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Harry

Chula Chihuahuas

Introduces New Champion Littermates



*CH Chula's Talladega Nights
"Trixie"*



*CH Chula's Going Into Overdrive
"Speed"*

GCH Chula's Light Em Up x GCH Triple A Sealed With A Kiss At Chula's

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On the cover...

BISS GCHG CH BK's Wild About Harry

Harry is shown on the cover with sons CH BK'S Connemara Flying Solo and CH Connemara BK'S Uno. Harry is currently one shy of being a top producer, with get that includes the 2017 Westminster BOV Long Coat winner (BISS GCHG H&H Hotrod). He has multiple group and specialty placements and wins. Harry is bred and owned by Kathy Smith (BK's Chihuahuas) and expertly handled by Conni Robinson.



CCA Guidelines For Travel Assistance To Junior Members

Travel assistance will be available to junior members of the Chihuahua Club of America who are attending the National show in St. Louis each October. Travel assistance is available to those junior members who meet the following criteria:

1. The junior must be a current Junior Member of the Chihuahua Club of America
2. The junior must be between the ages of 9 and 18.
3. The junior must be entered in a Junior Showmanship Class at the Fall National show in St. Louis, Missouri.

Travel assistance funds are for the purpose of assisting the junior member with the cost of airfare or gasoline expenses while traveling to and from the Nationals. The funds are given to those juniors who are in a situation that requires monetary assistance to insure that the junior is able to attend the show.

The funds will be dispersed to the parents of the junior member. The funds allocated will be a maximum of *(\$300). If the junior accepts the travel assistance funds and does not compete in the Junior Showmanship classes at the show, the funds must be reimbursed to the club.

Parents of the junior member may contact the Junior Committee Chair to apply for the travel assistance funds. The Junior Committee Chair will bring the matter to the Board for approval.

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 Submitting Show Results & Photos

- 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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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, Sandy St. John at 727-641-2032 email to kesacocker@aol.com well in advance of the events closing date. (We ask that you give at least one month notice.)

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 asking CCA to submit an ad for your catalog, you will need to contact the CCA Secretary, Marcy Blank 815-568-6450 or email to marcy@landshaftkennels.com.

The billing for the catalog insert should go to CCA treasurer Kyle Potts, 16619 Fort Oswego St, San Antonio, TX 78247 or email kylepottstx@aol.com

From The President

Within our club we have members spanning multiple generations, and with that varying levels of preference and comfort in how s/he communicates. Some are very active on Facebook, others email, and some more comfortable via phone. Moving into 2017, one of my goals is to not just foster an environment where members feel comfortable communicating with the regional VPs, BOD members, and committee chairs, but also provide an additional means of doing so.

Currently CCA has the listserv, MailChimp, the website, the Facebook Fan page and of course emailing individuals. Approximately 62% of our members currently subscribe to the listserv and have this as a means of raising concerns. MailChimp is an excellent email/newsletter tool for announcements but of course provides no means for raising concerns.

CCA underutilizes the members section of the website. One of our goals is to post more information there so you, as members, can log-in and find much of the information you may need about the club, contacts, and any other news or announcements.

And then there is Facebook. CCA

currently has a fan page—which is an excellent tool for posting upcoming events, ways & means specials, or other information appropriate for a wider audience. There is also a Facebook group “CCA Member chat” which allows CCA members to chat amongst themselves. However, many may not be aware that the members of the BOD are excluded from this group and as such any concerns or suggestions made in the course of discussion are not reaching the ears of the BOD. I realize there is perhaps a need to vent, but if concerns are not brought to the attention of those who can answer or address them, it becomes unproductive. I would encourage those on this group to directly contact the committee chair, regional VP, or BOD if s/he has any specific questions or concerns.

In order to provide another option for communication, in 2017 I am going to host quarterly open phone town hall style meetings by region to provide the membership an opportunity to voice concerns or suggestions. The meetings will last no longer than 1 hour. If no one calls in within 20 minutes of the start time of the meeting, the meeting will end. These will provide you with an opportunity to ask questions or even

make suggestions. I may not have an immediate answer, but will be sure the questions are answered by the appropriate party, and responses are posted. This is of course a pilot and the effectiveness will be evaluated in at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Dates and times for the 1st set of Town Hall Meetings are as follows:

- **East Coast:** Wednesday, March 22nd at 8 PM CST
- **East Central:** Friday, March 24th at 8 PM CST
- **West Central:** Monday, March 27th at 9 PM CST
- **West Coast:** Wednesday, March 29th 9 PM CST

Details with the phone call in will be posted via Mailchimp and the members only section of the website as we get closer to the dates. If you cannot make the town hall meeting, please email me at lapaynel@gmail.com your question, concern, or suggestion. Use the subject line “CCA Town Hall” and your region.

I look forward to discussing with everyone how we can further “advance and protect the interests of the breed” through CCA.

*Best,
Lauren A. Payne*

Corrections:

In the Fall 2016 issue of the Chi-Chatter the results for the October Regional were incorrect. And one of the pictures was incorrectly labeled. I apologize for the error and want to be sure everyone has the correct information.

