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Don't Miss the...

2019



Regional & National Specialties

October 10 - 13

FUN MATCH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

30 minutes after the general
membership meeting
Cadillac Ballroom

JUDGE: *Mike Dunnington*

**Make your entries at the Nationals – Match
Chairman Michele Gillis**

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JOIN US FOR THE FUN MATCH!!

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President's Letter



The summer is coming to an end, and with that we counting down to our 2019 Regional and National Specialty in St. Louis. The show is a little more than a month away. There is still time to place your entries, purchase your 2019 t-shirt, and purchase your Top 20 tickets!

With this issue of the Chi Chatter, you will notice some changes. The costs to publish, and mail the Chi Chatter are not fully covered by dues and advertising, and thus we are changing how the newsletter is published. Our goal is to reduce the cost, but still mail out certain issues which contain needed information. The Summer and Winter edition will be sent out electronically, whereas the Spring and Fall Editions will be mailed. The Spring and Fall issues both contain important forms for our members, and we want to be sure you receive those. In the spring, there is information relating to the Regional and National Specialty in October; in the Fall dues renewal and show results from our Fall Specialties. The Summer and Winter issues will be sent via MailChimp and the Yahoo Group. The past issues of the Chi Chatter are available on the Member's only section of the website currently as well for those who prefer digital copies.



We are also looking for Judges for the Fall Regional and National Specialty for the following: 2021 regular classes, 2020 4-6 Puppy, and 2020 Sweepstakes. For the regular class, we encourage you to look to breeder judges, and judges who appreciate our little breed and have a history of recognizing the breed at a group level. The individual also cannot have judge our national or regional within the last five (5) years. For 4-6 Puppy, the only judging requirements per AKC are that "[the individual] have an AKC Judge number, and have been approved to judge any Conformation breeds." We encourage you to submit names of those who meet that criteria and are within a reasonable driving distance to our St. Louis show site. The names for all

three events will be voted on at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 12th. Please send names to Marcy Blank at marcy@landschaftkennels.com

And lastly, it's the time of year when we starting looking for those interested in serving as Committee Chairs, or on Committees. Please look to our website for information on the committees, and if you are interested in volunteering, either email the club secretary, Marcy Blank at marcy@landschaftkennels.com OR myself at LAPayneL@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you in St. Louis!

Lauren A. Payne

Letter from The Editor



It's that time again! NATIONALS! Please be sure to read about all the exciting things that will be happening this year at the show. I hope you all have safe travels!

Suzanne Stephens

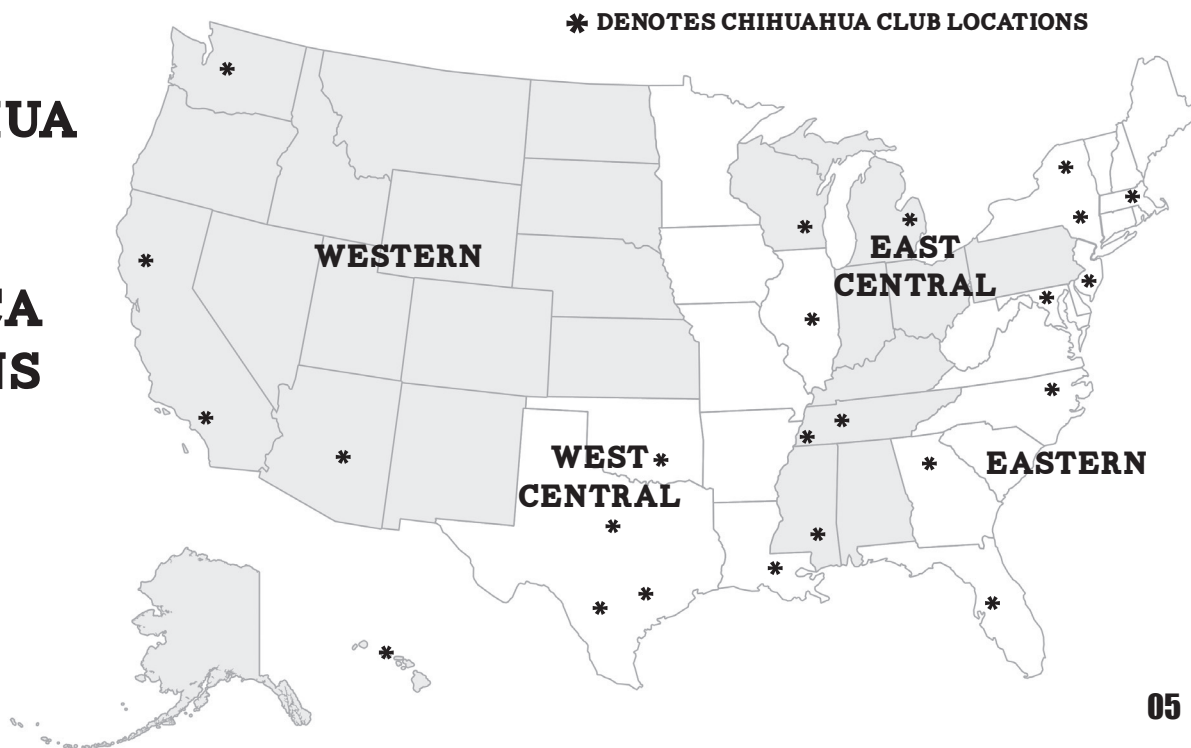
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CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA REGIONS



CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA

Junior Spotlight

FEATURING: LUKE NORMAN

1. How old were you when you started showing dogs?
I started showing in the breed ring at 5 years old.

2. Junior Dog/Dogs and past Junior Dogs?
Charlie my Long Coat Chihuahua and Cindy my Boston Terrier.

3. What other areas of Dog Shows do you enter besides Junior's?
Conformation in AKC and IABCA.

4. Other breeds you show now or in the past?
Chihuahuas, French Bulldogs, Boston Terriers, Cocker Spaniels, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, Cesky Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Azawakh, and most recently Pekingese

5. Most memorable win?
My very first time in the breed ring with my Boston Terrier, Cindy. We took BOS!

6. Most embarrassing moment in the ring?
My first Reserve Best Junior I was handling a 6-month-old French bulldog puppy, Sparkle! It was her 2nd weekend out and every time I would get her stacked perfectly, she would wiggle away and I'd have to start all over again.

7. Toughest Win?
My toughest win was when I was showing Lance in the breed ring! We had lots of nice competition and we got BOV, BOV

Owner Handler and went on to groups for my first time! In Owner Handler groups, we got a group 3!

8. Favorite Dog Show?
Fayetteville, Arkansas where I met a lot of friends.

9. Favorite hobbies other than Dog Shows?
Fishing, Basketball, and playing video games.

10. Future Dog related plans?
Go to Westminster.

11. Future Non-Dog Related plans?
I want to be a Brain Surgeon or a Marine Biologist.

12. Who is your Mentor/s?
Donna Bledsoe, Sheryl Wineburner, Tina Starr, and Julie Turner-Hayes.

13. Why do you like showing Chihuahua's and why did you pick that breed?
I enjoy showing chihuahuas because they are spunky and outgoing once they bond to you. I picked chihuahuas because they are cute and small

14. Any additional thoughts, quotes or helpful ideas you would like to share with other Junior's?
I was told from the beginning that win or lose; you always go home with the best dog!

IN EVERY ISSUE

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.



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 specific criteria. Full details can be found at <http://www.chihuahuclubofamerica.org/junior-spotlight>.



GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

(SHOW RESULTS, PHOTOS, EDITORIAL, REGIONAL REPORTS, ETC..)

Show results, photos, editorial and more can be submitted by emailing kimzachi@gmail.com. All forms for completion can be obtained on the CCA website or by emailing the above address with your request. All submissions must use the appropriate forms (if applicable) to be considered for submission in the Chi Chatter and/or on the CCA website.



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 n 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.

Full details on how to obtain plaques can be found at www.chihuahuclubofamerica.org/cc-member-clubs/awards-recognition.



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SURVEY RESULTS

The goal of the survey is to learn factors that influence our members attendance at the national, whether the membership would consider adding another day to their show weekend to attended seminars and enter in 4-6 puppies, and what types of events respondents were likely to participate in. And lastly, we wanted to know what the maximum amount per night respondents were willing to spend, and what was considered a realistic number of dogs per room.

At the time of the survey, CCA had 320 members. Of the 320 members, 124 completed the survey (38.7% of our membership). Of those who participated in the survey, over the last five years 9.86% not attended a national, 16.13% attended once, 16.13% attended twice, 17.74% attended three (3) times, 11.29% four (4) times, and 29.03% have attended five (5) times. The majority of participants (65.22%) drive to the national, with 35.65% flying in, and the remaining 13.04% traveling via motorhome.

Respondents were then asked to select the factors which influence their decision to attend the national. The results are as follows: Location 72.13%, Judging Panel 63.11%, having the hotel on Same grounds as show site 58.20%, having animals to exhibit 55.74%, cost of Hotel per night 40.16%, cost of travel 28.69%, number of dogs allowed in room 27.87 %, Personal reasons (vacation, time off, etc) 27.05%, shuttle transport to/from airport to hotel 18.85%, distance of show site from major airport 17.21%, and availability of motorhome parking 17.21%.

Next, we asked four questions relating to an additional day, and types of events the respondents were likely to attend. 67.48% of respondents would consider adding an additional day to attend seminars, and 53.72 % are willing to enter 4-6 month puppy. Respondents were then asked to rate their likeliness of attending five (5) events at the national.

