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# Poodle Club of Massachusetts

## Communiqué

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## Awards Banquet – Awards and Fun

On January 29<sup>th</sup> we held our Annual PCM Awards Luncheon. As always the Lafayette House showered us with their hospitality. All who could not attend were missed. The day was beautiful and we had a wonderful time!

We congratulate our members who led in finished AKC Champions, Agility, and Obedience titles. Other kudos go to our Top Producers, Best in Show, and Group Winners. We want to

congratulate all members the luncheon recognized for their terrific successes.

Our Photography Contest was a huge success! Renowned photojournalist Lisa Croft-Elliott judged our photographs in four categories – “At Home”, “At Work”, “At Play” and “Best Friend”. None were losers as we celebrate the four-pawed members of our families. However, our winners represent the yin and yang of our club... Applicant Danielle

Rouleau took two categories with pictures of her standard Ruger working a hunting trial and at play with Ruger captivated and knee-deep in the snow. Our President, Joan Kress took the other categories At Home and Best Friends. Best Friends were her son Jacob as a baby and Ch. Kabila Midnight Rambler. Her At Home winning photograph was a picture of Woodlore's Billy Budd (continued page 11)

## More on CHIC (Canine Health Information Center)

In response to feedback on the article in the last issue of the newsletter, this issue will provide a greater clarification on what CHIC is, what the guidelines are, and how they came to be.

CHIC stands for the Canine Health Information Center, which is a joint effort of the AKC and OFA. CHIC, like OFA, is a “closed” database, which means that publication of information requires the permission of the owner of the dog. CHIC's purpose is to provide a source of information to help

breeders breed healthier dogs.

The Poodle Club of America worked with CHIC/OFA to develop criteria for each variety for CHIC certification. CHIC certification does not mean that the dog has the PCA stamp of approval for use in breeding! Rather, it means that breeders can make an informed decision when considering including a dog in their breeding programs. Dogs whose tests show they are affected by a disease receive a CHIC number, to encourage owners and

breeders to “test and tell”. If you feel this list of tests does not reflect on the needs of your variety today, tell PCA, so that this program is the best it can be.

Here are the CHIC requirements for the three varieties of poodles:

### Toy Poodles:

- PRA test for DNA (certified labs only, listed on the CHIC website)
- CERF evaluation
- OFA evaluation for patellar luxation (continued page 10)

## Results of PCM Specialty at Ladies Dog Club 12/9/05



Judge: Mr. Jerry L. Roszman

### Standard Poodles

*Best of Variety:* Ch.

Afterglow the Big Tease

Owner: Shiela Rekow

*Best of Opposite Sex:* Ale

Kai Dassin Cashmere on

Fifth Owners: Karen

LeFrak & Wendell

Sammet & Joseph

Vergnetti

*Best of Winners:* Ale Kai

Dassin Cashmere on Fifth

*Winners Dog:* Caramia

Top of the Line Owners:

Debbie Madden & Danny

Dunlap

*Winners Bitch:* Ale Kai

Dassin Cashmere on Fifth

### Miniature Poodles

*Best of Variety:* Ch. Kiyara

the Intimidator Owners:

Madelyn Warcholik &

Jeffery Deaver (yes, the

thriller writer).

*Best of Opposite Sex:*

Songbird Evensong Clair

de Lune Owners: Eve

Cutter and Nancy

Palauskas

*Winners Bitch:* Songbird

Evensong Clair de Lune

### Toy Poodles

*Best of Variety:* Ch.

Broadbay Jump Shot

Owners: Edith Altmeyer &

J Harris & D Bernsen

*Best of Opposite Sex:*

Vigart Victorian Cavalier

Owner: Vickie Swigart

*Best of Winners:* Vigart

Victorian Cavalier

*Winners Dog:* Vigart

Victorian Cavalier

*Winners Bitch:* Saratoga's

Society Selection Owners:

Paul Redding & Abigail

Cooper & Jim Wasilak



## President's Message

First of all, I would like to say thank you to everyone who worked so hard over the last year to make all of our club events so successful. Producing our club functions like the web site, the match, the show, and the awards luncheon are big jobs and having a lot of hands pitch in makes them possible.

Secondly, I would like to welcome our new members: Debbie Bossie, DeVilla Williams, Joyce Haggett, and Eve Baltzell. Our next club function is our Sanctioned Match. Pauline Simmons, Joyce Haggett and Cynthia Brown have been working hard organizing the day, and they have things well in hand. However, they can certainly use help on the day, so please contact them now to offer your help wherever they can use it. In a similar fashion,

our spring show is right around the corner. Jim Risser has been working hard to get this show organized, but of course, will need plenty of helpers on the day. So please call Jim and offer your help. His list of needs is long, so there is a very good chance you can find something that you will like to do. Both of these are wonderful opportunities for members to work and have fun together, and for provisional members to meet their obligation to help at a club event.

I would also like to remind those of you with litter announcements on the web site to be sure and update your listings.

