



COACHING LINES

Dalmatian Club of Southern New England

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President's Letter

Dear Members of the Dalmatian Club of Southern New England,

We have at least 4 events during the year in addition to our meetings. Our biggest event is the Cranberry Cluster weekend with Dalmatian Specialties. Due to the support of members we have been able to have highly successful shows each year. Some people helped a lot, and some a little, but all were important to the success of the specialties. I will mention some people whose support was greatly appreciated this September: Stewards: Pauline Caton, Cheryl North; Trophy organization: Carola Adams, Christine Ramalho; Trophy Table: Sandy Lajoie—for all three days, with Karen Blanchfield, Donna MacCallum, Barbara Garceau, & Pam Devlin helping where needed. Our two days with lunches were ably overseen by Sara Bourque and Donna Russo with support from Christine Ramalho. Our Raffle, which runs almost all day on Saturday, was organized by the masterful MacWilliams family: Melissa & Betty MacWilliams, Jennifer Ettinger, with the addition of Dawn Eliot-Johnson & Sara Bourque. Finally, thanks to Prue Stuhr and Cheryl North for the photo record. Thank you to all who helped our Specialty days become fine memories.

Two other Club events took place since June that are important to our Club: The CGC tests and 'Meet the breed'. You will read more about them in this issue. I want to give a shout out and thanks to Nanci Hayes, our Club AKC judge and CGC evaluator. Also, I send a shout out to Melissa and Betty MacWilliams for organizing the Meet the Breed event. Thanks to those members, to not only help to fulfill our AKC requirements, but also to continually get the word out that Dalmatians are friendly and good family companions.

We are looking forward to 2019 t new adventures. Thanks for being a part of the Club.

Yours truly,

Richard Baker
Dalmatian Club of Southern New England, President

2018 DCSNE Specialties Results: By Donna MacCallum + Prue Stuhr

Cape Cod Kennel Club

East Falmouth, MA

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Conformation Judge: Mr. Louis Kruger

WD: Onsengeltje Never Enough (Adams)

RWD: None (one male Dalmatian exhibited)

WB/BOW: Onsengeltje N Juju Ready or Not (Adams, Linstedt)

RWB: Riverside's N Novus Greenfire (Blanchfield, Baker, Leyton)

BOB/G2: GCH Bellemar's Honey Badger (Schneider, Shepard)

BOS: GCHS Dynamic and Upton's Huck Finn CGC CA BCAT (McNamara, Lajoie)

BP/G1: Riverside N Novus Greenfire (Blanchfield, Baker, Leyton)

SD: GCHG Turning Stone'N'Erin's Best Man @JJ's Royal Blanche (Blanchfield, Leyton)

SB: CH Erin'N'Alpha N Omega's Mary Tyler Moore (Martin)

No performance entries

South Shore Kennel Club Day I

Dalmatian Club of Southern New England

East Falmouth, MA

Friday, September 14, 2018

Sweepstakes: Peggy Aguiar

BJSW: Estate's Stars Align to Planett (Kaplan-Barrett/Barrett)

BSSW/BSW: Bellwether Patch Mt Worth the Wait (McSherry/ Devlin)

BJV/BVSW: GCH Blackthorn & Patch Mt Thru the Looking Glass MX MXJ (Devlin/Devlin)

Conformation Judge: Albert Bianchi

WD/BOW: Onsengeltje Never Enough (Adams)

RWD: Lucas Legend Desmond's Constant at Seapoint (Holt)

WB: Lucas Legend Blackthorn & Patch Mt's Yin Yang (Ellot-Johnson/Pruyne/McSherry)

RWB: Onsengeltje N Juju Ready or Not (Adams/Linstedt)

BOB/G3 GCHS Dynamic and Upton Huck Finn CGC CA BCAT (McNamara/Lajoie)

BOS: GCH Bellemar's Honey Badger (Schneider/Shepard)

SD: GCHG Canal-side's Imperator (Masaschi/Masaschi/ Masaschi/Battistoni)

SB: GCH Planett's Fly Me to the Moon (Kaplan-Barrett/Barrett)

BV: GCH Blackthorn & Patch Mt Thru the Looking Glass MX MJ

AOM: CH Riverside's Seattle Seahawk (Baker/Johnson)

AOM: CH Erin N Alpha Omega's Mary Tyler Moore (Martin)

BP/2: Riverside N Novus Greenfire (Blanchfield/ Baker/Leyton)

No Dalmatians were entered in Obedience or Rally.

2018 DCSNE Specialties Results: By Donna MacCallum + Prue Stuhr

South Shore Kennel Club Day 2
Dalmatian Club of Southern New England
East Falmouth, MA

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Sweepstakes: Betty Pirs

BJSW: Estate's Stars Align to Planett (Kaplan-Barrett/Barrett)

BSS/BSW: Merry Go Round Lavender (Baker/Ramalho)

BJV/BVS: GCH Blackthorn & Patch Mt Thru the Looking Glass MX MXJ (Devlin)

Conformation Judge: Linda Lewin

WD: Onsengeltje Never Enough (Adams)

RWD: Saint Florian N Granite's "Sam I Am" (Byrnes/Mauel)

WB/BOW: Merry Go Round Lavender (Baker/Ramalho)

