

Saint Bernard Club of America Report

by Cheryl Zappala, International Correspondent

Hello to all our International friends!

First, I would like to say 'vielen danke' to our own Michael Wingeier, in Kentucky, for taking care of the translation to German for this. Thanks, Mike!

We would like to invite all of you to attend our next National specialty which will be held in beautiful Mt. Hood, Oregon, during the week of October 5-10, 2009. We'll have a full week's worth of shows, social events, educational seminars, working dog events and much more for you to enjoy.. Please go to the web site for hotel reservations, and more information: www.sbca2009national.com

We just completed our 2008 National events held in North Carolina. Breed and Bitch judge was Dr. Ivan Palmblad, and Marcia Carter judged the Dog classes.

Best of Breed went to Ch. Opdyke's Drive Me To Drink, owned and bred by Carolyn Cataldo and Glenn Radcliffe, handled by Britt Halvorsen from Sweden.



Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to Ch. Forever Tsk Tsk Tk, owned and bred by Sara and Terry Temple, handled by Terry. Best of Winners and Winners Bitch went to Liberty's Mikasa, handled by her co-owner Kristen Ciavara, bred and co-owned by Myra Wallis and Leslie Bevins. And Wild West's Two Beer Limit won Winners Dog, bred and owned by Dale Hassel and Laura Weiland, handled by Dale. You can see the show results and more pictures of the winners at

Best of Opposite Sex

www.saintbernardclub.org

Pam Predmore as Vice President, Penny Janz as Recording Secretary, Doug Mahon as Treasurer, Horst Vogel and Carolyn Cataldo as our Eastern Governors, Carole Wilson and Terry Temple as our Central Governors, and Ed Colby and Lynn Jech as our Western Governors. And I will continue as the Corresponding Secretary. Ray Horlings continues as our WUSB Delegate.

Our club has accomplished much this year including making big financial commitments to help our breed, not only in the area of health, research and general care to benefit our breed, but also with regards to all the anti-dog legislation. I don't know if you are experiencing similar anti-dog legislation in your country, mainly brought on by the animal rights groups like Peta, but it's very serious here in the United States, and it will continue to greatly affect our ability to own Saint Bernards or other breeds, let alone do any breeding or exhibiting.



Best of Breed

We also improved our 'Saint Fancier' magazine, listening to our membership who have asked for this over the years. We have to go to four issues a year now instead of six but it is now in full color, and we are fortunate to have an enlarged volunteer staff dedicated to putting out a great publication. We are grateful to our past editors who have continuously put out a quality product. Without volunteers, clubs such as ours, and yours, would not be able to exist.

Lastly, our American Saint Bernard fanciers would like to extend best wishes to all our International Saintly friends. Have a wonderful holiday season.



Winners bitch



Winners dog