The Board of Directors is considering changing the format of our meetings to incorporate an open, general members meeting as well. It should be a place where we can get

an informal dinner yet be private enough for us to conduct a little business and socialize amongst ourselves. Since our membership is spread out pretty broadly, it is hard to find one central meeting place that is equally easy for all the members to reach. To try to remedy that, we are looking for new meeting rooms both north and south of Boston. The idea is to find rooms large enough for the meeting, and then alternate them so members who are close by can easily attend. If you know of a place, please contact me. One last reminder - if you have any questions, subjects of concern, or ideas to make our club better, please feel free to contact me either by email or by phone.

See you at the Match!  
Joan Kress  
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508-655-8139

## Around The Rings – Toy Poodles

### Hells A Blazen Simply Smashing (Dakotah)

Owned by Karin Berling & Gina Weiser -  
Handled by Dan Giles

11/20/05 - Greater Ocala

Judge: Mr. Alfred Bianchi

Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of  
Variety, over specials

*Dakotah is a puppy champion!!*

11/19/05 - Greater Ocala

Judge: Mr. Danny Moore

Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of  
Variety

*4 points from the 9-12 puppy dog class.*

11/6/05 - Lake Eustis KC

Judge: Mrs. Dana Read

Winners Dog (handled by Karin Berling)

11/5/05 - Lake Eustis KC

Judge: Helen Tomb-Taylor

Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of  
Variety

10/2/05 - Gainesville KC

Judge: Rose Ellen Fetter

Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of  
Variety, over specials

*From the puppy class.*

10/1/05 - Gainesville KC

Judge: Mrs. Clem McGowan

Winners Dog

*Our newest addition to the  
Karadale Poodles!*

### Pasimmons Yankee Lady Corvette (Yvette)

Owned and handled by Pauline  
Simmons

11/12/05 - Framingham District KC

Judge: Ms Barbara Keenan

Best of Variety from the classes

*Owner handled – two more points*

11/5/05 - Farmington Valley KC

Judge: Dr. Elizabeth Trainor

Winners Bitch, Best of Winners

*Owner handled for her first point!*

- Debbie Parisi

*Post your brags on the PCM website or  
email them to Debbie Parisi:*

*prismpoodle@comcast.net*



## PCM 2005 New Titles

### AKC Champions

#### Karin Berling

Ch. Karadale Hallelujah (mini)

Ch. Karadale Over The Top (mini)

Ch. Bold'n From A Dream (mini)

Ch. Hell's A Blazen Simply Smashing  
(toy)

Ch. Radiant Karadale Light The Way  
(mini)

#### Barbara Deer & Ruth Fowler

Ch. My Deer Hollywood Buzz (std)

#### Marcy Rubin

Ch. Radiant Masterpiece (toy)

Ch. Radiant Karadale Light The Way  
(mini)

**John W. & Julie Rembrandt Seeley**  
& Mary P. Ward

Ch. Rembrandt Happily Ever After  
(mini)

**John W. & Julie Rembrandt Seeley**

Ch. Rembrandt Some Tall Tail (mini)

Ch. Rembrandt Taylor Maid (mini)

Mary & Ruth Lebet

Ch. Rimskittle Ready Set Go (std)

### AKC Obedience Titles

#### Susan Giordano

Ch. Jubilee Buckaroo Banzai CD, RA  
(std) (RN & RA in 2005)

#### John W. & Julie Rembrandt Seeley

Ch. Rembrandt Dreams of Glory TP,  
CD, RA (mini) (RN & RA in 2005)

#### Pauline Simmons

Ch Robrish's My Little Lexus RN

### AKC Agility Titles

#### John W. & Julie Rembrandt Seeley

Ch. Rembrandt Tales of Glory CD, AX,  
AXJ (Mini)

Ch. Rembrandt Fairy Tale Princess NA,  
NAJ (Mini)

#### Christie Lee McNamara & Julie Rembrandt Seeley

Ch. Rembrandt Daydreamer OA, OAJ  
(Mini) (NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ in 2005)

#### Eve Baltzell & Helen Sokopp

Syrena Folly Before The Wind AX, AXJ

#### Helen Sokopp

Syrena Seaworthy MX, MXJ, NJP, NAP

## Travels in Europe With Kaiser

It won't come as a surprise to poodle owners that this splendid breed can easily become an integral part of daily life. Our standard male, Kaiser, now two and a half years old, has become a "primary presence" in our household since we acquired him from Jim Risser as a 10-week old puppy.

For many years we made frequent, multi-week trips to Europe and other parts of the world, leaving our terriers with house sitters. However, a poodle in our life meant a whole new ballgame. We simply couldn't bear to be out of his life for one single day. To paraphrase an American Express commercial, we don't leave home without him!

Kaiser has always been a great traveler, starting with Day 1 when we picked him up at Jim's kennel in West Warwick RI and drove him to our vet in Ashland MA for his first check-up. Frequent trips to our second home on Cape Cod were never a hassle. When he saw the bags being packed, he was ready at the door, ready to leap into our SUV.

