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I hope you enjoy this National issue that is just packed with photos and memories of the incredible CWA National hosted by Racing For Fun in Abbotsford, BC in August. The racing at this big meet was unbelievably competitive and as always, through every grade, our whippets gave it their all on both the track and in the conformation ring. It was great to welcome so many out of town guests and get a chance to relax and enjoy the good company and great food with so many good friends, old and new alike.

If you weren't able to attend this year's National, you missed an incredible time but luckily we have some great features and lots of photos to share that might almost make you feel like you were there. Thank you to all the contributors for your generosity in sharing your experiences and photos! Too bad the only thing we really can't share in this format was the incredible food!

There have been a number of meets since the National, and I want to thank the race secretaries who were so speedy in submitting their write-ups! Due to the size of this issue and the volume of additional content from those meets, I am going to hold those results and write-ups for the November issue, but never fear, they will be published in due time and I will make every effort to get that issue out ON time!

Speaking of the next issue... our last issue of the year will be our Versatility issue, showcasing our CWA whippets' outstanding accomplishments in other venues, including conformation, agility, obedience, coursing, tracking, therapy, flyball, etc. Of course, regular advertising is always welcome. The deadline for ads and other submissions will be November 15th.

✉ Beth Levine
Editor, *Line & Lure*



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December 11/12

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Location

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McKinney, Texas

New Titles (through 10/6/2010)

ARX	Fireworks Eminence Front	7/24/2010
	Fireworks Who Are You	7/25/2010
	Marial Shamasan Improbable Journey	9/4/2010
	Nonstopp Nadal of Wyndsor	9/5/2010
	The Mighty Bolt of Wyndsor	9/25/2010
DPC	CH Surrey Hill's White Vienna	10/2/2010
NARX	The Mighty Bolt of Wyndsor	9/25/2010
SRA	Cogshall's Painted Daisy	9/4/2010
TRP	Maybach Mercedes Mocha	8/21/2010
	Ziggy Stardust of Wyndsor	9/4/2010
	Fireworks Eminence Front	9/26/2010
	Fireworks Who Are You	9/26/2010
	Pennyworth Hallelujah Baby	9/26/2010
	CH Surrey Hill's White Vienna	10/2/2010
	Ocean's Seeking the Gold	10/2/2010
	Fireworks Pinball Wizard	10/3/2010
	Shannon Down Pick A Card	10/3/2010

2010 Racing Top 10

(through 10/6/2010)

	Registered Name	Owner	Wins	Ties	Pts
1.	Fireworks Eminence Front ARX NARX	Szabo	4	1	35.0
2.	Fireworks Who Are You ARX NARX	Wirsch/Barclay	4	1	25.0
3.	Cogshall's Spider Lily of Coswin ARX DPCX SRA2 CR	Luehrs	5		21.0
	Cogshall's Painted Daisy ARX SRA CGC TDI	Huff	3		21.0
5.	The Mighty Bolt of Wyndsor ARX NARX	Kusha/Balint	3		15.0
6.	Ziggy Stardust of Wyndsor TD ARX	Austin/James	2		12.0
	Nonstopp Nadal of Wyndsor ARX CRX CGC	Ochoa/Reynolds	1		12.0
8.	FC Licketysplit Catch Your Eye	Bowman-Mealey	2		10.0
9.	Licketysplit Fate to the Wind TRP	Damron/Shegogue	2		9.0
10.	Miss Bennett of Wyndsor	Balint/Livingston	2		7.0

2010 Conformation Top 10

(through 10/6/2010)

	Registered Name	Owner	Pts
1.	CH Mariner Diabliesse I Can't Believe It's Not Butters FCH	Fredericks/Lee/Anichini	23
2.	Lakota's You Better Watch Out	Briscoe	15
3.	Can CH Swiftsure Cameroon DPC TRP FCH OTR ADC AGN AGNJ	Baratta	13
4.	Windflight I Wanna Be Your Man TRP	Wegner	12
5.	CH Wistwind Brimstone TRP DPC FCH	Weber	10
	Whimsy's Swiftsure Kilo Kai	Downing/Buchholz	10
7.	Surrey Hill U Sunk My Battleship!	Lee/Bowers/Anichini	9
	Am/Can CH Surrey Hill Glenmorangie	Lee/Bowers	9
9.	Mariner's Chubby Hubby	DeLuca/Fredericks	8
	Shamasan Caerbannog	Levine	8
	Windflight One Sweet Dream	Wegner	8
	CH Wegner's On The Sly TDX ARX DPCX	Austin/James	8
	Wildhare Ima Comic Opera	Moran/Caffee	8
	DC Diabliesse Vendome Says Surrey Hill FCH CR	Anchini/Lee	8
	Can CH Fireworks Dance Little Sister TRP DPC	Barclay/Wirsch	8

New CWA Registrations

#2136P

Mariner's Cherry Garcia

(DC Surrey Hill's Galafrey SC x Capetown American Legacy JC)
Ken Stebritz & Lorie Stebritz

#2137P

Mariner's Chunky Monkey

(DC Surrey Hill's Galafrey SC x Capetown American Legacy JC)
Kristen Fredericks

#2138

Avita Big Al

(Crestfield It's Sno Big Deal x DC Avita Moet & Chandon CD TD SC)
Burt Greenspan & Donna Greenspan

#2139

Debmar's Sparks Will Fly at Liberty

(DC Debmar's Mudbug of Jamal MC LCX x Shamasan Debmar First in Flight SC)
Catherine Odom

#2140

Divana's Heir of Illusion at Cherche'

(Ch. Plmcrk Fortune Walking on Heir x Ch. Hyck Hollow Lavender Illusion)
Chris Durance-Watkins, Crystal McNulty & Kenneth Latimer

#2141

Cherche' Bearfoot Hooker

(DC Snow Hill Obvious Child MC x Ch. Cherche' Blushing Knock Out SC)
Chris Durance-Watkins & Crystal McNulty

#2142

Cherche' Lady Luck is Smiling

(Ch. Cherche' Wizard of the Wind x Ch. Cherche' Blushing Knock Out SC)
Dr. Ken Latimer, Chris Durance-Watkins & Crystal McNulty

#2143

Cherche' Sugar Fallin from the Sky

(Ch. Cherche' Wizard of the Wind x Ch. Cherche' Blushing Knock Out SC)
David Watkins, Crystal McNulty & Chris Durance-Watkins

#2144

Longlesson Private Conversation

(Ch. Sportingfield Hot Topic x Ch. Longlesson Ruffian From Arln SC)
Ken Latimer, Chris Durance-Watkins & Crystal McNulty

#2145

Shamasan Devonair's Mystery Writer

Can.Ch. Devonair's Mysterious Ellery CD FCh AGN x Ch. Shamasan Y Tu Mama Tambien
Gail Wieberdink & Heather Dansereau

#2146

Lookout Nonstopp Leapin Lizard

(Nonstopp Nadal of WyndSOR, ARX x FC Lookout Dangerous Curves SC)
Lisa Ochoa & Patrick Reynolds

New CWA Registrations

- #2147 Nitro's Flying Lip Lock O TNT**
(FC TNTs Scream Dream SC x FC Snow Hill Sizl MC)
Robin and Scott Horner
- #2148 TNT'S First Time Felt So Good O Nitro**
(Pfyres Wind of Change O TNT x FC TNTs Wandering AKA, MC, LCX)
Robin and Scott Horner
- #2149 Harmony's Mona Lisa JC**
(Ch. Harmony's Andauer Lover Come Back x Ch. Harmony's Bristol Crème)
Keegan Bear, Kathy Rasmussen & Laurie Bradshaw, lbbradshaw@gmail.com
- #2150 Greenwood's Hot Off The Presses of Yorktown**
(DC Snow Hill Copperline, MC x Ch. Yorktowns Midsummer Nights Dream)
Melanie Merrion & Brigitte Greenberg, mmerrion@verizon.net
- #2151 Anlan Sam Adams**
(DC Amberwind's Casanova SC LCM2 x Fighin's Aeryn Sun JC/spelled as it is on the pedigree)
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- #2152 Amherst Woods I Have A Dream, RN, CGN** (Can.Ch. Belaya Silver Thistle, CD, RE, FCh, FDCh, BDD, SC, RN x Can.Ch. Amherst Woods Forever My Lady, FCh, RN, PCD, CGN)
Christine Gillies, cgillies@mts.net
- #2153 CAN.CH. Belaya Silver Thistle, CD, RE, FCh, FDCh, BDD, SC, RN**
(Am.Can.Ch. Belaya Silver Lining, sC, Can FCh x Belaya My Name is Eloise SC)
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- #2154 Northwind's Bristol**
(Ch. Northwind's Irish Stout x Ch. Northwind's Glimmer of Norma)
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NEW ARX !



Photo by Craig Jefferts

Marial Shamasan Improbable Journey, ARX

(CH Marial's Wistwind Cinderfela ARX, DPCX, SRA, NA, NAJ x Ch Shamasan Good Day Sunshine, JC)

"Tanner" completed his Award of Racing Excellent (ARX) title, before reaching the age of two, at the September 4, 2010 Dairyland Whippet Club CWA race meet in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He scored ARX points in his first seven consecutive race meets. He also placed third in two CWA Conformation Matches, getting credit for the DPC win in one.

He was whelped September 14, 2008. His breeders are Jill Davies & Martie Boyer from Connecticut. Tanner is a solid blue fawn that stands 22" and weighs 33 lbs. He is owned by the Craig & Sarah Jefferts family of Madison, Wisconsin.

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Host Club: Racing For Fun

August 19/21/22, 2010

Abbotsford, BC



17th Annual CWA Fun Match

Friday, August 19, 2010

8th Annual CWA National

Saturday, August 20, 2010

Racing For Fun

Sunday, August 21, 2010

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Our happy judge, Karen Lee
Photo: Luehrs

It is a real treat for me every time I return to my old stomping grounds in the Pacific NW and get to see what all you good people are up to out there. As some of you, but not all, know, I really cut my teeth as an independent Whippet breeder in Whippets out there in the mid-1980's, making friends that I still am happy to say I cherish today. I like the area and the people and the dogs, even though I've been gone now for over 20 years. The Pacific NW was where I got my first tutelage in racing and coursing, under the likes of Linda Buchholz, Doris Ringer, and the Simonsens, among others. I have never ceased to be grateful for those opportunities to learn. Of course, things were quite different then and CWA did not exist at that time. If it had, I am sure I would have loved being a part of it.

Ed. Note: Photos taken at the match are included for most of the class winners, but unfortunately there are several for whom no photos were submitted. So as not to leave these whippets out, photos taken on prior occasions have been used instead.