On page 12

- Best of Breed & Best AKC Owner-Handler was reported as: GCH Dazzles MGM Diamonds are Forever - Owner: Bob Gentile
- The actual Best of Breed & Best AKC Owner-Handler winner was: GCH Arywn Star Kissed Delight owners : Gloria & Arthur Johnson

On page 15

The last picture at the bottom of the page

- GCH Dazzles MGM Diamonds Are Forever, Bob Gentile should be labeled Best of Variety not Best in Show.

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Chihuahua Club of America Board Meeting

January 12, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Lauren Payne at 7:04 p.m. on January 12, 2017.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: Shawn Christine Jones, Marcy Blank, Craig Eugene, Kyle Potts, Myrle Hale, Kathy Sawyer, Jen Newton, Beverly LaFleur, Viola Burgos and Katherine Bornemann

SECRETARY'S REPORT. Marcy Blank reported the following:

- 1) We are current in responses to general inquiries via USPS, email and web site.
- 2) Still missing several CCA Member Club applications for approval for 2017 Specialty dates.

Chi Club of Hawaii

Ponchartrain Chi Club

Nashville Chi Club

Heart of New England Chi Club-
No Specialty in 2017

Mississippi Gulf Coast Chi Club

Land of Lincoln Chi Club

- 3) Motions

11/27/16 Motion made by Kyle Potts to appoint Jennifer Newton to fill the BOD vacancy created by Donald Coughlin's resignation. Seconded by

Shawn Christine Jones. Passed unanimously.

- 4) We are up to date on the CCA Officer roster which has been submitted to and receipt acknowledged by the American Kennel Club
- 5) General Non-for Profit Annual Report filed with the State of Illinois on January 5, 2017
- 6) The Secretary is current on cross referencing paid dues renewals and listing committee interest. Current on providing list of interested members to appropriate committee chairs.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

President Lauren Payne read the report for Treasurer Kyle Potts who was under the weather. It was reported that the club currently has the following:

10301 CCA Regular Checking

\$25,784.27

10304 Chihuahua Health Related

\$1,625.15

Total 1030 · Bank of America

\$27,409.42

1202 Ameriprise Financial

\$ 81,616.07

Total Assets

\$109,025.49

President Lauren Payne recapped the reports of all committees which will be published in the next issue of the Chi-Chatter and on the Members only section of the CCA website for all members to review. Beverly LeFleur added the Chi Chatter income report of \$880.00

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Marcy Blank will forward approved 2017 specialty dates to Jen Newton for publication on the CCA website.

Kathy Sawyer requested information on the lifetime membership nomination process. This will be posted in the Spring issue of the Chi-Chatter.

A motion was made by Kathy Sawyer to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm CST.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Blank*

Nominating Committee Report

I know it is hard to believe but it is time to start taking nominations for the Chihuahua Club of America officer and board positions that will be opening in the fall. The positions are:

Treasurer

West Central VP

East Region VP

Board Member

Board Member

The criteria for serving as an officer or board member are found on the CCA website. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please email me or send by regular mail that you want to run along with a very brief bio with your qualifications. Additional information may be requested as the Nominating Committee members

consider each candidate. Nominations are open now and will close May 27, 2017. Thank you.

Linda George

Nominating Committee chair

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Next ChiChatter
Deadline is May 15, 2017

Florida Regional Show Report

The Florida Regional was a success. Thankfully Steve Hayden assisted as ring steward. He helped keep the ring running smoothly. Myrle Hale and Sharon Newcomb acted as ringside mentors.

We had 19 Sweepstakes entries. Judge Darius McPhall's winners were:

BOV Long Coat - Bloomsbury Banderas owned by Junko Guichon (also Best of Opp. to Best In Sweeps)

BOS to BOV LC - Showboat's Constellation Prize owned by Michelle Rinaldi

BOV Smooth Coat - Victory's In My Veins(Sanchez) owned by Romulo Sanchez Torres (also Best in Sweeps)

BOS to BOV SC - Knockout Kid Marvelman owned by Rachel K. Green

Mr. Edd Embry Bivin judged the regular classes. His winners were:

Best Jr.- Samantha Van Buren

Best in Specialty - the BOV Smooth Coat

BOS to BOB - the BOS LC

SMOOTH COATS-54 entries

BOV - Ch. Envi's Dip Baby Dip Pasco owned by Pam Scott

BOS - Ch. Knockout Babe In Toyland owned by Linda M. Nilges

BOW - WB

WD - Coolballow's Fairytale of New York owned by Virginia Lee and John Bolton

WB - Misti's Lochlyn Beach Babe owned by Kathy Wilkins and Misti Cook

LONG COATS-63 entries

BOV - Ch. H&H Hotrod owned by Michelle Herod

BOS - Ch. Destiny's Fallen Star owned by Stephanie VanGilder

BOW - WB

WD - Dartan G.Q. K Sawyer/D Delaney/S Newcomb/S Pesina

WB - WynJyn Spellbound owned by Virginia Hauber

BEST Puppy - WD LC

The specialty was well attended and we had an enjoyable time.

*Kindly,
Kenny*





Committee Reports

- **Health Committee:** Committee Chair: Kristi Green Committee Members: Anne Vargo, Liz Moore, Karin Daehn, Kris Bobo Specht & Cherry Parker

General Committee Business: New committee members added for 2016 are Kris Bobo Specht & Cherry Parker. Kristi Green (existing member) will be the 2017 Committee Chair, and Anne, Liz & Karin are all remaining on the committee as existing members.