Our first long trip with Kaiser was a 5,000-mile odyssey, down the East Coast, over to New Orleans, and up through the Natchez Trace and Blue Ridge Parkway. Lodging was not a problem but accompanying us in restaurants was "verboden" in the U.S. and subsequent trips to Canada.

### A New Era

Until this past September, all travel with Kaiser was by car. Although we yearned to return to Europe with our new "best friend", we were very concerned about the possible ill effects of air travel and the supposed hassles of pet quarantines, etc. Finally another poodle fancier and international traveler extraordinaire convinced us "to go for it".

She assured us we would be the anxious travelers, not our trusty companion.

The first step was to check with our vet about the necessary procedures and paperwork for international travel with a pet. Each country in the European Union (our focus for this trip) has a web site where one can download the appropriate health certificate for "non-commercial" travel. Basic requirements were an up-to-date rabies vaccination administered at least 30 days before travel, and the health certificate filled out and signed by the vet within ten days of departure.

Now that we knew the general procedures, the next step was to book the air travel. Delta Airlines helped us select and book the non-stop flight on Northwest/KLM from Boston to Amsterdam and the return. Although France was our primary destination, having Amsterdam as our European arrival and departure city best suited our schedule and made for a relatively short flight -- 6-7 hours. One factor in our timing is the pet embargo on most airlines (at least for pets not traveling in the passenger cabin) between May 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>. I also thought that Schiphol Airport would be easier to negotiate than Paris' Charles de Gaulle.

We reserved a car from Hertz for our 4-½ weeks in Europe. We ended up with a mid-sized VW Golf Plus, adequate but a little cramped with Kaiser's "Sky Kennel", which I wished I had checked at Schiphol. However we used a trick we had learned from previous travels...reserve the kennel for baggage and give Kaiser secure pride of place on other neatly piled and blanketed baggage. (As usual, we traveled with far too much stuff!!!)

### Getting Ready

With our travel dates secured and 45 days before departure, our vet advised a rabies booster although Kaiser's vaccination had another year remaining. We scheduled the visit for the check-up and travel certificate procedure five days before departure.

We explored the possibility of getting an EU Pet Passport. However, it appears these are only issued to EU Residents. [In principle the pet passport is only used for pets traveling between Member States of the European Union. However, the pet passport is valid if traveling to or from one of the neighboring countries where the rabies status matches that of the EU. This includes: Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and the Vatican City State.]

We did get a "Canine Passport" from Wisconsin Pet Products ([www.wisconsinpetproducts.com](http://www.wisconsinpetproducts.com)). With Kaiser's photo and vital data, it looks pretty impressive.

### Live and Learn

The Scots have a saying, "The best-laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley." Well, we had three minor incidents pre-travel that did cause some momentary heart palpitations. The first was a requirement (unknown to me despite MUCH research) that the health certificate be counter-signed and stamped by the USDA, located in Sutton MA!!! The folks there were much irked that I had not gotten their approval much earlier – the certificate is good for four months – but they took pity and processed the forms.

The second incident involved Kaiser's microchip. Although we would be flying in and out of Holland, France has a different chip standard (ISO) and my vet advised me to rent a chip scanner. Now this advice came on a Thursday, with a following Monday PM departure looming. However, AVID Identification Systems was very cooperative and FedExed me a chip scanner, for a \$20 a month rental plus shipping. Although I never needed to use it, it was good insurance to have it along.

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## Around The Rings – Standard Poodles

### **Beechwood Starry Night (Wasabi)**

Owned and bred by Jim Risser -  
Handled by: Miyuki Ueno  
2/4/06 - Boardwalk KC  
Judge: Mr. Ralph Ambrosio  
Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex  
*Major win and new champion!*

### **Jewels My Deer Perfect Storm (Chase)**

Owned by Julie Wilkins & Barbara Deer  
- Breeders: Julie Wilkins & Barbara Deer -  
Handled by Julie Wilkins  
12/8/05- Middlesex County KC  
Judge: Mrs Judy English Murray  
Winners Dog, Best of Winners, BBE, BBEG2

11/12/05 - Framingham District KC  
Judge: Dr Anthony DiNardo  
Best of Variety

10/1/05 - Lewiston Auburn KC  
Judge: Dr Robert Smith  
Winners Dog

### **Ch. Jubilee Buckaroo Banzai CD RN (Corvo)**

Owned and bred by Susan Giordano  
November 25, 2005  
Judge: Mrs. Julie Rembrandt Seeley  
South Windsor KC  
Final leg of his RA title  
*On to Excellent!*

### **Madcap Moonlight Sonata (Talia)**

Owned by Dr. Morna Pixton - Breeder:  
Dr. Morna Pixton & Barbara Deer -  
Handled by Julie Wilkins  
11/28/05 - Holyoke KC  
Judge: Mr David Ojalvo  
Best of Winners  
11/25/05 - South Windsor KC  
Judge: Mr Enrique Jorge Filippini  
Winners Bitch

