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Harmony Notes



Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Harmony Bay Chinese Shar-Pei Club will be held:

Saturday, June 23, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

Place: Dee Dee Wells' house

22221 Antioch Downs Ct., Tualatin, OR 97062

Message from the President

I would like to thank each and everyone of you that have decided to make the Harmony Bay Chinese Shar-Pei Club your home. With the number of people that have decided to join us, it was obviously time to find a new 'harmonious' club to serve all of our Shar-Pei friends.

The last two meetings have been truly eye-opening! We have agreed upon a name for our new club; we have agreed upon a home base for our new club; we have selected a working board of directors; we have written

and voted on a set of by-laws and a constitution for our new club; we have designed and voted on a logo for our new club; we have developed and voted upon a new member application; and, most importantly, we have all had input (agreements and debates included!) - every voice was heard.

Every voice had a vote. Every vote counted.

I believe we have gotten off to a tremendous start and the future looks very bright for the Harmony Bay

Chinese Shar-Pei Club. I look forward to working with each and every one of you on our new adventure!

Cyndi =-)

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Harmony Bay By-Laws, Logo Approved

At the meeting of the Harmony Bay Chinese Shar-Pei Club on Wednesday, May 23, the club by-laws were amended and approved by the members present. Changes to the first draft by-laws included:

- Membership shall represent

breeders and exhibitors in Washington and Oregon

- Meetings are not restricted to being held in the greater Lacey/Olympia area, except for board meetings

- Audits shall be required biannually of club books

-Revised by-laws will be distributed to all members

-A club logo was also approved at the meeting, consisting of the Chinese symbol for harmony, a "rolling" Harmony Bay title, and a brushcoat adult Shar-Pei head.



Minutes from the Last Meeting

The meeting was held Wednesday, May 23, 2001 at Christy's Restaurant in Fife, Washington. In attendance: Dee Dee Wells, Cyndi Skinner, Charlee Abrams, Gina Michaelson, Kim Howick, Deb Lewy, Linda Graling, Don Graling, Donna Michaelson, Todd Skinner, Bonnie Stoney, Jennifer Dowell, Steve Best.

The meeting was called to order by Cyndi at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Deb. Cyndi had corrections to the meeting minutes. Deb will re-issue the minutes on the Harmony Bay SmartGroups list.

Membership Application.

Cyndi handed out a sample Harmony Bay Chinese Shar-Pei Club membership application. It was suggested that we add a section asking what other clubs/organizations a membership candidate belongs to, plus a question on interests. Dee Dee moved that the application ask whether or not a can-

didate is interested in volunteering. Kim seconded. Motion carried. Deb will make the changes to the application and post on SmartGroups.

Club Introduction Letter.

Cyndi read the club introduction letter that Deb had written. A discussion was held on whom to send the letter to. Currently, only Deb and Dee Dee belong to all-breed clubs as well as the HBCSPC. Dee Dee and Deb will introduce the HBCSPC to those clubs as well. We also discussed changing the amount of "experience" listed in the letter.

Club Logo.

Cyndi and Deb passed out the logo ideas that had been posted on SmartGroups. Members chose the Chinese harmony symbol, the brushcoat head, the "rolling" Harmony Bay text, and no border for the logo. Elements may be placed differently for various uses, such as for ribbons, the newsletter, etc.

World of Dogs.

Members discussed participating in the World of Dogs event at the Puyallup Fair, September 7 through 9. Because the deadline for acceptance is May 30, and because the event coincides with the Eugene show, club members voted not to participate in the World of Dogs event this year.

Club By-Laws.

Cyndi read the first draft of the by-laws. Changes were made, and a discussion was held on proxy voting. Deb will make the changes and post the by-laws on SmartGroups.

Membership Invitations.

Membership invitations will be discussed at the next HBCSPC meeting.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be in conjunction with the Canby, Oregon show, June 23, 2001 at Dee Dee Wells' house, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Complete minutes of the May 23 meeting will be posted on SmartGroups, along with specific motions and voting. Due to space limitations, only a synopsis appears in this newsletter.

Judging at the Invitational were: AKC Judge Dr Jacklyn Hungerland, Breeder Judge Rosie Steinke, and Breeder Judge Ann Cookson.

Congratulations to These HBCSPC Members!

Three of the Harmony Bay Chinese Shar-Pei Club members were at the Top 25 Invitational, held in conjunction with the CSPA Nationals in Fife.

More than 100 people dressed up in formal attire (nice suit, Todd!) and dined on a four-course dinner while watching

16 of the top Shar-Pei in the nation be scored by three different judges. Exhibitors were brought into the ring three at a time, with Clint Livingston appearing solo with Otis due to the odd number of entries.

The three members whose dogs were shown in the Invisa-

tional were Cyndi Skinner (CH. Rumples the Brave Just Do It) Dee Dee Wells (CH. Margem's Baciccia), and Tony Carter (CH. Toko's Ruger Aim for the Hart).

After dessert, the winner was announced: Otis. Congratulations to Clint, but especially to Dee Dee, Cyndi, and Tony!

AVAILABLE NOW!

HBCSPC Membership Applications

Our membership applications were revised and approved at the May 23 meeting. That means it's time to officially join the club!

As a new club, every membership counts! We need between 15 and 20 "families" to be recognized by the CSPCA—a required step before we can put on Specialty Shows.

