

## **ACDCC 2011 National Specialty** **Friday, September 2 to Monday September 5, 2011** **Halifax, Nova Scotia**

This year's ACDCC National Specialty confirmed that it doesn't have to be big to be a success. For the first time ever, our national specialty took place in the heart of the Maritimes, and the reception was outstanding. The Halifax Kennel Club (HKC) welcomed us with open arms, and in my opinion, they couldn't have been better hosts or more supportive towards our club, our members and other ACD enthusiasts.

The weekend began on Friday evening with a Canine Good Neighbour test organized by ACDCC . Nearly 20 dogs of all breeds and types were tested. It was nice to have, as part of one of the exercises, a previously CGN tested ACD, Krysta, used in the "meet a friendly stranger with another dog" portion of the test. We were pleased to have Mrs. Isabel Darris (Kentville, NS) and Mr. Don Bates (Dartmouth, NS) as our evaluators. Not only were they courteous and supportive to all participants, they generously donated their time to our event, asking only for gas coverage. In the end our club, received some very nice compliments and we made a profit on this event.

The **ACDCC Specialty Conformation classes** took place on Saturday. The Sweepstakes classes were capably conducted by Serge Bilodeau ,a Bouvier breeder from Petite Riviere St-Francois, QC. For the regular and non-regular classes, it was an honour to have Mrs. Shirley Limoges from Ottawa, ON judge our dogs.

The Sweepstakes results were:

Best Juvenile in Sweeps – Ch. Agassiz's Whiskey on the Rocks  
(Lorraine Norris & Chuck Lamers, ON)



Best Veteran in Sweeps - Ch. Char-D Jolly Rancher  
(Denyse Adams, ME, USA)

Best Herding Titled in Sweeps – Kylie's Presumed Innocent (Elizabeth Webber, NS)

The Regular and Non-Regular class results were:



Best of Breed – GCh Agassiz's Wild Blu Yonder, RN, CGN, HIC, VS  
(Chuck Lamers & Lorraine Norris, ON)

Best of Opposite Sex – Ch Agassiz Krystal Blu Persuasion, CGN, HIC, VS  
(Chuck Lamers & Lorraine Norris, ON)

Best Puppy – Cooee's Coat of Arms (Elizabeth Hampton, NB)



Best Altered – Kylie's Presumed Innocent  
(Elizabeth Webber, NS)

Best of Opposite Altered – Char-D Just Peachy Creme  
(Denyse Adams, ME, US)



Best Brace - Char-D Just Peachy Creme & Char-D Dora the Explorer  
(Denyse Adams, ME, USA)

In addition to the ACDCC specialty, many ACDs participated in the **Maritime Group 7 Specialty** on Sunday, with the following ACDs receiving well recognized placements:

Best in Juvenile Sweeps – Ch Agassiz's Whiskey on the Rocks



Group 3 in Specialty – GCh Agassiz's Wild Blu Yonder, RN, CGN, HIC, VS



Best Brace in Specialty - Char-D Just Peachy Creme & Char-D Dora the Explorer

During the **three HKC All Breed shows**, ACDs competed well, most notably a Group 3 for Ch. Agassiz's Whiskey on the Rocks on Monday.

Prizes were provided for top placing ACDs in Obedience and Rally Obedience classes. Despite great efforts, there were no qualifying scores.

Shortly after the HKC was approved as our 2011 Specialty site, the ACDCC was invited by the Maritime Dog Judges Association to conduct an **ACD Breed Seminar for Judges**. Always willing to share our enthusiasm for the breed, a presentation was prepared and delivered by two ACD breeders (Denyse Adams, Char-D ACDs; Chuck Lamers, Agassiz/Catalyst ACDs) including many different ACDs as examples and for comparison. The seminar was well attended by more than a dozen licensed and aspiring judges from across Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island. There were many excellent questions and lots of discussion generated from the judges. Comments from the judges were very positive and appreciative for the high quality of both the presentation given and dogs used.

## 2010 Versatility Awards

I was very excited to announce and present the new ACDCC Versatility Awards to 10 dogs after dinner on Saturday night. Certificates were presented to the following dog and owner teams:

Versatility Master Champion (highest level possible!)

**VMCH ATChC & OTCh & CH Austlyn's Claybank Keeper WD, AGIS, AGIJS, RE, (AAC) Silver Award of Merit, VBA, ExST Silver, ExG Bronze, ExSN Bronze, ExSC Bronze, (CARO) CRB, CREMCL, TT, HIC, AKC: CDX, RE (aka Keeper), owned by Ann Gunderson, Delta, BC**

Versatility Champion

No applications for 2010

Versatility Excellent

No applications for 2010

Versatility Intermediate

**Kylie's Presumed Innocent CD, RA, HT, JHD, ADC, SGDC, NA VI (aka Ajax) owned by Elizabeth Webber, Halifax, NS**

Versatility Started

**CH Merrigang Winter Night RN, HIC, CRNMCL VS (aka Archie), owned by Dorinda Desmet, London, ON**

**BISS MBIS GCh Agassiz's Wild Blu Yonder RN, HIC VS (aka Yonder), owned by Chuck Lamers, Cavan, ON and Lorraine Norris, Lindsay, ON**

**Ch Agassiz's I'm A Survivor HIC VS (aka Reba), owned by Chuck Lamers, Cavan, ON and Lorraine Norris, Lindsay, ON**

**Ch Agassiz's Red Hot Sydney HIC, CGN, TD VS (aka Sydney), owned by Chuck Lamers, Cavan, ON and Lorraine Norris, Lindsay, ON**

**Ch Agassiz's Dreamtime Deacon Blu, HIC VS (aka Deacon), owned by Lorraine Norris, Lindsay, ON**

**Ch Agassiz's Triblu Storm Watch HIC VS (aka Kallee), owned by Lorraine Norris, Lindsay, ON**

**Ch Priestcreek's Agassiz Aurora HIC VS (aka Skye), owned by Lorraine Norris, Lindsay, ON**

**MBPIS Ch Agassiz's Krystal Blu Persuasion HIC, CGN VS (aka Krysta), owned by Chuck Lamers, Cavan, ON and Lorraine Norris, Lindsay, ON**