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SPECIALTY WINS

Twin Cities MSC

Sweeps - (4-3)

Judge Manuel Itriago

Best in SweepsToamr's Cocktails N Dreams/ Paisley

BOS in SweepsPenlan Polly Pockets/Hirstein

Regular - (9-11-3-0) Judge Sonny Lelle

WD/BOW.. Dreams Don't Skip Liberty/Griffin RWD.....Scandal's Roar of the Rings/Wilford WB......Karlshof Kewpie Doll/Barth RWBTomar's Just Dreamin'/Paisley/Wehrs BOB.....Ch. Awesome's Kiss My Grits/Smith BOS....Scandal's Town Flirt/Wilford

Obedience

Judge: Donna Larsen

Highest Scoring Dog in Trial... Tim, UD RE MX MXJ / Solatycki

High Combined- Southcross Sensible Shoes NAP NJP VCD2 AX AXJ /Bloss

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THE WAY WE WERE

This month we are speaking with Jean Heath, one of our longtime members, as she gives us her thoughts on M.S. today.

Black Watch, Registered is the Kennel name I use. Named after the black watch plaid, my favorite plaid since childhood.

I have been a member since 1968, after having my first litter (co-bred with Joan Huber) in September, 1967. All four puppies became champions.

My "first" good dog: Sir Chips of Rainy Book, "Chipper". Purchased from Herman & Vivien Hays, Chalfont, PA, in September, 1957. He lived to be nearly 18 years old.

The word, "mentor" is defined as "a wise, loyal advisor". I can honestly say that Dan Kiedrowski has been my only "mentor" per se. For the most part I learned by myself — reading, watching, listening, discussing, asking questions and doing.

Ch. Black Watch of Blythewood (Ch. Blythewood Main Gazebo X Blythewood Morning Star) was my most memorable dog. "Willie" was from the first litter which I co-bred with Joan Huber and raised. Willie was a specialty and multiple group winner (including a string of 6 straight group firsts), a top-ranked Miniature Schnauzer (@2, I believe) in limited showing and, "runner-up" to Ch. Skyrocket's Uproar at the AMSC Specialty, Mont. Co., 1969. He had a beautiful head piece, great top line and tail set, fabulous moving gear, great showmanship & a wonderful temperament. At 13-3/4" he would appear "small" in the ring today. Where would I have made him better? A touch shorter in the lain and a thicker coat.

I am not skilled at showing my own dogs but I have done so and do so now only when absolutely necessary; e.g. sweepstakes. Joan Huber showed my dogs until I was transferred from the Naval Hospital, St. Albans, NY, to the Naval Hospital, Oakland, CA. Shortly after I moved to California, I hired a well-known handler to show a specials bitch for me at one show. When I went to pick up the dog to take



her to the ring, I found that her muzzle had been shaved on top, her fore chest had been totally clippered (after I had stripped it) and, she had been cut on her left elbow by scissoring. So much for that handler! Thereafter, I handled most of my own dogs but hired Tom Castles, formerly from Stockton, CA to show a few, including the first dog which Mr. Cosby co=owed with me, Ch. Black Watch Fat Albert. When Tom retired from handling, Clay Coady finished Fat Albert. (I purchased my first Lakeland Terrier from Tom and history shows what happened thereafter.) Even though I concentrated on and was very successful with the Lakelands, I continued to breed Miniature Schnauzers on a small scale and handled them myself. In 1996, the very talented and knowledgeable Susi Atherton moved to California and started to groom, show and breed with Mr. Cosby & me. So grooming and showing dogs is no longer in my "job code" and I only do it out of desperation!

Changes?

a. There are more breeder/owners exhibiting their own dogs & they have become much more skilled in conditioning, grooming & presenting the dogs. Thus, many can compete quite well with professional handlers.

b. People travel more extensively to show their dogs — via vans, motor homes, planes, etc.

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LOOK Please let me know if you make a change.