My tastes in the ring have altered over the years and coming back about every ten years or so to judge has been a good experience for me to see where I am and where the dogs are as the breed, and I, carry on. Nothing stays the same forever.

People who have known me for years are often quite surprised by what I do in the ring. I have changed from someone who was of the "pick the one you'd take home with you" school to the "pick the one you'd breed to" school and now I'm of the "pick the one that overall has the best combination of coming closest to your interpretation of the standard, is in the right condition for the age and class, and is presenting itself well as a willing participant in the handler/exhibit team". It's a beautiful thing when that dog is also the one you'd take home and breed to, but most of the time, I feel my job is not to indulge my personal style preferences but to pick a dog that overall fits the standard, is in superb ring condition, and shows well enough I can fairly evaluate it.

Overall, I thought this was a fine entry and I enjoyed judging the dogs that were shown to me. I found that rear movement going away had improved from what I saw at a specialty I attended in WA about 7 years ago, and I was very interested to see some styles that are no longer much seen on the Eastern seaboard. I had a number of exhibits I would say were old-



3-6 Month Dog winner
Photo: Hutchinson



9-12 Month Dog winner
Photo: La Monica

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fashioned and shorter-coupled, but very shapely, deep in brisket, wasp-waisted, and clean on the line with moderate substance and bone, and I am pleased to see this style of Whippet is still being bred and shown out there because the breed needs this sort of Whippet in the mix in order to avoid extremes of substance and outline. I really was afraid that the look only persevered in some parts of New Zealand and South America, but was delighted to find good examples of the look in my entry.

In the 3-6 Puppy Dog class, I had my toughest decision all day. The class went to Serendipity on a Lark, who was just a shade cleaner though the hocks on the line, but both exhibits were well-trained and prepared and very level in quality, with good male heads, excellent pigment, and pleasing topline. I think at an indoor show, this might have been reversed. Both very promising and I will follow their future careers with interest to see how they both develop.

The 9-12 Month Dog was a single entry: Ocean's Song of the Sandman—a race/show pedigree cross. This dog was very smooth and fit, and presented a shapely package. He showed well but was a bit shorter in body than I would like for his height as this age. Overall an attractive Whippet at an age which is typically awkward for males.

The 12-18 Month Dog was Summit Ironwood Other Sutherland. This dog was obviously still adolescent but striking. He did not return for Best Adult.

Bred By Exhibitor Class contained three competitive dogs. The winner was Alcyon That's the Ticket. I admired the overall make and shape of this dog and he had easy side gait. He needs to be taken up and back at a smart pace, as he is a very parallel-tracking dog. 2nd in the class was used afterwards as a demo dog for the seminar and he has a beautifully-molded fit body which is a pleasure to go over. I preferred the head properties of the winner, whose breed type was really very classic.

Altered Dog class was a revelation to me. These were gorgeous dogs. Anyone who thinks Altered is a “pet” class needs to see this kind of entry. It was my great pleasure to award first to the beautiful Alt.&Can.Ch. Poseidon's Kamakazie TRP, DPC. This



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dog was smooth and sound and really all of a piece. But he had a lot of competition in this class.

Champion Dog class was very diverse in style, which makes judging interesting to say the least. I chose from these nice champions Ch. Counterpoint the Painted Abbey. At first I was not sure I was even going to give him the class, but the harder I looked at him, the more I found to like. He is a very smooth dog and a level, easy mover.

Racing Champion Class brought my 2nd from the Altered Class to the front, with Marial's Shamasan Stonewall ARX TRP AX AJX winning a nice class of superb racers. I admired this dog's lean male headpiece, his clean gait on the line, and his spectacular brisket and underline.

BITCHES

3-6 Puppy Bitch was won by Highbridge Firebird. She was a bit of a handful, but there was no denying her outline and overall shape and head type. 2nd in the class went to a sister of the 3-6 dog winner, also very promising, but for me the make and shape of that very consistent litter is more successful at this age on the male than on the female. Time will tell. They were both very nice and moved well when they got their acts together.

9-12 class was won by Whimsy's Twelfth of Never. This bitch looked like she time-traveled from 25 years ago. She was very shapely, smooth, and curvy, but her head is extreme for today. But her showmanship and overall type carried her to the win. I would have liked to see my 2nd place shown by the breeder/owner, as she had a bad case of mommyitis. I found much to like about her, but she wasn't behaving for the handler she did not know as well, and I could not fairly evaluate her.

Canadian Bred Female won by Sailaway Bugatti Veyron F.Ch. - a flashy particular, very fit and pleasing in overall shape. I would class her as an old-fashioned style as well.

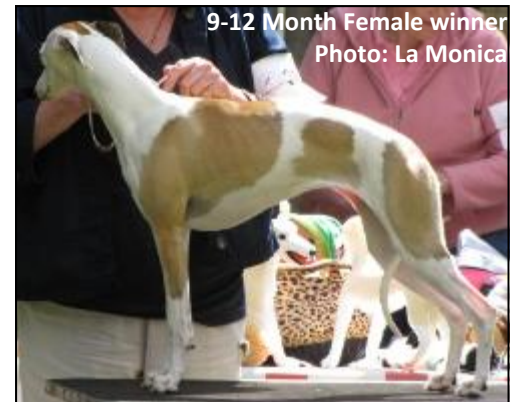
Bred-By Exhibitor Female was won by Whimsy's Swiftsure Kilo Kai. This bitch had excellent side movement and was



Racing Champion Dog winner
Photo: La Monica



3-6 Month Female winner
Photo: La Monica



9-12 Month Female winner
Photo: La Monica



Canadian Bred Female winner
Photo: Szabo

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always gaited to advantage. She has a lot of scope and is more extreme in style. The second in this class is closer to my personal style preference, but she did not use herself energetically and was beaten on the move. The winner is, IMO, a future specials quality bitch. She has the qualities that are very desired in the show ring today. Her outline, however, is sensitive to where her hind feet are placed on the stack. When she is comfortable in her stance, she has a beautiful smooth flowing look of great elegance.

The winner of the Open Female class was very interesting—a solid blue brindle race and show/coursing cross. This bitch to me had many of the best English virtues in her rock-solid moderate topline and length over the loin. This was Blue Heron's Saratoga and I found her quite attractive standing and from the side. I would experiment with gaiting speed to find the best pace for her up-and back if she were mine to show.

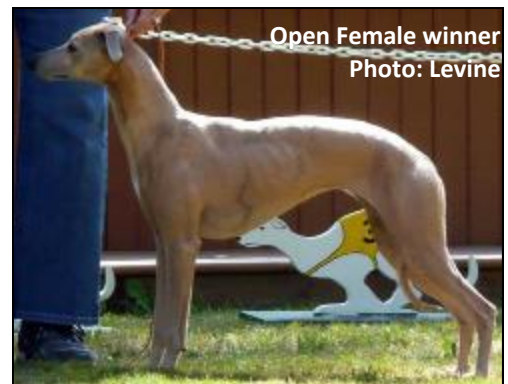
Altered Female Class contained three bitches which were very breed-typical. I went with Ch. Highbridge Lady Byng, but indoors, I might have gone with the 2nd placer. On the grass, Lady Byng moved with more energy and purpose. All three exhibits were very shapely and definitely all girl.

Champion Female was a diverse class overall, but here I found a lot of good old-fashioned virtues among the exhibits. The winner was Ch. Highbridge On the Fly F.Ch. TRP DPC, a silver brindle solid who looked as though she could have stepped out of Highlight Kennel in 1970. The more I looked at her, the more I found to admire. Not a look much seen in most of the US today, but one I still enjoy and appreciate. Second in this class moved her way up through the lineup with fluid side gait whenever I took her or the class around.

Racing Champion bitch pitted several bitches that were both fast and breed-typical. I chose Cogshall's Spider Lily of Coswin SRA2 DPCX ARX CR because she has a bit more flow to her side movement outdoors, but I appreciated the virtues of all three. I'd be proud to have bred any of them. The winner is not just fast, she is also rather glamorous and has the most beautiful eye, set nicely in her backskull.



Bred-by Female winner
Photo: La Monica



Open Female winner
Photo: Levine



Altered Female winner
Photo: Szabo



Champion Female winner
Photo: Szabo

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Junior Veteran Female I nearly disqualified from entering the ring, because I did not believe she was eligible for Veteran Class. Congratulations to Ch. Vivace Veni Vidi Vici SC FCH DPC CGC on wearing her years so lightly. She showed beautifully and still has flowing gait and a vivid orange and white color. Obviously, that good massage is working well for her.



Senior Veteran Female made me want to cry. This is a class a judge doesn't want to judge. You just want to send these two beautiful girls around and let everyone admire and appreciate them. The winner was a bitch I judged in 2001 as a yearling, Ch. Hilerica Sticky Fingers and I had never forgotten her. Even with a few old age lumps on her, she's still a smooth bitch who just absolutely is eat alive in classic English breed type. She still moves quite well for a senior. It is hard to know what to do with this style of bitch in a US entry, but she is really a timeless classic for me. Second in the class is a bitch whose type I have always admired, but the three times she has been shown to me, I have not been able to do as much for her as I would have liked. This was Coalby of WyndSOR SRA. The first time I saw her, she was in against Sticky Fingers in a puppy sweeps. I hemmed and hawed and then put up Sticky Fingers on maturity although again, I loved them both. I wished there were more in the class so I could put Coalby over some other dogs and show how much I really did like her. The next time I saw Coalby, I put her in my cut in a large entry, and her owner felt that she didn't want to keep showing in the heat, so asked to be excused and she wasn't there at the end for me to place. Now, I get her after an injury where her rear movement can no longer be fairly evaluated. But her body is in superb condition. Everyone at ringside could see how beautiful these two senior bitches are. It killed me to have to judge this class. I think both bitches are really great, even though they don't look anything like what most people are showing in the USA today. They have essence of Whippet.



The Very Senior Veteran class consisted of Ch. Ragtime Firestarter F.Ch. CGN. What an awesome bitch she was—over 13 years old and still moving with elasticity and vigor. It is clear to me that people out here take wonderful care of their veterans because the veterans I see always look fantastic.



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Best Puppy competition came down to a face-off between the winners of the 3-6 classes. In the end, the more practiced ring manners of the male carried him to the win, with the baby puppy girl going BOS. They are both really pleasing puppies with good outlines stacked and nice heads for the age. I'd be pleased if they were mine. They are both very promising and I liked them a lot.

In order to make it easier on the handlers in Best Adult Competition, I did Best Male and Best Bitch and then worked them against each other. For Best Male, the class winners were all in contention, but I wanted to see them lift their level of showmanship a little. I shortlisted the Altered Class winner and the Champion Class winner—both very smooth and typey dogs who were moving well on the line and from the side, but when I came down to my ultimate decision, I decided that I preferred the masculine yet pretty headpiece of the Champion dog and he moved on to confront the winner of the bitches.