RWB: Onsengeltje N Juju Ready or Not (Adams/Linstedt)

BOB: GCH Bellemar's Honey Badger (Schneider/Shepard)

BOS: GCHG Canal-side's Imperator (Masaschi/Masaschi/ Masaschi/Battistoni)

SD: CH Oliver of Marshwind (Bourque)

SB/BOH: GCH Planett's Shoot the Moon (Kaplan-Barrett/Barrett)

AOM: Onsengeltje Never Enough (Adams)

AOM: GCH A Place in the Sun for Bellwether & Patch Mt (Devlin/McSherry/Pruyne)

AOM: GCH Planett's Fly Me to the Moon (Kaplan-Barrett/Barrett)

BV: GCH Spotted Gem's Gaelic Amethyst (Marceau/Marceau)

STUD DOG: Ch Blackthorn & Patch Mt's ZEN at Lucas Legend (Eliot-Johnson/McSherry/Pruyne)

No Obedience/ Rally entries.

2018 DCSNE Specialties Results: By Donna MacCallum + Prue Stuhr

South Shore Kennel Club Day 3 Supported Entry

Dalmatian Club of Southern New England

East Falmouth, MA

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Sweepstakes: Jim Shea

BJSW: Nspird One Oh Wonder (Ackerson, Jordan, Wynn)

BSSW/BSW: Bellwether Patch Mt Worth the Wait (McSherry, Devlin)

BJVSW: GCH Blackthorn & Patch Mt Thru the Looking Glass MX MXJ (Devlin, Devlin)

BSVSW/BVSW: GCH Spotted Gem's Gaelic Amethyst (Marceau/Marceau)

Conformation Judge: Alfred Ferruggiaro

WD: Onsengeltje Never Enough (Adams)

RWD: Lucas Legend Desmond's Constant at Seapoint (Holt)

WB: Onsengeltje N Juju Ready or Not (Adams, Linstedt)

RWB: Riverside's N Novus Greenfire (Blanchfield, Baker, Leyton)

BOW: Onsengeltje Never Enough (Adams)

BOB/G3: GCH Bellemar's Honey Badger (Schneider, Shepard)

BOS: GCHS Dynamic N Upton's Huck Finn CGC CA BCAT (McNamara, Lajoie)

BV: GCH Spotted Gem's Gaelic Amethyst (Marceau/Mareau)

SD: CH Blackthorn & Patch Mt's Zen at Lucas Legend (Eliot-Johnson)

SB: Merry Go Round Lavender (Baker, Ramalho)

BOBOH: GCH Planett's Shoot the Moon (Kaplan-Barrett, Barrett)

No performance Dalmatians were entered.

2018 DCSNE Specialty Judges:



Louis Kruger, Conformation Judge, Thursday, September 13, 2018

My heartfelt thanks to the Dalmatian Club of Southern New England for the supported entry of Dalmatians at the Cape Cod Kennel Club in September. This was my first judging appointment in the United States and having never followed any of the breeds other than my own it was a refreshing experience to judge a quality, unseen entry on my first day. My immediate impression looking around the ring as the dogs started marshalling was that I was about to judge an entry of dogs with a great depth of quality. I was not disappointed. The regular classes, although fewer in number were great. The highlight of the entry was no doubt the Best of Breed competition, filled with Specials who made decision making a challenging task. I was somewhat surprised that some of the male dogs were vocal when being examined as their fiery demeanor detracted from their quality. My Best of Breed was GCH Bellemar's Honey Badger (Schneider, Shepard) who filled my eye from the moment she set foot into the ring. A beautifully balanced bitch in great muscle and condition. Sound and graceful on the move, demanding her presence be acknowledged. I was pleased to later award her Group 2nd in a very strong line up. My Best Opposite Sex, GCHS Dynamic and Upton's Huck Finn CGC CA BCAT (McNamara, Lajoie) was a masculine dog, more moderately angled than the BOB winner, but balanced nonetheless, holding his own in a very competitive class. My only criticism of the entry is that some of the front assemblies throughout the entries were lacking in angulation with shorter than ideal upper-arms, in turn restricting movement. Thank you once again to all the exhibitors that made my first assignment in the USA a memorable one!

Kind Regards, Louis Kruger

2018 DCSNE Specialty Judges:



Peggy Aguiar, Sweepstakes Judge, Friday, September 14, 2018

I would like to thank the members of the Dalmatian Club of Southern New England for inviting me fill in as the sweepstakes judge at your specialty show on Friday, September 14th. Thank you for your hospitality. While I did not have a large entry to judge, I found that overall they were well balanced dogs which moved nicely and possessed good temperaments. My Best Junior in Sweeps was Estate's Stars Align to Planett. She had good markings with a deep color. She had a nice expression. She also had good movement. My Best Senior in Sweeps and eventual Best in Sweeps was Bellwether Patch Mt Worth The Wait. She had good substance and nice bone. She had a smooth gait with effortless movement. She also had a nice head with a beautiful expression. My Best Junior Veteran and Best Veteran in Sweeps was GCH Blackthorn & PatchMT Thru The Looking Glass MX MJ. She had a good topline and expression and seemed to enjoy her time in the ring. Thank you again for asking me to judge your sweepstakes.