*DECALS & PINS. You can get AMSC decals (\$1.00) and Replacement pins (\$7.50) from:

Mary Ann Shandor 2302 Cumberland Court, SW Decatur, AL 35602 256-351-6942 tuckarry@aol.com

*LOCAL CLUBS...please be sure to include all information when sending Specialty tear sheets for inclusion in AMSCOPE e.g. Judges, dates, entry, obedience.

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CBORR@AOL.COM

The deadline for the September issue is August 20th.

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c. Re: the AMSC. The current AMSC board is comprised of too many "newbies" and too few "oldies"! i.e. experienced, successful, knowledgeable long time breeders. The AMSC was once a very prestigious, distinguished, well-respected club whose officers and governors were longtime, experienced & successful breeders/owners who became board members only after having served on several committees. Therefore, they were well qualified to hold board positions because they had experience in contributing to the mission and functions of the club. The board adhered strictly to the constitution & by-laws and the Policies and Procedures manuals. In the late 60's and 70's there were several serious health issues that the board addressed with calculated, intelligent thought. They a acted upon these issues thoughtfully, methodically, and decisively. They utilized the knowledge, experience and expertise of successful club breeders/owners to revise the standard & to develop the illustrated Discussion and the grooming chart. Service to the breed and to the club was foremost in their minds - I am very concerned that today there are not enough "oldies" on the board whose years of experience and wisdom could be of great value. Personal agendas seem to have prevailed during the last several years rather than service to the breed. This certainly is not unique to the AMSC - numerous parent and regional clubs are in turmoil — all because peoples' egos are getting in the way. It's the selfish, "Me" first, power and control trip, win at all cost attitudes that prevail all too often do.

There are many more people breeding and exhibiting Miniature Schnauzers throughout the country. As I sit and observe our breed being judged, I do see a number of breeder/owner/ handlers who have a good grip on the breed they know what a correct Miniature Schnauzer should be and they consistently exhibit quality dogs. However, I am disturbed by an increasing number of people who breed and show Miniature Schnauzers who don't seem to have a clue as to what a correct Miniature Schnauzer should be, much less be able to produce one. Yet, these same people, many of whom are "newbies", become "instant experts" in a short period of time. Two things to remember: "if you don't know where you're going, you're liable to end up somewhere else." and "Your can't make ice cream out of horse manure."

I learned the basics of grooming from Joan Huber and show trimming from Melanie Auclair.

We must be constantly alert for all health problems, seek out the causes and address them in a forthright manner by determining the cause of such problems, making other breeders aware of the problems and taking all steps necessary to eliminate them. E.G., re: eye problems (CJC & PRA) by having eye exams on all of our Miniature Schnauzers. Understandably, people are

reluctant to reveal health problems in their dogs and precious few do come forth to do so. However, the only way to eradicate these problems and to help others in the breed is to bring forth the information for scientific study. I was on the AMSC board when Joan Huber brought a CJC affected blind bitch, "Puff 'N Stuff" to the AMSC board meeting to convince the board that CJC did exist and that something had to be done about it. At that time prominent breeders were covering up the fact that they had produced Miniature schnauzers with CJC. The AMSC finally confronted this serious health problem and it appears that CJC has been curbed — at lease within the AMSC community. PRA may or may not be a problem — I'm not hearing much about it. But people must continue to have their dogs' eyes checked, both as puppies and adults. Likewise, other health problems such as amyotonia & JRD must be reported, researched and, hopefully, eradicated. The bottom line is that breeders must be honest, straight forward, objective and realistic when a health problem appears and act appropriately to eliminate the problem from their breeding program.

Changes in the breed? Too many oversized Miniature Schnauzers are being shown. Many breeders/exhibitors are ignoring the standard relative to size; i.e., too many Miniature Schnauzers are over 14" while it has become extremely difficult to finish those from 12" to 13".

