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From the President:

It is with great sadness that I tell you of the deaths of three of our members. They are Jesus Dominguez, Bruce Shirky and Melissa Spranger. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.

After two months of sub-freezing weather here in Michigan, we can finally see the bare ground. This gives those of us in the north hope of getting outside and lead training our puppies. It is also the time that a lot of the local clubs are preparing for their specialties. I hope they are all successful with good judging, large entries and lots of fun.

Please keep up to date with the anti-animal legislation that some states are putting into law. Go out of your comfort zone to call or write your legislators before it is too late!!

Start planning now to attend our Regional and National Specialties this October in St. Louis.

In case you have been having trouble reaching me, I have a new email address for CCA business. It is: hcl4cca@gmail.com.

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Mission Statement

- **TO** encourage and promote quality in breeding of pure-bred Chihuahuas and if at all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- **TO** encourage the organization of independent local Chihuahua Specialty clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of the American Kennel Club.
- **TO** urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Chihuahuas owners shall be judged.
- **TO** do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsman-like competition at dog shows and trials.
- **TO** conduct Sanctioned Matches, Specialty Shows, and Obedience Trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club.
- **TO** promote the qualities of The Chihuahua breed to the members and general public through publications, educational seminars, library data banks, etc.

Guidelines for Plaques at Specialty Show

CCA will offer a BOB plaque (or BOV plaques) and a HIT plaque (if obedience is offered at the local specialty) to CCA Member Clubs for presentation at their specialties.

If notified by the member club in a timely manner; and if the CCA award(s) is published in the local member club's premium list, a copy of which must be received by the awards committee.

A letter, fax or email request for the CCA plaque(s) including the date of the event and the name and address of the individual responsible for obtaining/receiving the plaque MUST be received by the Awards Chair, Marcy Blank 815-568-6450 or email to: marcy@landschaftkennels.com, well in advance of the events closing date.

A premium list for the member club's event MUST also be received by

the Awards Committee (a premium proof is acceptable). The notice that the plaque(s) are being offered by CCA MUST be included in the events premium list even if it is a condensed premium list. If CCA's plaque(s) is not listed, NO plaque(s) will be mailed for the event.

It is the responsibility of each member Chihuahua Club to follow CCA's procedures for obtaining plaques for their specialty.

CCA member local clubs independent specialty, the CCA plaques will read: Chihuahua Club of America in recognition of Best of Breed at a local specialty.

CCA High in Trial plaques for member clubs independent events will read: Chihuahua Club of America in recognition of High in Trial at a local specialty.

CCA member local clubs specialty held in conjunction with an All-Breed show, two CCA plaques will be offered, one for each variety. The plaques will read: Chihuahua Club of America in recognition of Best of Variety at a local specialty.

If a plaque(s) are offered, CCA will place an ad in the local clubs' catalogue wishing them a successful specialty and including the dates and locations of CCA upcoming specialties.

Once a year the Awards Committee using information from the current CCA membership roster will mail each local member club's secretary the requirements for obtaining CCA plaques for their specialty. The member clubs' procedure for obtaining the CCA plaques will be published in each Chi-Chatter.

If you are having a show, and you need CCA plaques for your Best of Variety winners, you will need to send a copy of the Trophy listing from your premium list along with your request to: Marcy Blank. Marcy's email is: marcy@landschaftkennels.com We ask that you give her at least a month notice of when and where you need the plaques shipped.

If you are asking CCA to submit an ad for your catalog, you will need to contact the CCA Secretary, Joie Chandler at joie@peninsulapetlodges.com. The bill for the catalog insert needs to go to, Kyle Potts at kylepottstx@aol.com

Guidelines for Submitting Show Results

• Please submit show results for publication using the approved template / form designed for that purpose; if you don't have the form, just e-mail me at: lafleurs.chis@gmail.com and I will send it to you.

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Sunshine Report

Before I begin my Sunshine report I would like to send out a big thank you to Jim Lehman!! He has so graciously donated many of his lovely Chihuahua note cards to the Sunshine committee. They are just beautiful and I know the CCA club members receiving them will greatly enjoy them. Thank you Jim, I love sending them out!

Since my last report, I have sent a total of 4 cards. In February Get well cards were mailed out to Dolores Masley and to Melissa Spranger. This month I have sent two Get well cards, one to Kathy Hulstein and another card to Melissa Spranger. We are wishing these members a very speedy recovery. I am so sad to report the passing of one of our dear members. Jesus Dominguez. I am currently preparing a Sympathy card to be sent to his family. A donation will be sent in his memory from CCA and I will report the details on that in my next report.

Please contact me if you know of a club member you would like me to send a card to.

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email: chrmom8@aol.com or message me on Facebook

Sincerely,

Christie Foulk

Sunshine Chair

"Nominations for the AKC Member Club and Chihuahua Club of America Outstanding Sportsmanship Awards and the Chihuahua Club of America Outstanding Service Award must be made by a member in good standing; said nomination shall be in writing with supporting reasons and sent to the Awards & Recognition Chair. Nominations will be accepted until April 15th. The Board will review the nominations and forward them to the Election Chair, for the vote of the membership. If no nominations are received in a particular year, the awards will not be given."

The Board will accept nominations from members in good standing for honorary and lifetime membership awards until July 1st. The CCA Board will make a recommendation to the membership at the Fall General Meeting.

