

Beardie Tales

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From the Prez...

Another National Specialty has come and gone and from all reports things went very well.

Several of our members were there helping out in different ways and had a good time doing so. I hesitate to mention names because I am afraid to leave some one out, but Loralie Van Sluys, Carol Freeman, and Marilyn Snook all took part. And, of course, some of our members showed their dogs. Arlene and Mike Fenney are the proud owners of the Best of Winners and Winners Dog—Arline It's All Greek To Me. And judging regular and Jr. Showmanship classes was Chris Walkowicz. Soooo CBCC was proudly represented.

[**Editor's Note:** Here are the names of some more CBCC members who helped out in Omaha--Barb Voss, Carol Schierenbeck, Mary Murphy, Cheryl Poliak, Dennis Fehrer, and Bob Gleason. There was also one non-member, Gary Freeman, who worked his fanny off. At the last moment, he decided he needed some time away from work (vacation) and accompanied Carol to Omaha. Well, Gary didn't get any time away from work. He was everywhere helping out. In fact, he was heard saying as the Specialty was coming to a close how glad he would be to get back to "work" so he could rest. And last, but certainly not least, we cannot forget Ed Walkowicz who was chief ring steward for the last time. Ed is now officially retired. And, in case you haven't heard, Ed was voted BCCA Member of the Year for 2005. He was flummoxed. His acceptance speech was a mumbled, short and sweet thank you. He was at a loss for words. Can you imagine that?]

Now we will look forward to the next National in Portland, Oregon at the Resort at the Mountain hosted by the Northwest Bearded Collie Club of Puget Sound. The tentative dates: September 10-16, 2006.

Coming up for our members—a Sunday brunch followed by a get together with Chris Walkowicz sharing her experiences judging all around the world. I am going to very interested to know how our USA Beardies compare to foreign Beardies.



The Place: **The Cliffbreakers**
700 W. Riverside Blvd.
Rockford, IL
www.cliffbreakers.com
815-282-3033

The Date: **Sunday, November 13**

The Time: **11:00 am for brunch**
12:30 pm for the meeting

The Cost: **\$15.95 for the brunch**

This is a very central location so I hope to see you all. To all of you and your Beardies. Have a scary Halloween and tasty Thanksgiving. Enjoy the beautiful Fall season.

Karen

For Your Information...

In case you have missed the following "news" items as reported by The Wall Street Journal... You know how pro athletes all have sponsors who give them free shoes, shirts, cars, etc. Some of them look like Christmas trees for all the logos on their clothes. So, I guess it should come as no surprise that sponsors have discovered dogs—especially dogs participating in performance events. Equinox, Natura, Merial, Frontline, Iams, Eukanuba, Nestle, Purina, Jolly Pets, and even Stihl chain saws are sponsoring

dogs. The sponsored dogs are wearing everything from special collars, bandannas, vests and jackets. They are drinking from logo-laden water bottles and being wiped down with fluffy terry towels replete with logos. Then there is the food. Ain't it wonderful.

Also, there is another must for the dog owner who only cares to give the very best—the special doggie shower/spa. Some of the better showers have

travertine-tiled walls with tumbled-stone floors. The cost for a really, really good shower is \$4,000 and up. People who have them say they are wonderful. Dogs prefer the walk-in showers as opposed to being lifted into the laundry room sink. So, everyone get in line.

P.S. Don't blame California for this one. The first pet shower to gain notice was in a home in Tallahassee, Florida.

(The Wall Street Journal, July 26, 2005 and August 5, 2005.