An increased number of Miniature Schnauzers with improper coats are being exhibited primarily because people are "rolling" coats which do not have the quality to be rolled.

Unfortunately, we see more & more that some professional handlers are showing and finishing Miniature Schnauzers that, in my opinion, are unworthy of being champions. I call these "pet champions". Then, to make matters worse, the breeders &/or owners, just because they have a champion, breed these "pet champions" to other "pet champions" and make more "pet champions."

There always seem to be a number of schnauzers in the ring that are "manufactured/constructed"; i.e., those that have teeth, tails and testicles that have been "fixed", dyed/heavily colored. This is not unique to the Miniature Schnauzer but is, unfortunely, common in other breeds, especially terriers.

I've mentored several judges and all of the people with whom I have placed dogs.

Why am I still here? Simple — I love the breed! As far as I'm concerned, this is the

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2009 AMSC Montgomery County KC Specialty DVD PRE-ORDER FORM

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- 3) No orders will be accepted after October 31, 2009
 - 4) No refunds or returns allowed.

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best breed anyone could own—IF bred right and raised right. From my first dog, "Chipper", who went to work with me every day at the Physical Therapy Physical Rehab. Section at the Naval Hospital, Philadelphia and was a therapy dog, to my house pets (champions) today, I always say, "They spoil a perfectly lousy day!"

I want to keep active so that I can help the breed in any way possible. I wan to live long enough to see the day when people who breed and show Miniature Schnauzers love by principle and not by greed, who put the welfare and the future of the breed first, not their own egos. I want to see people being honest, being helpful to each other, teaching and encouraging newcomers and, respecting the wisdom, experience and talents of those people who have "been around the block". One of the very important things that I want to see happen are basic and advanced educational programs which help novices in the breed (breeders and exhibitors) as well as experienced people. These programs could include informal round table discussions as well as formal presentations by experts (perhaps in conjunction with specialty shows) covering various topics - such as functional anatomy, basic nutrition, breeding, are of the stud dog & pregnant bitches, whelping (including uterine & fetal monitoring) and such things as "The ABC's of Dog Breeding" — the book & lectures by Dr. Claudia Orlandi, etc., ect. However, very few people seem to have the desire to spend an extra day or two prior to our national specialties to attend these educational seminars.

A great deal of emphasis is placed on judges' education & the so-called "mentoring program" these days. In my opinion, there are very knowledgeable, experienced AMSC members/ breeders who are not being utilized. The AMSC "mentoring" program needs to be re-examined - including emphasis on consistency in the content of the presentations, the public speaking ability of the mentors, the ability of a mentor to stick to the standard without interjecting bias, the utilization of really knowledgeable breeders/owners/exhibitors around the country rather than just a select few. Furthermore, while judges' education is very important, it is, in my opinion, more important to educate the breeders and owners! The judges can only judge what is presented to them in the ring.

Many thanks to Jean for her provocative and thoughtful insights.

Carole Weinberger

Join us for our 2nd Annual Miniature Schnauzer Photo Contest



Show off your beautiful dogs and your talents!!!

~~~ENTRY DETAILS~~~~

Four categories

Portrait 2. Puppy 3. Comedy 4. General Put entry information on back of photo (include: name of photographer, address, telephone #, e-mail address and category)
 \$5.00 entry fee per photo.

·Make checks payable to AMSC
·Entries must be received September 20, 2009

~~~ENTRY RULES~~~~

·Photo size..8x10 matted in black or white ·All photos must in a mat or they will not be accepted

(be sure to mount to allow for safe removal of photo from mat for publication!)

