

Medallion Rottweiler Club

50th Anniversary Speciality

October 23-25, 2009

Valparaiso, Indiana (USA)



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One hundred eighty-seven Rottweilers, and the people who love them, gathered in Valparaiso, Indiana, USA, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Medallion Rottweiler Club, October 23-25, 2009. The club was formed in 1959 by Rottweiler enthusiasts comprised of the Rademacher and Klem families and their friends who lived in the Chicago area around Wheaton, Illinois and has grown to over 400 members. Members live in the United States, Canada and several foreign countries. A few hundred of these members gathered together in October to celebrate the breed, enjoy one another's company, and to compete in the conformation ring as well as the 3-day obedience and rally trials.



Jeff Shaver, Joan Klem & Eleanor Jackson

Fortunately, the show was held indoors as the blustery cold, rainy weekend progressed. Distractions were held to a minimum for the obedience trials in one room while the conformation show with its usual clapping and cheering went on in the other. Indoor crating and the show photographer were close by. A huge Silent Auction and raffle were set up in the conformation hall along with many vendors and the Purina sponsor tables. The trophy tables were resplendent in gold and ruby decorations showcasing the beautiful perpetual trophies, etched glass awards, neck ribbons with medallions, rosettes and a BISS trophy donated by the China Rottweiler Club.



Obedience Awards Table

The Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet were held Saturday night onsite. Dr. David Waters, DVM, PhD presented results from his study of Rottweilers and longevity. The buffet included



Best in Speciality Show - CH Cammcastles Friar Tuck



Best of Opposite Sex in Speciality Show - CH Von Hoffman's Antsy Prance



Trophies



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prime rib, chicken, side dishes and deserts that were delicious. Mrs. Joan Klem was honored with the Public Education Award and spoke of her 50 years with the club. Mrs. Klem thanked the club for the honor of judging the Best of Breed competition the next day and announced that, at age 82, this would be the last time she would judge her beloved Rottweilers. Mrs. Lew Olson who judged the dog and bitch classes on Saturday, Ed Gegenheimer, Futurity Judge, and Esther Putirskis who judged Sweepstakes all spoke about their experiences in the conformation ring that day. Many members received Hall of Fame and Honor Roll awards for their dog's achievements.



Obedience - Long Down



Obedience Qualifiers



Obedience Retrieve



Obedience



Lew Olson judging Females

Approximately 30 dogs competed each day in the obedience trials under three different judges. Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes on Friday and Saturday was CT Phantomwood Jade My Jem

Imzalde HT PT RE CD, breeder/owner handled by Marilyn Blenz. Sunday's HSD was Sampsons Euro Classic UD owned by Tom & Gloria Arns who also earned High Combined on Friday. High Combined on Saturday went to Bonnie Bell V UD RE owned and handled by Joan Mazzat. Sunday High Combined was earned by OTCH Phantomwood Halle V Bluespring UDX HSAs owned and handled by Francis Delony. The three days of Rally competition were well-supported with over 35 dogs entered each day.

On Friday, Grand Prize Futurity Winner went to CH Von Benja's No Bull (Schaefer) and BOS to GPFW was Echo Ridge's Bound and Determined (McAllen). Best In Sweepstakes Puppy was Esmonds Knight Of Valor (Dove) and BOS to Best In Sweepstakes went to Rogo Von Granthams Uma (Oswald/Grantham/Rogowyl). Best in Veteran Sweepstakes went to CH Phantom Wood Faith TDX RN (Niessing); BOS to BIVS was CH Rottihaus No More Mr. Nice Guy CD (Baker/Eldred). Mrs. Lew Olson took over the ring Saturday morning to judge the 130 dogs and bitches entered in the regular classes. At the end of the day, Cammcastle's Im Bettin On It (Burch) won the 5-point major for Winners Dog and Anja Von Haus Hedl (Tazzi) received the 5-point major as Winners Bitch. The dog went on to Best of Winners on Sunday.

Mrs. Klem entered her ring on Sunday escorted by Jeff Shaver, President of the American Rottweiler Club and Eleanor Jackson, President of the MRC. She got right down to business judging the 42 exhibits. When the cheering and clapping died away,



Best of Winners - Winners Dog - Cammcastle's I'm Bettin On It



Winners Dog & Winners Bitch



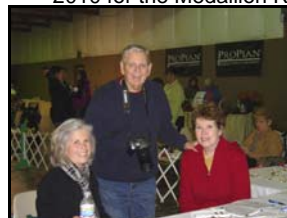
Open Dogs

CH Cammcastles Friar Tuck (O'Brien) had won Best In Specialty Show and CH Von Hoffman's Antsy Prance and Zimmerman/Stary/Hoffman) was Best Opposite Sex to BISS. Awards of Merit were given to: CH Falkore's Taking Care of Bizness STNHGD (Tollison); CH Von Roxmar's Racing The Desert Sun (Fucci-Baker/Edwards); CH Loral's Number One Caesar (Spiece); CH Oakviews Unsolved Mystery (Langdon/Felsk-Jackman); CH Gamegard's Working Girl (O'Brien).



Donna Weilert - Obedience Ring

Everyone agreed it was a wonderful weekend filled with beautiful dogs, great performances, good fun and friends. We are "On the Road Again!" in 2010 and would love to have you join us at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson, Wisconsin, Oct. 22-24, 2010 for the Medallion Rottweiler Club 51st Specialty



L-R - Ring Stewards
Nancy Gegenheimer, Jim Jackson &
Connie Hinz



Conformation Dog