### **My Deer Plum Lucky Lillian (Lilly)**

Owned by Pam Greer & Barbara Deer -  
Breeder: Barbara Deer - Handled by Terri Meyers  
2/5/06 - St. Joseph KC  
Judge: Mr. Danny J. Moore  
Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex  
*New Champion! And her dam and sire, Ch. My Deer Whisperwind Ocean Breeze and Ch. My Deer Whisperwind Pianoman are now top producers!*

1/8/06 - Land O' Lakes

Judge: Joe Gregory  
Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex  
1/7/06 - Land O' Lakes

Judge: Eugene Blake  
Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex  
*(Major Win)*

1/6/06 -Twin Cities Poodle Club  
Judge: Mrs Carolyn Thomas  
Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex  
*(Major Win)*

11/12/05 - Decatur Alabama KC  
Judge: Mr David Cook  
Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex  
*(Major Win)*

11/11/05 - Huntsville KC  
Judge: Mrs Gloria L. Mitcham-Geringer  
Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex  
*(Major Win)*

### **My Deer Repeat Performance (Gion)**

Owned by Gerry Perry & Barbara Deer -  
Breeder: Barbara Deer - Handled by Julie Wilkins

1/16/06 - Merrimack Valley KC  
Judge: Mr Andrew (Gene) Mills  
Winners Dog

12/11/05 - Eastern Dog Club  
Judge: Mr Kent Delany  
Winners Dog, Best of Winners, BP  
*(Puppy Major Win)*

12/10/05 - Eastern Dog Club  
Judge: Mrs Charlotte Patterson  
Winners Dog, Best of Winners, BP, PG2,  
*(Puppy Major Win)*

11/28/05 - Holyoke KC  
Judge: Mr David Ojalvo  
Winners Dog

### **My Deer Standing Ovation (Claire)**

Owned by Barbara Deer & Tomasin Kincaid - Breeder: Barbara Deer  
10/29/05 - Delaware Ohio KC  
Judge: Mrs Mary Ellen Meyer  
Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex  
**Rembrandt Reddi To Rise (Martie)**

Owned by John & Julie Rembrandt Seeley - Handled by: Tomomi Maruyama  
2/4/06 - American Bullmastiff Assn  
First leg toward NAJ title  
Judge: Ms. Rachel Long

### **Ch Rembrandt Nice Touch (Kyle)**

Owned by John and Julie Rembrandt Seeley -  
Handled by Christian Manelopoulos  
1/21/06 - Clearwater KC  
Judge: Mrs. Anna Summa  
Best of Variety

1/20/06 - Tampa Bay KC  
Judge: Mrs. Keke Kahn  
Best of Opposite Sex

### **Rimskittle Ready Set Go (Maggie)**

Owned by Mary and Ruth Lebet  
Breeders: Joan Kress and Mary Lebet  
11/13/05 - Georgina Kennel and Obedience Club (Canada)  
Judge: Mr. Chuck Trotter

Winners Bitch and Best of Winners  
Handled by Laurie Campbell  
*New Canadian Champion! On to obedience and a title at both ends!*

9/22/05 - Quinnipiac Poodle Club  
Judge: Mrs. Janice Pardue  
Winners Bitch

Handled by Kaz Hosaka  
*New Champion!*

### **Whisperwind My Deer Heart's Desire (Hart)**

Owned by Barbara Deer & Linda Blackie  
Handled by Michael Pawasarat  
9/11/05 - Laurel Highlands Kennel Association

Judge: R W Taylor  
Winners Dog, Best of Winners  
*(Major Win)*



David and Kaiser tour Bordeaux



Stephen, David and Kaiser in Bruges



Kaiser takes in Saint Emilion

## Mark Your Calendars!

**April 2 Poodle Club of Massachusetts Match**  
(see below for details)

**April 7 – 8 – Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine seminar:**  
Addressing Canine Behavior Challenges – Solutions for the Real World featuring Dr. Nicholas Dodman and Brian Kilcommons. More information online at

<http://www.tufts.edu/vet/coltinedu/behaviorapril.html>

**April 22 – Introduction to Herding**, Lebanon CT sponsored by the ASCNE. \$30 participant, \$15 observer. Flyer can be found online at <http://www.people.umass.edu/ascne/a-06/apr05begherd.pdf>

**Friday June 2 – PCM Specialty Show**, Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds, Wrentham. Judges: Edd Bivin (breed), Mary Diesem (OB & Rally)

**November 22 – Structure in Action by Pat Hastings**, All Dogs Gym, Manchester NH. More information online at [www.alldogsgym.com/index.asp](http://www.alldogsgym.com/index.asp)

## PCM Match April 2, 2006

Provisional member Pauline Simmons is chairing this year's match and has a great lineup of judges for us. This year's venue is Four Paws Academy in Boxboro MA, owned by PCM's own John and Julie Rembrandt Seeley. The match flyer is included with this newsletter for more information.

Judges:

**Sweepstakes:** Mr. Mark Travers, PCM member and breeder- owner-handler

**Breed:** Ms Joy Brewster, former nationally-

acclaimed conformation all-breed Professional Dog Handler, and breeder of German wirehaired pointers and Pomeranians.

