

The Best Little Specialty on the Prairie

It was not only a very interesting experience to be co-coordinator of our show with Robbie, but it was a tremendous learning curve for me as an all-breed judge. Too often such critters never get close enough to the working details of the shows they judge to understand the efforts expended by show committees. So my gratitude to SCOC for the experience is sincere.

We were blessed by the interest and assistance of the Hub City Kennel and Obedience Club members who provided excellent benching for all Salukis in proximity to our specialty ring, and this promoted much good visiting among the Saluki folks. Many exhibitors from the all-breed shows were fascinated by many more of the 'skinny dogs' than they usually see. We had lots of room to enjoy the specialty and display the trophies and perpetual trophies!

The socializing continued well into the evening at the after-show party. I didn't actually do a Saluki count, but besides the visiting 'Raffi,' 'Bree' and 'Denali,' there was a fair group of busy Salukis out in the paddock and a few Saluki house visitors as well.

Nicole and Dean Gray were the most willing shoppers for ringside drinks and extra party needs, and Jan Phelps' antipasto was the hit of the appetizers. And she makes it herself! Claire Thorseth provided the ringside dip and cheeses, and Allison Currie was an inspired dessert contributor and the creator of the *best* Caesar salad.

Marlene Nixey ran the silent auction at the party, with great success. Her management was an enormous help. She also oversaw the raffle at the show – with spectacular results. A very happy Nicole Gray won the exquisite pendant by Douglas Frey. Diane Ford was thrilled to win the Duggan book, and Susan Mitchell won the leather show lead. (Our thanks to Margaret Coe, for her patience in bringing some perpetual trophies from BC, and also delivering the mandala painting back to Roberta Parish and the raffle show lead to Susan.)

Gerry Steers from Whitehorse, Yukon, arrived to put faces to names she has known for years. She also brought her fine camera and became an inspired show photographer! We are greatly indebted to her for a significant contribution and many visual memories of our event.

Patty Milton has done a superb job (again) on the catalogue. And the trophy fund donors are so appreciated. All the individual donations do add up to significant help in staging The Best Little Specialty on the Prairie!

Judge Alan Ewles ran a lively and energetic ring. Lots of smiles and kind words made for a happy time and a ringside observation that Saluki folks seemed to be having fun – which is the point of it all, isn't it?

Congratulations to all our competitors, and our winners!

– Jan Buchanan



The Veterans – Best Veteran and Veteran Sweeps Winner (front) | Photo: Gerry Steers

Sweepstakes results

I would like to thank the Saluki people from the area for inviting me to judge at their specialty. I thought the show was well run, and it was so good to see many old friends. In keeping with the legendary “good old-fashioned prairie hospitality,” the after-show parties were great fun.

My Youth Sweepstakes consisted of four littermates! They were all very alike and it was a hard choice to make. It was, however, a joy to see and feel the excellent muscle on all these well-conditioned youngsters. I found my first place in Dean and Nicole Gray’s Auldstane Breaca, a feminine tricolour bitch with a nice topline and overall quality. Her sister, Cygfa, was a very close second.

The entries in the Veteran Sweepstakes were also in very good shape for their ages. My sweeps winner was Robbie Pattison’s Ch. Iroki Faridaat Fictitious, a lovely, balanced cream bitch. She really won this stakes class on her movement. Diane Ford’s red bitch – the elder of the group – was also of very fine quality.

– Margaret Coe



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YOUTH SWEEPSTAKES

12 to 18 Month

- 079 Auldstane Cunomar (D.&N. Gray and J. Buchanan)
- 080 Auldstane Cunobelin (J. Buchanan)
- 084 Auldstane Breaca (D.&N. Gray and J. Buchanan)
- 085 Auldstane Cygfa (J. Buchanan)