Show: <i>Nashville Chihuahua Club</i>		March 7, 2015
Variety Judge - Mr. LUC BOILEAU		
Long Coat Variety		
Winners Dog	JOLI'S PASSING THE BUCK-L	James & Janet Moses & Lisa Knop
Winners Bitch	VICTORY RIDGE'S SHALIMAR	Barbara Chamberlain
Best of Winners	JOLI'S PASSING THE BUCK-L	James & Janet Moses & Lisa Knop
BOS to Variety	VICTORY RIDGE'S SHALIMAR	Barbara Chamberlain
Best of Variety	CH DAZZLES TOUCH OF MIDAS	Donna J. Jensen
Smooth Coat Variety		
Winners Dog	MADAM REIKO EMERALD FIRE	Madam Raiko & Ishi Guro
Winners Bitch	DARTAN SPARKLE PLENTY	James & Janet Moses & Lisa Knop
Best of Winners	MADAM REIKO EMERALD FIRE	Madam Raiko & Ishi Guro
BOS to Variety	CH COGIE'S ROMANCE STREAK	Patricia & Michael Holzkopf
Best of Variety	GCH CH SONNUS FILHO (SANCHEZ)	James & Janet Moses & Romulo Sanchez Torres
BOS to Breed	CH COGIE'S ROMANCE STREAK	Patricia & Michael Holzkopf
Best of Breed	GCH CH SONNUS FILHO (SANCHEZ)	James & Janet Moses & Romulo Sanchez Torres

Chihuahua Club of America Board Meeting

January 15, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order @ 7.00 p.m. on January 15, 2015.
2. ROLL CALL PRESENT: H. Craig Leslie, Joie Chandler, Donald C. Coughlin, Craig Eugene, Pat Witter, Kyle Potts, Kathy Sawyer, William A. McCollister, Jim Hanke, Jill Hopper. Myrle Hale joined the meeting after roll call. Also present were Kenny Saenz, Delegate & Richard Bellon, Parliamentarian.

3. MINUTES There were no minutes to approve.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT Kyle Potts presented her Treasurer's report, listed below.

Chihuahua Club of America Treasurer's Report – Jan 15, 2015

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1030 – Chase Accounts

10300 – The Chihuahua Magazine #0667	13,348.02
10301 – CCA Regular checking #2777	13,972.10
10302 – CCA Rescue #0142	4,583.02
10303 – CCA Juniors Ways & Means #0159	9,653.80
10304 – Chihuahua Health Related #0951	21,508.13
10305 – Purina Funds #1451	9,812.19
10306 – Trophies #5866	1,231.97
10307 – CCA Top 20 – 3888	6,169.46
10308 – CHRIF Operating #0949	1,903.06
10309 – 2015 Handbook #3072	<u>17,496.74</u>

Total 1030 – Chase Accounts **99,681.49**

Other Current Assets

1202 – Ameriprise Financial **21,006.88**

Total Other Current Assets **21,006.88**

Total Current Assets **120,688.37**

Bill McCollister made a motion to move \$10,000 from the Ways & Means account to the interest bearing Ameriprise Checking account that currently has a balance of \$1.00. Kyle 2nd the motion. The Board unanimously voted to move the \$10,000. The Board unanimously voted to move \$10,000.

5. YES: Joie Chandler, Donald C. Coughlin, Craig Eugene, Pat Witter, Kyle Potts, William A. McCollister, Kathy Sawyer, Jim Hanke, Jill Hopper
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Show Committee
 - i. Pat Witter said that the Morris & Essex show application has been submitted to AKC, copy to Robin Stansell. Donald C. Coughlin, Sweepstakes judge, has returned his contract. Also reported that we need to provide trophies and asked the Board what they wanted to do. After discussion it was decided that the club will offer larger rosettes, BOV plaques and medallions as follows:
Best of Variety (2) – CCA Plaque + larger BOV rosette Best Opposite Sex (2) CCA Plaque + larger BOS Rosette SWEEPSTAKES Best In Sweepstakes - CCA Medallion + larger BIS Sweepstakes Rosette Best Opposite to BIS - CCA Medallion + larger BIS Sweepstakes Rosette.
The Board discussed the medallions that CCA has.
 - ii. Judges contracts have been mailed to Anne Savory-Bolus for the 2015 Regional as well Sweepstakes contracts mailed to the 2015 Sweepstakes judges – Kathy Smith & Carole Jeffrey. Contracts have been mailed to Fred Basset – 2016 Regional & Terri Lyndon – 2016 National.
 - iii. Show Site 2016 – Pat Witter asked the Board to confirm the show site for 2016-2017. Since the membership voted at the General meeting in 2015 in St. Louis to keep the specialty there, Bill McCollister made a motion, 2nd by Jill Hopper to hold the show in St. Louis for 2016-2017. YES: Kyle Potts, Joie Chandler, Donald C. Coughlin, Pat Witter, Jim Hanke, Craig Eugene, Kathy Sawyer, William A. McCollister, Jill Hopper, Myrle Hale. (Myrle Hale joined the meeting in progress)

- iv. Photographer Pat Witter asked the Board whether there was anything precluding a CCA member from shooting the win shots at the specialties. Since there were no Standing Rules about this subject, it was agreed that any qualified CCA member could be the show photographer

- b. Meet The Breeds

Meet the Breeds will be held on Saturday February 14, 2015 at the Pier. Lauren Payne has volunteered to be at the Meet the Breeds booth. Bill McCollister asked that we pick up Lauren Payne's travel expenses (train fare, admittance, etc.) since it will be held during the judging of Chihuahuas on Saturday. Kenny Saenz said that he would contact Paula Spector @ AKC and let her know that CCA will need tickets to get in for workers. (There was no motion to pay Lauren Payne's expenses – needs to be clarified by the Board). Joie Chandler had to leave the meeting at 7:40 PM, Pat Witter took over taking minutes at that point.
- c. Publications/Communications
 - i. THE CHIHUAHUA