2018 DCSNE Specialty Judges:



Al Bianchi, Conformation Judge, Friday, September 14, 2018

It was my pleasure to judge the September 2018 DCSNE Specialty Show. I've been approved to judge the breed for about 12 years and this entry presented an excellent mix of quality and style to work with. I entered the ring that morning thinking about the key features of the breed, especially the importance of color and markings and gait and endurance. As I evaluated the virtues in the classes and the specials I tried to keep a balance of those characteristics in making my placements. Overall, I was pleased that the dogs were generally well within the size range, that the markings were consistent with the range of acceptable distributions, that topline were typically smooth and tail insertion and carriage were good. Good temperaments too. It was nice to see those virtues in so many exhibits. Regretfully, the class dog entry was limited to a couple of dogs. However, the WD was a nice representative of the breed and I had no issue awarding him the point and later on Best of Winners. The competition in bitches was very strong with the BBE and Open classes presenting more critical choices. The younger bitches exhibited promise as well. The level of competition in the specials was indeed excellent. All were worthy competitors. I took notes on each exhibit as I examined and gaited the dogs first, then the bitches. At the end, I pulled out the 3 dogs and 3 bitches that in my opinion best represented the breed standard that day. It was my desire to distinguish those dogs that were in consideration for the top awards. Thanks again for the invitation to judge your specialty show. It was indeed special.

2018 DCSNE Specialty Judges:



Betty Piers, Sweepstakes Judge, Sunday, September 15, 2018

It was a pleasure and an honour to judge Sweepstakes at the Dalmatian Club of Southern New England Specialty. My thanks to my ring steward and the Club members who did a great job of making this a welcoming and enjoyable experience. Even the weather cooperated!

I enjoyed seeing the dogs that were brought to me very much. Without exception, they displayed sound temperaments and were presented well by their owners/handlers. While at the end of the day, a decision must be made it is always difficult with such a nice entry.

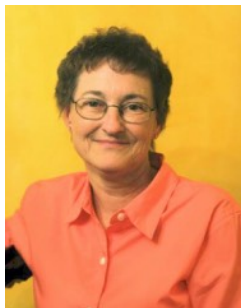
Best Junior - My Best Junior in Sweeps was a lively, striking bitch, a bit on the bigger side, with good bone, a solid topline, beautiful coat and markings that had good clear depth of colour.

Best Senior/Best in Sweeps - At the end of the day, I try to select the one dog I would take home, and my Best Senior/Best in Sweeps was exactly that. A lovely typey bitch who didn't put a foot wrong on the move no matter how many times she went around or down and back. Structurally sound and balanced, she held her topline firm while moving in an effortless fluid side gait without resorting to moving too fast. On the stack, she presented an elegant, feminine picture that caught my eye and wouldn't let it go.

Best Veteran in Sweeps - Veterans is always one of my favourite classes and an honour to judge. My **Best Veteran in Sweeps** was a lovely bitch in good condition who was clearly happy to be back in the ring.

Specialties are an opportunity for breeders and judges to look at both strengths and areas for improvement in their breed. For myself, overall, the positives that I saw in my ring were solid temperaments, generally good markings with good depth of colour with a few exceptions, good feet, and smooth side gaits. The areas of potential improvement from my perspective were in rear movement that was not as solid as I'd like to see - too many moving close and a few wide in the rear. Thank you again for inviting me to judge sweepstakes at your specialty. It was a privilege!

2018 DCSNE Specialty Judges:



Linda Hazen Lewin, Conformation Judge, Saturday, September 15, 2018

First, I want to thank the members of the Dalmatian Club of Southern New England for selecting me once again to judge your show. As many of you know, I judged your supported entry on this same date in 2013 and it is always gratifying for a judge to be asked back again by the same club – thank you!

For any who may not have been aware of what I was doing with the tape recorder after each class, I was making a few notes to myself while the class stood in line in front of me so that I could write up this critique of my entry for your edification after the show.

Judge's critiques are commonly done in Europe and they are printed in the all-breed dog magazines after each show. The exhibitors appreciate them for the insight they provide into the dogs in competition and, not to be ignored, the viewpoint of the particular judge on the day. I have no problem at all in sharing with you what I thought of the dogs I judged, realizing, as I'm sure all of you do, that a different judge might see them differently and that would be reflected in their placements on another day.

So, trusting that readers will accept these comments in that light, here are my assessments of the dogs presented to me on September 15th:

General observations: I thought the overall quality of the entry at this show was very good, inclusive of the few different styles of Dalmatian shown to me on the day. Given the smaller class entries, I often found myself choosing between and among two or three animals, each of which was a different type or style of dog from the other one or two. By contrast, in the Best of Breed line-up I saw many dogs of high quality to choose from and that compelled me to make my choices based on true minutiae! In the end, I would presume that my preference for an elegant yet sturdy Dalmatian of moderate size and beautiful type, which is clean coming and going, and with a ground-covering and efficient side gait, became evident throughout the show as I judged. I saw some really excellent side gait in this entry, with only a few appearing short-strided or showing a lack of reach and drive. I did see several of this entry moving a bit wide in the front coming toward me and one or two going close in the rear going away. I always look to see only two legs when a dog is coming toward me or going away, which indicates equal width at the shoulders and hips and a balanced build.