Best in Youth Sweepstakes
Auldstane Breaca

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

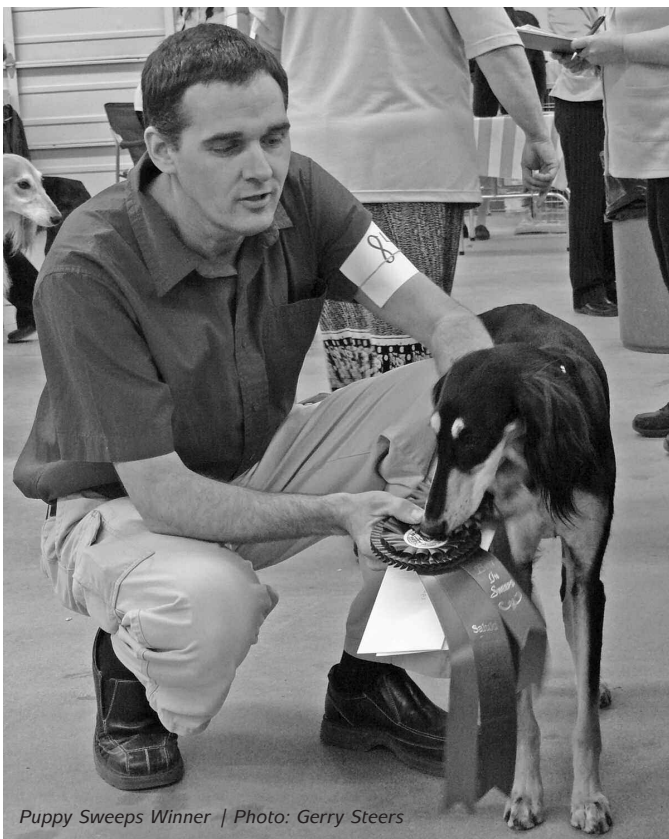
7 to 9 Years

- 088 Ch. Iroki Faridaat Fictitious (R. Pattison)
- 090 Ch. Amala Zuri Of Alhurr, FCh. (D. Ford)

10+ Years

- 089 Ch. Iroki Camille (R. Pattison)

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
Ch. Iroki Faridaat Fictitious



Puppy Sweeps Winner | Photo: Gerry Steers

Specialty results



Photo: Gerry Steers

It was an honour to have judged the Saluki Club of Canada's Western Regional Specialty in Saskatoon this spring. My comments on the dogs are short. I was impressed with the quality of dogs and hope you all continue to be proud of your Salukis and show them with dignity and pride.

Many thanks to the Saluki Club of Canada and the Hub City Kennel Club for your hospitality.

– Alan Ewles

12-18 Month Dog

1st **Auldstane Cunomar**. 22/4/2008.

Breeder: Janet L. Buchanan, by Iroki Auldstane Allelujah ex Ch. Auldstane Appalacha Tomazina. Canada. Owners: Dean & Nicole Gray and Janet L. Buchanan.

Black and tan. This is a quality dog: good arch of neck, good topline, good depth of brisket and good bend of pastern and croup. Moving, this dog exhibited a roachy topline.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog

1st **Auldstane Cunobelin**. 22/4/2008.

Breeder: Janet L. Buchanan, by Iroki Auldstane Allelujah ex Ch. Auldstane Appalacha Tomazina. Canada. Owner: Janet L. Buchanan.

Cream. This dog had a good shape of head and ear set, with a strong underjaw. He had a good arch of neck, a level topline, good chest underline and a good moderate bend of stifle. He exhibited great extension in his side gait.

Open Dog

1st **Iroki Scatter The Gold**. 11/10/2002.

Breeder: Roberta M. Pattison, by Awn Firuza Gibran ex Ch. Iroki Camille. Canada. Owner: Allison Currie.

Gold. This dog had a good topline and forechest and a great depth of chest. However, he had rounder eyes, a lack of underjaw, no strength of neck, a low tail set, steep croup and a lack of bend in the stifle.

2nd **Iroki Taos**. 23/7/2005.

Breeder: Roberta M. Pattison, by Abaquero Tsh Beretta ex Ch. Iroki Faridaat Fictitious. Canada. Owner: Claire Thorseth.

Red. This dog was pleasing to the eye, but he was narrow in the chest, straight in the stifle and pasterns, had tall hocks and did not exhibit adequate reach and drive.

Winners Dog
Auldstane Cunobelin

Reserve Winners Dog
Auldstane Cunomar

young, she lacks forechest, but had a good topline, croup, moderate rear angulation, good strong hocks. On the move, this bitch moved true and sound.

12-18 Month Bitch

1st **Auldstane Breaca**. 22/4/2008.
Breeder: Janet L. Buchanan, by Iroki Auldstane Allelujah ex Ch. Auldstane Appalacha Tomazina. Canada. Owners: Dean & Nicole Gray and Janet L. Buchanan.

Tricolour. This was a typey bitch, with a slightly inadequate underjaw. She had a good ear set, and a good croup and tail set, but also had a roachy topline, shallow in brisket and a somewhat long body.

2nd **Iroki Suzanne**. 23/07/2005.
Breeder: Roberta M. Pattison, by Abaqero Tsh Beretta ex Ch. Iroki Faridaat Fictitious. Canada. Owner: Roberta M. Pattison.

Tricolour. I liked this bitch very much. She had a good strong head, nice strong neck, good chest cavity, good topline, but was steep in the croup and a little long in the stifle. The movement of this bitch was knit and purl.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch

1st **Auldstane Cygfa**. 22/4/2008.
Breeder: Janet L. Buchanan, by Iroki Auldstane Allelujah ex Ch. Auldstane Appalacha Tomazina. Canada. Owner: Janet L. Buchanan.