The committee is currently regrouping and establishing our goals for 2017. CCA AKC-CHF DAF Fund: Balance: \$41,480.37 -- need a little help understanding what/when/where/how we allocate monies to studies from this balance:)

New CHIC Numbers (Oct. 2016-Dec. 2016, 4th quarter): There were 25 new CHIC numbers issued to Chihuahuas in the 4th quarter of 2016. There were also 2 updated CHIC numbers.

1st Quarter 2016: 6
2nd Quarter 2016: 14
3rd Quarter 2016: 27
4th Quarter 2016: 25

Total 2016 CHIC #'s issued to Chihuahua's: 72

- **Ways & Means:** Ways and Means 4th quarter report 2016 The Ways and Means committee had a very successful auction and sale at the National this year. We began the year with a balance in our account of \$12,216.23. We purchased 150 Rtic mugs (\$4070.00) as a fundraiser and have sold 90 of them to date. The income on the mugs sold to date has been \$3150.00, so we are well on our way to covering the entire cost of the mugs, and they will continue to bring income this year.

Our raffle at the show was a huge success, netting the club a little over \$3000 in profit. The current balance in our account is \$12,413.56. Due to popular demand, we have begun planning for the return of Chihuahua Bingo at next year's show.

Our current committee members are Terri Dejarnett, Paula Mc Swain, Kyle and Tracy Potts. I can also add the many volunteers that help at the nationals and make it all fun.

- **Nominating Committee:** No activity to report at this time of year.
- **Show Report 2017 National/Regional:** The update I have for the 2017 October Regional/National Show is that I have received signed contracts from our 2017 Sweepstakes judges, AND signed contracts from the 2018 Conformation Judges. Both judges elected at our 2016 Annual Meeting have accepted.

I have a signed contract with the new Show Photographer - Teddy Lei - who was at the show this year taking candid photos and will do the "formal" show photos as well as candid photos at the 2017 show.

As for the rest - I will start work on the various committees and advise you next year. As you know the one committee that does the most work before the show, the Top 20, we are fortunate that Michelle Brislin has agreed to take this on again for 2017.

Regional Orlando: The Florida Regional was a success. Thankfully Steve Hayden assisted as ring steward. He helped keep the ring running smoothly. Myrle Hale and Sharon Newcomb acted as ringside mentors. We had 19 Sweepstakes entries, 54 long coats, and 63 smooth coats. Total show profit \$912. 65 (see members only section of website for full details).

- **Top 20:** Our Committee is requesting a budget of \$1500 for the year. The Top 20 Committee intends to raise the entry fee next year from \$75 to \$100. The reasoning behind this is that the meal cost is \$40 per person, \$50 for a ribbon and \$10 for a catalog, which lost money on each entry last year. The committee would rather break even where the entries are concerned and show any profit in the ticket and catalog sales. Entry fees would be \$100 which would include a page in the

catalog, a ribbon and a meal Entry in catalog only would be \$75 which would include a page in the catalog and a ribbon Reserved tables of 10 would be \$450 Singles tickets would be \$45 Catalogs would be \$10 Extra ribbons would be actual cost of the ribbon, most likely \$50

- **Judge's Education:** The following people will be on the Judges Education Committee: They were chosen because they have expressed an interest in being on the committee or a couple that I drafted because they have been of great help in doing seminars. I've tried to include different areas of the country but would still like to find a member from the west coast. So far nobody has come forward. I'm open to suggestions on somebody to ask. Craig Eugene, Myrle Hale, Billy Miller, Dick Miller, Sharon Newcomb, Kenny Saenz, Kathy Sawyer, Joyce Standish, Pat Witter, and myself, as chair.

The Judges Ed Committee was asked to take on the illustrated standard project. Billy has tentatively agreed to take the lead on this sub committee. He has asked that Pat Witter and Bill McCollister work with him for their computer, photography, and artistic skills. I've asked that Sharon Newcomb be included because she was on a similar committee in another breed that just finished doing an illustrated standard. Billy and I would also like Myrle to be a consultant. Once the work is completed the entire committee will review it before submitting to the board. Billy believes there will be some art expenses but doesn't know how much right now. We would appreciate some input from the board on a budget.

A seminar was done at the CCA specialty last fall as usual. We have been asked to do a seminar in Louisville in March, which I'll be able to do. Craig Eugene has agreed to help me and I will ask some local exhibitors to provide dogs for the hands on. I understand that the Louisville

seminars are very well attended. Myrle mentored a couple people at the specialty during the Invitational week in Florida in December.

I received an e mail from AKC that had Chihuahuas listed as a breed that judges would have to do a front and side bite exam. I e mailed back that Chihuahuas should only be a front exam breed. The reply was that they had made a mistake and Chihuahuas should have been just a front exam. The error would be fixed. Since then one committee member said he thought the only way to determine a wry mouth was by doing a side exam. I believe a front exam is all that is needed and will not ask AKC to change to front and side unless the board decides otherwise

- **Awards & Recognition:** CCA PLAQUES AND TROPHIES FOR 2017: Hudson Valley Chihuahua Club: (2) BOV by Tom Baldwin for May 27, 2017.