The Bitch Challenge was rather wide open—I had a much more diverse lineup and reworked several of them including the veterans and the race bitch, but I was quite taken with the Bred-By, the Open, and the Senior Veteran winners, however, unlike with the males, my decision was tipped by the scope and impressive side movement of the Bred By Bitch who ended up going on to confront the Best Male.

In Best Adult, I found that I was drawn to the overall proportions and head of the male even though I appreciated the glamor and side gait of the bitch. Bitches win everything all the time, anyway, so it was gratifying for me to carry a male this time.

For Best in Match, it's always a little unfair, as a baby puppy just isn't ready to top a good mature adult, so maturity prevailed. He did show very well in Best in Match, though. I think all the puppies entered have a bright future in many venues.

I had a good time judging all the dogs that I bred or co-bred in a special class. When I stood back and looked at them, I was very proud. Even prouder when I saw most of them race. I was obliged to place them, but I'm not going to critique them. I'm



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happy to see my bloodlines in fit and beautiful dogs who are so well loved and cared for. That's what it is really all about, if you are a breeder.

The Best Non-Whippet was, I admit, an upset. Everyone probably thought that the two pond frogs in the Tupperware container were going to beat the terrier cross and the greyhound, but I just couldn't seem to get the frogs to really give me some expression when I asked for more. The greyhound was really attractive, but he needed to do a trick, maybe. I felt that the adorable Wylie E Coyote just turned on at the end, and he licked my face more than the frogs ever did, so I gave it to him. I think those of you who were going around whinging that the frogs got robbed should try judging yourself, and see if you pick two frogs who are just barely out of the tadpole stage over an adorable scruffy little dog who makes Hollywood's Benji look like a wallflower.

Besides, the frogs would not have shown up in the win photo through the opaque tupperware. Next time, I would advise that you show in a clear plastic container.

Thanks again to RFF and CWA for allowing me to judge another annual match. My first Annual match was in 1998, and that was in Minnesota. I guess I am very lucky to have been allowed to judge so many great entries on CWA weekends. I always enjoy the dogs and am grateful for the support of those who have entered under me. Good luck to all and thank you!

- Karen Lee



Best in Match: CH Counterpoint the Painted Abbey
Photo: Szabo



Best Puppy in Match: Serendipity On A Lark
Photo: Szabo

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3-6 MONTH PUPPY DOG

- 10 **SERENDIPITY ON A LARK**, April 22, 2010, Am.Ch. Shamasan Hound Hill Cherokee, ARX,
1 DPCX, RN x Ch. Serendipity Skylark, FCH, DPC, TRP, SR, OTR, breeder owner, owned by
Beth Levine, Sultan, WA
- 11 **SERENDIPITY MALARKY AT WHIMSY**, April 22, 2010, Am.Ch. Shamasan Hound Hill
2 Cherokee, ARX, DPCX, RN x Ch. Serendipity Skylark, FCH, DPC, TRP, SR, OTR, breeder Beth
Levine, owned by Mary Downing, Monroe, WA

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- 12 **OCEAN'S SONG OF THE SANDMAN**, September 27, 2009, Maybach Exelero Pharaoh, ARX x
Dreamwindz Here For the Party, breeder Pauline John, owned by Lesley Purewal, Langley, BC

12-18 MONTH DOG

- 13 **SUMMIT IRONWOOD OTHER SUTHERLAND**, March 30, 2009, Am.Ch Ableaim Barchet Kurt
Russell SC x Am.Can.Ch. Summit La Signora Cristabel, breeder owner, owned by Shawna
McKay & Jennifer McEachern, Vancouver, BC

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- 14 **ALCYON THAT'S THE TICKET**, August 18, 2008, Am.Can.Ch. Morlais Imagine At Whimsy x
1 Alcyon Tykhi Fortuna, breeder, owner, owned by Christine Hopperstad, Seattle, WA
- 15 **WHIMSY'S SWIFTSURE CRUZAN GOLD**, February 6, 2009, Am.Can.Ch. Counterpoint Jungle
2 Drums, FCH, TRP, DPC x Am.Can.Ch. Lost Creek Smile Jamaica, breeder, owner, owned by
Linda Buchholz & Mary Downing, Aldergrove, BC
- 3 **SUMMIT IRONWOOD FAWN CONNERY** March 30, 2009, Am.Ch Ableaim Barchet Kurt Russell
SC x Am.Can.Ch. Summit La Signora Cristabel, breeder owner, owned by Shawna McKay &
Jennifer McEachern, Vancouver, BC

ALTERED DOG

- 16 **MARIAL'S SHAMASAN STONEWALL**, ARX, TRP, AX, AJX, December 9, 2005, Am.Aust. Ch.
2 Byerley Saville Row x AmCh. Shamasan Flame 'N Queen, JC, breeder Phoebe Booth & Joan
Fisher, owned by Karen & Rob Hutchinson, Colgate, WI
- 17 **OCEAN'S SEEKING THE GOLD**, FCH, REX, September 27, 2007, Maybach Exelero Pharaoh,
ARX x Dreamwindz Here For the Party, breeder Pauline John, owned by Lesley Purewal,
Langley, BC
- 18 **ALT.CH. ALLURING AUSTIN WITHOUT LIMITS**, TRP, DPC, SR, ADC, December 1, 2004,
3 Am.Can.Ch. Tivio's Chircahua x Ch. Icatcher's Silver Promises, breeder Paulette Blinch, Larry &
Susan Lemke, owned by Jennifer Szabo, Maple Ridge, BC

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- 19 **CH & ALT.CH. POSEIDON'S KAMIKAZE, TRP, DPC**, December 2, 2004, Ch. Poseidon's Santa Fe x Ch. Poseidon's Gelato, breeder Michael Dennison, owned by Linda Johnston, Abbotsford, BC
- 20 **WHIMSY'S SWIFTSURE PYRAT PISTOL**, February 6, 2009, Am.Can.Ch. Counterpoint Jungle Drums, FCH, TRP, DPC x Am.Can.Ch. Lost Creek Smile Jamaica, breeder Mary Downing & Linda Buchholz, owned by Candice Zannella, Port Coquitlam, BC

CHAMPION DOG

- 21 **CH. FIREWORKS DANCING WITH MR. D, ARX, DPCX, FCHX, TRP, SRM, OTR**, , October 17, 2005, Ch. Ragtime Mark of Kryptonite, FCH, TRP, DPC, CGN x Ch. Fireworks Wild Berry, TRPX, DPC, OTRM, SRM, breeder owner, owned by Howard Wirsch & Barbara Barclay, Abbotsford, BC
- 22 **CH. HIGHBRIDGE HOME ICE ADVANTAGE**, April 13, 2006, Am.Can.Ch. Counterpoint Jungle Drums, FCH, TRP, DPC x Whimsy's Harriet the Spy, FCH, breeder owner owned by Roger & Cara Takahashi, Langley, BC
- 23 **AM.CH. WEGNER'S ON THE SLY, ARX, DPCX, TDX**, July 16, 2006, Am.Ch. Bayleaf's Black Mustard x Am.Ch. Wegner's Lunar Energy, breeder Gail & Dean Wegner, owned by Connie Austin & Ule James, Rochester, IL
- 24 **CH & AM.DC BELAYA SILVER LINING, SC, RN**, November 12, 2004, Am.Ch. Debmar's Mudbug of Jamal x Belaya Beausoleil, SC, FCH, breeder owner, owned by: Carol Siipola Chittum & Dr. Celeste Carter, Fall City, WA
- 1 **CH COUNTER POINT THE PAINTED ABBEY** October 4, 2008, breeder John C. Ross and Trudy Taphorn, by Am.Ch. Bohem Bon Vivant x Ch. Counterpoint Winning Colors, owned by Ellen Kerfers, Maple Ridge, BC

RACING CHAMPION DOG

- 16 **MARIAL'S SHAMASAN STONEWALL, ARX, TRP, AX, AJX**
- 21 **CH. FIREWORKS DANCING WITH MR. D, ARX, DPCX, FCHX, TRP, SRM, OTR**
- 25 **FIREWORKS EMINENCE FRONT, ARX, NARX**, June 13, 2008, Oochigea's Xanadu, ORC x Ch. Fireworks Eternal Flame, TRPX, DPC, breeder Howard Wirsch & Barbara Barclay, owned by Emily Szabo, Maple Ridge, BC
- 26 **TOPAZ AT THE GAMBLE, ARX**, October 28, 2003, Boarley Steapa, FCHX, LCM, TRP x Scootaway, breeder June Harrison & Susan Elliot, owned by Susan Elliot, Port Gamble, WA
- 27 **ZIGGY STARDUST OF WYNDSOR, TD, ARX**, August 18, 2008, Loughren Southern Comfort, ARX, FCHX, TRPX x Miss Darcy of WyndSOR, ARX, breeder Jean Balint, owned by Connie Austin & Ule James, Rochester, IL

3 TO 6 MONTH PUPPY FEMALE:

- 28 **SERENDIPITY HARK THE LARK**, April 22, 2010, Am.Ch. Shamasan Hound Hill Cherokee, ARX, DPCX, RN x Ch. Serendipity Skylark, FCH, DPC, TRP, SR, OTR, breeder owner, owned by Beth Levine, Sultan, WA
- 29 **HIGHBRIDGE CARRERA**, April 22, 2010, AmDC CanCh. Belaya Cirque Du Soleil, SC, NA, NAJ, FCH, CGC, x Ch. Highbridge On The Fly, FCH, TRP, DPC, breeder Janet Stritychuk & Cara Takahashi, owned by Randy & Karen Greenwood, Maple Ridge, BC

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30 **HIGHBRIDGE FIREBIRD**, April 22, 2010, AmDC CanCh. Belaya Cirque Du Soleil, SC, NA, NAJ, FCH, CGC, x Ch. Highbridge On The Fly, FCH, TRP, DPC, breeder Janet Stritychuk & Cara Takahashi, owned by Janet Stritychuk, Aldergrove, BC
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31 **HIGHBRIDGE FAIRLANE**, April 22, 2010, AmDC CanCh. Belaya Cirque Du Soleil, SC, NA, NAJ, FCH, CGC, x Ch. Highbridge On The Fly, FCH, TRP, DPC, breeder Janet Stritychuk & Cara Takahashi, owned by Leanne & Dean Williams, Langley, BC
3

9-12 MONTH PUPPY FEMALE

32 **WHIMSY'S TWELFTH OF NEVER**, September 19, 2009, Mason Hill Dreamtime, Am.FCH x Ch. Alcyon Whimsy Ballykissangel, breeder owner, owned by Mary Downing & Christine Hopperstad, Monroe, WA
1