	Very Likely & Likely	Neither Likely/Unlikely	Unlikely & Very Unlikely
CHIC Health Testing	54.17%	24.17%	21.67%
Attend Seminars	72.4%	18.64%	9.32%
Grooming Seminar	62.93%	13.79%	23.28%
Handling Seminar	55.26%	24.56%	20.17%
Welcome Party	75.42%	16.95%	7.63%
Top 20	63.87%	20.17%	15.94%

And lastly, we were interested in the number of dogs per room the membership felt was reasonable, and what the membership was willing to spend per night. 48.76% of respondents felt 8-10 dogs was reasonable, 17.36% 6-8 dogs, 23.97% 4-6 dogs, and 9.92% 2-4 dogs. In terms of hotel room cost, 55.08% of respondents are willing to spend a maximum amount of \$90-114 per night for a hotel room; 27.97% up to \$130, 10.17% up to \$150, and 7.63% up to \$200 per night.

All of this information is being used for planning future Regional and National specialties in October. As I was interested in whether the 9.86% of respondents who have not attended in the last five (5) years responses differed from the overall population, I did compare that populations responses with the overall responses. While there were a few differences, I did not find an overall significant difference between the two groups. Two of the difference were as followed: In the question regarding reasons for attending, Personal (vacation, time off, etc) ranked higher at 45.45%. And in regards to 4-6 Puppy, only 44.44 % were likely to enter compared to the 53.72% of the overall population. And in terms of likeness to attend certain events, only 55% were likely to attend the welcome party compared to 75.42% of the overall population; and 75% were likely to attend a Handling seminar versus 55.26% of the overall population.

Thank you to everyone who took a few minutes to complete the survey!

MEETING MINUTES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA BOARD MEETING - July 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Lauren Payne at 7.01 p.m. on July 9, 2019.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: Shawn Christine Jones, Marcy Blank, Lesley Harger, Kyle Potts, Kris Specht, Suzanne Stephens, Darius McPhail and Jen Newton. Jennifer Snyder, Jessica Simon were absent from the call. Guest: Willo Barfield.

SHOW LOCATION REPORT: Sue Francios reported on the Sheraton Lisle Hotel as a possible central location willing to accommodate CCA requests. Kris Spect advised her that our member survey indicated that our members desired the ability to have ten (10) dogs in a room. Sue will prepare suitable options to the BOD.

SHOW REPORT: Willo updated the BOD on the October show progress. All is in order for both shows. All information and pertinent links are on the CCA website. Entries open August 1. Jen Newton will link to the Onofrio page from our CC A web site. Top Twenty entries are now closed.

PREVIOUS MEETING'S NOTES WERE READ by Secretary Marcy Blank

SECRETARY'S REPORT. Marcy Blank reported the following:

- We are current in responses to general inquiries via USPS, email and web site.
- We have processed several CCA Member Club applications for approval for 2019 Specialty dates
- MOTIONS-6/5/19 Motion made by Marcy Blank Second by Jennifer Snyder For the Chi Chatter to become 2 issues a year in print (Spring deadline 5/15 and Fall deadline 11/15) and the other 2 issues to become digital. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously 7/5/19 Motion made by Kyle Potts Second by Lesley Harger That CCA donate \$1000 to each of the rescue groups caring for the 54 Wade Davis dogs (HSLs, Cel AFA). All in favor Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) New member applicants have been notified of acceptance. All current pending candidates names have been forwarded to the Chi Chatter.

TREASURER'S REPORT TREASURER'S REPORT: Kyle Potts reported the following:

Treasurer's report July 2019

07/06/19 CCA Balance Sheet As of July 6, 2019

Checking/Savings 1030 · BofA Accounts 10301 · CCA Regular Checking \$25,782.88 10304 ·

Chihuahua Health Related #0951 \$1,627.50 \$27,410.38

Other Current Assets 1202 · Ameriprise Financial \$68,609.59

Total \$96,019.97

SHOW LOCATION REPORT: Kris Specht recapped the search for future show location. The top two options are the current St Louis location and the Sheraton Lisle IL. Lisle is 30 minutes from both the Midway Airport and O'Hare International Airport. There is shuttle service available to/from the Sheraton and O'Hare. RV parking is generous and at n/c. The Sheraton ballroom is twice the size of our current ballroom. The Sheraton hosts many breed specialties and is motivated to work with CCA. Kris Specht will put together a detailed list and then the general membership will be polled.

DELEGATE REPORT: Lauren will forward the delegate report to the BOD when it is received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Motion made by Lesley Harger (second by Jen Newton) to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm. CST

Respectfully submitted by,

Marcy Blank-Secretary

PENDING CANDIDATES.

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED OCTOBER 1, 2018
THROUGH JULY 1, 2019. THE BOARD WILL
VOTE ON THESE CANDIDATES IN JANUARY 2020**

CHRISTY COLLINS

SPONSORS: JESSICA SIMON, JENNIFER SNYDER

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SPONSORS: DONNA BLEDSOE, PAULA MCSWAIN

WENDY SAFFORD

SPONSORS: MYRLE HALE, BETTY STALLARD

SUNSHINE CHRISTIE FOULK

Since my last report I have sent a total of three cards.

A Sympathy card was mailed to Linda Herr at the passing of her father. Two cards were sent to the La Fleur family. the first was a Thinking of you card mailed to Bev and Johnnie during Johnnie's illness. Sadly, Johnnie passed away from his illness. Though he was not a member, He was a friend to so many and he was always a helping hand at many CCA events. We will miss him greatly.