Bill McCollister reported that THE CHIHUAHUA has been submitted for printing and mailing should be in the mail as early as tomorrow or next week. 72 pages, 99% full color - \$4764 + postage - Printed 600 copies. In the first issue we have 33 advertisers. As of today we have 241 subscribers from 9 countries around the world. And have already have received one renewal subscription for 2016. We are very happy with the support of not only the board in this venture but also our members who have not only subscribed but also advertised to fill this first issue without knowing exactly what the final product would look like. It is clear this is something Chihuahuas and our membership need and want. We have made it extremely cost effective for virtually all involved in the sport to purchase advertising. Many of our members have offered to write articles as well help any way they can. We were happy when H. Craig Leslie asked to listen in on our Committee Conference call and have since added him to the committee. We will be sending the first issue out to 250 Chihuahua Judges. One copy of each issue will be sent to the Historian

One copy of each issue should be sent to the Library at AKC

Extra copies will be distributed for promotion and any extras will be available on the website @ \$12 per back issue until they are gone.

We have included and will continue to pursue articles from all aspects from the Chihuahua world, from Confirmation, Agility, Obedience, and Therapy, Pet owners as well as Health related, Rescue and any other topics regarding our breed. We have made it extremely cost effective for virtually all involved in any aspect of sport of Chihuahuas to purchase advertising. Many of our members have offered to write articles and are in the process of doing so. That being said we would like to invite each and every one of you on the board to submit an article for the future issues. We have people who can help edit and proof your articles and have proven very good at the task! This is "Our" magazine... it will only be what we can continue to make it and it will take us all to contribute.
 - ii. 2015 Handbook

We will get our first draft in June to the Printer and it will be available in October. We have committed to 400 copies for a projected income of \$18,000. @ \$45.00 per handbook.
 - iii. CCA Website Update

A proposed upgrade to the software that runs the website from Joomla 2.5 to Joomla 3X was approved by the board in email correspondence for \$489 (paid by personal check by Pat Witter 1/14/15).
 - iv. Chi-Chatter

Chi-Chatter was mailed via USPS and emailed to members.

v. Facebook Region Pages

The 4 Facebook Regional pages continue to be updated by both the Communications Committee as well as the Vice-Presidents with up-to-date information about CCA activities. The Board was encouraged to use the Facebook pages as a means to disseminate information for the club members.

vi. Dropbox

The Communications/Publications committee needs cloud storage in order to be able to conduct business, i.e. THE CHIHUAHUA, 2015 Handbook, storage of documentation, etc. Bill McCollister said he would research cloud storage and get back to the Board on pricing.

vii. Stamps.com

The club currently uses Stamps.com for a monthly user fee of \$9.99, postage purchased extra. It is a convenience for members who work for the club in mailing things. Researched USPS and Stamps.com and Stamps.com offers more and in some instances is cheaper. Bill McCollister made a motion to keep Stamps.com, 2nd by Jim Hanke YES: Kyle Potts, Joie Chandler, Donald C. Coughlin, Pat Witter, Jim Hanke, Craig Eugene, Kathy Sawyer, William A. McCollister, Jill Hopper, Myrle Hale

7. DELEGATES REPORT

- a. Kenny Saenz reported that the Delegate meeting was held 12/12/14 in conjunction with the AKC Eukanuba Championship. There are three (3) vacancies in the Board of Directors for the Class of 2019. Nomination Committee Candidates: Dr. Thomas Davies, Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Steven D Gladstone Petition Candidates: Robert Amen, George Paveza The Delegate requested direction from the CCA Board as to how to cast the vote on behalf of CCA. Kyle Potts requested that the bios of all candidates be forwarded to the Board. The meeting at which the vote will be held is in March 2015, so the Board direction should be given to Kenny Saenz by March 1, 2015. Discussion currently ongoing on proposed judging procedure. Needs input from the Board on how we can improve?
- b. AKC will have a donation portal placed on the AKC Website.
- c. Delegate Discussion on AKC's addition of Reserve Best Junior Handler award.
- d. CCA Eukanuba Specialty
Ken Saenz asked whether the Board would like to see a list of the judges who are licensed for judging Chihuahuas in 2015, and the Board said it would like to see the list. He noted that in choosing a judge from one of the panel we don't have to pay outside travel expenses. Ken Saenz will send a list of judges to the Board for discussion.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Ratify the following votes from Board email discussion
 - i. Upgrade the Website at a cost of \$489, William A. McCollister, 2nd Kyle Potts YES: William A. McCollister, Kathy Sawyer, Myrle Hale, Craig Eugene, Donald C. Coughlin, Kyle Potts, Jim Hanke, Jill Hopper, Pat Witter
 - ii. Meet The Breeds – Orlando Reimbursement of \$500 for supplies, William A. McCollister, 2nd Kyle Potts YES: William A. McCollister, Myrle Hale, Craig Eugene, Donald C. Coughlin, Kyle Potts, Jim Hanke, Jill Hopper, Pat Witter
- b. Medallions
Joie Chandler said that she will ask the Schipperke Club of America where they obtained their medallions. Bill McCollister also volunteered to do a search of companies and get a quote for providing Medallions that the Board can consider. Kenny Saenz said he would count the medallions he has and report back as well as ask his contact @ AKC about sources.
- c. Improving the Regional/National weekend – There have not been any specific suggestions for improving the weekend, although it was noted that people have both requested time off in the evening from club activities as well as people wanting activities in the evening. It comes down to a personal choice as to which activities to attend.

d. New Binders for the Board

The Board discussed providing new binders for the Board that will include such things as Constitution & Bylaws, Standing Rules, Membership List, Board List, Committee List, Committee Duties, Membership Application, form for ROMs, Certificate of ROM. Bill McCollister reported that the committee is working on updates for committee positions and will get information printed for the new binders.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Standing Rules

Change the Standing Rules as follows:
BOARD

1. Amend the sentence to read: Board members will be present at the Fall shows, be present and active on the board conference calls and be active in the in the discussions that are here on our list. Computer access is easy enough to get these days. Any of us can use a computer at the library if we do not have access to one at home.