2 **GALEFORCE IT'S THE LITTLETINGS**, September 30, 2009, breeder owner, by Harmattan The Artful Rodger x Ringdove Spinx, Canada, owned by Gale Lyttle, Bowen Island

3 **GALEFORCE ONE FAST MOOOVE**, September 30, 2009, breeder owner, by Harmattan The Artful Rodger x Ringdove Spinx, Canada, owned by Gale Lyttle, Bowen Island, BC

CANADIAN BRED FEMALE

33 **SILAWAY BUGATTI VEYRON, FCH**, September 5, 2007, Oochigea's Xanadu, ORC x Black Bess of Course, breeder owner, owned by Lorna Leinbach, Surrey, BC

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34 **MISS JANE AUSTIN OF WYNDSOR**, August 18, 2008, Loughren's Southern Comfort, ARX, FCHX, TRP x Miss Darcy of WyndSOR, ARX, breeder Jean Balint, owned by Jean Balint & Kellee Livingston, Fairfield, CA
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35 **ALCYON TWINKLE TOES**, August 18, 2008, Am.Can.Ch. Morlais Imagine At Whimsy x Alcyon Tykhi Fortuna, breeder Christine Hopperstad, owned by Christine Hopperstad & Mary Downing, Seattle, WA
2

36 **SILAWAY HABANERO PEPPER**, September 5, 2007, Oochigea's Xanadu, ORC x Black Bess of Course, breeder owner, owned by Lorna Leinbach, Surrey, BC

37 **WHIMSY'S SWIFTSURE KILO KAI**, February 6, 2009, Am.Can.Ch. Counterpoint Jungle Drums, FCH, TRP, DPC x Am.Can.Ch. Lost Creek Smile Jamaica, breeder, owner, owned by Mary Downing & Linda Buchholz, Monroe, WA
1

38 **MOMENTUM'S RAIN OVER REDWOODS**, February 28, 2009, Am.Ch. Morlais Sergeant Pepper x Loughren Cinnamon, FCHX2, breeder owner, owned by Carolyn & David Hutchison, Sidney, BC
3

OPEN FEMALE

39 **MISS BENNETT OF WYNDSOR**, August 18, 2008, Loughren's Southern Comfort, ARX, FCHX, TRP x Miss Darcy of WyndSOR, ARX, breeder Jean Balint, owned by Jean Balint & Kellee Livingston, Fairfield, CA
2

40 **BLUE HERON'S SARATOGA**, May 9, 2006, Ch & AmDC Belaya Cirque du Soleil, FCH, NA, NAJ,AX, AXJ, RN x Whoapat's Alexandra The Gryt, breeder Ruel Johnson, owner Carol Siipola Chittum & Dr. V. Celeste Carter, Fall City, WA
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- 41 **2** **CH. NORTHWINDS' SOUTHERN MANOR**, September 29, 2007, Am.Ch. Winfield I'd Rather Be Rights x Am.Ch Northwind's Sojourn De Sud, breeder Kay Nierengarten & Katherine Armato, owned by Jennifer Hughes, Port Townsend, WA
- 42 **3** **MARIAL'S MADISON, ARX**, April 11, 2007, Am.Ch. Finghin's Timeless Cogshall ARX, DPCX x Marial's Swift Current, ARX, breeder Doug & Mary Beth Arthur, owned by Karen & Rob Hutchinson, Colgate, WI
- 43 **1** **CH. HIGHBRIDGE LADY BYNG**, April 13, 2006, Am.Can.Ch. Counterpoint Jungle Drums, FCH, TRP, DPC x Whimsy's Harriet the Spy, FCH, breeder owner owned by Roger & Cara Takahashi, Langley, BC

CHAMPION FEMALE

- 44 **CH. FIREWORKS WILD BERRY, TRPX, DPC, OTRM, SRM**, October 17, 2005, Ch. Ragtime Mark of Kryptonite, FCH, TRP, DPC, CGN x Ch. Fireworks Wild Berry, TRPX, DPC, OTRM, SRM, breeder owner, owned by Howard Wirsch & Barbara Barclay, Abbotsford, BC
- 45 **4** **CH. VIVACE A LITTLE RUMBA NUMBA**, September 1, 2006, Am.Can.Ch. Counterpoint Jungle Drums, FCH, TRP, DPC x Ch. Vivace Veni, Vidi, Vici, SC, FCH, TRP, DPC, CGC, breeder owner, owned by Debbie LaMonica, Bonney Lake, WA
- 46 **1** **CH. HIGHBRIDGE ON THE FLY, F.CH, TRP, DPC**, April 13, 2006, Am.Can.Ch. Counterpoint Jungle Drums, FCH, TRP, DPC x Whimsy's Harriet the Spy, FCH, breeder Roger & Cara Takahashi, owned by Janet Stritychuk, Aldergrove, BC
- 47 **CH. SERENDIPITY SKYLARK, FCH, DPC, TRPX, SR, OTR**, September 5, 2005, Am.Ch. Lightfall's On A Raven's Wing x Ch. Priory HH Silver Lining, CD, FCH, OTRM, CGC, breeder Beth Levine & Robert Studley, owned by Beth Levine, Sultan, WA
- 2** **CH LOSTCREEK TASTE OF RED** September 5, 2007, Am.Can.Ch. Lost Creek Bzantium Galewind x Am.Ch. Castlecrest's Firestorm, breeder Helen Brettell, owned by Mary Downing and Helen Brettell, Snohomish, WA
- 3** **CH SUMMIT IRONWOOD PRETTY IN PRADA** May 18, 2007, SBIS Ch Chelsea Gold Rush of Keynote, ROMX, FCh x Nat'l Spec AOM / SBIS Ch Summit La Signora Cristobel, owned by Jennifer McEachern & Melissa Umbach, Surrey, BC

RACING CHAMPION FEMALE

- 48 **1** **COGSHALL'S SPIDER LILY OF COSWIN, SRA2, DPCX, ARX, CR**, April 8, 2005, Ch. Loughren Fraser Heights, ARX, DPCX, FCHX x Miss Daisy of Wyndsor, SRA2, ARX, breeder Mary Huff, owned by Fred & Gina Luehrs, Menomonee Falls, WI
- 49 **2** **COGSHALL'S PAINTED DAISY, ARX, NARX, CGC**, April 8, 2005, Ch. Loughren Fraser Heights, ARX, DPCX, FCHX x Miss Daisy of Wyndsor, SRA2, ARX, breeder owner, owned by Mary Huff, Cokato, MN
- 42 **3** **MARIAL'S MADISON ARX**

JUNIOR VETERAN FEMALE (7-9 YEARS)

- 50 **CH. VIVACE VENI, VIDI, VICI, SC, FCH, TRP, DPC, CGC**, April 12, 2002, Marial's Shamasan Cinder, ARX, TRPX, NARX3 x Wegner's Positive Energy, SC, FCH, AmCanCD, TRP, CGC, breeder owner, owned by Debbie LaMonica, Bonney Lake, WA

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SENIOR VETERAN FEMALE (10-12 YEARS)

- 51 **1** CH. HILERICA STICKY FINGERS, June 27, 2000, Ch. Hilerica Spirit of the West FCH x Ch. Hilerica Mustang Sally, FCH, breeder owner, owned by Carole Adley, Squamish, BC
- 52 **2** COALBY OF WYNDSOR, SRA, June 12, 2000, Am.Ch. Slade's Bugle Boy Blue, ARX x Hazelby of WyndSOR, ARX, ORC, breeder owner, owned by Jean Balint, Fairfield, CA

VERY SENIOR VETERAN FEMALE (12+ YEARS)

- 53 CH. RAGTIME FIRESTARTER, FCH, CGN, June 24, 1997, breeder Bonnie Goebel, Ch. Ragtime Autumn Daze, Am.Can.F.Ch. x Am.Can.Ch. Whimsy's Amazing Grace, SC, breeder owner, owned by Howard Wirsch & Barbara Barclay, Abbotsford, BC

BEST PUPPY IN MATCH: 10

BEST OPPOSITE SEX PUPPY IN MATCH: 30

BEST ADULT IN MATCH: 54

BEST OPPOSITE SEX ADULT IN MATCH: 37

BEST IN MATCH: 54

KAREN CAN'T JUDGE THESE DOGS CLASS

- 54 CH. SWIFTSURE SENEGAL, ARX, DPCX, TRP, SR, FCH, , August 18, 2006, Am.Can.Ch. Counterpoint Jungle Drums, FCH, TRP, DPC x Ch & Alt.Ch. Surrey Hill's Crystal Wave, ARX, DPCX, TRPX, FCH, breeder Linda Buchholz, Karen Lee, Jeff Bowra, owned by John & Margaret Gaull, Delta, BC
- 55 **4** CH. SWIFTSURE CAMEROON, FCH, DPC, TRP, SR, OTR, AADC, SGDC, AGN, AGNJ, same as above, owned by Laura Baratta, Langley, BC
- 56 **1** SURREY HILL DIABLESSE DIT CHAMPIGNONS, April 13, 2010, Am.Ch. Tangens The Maverick Cosmonaut x Am.C. Diabliesse Surrey Hill Say Yaha, JC, breeder Karen Lee & Leila Anichini Downen, owned by Jennifer Hughes & Karen Lee, Port Townsend, WA
- 57 **2** CH. SWIFTSURE SIERRA LEONE, FCH, TRP, DPC, August 18, 2006, Am.Can.Ch. Counterpoint Jungle Drums, FCH, TRP, DPC x Ch & Alt.Ch. Surrey Hill's Crystal Wave, ARX, DPCX, TRPX, FCH, breeder Linda Buchholz, Karen Lee, Jeff Bowra, owned by Peter & Nancy Szabo, Maple Ridge, BC
- 58 **3** CH. & ALT.CH. SURREY HILL'S CRYSTAL WAVE, ARX, DPCX, TRPX, FCH., July 11, 2002, Am. DC Paris Say You Will, LCM x Ch. Surrey Hill's Smithereens, FCH, ARX, DPCX, TRP, breeder Karen Lee & Carolyn Bowers, owned by Linda Buchholz, Karen Lee & Jeff Bowra DVM, Aldergrove, BC
- CH. SWIFTSURE MOROCCO August 18, 2006, Am.Can.Ch. Counterpoint Jungle Drums, FCH, TRP, DPC x Ch & Alt.Ch. Surrey Hill's Crystal Wave, ARX, DPCX, TRPX, FCH, owned by Linda Buchholz, Karen Lee, Jeff Bowra, Aldergrove, BC

BEST NON-WHIPPET THAT CAME FOR THE PARTY

- 59 **3** J'S CODY LAMBERT (Greyhound), owned by Stephanie Wiseman
- 60 **1** WYLIE E COYOTE (Terrier X), owned by Linda Johnston
- 2** KERMIT AND JABBA (Frogs), owned by Linda & Steve Buchholz

An auspicious beginning...