I would like to mention the Passing of Peggy Wilson. Although Peggy was not a current member, she was a long time active member and a past President of the CCA. She will be sorely missed.

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

Christie Foulk
Sunshine Chair
Chrmom8@AOL.com
619 665 1058

TOP TWENTY KATHERINE BORNEMANN & WILLO BARFIELD

All entries have closed and we have a wonderful entry of Long Coats and Smooth Coats this year.
We also have 3 Past Winners who will be showcased.

Reserved Tables, Buffet tickets and pre-paid Programs/catalogs are still available, however we encourage those interested in the reserved tables to contact myself or Willo to secure their table:
HYPERLINK "mailto:kbornemann@msn.com" kbornemann@msn.com or Willo at Willobarfield@aol.com

We are featuring a new artist who has created one of a kind centerpieces for us this year and we will again hold an auction at the close of the Top Twenty event.
Our DJ is back to help keep the evening light and entertaining.

We remind our membership:

You can reserve and pay for your table at the CCA webstore:
<http://www.chihuahuaclubofamerica.org/product/top-20-table>

You can pay for your Buffet ticket at the CCA webstore:
<http://www.chihuahuaclubofamerica.org/product/top-20-tickets>

CCA NATIONAL SHOW CHAIR WILLO BARFIELD

The Regional/National Specialty Shows are almost here!!
Plan to attend and participate in the many activities that are being offered.

WELCOME PARTY CHIHUAHUA BINGO

TOP 20

JUDGES/BREEDERS SEMINAR BY LINDA GEORGE (with hands on)

FUN MATCH

CCA MEETING

RAFFLE

Regional:

Mrs. Patricia Witter - Sweepstakes

Mrs. Jacqueline Stacy – Regular & Junior Showmanship

National:

Ms Paula Murray – Sweepstakes

Dr. Anthony DiNardo – Regular & Junior Showmanship

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Come on...you know you're gonna have FUN – See you there!!

JUDGES EDUCATION LINDA GEORGE

There has been substantial progress on the illustrated standard. The drawings are complete and the text is being written. There will be a judges ed seminar on Saturday in St. Louis at the specialty. It is open to breeders and exhibitors as well as future judges. We hope to have a bigger room this year. The seminar last year was so well attended we didn't have enough space.

WELCOME COMMITTEE RACHEAL MILLER

WELCOME BAG REPORT

The welcome bags are coming along great. I purchased the bags from Discount Mugs in lieu of the Purina bags that were unavailable to us this year. We have commitments for several items for the bags as well as some cash donations. I will be purchasing many of the items from Sam's Club in St. Louis on Monday, October 7th, i.e. bottled water, paper towels, food goodies etc. Cash donations are appreciated for this shopping event. If you wish to contribute to the Welcome Bags contact me, Racheal Miller by e-mail at [HYPERLINK "mailto:pinkpawchihuahua@gmail.com"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:pinkpawchihuahua@gmail.com) pinkpawchihuahua@gmail.com or by messenger. Donations need to be at the hotel NO LATER than Tuesday NOON. NO EXCEPTIONS. Please join us in putting them together on Tuesday night for the Welcome Evening hosted on Wednesday at 6:30pm.

WAYS & MEANS

TERRI DEJARNETT & PAULA MCSWAIN

NATIONALS T-SHIRTS

We are excited to announce that we are bringing back Nationals t-shirts this year. Because not everyone gets the opportunity to attend Nationals we will be offering them to all members and are available for purchase in the CCA website store. If you are planning to attend the Nationals you are welcome to pick up your shirt during the event and avoid the \$8.00 shipping fee. Simply order and pay for your shirt in the store. T-shirts will be shipped to other members immediately following Nationals. While we will have an extremely small number of shirts available for sale at our event it is best to pre-purchase tees to guarantee the sizing and color you prefer. Sizes and color options are listed on the website. Both men's and women's sizing is offered.

To order your shirt click on the link below..

<http://www.chihuahuaclubofamerica.org/product-category/ways-means/> Deadline to order shirts is September 1, 2019.

HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

AUGUST 14TH, 2019

Committee Chair: Kristi Green

Committee Members: Anne Vargo, Liz Moore, Karin Daehn, Kris Bobo Specht, Cherry Parker & Sylvia Mattson

General Committee Business:

The committee is asking that if you have an epileptic chihuahua in your household and meet the following criteria:

- Households must have one dog with epilepsy and one unaffected dog
- Epileptic dog must have presumptive diagnosis of idiopathic epilepsy based on seizure onset between 6 months and 6 years of age, and not be on seizure medication or be on phenobarbital alone
- Both dogs must not be on any other medications aside from monthly preventatives

That you contact the following individual to potentially provide samples to help with a study the health committee is currently funding.

Name: Julie Nettifee

Email: janettif@ncsu.edu

Participation will provide additional information about epilepsy that may help your dog or other animals in the future.