BOARD MEETINGS

Amend to read as follows

3. Meetings of the Board (during the Oct. National Specialty) may begin on Wednesday afternoon and continue as needed. (SR6 95) (SR2 May03)

COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

Delete Ways & Means Funds and amend to the following

2. The Junior funds will be allocated for a Junior Scholarship fund and to assist Juniors in attending Westminster, Eukanuba and the CCA National (SR2 Nov09) Kyle Potts made a motion to accept the Standing Rules as corrected, 2nd by Craig Eugene YES: William A. McCollister, Myrle Hale, Craig Eugene, Donald C. Coughlin, Kathy Sawyer, Kyle Potts, Jim Hanke, Jill Hopper, Pat Witter

- b. H. Craig Leslie proposed conference call dates as follows: 2nd Thursday evenings @ 7.00 p.m. CST - April 9, July 9, October 7. Information will be sent out 10 days before the call.

- c. Combine Committees of Awards & Recognition & Records & Statistics. These committees function together and need to be combined

- d. Make Ways & Means committee to search out ways to make money for the club.

- e. Request by Kelley Trombley to reconsider holding Obedience, Rally and possibly Agility. H. Craig Leslie asked to table the discussion (he had duties he had to attend to and didn't have time to read proposal). H. Craig Leslie will forward the proposal to the Board email list for discussion.

- f. Purina Parent Club Partnership sent a letter to CCA about the weight circle contributions made to CCA & AKC CHF in the amount of \$97,855.34 this was a 10 year total and half was allocated directly to CCA for use towards research, education and rescue efforts. They also offered to pay for two (2) nights lodging and ground transportation around St. Louis for two (2) Club representatives to do a site check at the Purina Event Center/Purina Farms for a future national.

It was agreed that we should investigate what dates are available and to contact Purina Farms to see what is available in 2016-2017. Kyle Potts to forward letter to Pat Witter.

10. William A. McCollister made a motion to adjourn the General meeting, 2nd by Kathy Sawyer, to return to Executive Session @ 8.45 PM CST.

11. Meeting resumed @ 8.45 PM CST in Executive Session to discuss Standing & Special Committee appointments.

12. Myrle Hale made a motion to come out of Executive Session @ 9.24 PM CST, 2nd by Jim Hanke.

13. The Board agreed to appoint the following standing committees

- a. Awards & Statistics – Marcy Blank – appointed by H. Craig Leslie – needs to go onto the website with contact information, forms, etc.

- b. Historian – Carole Jeffrey

14. Appoint Committee chairs for the following Special Committees

- a. Communications - Bill McCollister (including: AKC Gazette – Jenny Hauber, Chi-Chatter – Beverly LaFleur, Website – Jen Newton, Video – Leah Monte)

- b. Judges Education – Linda George & Billy Miller, Co-Chairs

- c. Health – Lauren Payne

- d. Juniors – Tammy & Gerry Desjardins – will update CCA Juniors birthdates & graduation dates

- e. Junior Scholarship Committee – Kathy Sawyer (needs updated Juniors list with graduation dates) Kyle Potts will send information

- f. Breed Rescue Referral – Lynnne Buntin

- g. Budget & Investment – Kyle Potts, William A. McCollister, H. Craig Leslie

- h. Canine Legislation – Lynn Buntin
 - i. Parliamentarian – Richard Bellon – needs to be included on the Board & Executive Session telephone lists
 - j. Chihuahua Education/Information – Carole Jeffrey
 - k. Sunshine – Christie Foulk
 - l. Ways & Means – Tracy Potts
 - m. Judges Selection Committee – Gail Hendry, Chair, Craig Eugene, Kathy Smith, Sue Hanke, Lana Bowes
 - n. Top 20 – Kyle Potts
 - o. Event Search Committee for Purina Farms – Pat Witter, Chair, William A. McCollister, H. Craig Leslie, Kenny Saenz
- Myrle Hale made a motion to accept the committees as listed, 2nd by Jim Hanke
 YES: Myrle Hale, Craig Eugene, Donald C. Coughlin, Kathy Sawyer, Kyle Potts, Jim Hanke, Jill Hopper, Pat Witter
 William A. McCollister made a motion to adjourn at 9.25 PM CST

Show: <i>Nashville Chihuahua Club</i>		March 8, 2015
Variety Judge - Mr. JAMES G. REYNOLDS		
Long Coat Variety		
Winners Dog	DAZZLES JUST THE RIGHT TOUCH	Barbara Chamberlain
Winners Bitch	OMEGAS WHERE THE HEART IS	Sandra Murdock
Best of Winners	OMEGAS WHERE THE HEART IS	Sandra Murdock
BOS to Variety	CH BK'S MEDICINE WOMAN	Sharon Massad
Best of Variety	CH DAZZLES TOUCH OF MIDAS	Donna J. Jensen
Smooth Coat Variety		
Winners Dog	MADAM REIKO EMERALD FIRE	Madam Raiko & Ishi Guro
Winners Bitch	DAZZLES GODIVA	Donna J. Jensen
Best of Winners	MADAM REIKO EMERALD FIRE	Madam Raiko & Ishi Guro
BOS to Variety	GCH CH HI-C CHABEL PEARLS AND ICE AT TERLINGUA	Cara Ryckman
Best of Variety	GCH CH SONNUS FILHO (SANCHEZ)	James & Janet Moses & Romulo Sanchez Torres
BOS to Breed	GCH CH HI-C CHABEL PEARLS AND ICE AT TERLINGUA	Patricia & Michael Holzkopf
Best of Breed	GCH CH SONNUS FILHO (SANCHEZ)	James & Janet Moses & Romulo Sanchez Torres