- **Membership:** The Committee is up to date on all pending membership applications. All applicants have been acknowledged via email provided and advised of application process.
- **Sunshine:** See Chi Chatter, page__
- **Election:** See the October 2016 report in Members only section of the website.
- **Gazette** – The next article due has already been submitted to the AKC gazette.
- **Juniors:** Committee is currently discussing plans for 2017.
- **Breed Rescue:** The committee outlined their goals for 2017: Identify and recruit Rescue Committee members to plan and carry out the Club's goals for Chihuahua Rescue; Compile list/file of reputable Chihuahua rescue groups around the country; Publish list of rescue groups on CCA website with disclaimer; Provide networking support to CCA members, clubs and others for the purposes of helping in

the practice of Chihuahua rescue; and Explore ways to provide assistance for extreme rescue situations

- **Historian:** HISTORIAN 4th QUARTER 2016 REPORT

As Historian, I have nothing new to report. I continue to digitize all CCA documents currently archived with the AKC.

- **Website:** As Webmaster I plan to gather our 2017 committee members - Marcy Black, Racheal Miller and Suzanne Stephens-Truong - to compile a plan to increase the social media presence of the CCA website. We have also noticed that members are not utilizing the private backend of the website. Currently, it contains detailed lists, guidelines and duties for the different club committees as well as club forms. We need to find a way to get members to better utilize these tools.
- **Chi-Chatter:** November 2016: Income \$855. Expenses: \$2658.29

Show: Chihuahua Club of Greater Phoenix February 2, 2017		
Sweepstakes Judge - Mrs. Beverly Andersen		
Entry:	Name	Owner
Best Long	H&H Godiva@Regalchi	Michelle Herod
Best In Sweeps	H&H Godiva@Regalchi	Michelle Herod
Variety Judge - Mrs. Sari Brewster-Tiejen		
Long Coat Variety		
Winners Dog	H&H Roady Roadster	Michelle Herod
Winners Bitch	Bloodplus Jp Dance Of Monchhidhi	Mami Shiratsuki
Best Of Winners	Bloodplus Jp Dance Of Monchhidhi	Mami Shiratsuki
BOS to Variety	Ch Kokura Yama Jp Gold Medalist	Kazuyuki Yama
Best of Variety	Bloodplus Jp Dance Of Monchhidhi	Mami Shiratsuki
Smooth Coat Variety		
Winners Dog	Rostone Houdini	Roberta Stone
Best Of Winners	Rostone Houdini	Roberta Stone
BOS to Variety	Rostone Houdini	Roberta Stone
Best of Variety	Knockout White Owl	Rachel K Green
BOS to Breed	Ch Kokura Yama Jp Gold Medalist	Kazuyuki Yama
Best of Breed	Bloodplus Jp Dance Of Monchhidhi	Mami Shiratsuki

Meet the Breeds



The AKC Meet the Breeds event held in conjunction with Westminster Kennel Club and TICA Cat Association on February 11, 2017 has been our second year running the booth. We first started doing this event last year, and look forward to making each year bigger and better to showcase and provide education for our beloved breed, the Chihuahua. This event provides a great opportunity for the general public as well as other exhibitors to spend time interacting with well-bred, well-socialized representatives of the breed from a variety of kennels and with breeders, exhibitors, and owners of the breed as well. It allows attendees to ask questions about the breed they may be interested in bringing into their home and determine whether it is the right breed for them.

A small crowd of people had already formed before we had even opened up any Ex-pens at the Chihuahua booth for AKC's Meet the Breed over Westminster weekend 2017. People, seeing the Chihuahua sign and noting the small crates that rolled in, excitedly flocked as if compelled by some force. As each dog was produced from their crates, and

placed in the pens for those gathered around to see and meet, people sighed their little sighs of excitement and adoration, a reaction that was standard fare throughout the day.

The whole day was one of smiles and photo-taking, as well as breed education. There were both rookie Chihuahuas present and MTB veterans from last year including Peach and Lola. Half way through the day, the fabulous Chihuahua clothing designer and breed devotee Ada Nieves and Sophia Simillides Cotzia arrived with Amaretto and Beanie, and with a bag of Ada's designer outfits, replete with little sunglasses and hats. The others were promptly dressed in Chihuahua Couture and strutted their stuff happily.

Perhaps most enjoyable of all for us was several occasions we had families whose children asked to see specific dogs in attendance last year. It was quite a wonderful surprise! One little girl last year, this year being much taller, remembered Lola and wanted to see her again, stating that we had told her last time Lola didn't like to snuggle. When we had allowed her to hold Lola, she promptly snuggled into the little girl's hair and gave her kisses. Her parents told

us that she had been excited for this event for weeks and had asked to attend dog shows as well. Another boy now in second grade had asked to come so he could "see his little friend Peach" and asked many questions about showing. We had repeat attendance from adult spectators as well!

The highlight of our day, however, was a little boy named Turner dressed in the most dapper suit who cautiously and politely approached our booth. His mother informed me that she had brought him to see the cats and that he had been afraid of dogs since he was an infant - they simply alarmed him for no known reason. Turner politely asked if he could "see Isaac up close" because he had heard the name and he sounded friendly. Little Isaac was dressed in a Louis XIV fancy "Sun King" outfit and Turner gently reached out to him, softly giggling as Isaac began licking his fingers. We spent about 20 minutes with Turner and his mother, during which time she told me through happy tears that this was the first dog he had ever touched, and had pulled her toward us "to go see the most beautiful puppies". I had a small print of a birthday card I painted for a friend for her birthday that had a Chihuahua in a space helmet jumping over the moon on it, and with his mothers permission I gifted it to little Turner. The little boy squealed with delight and thanked us, kissed Isaac, and said "How did you know I love space and I LOVE CHIHUAHUAS?!". His mother thanked us and said they would be looking forward to seeing us all next year.