CCA AKC-CHF DAF Fund:

Balance: **\$50,861.63**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON GRAIN FREE "boutique" DIETS:

The CCA Health Committee would like to make you aware (if you are not already informed) of the health hazards of feeding grain-free foods which include legumes such as peas, chickpeas, lentils, potatoes & sweet potatoes which have been implicated since July 2018 in the deaths of many dogs from DCM (Dilated Cardiomyopathy). We plan to get more information up on the website regarding this in the near future & below is a link to introduce you to this information if you are unfamiliar.

The cases of DCM range in ages from 9 months to senior dogs of small and large breeds and mixed breeds. The veterinarians and scientists are strongly recommending staying with the 'big 4' dog food companies (Purina, Royal Canin, Iams/Eukanuba, & Science Diet) until their studies learn more about the causes of the dogs' deaths from DCM. Some dogs' DCM has been reversed when the dogs have been placed back on grain-inclusive foods if it is not too far advanced. There are often NO clinical signs, the dogs just drop dead.

<http://vetnutrition.tufts.edu/2018/06/a-broken-heart-risk-of-heart-disease-in-boutique-or-grain-free-diets-and-exotic-ingredients/>
-Liz Moore, Health Committee Member

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HEALTH TESTING:

Reminder to all doing OFA health testing; once you submit initial results, RESUBMITS are FREE of charge; simply indicate when you send the updated forms in that it is an UPDATE and you will not be charged. Updating health results during the breeding lifetime of your dog provides even more valuable information past the initial tests. Submitting all 3 results together can be done for a reduced fee of \$22.50 total vs. The individual application fees.

Sincerely,

Kristi Green, Health Committee Chair

RESCUE COMMITTEE

LYNNIE BUNTEN

Wow! What a summer. In June, Wade Davis of Davishall Chihuahuas passed away. He left over 50 dogs, mostly Chihuahuas. Sadly, they were receiving minimal care and kept in poor housing. Someone was coming to the site three times a week and replenishing food and water, but little more. There is no Chihuahua rescue group in Louisiana that I've been able to identify, but this story ends well. Whoever was "caring" for the dogs contacted the Heart of Louisiana Humane Society (HLHS) for help. HLHS called on another group, Central Louisiana Alliance for Animals (C.A.F.A) to go out to Davis' place the day after Wade died. With a surrender form signed by the caretaker, the two groups worked their way through heavy vegetation and took all 59 dogs. They have provided veterinary care, foster homes and love for these poor dogs. Many suffered from skin conditions and many were heartworm positive. I researched and then contacted these two groups and just asked, "How can we help?" They told me, of course, and I asked the CCA Board if we could send some of our rescue fund to each of these groups to help with the dogs' care. Of course the Board authorized it. I asked for between \$500 and \$1000 for each of the two groups and the Board gave \$1000 for each. I personally donated and have spread the word to encourage others to help as well.

The dogs are doing well and learning how to be cared for properly and how to accept love and affection. Some have been adopted while the rest are in foster care.

I am thrilled to have found these two amazing groups. Sometimes rescue folks are suspicious of those of us who breed and show. I would like to locate more groups like this around the country and begin to open communication channels. Chihuahua Club of America doesn't do direct rescue. Few of our member clubs are able to do that either. We can, however, help discover what groups out there in our communities that are willing to work with us and willing to accept our support. I want to call on you all to take a look around your community and see if there is a rescue group with a good reputation, strong organizational structure and a willingness to accept help and to let us know when there is a Chihuahua situation that could use some of our help. In the past, I've seen many of you offer help and we haven't had much of a structure to help with it.

So, feel free to call, write, email or text me to talk about how we can better help individual Chihuahuas in need.

Lynnie Bunten, 210-889-0780 (voice or text),

Lynnie@texaskachina.com.

If you would like to help the Davishall Chihuahuas you can contact either or both of these foster based groups:

Cenla Alliance for Animals C.A.F.A

Cenlaanimals.com

Or

Heart of Louisiana Humane Society

Hlhumane.org

Both have facebook pages with lots of pictures of their rescued animals, not just the Chihuahuas.

REGIONAL REPORTS

EASTERN REGION

KRIS SPECHT

East Regional Vice President

Autumn has arrived amidst hurricanes and early frosts depending where you live in the east. It has been a busy summer and we are excited about the festivities in October in St. Louis! I would like to stress how much I personally appreciate all the people that volunteer. Those that work hard to make our national specialty a reality deserve and extra thank you!! But please try to remember to thank anyone who volunteers? The next time you go to a show, remember to go to the club table and thank them? Thank your ring steward for giving up their day? And thank you for listening!

BARBARA CHAMBERLAIN

President

Chihuahua Club of Maryland

The Chihuahua Club of Maryland has put on the books another wonderful double specialty shows of 2019. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all of our Award Winners. It was especially nice this year with great entries and trophies, also with some sadness.