Regional Reports

EASTERN REGION

Chihuahua Club of Atlanta

This is a quick reminder that it's not too late to plan on attending the Chihuahua Club of Atlanta's Specialty show on Sunday, April 12th. Our show is held in conjunction with the Combined Specialties and has the Greater Atlanta Toy Assn joining us on Sunday. This offers the opportunity of winning 2 majors that day. Since these shows are also a part of the Peach Blossom Cluster which is now a 5 day event (beginning on Wednesday, April 8th) there will be all kind of possibilities for winning. Jack Onofrio is the Superintendent and entries close on March 25th. Put these dates on your calendar and come enjoy our southern hospitality with the chance of winning a handful (or more) of majors. We really hope to see you there.

Sandra Cook
Secretary

Heart of New England Chihuahua Club

In January the club supported the entry at Greater Lowell Kennel Club. Fidelma Dixie judged and was, as always, a pleasure to show to! Our next supported entry is April 5th at Trap Falls, judged by Lauren Payne. And lastly, we are in the process of planning our fall specialties. More details will be available in the next Chi Chatter. Other than that, we are shoveling, snow blowing, and shoveling some more; eagerly waiting for spring!
Lauren Payne

Hudson Valley Chihuahua Club

All is quiet in upstate NY. We have recovered from our fall specialty and are in the process of planning the 2015 show. More information forthcoming!

Lauren Payne

EAST CENTRAL REGION

Where has the time gone? We have been so busy working on the new club magazine THE CHIHUAHUA. I totally missed my first East Central VP report, my apologies to my constituents.

Winter is almost over even though the calendar says different. As I write this today it is 28F on March 23. Justin Ward and I recently enjoyed the K9 College Cruise with Darwin Delaney, Kathy Sawyer, Lynn & Jeff Hurd, Karl & Pat Witter, Joie Chandler, Jean Pratt, Jackie Dew and Jane Turbenson. I can tell you that CCA was well represented!! Unfortunately this was the last cruise they were having and our first. It was a great time and the seminars were wonderful. Fantastic weather, food, entertainment and friendship. Fortunately there is another cruise set up in Canada with the same type of format in the Caribbean setting sail April 2, 2016 called Canine Seminars at Sea. If you are interested in going you won't be disappointed.

If you haven't found us on Facebook I encourage you to do so. There are up to the minute information as it becomes available to us there. Each Region has a page to advertise their upcoming specialties as well as any

other information for their regions. Club news is also spread from region to region as well.

As you all know by now the Chi Chatter has had a change in format and delivery. For those that do not know the reason for it I will try to explain clearly. The four issues of the Chi Chatter last year cost CCA 100% of the dues we collected, roughly \$13,000.00, to be printed and mailed. The board had to make a decision to either raise our dues for everyone or offer to the membership another format as in a stapled newsletter, as well as an email version. The board decided to keep our dues the same for those who elected to receive the Chi-Chatter electronically through email and to charge a nominal fee of \$10 extra per year to pay for printing and postage for those that preferred to receive the Chi-Chatter in print form. Roughly two thirds of the membership has elected to receive it my email. The Chi-Chatter no longer is in the same format, it is more of a newsletter with CCA business in it. Sometimes hard decisions have to be made. This was one of them.

At the same time this was discussed the board was presented with a proposal to produce a breed magazine. The Chihuahua world has been void of such a publication for a few years since Los Chihuahuas was retired

As it was my proposal I was asked to be the editor of it. I accepted the challenge providing WC VP Pat Witter would as well. We formed a Committee consisting of people from all over the country with specific skills such as writing skills, editing skills, design skills, sales skills as well as computer program skills. This committee is something to see in

action! The amount of time they invest and the way they all work together you would think they are getting paid for their work. The committee consists of Pat Witter, Jen Newton, Beverly LaFleur, Jessica Simon, Micki Giroux, Jenny Ours Hauber, Lauren Payne, Colleen Comber, Susan Ritenour, Craig Leslie and myself.

This effort was put forward for all aspects of Chihuahua ownership from conformation, obedience, rally, rescue, and the pet community. We have had wonderful support from our members for not only subscriptions but advertising and writing articles as well. Remember this is YOUR magazine, it will only survive if you support it. I am happy to report that we are only a couple subscriptions short of 300, and they come from nine countries!! We also send it to 250 judges who are actively judging Chihuahuas. If you haven't subscribed you might want to consider it. Support your club and your breed!

We at the Chihuahua Club of Michigan are looking forward to our second year with the Apple Blossom Cluster in Kalamazoo over the Memorial weekend. Last year was our first and a great time was had by all. Please try to attend. There are seven shows that holiday weekend with our specialties on Saturday and Sunday. They are both held concurrently so we are limited to 100 dogs per day so get your entries in early!

If there are any issues you would like me to bring to the board, my ears are open and I will gladly move things forward. Looking forward to seeing you all this summer and of course St. Louis.

Bill McCollister
East Central Vice President

Chihuahua Club of Greater Milwaukee

The CCGM is looking forward to our specialty that will be held Friday July 24, 2015. There will be two specialties held that day and our judges are Kent Delaney and Wayne F. Harmon. There will be sweepstakes offered during one of the shows, as well as Jr. Showmanship. The Chihuahua Club of Greater Milwaukee will also feature a complimentary lunch, which will be served between our shows. There are also two all-breed shows that occur at the same site the following Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26. Please note that these shows typically generate majors in both coats. There will also be a silent auction with a handmade quilt and various items for dogs and people. This was quite a hit last year and we are looking forward to an exciting auction! Please join us July 24-26 for the opportunity to show your dogs four times in three days.