Fronts are generally more difficult to get right than rears, and I always look for the well-angulated, long-boned shoulder assembly which is set onto the dog in the right place. There were some upright shoulders with upper arms dropping vertically from the point of the shoulder, and some shoulder assemblies which were set on too far forward. However, I also saw plenty of dogs with correct shoulder angulation and set-on to the body, and my top winners all had very nice fronts which they used to their advantage.

Most of the dogs had strong, well-angulated rear construction. None were cow-hocked although there were a few who "went close" in the rear, as mentioned above.

Most rears were utterly functional, well-angulated while not being overdone, and showed good drive. Croups, tail sets and tail carriage were generally good, with only one or two carrying their tail high or a croup a bit more sloped than ideal. I saw excellent bone and feet throughout my entry.

Regarding cosmetics, while there were a few dogs which were not vividly colored or were a bit “frosted”, most of the entry were deeply and uniformly colored. I saw no missing trim and only a few with eye color lighter than ideal. Condition was mostly excellent although, to my surprise, there were a few with coats looking quite “moth-eaten” and thin. Breeders should keep it firmly in mind that the kinds of sensitivities or allergies which lead to a blown or thin coat tend to be hereditary and are easily perpetuated down the generations.

Temperaments exhibited were very good throughout and I was happy to accept kisses from my puppy bitch and my veteran during their exams. Wagging tails are always good to see! Following are my observations specific to my class placements:

12-18 month Dogs:

First place – Lucas Legend Desmond’s Constant at Seapoint: a substantial dog for his age, this one was open-marked and cobby. Somewhat upright in shoulder, he was a bit restricted in his movement and his coat was not in the best shape on the day.

Bred by Exhibitor Dogs:

First place – Onsengeltje Never Enough: an elegant dog well up on leg, this boy showed me a sweeping side gait as his correct shoulder and hindquarter promised. A well-made and moderate dog, he was balanced and a generous mover and showed me level head and tail carriage on the go-around. A dark eye and pretty head type, I would have liked to see a more level topline in motion on this boy.

Open Black-Spotted Dogs:

First place – Saint Florian N Granite’s Sam I Am: a typey dog of moderate in size, not extreme in any way, balanced, with clean movement. Attractively marked, collected and in charge of himself going around the ring, he was presented at his best speed. Plenty of bone and substance, I would have liked a bit darker eye.

Winners Dog: Onsengeltje Never Enough (from Bred By Exhibitor Dogs)

Given a choice among three dogs of different type and style, my Bred By Exhibitor Dog took the top prize for the class dogs with his smooth, workmanlike movement, correct tail set and carriage, excellent running gear, and overall correct type and balance.

Reserve Winners Dog: Saint Florian N Granite’s “Sam I Am” (from Open Black-Spotted Dogs)

I awarded the Open Black-Spotted Dog winner Reserve Winners Dog in recognition of his correct type, attractive markings and excellent condition.

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches:

First place – Nspird One Oh Wonder: a darling puppy with lots of color, dark-dark eyes and a sweet temperament, she has all the right parts and pieces in the right places. With maturity (and without one more black hair on her!) I think this little charmer will do well.

9-12 Month Puppy Bitches:

First place – Estate’s Stars Align to Planet: a moderate-size, liver-spotted girl, this one is in the awkward stage which is often the case at this age. A lovely head and expression, pretty markings and color, and a good side gait, were the virtues she showed me. Quite proud of her tail, she nevertheless used herself well coming and going and presented herself as a useful sort of coach dog.

12-18 Month Bitches:

First place – Merry Go Round Lavender: a smaller but beautifully-balanced and attractively-marked black-and-white bitch, this one showed me reach and drive with perfect foot timing on the go-around. A lovely head and expression and vivid markings, this girl was always shown at her best speed. Level top and tail going around and absolutely true coming and going, this bitch was my eventual Winners Bitch.

Bred by Exhibitor Bitches:

First place – Shenandal's My Kind of Joy: a moderate-size, well-balanced black-and-white bitch, this one showed me ground-covering reach and drive on the go-around. A pretty, feminine head and expression this girl was always shown at her best speed. A level topline and correct tailset and carriage which she maintained in motion, her virtues of type and structure placed her first in this class.

Second place – Onsengeltje N Juju Get Ready: a very nice bitch, slightly longer in body than my first place bitch, but using herself well on the go around. Feminine and pretty but not as strong in the topline or depth of body as my first place bitch, her ground-covering and vigorous side gait was impressive and gleaned her 2nd place in this class.

Third place – Bellwether Patch Mt Worth the Wait: another girl with lots of color, her dark eyes and cute head and expression should hold her in good stead going forward. A bit less well-endowed in the shoulder than my first two placers in this class, she was not quite as ground-covering in motion and was just a little bit soft in the top line. A very pretty bitch nonetheless.

Fourth place – Lucas Legend & Harrison Trail's Keepsake: a cobby-bodied and open-marked bitch, substantial in body and with a pretty head and dark eye. I would have like to see deeper pigment in her coat and a more level croup.

Open Black-Spotted Bitches:

First place – Onsengeltje N Juju Ready Or Not: another elegant bitch with sweeping movement from this breeder! Mature, together and balanced with a pleasing marking pattern and excellent running gear. More than competent on the go-around, she goes a bit close at both ends on the down-and-back and carries her tail a trifle high. Nevertheless, this bitch's type, balance and elegance placed her at the top of this class.