I want to thank our Judges Mrs. Diane K. Ondo and Mr. Kenneth Kauffman. A very special thank you to Sheila Padilla stepped in this year to take the place of our special friend and club member Ms. Karen Dwyer who passed way the week before this years show. She will be remembered as our dear friend and fellow member. Our Ring steward for the last 26 consecutive shows is Mary Ridgely, Thank You Mary! She does a fantastic job for our club every year. The Club thanks everyone for their entries and we hope you enjoyed the specialty shows. The most important Thank you goes to Our Show Chair Patsy Pawely, fantastic job, Patsy! We can't wait for 2020!

SANDY ST JOHN

Secretary

Tampa Bay Chihuahua Club

KRIS SPECHT

Heart of New England

Heart of New England Chihuahua Club is excited to announce that we will be partnering with Hudson Valley Chihuahua Club in 2020 to host 4 specialties in August together with the Southern New England Summer All Breed Cluster in West Springfield, Massachusetts. So there will be 4 supported entries and 4 specialties in 4 days. If you've never been to the Eastern States Exposition grounds in West Springfield all rings are in lovely air conditioned buildings and there is camping available with hookups and great parking! This will be the event to be at so save the dates? August 20 - 23, 2019! Great prizes and if we get 75 dogs, there WILL BE LOBSTER!!!! Judging panel to be announced soon!

EASTERN CENTRAL REGION

JENNIFER SNYDER

East Central VP

As summer is quickly coming to a close, fall is fast approaching. With fall comes something many of us chihuahua fanciers look forward to all year, the National! Many volunteers are working very hard to make sure this year is one to remember. Things are falling into place to make sure it goes smoothly and will be fun for everyone. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every volunteer who has spent time working on this year's National Specialty. Hope to see you all there and enjoying the weekend full of chihuahua fun. I encourage each of you when you're not showing to take a few minutes to pull up a chair and watch our beloved breed, chat with a new member, and thank a volunteer. I have no doubt it will be a great one so bring your popcorn.

HEIDI CHIAPPETTA

CCGM Secretary

Chihuahua Club of Greater Milwaukee

The Chihuahua Club of Greater Milwaukee held our two specialties in Waukesha, WI on July 26, 2019. The weather was perfect! The shows went well with two pleasant and engaged judges, Ms. Mary Ellen Meyer and Mr. Luis F. Sosa. Ms. Lee Kouski judged sweepstakes for our club. You will find show results in this issue of the Chi-Chatter. All participants were invited to join us for dinner at a local restaurant. Everyone enjoyed the lively conversation and camaraderie.

Please note next year we are planning to have a small lunch between shows and a silent auction. Dates for our show in 2020 will be Friday July 24.

Plan on coming to Waukesha next summer! We need your support and entries to be able to continue holding specialties. Judging is inside and air conditioned with ample room for set up and crating. There is also plenty of room for RVs. Hookups and a dump station are available. We look forward to your support in 2020!

WEST CENTRAL REGION

JESSICA SIMON

West Central Region VP

Best of luck to all our CCA Members and Exhibitors at the upcoming shows and I look forward to seeing some of you at upcoming specialties! As always if you have any questions or concerns about CCA matters please don't hesitate to contact me privately!

BECKY ROSSON

Board Member

Dallas Chihuahua Club

Dallas Chihuahua Club is excited about our upcoming show on September 14-15 in Terrell, just east of Dallas. Mrs. Sallie Buckman from Memphis will be our regular judge on Saturday, and Mr. Ted Eubank will be our judge for juniors. Carol Moser is our sweepstakes judge on Saturday, and Sandy Mueller is our sweepstakes judge on Sunday. Dr. Clyde Shaw is our regular and juniors judge on Sunday. We are excited about our judges, our show, and our new show site and remind exhibitors to bring their own chairs. The show site is Paws Up Boarding and Training in Terrell. Exhibitors are welcome to a potluck lunch on Saturday, a fun auction on Sunday, and an overall friendly, good time at the show! Onofrio is the superintendent. We hope to see you there.

WEST REGION

SHAWN JONES

West Region VP

It's so fun to see so many nice Chihuahua's, both longs and smooths in the ring lately. Lots of group winners and placements are super exciting for our breed. Seems like breeders are really stepping up their game. As the show season progresses let's remember to cheer on our fellow Chi exhibitors and help someone new in the sport so at the end of the day the dog show is a positive experience for everyone.

On another topic...The importance of socializing puppies has been a big topic of discussion among some of us lately. Are puppies born with a great temperament, can it be brought out with proper nourishing or both? Some puppies just seem to "have it" while some seem to be encouraged to reach their full potential and yet others just never seem to get where we'd like them to be, even within the same litter. What are your thoughts on this topic? Write a short guest column sharing your ideas on this topic for our next Chi Chatter...we'd love to hear from you!

MICHELLE SMITH

Vice President

Evergreen Chihuahua Club

Hello Everyone,

Our club has been hard at work organizing our upcoming specialty in October. We hope to see you there! We will be having a Silent Auction, Taco Bar and Costume Contest. As many of you know, we lost a dear friend recently, Jackie Dew. She sent us one of her last handmade quilts to donate to our show. It was originally going to be for our raffle but considering that it was one of Jackie's last creations, we would like it to go to someone who knew Jackie and who would cherish it and the hands that made it. So we will be offering it up in an online auction on our club's facebook group in the coming weeks to raise our trophy donations. It will be open to everyone.