Serendipity On A Lark

CH Shamasan Hound Hill Cherokee, ARX, DPCX, RN x CanCH Serendipity Skylark, FCH, TRPX, DPC, SR, OTR

Thank you, Karen Lee, for Best Puppy honors at the 17th Annual CWA Fun Match at the tender age of 4 months!

Jonah is also pictured below left at 5 months, along with his sister Serendipity Hark The Lark and his brother Serendipity Malarkey at Whimsy, who made his own auspicious debut by winning Best Puppy at the WWA sanction match in August for owner Mary Downing. We are absolutely delighted with these promising youngsters and look forward to their future in all endeavors with great anticipation.



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The hardworking and always cheerful Szabo sisters, Jennifer and Emily

This will be my report of all reports and I'm still not sure where to start. I have to admit I have been prolonging writing this for many days. So here we go.

I will start a week prior to the meet. Entries were low for both the meet and the match making both Linda and me very nervous. But as we got closer to the early entry deadline, they started flooding in. At the same time, I was also trying to organize a last minute order of t-shirts for the National. With an order of 60 shirts in various colors and sizes, I only one missed order! I'm glad everyone liked the shirts and huge thanks Laura for the great logo design.

Okay, so now it is the weekend before the National and with that came a not-so-well-timed weekend away on a houseboat (which is where our Captain hats came from). I had most of the race meet paperwork ready for when I returned and most of the entries had come in so I crossed my fingers and hit the road. With my trusty phone and the good luck of still being able to have service while on a lake in the middle of nowhere, I was still able to answer any last minute emails and keep on top of entries.

Thursday was name plate day, and yes it took the entire day. With close to 60 names to print, cut, tape and color, I'm glad I took the day off to organize it. All was going well until I realized I had far more names than I did metal plates. I called Linda to see if they had anything we could use to make more plates. With phone in hand, and both of us going around our houses and through our respective workshops to see what we had that would stick to a magnet, we both came up empty-handed. Steve was at the race site, measuring the track and Dad was at work, so no help to either of us. After some head scratching, I made a trip to the local hardware store. I picked up some flashing and got a few strange looks, but with tin snips and a grinder I was able to make some more name plates. With the crisis averted, all was back on track. T-shirts were sorted and bagged, and the paperwork was all ready to go.

Friday August 20, 2010

We had perfect weather for the Annual Fun Match; it was sunny and reasonably warm with plenty of trees for shade in Linda and Steve's beautiful yard. Our judge was Karen Lee, who was kept very busy examining close to 60 whippets. Best Puppy in Match was Serendipity on a Lark, owned and bred by Beth Levine, with BOS Puppy awarded to Highbridge Firebird, owned and bred by Janet Stritychuk. Best



Happy 1st time handler Ellen Kerfers shares her joy with Logan after he was awarded Best Adult at the Annual match.
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Adult and eventual Best in Match went to Ch. Counterpoint the Painted Abbey, owned by Ellen Kerfers. BOS Adult was Whimsy's Swiftsure Kilo Kai, owned and bred by Linda Buchholz and Mary Downing. This was Ellen's first time in the show ring and we all shared her excitement on this lovely win. And last but not least, the best non-whippet winner was Wylie E Coyote (the terrier X) owned by Linda Johnston. There was some stiff competition in this class from J's Cody Lambert (the greyhound) owned by Stephanie Wiseman, and a resident brace of green frogs (small amphibians) carefully shown by Linda Buchholz who insists to this day "my frogs were robbed!"



We couldn't have asked for a better location for the match, so big thank you to Linda and Steve for letting us use their wonderful property and huge thanks to Barb Barclay for providing those amazing Chicken Wraps in the concession.

Following the match we had a very informative seminar "Whippets 101" on the breed standard which was presented by Karen Lee and Linda Buchholz.

Saturday August 21, 2010

Saturday started very bright and early for all of us. With a record number of entries for our club, check in was moved up to 8:00 a.m. That meant field set up was at 7:00 a.m. Thanks to Steve for measuring the track on Thursday so everything could set up quickly and easily on race morning. Once everything was unloaded and EZ-Ups and tables set up, check in and measuring began. It was a very long line with everyone waiting patiently for their turn. Thanks to Linda, Karen L and Jenn H for taking care of getting everyone measured and inspected. Upon completion of measuring, the board was checked to make sure all dogs that were there were on the board. The final count was an amazing 52 dogs, 2 puppies and 2 Legends, which worked out to being 13 races in the first program! We had 14 Grade A's, 11 Grade B's, 17 Grade C's, 4 Grade D's and 7 FTEs. Thank goodness we brought extra score boards.

With the board set and paddock master Hugh Higginson ready to call the dogs to the field, racing started just after 9:00 a.m. We had excellent weather for our race meet with the ground and grass in perfect condition. The racing was very competitive with many very fast close races throughout all the grades. That being said, Jean Balint's FTE Bolt took the meet by storm winning all four of his races



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Bolt runs away with the meet. Photo: Luehrs

undefeated, making him the National Meet winner. BOS was Mary Huff's Minnie D. The high score in Grade A was Marshall, Grade B his sister, Tina, Grade C Ripple and Grade D was Zelda – all 4 bred by Barb and Howard (Fireworks).

Such a large meet meant there were four set of points up for grabs. The ARX points went as follows: Bolt 6 points, Tina 4 points, Fred 2 points, and Miss Bennett 1 point. The NARX points went Bolt 6 points, Marshall 4 points, Daltrey 2 points, and Minnie D 1 point.



Chefs extraordinaires Karen and Randy Greenwood.
Photo: Hutchinson

Of course we can't forget about our BBQ lunch potluck! Thanks for all the great contributions of dishes and to our great chefs, Karen and Randy Greenwood, for cooking our bratwursts and hot dogs. The winner of the potluck was Barbara Barclay with those mouth-watering Chicken wraps.

Even with our record-breaking entry of dogs, this was one of our fastest meets ever. Racing was wrapped up around 2:30 in the afternoon! Many thanks go to our paddock master Hugh, who kept everyone on time and in the right jacket (well, almost everyone!). Thanks also to our box operators and loaders (Randy, Steve, Lorna), lure operator (Peter), foul judges (Beth O, Mary, Connie and everyone else who stepped in) and line judges (Nancy, Jenn H, Ellen, Janet, Beth L, Margaret, Karen and Linda B). Everyone did a fabulous job keeping everything running quickly and smoothly.

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Saturday match line-up: judge Carol Chittum with #1 Dora, #2 Augie, #3 Minnie D, #4 Zelda

Carol Chittum, Belaya Whippets, from Washington, judged the conformation match. We had a very large entry of 21 dogs entered in the match. After much deliberation the winner was Dora, 2nd was Augie, 3rd was Minnie D, who picked up 1 DPC credit, and fourth was Zelda.

We celebrated the CWA Nationals with a fabulous BBQ dinner at Linda and Steve's home. Thanks to Margaret Gaull for organizing all the potluck items and our chefs for cooking up a feast! The presentation of the prizes for the meet and show were handed out while dinner was cooking. A big thank you goes to Linda for organizing all the great prizes, and thank you to everyone who donated to the trophy fund. The trophies were amazing! Many of our local dogs received recognition, particularly the Fireworks crew! There was even an award for the most unruly dog at the boxes and that was won by Buster, Ch. Fireworks Spontaneous Combustion (that must be what they must mean by living up to your name).

After dinner Kate Clarke, our auctioneer extraordinaire, did a fabulous job encouraging the crowd to part with some cash and pick up some great whippet items.

Thank you to Laura Baratta for designing the Logo for the Vancouver 2010 CWA Whippet Olympics. This logo was used not only on a great banner, but also on the t-shirts.

Once dinner and the prizes were over, it was time for me to find a quiet place to update the name plates. Many thanks for those who helped grade, tape, and color (Nancy, Peter, Emily, and Steve)



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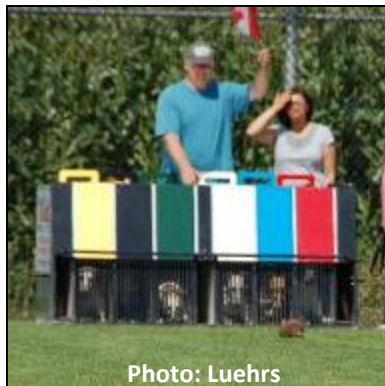
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Now all that was left was for everyone pack-up and head back to their homes or hotel and get some sleep for another great day of racing.

Sunday, August 22, 2010

It was another early wake up call for all, with there still being a rather large meet with 36 dogs and two puppies racing for the day. We were down a few dogs but after getting through the previous days monster meet it was a welcome sight to see a slightly smaller number of dogs on the board. The weather was a little cooler with some showers in the morning while we were setting up, but it stopped around race time and only looked threatening for the rest of the day. Unfortunately the wind picked up and sadly two awnings made a break for it.



The weather and the field held up very nicely for the dogs. The races were once again very competitive and a challenge to our line judges. All the dogs were running very hard through all the grades along with the previous day's FTE dogs continuing to run very nicely, improving after every race. The high point races were once

again very tight with all the dogs coming across the line in a tight pack.

After the third program we broke for lunch and once again we had another great spread of food. Next meet I will try and remember to get a picture. Also thanks again to the marvelous BBQ chefs, Karen and Randy. Our potluck winner was Colleen Turpin with her delicious cheesy bits. I hate to say it but we really do race for food.

With lunch over we did manage to get up and resume racing. Bolt was looking like he was going to sweep the meet undefeated, and Tina and Fred were tied in points ready to battle it out for the bottom set of ARX points. It all came down to the last race - they came out of the boxes so tight together that some legs got a little tangled and with some fancy maneuvering Tina was able to steer clear of all the traffic and come across the line



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first followed by Marshall, Minnie D, Daltrey, Bolt, Fred.

Bolt may not have gotten his perfect score but he was still earned the title of meet winner, and 5 ARX and 5 NARX points. BOS went to Tina along with 3 ARX and 3 NARX points. Fred earned 1 ARX point and brother Marshall earned 1 NARX point.

Even after such a long weekend we were still able to find a large entry for out of town judge Fred Luehrs to evaluate in the match. His winner was Augie, with 2nd to Logan, 3rd to Sonny, and 4th to Tanzy.