It is moments like this that make Meet the Breed so very important - Education and Positive interaction with Adults and Children alike with our beloved Chihuahuas! We invite any CCA members who have not yet participated in MTB that are attending the NYC Specialties/Westminster to join us in 2018, it is sure to be a great experience!

Virginia Lee



Regional News

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Dixieland Chihuahua Club of Greater Memphis

We are pleased to let everyone know we have a show date for our first Sanctioned A match with The Greater Shelby Kennel Club in July 2017 (pending AKC approval). The Match will be held 30 minutes after BIS Judging of The Greater Shelby Kennel Club on Saturday July 15, 2017. The location is the City of South Haven Multipurpose Arena in South Haven, MS.

There will be 4 days of All Breed shows (2 Tupelo Kennel Club shows) and (2 Greater Shelby Kennel Club Shows) and 2 Memphis Toy Clubs Shows. Our Judge for the Sanction A Match is Pam Gaskin, Austin, AR; Superintendent: Jack Onofrio. The Match Committee is: Match Chair: Sallie Buckman, Match Secretary: Jean Pratt, Trophies: Cherry Parker, Chief Ring Steward: Dolores Masley.

We are very excited to see our club moving another step forward to holding a pointed show in the future. We will have additional details in the next issue of the *Chi Chatter* after we receive AKC approval.

Debbie Robertson

Secretary DCCGM

Chihuahua Club of Michigan

Greetings from the Chihuahua Club of Michigan!

While winter began with a bang, it has now become mild compared to some parts of the country—we are not complaining!

The CCM members had a wonderful gathering in January after having to postpone our Christmas party/Annual Meeting due to a bad snow storm. We had an enjoyable lunch and then participated in our annual “ever-changing” gift exchange which is definitely not for the light hearted. We

ended with the General Membership Annual Meeting that proceeded without a hitch.

We are gearing up for our 2017 Back-to-Back Specialties which will again be held in conjunction with the Western Michigan Apple Blossom Cluster during the Memorial Day weekend.

Our CCM Specialties have been one of the largest Chihuahua specialties in the country just behind the National in St. Louis. Last year, we had exhibitors from many parts of the United States and Canada. This is a great opportunity to see your friends from all over and have 7 shows at one location.

As we did last year, CCM will provide lunch on both Saturday and Sunday during the show. We also invite everyone to attend our General Membership Meeting/ BBQ cookout held in the RV section. Last year, over 50 people attended the BBQ where there was a fun, relaxing time with friends plus good food and beverages, all provided by the club. Those of you who know us with the CCM, know it is all about fun and friendship—please consider joining us if you have yet to do so, and for those of you who are returning, we are anxious to host you all again!

For more information, please see our ad in the *CHI CHATTER* or look us up

on infodog.com.

In closing, our thoughts and prayers go out to Kathy Sawyer who resigned as our ECVF due to family and health issues.

William A. McCollister. Corresponding Secretary, Chihuahua Club of Michigan

Chihuahua Club of Greater Milwaukee

FABULOUS AWARDS and FANTASTIC AUCTION ITEMS!!! The Chihuahua Club of Greater Milwaukee is offering some amazing prizes for our 2017 Specialties! Grooming tables, luxury pet beds, and designer pet carriers will all be offered.

Our CCGM Specialty shows are Friday July 28th, 2017! Our Specialty shows are held indoors with air conditioning and are located in Waukesha, Wisconsin. CCGM will offer two specialties on Friday and these shows typically have drawn majors for both coat varieties. The club will also offer a complimentary luncheon on Friday between each specialty show. There will also be a silent auction with a huge variety of unique and fantastic items during the two shows—including dog paintings, awesome donut beds, and Isle of Dogs products. Don't miss the Waukesha kennel club all breed shows at the same site on Saturday and Sunday (July 29th and 30th), offering a total of four shows



in three days. The Chihuahua Club of Greater Milwaukee would love to see you at our 2017 Specialties! See you there!!!

Best, Heidi Chiappetta

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Dallas Chihuahua Club

2016 brought a great deal of growth and renewed excitement to the Dallas Chihuahua Club. Through a great deal of plotting and planning we are overjoyed to announce that our 2017 Specialty will be held in conjunction with the Dallas-Ft Worth Toy Dog Club in September. This will allow exhibitors the opportunity to show their dogs in four shows in three days. We will have back to back specialties on Friday, September 15 followed by the Toy Club shows on Saturday and Sunday. We couldn't have a lovelier facility with the hotel and convention center in one convenient location. View the location here- <http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hampton-inn-and-suites-dallas-mesquite-DALHSHX/index.html>. The area has wonderful shopping and top notch restaurants nearby. Conveniently located off of Interstate 635, the venue is a straight shot from DFW airport. Royal Canine is already on board to sponsor the event promising great prizes and giveaways. Additionally, there are several raffles at the show which historically have awesome items. Our club will forego the silent auction of the past for a raffle as well. Donations would be greatly appreciated! So mark your calendar and come on down to Dallas to experience some real Texas hospitality!