**Obedience and Rally:** Karen Squier, trainer and exhibitor.

Pauline is still looking for volunteers in the following areas:

**"We need volunteers for stewarding in both Breed and Obedience.**

**We need volunteers for setup and cleanup activities.**

**We would also like to**

**offer (easy to eat) food and beverages, to raise some funds.**

**For this, we need to hear from people who could donate food and beverages that we could sell."**

If you can help, please contact:

Pauline Simmons Match Chair: (508)226-8489 or [pauline.simmons@comcast.net](mailto:pauline.simmons@comcast.net);  
Joyce Haggett, Co-Chair: (603)228-6431 or [jhaggett@verizon.net](mailto:jhaggett@verizon.net);  
Cynthia Brown, Obedience Chair: at 617.924.8175 or [cbrown@](mailto:cbrown@)

## Knitting for your poodle

Knitting is all the rage and there is an abundance of free patterns available for sweaters for your poodle. My standard may not need a sweater, but some of the little guys really feel the chill. Carole Robrish brought this pattern from the craft store Michaels to

my attention: <http://www.michaels.com/art/online/projectsheet?pid=25189>

She was working on one of these at the Awards Banquet. This pattern is cuter than some as it uses fun fur yarn as an accent. It's a little harder to knit

than a scarf, but Michaels gives it the easiest skill rating. You could have a nice weekend project resulting in a fashionable and comfortable dog. Charming little sweaters like this make great donations to club raffles, or to Poodle Rescue for a fundraiser.

## CHIC – John and Julie Rembrandt Seeley respond

I received several emails from members regarding the CHIC feature in the last issue.

I received permission from John Seeley to print the letter from him and Julie Rembrandt Seeley dated October 17, 2005.

Letter to the Editor and PCM Members:

Quoting from the September, 2005 Newsletter article “Club Recognizes Breeders Who Test” that arrived in the mail on Saturday:

“Rather than PCM defining what tests are appropriate, we decided to use the AKC/OFA CHIC certificate as our standard...Poodle criteria for each variety were developed by the Poodle Club of America.”

We must admit that prior to reading this article in the PCM newsletter, we had very little specific knowledge of CHIC. The three dogs of ours listed in the newsletter are quite interesting. Two we bred in the 1980's and have been dead for years—I have no idea why they (rather than many others we bred) are listed. The third dog is a dog we do not own – he was sold as a twelve week old puppy.

First, we believe a good knowledge of CHIC is essential background for all members who may be as “in the dark” about the

CHIC database as we were until we researched it today. This background information is required to understand why a CHIC listing is an inadequate tool at best to identify breeders who are testing their dogs.

What is CHIC?

([www.caninehealthinfo.org](http://www.caninehealthinfo.org)) - The Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) is a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals.

Mission Statement: To provide a source of health information for owners, breeders, and scientists, that will assist in breeding healthy dogs.

CHIC Benefits: For breeders, CHIC provides a reliable source of information regarding dogs they may use in their breeding programs. For buyers, the CHIC program provides accurate information about the results of a breeder's health testing.

(Note: the three paragraphs above were taken from the CHIC website).

We have issues with PCM adopting the use of the CHIC certificate as a club blessing and awarding kudos to those members listed on the CHIC

website. It only documents basic genetic testing at best...and may be misleading, particularly for Standards, at worst.

First, the criteria that CHIC requires to list Miniatures. In order to be listed on the CHIC website a Miniature Poodle must submit test results for PRA (DNA test), CERF Evaluation and one hip dysplasia evaluation (OFA, GDC, OVC, PennHip) AND a check for \$25. No thyroid profile is required and no seizure history in the line is required (obviously, there is no genetic test for seizures). Test results from the OFA and CERF databases are shared automatically with the CHIC program but PRA DNA tests are done by Optigen and that database is not automatically shared with the CHIC program, thereby requiring us to submit an additional \$25 per dog to be listed in the CHIC program. Looks like a money-making scheme happening here! We have generations of Miniatures who are not listed on the CHIC website or in the newsletter who have had more genetic testing than is required by this program because we have not spent the additional \$25 fee per dog. Also, this database could be misleading because a CERF at 18 months is pretty much

meaningless if the dog in question is six years old given late onset of cataracts...but the dog still has a CHIC listing, and to the uninformed is a healthy dog.

The PCA-approved criteria for Standards is even worse. In order to be listed in the CHIC database a Standard must submit test results for hip dysplasia (OFA, GDC, OVC, PennHip), CERF evaluation and only one of the following: Autoimmune thyroiditis, OFA Sebaceous Adenitis, or GDC Sebaceous Adenitis. It is amazing that an S.A. evaluation is not required! A sub clinically SA affected or worse, an SA affected Standard with good hips, clear eyes and a good thyroid panel could be listed with CHIC and represented as a health tested dog approved for breeding. I also find it amazing that no information regarding history of Addison's, bloat, cancer, entropion/ectropion, and seizures is not required (also, unfortunately, no tests exit for these...requires honesty of the breeder/owner to disclose and diligence of the buyer to ask probing questions). Again, a check for \$25 per dog is required to submit any tests that are not already in the OFA/CERF database. We have generations of Standards

## CHIC response (cont'd)

We have generations of Standards over 20+ years who have had far more health testing than is required by this database who are not listed on the CHIC website.

