, being better balanced in first and second thigh. Ch Surrey Hills Golden Boy A very handsome Fawn and white that is very soundly constructed. His head is lovely with a gorgeous eye. He moved well from all angles. My other three selects were all from the same kennel, Ableaim. I also notice a dog from this kennel sired my BOB winner. I salute the Ableaim Kennel who certainly do have a definite kennel look. They are producing wonderful outlines, with body depth and correct front assemblies. The dogs on a whole are also moderate, which is like a breath of fresh air.

Thanks to everyone again, for such a wonderful day. I have brought back home with me many fond memories.

Molly Rule-Steele

Newnan Kennel Club Winners Judge: Mary Beth Arthur



Best of Breed: CH ABLEAIM KEEPSAKE OF FREE FLITE SC. BREEDER: Gail & Jenny Bond & A Tad Brooks & Linda Johnson. By Ch Red Cloud Quintessence JC-Ch Meisterhaus Goldie Hawnd JC. **OWNER: Donna Bost & Jenny Boyd**



Best of Opposite: CH ABLEAIM BARCHET KURT RUSSELL JC. BREEDER: Jenny & Gail Boyd & A T Brooks & L J Johnson. By Ch Red Cloud Quintessence JC-Ch Meisterhaus Goldie Haund SC. **OWNER: Gail & Jenny Boyd & Linda L Johnson**



Winners Bitch, Best of Winners: FC WINDSONG HH SIRIUS AMBER ALERT. BREEDER: Carol Wright K Kuper. By Marchpast Fine Muslin UKG-Karas Undeniable. **OWNER: M E Robin Barry & Julane White & C Wright**



SURREY HILL'S WHITE VIENNA. BREEDER: Karen B Lee & Leila Anichini-Downen. By Ch Chelsea Chalcedony-Ch Diabliesse Surrey Hill Say YaHa JC. **OWNER: Patricia Spinazzola & Karen B Lee**

MAWA NOTRA/WRA Weekend Photos by Lindsey Lobree



The Stories of Our Lives from Jan Swayze Curry

It is the finest of things to be a part of the whippet world as I have been since the mid sixties.

I was loved and promoted as a child by my friends Larry Shaw, Jim Gray, Peggy and Louis Swayze, and of course, many others who felt it necessary to dote on me at an early age. I was allowed to show a very special dog at my young age which Larry Shaw and Cora Miller had co bred and from wonderful dog, a puppy came into my life. I lived in this wonderful world of dogs, and had never heard an unkind word about anyone at all, as this was my extended family.

The little black and white puppy bitch which was given to me proved to be wonderful standing but not so great a mover as many of her day, but trained out of her mind. My puppy and I always won in juniors and often in the breed ring. Life was grand until that one day when Judge Billy Kendrick gave me the breed over Ch. Winterfolds Bold Bid, shown by Bobby Barlow for the owner at the time, Diane Bleecker.

Then it began, from everywhere all I could hear was the horrible sharp tongued comments, even from the people I had been taught to trust. Yes my bitch should have never beaten Ch. Winterfold's Bold Bid, but at 12 years of age, maybe I was not meant to be part of such a world wide drama. Those days were long before today's internet or cell phones that make the headlines so quickly, but it was and still remains enormous in my mind to this day.

Now our lives are full of these types of assaults as part of this wonderful whippet breed. No one is safe from this torment. My children were forced to witness this behavior when they were growing up, as those who stood ringside felt free to chastise me as my children stood by.

I have been lucky to have enjoyed quite a lot of success with this whippet breed over the years as a handler and a breeder. I have also been victim of the words said with no proof, no reason, or just out of plain and simple meanness. Harsh words give many a special standing in this world of discussion list on the web and internet, and an opportunity to breed gossip to those who know how to hurt the most. Most can give no reason or give proof of these things they say, nor the reason they would want to be part of such sadly misguided treason. But feel assured, we are all fair game, no matter how high and mighty we might feel our status, as there is always some slanderous buncus that's oozes out to make a great day a very painful one.

Even knowing the truths are never true will never allow one to make it in this world. Our's is nothing short of a small town church group thriving on the exposed pain and lies about the people outside their circle. Those who expose a line that is never defined because it takes nothing to get there. A book by Dr Seuss comes to mind quickly. "The Star Bellied Sneeches" was a story about wanting to be better than others, a welcome read to see the place we have so sadly arrived. This place where nothing is sacred, and no ones work or efforts are enough to satisfy this horrible beast. For never a positive thing can be said without a second blasphemous sentence to go along with it.

Before I sound as if I have never been part of this wretched game, I will fully acknowledge that I too have said and done things that can never be taken back. No matter how sorry we are, it can never stop the hurting of those friends or people at the other end of such ridiculous accusations. The game does not end and only continues for those who repeat it as well. How smart are you if you just carry the tale further not taking the blame for the lies that you have chosen to repeat? A private post should be made public if you are not willing to face the person you have accused, or then again, maybe what you what was said was never true.

In all of this I look back to a time when my son was witness to a fellow exhibitor as they wiped their hands after shaking mine and congratulating me for a big win, "why don't people like you mom" he asks. He was only six years old at the time and had to wade through his life with the ifs, ands, and buts of what people said about his mother.

Maybe it's time we all learned, if you can't say this stuff to your mom this just keep your mouth shut! Respectfully, Jan Swayze Curry



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