Photo must include a Miniature Schnauzer(s)

·Color or black & white photos accepted
·Open to amateur photographers only
·The person submitting the photo, must also be the

photographer

No show pictures...please

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No identifying items can be on the front of photo
(i.e. name, initials)

~~~JUDGING~~~~

-Judging to be held at the annual dinner/meeting in October

-Everyone at the annual dinner will get to cast one vote for his or her "Best in Show" pick.

Ribbons & prizes awarded for top three winners in each category at specialty dinner and to be judged by a panel of 3 judges

·Best in Show rosette/prize and other winners awarded at the Annual Meeting

Best in show and first place winners from each category will be published in the AMSCope and on the website!

Best in Show and the 3 placements from each category will be used to produce our AMSC Calendar to be ready for Christmas.

Send Entries with Entry Fee And Direct All Inquires To: John Constantine 2165 West Chester Rd East Fallowfield, PA 19320 215-527-0056 John@adamis.org

- * Non-winning photos may be picked up at the end of the Annual Dinner. Photos will not be returned otherwise.
- * Photos not picked up at the Annual Dinner become the property of AMSC for use in various projects and/or publications.
 *Winning photos will be retained and used by AMSC for use with various projects or publications.

Top Ranked Agility Mini's



by Robin Ohrt

On December 12 and 13, the top ranked agility dogs in each of AKC's registered breeds will be invited to attend and compete in Long Beach, California at the AKC Agility Invitational sponsored by Eukanubu and J&J Dog Supplies.

Dogs had to qualify at the highest level of competition in order to qualify. Agility events allow dogs and their handlers the opportunity to demonstrate athleticism and versatility as they race against the clock overcoming challenges and obstacles.

These 5 teams not only ranked Top five but each has an impressive list of accomplishments as well.

The Top 5 Miniature Schnauzers are:

1. CH MACH3 Sterling Out of Control OF "Harry" owned by Anna Ericsson of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

Anna and Harry just earned their MACH 3 on June 7 and will be competeing at the European Open in Arnhem, Netherlands on July 25 & 26. Harry is the only Champion, MACH3 mini to date. Harry is brother to another familiar number 1, Lyle

- 2. MACH3 Minihawk Sugar Pup So Sweet OF "Sugar" owned by Mike and Loretta Gould of Cheswick, PA. Sugar was #1 Min Schnauzer for 2008 and competed in Longbeach, Ca. Dec 2008. Sugar is Loretta's first agility dog, she is almost 6 years old and has been doing agility only 3 1/2 yrs.
- 3. MACH3 My Sweet Harley Boy NF "Harley" owned by Deb Bartkowiak from Mosinee, Wisconsin. Harley is Deb's first agility dog and is 7 years old. They started competeing in AKC in March of 2006. In March 2009, they attended their first AKC Nationals in Concord, NC where Harley was ranked an impressive #25 in the 16 inch class. This will be Harley & Deb's first Invitational.
- 4. MACH12 Miss Kadie MXF JE, "Miss Kadie" is owned by Carol Smith from Tacoma Washington. Miss Kadie, is Carol's

first Agility dog, and will be 11 years old on September 18. She went to the AKC Agility Invitational in 2006 and 2008 (was #6 in 2007, just 16 points out of 5th place). She has qualified for the AKC National Agility Championship every year since 2003. She is presently the highest Agility titled mini-schnauzer in AKC records. Miss Kadie is the love of Carols life.

5. MACH5 Rock-A-Doodle-Do, "Rocky" owned by Steve Moon from New Mexico. Steve has a very unique style when running Rocky, he carries him into the ring under his arms and when ready to start he does the drop and run technique! Which works very well for this successful team

As well as breeding breed Champions the following breeders had multiple dogs in the Top 25 Agility Miniature Schnauzers

- 1. Southcross Miniature Schnauzers, Sonny
- 2. Loneacre Miniature Schnauzers, Beth & John Santure
- Gala Miniature Schnauzers, Gay & Larry Oltjenbruns