Best,
Heidi Chiappetta

WEST CENTRAL REGION

2015 has been bitterly cold throughout the country – the South included, and we are approaching spring with hopes of warmer weather. By the time this goes to print, the Texas Chihuahua Club and the Dallas Chihuahua Club will have held their back-to-back Specialty shows, the Chihuahua Club of Oklahoma will hold its shows in March and May and the Pontchartrain Chihuahua Fanciers has plans for its shows in August. Encourage your club secretaries to get information to the Chi-Chatter so that everyone in CCA knows what's going on.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

After coming off a term as Treasurer for 6 years (5 years + 1 more as Acting Treasurer) and being West Central Vice President, I have come to a

decision that I will not be pursuing a second 2-year term as West Central Vice President because of commitments with the new magazine. I would like to encourage people within the West Central region to consider running for Vice-President. It's a great way to get to know the running of CCA, and to help determine its course in the upcoming years. There are also 2 Board positions up for election this year. So, make your New Year's Resolution one in which you will get involved and contact the Nominating Chair - Linda George, ouachitah@aol.com, and committee members Beverly LaFleur, lafleurs.chis@gmail.com, Susan Hanke, msgalway1@yahoo.com, Randy Carr, randallaliasbob@aol.com & Myrle Hale, CHALE31@tampabay.rr.com. If you have any interest in holding office, please contact any of the above and let them know your thoughts.

Plans are underway for the second issue of "The Chihuahua" and this would be a great opportunity to get your club in there at a good rate (Full page pricing = \$100 for color; \$60 for black/white). Please consider placing your clubs upcoming plans in the issues. It will be published quarterly – January, April, and July & October. If you need more information, contact Bill McCollister, Editor @ thechihuahuamag@gmail.com

Check the CCA club calendar to see upcoming shows OR to add your club's show to the info on the CCA website. The site gets a lot of traffic and we have upcoming events on the home page.

Get connected by joining the CCA Facebook group for your region or join the CCA Membership list on Yahoo Groups.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns you may have and I will be glad to bring it to the Board on your behalf.

Patricia W. Witter
CCA West Central Regional VP.

Dallas Chihuahua Club

Dallas Chihuahua Club had a good 2014 year with majors in both longs and smooths at our April shows. This year, our shows are April 25th and 26th, in Duncanville. We are proud of our good 'ole Texas hospitality and our shows provide something for everyone in the raffles and the delicious meals. Our sweepstakes judges are Paula Martinez and Janice Gallagher, and our regular judges are Fidelma Dixie and Sharon Newcomb. DFW is an easy airport in which to fly, and there are several nice hotels and restaurants near the show site. We welcome everyone.

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Houston Chihuahua Club, Inc.

The following new officers for 2015 were elected at our January meeting:

President - Randall Carr
Vice President - Mack Williams
Treasurer - Guy Heiman
Secretary - Connie Williams
Board - Irina Birisheva, Sharon Couch
Preparations are already underway for our summer, back to back
Specialties: August 21, 2015 in Houston, Texas at the Crowne Plaza Hotel / Brookhollow. Please plan to join us for 3 full days of shows, in the ballroom of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Beginning on Friday August 21st, 2014 with 2 Chihuahua Specialties & Sweepstakes (back to back), then 2 more shows with the Toy Club of Greater Houston, on Saturday, August 22nd, & Sunday, August 23rd, 2015. 4 shows in 3 days! 4 chances for points and majors and lots of fun! All under one

roof! The Crowne Plaza gives a discount rate of \$89.00 per night for dog show guests. We will have limited space for RV's, no hookups. Our Superintendent will be Onofrio. Please come and help us to make those hard to find majors!

Our Judges are:

AM Show

PM Show

Rodney Merry

Bradley Jenkins

Peggy Hackelton – Sweepstakes

Kris Musgrove -

Sweepstakes

We have some really unique trophies in the works for this year! And we already have some really nice items donated for the raffle table and even more for the silent auction! Your support and donations are greatly appreciated! We hope that you will make plans to join us!

Connie Williams
Secretary
Houston Chihuahua Club, Inc.

WESTERN REGION

CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF GREATER PHOENIX

We have been blessed with some of the mildest winter weather ever known to man. In fact it's as if winter has skipped right past us and went from summer of 2014 to spring of 2015. The weather was exceptionally beautiful at all of our local Arizona shows and we only had rain sprinkles one day at the Fiesta Cluster the end of March. Our CCGP Specialty had mild weather conditions even though it was on January 9, 2015. Seriously, didn't even need a coat or jacket while showing outdoors. How good is that???? The show was held at the Camelback Ranch Baseball Facility, located on the west side of the valley. The grounds were a rich green winter

grass and were cut to 1" height. It looked more like a golf putting green than a place for a dog shows. We were fortunate to have Johnny Shoemaker for our judge, and Jean Sellner as steward which made the entire show run smoothly, without any problems. The results of this show are posted in this edition of the Chi-Chatter. We have to wonder why more people from the eastern side of the USA don't take advantage of attending our winter shows. Between California and Arizona we have some of the largest shows with excellent weather and grounds for this time of the year, and the conditions are great for traveling with dogs as well. Our next show will be held indoors in Tucson on November 11, 2015. It will be in conjunction with the 4 day Shows at the Pima County Fairgrounds, so mark your calendars and we hope to see you there. Jack Bradshaw is the Superintendent for both the Tucson shows as well as ours.