Second place – Lucas Legend Blackthorn & Patch Mt's Yin Yang: quite a pretty bitch, this one only gave way to my first place bitch in being a bit less free-moving in her side gait. Nicely marked and with correct topline, bone and feet, this girl was easy to place 2nd in this class.

Third place – Patch Mt & Blackthorn's Aedamair: a close call between this girl and my 2nd place bitch as, on any day, they could be switched in my opinion. In the end, I placed them as I did due to this one coming at me rather wide in front.

Fourth place – Sptwdr N Element Princes Heir: quite a pretty bitch, deep in brisket and a bit heavier through the front and shoulder than those placing above her. She uses what her structure allows her and is feminine and typey.

Winners Bitch: Merry Go Round Lavender (from 12-18 Month Bitches)

My 12-18 Month Bitch showed me the best combination of outline, balance, type and clean, ground-covering movement of all of my class winners today. Sophisticated for her age and full of breed character, she shows the femininity one wants in the females of this breed, along with the sturdiness and functionality needed to do the job expected of a useful coach dog.

Reserve Winners Bitch: Onsengelte N Juju Ready Or Not (from Open Black-Spotted Bitches)

Plenty of breed type and quality, this girl only gave way to my Winners Bitch in her narrowness of action as she performed her down-and-back. She had the slightest advantage in side gait due to her length of body and length of leg and easily won the Reserve spot today.

Veteran Bitches, 10 years and Over:

First place – GCh. Spotted Gem's Gaelic Amethyst: what a dear! And in wonderful condition given her age. Nice topline, body depth, bone and feet, she used everything she had to advantage in motion. Obviously happy to be in the show ring again, she presented a wonderful example of how this breed should age.

Best of Breed: There was much depth of quality in the BOB line-up and I was very pleased with my final choices.

GCh. Bellemar's Honey Badger – This bitch has been shown to me in the past and she seems to only improve each time I see her. She combines the type, balance, movement and cosmetics with which it is hard to argue. Flawlessly presented, she is feminine without frailty. She is well off in head and expression, with a nice dark eye. Moderate in size with correct length of neck and body, she is well ribbed up and carries a smooth and level topline which does not change in motion. She showed me an easy, smooth, long-strided gait with reach and drive, performed ably on her correct running gear. Clean coming and going, she stops and stands quite perfectly without any "adjustments" required by her handler. A proper, functional coach dog, I was pleased to name her my Best of Breed in today's tough competition.

Best of Winners (the Winners Bitch):

Merry Go Round Lavender: the 12-18 Month bitch was not to be denied this day. Lovely side gait, clean coming and going, steady topline, proper head and tail carriage, and presented always at her best speed, this youngster has the kind of sound, steady in gait and temperament, correct outline and balance, excellent bone and feet, and winning femininity which easily gleaned her the Best of Winners award today.

Best of Opposite Sex:

GChG Canal-Side Imperator: this mature black-and-white dog carries handsome type, correct structure, vivid markings and ground-covering movement. His spotting is deeply-pigmented and his eye color is dark. His strong hindquarter and well-laid shoulder provides him his efficient movement with no wasted motion. He was well-presented by his handler and he showed me a commanding presence in the ring. Looking every inch the part of a useful and attractive coach dog, he was well worthy of this award.

Select Dog:

Ch. Oliver of Marshwind: while a different style of Dalmatian from my Best of Breed choice, this black-and-white dog carries handsome type, correct structure, and ground-covering movement. His spotting is vivid and he is deep in brisket, he stands well up on leg and presents a stately appearance. While I would have liked a bit more turn-under of his upper arm and perhaps a darker eye, this dog used everything he had to good effect in motion and well-deserved the Select award.

Select Bitch:

GCh. Planett's Shoot The Moon – a cobby bitch, loaded with type, and shown at her best speed without being raced around the ring. Typey and feminine, she showed me the kind of structure and balance that could manage a day's work on the road without breathing very hard. Well-presented and loaded with "pretty", this bitch well-earned her award of Select Bitch.

Awards of Merit: It was my pleasure to be able to reward 3 further dogs with Awards of Merit at this show. They are:

Onsengeltje Never Enough (the Winners Dog) – see comments above

GCh Planett's Fly Me To The Moon – a full sister to my Select Bitch, this liver-spotted girl is a perennial favorite of mine. Feminine, dark-eyed, deeply pigmented with a lovely head and correct topline, tail carriage and running gear, she well deserved recognition in this company.

GCh A Place In The Sun for Bellweather & Patch Mt – a stately dog well up on leg with a strong hindquarter, this boy is pleasantly marked and carries his long, arched neck flowing into a level topline in motion. While I would have liked a darker eye and a bit more angulation in front, he used himself well in motion and impressed in the line-up.

Best Owner-Handled Dog:

I chose my Select Bitch as my Best Owner-Handled Dog for all the reasons stated above. She went on to a 3rd Place in the Owner-Handled Non-Sporting Group.

Stud Dog:

Ch. Blackthorn & Patch Mtn's ZEN at Lucas Legend – a rather heavier dog than is my preference, and unfortunately not in the best coat condition on the day, his get showed his consistent production as a stud dog, which is what this class is all about. Excellent bone and deep briskets all around, as well as open marking patterns. This was an easy win for this boy.