As a side note, it is interesting that the miniature schnauzers have gotten much more competative in the last year. For 2008, the #1 mini had 2,501 points and the #5 dog had 1,893 points. This year, the #1 mini had 3,532 points! The number 5 dog had 2,494 points (almost as many as last year's #1 dog)!

PLEASE NOTE

Anyone who has changed address, email, phone information lately, please let us know so we can update the AMSC roster.
Also, if you are listed on the AMSC website (http://amsc.us) in our Breeders List, Rescue pages or Local Clubs section, you should check those listings to make sure they are current.

AKC FORMS CANINE HEALTH & WELFARE ADVISORY PANEL

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce the formation of the AKC Canine Health & Welfare Advisory Panel, extending and enhancing AKC's longstanding focus on the health and welfare of dogs. The panel's goal will be to provide factual and impartial information by creating a forum for proactive discourse based on scientific and ethical concerns. The AKC hopes to strengthen opportunities for the public to admire, love and own purebred dogs and to foster greater public education about health concerns relevant to all dogs.

Members of the Panel are:

- Sandra Barker, PhD, NCC, LPC, Director of the Center for Human-Animal Interaction, Virginia Commonweath University
- Jerold Bell, DVM, Clinical Associate Professor of Genetics, Dept. of Clinical Sciences, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine
- Edmund Dziuk, COO, Orthopedic Foundation For Animals, Columbia, MO
- John Hamil, DVM, Canyon Animal Hospital, Laguna Beach, CA
- Joan Hendricks, VMD, PhD, The Gilbert S. Kahn Dean, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine
- Linda Lord, DVM, MS, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, Ohio State University
- Colleen O'Keefe, DVM, MS, Division Manager, Food Safety & Animal Protection, Illinois Department of Agriculture
- Patricia Olson, DVM, PhD, President & CEO, Morris Animal Foundation
- Elaine Ostrander, PhD, Chief & Senior Investigator, National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health (Pending)
- · Frances Smith, DVM, PhD, Chair and President, Board of Directors, Orthopedic Foundation For Animals, Columbia, MO; Smith Veterinary Hospital, Inc., Burnsville, MN

Also joining the panel will be AKC Board Members Patricia H. Haines, DVM, and Alan Kalter. AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung will participate as an ex officio member.

"This impressive group offers a wide range of credentials and knowledge that will be a tremendous resource regarding information on canine health issues that affect all dogs," said Ron Menaker, AKC Chairman. "Americans are more passionate about pets than ever before. The combined expertise and collective dedication to animal welfare that this panel represents will engage the public on the topic of responsible dog breeding and provide balanced information from impartial sources."

Bouquets & Biscuits

- * Ch. Gangway' Murphy's Exception (S/P) Dog (Ch Wardcreek's Flying Solo x Ch Gangway's Final Feature) finished his championship in 4 weekends just seven days before his first birthday. He had several BOB, a Gr 3 and a Gr 4 wins. Tipper was owner handled by co-owner/co-breeder Cheryl Coffman. He is the 3rd puppy to finish in Ch Gangway's Final Feature's last litter. Tipper is co-owned with co-breeder Bryan "Bill" Brown.
- * Am/Can.Ch.Kaydees When Yur Good Yur Good completed his AKC title with four majors (5,5,4,5), including two breed wins and a Gr.2 on the competitive Idaho-Montana circuit in June. "Grrr" was bred by Kay Deveyrac and is owned by Kay Deveyrac and Lindsay Baldwin. He's the fourth AKC champion for his sire Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman Fixation and the first for his dam, Can.Ch.Kaydees Million Dollar Baby.
- * Am/Can.Ch.Minuteman Madrid finished in June with two breed wins over specials enroute to her AKC title, (along with two group firsts while obtaining her Canadian championship in April). "Carmen" was breeder-owner handled by Catherine McMillan and is the 6th AKC champion for her late sire Am.Can.Ch.Benalta Batman, and first for her dam, Can.Ch.Minuteman What's New Pussycat.