With the show over it was time to pack up and head home. Even with the being a few people short we still completed another day of racing in record time. Thanks to everyone stepping up and lending a hand to make our meet run so smoothly.

I'm sure I have gone on long enough so I would just like to do one last thank you to everyone for making all the prep work and paperwork so worth while. With such great racing, food and weather I couldn't have asked for it to go any better than it did. Racing For Fun thanks all the participants from near and far for making it such a fantastic weekend. Congratulations to all the winners in both the shows and the races. THANK YOU!

-Jennifer Szabo

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National Match Critique

First of all I wish express my gratitude to the organizers for the opportunity and honor of judging at the CWA National match. When I accepted the assignment, little did I know that I would have the joy of re-discovering straight racing with a dog of my own! In my early days in Whippets, when lure coursing was in its infancy, I participated with my show-bred Whippets in the old ARM race meets. I was present at Van Oorschot's Toro's retirement run at Santa Barbara in the 80's, and was, as we all were then, impressed with his speed and his beauty as a Whippet. Now, all these years later I must say that the entry, both of the racers and the match participants impressed me, yet again!

Rather than individual details of each dog I prefer to explain what I look for in any Whippet, and my criteria are based on what a Whippet needs to "hunt", not how fast they can trot around a show ring.

First and foremost for me a Whippet should manifest an assemblage of moderate curves with the (often misunderstood) arch actually over the loin, not beginning in the middle of the rib cage. The loin is the "hinge" that allows complete collection and extension at the (double extension) gallop, the working gait of the Whippet. If the arch begins too far forward the dog will, of course, "run" but will be physically incapable of the greatest speed. If the loin is flat and tilted downward the dog will certainly try to run but will not be able to do so efficiently. So when I look at a Whippet in profile I wish to see an unbroken line and collection of curves from the poll (the knob on the back of the skull) to the tail tip for the topline, and another S curve forming the underline with adequate length of rib cage. I believe that any exaggeration or deviation from that basic model renders a Whippet less than sufficient to do his "work", whether at the sprint, over a longer distance, or trotting in the show ring!

The other "deal breaker" for me is sickle hocks, all too prevalent in the ring. A sickle hock prevents the hock joint from opening entirely thereby rendering the rear quarters inefficient and incapable of the double extension gallop. A sickle hock (which frequently comes with an incorrect shape of loin and overly long, unbalanced second thigh) quite simply cannot even push off efficiently at a trot, so I believe should not ever be rewarded in the show ring.

In my judging I did not consider overall size either as a plus or minus, and I did not consider skill of handling in my deliberations. I was entirely impressed with the entry and found that many measured up to the qualities I have described. This then meant that I had to "pick nits" in a few cases since the overall aspect of many of the dogs was both pleasing and correct, in my view. I think the win photo says it all. Lovely outlines, not exaggerated, variation in sizes but not in overall aspects!

Thank you so much for inviting me, I enjoyed my experience immensely, and I look forward to seeing you all at the CWA meets to come!

- Carol S. Chittum

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PLACE	GRADE	CALL	REGISTERED NAME	OWNER	MEET PTS	ARX	NARX
1.	FTE (NOTRA A)	Bolt	The Mighty Bolt of Wyndсор	Kushа/ Balint	29	6	6
2.	A	Marshall	Fireworks Eminence Front ARX NARX	Szabo	21		4
3.	A	Daltrey	Fireworks Who Are You ARX NARX SR	Barclay/ Wirsch	20.25		2
4.	A	Minnie D	Cogshall Painted Daisy NARX4 ARXCGCTDI	Huff	18		1
5.	A	Charlotte	Cogshall's Spider Lily of Coswin SRA2 TRPX DPCX CR	Luehrs	16.25		
6.	B	Tina	Fireworks Athena	Abu-Ata	16	4	
7.	A	Ziggy	Ziggy Stardust of Wyndсор TD ARX	Austin/ James	15		
8.	A	Fred	Fireworks Pinball Wizard	Turpin/ Miller	14.25	2	
9.	A	Miss Ben- nett	Miss Bennett of Wyndсор	Balint/ Livingston	14	1	
10.	B	Donald	Can CH Fireworks Dancing With Mr.D FCHX ARX DPCX TRP OTR SRM	Barclay/Wirsch	13		
11.	A	Topa	Topaz at the Gamble ARX NARX	Elliott	12		
12.	FTE	Holly	Blue Heron's Saratoga SC	Chittum/ Carter	12		
13.	A	Simone	Marial's Madison ARX TRP	Hutchinson	12		
14.	A	Miss Jane	Miss Jane Austin of Wyndсор	Balint/ Livingston	11		
15.	B	Lyra	Loughren Cinnamon FCHX2	Hutchison	11		
16.	B	Milo	Fireworks I Can See For Miles FCH	Lee/Ostafichuk	10		
17.	B	Vijay	Ocean's Seeking The Gold Can REX FCH	Purewal	10		
18.	A	Zuri	Azzuri of Wyndсор	Clarke	10		
19.	B	Cairo	Can CH Swiftsure Senegal FCHARX DPCX TRP SR	Gaull	10		
20.	B	Tanzу	Can CH & Alt CH Swiftsure Tanzania FCH TRP DPC SR	Baratta	10		
21.	FTE	Logan	Can CH Counterpoint the Painted Abbey	Kerfers	10		
22.	A	Moka	Maybach Mercedes Moka FCHX ARX TRP	Harrop	9		

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23.	FTE	Sonny	AmCan CH Summit and The Beat Goes On	Gillespie/Vernon	9
24.	C	Ripple	Can CH Fireworks Raspberry Ripple TRPX DPC SRM OTR	Barclay/Wirsch	8.5
25.	A	Augie	Am CH Mariner Diabliesse I Can't Believe It's Not Butters FCH	Fredericks/ Anichini/ Lee	8
26.	C	Smoke	Can CH Swiftsure Cameroon FCH DPC TRPX SR OTR AADC SGDC AGN AGNJ	Baratta	8
27.	C	Kiwi	Can CH Fireworks Wild Berry TRPX DPC OTRM SRM	Barclay/Wirsch/Bruner	8
28.	B	Dickens	Marial's Shamasan Stonewall ARX TRP AX AXJ	Hutchinson	8
29.	C	Tiercel	Serendipity Nighthawk AM.FCH SRM OTRM TRPX CGC ARX DPCX	Levine	7.5
30.	C	Bode	Alluring Flight of the Phoenix	Rizk	7
31.	C	Morley	Highbridge Lady Byng	Takahashi	7
32.	FTE	Horace	Can CH Highbridge Home Ice Advantage	Takahashi	7
33.	C	Branwen	Shamasan Caerbannog	Levine	7
34.	B	Miss Darcy	Miss Darcy of WyndSOR ARX NARX2	Balint	7(SCR4)
35.	B	River	Loughren Sweet Memory of June FCHX	Hutchison	6
36.	FTE	Kai	Whimsy's Swiftsure Kilo Kai	Downing/ Buchholz	6
37.	C	Becca	Can CH Highbridge On The Fly TRP DPC FCH	Stritychuk	6
38.	C	Cleo-C	Loughren Worth Waiting For FCH	Clarke	5
39.	C	Crystal	Can CH & Alt.CH Surrey Hill's Crystal Wave FCH TRPX DPCX ARX	Buchholz/Lee/Bowra	5
40.	C	Cleo-S	Can CH Swiftsure Sierra Leone FCH TRP DPC	Szabo	5
41.	C	Zevi	Can CH Fireworks Eternal Flame TRPX DPC SR OTR	Barclay/Wirsch	5
42.	B	Austin	Alt CH Alluring Austin Without Limits TRP DPC SR ADC	Szabo	5(SCR4)

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43.	C	Tara	Can Ch Northwind's Southern Manor	Nierengarten/Hughes	4
44.	A	Lacy	Cogshall's Sweet Everlasting Loughren ARX FCH TRPX SRA	Clarke	4(SCR2)
45.	C	Wyatt	Swiftsure Zanzibar TRP	Greenwood	3
46.	C	Corona	Fireworks Afterburner FCH TRP OTRSR	Barclay/Wirsch/Bruner	3
47.	FTE	Beau	Can CH/Am DC Belaya Silver Lining SC RN	Chittum/ Carter	3
48.	D	Zelda	Can CH Fireworks Dance Little Sister TRPX DPC OTR SR	Barclay/Wirsch	2
49.	C	Xena	Seacoast Rising Sun TRP	Greenwood	1
50.	C	Dora	Can CH Summit Ironwood Pretty in Prada	Umbach/ McEachern	0
51.	D	Harriet	Whimsy's Harriet The Spy FCH	Takahashi	0(SCR4)
52.	D	Buster	Can CH Fireworks Spontaneous combustion FCH TRPX DPC CGN OTRM SR	Barclay/Wirsch	0(SCR3)

PUPPY

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PLACE	CALL	REGISTERED NAME	OWNER	
1.	Pete	Fireworks Thunderstruck	Barclay/Wirsch	15
2.	Millan	Ocean's Song of the Sandman	Purewal	9

LEGENDS:

PLACE	CALL	REGISTERED NAME	OWNER
1.	Daisy	Miss Daisy of WyndSOR SRA2 ARX	Huff
2.	Scoot	Scootaway	Elliott

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RACE-BY-RACE

Program 1

- 1 (PUP) Pete, Millan
2. Sonny, Logan, Horace, Zelda, Harriet
3. Holly, Kai, Xena/Beau(TIE), Buster
4. Bode, Crystal, Becca, Corona
5. Cleo-C, Smoke, Morley, Cleo-S
6. Tiercel, Kiwi, Tara, Dora
7. Ripple, Wyatt, Branwen, Zevi
8. Tina, Vijay, Cairo, Lyra, Dickens
9. Milo, Donald, Miss Darcy, River, Austin, Tanzy
10. Marshall, Charlotte, Zuri, Moka, Augie
11. Bolt, Daltrey, Minnie D, Lacy, Topa
12. Fred, Miss Bennett, Miss Jane, Ziggy, Simone

Program 2

- 1 (PUP) Pete, Millan
 2. Cleo-S, Corona, Zelda, Dora, Buster, Harriet
 3. Lyra, River, Tanzy, Austin, Dickens, Zevi
 4. Morley, Horace, Becca, Tara, Beau, Xena
 5. MissDarcy, Cairo, Logan, Crystal, Branwen, Kai
 6. Vijay, Donald, Smoke, Augie, Kiwi, Wyatt
 7. Topa, Ziggy, Simone, Moka, Sonny
 8. Holly, Ripple/Tiercel(TIE), Bode, Cleo-C
 9. Minnie D, Tina, Milo, Miss Jane, Zuri
 10. Bolt, Marshall, Daltrey/Charlotte(TIE), Fred, Miss Bennett
- LEGEND Daisy, Scoot