Also individuals and the club donated to canine victims of the Louisiana weather related emergencies in late August. Some people went to help for a day, the club gave \$, and individuals gave privately, too, \$, bedding, toys, etc.

Paula McSwain

Houston Chihuahua Club

We have been busy with the details of 2017 back to back Specialties coming up in August.

Friday, August 25th, 2017

Our Judges this year are Linda George for the morning Specialty. Cindy Allen - Sweepstakes Judge.

Kathy Sawyer will be judging the afternoon Specialty. Norma Baugh - Sweepstakes Judge.

Our shows are in conjunction with the Toy Cub of Greater Houston.

The Toy shows are on Saturday August 26th and Sunday August 27th 2017.

The Superintendent for all the shows is Onofrio.

Our shows will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel – NW Brookhollow –

12801 Northwest Freeway, Houston, Texas 77040.

The Hotel rooms for the event are still at the special rate of \$89.00 per night.

Please call to reserve. Mention that you are coming for the Dog Show Specialties to receive the special rate.

We have some very nice items donated for the raffle table and the silent auction.

We have some very nice trophies for both shows.

Please come join us for some good old Texas fun!

We hope that you can make plans to join us and to hopefully help make majors.

With our shows being in conjunction with the Toy Club of Greater Houston, there are 4 shows in 3 days.

We look forward to seeing you!

Connie Williams

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What brings you joy?

While watching ringside I've noticed each person who enters the ring has a different goal or agenda which brings them joy. The breeder/owner/ handler with a new bred by puppy certainly has a

different goal for the day than a seasoned owner/handler who's dog has been in the ring for the last year. While some exhibitors are just happy their puppy actually walked around the ring, another person might be ecstatic their dog didn't bite the Judge. One day a dog could be finishing it's Grand Championship while another might be picking up its 50th BOV ribbon. Each is a different aspect of showing that brings joy to the owner, the handler and of course the breeder.

Also, something as simple as sitting and watching a beautiful dog go around the Best in Show ring is a joy all it's own. What brings you joy?

As always there's a select few who think it's their job to be the dog show police. These people need to examine what brings them joy. If tearing others down and making exhibitors feel like they never want to attend another show is where they find their joy...they need to remember the old saying, "There's more than one way to skin a cat". It certainly pertains to showing and breeding dogs, as well. Just because it's not done their way doesn't mean it's being done wrong!

Bottom line...Who cares how long a dog has been specialed, how old the dog entered in open is or how many litters a certain persons dogs have had this last year? If they're not breaking any AKC rules and it brings them joy, carry on!

Let's be a positive force among each another...supporting, praising and giving an extra hand...spreading joy!

Shawn Jones

Western Region VP

Chihuahua Club Of Greater Phoenix

Once again the Chihuahua Club of Greater Phoenix managed to pull off another grand show. Royal Canin sponsored our show and it was a great experience and pleasure to work with their representative, Loren Coxen. The level of competition was keen and the quality of all the dogs entered was superb. This, along with all of the CCGP members working in concert, made the event even more memorable. Of course the weather in Phoenix was sunny, warm

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and comfortable, just what the out of town exhibitors needed to make the stay (win or lose) even nicer.

September 22, 2017, CCGP will again, be concurrent with the Arizona Toy Dog Fanciers Show in Prescott Valley. Those shows will be in conjunction with a new Cluster event of Prescott Valley Kennel Club & Kachina Kennel Club all breed shows. This will give Chihuahua fanciers another opportunity to enter 5 shows in 4 days. Hope that as many of you as possible will plan to attending these events. CCGP is also trying to decide on the location for our 2018 shows and it will be interesting to see where we will go. Wherever we decide to go we certainly hope that you will join us.

Marilyn Casiano

Chihuahua Club of Northern California

This year marks the first time that CCNC will hold one of its Specialty shows on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, in conjunction with the Yosemite Kennel



Club and Contra Costa Kennel Club, also known as “Woofstock,” at the Vallejo Fairgrounds in Vallejo, CA. Ms. Wendy L. Paquette, of Ontario, Canada will judge the event. There will likely be five majors during this 5-day cluster.

On Saturday evening, there will be

pizza, salad, and drinks served during the “Best of the Best” judging. At that event, each specialty winner is invited to participate.

The “Woofstock” show is the second largest show in California, and is a step back into the fun-filled 60’s, including music, dress, and costume contests for both two and four-legged participants. Even the judges dress the part and join in the 60’s mood.

We invite you all to mark your calendars for June 7 through June 11, for five days of majors and merriment. Be there or be square.

Our second Specialty will be held as usual in Dixon, CA, on October 27, 2017 in conjunction with Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers Association.

Christy Smith



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Pending Candidates

Applications received October 2, 2016 through December 31, 2016. The Board will vote on these candidates in July 2017.

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Winter 2017 Sunshine Report

Dear CCA members,

Greetings from a very wet Southern California! However, after our long years of drought, we are very grateful for every drop of rain that falls. We are all looking forward to lots of Spring flowers!

Since my last report I have sent out a total of five cards. Three Thinking of You cards were mailed out, and they went to Leslie Riley, Mike Dunnington and Kathy Sawyer.