Marilyn Casiano
CCGP secretary

Evergreen Chihuahua Club

We are busy getting ready for our August show. It will be held on August 14, 2015, which is a Friday. We are holding back to back shows on Friday, instead of holding Thursday and Friday. Our judges will be Dana Cline and Janice Pardue. Our Sweepstakes judge will be Pat Hastings. We also will be holding obedience and rally, and 4-6 puppy class. Join us for a Mexican Buffet, to be held after judging on Friday. There are also 2 all-breed shows, following the specialty.

Joie Chandler did a breed booth at Seattle KC. They have a huge gate, with an average of 8,000 to 10,000 people coming through in two days. Saturday was very busy, passed out a lot of information, and the dogs that attended got a lot of petting. They took it all in stride, and loved all the attention that they got. Joie Chandler went on the K9 College Cruise. It left from New Orleans, and passed through the ports of Cayman, Jamaica, and Cozumel. On that cruise, there were lots of members of CCA. Jean Pratt, Pat Witter and her husband, Carl, Darwin Delaney, Kathy Sawyer, Jeff & Lynn Hurd, Bill McCollister, Justin Ward, Linda Wheeler and Jackie Dew. Dr Bob Hutchinson was one of the keynote speakers, along with Pat Hastings, Carmen Battaglia, John Rogerson and Gail Watkins.

Next year a Canadian Group is putting on an educational cruise, contact Lynn Hurd for information. Joie Chandler Evergreen Chihuahua Club

Joie Chandler
Evergreen Chihuahua Club

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHIHUAHUA CLUB

The Southern California specialty is fast approaching! Make sure you mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18th and help spread the word! We want to make this one of our biggest and best shows yet! Our show will be held concurrently with the Angeles Canyon Dog Club (ACDC) show being held at Industry Hills Expo Center in City of Industry. What does that mean????? It means ACDC will hold regular Chihuahua

classes in the morning. We will start our specialty around lunchtime, while their show is still going on. You will have two chances to show in a single day at the same location! Plus there are additional all breed shows happening Thursday, Friday and Sunday at the same show site. With a good turn out that means we have the potential to have 5 shows with majors!

If you have any questions feel free to contact Suzanne at: kimzachi@gmail.com. The premium list is available at www.jbradshaw.com and entries close April 1st. We are planning on a great show and hope to see many of you there!!!!

Suzanne Stephens
SCCC Secretary and Specialty Committee Chair

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In compliance with the Chihuahua Club of America Constitution and By-Laws, each completed application for membership will be reviewed and voted upon by the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors. Additionally the pending candidate's will be printed in the Chi-Chatter for membership consideration prior to the committee vote. If a member has a concern about a candidate's possible membership in the Chihuahua Club of America, please notify the Membership Chair in written form, within 45 days of publication in the Chi-Chatter. Candidates will receive a copy of any correspondence and will have an opportunity to respond. Candidates will become members with a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Membership Committee and Board. This process will take time but it is important that our membership be informed and the Constitution, as it presently exists, be followed

Pending Candidates

Applications received October 16, 2014 through December 31, 2014

The Board will vote on these candidates in July 2015

Jill Raczkoski

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Register of Merit Program

Are you aware that your AKC breed club has a Register of Merit program?

The Chihuahua Club of America's Register of Merit program was designed to recognize and honor those notable Chihuahua sires and dams Chihuahuas that have proven themselves to be excellent producers and have made an impact on the Chihuahua breed.

The Register of Merit program is a resource of information for breeders in their quest to produce the exceptional dog envisioned in our standard of excellence and showcase those top producers who have influenced Chihuahuas in America.

The Chihuahua Club of America will award the Registry of Merit Award (ROM) to the member/owner of any Chihuahua sire (living or dead) who has produced 10 champions or any Chihuahua dam (living or dead) who has produced 5 champions. The application must be completed and mailed to the chair by the deadline date listed on the application. The Awards & Recognition

Chair will present the awards at the CCA Annual Membership Meeting. The CCA will use a standardized certificate for the Awards.

If you think that your dog or bitch qualifies for a ROM, please fill out the form – downloadable from the Chihuahua Club of America website- and email the completed form along with the American Kennel Club Progeny Report for the dog you would like recognized to Marcy Blank., Chair of CCA Awards and Statistics. The Registry of Merit Application may also be obtained directly from the Award & Statistics Chair as listed on the Chihuahua Club of American web site.

Sires that produce 12 champions and dams that produce 7 champions are added to the Top Producing Sires and Dams listing. The owners do not have to be CCA members and there is no award given. The list is updated yearly.



*The Next Chi-Chatter
Deadline is
June 1, 2015*

Show: <i>Chihuahua Club of Greater Phoenix</i>		January 9, 2015
Sweepstakes Judge- Mr. DANIEL CHAVEZ		
	Name	Owner
Best Long	VISTA-VAL-LEE'S DAHLIA T'SEAS MI	VAL CROSS
Best Opposite Sex	N/A	
Best Smooth	PC N SAND-MAN'S MICRO BURST AT VISTA	S. SCHULTES & C. COX
Best Opposite Sex	DAZZLES ALMOST FAMOUS	SHELLY & BOB MACINDOE
Best In Sweeps	PC N SAND-MAN'S MICRO BURST AT VISTA	S. SCHULTES & C. COX
Best Opposite In Sweeps	DAZZLES ALMOST FAMOUS	SHELLY & BOB MACINDOE
Variety Judge - MR. JOHNNY R. SHOEMAKER		
Long Coat Variety		
Winners Dog	BK'S TELL ME LIES	BARBARA K. SMITH
Winners Bitch	H&H'S AMBER	MICHELLE HEROD
Best of Winners	BK'S TELL ME LIES	BARBARA K. SMITH
BOS to Variety	CH.DESTINY'S STEALING HEARTS	LANA BOWES
Best of Variety	GCH. GT'S ARMY OF JUAN AT VISTA	STEPHANIE SCHULTES & ISABEL ISAACSON
Smooth Coat Variety		
Winners Dog	PETLURA DEXTER	LATISSA SCHRANK
Winners Bitch	BLOOMSBURY BUSY BEING BOSSY	RACHEL K. GREEN
Best of Winners	PETLURA DEXTER	LATISSA SCHRANK
BOS to Variety	CH. KNOCKOUT FIREBALL	RACHEL K. GREEN & MILES A. GREEN
Best of Variety	GCH LUGARI HOLIDAY ROCCO	IVAN LUGO
BOS to Breed	CH. KNOCKOUT FIREBALL	RACHEL K. GREEN & MILES A. GREEN
Best of Breed	GCH LUGARI HOLIDAY ROCCO	IVAN LUGO