- *Southcross Vote for Me CD TD RN VCD1 AX AXJ (S/P) Ch Bravo's The Great Gatsby x Ch Cholet's Dangerous Devotee completed the requirements for her CD at the Five Valley KC shows in Missoula MT on 6/21/09. By completing her CD, Finch qualified for the AKC VCD1 title. (Versatile Companion Dog). Finch was bred by Sonny Lelle and is owned trained by Lynn Tamms.

AMSC MEMBERSHIP

The AMSC is open to all pesons interested in the breed.
Prospective members must be sponsored by two AMSC members in good standing with the American Kennel Club.

If you know someone that is interested in becoming a member of AMSC, please direct them to the web site at:

www.amsc.us
Current and updated membership
applications are available at the
website. If you wish additional
information, please contact:

Mary Ann Shandor 2303 Cumberland Court, SW Decatur, AL 35603-2617 membership@amsc.com

Montgomery Cty SPECIALTY ADVERTISING

RATES: Full Page \$70.00 Photos \$10.00 each
Half Page \$40.00 Please mark your name/
address on back of photo

Ad Deadline: August 19, 2009 (Any received after this date will be charged \$50 extra. No ads will be accepted after 9-1-09. There are certain guidelines for submitting advertising material to MB-F that must be followed. Please contact Brian Bogart at Sumerwyndb@aol.com for these guidelines or any other questions regarding catalog advertising. Regional AMSC clubs are encouraged to advertise.Two thousand and nine will be MCKC's 75th Anniversary Dog show and the catalog for this show will be a cherished souvenir.

AMSC Supported Entry at AKC's 125th Anniversary Show (Eukanunba)

CLOSING DATE FOR ALL ENTRIES: November 11, 2009

Entry fees are as follows:

For All dogs entered for Best of Breed competition: \$75.00

For all dogs entered in any other class: \$50.00

All dogs entered that are Breeder/Owner/Handled will be eligible for The Best Bred-by-Exhibitor Award. Please review this information at the AKC website at: www.akc.org under "Event Information".

CATALOG AD'S: Due by October 16, 2009. Ad rates are:

Full Page Black & White w/ one photo: \$140.00

Full Page in Color w/one photo: \$800.00

Each additional photo used is charged at \$15.00 per photo

Congratulation's Page: \$120.00

Booster ad: \$50.00

Please download the Catalog Advertisement Order form online at www.akc.org

There will be a special online version of the Show Catalog that will include a photograph of each entry. All the show results and photographs will be archived online at www.akc.org Plan to submit a photo of your dog for this web-catalog.

The cost of an online photo will be \$15.00. Payable at the time of entry.

Please watch for more information on this unique opportunity on either www.akc.org or www.onofrio.com

ENTRIES WILL START TO BE ACCEPTED EARLY IN SEPTEMEBER.
THE ENTIRE PREMIMUM LIST WILL BE AVAIABLE ONLINE AT
WWW.AKC.ORG AND WWW.ONOFRIO.COM.

The actual entry forms will be available to download online and may also be obtained from a number of advertisements placed in major dog publications and at many dog shows. Due to the scope of this event very few premium lists will be mailed.

Please publish the show information in your clubs newsletters with special emphasis on this being a show offering all classes for all breeds with Championship Points being awarded. There are no qualifying criteria for this year's event.

ALL REGISTERED DOGS ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER!

2009 AMSC Outstanding Sportsmanship Nomination

The nominee and nominator may be any Regular, Foreign, Junior, or Life Member of the AMSC. Any Local club may also submit a nomination. Nominations will be reviewed by the committee and the winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

Mominator

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Nominee:
Why should this person be awarded the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award? Please give specific examples. Use additional sheets, if needed

Mail all entries to:
All Entries must be postmarked by
Susi Atherton

August 28, 2009 663 E. Angela St. Pleasanton, CA 94566.

25 YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS

The support and contributions of our membership is what makes A.M.S.C. strong and productive. We especially appreciate and value the longstanding support of this year's 25-year pin recipients who will be honored with their 25-year pin this year. Thanks to the following A.M.S.C. members for their membership and continued support since 1984.

Anna Mae Balas

Joyce Finnegan

Carol Ann Patterson

Jimmy & Bonnie Preslar

Barbara Quinn

Mythbuster: Doing the doggie paddle.

Myth: All dogs are natural swimmers.

Busted: While many dogs love to paddle around in the pool on a hot summer day, you should never take for granted that your canine will be a big fan of the water. Each dog adjusts to the water a little differently. Some may initially panic when unable to touch the bottom of a lake or pool, especially if they jump in or are thrown in from the land. This experience can lead to avoidance issues with water in the future and may even put your dog at further risk if they are unable to keep their head above water. Certain breeds, such as Newfoundlands, are known for being adept swimmers, while other breeds, especially those with shorter legs like dachshunds, may find it a little more difficult to paddle around at first.

Proper water safety is as important to having a good time for you as it is for your fourlegged friend. Experts recommend introducing a reluctant dog to the shallow end first by bringing in a favorite toy or going in with them. Some dogs may pick up on paddling right away but not think to keep their tail-end up. To help them figure it out, gently lift up from their stomach so they float better as they paddle around. Dogs may also have a difficult time using a ladder or steps to get out of a pool for the first time, be sure to stick around and help them out. Never toss your dog into a pool if they are unaccustomed to the water and swimming. Also, it's very important to keep track of how long your pet has been in the water and to watch for signs of fatigue. Swimming takes a lot of energy and they may wear out before they can reach shore. And, as with humans, never let your pet swim alone.



The AMSC website has a list of breeder judges in the Judges' Page.

http://amsc.us/mentors.html

The Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

Is celebrating our 60th Anniversary at our Fall Specialty show!

Friday, September 25, 2009

Monroe County Fairground Monroe, Michigan

Judges:

Sweeps—Margo Heiden Breed—Mark Jaeger Obedience—Chuck Bush

Same show site—Monroe County KC Shows— September 26 & 27

Judges:

Peter Green & David Harrison

Come Celebrate this Milestone with Us! Special "Diamond" Theme Prizes for Trophies!

"Diamonds Are a Schnauzer's Best Friend!"

HOTELS FOR MONTCO WEEKEND

Hotels (accepting dogs): Holiday Inn (AMSC Headquarters)

432 Pennsylvania Ave. Fort Washington, PA 19034 (215)643-3000

Holiday Inn Express

120 N. Pottstown Pike (Rt. 100) Exton, PA 19341 (610)524-9000

(800)906-6672 (reservations)

Red Roof Inn 3100 Lincoln Hwy

Langhorne, PA (215) 244-9422

Hotels (not accepting dogs) Holiday Inn

260 Mall Blvd

King Of Prussia, PA 19406 610-265-7500

Best Western Inn

285 Commerce Dr Fort Washington, PA 19034 215-542-7930

Holiday Inn

195 Davidson Ave Somerset, NJ 08873 732-356-1700

Holiday Inn

4701 Stelton Road South Plainfield, NJ 07080 908-753-5500

Red Roof Inn

860 New Durham Road Edison, NJ 08817 732-248-9300

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn/Fort Washington. 432 Pennsylvania Avenue, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Tel: 215-643-3000. Fax: 215-643-9117. Block of rooms reserved under "American Miniature Schnauzer Club." Room Rates \$109.00 per night plus tax. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and checkout time is 11:00 a.m. Block of rooms will be held until September 3rd after which time reservations will be accepted on a space/rate available basis.

AMSC Board Meeting - Friday, October 2, 2009 - 6:30 p.m. - Upper Dublin Room

