

Winners Bitch Best of
Opposite Sex at p.m. show

Madelyn Conley
& Dawn Kelly

THE WATCHUNG MOUNTAINS YORKSHIRE TERRIER CLUB

CELEBRATES ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY IN MAY (1985-2015)!

by TERESA CUCHIARO

This year we were delighted to have a great panel of judges. Ms. Marjorie Tuff judged our morning show with joviality and gentleness, gave time to exhibitors and dogs alike to compose and show themselves at their best. Mr. Daniel Augustus judged our afternoon show with a thoughtfulness and clarity of intentions, he picked the dogs he liked, which is what we want in a judge and he didn't pick the dogs he didn't like, just because there was an extra rosette. Mr. Manny Comitini very kindly judged our Sweepstakes, showing a whole-hearted love and admiration for the future puppy hopefuls of our breed.

Many years ago our only activity was a yearly B-OB Match. We took a vote and decided to move forward and host our first Specialty Show. In order to qualify, we needed to put on two A-Match shows that would show our understanding of how to create a premium list, collect pre-entries and produce a judging program and catalog. We had our first Specialty Show in



Open Bitch, Devils of York Lana Del Ray
with Kathy Lopez Breach



Photos courtesy of Teresa Cuchiaro

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Anthony and Elaine Pollio, gatekeepers



Carasel's Arabella in Sweeps



Carasel's Bettino's first show



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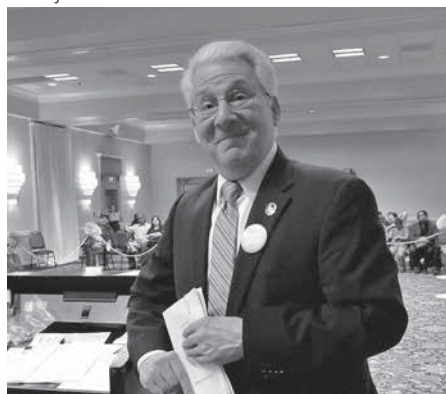
Best of Breed Competition



Carolyn Nestor



Donna Lauricella with Stratford's Broadway Joe



Gary Vega, Chief Ring Steward



Georgette Franzoni with Caraneal's Buggy Malone

1993 with Mr. Richard Thomas judging regular classes and Ms. Marilyn Koenig judging Sweepstakes!

Since then, we have put on 23 Sweepstakes, 31 Specialty Shows, 4 Four-to-Six Month Beginner Puppy Competitions and 2 AKC National Owner Handled Series Best of Breeds! We have had entries ranging from 143 (combined with YTCA National Roving) down to 27 (on Easter Sunday!)

Where before—very appreciatively—we were mentored by our sister clubs, our club is now a leader and trendsetter, taking on new challenges and trying out the latest offerings from AKC. We were the first Yorkshire Terrier Club to hold two shows on one day! The first to offer the 4-6 month class! And the first to hold the AKC NOHS!

While we strive to fulfill the needs of our breed's showmen, we as well want to

include our pet owners. They are valued and important assets of our sport. Who will help man a table all day so the show people can show? Who will help to keep a club from being weakened by competitiveness and personal breed standards preferences when they see only wagging tails? Who will remind you that our little ones' most important feat of the day is not winning a major, but giving butterfly kisses!

With expenses of putting on a show on the rise and participation dwindling, we cut corners where it makes sense. Talented club members donate or create many of our trophies, like hand-painted Yorkies on brushes or comfy fleece-tied blankets. It's not how much money you make, but how much you can save that keeps you in the black!

We look for ways to foster enthusiasm. We do this by giving all our members

the chance to participate where they are happiest and we accept cash donations, too! We reward our active members with a little something towards our annual dinners. We have a newsletter that educates on both beauty and health topics and also current social and legislative news. It celebrates our winnings, shares our sadness and keeps members informed and connected. We have fun filled events every year, like Halloween

costume contests and Christmas Gift Exchanges, Brunch Cruises around the Statue of Liberty, betting on the Horses at the Meadowlands Racetrack and BBQs at the Patriots Ballgames.

Now we look forward excitedly to future shows, wins and losses, true camaraderie, the next generation, the next litter, until you finally breed and/or own 'the one you want to bring home with you'! ■



Jamie Bennett, Chris Vicari & Manny Comitini



Laurie Loisel



The show must go on! Madelyn Conley with Laure Loisel



Kathleen Kolbert preparing for BOB



Liz Medina



Madelyn Conley



Millers Pharmacy, Wyckoff, NJ



Rita Piko



Barbara Scott



Sweepstakes, 6-9 month bitch with owner Laurie Loisel



Sweepstakes, 9-12 month bitch with Georgette Franzoni



Neil Feerrar



Sweeps Judge Manny Comitini