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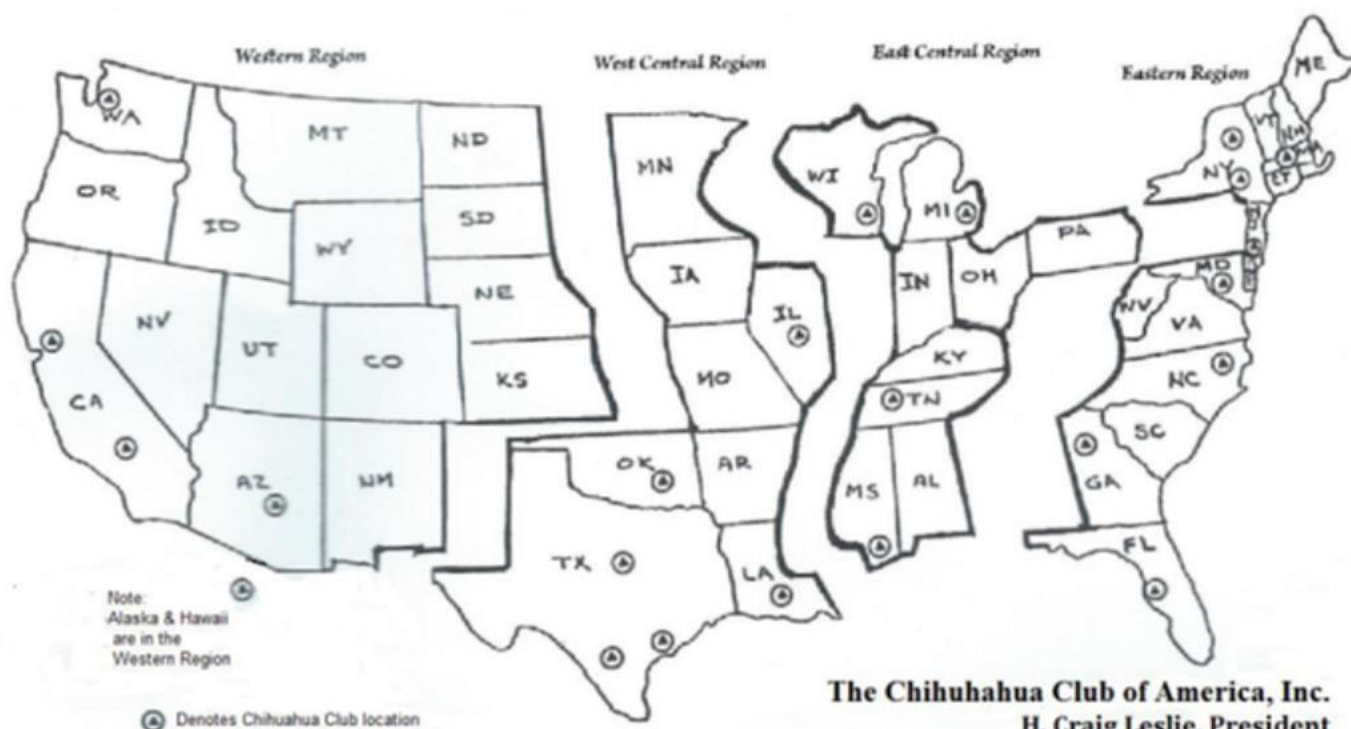
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THE CHIHUAHUA STUD ISSUE PEDIGREE FORM

When we were brainstorming ideas for THE CHIHUAHUA, one topic that continued to come to the top of the discussion was

"We need a Stud Issue". For those not knowing what a stud issue is, it is dedicated pages not only highlighting dogs producing quality puppies but that are also available to those searching for a possible related sire or outcross. We are offering beautiful layouts including pictures of the studs with simple pedigrees and contact information in this first Stud Book issue .

We at THE CHIHUAHUA believe this will be of great benefit for our subscribers, not only for those who have dogs offered at public stud to showcase their breeding stock but for those searching for that "perfect" Chihuahua.

To include your studs we have come up with a very affordable format to do just that. Each stud dog submission is \$35.

There will be 3 per page. You may also include a facing page to highlight that one special dog for an additional \$105 for a two page spread for \$210.

Please include a copy of either a Certified or AKC Online Pedigree for the Stud Book Issue as well as a 10x8 photograph of the

dog - stacked photo - either show shots or candid. The photograph will be cropped to the dog only.

If you purchase an adjoining page to highlight your kennel or that special stud dog, please check the box for a Free Design

Consultation so that we can showcase your kennel exactly as you want.

STUD ISSUE DEADLINE - JUNE 1, 2015

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Single Pedigree \$35 Full Page \$105 2-Page Spread \$210 FREE Design Consultation

Contact info _____

I will be enclosing _____ AKC Online/Certified pedigrees for a total amount of _____.

Please make checks payable to CCA and mail to

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