

## Samoyeds

I UNDERSTAND that conditions were extremely muddy at Richmond where Pauline Davis (Silverfire) had an entry of 42 without CCs.

BB and BOB was Bobrowski's Ch Vandream Imperial Hermioni at Berezniki and RBB South's Aleski Atomic Kitten. BD was South's Ch Salerno Total Eclipse over Aleski and RBD O'Dwyer's Ch Duckslake Majestic Spirit over Kalinski. BP was Bailey's Arianrhod Octavan Lumi.

For the BP winners it was their very first show. As beginners sometimes do, they entered multi classes and were well placed in those as well. The Baileys say everyone was nice and friendly with other exhibitors helping them to groom and walk the dog. Consequently they say they have now made life long friends and have now caught the show bug.

Over in Ireland Drogheda and District was held at a new venue, Bellewstown Racecourse. The day turned out to be wet and windy and very cold. Mr J Ramirez from Mexico was the Samoyed judge.

DGS and BOB was Duffus and Morrell's Ir Ch Cabaka's Fighter Man of Yacker and RDGS Handcock's Sirinna Storm In The Night. BGS was Duffus's Ir/Int Ch Kynoch Aurora Of The Dawn and RBGS Wilson's Celticbreeze Sunrise over Zenorka.

Angela Danvers-Smith, the breed liaison officer, advises that unfortunately due to insufficient numbers wishing to attend the breed seminar scheduled for Oct 5 it has had to be postponed. The hope is that another one can be scheduled in the not too distant future. All who applied for tickets have been informed and money returned with apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Tickets are now available for the Northern Samoyed Society Samoyed and Puppy of the Year event which takes place at the Novotel, Nottingham on Nov 15. There is no need to qualify to attend and enjoy yourselves.

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## Schipperkes

AT RICHMOND Beryl A Bradford (Besann) awarded CCs in our breed for the first time and from her entry of 22, there were eight males and ten bitches present. DCC and BOB was Mesdames M Aylward and R L Sullivan's Ch Carozza Dangerous Liaison. RCC was the winner of LD, Mrs J Powell's Brookwell Black Sabbath.

BCC was the open winner, Mrs A Reed's Ch Byquy Nitetime Girl with the second in open, Mesdames C and C Hart's Ch C Molly Malone with Ludwyn taking RCC. BP again was Mrs J Mance's Ryeman Black Rose.

The lower classes might just as well have not existed, with no males present other than veteran, limit and open, with the bitches slightly better with entries present in veteran, puppy, limit and open. Someone recently wondered if people were just concentrating on the top classes to see if they had a chance at winning the CC, and leaving the others at home, or just not entering and other than the two puppy bitches, an analysis of the entry seems to bear this out, with no fewer than 11 champions present.

Someone would wonder what to do with an up and comer, with so many champions there, and just decide to not enter for a while until their youngster grows up. What do you think? There is nothing to say that the judge will only look at champions, as other shows this year have proven that to be a false idea, so if your dog is good enough it will win through in the end. It may be a matter of finding the right time and place and right judge, though, and if you can't find that, then it's better to wait.

to indications that the 'problem' has come from bloodlines here, but was told that samples are being gathered all across Europe, so the more information they have, the better off they will be. I will gladly be providing swab samples for my bitch and others nearby, along with a printed five-generation copy of their pedigree, which I think will help the research team as well. If your dog's pedigree is listed on the [www.bonchien.com](http://www.bonchien.com) website, it would of course, be quite easy for you to print them out and bring along on the day, plus it may save you from doing some writing.

Some of my dogs who are very old veterans will also be swabbed at their pet homes, but as none of them is affected, they are only possible carriers or clears/normals. That will only be determined of course, once the sequence of the disease is discovered, and from that point, pedigrees can be studied and breeders can make informed choices as to which lines to avoid doubling up on. So, I would urge all of you who are coming to the show to bring along your other Schips if possible, entering NFC and getting them swabbed.

If the procedure is like it has been for other studies, your dog must not have eaten anything for at least two hours before the swab being taken. I would think then that dogs competing would need to be swabbed before they go into the ring, unless you have a dog who does not take bait in the ring.

You can get further information on this study by contacting Minna at her email address listed above. If you want more information on the study visit [www.koi-rangeenit.fi/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=blogcategory&id=18&Itemid=44](http://www.koi-rangeenit.fi/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=18&Itemid=44).

Messages from Australia and Bridget about her wins continue: "Murphy's son became a champion today aged 13 months. His official name is Brillig Southern Star.

"It was a very wet and windy day and they have no under cover rings so we all paddled around in inches of water and mud. Bach won DCC, giving him his final points and my Aus Ch Byquy Miss You Nights at Cobberdog won BCC and BOB. Bach is the new Australian champion, owned by Leah and her son Zarrad. Zarrad pestered his mother for a Schip for junior handling. Leah has come under the Schip spell and is looking for a girlfriend for Bach in the future. She finds the Schip more of a character than her Labs. Bach went onto win best junior group.

Thanks, Bridget, for your update.

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## Schnauzers

### Standard

SUE HOOKER writes: "At the Thames Valley SCGB meeting, at Crondall Village Hall, Farnham, Surrey on Sunday Sept 21 from 1.30-4.30pm, James French is to give a fascinating talk on animal communication. He is also an animal Reiki healer. All members welcome. More information from me at [sue.hooker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sue.hooker@yahoo.co.uk) or on 01252 702632."

At Birmingham there was an entry of 46, less six absent, for Kari Wilberg DCC and BOB went to Ann and Andy Beel's Ch Miccosukees Finnish Line and BCC to Sarah Hattrell's Khinjan Kuta.

Chandrani Chapman's Hugo's The Boss at Nilchand and Caroline Woolston and John Rickett's Ch Rickstones Petix Salou won the RCCs with BP going to Adam Raiton's Back Wit A Vengeance.

On to Richmond, no CCs this time. Karen Bradbury Hall selected Sue Brown and Colin Bradbury for the DCC and BOB. The BCC went to Sarah Hattrell's Khinjan Kuta.