But things are looking really good! We've had many people approach the board members

and ask about our new club, especially at Nationals. It looks like we'll have about 30 families and almost 50 members to start—an awesome beginning!!!

As mentioned at the first Harmony Bay meeting, Deb will set up a checking account for all monies received at the Bank of America, Mercer Island branch. Deb is fairly certain that she can get the first year's checking account for free.

Note that individual member-

ships are \$20.00 and family memberships are \$25.00. Please send a check or money order (NO CASH PLEASE) made out to Harmony Bay Chinese Shar-Pei Club to the address at the right.

Because we're in start-up mode, our initial expenses will be high. If you'd like to donate to the club to help cover these expenses, feel free to add any amount to your membership check. Thanks so much!

A HBCSPC membership application is included with this newsletter. Please return it with your dues to Deb Lewy, HBCSPC, P.O. Box 3126, Lacey, WA 98509-3126 by JUNE 30, 2001!

Thank you!

Meet the Harmony Bay Board Members!

Cyndi Skinner, President. Cyndi has owned and loved Shar-Pei for almost 17 years! She is involved in breeding, showing, and judging at fun matches and 4-H. Cyndi has been the CSPCA Junior Advisor since 1999. She has 16 Pei, ranging from 4 months old to nearly 13 years old. Her 2-year-old, Gibson, is one of the top 5

Shar-Pei in the nation.

Steve Best, Vice President. Steve has been in the breed since 1994. In the past two years, Steve has shown his fawn brush-coat, Ch'eng, in the ring. Joshu, a black brushcoat male, stays home!

Deb Lewy, Secretary/Treasurer. Deb has owned

Shar-Pei since 1987, and currently has two "girls" at home, Panda and Ginny. Deb and her husband David have their first show dog in the ring, Tara. Tara is currently with a professional handler.

Next month, we'll focus on board members Donna Michaelson and Kim Howick.



Rumples Skye Conquest (Connie) lives with Donna and Gina Michaelson.

Have You Joined SmartGroups?

Members of the Harmony Bay Chinese Shar-Pei Club are invited to join a private SmartGroups list, called Harmony Bay. This is a password-protected list, and members of the list must be invited by Cyndi Skinner to participate. If you have already been in-

vited to the list, please sign up as soon as possible. If you are a member, please email Cyndi at **rumples@home.com** to get a SmartGroups account. We have several active members now. Between meetings, club business is conducted on SmartGroups. Don't be left behind! Join today!



To join the Harmony Bay list on SmartGroups.com, email Cyndi Skinner at rumples@home.com. This list is by invitation only and is a private list. Members are encouraged to share stories, wins, photos, and conduct club business at the site.

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Look Who Won at Nationals!



Tuesday: 15 & older H/C Dog 1st—Rumples Just A Breeze (Cyndi Skinner)
Futurity Bitch, 6-9 B/C Bitch 4th—Rumples Takes The World By Storm (Cyndi)
15 & older B/C Bitch 4th—CH. Margem's Peppermint Crunch (Dee Dee Wells)
Best H/C Junior Bitch—Graling's Mon Cherie Soeuer (Linda Graling)
Best H/C Junior Dog—Rumples Just a Breeze (Cyndi)
Maturity H/C Dog, 3rd—Rumples Brave The Millennium (Cyndi)

Wednesday: Puppy Sweeps, 6-9 Bitch 1st—Toko's P Winter Rose of I R (Tony Carter co-owner)
6-9 Bitch 2nd—Toko's Kimba Time Two (Tony)
6-9 Bitch 3rd—Rumples Calm Before The Storm (Cyndi)
10-11 Year Veteran Bitch 3rd—Jung OK So Fu (Monica Whitney)

Thursday: RWD—Toko's Sure To Winchester (Tony Carter and Judy Wilson)
6-9 Dog 1st—Toko's Sure to Winchester (Tony Carter and Judy Wilson)
12-18 Dog 2nd—Rumples Just A Breeze (Cyndi)
Novice Dog 2nd—Margem's Nevermore (Dee Dee)
Novice Dog 3rd—Rumples Go For The Storm

Open HC Dog, 2nd—Rumples Brave the Millennium (Cyndi)
Veteran Dog B/C 4th—CH. Smug'lrs ZZ Top (Suzanne Ellingson)
Stud Dog, 3rd—CH. Shengli Extra Crunch (Dee Dee & Jamie Keenan)

Friday. 6-9 Bitch 3rd—Toko's P Winter Rose of I R (Tony Carter and Maury Sackensmeir)
6-9 Bitch 4th—Toko's Tima Times Two (Tony)
Novice Bitch 4th—Stoney's Vanilla Ice (Bonnie Stoney)
Bred-By-Exhibitor H/C Bitch 1st—Heavenscent Sweet Praline (Anita Utley, Terria Nightengale)
H/C Bitch 4th—Gralings Mon Cherie Soeuer (Linda)
Bred by B/C Bitch 3rd—Flyingcolors Lovely Sofia (Doris Harwood, Terri Jones)
Brood Bitch 4th—Gralings Carried On the Wind (Linda)

Saturday. Best Junior Handler—Savanna Skinner
Open Senior 1st—Savanna Skinner
Open Senior 4th—Austin Utley

Congratulations to Tony Carter and Juls Rau for taking it ALL on Saturday—Best of Breed with CH. Toko's Ruger Aim for the Hart!!!