At \$25 per dog over and above all the repeated testing fees, there is no clear need to spend hundreds of dollars to receive CHIC numbers and be listed on PCM's kudos list! In our opinion, this database does not provide a "reliable source of information regarding dogs they may use in their breeding programs" nor

does it provide buyers "accurate information about the results of a breeder's health testing."

If PCM plans to require listing in this registry in conjunction with breeders referral or any other health testing referral program, we suggest the club treasury be prepared to cover the cost of \$25 per dog for those of us who have done far more and more appropriate testing than CHIC requires.

John W. and Julie Rembrandt Seeley  
Rembrandt Standard and Miniature Poodles

### Addendum

I've now discovered that the CHIC database WILL NOT accept AKC DNA as a form of permanent identification. Hmm, very interesting -- I guess the microchip and tattoo people are getting a kickback for this moneymaking scam. I really can't think of a more permanent form of ID than DNA! And to top it off, it's the AKC's own DNA identification program they're refusing to accept.

Julie Rembrandt Seeley

## PCM 2005 Awards

### **Most AKC Champions Bred by a Club Member (3 way tie – 3 champions each)**

#### **John W & Julie Rembrandt Seeley**

Ch. Rembrandt Happily Ever After  
Ch. Rembrandt Some Tall Tail  
Ch. Rembrandt Taylor Maid

#### **Karin Berlind**

Ch. Karadale Hallelujah  
Ch. Karadale Over The Top  
Ch. Eaglehill's Dancing Doll

#### **Marcy Rubin**

Ch. Radiant Masterpiece  
Ch. Radiant Karadale Light The Way  
Ch. Radiant Rare Gem at Cotian-M

### **Most Group Wins (1)**

#### **John W & Julie Rembrandt Seeley**

Ch. Rembrandt Nice Touch

### **Most Best In Show Wins**

#### **Karin Berlind & Marcy Rubin**

Ch. Radiant Karadale Light The Way  
(1 SBIS)

### **Highest AKC Obedience Trial Score John W & Julie Rembrandt Seeley**

Ch. Rembrandt Dreams of Glory TP,  
CS, RA (100 in Rally Novice and 100 in  
Rally Advanced)

### **Largest Miniature Litter (6!)**

#### **John W & Julie Rembrandt Seeley**

Ch. Rembrandt Regal Heiress

Congratulations to All!

- Andrew Kress



## Around The Rings – Miniature Poodles

### **Bold'n Karadale The Knockout**

(Kiera)

Owned by Karin Berlind & Dewitt Bolden - Handled by Karin Berlind

12/16/05 - Space Coast

Judge: Judith Daniels

Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, BOS

*Her 2nd major from the 6-9 puppy class*

11/6/05 - Lake Eustis KC

Judge: Mrs. Dana Read

Winners Bitch

*A 3 point major at just 6 1/2 months.*

### **Karadale Hallelujah** (Halley)

Owned by Karin Berlind - Handled by Dan Giles & Karin Berlind

12/5/05 - Savannah KC

Judge: Mr. Alan Harper

Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Variety, over specials

*She is a new Ch. in just 4 weekends for another 5 points*

11/19/05 - Greater Ocala

Judge: Jackie Stacy

Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Variety, over specials

*Over two specials... A big 5 point major*

11/5/05 - Lake Eustis KC

Judge: Helen Tomb-Taylor

Winners Bitch

*A 3 point major!!*

10/2/05 - Gainesville KC

Judge: Sandra Goose Allen

Winners Bitch

10/1/05 - Gainesville KC

Judge: Rose Ellen Fetter

Winners Bitch

### **Karadale Top Story** (Shania)

Owned by Karin Berlind

Handled by Dan Giles and Karin Berlind

1/22/06 - Pasco Florida KC

Judge: Robert Hutton

Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Variety, over specials for a 5 point major

### **Ch. Radiant Karadale Light The Way**

(Noah)

Owned by Karin Berlind and Marcy Rubin - Handled by Dan Giles

1/9/06 - Tampa Bay Poodle Club

Judge: Madeline Patterson

Best of Opposite Sex, BOS to BOB in show

12/17/05 - Central Florida

Judge: Ann Sergio

Best of Variety

12/15/05 - Orlando Poodle Club

Judge: Dr. Harry Smith

Best of Variety, \* Best in Show \*

*Best of Breed first time out as a special!!!*

10/1/05 - Gainesville KC

Judge: Rose Ellen Fetter

Winners Dog, Best of Winners

*New Champion!!! Finished with 4 majors*

### **Rembrandt Daydreamer OA AXJ**

(Pi)

Owned by Julie Rembrandt Seeley & Christie-Lee McNamara - Handled by Christie-Lee McNamara

