

2021 SSCA National Specialty – We Did It! (Somehow...)

Submitted by Gail Mackiernan

At several points in the last year, it seemed as if the 2021 Standard Schnauzer Club of America National Specialty – hosted by PVSSC – would never happen. The list of disasters and near-disasters makes chilling reading, from COVID restrictions, to our original show cluster being cancelled, then finding a new show venue, to multiple judge changes (first for Sweeps, then going through three SSCA Specialty judges, and at literally the last minute, judge changes for both the Heartland SSC and PVSSC Specialties!). COVID restrictions had sadly forced elimination of the usual National social events, as well. Add to that a severe heat wave during the show week, and we wondered what else could happen? But everyone soldiered on and in the end, we had a great show with wonderful dogs and owners present.

The National week started off with two days of SSCA-sponsored Agility Trials at Level Up Dog Sports in Mechanicsville VA. Standard schnauzer owner and judge Don Farage came up from TN to provide us with some super fun and challenging courses. Despite having to move to a Monday/Tuesday trial after the rescheduling of the conformation show our trial had 457 runs across the two days, 110 total dogs, 19 of which were standard schnauzers! Tuesday was the National Agility competition. Congrats to Renee Kwiatkowski and Howard who won the fastest standard time at 4.834 yps (yards per second) for his Master Jumpers run, and Marcia Dawson and Jessye who won the fastest preferred time at 3.12 yps for her Open Standard run. Multiple new titles were earned, and a lot of laughs were had. Thank you to all of the volunteers who pitched in to make this a success, especially Melissa Dimeler!



Our first place winners included:

Howard with Renee Kwaitkowski - Excellent Fast
Haste with Marion Thom- Master Fast
Kiki with Klare McNeil- Novice B Fast 16 inch
Kensey with Sunny Lambert- Novice B Fast 20 inch
Jessye with Marcia Dawson- Novice Jumpers Preferred 16 inch
Clipper with the Barbers- Open Fast
Edge-a-Sketch with Lauren Keltos- Novice B Standard 20 inch
Clipper with the Barbers- Excellent Jumpers 20 inch
Jessye with Marcia Dawson- Open Standard Preferred 16 inch
Honest Abe with Klare McNeil- Master Standard 20 inch
Herbie with Lisa Klepp- Master Preferred Standard 12 inch
Howard with Renee Kwaitkowski- Master Jumpers 16 inch

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The five-day Celebrate Virginia show cluster, at Meadow Event Park (birthplace of Secretariat) began with the Northern Neck KC on Wednesday and Thursday. SS had 5-point entries both days and our Best of Breed winner GCHS Crivitz Humphrey Bogart Von Diable (Shaffer) went Best in Show both days as well! This was an auspicious start...

Friday was the Heartland SSC Specialty, with a super entry of almost 90 SS. Sweepstakes was judged by Ed Blausten. He chose Straw Hat Power of Love (Meeks & Shriner) Best in Sweeps, with BOS to Asgard Cayenne Pepper (Sabean & Gillen). Best in Senior Sweeps was Uhlan Blue Line Three Eight Zero (Minnich, Cukier & Bell) and BOS was Celtic Sophie's Worlds My Oyster (Pineda, Bailey & R. Miller). In Veteran Sweeps, Best went to GCHG Crusade Rock Crystal (Lomando) and BOS to GCH Celtic Cross Rogue of Remmirath RN BCAT CGCA (N. Miller). In Regular Classes, Judge Sioux Forsyth-Green chose Uhlan Blue Line Three Eight Zero as WD. WB and BW went to Katon's Hear The Tiger Roar V. Morganwald (Duffy, Koehler & Reidner), BOB to GCHS Crivitz Humphrey Bogart Von Diable (Shaffer) and BOS to GCH Mystic's Magic Moon (Jennings). Again, Bogart went Best in Show, and the Best Owner-handled, GCH Mystic's Early Rizor, was 2nd in the OH Group.

Saturday was the big day – the 2021 SSCA National Specialty! The show was dedicated to the memory of Roger Hartinger, and we were very honored to have his wife Paula and their two children, Mark and Kathleen, in attendance. The Hartingers had donated some special trophies from this own collection, and brought a fascinating (and often amusing) display of photographs of Roger from earliest days.

Activities started bright and early, with 39 in Sweepstakes judged by Jodi Moline. Best in Sweeps was Seneca's Dragon On Our Side (Kwiatkowski), BOS was Woodnote's More

Mochii More Problems (A., S. & M. Cukier, D. Dudas & R. Miller), Best in Senior Sweeps was Uhlan 50 Shades of Gray (Wimann & Bell) and BOS went to Uhland Blue Line Three Eight Zero. Best in Veteran Sweeps was GCHG Crusade Rock Crystal and BOS went to GCHG Blue Line's Archie (Minnich).