My thanks again to the members and friends, officers and Board of DCSNE, and to all who entered their dogs under me. It was my pleasure and honor to judge them.

2018 DCSNE Specialty Judges:



Jim Shea, Sweepstakes Judge, Saturday, September 16, 2018

I would like to thank the Dalmatian Club of Southern New England for asking me to judge the Sweeps entry at the Cranberry Cluster shows. I was very impressed with the breed type and over all soundness of the dogs I judged. A big Congrats to the breeders of these dogs. It was a pleasure to be a part of the show. Good luck to all in the future.



Al Ferruggiaro, Conformation Judge, Saturday, September 16, 2018

Thank you to the members of the Dalmatian Club of Southern New England for inviting me to judge their Supported Entry with the Cape Cod Kennel Club show on Sunday, September 16, 2018 in East Falmouth, Massachusetts.

I had only two class dogs competing, both thankfully were good ones. My Bred-By winner, who eventually went on to WD and BW, was a well-balanced dog with a strong head. I was particularly impressed with his movement - presenting an extended reach and powerful drive, level topline, with his head and tail carried out and not up. My RWD was balanced, with a correct gait and a strong head. He could benefit from more clearly defined spots.

In the bitches, my Bred-By class was deep in quality, although one of the exhibits was naughty. My WB came from the Open Class and was similar in type and came from the same breeder as the WD/BW. The Bred-By winner let down in the Reserve Winners competition.

My BOB and BOS were both outstanding dogs with balance, correct movement and strong heads. Both had head and tail carriage out and not up. My BOB had evenly distributed spots.

My judge's gift was a classy and useful cooler bag with an embroidered Dalmatian. It is a great a memento of a wonderful day judging Dalmatians.

DCSNE 2018: Specialty Raffle

The Annual DCSNE Specialty Raffle was held on Saturday, September 15, 2018. We would like to thank all of those who showed up with a basket or item to help support the raffle. We will be making some changes to the raffle for next year and are open to input on ways that we could make it even better. Many Thanks to all !



Melissa + Jen MacWilliams with Dawn Elliot-Johnson



Richard Baker, Donna Russo Sara Bourque and Gail Byrnes

DCSNE 2018: Specialty Moments



Melissa & Prue



Gail & Sam



Pauline & Cheryl



Sandy & Karen B.

DCSNE 2018: Specialty Moments



Dinah with Pam Devlin



Mary Tyler Moore owned by Phillip Martin



Felicity with Linda McSherry



Jade with Handler Whitney Perry



London is owned and handled by Carola Adams



Sally owned and handled by Ed Barrett



Oliver with handler Pepe Leyton



Sorcha with Sue Marceau

DCSNE 2018: Specialty Moments



Huck with handler Richard Kreiger



Lavender with Christine Ramalho



Oslo with Carola Adams



Sam with Gail Byrnes



Fumi with Dawn Eliot- Johnson



Desmond with Tiana Holt

DCSNE 2018: Specialty Moments



Josie with Ed Barrett



Geordie with Pam Devlin



Willa Handled by Barbara Barrett



Hawk with Richard Baker; photo taken by Matt Zeleski



Honey owned by Marti Schneider + Katie Shepard

Specialty Photos Courtesy of Richard Baker, Cheryl North and Prue Stuhr.

DCSNE 2018: Dock Diving at the Cranberry Cluster

Dock Diving at the Cranberry Cluster By Barbara Garceau

For Dock Diving you need a spark. The spark is either a dog that loves to swim or leaps off the bed or off the end of a deck to get somewhere fast. That spark ignites one of the newest growing sports for dogs. The premise is to jump off the dock into a pool of water. This jump could be 6 inches or as far as 30 feet. WOW!! To watch it tells the whole story. Each team, dog and handler/s are called up to the dock. They have 4 minutes to complete their jumps. One jump can be a practice and stated so at the onset. They get two opportunities to jump in this 4 minute splash. The best jump is counted. The practice jump does not count. The crowd will cheer you on and are excited for you if you get a title or for your personal best (pb). There are different levels to earn titles in and are AKC recognizable. Training normally occurs prior to a trial and many trials have opportunities for the new person to try it. Some dogs wear cute outfits, some wear life jackets and some are au natural. Nonetheless, each dog wants to get their toy tossed in the water ahead of them. At the recent Cranberry Cluster in Falmouth, MA, from September 13-16, 2018 at least two Dalmatians, Nike and AJ, participated along with their 2 person handling teams. Nike, with Kelly and Ian Amos handling at 2 years old, is highly skilled at jumping. She started the weekend jumping 14'6" and ended jumping 18'6. AJ, with Barbara and Dave Garceau handling, is 10 ½ years old. He increased his distance from 5 feet to around 8 feet. Both dogs love doing this fun sport. AJ is currently ranked #7 in the country in the NADD system. Nike only began to swim 6 weeks prior to her competing. Kelly and Nike prepared by taking a few lessons prior to coming to the Cranberry Cluster shows. On Sunday Sue Basius arrived to take some splashes with her Dal, Cali. Dock Diving at the Cape gave them a chance to practice some of their beginning skills. Special thanks to Kevin and Jessica Edgerly for bringing dock diving to the Cranberry Cluster.