2/5/06 - American Bullmastiff Assn

Judge: Ms Kim Reeher

First MXJ qualifying score

*First 4 MACH points!*

2/3/06 - Southern Berkshire Golden Retriever Club

Judge: Mr. Dave Mancino

First place, Excellent Jumpers agility

*Completed his Excellent Jumpers Title!*

12/10/05 - Yankee Golden Retriever Club

Judge: Ms. Kathy Leggett

First place, Excellent Standard Agility

*Second Excellent Standard leg!*

11/13/05 - American Bullmastiff Assn

Judge: Dr. Michael Lappin

Third place in Excellent Jumpers

*Second leg toward his AXJ title!*

### **CH. Rembrandt Dreams Of Glory,**

**CD, R1MCL, RA** (Daphne)

Owned by John & Julie Rembrandt

Seeley

Handled by Julie Rembrandt Seeley

8/18/05 - Wachusett KC

Judge: Ms. Linda A. Sperco

1st Rally Excellent Leg

Earned her first Rally Excellent leg at

Wachusett KC's Inaugural Rally Trial

### **CH. Rembrandt Happily Ever After**

(Rachel)

Handled by Mary Ward

Owned by Julie Rembrandt Seeley,

John W. Seeley & Mary Ward

8/14/05 - Greater Hickory KC

Judge: Mrs. Ann D. Hearn

Winners Bitch

*Finished her Championship in puppy trim.*

### **Rembrandt Hellbent To Dream**

(Munchkin)

Owned by John and Julie Rembrandt

Seeley - Handled by Julie Rembrandt

Seeley

2/5/06 - American Bullmastiff Assn

Judge: Ms. Kim Ingraham

Second place, Novice Jumpers

*Clean run and second leg!*

2/4/06 - American Bullmastiff Assn

Judge: Ms Rachel Long

Third place, Novice Jumpers agility

*Clean run and first leg!*

### **Rembrandt Taylor Maid (Cammie)**

Owned by John & Julie Rembrandt

Seeley - Handled by John Seeley

11/27/05 - Springfield KC

Judge: Mr. Kenneth A. Buxton

Winners Bitch and Best of Winners

*New champion – 4 majors from the*

*Bred-by class!*

11/26/05 - Windham County KC

Judge: Mrs. Lesley E. Hiltz

Winners Bitch and Best of Winners

*Four point major!*

10/9/05 - Souhegan KC

Judge: Mr. Raymond V. Filburn

Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best

of Variety - *Earned her second major*

*from Bred By Class.*

- Debbie Parisi

*Post your brags on the PCM website*

*or email them to Debbie Parisi:*

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## More on CHIC 2

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*“CHIC is not a perfect system. It certainly doesn’t either endorse or red-flag dogs for breeding programs..”*

### Miniature Poodles:

- PRA test for DNA (certified labs only, listed on the CHIC website)
- CERF evaluation
- Hip dysplasia evaluation (OFA, PennHip, GDC, or OVC)

### Standard Poodles:

- Hip dysplasia evaluation (OFA, PennHip, GDC, or OVC)
- CERF evaluation

...and one of the following Health Electives

- Autoimmune thyroiditis OFA evaluation (certified labs only, listed on the CHIC website)
- Sebaceous adenitis evaluation (OFA or GDC)

It costs nothing to be included in the CHIC database! If your dog has had the required tests, registration should be automatic. The only exception is for registries that don’t exchange data with OFA: PennHip, or OVC (Ontario Veterinary College, which has its own hip registry). In fact, for affected dogs, there is no charge to add their information from these registries. Look for your certificate in the mail a few weeks after the final qualifying test. Occasionally data entry errors happen and you need to contact CHIC to resolve the situation.

One further requirement

for CHIC is permanent identification for the dog, either a microchip or tattoo. This is a great idea anyway, especially for a breed that can vary so much in appearance over time. If my dog goes missing, and I put up posters showing a freshly groomed dog, will anyone even recognize the filthy shaggy beast feeding from the Dumpster as my poodle?

CHIC is not a perfect system. It certainly doesn’t either endorse or red-flag dogs for breeding programs. For standard poodles, the tests listed are a subset of what responsible breeders do. Why is the imperfect sebaceous adenitis test included in favor of the conclusive Von Willebrands DNA test? Not to mention that the scariest afflictions of standards have no test: bloat and Addison’s. However, it’s a commendable effort by the parent club and, like most committee efforts is a compromise.

I spoke with Eddie Dziuk of OFA regarding the CHIC program to clarify issues raised by members about the program:

1. CHIC certification is FREE. For any results listed with OFA, there is no charge and you

should automatically receive your certificate. If not, call OFA at (800) 442-0418 with copies of your test results in hand and they will help you get listed appropriately.

2. Optigen PRA DNA results cost \$15 to register with OFA, where they will automatically be picked up by CHIC. This is because there is no electronic data interchange between Optigen and OFA.
3. PennHIP and OVC hip results cost \$25 to register with OFA. OFA’s rationale for this is that usually the Optigen information is *added* to the dogs record, whereas the PennHIP or OVC data is often the *first* data they receive about a specific dog and the effort is greater. However subsequent results for the same dog are **free**.
4. CHIC does not accept DNA registration as a form of ID because it is not immediately verifiable in a clinic setting. Mr. Dziuk admitted that actual checking of tattoos and chips by test clinicians is uneven, but that this is something they hope to improve over time.