The 85 entries in regular classes were judged by Eva Berg. She chose Straw Hat Let Love Rule (Shriner & Broadhurst) for WD, his sister Straw Hat Love is My Religion (Shriner & Broadhurst) for WB, BW. BOB again to GCHS Crivitz Humphrey Bogart Von Diable and BOS to the Veteran, GCHC Crusade Rock Crystal. Selects were GCH Mystic's Early Rizor (Filer & Bididi) (also Best Owner Handled) and his sister GCH Mystic's Magic Moon, while Awards of Merit were given to CH Halcyon's All You Need Is Love (Shriner), GCH Reign On Drops Of Jupiter CGC TNK (Maddux), CH Regenstauf Rebel Grace CA (Frey, Babcock & Ninnes), and GCHP Am. Made's Wayward Queen At Steinwald (N., R. & E. Miller & Dudas). To top the day off, Bogart went Best in Show again and the Best Owner-Handled went Best OH in Show! Wow! (All other breeds can just stay home, the Standard Schnauzers have this under control, thank you.)

Saturday was also the day for Obedience and Rally. Highest scoring SS in Obedience went to GCH Oakwood Give Me An A UD BN RE NAP NJP RATN CGCA TKN (Dawson), going First in Open B Class. To top it off, she was also Highest SS in Rally from the Advanced B class!

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All winners received beautiful trophies, again thanks to the tireless effort of Carol Filer and splendid ribbons thanks to Michelle Bell. National week ended with the PVSSC Specialty on Sunday, at the Charlottesville – Albermarle KC show. The Sweepstakes were judged by Dr. Joyce Dandridge. In Puppy Sweepstakes, she chose as Best in Sweeps, Asgard Cayenne Pepper and gave BOS in Sweeps to Straw Hat Power of Love (Meeks & Shriner). In Senior Sweeps, she chose Uhlan Blue Line Three Eight Zero as Best, and his sister Uhlan 50 Shades of Gray at BOS. Best in Veteran Sweeps went to GCHG Crusade Rock Crystal and BOS to GCHG Blue Line's Archie.

Regular classes were judged by John Schoeneman, after the scheduled judge had a health emergency. He chose as WD and BW, Straw Hat Power of Love and gave WB to Woodnote's More Mochii More Problems. Best of Breed was awarded to GCHS Crivitz Humphrey Bogart Von Diable and BOS to GCHP Am. Made's Wayward Queen At Steinwald. Bogart went on to win the Working Group and Best Owner-handled, GCH Quantico Alarm Beskyd was 2nd in OH group to cap off a great weekend for the breed!

Full results can be found on the MBF Dog Shows website at infodog.com

A Note of Gratitude From Joyce Dandridge

Submitted by Pat White

Dear Patricia, please express to your membership my appreciation for allowing me to judge the Sweeps at your Specialty. It was so thoughtful to invite me again after having to cancel the Match last year. I personally was grateful for your maintaining continuous communications with me on updates such as hotel reservations and Judges Education Seminar. In addition, your club was well organized and hard working. Several members checked with me to see if everything was okay.

The judging experience gave me opportunities to evaluate some nice puppies. Also, I was thrilled with the veterans I judged. They were exceptional at each age level. Their condition was fabulous! The body structure and movement superb. The owners are to be commended and my heartfelt thanks for allowing me to examine such quality.

Additionally, thanks for the gift and hospitality. It was such an enjoyable day.

Sincerely,
Dr. Joyce Dandridge.

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Welcome New Members!

New members Cindy and Paul Millard, Catriba Ladson Kolepo, and Kirsten Tolley were unanimously accepted into the club during the August meeting. Welcome!



Some National Specialty Photos!

By Marianna Herpel



A Message From the SSCA Specialty Chair

I want to thank everyone who attended the 2021 SSCA Agility Trial in Mechanicsville, VA! This past year has been one of our greatest challenges for us personally and professionally. It has been especially difficult for the dogs as their normal social gatherings and events were curtailed. This event was wonderful in helping all of that. From comments of the attendees, everyone certainly enjoyed themselves. Don Forage was also excited to have attended and judged and we were certainly lucky to have him there.

Thank you to Michelle Bell for chairing the agility trial and her hard work certainly paid off!

Regards,

Lisa Klepp
2021 SSCA National Specialty Chair