AMSC Banquet, Saturday, October 3, 2009 - 6:30 p.m. (cocktails - buffet to follow)

THEME: "COWBOY BOOT! AND COUNTRY ROOT!"

Howdy Pardner!

Sashay yourself over for some fine vittels, country line dancing, plenty of country music and a live auction - to boot! Round up your western wear and come prepared for a regular hoe-down, AMSC-style! So, get your boots and yourself in gear and join us for our annual Montgomery County banquet.

When: Saturday, October 3, 2009 - 6:30 p.m. (cocktails - buffet to follow)

Where: Holiday Inn Fort Washington - Montgomery Room

Holler and let us know if you're coming! Payment Options: Send your checks made payable to AMSC in the amount of \$45.00 to Sharon Edwards, 21301 Golf Estates Drive, Laytonsville, MD 20882, **or** pay via paypal. If you use PAYPAL, indicate that this payment is for "Montco dinner".

Deadline for reservations is September 30th! Payment must be received by this date. This is pay in advance ONLY.

Menu:

Hot and Cold h'dourves

Assorted Sliced Fruit

Caesar Salad

Potato Salad

Macaroni Salad

Barbequed Spare Ribs

Fried Chicken

Roast Round of Beef

Roasted Potatoes

Baked Beans

Kernel Corn (sorry no corn on the cob - out of season)

Corn Muffins

Assorted Rolls

Apple Cobbler

Cherry Pie

Hot Tea, Coffee (decaf and regular), Iced Tea

Any questions, contact Cathi Rohrer at 919-656-8834 or cathi.rohrer@bcbsnc.com. A link for Montgomery County 2009 will be set up on the AMSC website with hotel, show and dinner information within the next two weeks.

FLEECE VESTS

These high quality polar fleece vests have the new logo embroidered on the left side of the vest. They come in men's sizes in two colors-royal blue and light grey. The women's sizes come in two colors-raspberry and heather.

\$45.00, which includes shipping

also
White Polo Shirts with same logo
Unisex sizes S-XXL
\$35 includes shipping



new logo on floor mats and vests

AMSC FLOOR MATS

These striking logo mats are dye injected and are made of high quality nylon and are 100% launderable in cold water. They can be used indoors or outdoors, since they can be washed but will last longer if not subjected to extreme weather. The will be perfect for grooming room, offices, motor homes, condos, or to stack your puppies on. They measure 22" X 33". Cost of the mat is 65.00 plus 15.00 shipping and handling.



AFGHAN

This beautiful colorful woven 100% cotton afghan of Miniature Schnauzers in a garden setting will be a keepsake. Black, Salt/Pepper and Black/Silver Minis are at home on green grass with colorful shrubs, trees and flowers in the background.

Lori Bush and Mildred Shultz collaborated with the artist at We Love Country on this very unique design.

\$75. Includes Shipping

APRONS

stone,red or royal

\$25. includes postage





NEW GYM BAGS

water-resistant fabric outside and end pockets

bright red color

\$55. includes postage

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ITEM	SIZE	QUANTITY	PRICE EACH		TOTAL
Ladies			@\$30.00	=	\$
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MEN'S/POCKET			@\$35.00	=	\$
SWEATSHIRT			@\$40.00	=	\$
AFGHAN			@\$65.00	=	\$
GYM BAG			@\$40.00	=	\$
APRON			@\$20.00	=	\$
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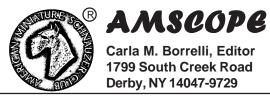
SWEATSHIRT in STEEL BLUE SIZES: SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE, XL, XXL \$45. includes postage



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UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

Greater Columbus MSC November 14, 2009 Regular Classes: James Reynolds Sweepstakes: Victoria Jordan

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Montgomery Co.KC October 4,2009 Regular Classes: James Reynolds

Sweepstakes Jean Heath

Palm Beach County DFA March 14, 2010

> Regular Classes: Marcia Feld Sweepstakes: Carma Ewer

Great Western Terrier Association June 26, 2010

Regular Classes: Claudia Seaberg Sweepstakes: Beth Santure

Montgomery County Kennel Club October 10, 2010

> Regular Classes: Edd Bivin Sweepstakes: Terrie Houck



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