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*“CHIC certification is FREE.”*

## Awards Banquet (cont'd)

all cuddled up enjoying the creature comforts!

Our inimitable Susan Giordano hosted our very successful silent auction. The bidding was intense and the rewards great. Paulette Palmer crafted an amazing poodle wreath made from collectible poodle ornaments. It will be proudly displayed in my foyer for years to come! Lisa Croft-Elliott walked away with the coveted and hotly contested jar of poodle socks. We must congratulate Fraya Katz for winning the greatest number of items. She and Xavi added a new

sleeping bag and several other treasures to their home! Andy Kress, always willing to support our club, honored us with the high bid on a purse his wife donated! Thanks Andy, we can always count on you!

I want to give a HUGE thank you to Eve Baltzell for crafting our table decorations! Eve's silhouettes of all poodle varieties added a bit of whimsy and were perfect! Joan Kress, thank you for adding to the cache of prizes for our winners. David Simler and Stephen Renault, thank you for your help hanging our

photos. We could not have done it without you. Hats off to Debbie Parisi and Andy Kress for coordinating the presentation of our awards. Jean Chintalan, I thank you for collecting the funds, delivering the deposits, and double checking my lists.

**Last but not least thank you to all who donated items for our silent auction, entered your priceless photos, and continue to support our club.**

**See you next year!**

*DeVilla Williams*



Best Photo In Show  
Ch. Kabila Midnight Rambler & Jacob Kress

## Travels in Europe With Kaiser (cont'd)

Finally, the great day arrived and we got to Logan Airport via Fetch Limo, with baggage, kennel, and our superstar in tow. At one point the Assistant Ticketing Supervisor stepped in and announced that our huge Sky Kennel was not big enough for Kaiser to fully stand up. Blessedly, her Supervisor saw Kaiser deftly march in and out of the kennel several times and gave us the go-ahead. However, although the airline had quoted a fare of \$150 each way for Kaiser and kennel based on dimensions and weight, the rate skyrocketed to \$375 each way. Not entirely unreasonable, but

I was irked at having been ill informed. *C'est la vie!*

### Up Up and Away

To calm our concerns, the airline repeatedly assured us from the outset that Kaiser (and the one other canine on the flight) would be in a fully climatized and temperature-controlled cabin. Certainly when he stepped out of his kennel at Amsterdam Airport he seemed his usual bouncy self. (Before departure, we had given him Rescue Remedy, a homeopathic calming agent, and had taken some ourselves, but I'm not sure what effect it had.)

The trip itself turned out to be a marvelous

experience, with Kaiser greeted everywhere with oohs and aahs, especially from canine connoisseurs. Apparently standards, as opposed to minis and toys, are rarely seen, so he was much appreciated for his good looks and sterling personality.

After visiting Delft in Holland and Antwerp, Ghent, and Bruges in Belgium, we made a veritable *tour de France* – Normandy, Brittany, the Bordeaux regions, the Dordogne, a bit of Provence, and five days in Paris, before wending our way back to Amsterdam via the Ardennes in Belgium and eastern

Holland. In France particularly, the ubiquitous Japanese tourists could not get over Kaiser and begged to be allowed to be photographed with him (I think they considered him a giant stuffed toy!).

One great plus to our itinerary is that well-behaved dogs are welcome in restaurants in the countries we visited. Kaiser never failed to demonstrate his excellent under-the-table manners!

When we checked in at Amsterdam Airport for our return flight, Kaiser's expression seemed to say, "I came, I saw, I conquered!"

-David Simler

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## **Welcome New Members!**

The Board of Directors voted at our most recent Board Meeting to welcome DeVilla Williams, Joyce Haggert and Eve Baltzell as full members to the Poodle Club of Massachusetts.

DeVilla has owned standard poodles for six years. She has been active in the breed ring – finishing one champion and is presently showing a bitch and a puppy. During her provisional period DeVilla has done a yeoman's service to PCM – coordinating the last two Awards Banquets and

working on the 2004 June specialty catalogue.

Joyce has been active in breed and obedience for the past 20 years. She has miniature poodles and also has owned a Sheltie, papillon and a German shepherd. Her kennel prefix is Lavandire. She was formerly an active member of the Washington State Kennel Club. She has attended and volunteered at several Club functions. She is Co-Chairman with Pauline Simmons for this year's match.

Eve Baltzell has owned dogs for 20 years. Her Kennel prefix is Janeva. She is active in breed and agility with her standard poodle. Eve has owner handled her bitch earning a number of points. She was a welcome and needed help in setting up the rings for our 2005 specialty. She also assisted DeVilla with the table decorations for the Awards Banquet.

PCM is fortunate to have DeVilla, Joyce and Eve as members.

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- Judy Schwerdt

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