Two Sympathy cards were sent out to dear members who lost loved ones. A card was sent to Carole Jeffrey, who lost her mother. And we are very sad to report that Chuck Hale has passed away. I have sent a Sympathy card to Myrle and a donation has been made of \$100 to Melech Hospice House from the Chihuahua Club of America, in Memory of Charles W. Hale. A donation card has been sent.

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

I have received another batch of darling cards from Jim Lehman! Thank you so very much Jim!! Our club has received a Thank You note from the Muenzler Family for our kindness after the loss of Dena. I will pass this on to our Secretary.

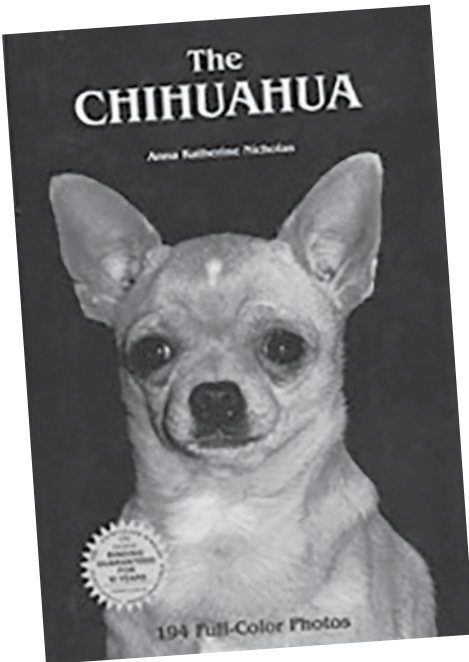
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Winter ChiChatter Book Review

Reviewed by Arthur Johnson

The Chihuahua
by Anna Katherine Nicholas
T.F.H. Publications, Inc.
Neptune City, NJ, 1988



How many “*The Chihuahua*” books or pamphlets do you own? For me, there are more than I care to tell you about! So why do I want to share this one with you?

First, it’s author, Anna Katherine Nicholas, is an award-winning writer of numerous dog breed books and magazine columns both in the United States and Canada. Her writing endeavors cover the 1930’s through the 1980’s. She was also a Dog Show judge in four groups. In 1970 she was only the third woman ever to judge Best in Show at Westminster as well as 16 other occasions over the years.

Her writing style is both to the point and easy to read and understand.

Secondly, this book has photographs of some of the top-winning dogs during the 1960s-1980s and their owners/handlers/breeders. You’ll recognize kennel, dog and people names that may shed light on your breeding.

The book is broken down into 15 Chapters. As you would expect in a book with this title, there are the origin, development in the US, purchase, care, breeding, traveling-type chapters. It is interesting to see the author’s take on a number of these topics and compare them to the present time.

For me, the meat of the book starts at Chapter 3: “Some Well-Known Chihuahua Kennels in the United States”. The author goes into some depth, including where each of the 25 kennels reviewed started their blood-lines from and key winners and contributors to their success. Many of these kennels are still operating; the review starts with “Bayard” and concludes with “Will O’Wisp”. You may recognize many of them.

Ms. Nicholas then goes on to discuss (including pictures) of “Some Early Best In Show Chihuahuas”. She continues with individual chapters of Chihuahuas and kennels in Canada, Great Britain and Australia.

There are then 64 continuous pages of color photographs of smooth and long coat Chihuahuas that include the dog’s registered name, breeders and/or owners names and the year of the photo and any accomplishment(s) of significance. There are also numerous other color and black and white photos throughout the entire book.

Chapter 2 – “Development in the United States”, has a section that specifically talks about the Chihuahua Club of America. The discussion includes the founding date (1923), the group of fanciers that started the Club and where (New York metro area), the date of the initial specialty show (Sunday, May 19, 1928 in conjunction with the Queensboro, NY KC all-breed event). She then goes on to chronicle why the Specialty show was changed from NewYork to Chicago in the mid-1930s and who drove that move (the editor of Dog World magazine). She goes on to talk about CCA’s Golden Anniversary in 1973. Did you know that a solid gold medallion was struck especially for this occasion?!? Ms. Nicholas then talks about the Club’s decision in the mid-1970s to add an annual rotating spring specialty show to its schedule. The first such show was hosted by the Chihuahua Club of Atlanta in 1977; the 1978 host, the Chihuahua Club of Southern California, was the first time ever that the CCA annual meeting took place west of the Mississippi River.

Ms. Nicholas’ *The Chihuahua* is another reference for our tool box to help us understand more about those who laid the foundation for today’s Chihuahuas, and what those earlier dogs looked like. The more knowledge and understanding we have, the better our breeding and exhibiting will be. If we know where we came from, we can make better decisions on where we want to go.

Until next time – happy reading!