Evergreen Chihuahua Specialty
October 5th and 6th, 2019
Judges - Keiko Shimizu
Christie Martinez

DEB FRANKLIN

Secretary

Chihuahua Club of Northern California

The Chihuahua Club of Northern California, Inc is busy gearing up for our annual Fall Specialty held on Friday October 25, 2019, in Dixon, California, with the Sacramento Dog Fanciers all breed shows following on Saturday and Sunday at the Dixon Fairgrounds.

Our show will begin at 1 pm with Sweepstakes classes being judged by Camille Bakker. Regular classes and NOHS will be judged by Pat Hastings. Our superintendent is MBF. We have have a luncheon ready for our exhibitors before the show begins. Following the specialty we will be holding a costume contest for all to join in. There will be no charge for the contest, just a smile. Our large raffle with lots of great items will be available Friday, Saturday and concluding on Sunday.

JUNIOR'S INSPIRATIONS

Donna Bledsoe

We're excited to welcome at least three confirmed junior handlers this year to the CCA Nationals in St Louis. These kids are the future of our sport and the future breeders of our beloved Chihuahuas.

PLEASE help me make them feel welcome. I need some special items for their welcome bags. I am planning to make six bags to be on the safe side (just in case more enter). If you can bring individual snacks items, a small dog related item, dog snacks packaged individually or anything that a 9 - 18 year old, boy or girl, would appreciate.

These juniors will be volunteering their time to help in various aspects of our show, including helping at the Top 20 Competition on Friday evening. Please make them feel welcome. If you hear of a junior that is out there showing a Chihuahua or even a peewee coming up please let me know so I can reach out to them. Please make sure you are in attendance for the junior showmanship. It is appropriate to clap for all the juniors showing to encourage them.

Let's make this the best experience for them so they go back and tell all their friends how wonderful the Chihuahua Club of America National Specialty Show takes care of their junior handlers.

Trophy Donations *for the 2019 Regional/National Specialty*

This year we are doing something a little different with the trophies and with your donation, they will be bigger and better than ever.

You can help make the Specialty a success by contributing to the Trophy Fund. All donations received will be acknowledged on the CCA website and in the Chi Chatter. Donations received before September 15th will be acknowledged in the catalog. We would like to encourage all the Member Clubs to donate again this year.

Now it is even easier to donate. You may write a check and send it to the address below. Or you can go to the CCA website and donate through our online store at www.chihuahuaclubofamerica.org.

You may also use Paypal to make your donations. Simply go to paypal.com and send your donation to : chiclubofamerica@gmail.com . Be sure to put the word "trophies" in the note section.

If you make a note that your donation is a gift, the club will receive the entire amount you donate and will not have to pay a service fee. Please take a moment and donate today!

Thank you,

Kyle Potts, Michelle Brislin & Beth Thursby
Trophy Co-Chairs

Donation amount _____

Name _____

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Questions?
Phone: 210-656-2417 Email: kylepottstx@aol.com

SHOW RESULTS

Show Chihuahua Club of Greater Milwaukee Show I		
Sweepstakes Judge- Miss Lee Kouski		
Entry: 6	Name	Owner
Best Long	Cogie's You're My Goliath	Cathleen Cogan Bird
Best Opposite Sex		
Best Smooth	Cogie's Burning Coco Bongo	Cathleen Cogan Bird
Best Opposite Sex	Jeffrey's Buddy Max	Carole J. Jeffrey
Best In Sweeps	Cogie's Burning Coco Bongo	Cathleen Cogan Bird
Best Opposite In Sweeps	Jeffrey's Buddy Max	Carole J. Jeffrey
Variety Judge- Mary Ellen Meyer		
Long Coat Variety Entry: 7		
Winners Dog	Cogie's You're My Goliath	Cathleen Cogan Bird
Winners Bitch	Schroeder's Tophat Alpha Angel	James Icenogle
Best Of Winners	Schroeder's Tophat Alpha Angel	James Icenogle
BOS to Variety	Schroeder's Tophat Alpha Angel	James Icenogle
Best of Variety	GCH Ouachitah Talisman	Linda George & Marcy Blank
Best Owner-Handler (Var)	CH Dartan Spiffy Dresser	Cathleen Cogan Bird
Smooth Coat Variety Entry: 23		
Winners Dog	Skyline Honor	Penny Lynn Tuominen
Winners Bitch	Stardom's Certified Platinum	Brittany Starkey
Best Of Winners	Skyline Honor	Penny Lynn Tuominen
BOS to Variety	GCHB Cogie's Amazing Lilly	Patricia Holzkopf & Michael Holzkopf
Best of Variety	GCH Isa's A Country Boy Can Survive	Melanie Bowling & Andrea Carter
Best Owner-Handler (Var)	GCHB Cogie's Amazing Lilly	Patricia Holzkopf & Michael Holzkopf
BOS to Breed	GCHB Cogie's Amazing Lilly	Patricia Holzkopf & Michael Holzkopf
Best of Breed	GCH Isa's A Country Boy Can Survive	Melanie Bowling & Andrea Carter