Program 3

- 1 (PUP) Pete, Millan
2. Austin, Dickens, Zevi, Dora, Xena, Harriet,
3. Tanzy, Branwen, Tara, Corona, Beau, Zelda
4. Augie, River, Crystal, Kai, Kiwi, Wyatt
5. Moka, Lyra, Horace, Becca, Logan, Cleo-S
6. Cairo, Sonny, Simone, Smoke, Cleo-C
7. Zuri, Miss Jane, Donald, Bode, Morley
8. Ziggy, Milo, Miss Bennett, Tiercel, Miss Darcy
9. Tina, Charlotte, Topa, Vijay, Ripple
10. Bolt, Daltrey, Marshall, Minnie D, Fred, Holly

Program 4

1. Dickens, Zevi, Beau, Zelda, Dora, Xena
2. Kiwi, Kai, Becca, Wyatt, Corona, Tara
3. Logan, Smoke, Branwen, Cleo-C, Crystal, Cleo-S
4. Simone, Tanzy, Bode, River, Morley, Horace
5. Donald, Lyra, Ripple/Sonny(TIE), Tiercel, Augie
6. Miss Bennett, Miss Jane, Vijay, Zuri, Cairo, Moka
7. Charlotte, Ziggy, Topa, Holly, Milo
8. Bolt, Daltrey, Marshall, Minnie D, Tina, Fred

Conformation

Judge: Carol Chittum

A	Marshall	
A	DaltreyABS	
BOS	Minnie D	3RD
B	Tina	
B	Donald	
C	Ripple	
C	Smoke	
D	Zelda	4TH
D	Xena	
FTE	Bolt	ABS
FTE	Holly	ABS
PUP	Pete	
SUP	Branwen	
SUP	Charlotte	
SUP	Tanzy	
SUP	Augie	2ND
SUP	Kiwi	
SUP	Logan	
SUP	Kai	
SUP	Dickens	
SUP	Dora	1ST

RACING FOR FUN

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PLACE	GRADE	CALL	REGISTERED NAME	OWNER	MEET PTS	ARX	NARX
1.	A	Bolt	The Mighty Bolt of WyndSOR	Kusha/ Balint	24	5	5
2.	A	Tina	Fireworks Athena	Abu-Ata	20.5	3	3
3.	A	Marshall	Fireworks Eminence Front ARX NARX	Szabo	20		1
4.	A	Daltrey	Fireworks Who Are You ARX NARX SR	Barclay/ Wirsch	20		
5.	A	Minnie D	Cogshall Painted Daisy NARX4 ARXCGCTDI	Huff	17.5		
6.	A	Ziggy	Ziggy Stardust of WyndSOR TD ARX	Austin/ James	15		
7.	A	Fred	Fireworks Pinball Wizard	Turpin/ Miller	14.5	1	
8.	B	Milo	Fireworks I Can See For Miles FCH	Lee/Ostafichuk	13.5		
9.	A	Miss Jane	Miss Jane Austin of WyndSOR	Blaint/ Livingston	13		
10.	B	Zuri	Azzuri of WyndSOR	Clarke	12		
11.	B	Donald	Can CH Fireworks Dancing With Mr.D FCHX ARX DPCX TRP OTR SRM	Barclay/Wirsch	11		
12.	C	Sonny	AmCan CH Summit and The Beat Goes On	Gillespie/Vernon	10		
13.	B	Vijay	Ocean's Seeking The Gold Can REX FCH	Purewal	10		
14.	B	Cairo	Can CH Swiftsure Senegal FCHARX DPCX TRP SR	Gaull	10		
15.	B	Lyra	Loughren Cinnamon FCHX2	Hutchison	9		
16.	B	Dickens	Marial's Shamasan Stonewall ARX TRP AXAXJ	Hutchinson	9		
17.	C	Ripple	Can CH Fireworks Raspberry Ripple TRPX DPC SRM OTR	Barclay/Wirsch	8		
18.	A	Simone	Marial's Madison ARX TRP	Hutchinson	8		
19.	B	Tanzy	Can CH & Alt CH Swiftsure Tanzania FCH TRP DPC SR	Baratta	7		
20.	B	Augie	Am CH Mariner Diabliesse I Can't Believe It's Not Butters FCH	Fredericks/ Anichin/ Lee	7		
21.	C	Tiercel	Serendipity Nighthawk AM.FCH SRM OTRM TRPX CGC ARX DPCX	Levine	6		

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22.	A	Miss Bennett	Miss Bennett of Wyndors	Blaint/ Livingston	6(PSCR4
23.	C	Smoke	Can CH Swiftsure Cameroon FCH DPC TRPX SR OTR AADC SGDC AGN AGNJ	Baratta	5.5
24.	D	Tara	CanCH Northwind's Southern Manor	Nierengarten/ Hughes	5
25.	B	Logan	Can CH Counterpoint the Painted Abbey	Kerfers	5
26.	C	Cleo-S	Can CH Swiftsure Sierra Leone FCH TRP DPC	Szabo	5
27.	C	Zevi	Can CH Fireworks Eternal Flame TRPX DPC SR OTR	Barclay/Wirsch	5
28.	C	Branwen	Shamasan Caerbannog	Levine	5(SCR4)
29.	C	Wyatt	Swiftsure Zanzibar TRP	Greenwood	4.5
30.	C	Cleo-C	Loughren Worth Waiting For FCH	Clarke	4
31.	C	Kiwi	Can CH Fireworks Wild Berry TRPX DPC OTRM SRM	Barclay/Wirsch/ Bruner	4
32.	C	Kai	Whimsy's Swiftsure Kilo Kai	Downing/ Buchholz	3
33.	D	Zelda	Can CH Fireworks Dance Little Sister TRPX DPC OTR SR	Barclay/Wirsch	3
34.	D	Corona	Fireworks Afterburner FCH TRP OTRSR	Barclay/Wirsch/ Bruner	3
35.	D	Xena	Seacoast Rising Sun TRP	Greenwood	0
36.	D	Buster	Can CH Fireworks Spontane- ouscombution FCH TRPX DPC CGN OTRM SR	Barclay/Wirsch	0(SCR3)

PUPPY:

PLACE	CALL	REGISTERED NAME	OWNER	
1.	Pete	Fireworks Thunderstruck	Barclay/Wirsch	15
2.	Millan	Ocean's Song of the Sandman	Purewal	9

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RACE-BY-RACE

Program 1

- 1 (PUP) Pete, Millan
2. Tara, Zelda, Corona, Buster, Xena
3. Ripple, Tiercel, Cleo-C, Branwen, Kai
4. Sonny, Smoke/Wyatt(TIE), Kiwi, Cleo-S, Zevi
5. Lyra, Logan, Dickens, Tanzy/Augie(TIE)
6. Milo, Zuri, Vijay, Cairo, Donald
7. Bolt, Marshall, Tina/Fred(TIE), Ziggy
8. Daltrey, Minnie D, Miss Bennett, Miss Jane, Simone

Program 2

- 1 (PUP) Pete, Millan
2. Branwen, Kai, Cleo-S, Zevi, Buster, Xena
3. Cairo, Donald, Tanzy, Augie, Kiwi, Corona
4. Vijay, Smoke, Dickens, Cleo-C, Wyatt, Zelda
5. Ziggy, Miss Jane, Zuri, Tiercel, Simone, Logan
6. Fred, Tina, Sonny/Ripple(TIE), Lyra, Tara
7. Bolt, Daltrey, Minnie D, Marshall, Milo, Miss Bennett

Program 3

- 1 (PUP) Pete, Millan
2. Augie, Cleo-S, Kiwi/Corona(TIE), Zevi, Xena
3. Tanzy, Donald, Cleo-C, Wyatt, Kai, Zelda
4. Zuri, Cairo, Simone, Dickens, Logan, Tiercel
5. Sonny, Lyra, Ripple, Smoke, Tara
6. Tina, Miss Jane, Milo, Vijay, Miss Bennett
7. Bolt, Marshall, Daltrey, Minnie D, Fred, Ziggy

Program 4

1. Zevi, Kiwi, Wyatt, Zelda, Corona, Xena
2. Dickens, Tiercel, Logan, Cleo-C, Kai, Cleo-S
3. Donald, Simone, Augie, Smoke, Tara
4. Milo, Vijay, Cairo, Ripple, Tanzy
5. Ziggy, Miss Jane, Zuri, Lyra/Sonny(TIE)
6. Tina, Marshall, Minnie D, Daltrey, Bolt, Fred

Conformation

Judge: Fred Luehrs

A	Bolt	ABS
A	Tina	
BOS	Minnie D	ABS
B	Milo	
B	Zuri	ABS
C	Sonny	3RD
C	Ripple	
D	Tara	
D	Zelda	
PUP	Pete	
SUP	Augie	1ST
SUP	Tiercel	
SUP	Tanzy	4TH
SUP	Smoke	
SUP	Kiwi	
SUP	Marshall	
SUP	Logan	2ND



Anticipation...
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TRAVELS WITH WHIPPETS: TO BC AND BACK AGAIN

AUGUST 17-28, 2010

By Karen Hutchinson



Like most of our whippet adventures this one also began at tortoise speed. Seasoned whippeteers urged us on this journey they had taken many times before and the whippets planned the rest of the journey – with their eyes. Like all highly intelligent sensitive whippets, they knew something “FUN” was in the air before we did! What they did not discern was that it was RACING FOR FUN in Abbotsford, BC! Home of the 2010 CWA National!

Once the suitcases, race muzzles and coolers emerged from the depths of the warm playroom in the basement, Marial’s Shamasan Stonewall and Marial’s Madison, aka Dickens and Simone, were chattering between themselves and doing the proverbial jig as they sniffed and checked every item that was packed. Actually he watched and she jigged! Their muzzles were the most exciting as they tried to put them on; ONLY lacking thumbs, it was difficult! But Oh! how they knew; “soon we will race” and winked knowingly between themselves. At one point, as she had done on another occasion when we were leaving without them to travel to Cornwall,

Simone climbed into the large suitcase, curled up and kept watch as if to say “this time not leaving without me!”

August 17 the whippets and we woke to the sound of “crickets” chirping as is the usual morning technological wake-up call. It was 4:30am and the somnolent whippets were sluggish to rouse as we moved quickly from caffeine to packing last minute items. Departure was on time (wow!) and the blue whippetmobile zig-zagged down the street towards the first leg of our destination, Bismarck, ND. The whippets burrowed and curled into their furry blankets for their first day on the road to BC. They travel well but this was to be their longest trip with more fun and adventure than a van full of monkeys dropped off at an ***All You Can Eat Banana Buffet!***



The place with the Golden Arches kept us fleshly sustained through miles upon prairie miles of western highway. Plains of a thousand hills of man-high green corn sped by on the right and Gulliver sized deep yellow sunflowers with their edible faces up-turned to the sun, pioretted past on the opposite side of the highway. Happy hillocks of gold that Van Gogh would have gone mad to paint at dusk!