DCSNE 2018: Dock Diving at the Cranberry Cluster



Opposite: is **AJ** Owned by Barbara Garceau.

Below: Is **NIKE** Owned by Kelly + Ian Amos



Below: is **CALI** owned by Sue Basius



In Memoriam: Anne Rojas



Crissy + Anne Rojas

Anne Rojas
September 22, 1938-August 12, 2018.

It is with deepest sadness that we announce the passing of our longtime Club Member Anne Rojas of Spotworks Kennels (Dalmatians and Pembroke Corgis). Anne became involved in Dalmatians while a teenager and was a Junior handler in 1951. She owned a Dottidale Dalmatian, and in later years owned Green Starr Dalmatians. She was close friends with David & Margie Doane (Green Starr) and Jim Smith. They would have reunions whenever possible, often when Margie and David came north for the horse sales in Saratoga, NY. Anne was The DCSNE President in 1994, 1995, 1996 and continued through her last year being a very generous supporter. She was also a longtime member of DCA and was on the former DCAF Grant Committee, as well as other committees in earlier years. She was a humorous, talented woman, devoted to Dalmatians until the end, overcoming losses with dignity and carrying on bravely. We send our sympathy to her daughter Cristin Rojas and Crissy's husband Beezel Gates. We remember her at shows sitting with her catalog recording all results. Rest in Peace, Anne.



DCSNE 2018: AGILITY

DCSNE Spotted on the Agility Field!

By Pam Devlin

At the May 2018 LEAP Agility Trial in Tolland CT, DCSNE was well represented at every level. Tod Hebert running Atty and Pam Devlin running Dinah in Masters, Ronnie Schoelzel running Dalia in both Excellent and Open and Barbara Garceau running AJ in Novice. A good time was had by all with some nice moments on the Agility field....

Tod and Atty had a 2nd place run in Premier Standard, a 3rd place run in Standard and ANOTHER double Q.... we are starting to lose count! Pam and Dinah earned the Master Jumper tittle and their 6th QQ.

The sport of Agility is a growing... "Imagine a look of determination on your dog's face as he runs hard, nimbly making each turn. He keeps his eyes on you while scampering through tunnels, jumping over hurdles, and beaming with pride. The crowds in the stands cheer as you move together in perfect harmony. That's the sport of Agility. It can be quite a rush – and one of the best ways to create an even deeper connection between you and your dog..." Read on and see more on the AKC website <https://www.akc.org/sports/agility/>

Many DCSNE members have great runs to share, please do!

Picture caption:

Pictured Left to right- Pam Devlin and "Dinah", Ronnie Schoelzel and "Dalia", Barbara Garceau and "AJ" and Tod Hebert and "Atty"



DCSNE 2018: Supported Entry Results

Penobscot Valley Kennel Club

DCSNE Supported Entry

Cumberland, Maine

Saturday, June 23, 2018

Judge Co. Joe B. Purkhiser

WD Oliver of Marshwind (Bourque) (5pts)

RWD Riverside's GOAT NE Patriot (Baker/Johnson)

WB/BOW/BOBOH Lucas Legend & Harrison Trail's Keepsake (Eliot-Johnson/MacWilliams) (5pts)

RWB Merry Go Round Lavender (Baker)

BOB/G3 GCHS Dynamic & Upton's Huck Finn CGC CA BCAT (McNamara/Lajoie)

BOS Patch MT & Blackthorn's Limitless (Mills)

SD GCHS Turning Stone 'N' Erin's Best Man @JJ's Royal Blanche (Blanchfield/Leyton)

SB GCH Spotted Gem's Gaelic Amethyst (Marceau/Marceau) 2018 DCSNE Meet The Breed

DCSNE 2018: Meet The Breed

By Melissa MacWilliams

DCSNE participated in Meet the Breeds on September 9, 2018, at the Tractor Supply in Scarborough, ME. It was hosted by York County Kennel Club. Club members Elizabeth MacWilliams and Melissa MacWilliams set up a table with a poster illustrating the Versatility of our beloved breed. There were also other informational sheets available that were passed out as well as stickers for kids. Participants were Dawn Eliot Johnson with Fumi, Junior, and Zen; Tiana Holt with Desmond; Elizabeth MacWilliams with Archer and Melissa MacWilliams- with Monson. We had a wonderful time chatting with people about Dals and all that they do.



Above: Melissa MacWilliams and Dawn Eliot-Johnson



Above: Information Poster on the Breed produced by MacWilliams.

DCSNE 2018: Canine Good Citizen

Canine Good Citizen—CGCA, and the new CGCU

By Nanci Hayes AKC CGC Evaluator #95988

We had a beautiful day Sunday, September 9, 2018 for our Meet the Breeds and CGC Testing. Temperatures were in the 60's with some sun and clouds, perfect day for dogs and people. We were at the Tractor Supply Company on Route 1 in Scarborough, Maine. For the Canine Good Citizen Test I had 5 dogs that were tested, of which 4 dogs passed. Overall dogs were very friendly. There were very few tight leads and no barking and whining when their "MOM" had to go out of sight for 3 minutes and I had to stay with the dogs on a leash. All of the dogs were very well behaved. For the Canine Good Citizen Urban Test I had 2 dogs that were tested and they both passed. As the location of Tractor Supply is on Route 1 in Scarborough, Maine a very heavy traveled road, we had all sorts of sounds and noises; cars, trucks, horns, sirens. I had 1 Dalmatian and 1 mixed breed. Neither flinched at the sounds or traffic, people coming in and out of the store. The owners were more upset with the small little hot dog and cheese that they had to eat in front of their dogs as part of their test. Sorry did not have time to make a smorgasbord. They both passed with flying colors. Congratulations to all who brought their Dogs to be evaluated. As an CGC Evaluator I LOVE days like this. We believe that Melissa MacWilliams with Monson is the first club member to pass the new Canine Good Citizen Urban.