East Central Board Change

As many of you may be aware, Kathy Sawyer has family members suffering serious illnesses and she herself is undergoing some health issues. As such, she needs to be with her family in their time of need. It is with much sadness that

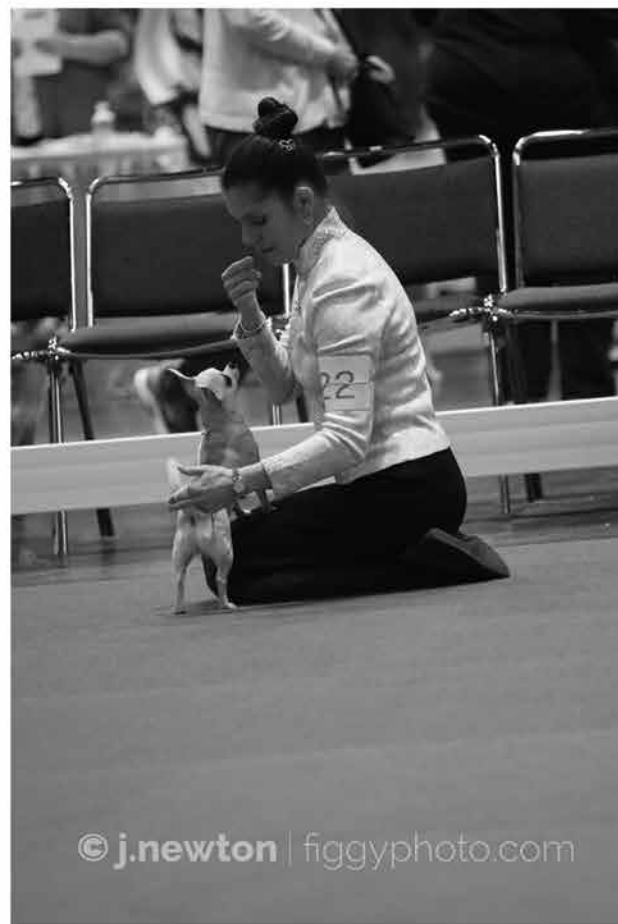
I accepted her resignation as East Central Region VP.

In an effort to be fair to those members who submitted their names to the Nominating Committee for consideration in our 2017 election cycle, the BOD voted

to request the names of those individuals and select from them. H. Craig Leslie and Virginia Hauber were the two members. The BOD voted to appoint H. Craig Leslie to the East Central VP position and he accepted. – **Lauren**

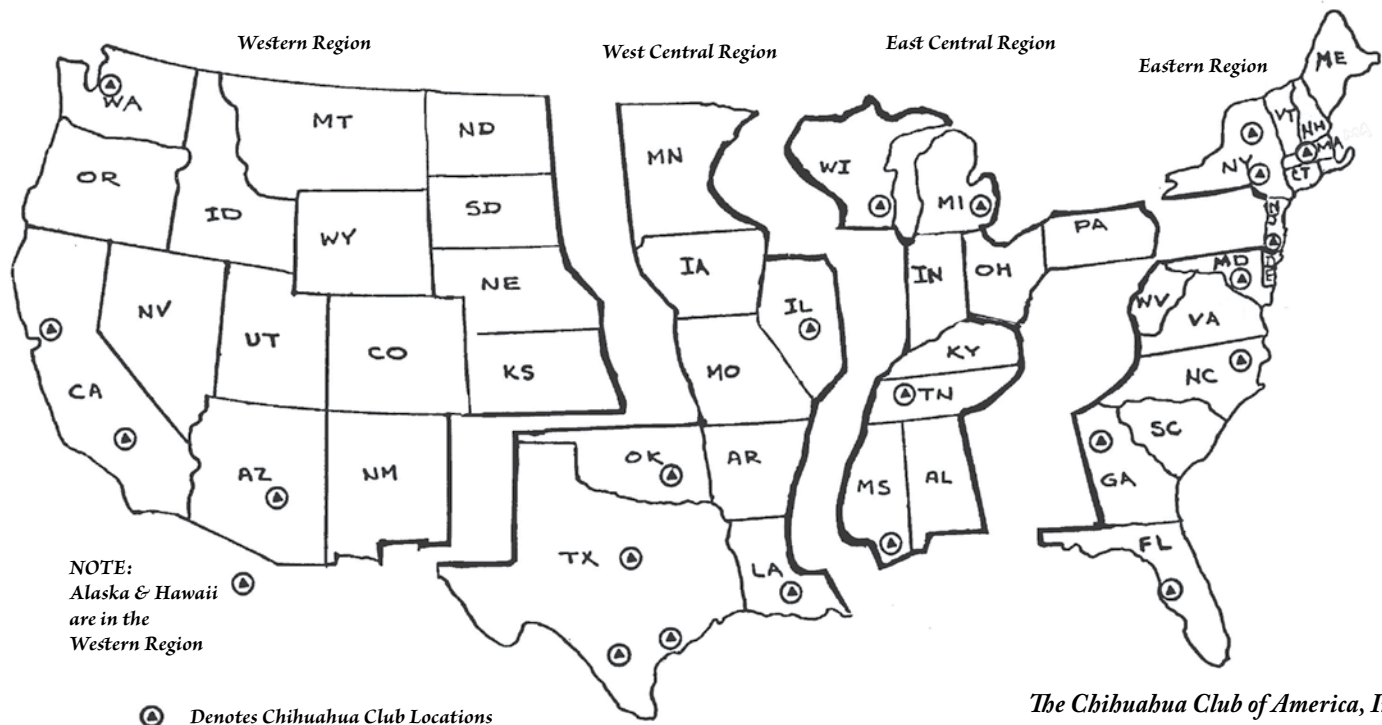
Scenes from Florida

Thanks to J. Newton!



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