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Bismarck loomed late but the whippets were excited to make their first overnight stop; tails wigged, tails wagged. Dickens grumped about dinner being late but Simone didn't lift her nose from the ground for 12 days! If she could smell every inch of the world, she would!

Slumber was easy after yoghurt at 9:20pm when the whippets curled up nose to tail for sleep. Next morning tapped awake early for whippet rituals, which included an illicit snuggle in bed, in every hotel, in every town – they demand it!



Snuggled, sustained, watered and packed, we pointed towards Missoula, MT where the light is complex and the clouds are arresting in form. Puffy cumulus nimbus clouds hovered over hills of perfectly patterned sun bleached hay bales! Lulled by the warmth of the sun and the locomotion of passage, the whippets smiled in sleep as we sped along to Montana. The splat and splash of large well fed Montana bugs had the effect of looking through a strainer; we arrived with strained eyes! Linking up with fellow whippeteers from Wisconsin and Minnesota, the succulent grass fed Mon-

tana steaks resurrected us all at an interesting old Saloon that conjured up images of a bordello, cowboys, horses and spittoons. A delicious and lively evening; the whippets licked their whiskers as they inhaled the leftovers!

Racing For Fun in Abbotsford was one sleep away on the calendar! We arrived at our destination without border incident at Sumas on August 19. After long days of driving, oh did we need a sitz bath! The Ramada in Abbotsford was very dog friendly, spacious and clean but the fridge was extra! Dickens, as usual, was the considerate big brother in always reassuring Simone that elevators were cool to ride. The second morning with enhanced confidence, she carried her big bunny slipper down the hall and into the elevator, proudly walking it past the front desk to the whippet mobile. What a funny sunny girl!

Friday, August 20 dawned with great anticipation to attend our first Annual CWA Fun Match at the home of Swiftsure whippets. The Fun Match was held in dappled sun in a parklike setting against the backdrop of the fantastic logo designed by Laura Baratta. Blue herons stopped at the pond to fish and Linda's dahlia's added light to shaded corners. Names of some legendary CWA members were no longer enigmas! It was showtime now for all our beautiful and handsome whippets. In the hustle and din of the Fun Match, they were all perfectly patient and gorgeous in presentation. The gliding and stacking rituals concluded with many fabulous winners



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but here I have to say that the Serendipity “beans” pups were adorable and stole the show! Karen Lee of Surrey Hill was an excellent and fair judge and her discussion on structure and the specifics of the breed standard was enthusiastically exhibited, delivered and digested. Lively Q&A followed; we learned a lot about our most magnificent of companions.

Saturday and Sunday, August 21&22, we burst out of bed! RACING FOR FUN was on and the whippets knew it! The weather and track were race perfection set against the tallest greenest most surrealistic corn you can imagine; the Canadian mountains in the distance added a touch of hazy blue to that painting. Perfect days to race!

The paddock master, Hugh, assembled his charges for each race both days like a battalion commander and tabulated with perfect zeal each whippet race; he was the best and hardly anybody was late!!!



As the race programs grew wings, it struck me there was no sound pollution. I was only conscious of twenty-four whippet feet swiftly thudding the soft earth with the sheer joy of the bunny run! The whirr of the lure as it snaked along urging our whippets to perfectly extend and flex their magnificent bodies, reached them back to nature’s first instinct to hunt quarry. Each one excelled and reached their goal. It was merely the difference of speed, acceleration and velocity!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Those that would eat first came in the form of The Mighty Bolt of WyndSOR; The Fireworks whippets (who at the end ate almost all the prizes!); Cogshall’s Spider Lily of Coswin; Cogshall’s Painted Daisy and many others who are a blur in mind’s eye.

I wondered if the sloggers and sleepers dreamed of slipstreaming in the air of a swifter friend for a chance to slam-bang into a first place??? Did they plan how they would skidoo out of the box to be the first to reach the quarry??? I don’t know.



What I do know is that these sinewy athletes have rapacious appetites when their day of running down the bunny is done!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Their human kin may be wonky after a day of RFF but we had better be ready with the grub: tripe, rabbit, chicken, bison, duck; anything that has the faintest odor of food!

“Paws” here to express great thanks to Linda and Steve Buchholtz for being marvelously calm provosts. The young Szabo sisters sporting matching sailor caps were also most efficient; it was

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maddening fun to try and tell them apart! Both Saturday and Sunday their parents served up grilled meats, salads and tasty desserts for all participants at lunch. The grillmeister sported some cool abs! Saturday evening's BBQ soiree at Swiftsure was most memorable indeed and Kate entertained our appetites for all things whippet by gaveling the Auction – thanks for the eccles cake Kate! I never did find any others!

Sunday raced by in shades of black, brown, red, blue, white and tan; the outline of whippets having the fun of their lives. The day concluded with prizes, ribbons and farewells to new friends and wise legends.



August 23, on the road again, this time along the Icefield's Parkway which wraps itself up and around the Canadian Rocky Mountains between Banff and Jasper National Parks. About this time, we contracted a bad case of "motor home envy" after days of packing and unpacking crates, coolers and suitcases! Destination was the Sawridge Inn in Jasper where the views in the distance of the Edith Cavell Glacier were both imposing and serene at lights fade. The Stony Indians refer to this glacier as "White Ghost" for its snowy peaks. It's European name commemorates a WW1 British nurse who was executed for helping prisoners of war escape German occupied Bel-

gium. Simone loved the balcony at Sawridge! It was her personal crow's nest where she could protect us AND the park from all other intruders! She scanned the forest for those nasty grizzlies!

The whippets were like dahl sheep as they navigated the rough hiking trail to the base of Edith Cavell Glacier. Dickens was most interested in leaving the tallest calling card he could muster on three legs and was a good ambassador for his kin as he greeted citizens of the world – Israelis, Qataris, Aussies, Germans, Chinese, Japanese, British and even a few Canadians! Simone, by contrast, had the world to sniff and acquired a new taste for glacier flies! She was acrobatic on the rocks in her quest to catch them! It was a day of wonderment, watching this glacier spill it's ancient melt into slivers of moving silver that secretly meandered into the lake at our feet, reflecting the purest blue light onto the jagged ice flows.

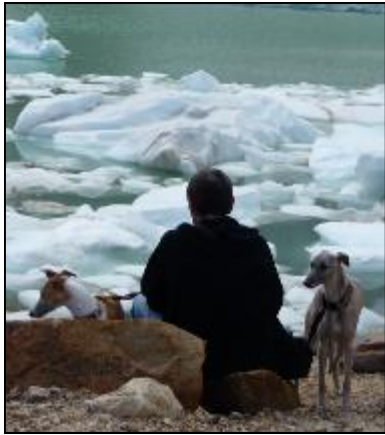
On the return hike, saw an elk up close that was the most exotic shade of deepest copper with a perfect velvet rack. He glistened and was softly reflective in the high sun; think he was a real doe's man!



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As an aside, Jasper has a bakery called Bear's Paw Bakery where they make the best tasting curry Samosas outside of India! Wish we could drive there once a month!

The early drive through Banff Park next morning was breathtaking!!! The air was distinctly sweet; the sonic sound of water crashing against rocks was everywhere you looked. Sometimes there was a rainbow; sometimes there were glens of undulating light green moss. I wanted to lie face down on it, smell it and roll around with the whippets on it! I wished for more knowledge on woodlore so I could process and remember all that we saw!

The grizzly! He was ten feet away feasting on berries and dandelions. So close, we heard his primordial breathing; he glanced at us; made unforgettable eye contact. This massive but surprisingly fleet-footed God of alpine tundra, who has no enemies but humans, was beautifully grey with white frosting on his thick fur; he made us shiver! The Whippets just sniffed the currents of air and were quiet. We drove in silence and awe.

Lake Louise on arrival was a hive of tourist activity. Rob and the whippets contemplated shades of blue they could not have imagined and greeted the UN milling about! I climbed onto a low stone wall with an old Chinese gentleman to take Louise's turquoise colored picture; postcards for other continents! The sun glistened across Louise in the form of a prised evening star and dashed itself onto the wet rocks at shorelines edge.

The whippets were hungry and romantic Moraine Lake and ten glacial peaks beckoned us on hurriedly. Northern light was beginning to fade but enough remained to hike the whippets down paths strewn with alpine meadow wildflowers; enough light remained to lie on my back for a worm's eye view of this lake and this glacier; nature supremely towering over any manmade structure.

The whippets dined on tripe, rabbit and greens; we dined at the pleasure of a great Quebec chef in full view of Moraine Lake and its ethereal peaks. Fortunate to have been, even briefly, in the shadow of this very special place; a hidden gem.



It was dark on the way out to Banff's Hidden Ridge Resort but STILL light enough remained to see a grizzly spread-eagled face down against the side of the mountain! Think his dandelions had

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turned to wine!!! !!!! Wow, two grizzlies in one day! We were happy! The moon played hide and seek through groves of tundra conifers as we made our way to shelter; humming.

Banff was hip, scenic with fantastic gardens and burled wood bridges! Simone found squirrels to chase here and reared up on two legs like a 'roo every five minutes for a better view of her prey! I held on tight; Dickens sniffed the flowers. One last divine Canadian dining experience with a couple from Washington State at St. James Gate Olde Irish Pub, built in Dublin and assembled in Banff. Go there!

Did I mention pets can go into shops in Canada; gotta love that! They were spoiled with treats and offered water wherever they hung out!



It was a long way home to Wisconsin and we were ready to be guided by Canada's INUKSHUK, symbol of path finding. We forgot to buy one! The GPS and map had to suffice! The last leg of our journey we popped our winning Whippet Cookies as pep pills for energy; arrived home at 1am eating the last cookie about 15 minutes before our garage door squeaked skywards! All of us except our sunny Simone was glad to be home; she wanted to continue her world sniffing journey!

We slept a long time; the 'phone rang.





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... beautiful minds, beautiful bodies.



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Remembering Holly...

There are places I'll remember
All my life though some have changed
Some forever not for better
Some have gone and some remain
All these places have their moments
With lovers and friends I still can recall
Some are dead and some are living
In my life I've loved them all

But of all these friends and lovers
There is no one compares with you
And these memories lose their meaning
When I think of love as something new
Though I know I'll never lose affection
For people and things that went before
I know I'll often stop and think about them
In my life I love you more

- Lyrics by John Lennon