Cream. This bitch had a lovely head and ear set. Being

Open Bitch

1st **Dadaelis T'far Jaeda**. 14/9/2006.
Breeder: Marilyn Labrache Brown & Heather Ayre, by Dadaelis Abdul Favouk ex Ch. Dadaelis Tirzah. Elsewhere. Owner: Hope Johnson. Agent Cathie Hays.

Black and tan smooth. At first glance, this bitch gave me goosebumps. She was of such high quality – good eyes and head shape, strong neck and topline, good croup and tail set and nice moderate hindquarters. She lacked a little underjaw and, unfortunately, her movement left a lot to be desired.



Winners Dog Final Lineup | Photo: Gerry Steers

Winners Bitch
Auldstane Cygfa

Reserve Winners Bitch
Dadaelis T'far Jaeda

Red-and-white particolour. This bitch had a nice head and eye shape, good neck and a nice deep brisket. She was high in the topline at the tail, had too steep a croup and a straight stifle.

Veteran Bitch

1st **Ch. Iroki Faridaat Fictitious.** 2/4/2000.
Breeders: Roberta M. Pattison & Shelley Work, by Iroki Oberon ex Iroki Pelegeya. Canada. Owner: Roberta M. Pattison.

Cream. This bitch presented a lovely silhouette and she moved well.

2nd **Ch. Amala Zuri Of Alhurr, FCh.** 21/7/2002.
Breeder: Amy Charles, by Shalom's Burst Of Speed ex Shanshah Invisible Touch. Elsewhere. Owner: Diane Ford.

Black-fringed red. Another lovely bitch, but her movement did not show any reach and drive.

3rd **Ch. Iroki Camille.** 20/7/1998.
Breeder: Roberta M. Pattison, by Ch. Windstorm No Regrets ex Ch. Iroki Calantha. Canada. Owner: Roberta M. Pattison.

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081 **Iroki Auldstane Allelujah.** 23/7/2005.
Breeder: Roberta M. Pattison, by Abaqero Tsh Beretta ex Ch. Iroki Faridaat Fictitious. Canada. Owner: Janet L. Buchanan.

095 **Ch. Iroki Black Tie Affair.** 11/7/2002. Dog.
Breeder: Roberta M. Pattison, by Awn Firuza Gibran ex Ch. Iroki Camille. Canada. Owner: Catherine Hays.

096 **Ch. Windstorm Thatz The Ticket.** 29/1/2007. Dog
Breeders: Randy & Starr White, by Ch. Windstorm A Sandchris Rhapsody ex Ch. Padtheway Windstorm Nova. Canada. Owner: Stephen D. Hazelwood.

097 **Ch. Windstorm Unforgettable One.** 1/7/2007. Dog.
Breeders: Starr & Randy White, by Gr. Ch. Windstorm Sovereign Hunter CGN ex Gr. Ch. Windstorm Ruffled One CGN. Canada. Owners: Jolene Denzin and Starr & Randy White.



Winners Bitch Final Lineup | Photo: Gerry Steers

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098 **Ch. Gazella Knight Flight.** 23/6/2006. Dog.
Breeder: Karen Doyle, by Iroki War Emblem ex Ch. Gazella Naruba Golden Princess. Canada. Owner: Claire Thorseth.

good forelegs, good underline and an excellent head, but lacking in underjaw. She was straight in the stifle, but clean in movement.

099 **Ch. Khamsin's Raffi El Marrakech.** 25/7/2005. Dog.
Breeders: J. Petru, S. Konopa and B. & K. Miller, by Ch. Khamsin's Sirocco El Marrakech ex Barakisch Orkideh Yaganeh. Elsewhere. Owners: Janet Phelps & James Petru.

Award of Merit
Ch. Iroki Black Tie Affair

Tricolour. He had the overall qualities of a very typey Saluki – good head, nice neck, and good shoulders and topline. He was slightly overangulated in the rear and had a lack of tuckup.

100 **Ch. Iroki Dance Thru The Dawn.** 11/7/2002. Bitch.
Breeder: Roberta M. Pattison, by Awn Firuza Gibran ex Ch. Iroki Camille. Canada. Owner: Roberta M. Pattison.

Best of Winners
Auldstane Cygfa

Best Canadian Bred
Ch. Windstorm Thatz The Ticket

Best Bred By Exhibitor
Auldstane Cygfa

Best Veteran
Ch. Iroki Faridaat Fictitious

Best of Breed

Ch. Windstorm Thatz The Ticket

Grizzle. The overall qualities of this dog were good. He moved true, was the right size and exhibited great showing ability.

Best of Opposite Sex

Ch. Iroki Dance Thru The Dawn

Tricolour. A very balanced bitch, with a good forechest,



Specials Class – AOM, BISS | Photo: Gerry Steers