Show Chihuahua Club of Greater Milwaukee Show II		
Sweepstakes Judge-		
Entry:	Name	Owner
Best Long		
Best Opposite Sex		
Best Smooth		
Best Opposite Sex		
Best In Sweeps		
Best Opposite In Sweeps		
Variety Judge- Mr. Luis Sosa		
Long Coat Variety Entry: 7		
Winners Dog	Cogie's You're My Goliath	Cathleen Cogan Bird
Winners Bitch	Schroeder's Tophat Alpha Angel	James Icenogle
Best Of Winners	Cogie's You're My Goliath	Cathleen Cogan Bird
BOS to Variety	Schroeder's Tophat Alpha Angel	James Icenogle
Best of Variety	GCH Ouachitah Talisman	Linda George & Marcy Blank
Best Owner-Handler (Var)	Schroeder's Tophat Alpha Angel	James Icenogle
Smooth Coat Variety Entry: 23		
Winners Dog	Jen-Jeans Tophat Look At Me Now	James Icenogle
Winners Bitch	Cogie's Burning Coco Bongo	Cathleen Cogan Bird
Best Of Winners	Jen-Jeans Tophat Look At Me Now	James Icenogle
BOS to Variety	GCHG Knockout Never Say Never	Kris Specht
Best of Variety	GCHB Cogie's Amazing Lilly	Patricia Holzkopf & Michael Holzkopf
Best Owner-Handler (Var)	GCHB Cogie's Amazing Lilly	Patricia Holzkopf & Michael Holzkopf
BOS to Breed	GCH Ouachitah Talisman	Linda George & Marcy Blank
Best of Breed	GCHS Cogie's Amazing Lilly	Patricia Holzkopf & Michael Holzkopf



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CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA MEMBER CLUB RENEWAL

JANUARY 1, 2020

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$50 PER MEMBER CLUB, PAYABLE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR. PER THE CONSTITUTION CHANGE AS OF FEBRUARY 4, 2009, CCA DUES GRACE PERIOD OF 60 DAYS EXPIRES ON MARCH 1, 2020

LATE FEES WILL BE APPLIED AS FOLLOWS:

JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 31, 2020 - \$55
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Payment of dues must accompany this renewal. Payment will only be accepted on a Club check made payable to the Chihuahua Club of America. Unless funds along with the above information are received prior to the deadline, membership will not be renewed. Annual dues are \$50 per Club payable January 1 each year.

Please make checks payable to CCA and send to Treasurer:

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CCA CLUB USE ONLY: Date: _____ Dues Paid: \$ _____ Check No _____

CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

January 1, 2020

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$35 PER PERSON
Membership dues are due and payable by JANUARY 1st EACH YEAR.

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CCA DUES GRACE PERIOD OF 60 DAYS EXPIRES ON MARCH 1, 2020

LATE FEES WILL BE APPLIED AS FOLLOWS:

JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 31, 2020 - \$35 per person | FEBRUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 28, 2020 - \$40 per person

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chihuahuacclubofamerica.org/shop

I (WE) am/are renewing my/our membership in the CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA and agree that I (We) will abide by the Club's Objectives, Code of Ethics and by the Rules of the American Kennel Club. I (We) agree to receive correspondence, dues notices, and/or meeting notices via electronic mail from the CCA Board. Please sign the membership renewal form. In order for your email & web address to be listed on the CCA Site, we must have a SIGNED CODE OF ETHICS ON FILE. Your email and website address is not automatically added and you need to request that the Webmaster add your information to the website.

Renewal Date: _____ I (WE) am/are enclosing a check for my dues for \$35 x _____

I/WE would like to make an additional payment of \$ _____ that would go to the following fund(s):

☐ Rescue ☐ Chihuahua Health Related Issues Fund ☐ Juniors Ways & Means ☐ Trophy

Total \$ _____

Name(s): _____

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Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Members Signature: _____

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I (WE) am/are interested in serving on the following Committees Please specify your areas of interest or expertise:

This completed form must accompany payment of membership dues. Please make check or money order payable to the CHIHUAHUA CLUB OF AMERICA. Please do not include any other payment with your dues check, other than what is listed above. Any check submitted to CCA that is returned must be replaced with a money order or cashiers check for that amount, plus a \$25 returned check fee. Unless funds are received prior to the deadline, membership will not be renewed.

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THE TEXAS CHIHUAHUA CLUB INVITES YOU TO OUR SPRING BACK TO BACK SPECIALTY SHOWS

Saturday March 14, 2020

Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes Judge: TBA
Regular Classes Judge: Mr. Richard Lashbrook

Sunday March 15, 2020

Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes Judge: TBA
Regular Classes Judge: Mrs. Mary Napper

SHOW SITE:

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For further information contact Kyle Potts at
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