2018 DCSNE Wins + Achievements

Arabella



Nanci Hayes' Arabella- New Champion! Yankee Sebago & Patch Mt Time for A Miracle CD, BN, RE, CGCA,TKN (Arabella) was WB for a 5 Pt major to finish and is now a champion on 5-19-2018 at the Vacationland Dog Show under Judge Mrs. Stephanie S. Hedgepath. Owner: Nanci Hayes: Handled By: R. Krieger.



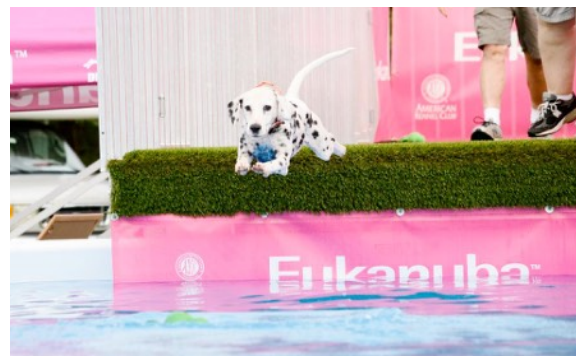
Nanci Hayes Arabella's CDX

Ch Yankee Sebago & Patch Mt Time for a Miracle CD, BN, RE, CGCA,TKN (Arabella) at the Green Mountain Dog Club under Judge Lynda Moore 1st place for third open leg to get her CDX Title
Owner: Nanci Hayes

AJ



New titles for AJ(Garceau)



BISS GCH CH S.Xposur N Dynastys Chasin Neon Rainbows CDX PCDX RAE
CC RATI RATO CA BCAT DN

New titles are:

CA Coursing Ability June 2018

BCAT Beginner Fastcat April 2018

DN Dock Diving August 2018

Owners: Barbara and Dave Garceau and Jackie Quinn

2018 DCSNE Wins + Achievements

Felicity



“FELICITY” Bellwether PatchMT Worth the Wait ACT I (CH Fiacre’s Calling Card CD, RN x GCH CH Blackthorn & PatchMT Thru the Looking Glass MX, MXJ)
Best in Sweeps, DCSNE Specialty on 9-14-18, Falmouth, MA



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Best in Sweeps, DCSNE Supported Entry, Falmouth, MA on 9/16/18 Judge: Jim Shea
Owners: Linda McSherry & Pam Devlin



Pam Devlin accompanying agility photo “FELICITY” Bellwether PatchMT Worth the Wait ACT I
Title:AKC ACT I in Falmouth, Maine on 8/25/18

Scentwork “Felicity” Bellwether PatchMT Worth the Wait ACT I Scentwork-Exterior Search qualifying leg; on 9-29-18

Dog Tracking Club of Maine’s Scentwork Trial, Saco, Maine
Owners: McSherry & Pam Devlin

Dahlia



DAHLIA (Ch Riverside’s Modern Millie of Dapper-Dan VCDI BN RE OA) finished her Open Jumpers title on September 28 , 2018 at Talcott Mountain Agility Club trial in Tolland, MA. Dahlia is owned, trained, shown, and loved by Bronwyn Schoelzel.

2018 DCSNE Wins + Achievements

Lavender



New Champion!

Merry Go Round Lavender was awarded Winners Bitch for a 5 point major and Best of Winners under Breeder Judge Linda Lewin at the DCSNE Specialty on 9-15-2018 to finish her championship. Owners: Richard Baker & Christine Ramalho

Oliver



New Champion!

Oliver of Marshwind; Wins 3 Point Major, to Finish! Under Judge Tomasz Borkowski at the Dalmatian Club of the Finger Lakes supported entry at the Saratoga New York Kennel Club on Friday, June 29, 2018. Handled by: Pepe Leyton- Breeder: Geri Rosen: Owner: Sara Bourque

Announcement

We are proud to have two Club members who became AKC judges this summer

Jody Fraser: new AKC Tracking judge

Nanci Hayes: new AKC judge at all obedience levels- Novice through Utility, as well all Rally

COACHING LINES

Dalmatian Club of Southern New England

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Upcoming Events:

- **November 11, 2018** DCSNE Meeting at Bolton Street Tavern, Marlborough, MA Time 12:00 PM. Please contact Carola Adams at dutchkennels@rogers.com if you will be attending.
- **January 2019, DCSNE Annual Meeting TBA**
- **March 2, 2019** Performance Seminar with Nanci Hayes, at DogStar Activity Center, Acton, MA accompanied by club meeting.
- **September 13-15 2019 DCSNE Specialty**



Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

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