



FALL 2007

## Message from the Editor

There was a mistake on one of our departed dog in the last Schip Tales  
The birth date of Whoopi was 1993, not 1003 so here it is

**Ch Majella Basic Image**

**Jan 20, 1993 to April 30, 2007**

Sorry for the loss and the mistake....

## President's Message ...

Summer is officially suppose to be over but the Fall is still like "Summer" with the warm weather continuing and the lack of rain in many areas of the country is a problem. Our mighty St. Lawrence River is low by two feet, and getting our sail boat out of the water was a real problem as the boat ramps were "high & dry" and the boat trailers were falling in the river trying to get them down in the water to get the boats on.

There should be lots of news to read in this issue as many members have been involved in summer shows, trials, rally and agility with many nice wins for many members' Schipperkes. We have some sad news as well with the passing of some wonderful Schips with families who will miss them, and have contributed memorials to them herein.

Life Membership nomination was received from an SCC member by the SCC Board for **Diana Kinnear** for her contribution to club. Diana has served as Newsletter Editor, Board member and President, and the Chairperson for three SCC Specialties.

This nomination received the required Board approval.

Congratulation to Diana on receiving Life Member status in the Schipperke Club of Canada.

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for the present Board of SCC. A Nominating Committee has been chosen from the Regular club members by the Board at the Board meeting on September 27th.

This committee consists of Susan Woodliffe, club secretary, Anna Verleg in British Columbia and Michelle Van Eenoo in Ontario.

This committee will select and present to the members a slate to serve on the Board for the next two years.

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SCHIP TALES  
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# SCHIP TALES

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### President Message continued...

The names will probably be some current members along with some new names of members who wish to contribute to the Club by serving on the Board of Directors.

The list submitted by the Nominating Committee will be mailed to all Regular Members of the SCC by the Secretary on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 along with information from the SCC Constitution.

Specialty 2008 plans are underway to hold the event with the New Brunswick Kennel Club in St. John, New Brunswick in August 2008. Tentative date is Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> during the 6 shows, 4 obedience trials being held by the NBKC from August 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. Committee member Judy Murphy will be sending out more information as details are finalized. Several Ontario and USA members and Schip people plan to attend this Eastern Canada First.

The CKC is reviewing CKC rules for Club and National Clubs in the next few months which may effect the SCC, and will perhaps necessitate a review of our Constitution and By-laws with some changes in the future.

Congratulations to Donalda Cassill, Eugene Pawlisky, and Hilary Cassidy, of AB who became Regular members at the Board meeting on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Joyce Bernhardt** SCC President

## Brag, Brags, Brags...

### Agility at Edmonton

Entry of 3 Schips -

Gail Kamitomo with **Serge** (Margpeg's A Millenium Surge - Sat - Novice Jumpers with Weaves- qualified in all runs - **winner of Schipperke Specialty Ribbon & his title** in this event.

Darcy Whelihan with **Scout** - Sat. , NQ

Suzanne Mitchell with **Jagger** (Ch. Meekun's Bad Moon Rising) - Sat. NQ

Funny story about why **Jagger** didn't qualify. He was coming up to the top of the a-frame and spotted the next ring full of schipperkes( they where lined up for specialty Breed judging) and he went crazy!! Ran to the fence and did his best to jump over, his little bum just a wagging. He couldn't believe his good fortune to have so many of his relatives so close. Everybody was laughing except his MOM Suzanne Mitchell (she laughs now).It was so cute he just about made it on the last jump at the fence but mom snagged him! Maybe next time!!

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From **Diana Kinnear**: Tammy Bowman finished her first Schipperke Champion- new Ch Majekin Zays I Can - **Zorro**. Zorro is the 25th champion of my breeding and the 12th champion for his daddy Trooper - Am/Can BISS Ch Majekin Nemesis de Sangbleu, ROM, CGC.

From **Gail Newman** & OT Ch. Majekin Out For Justice: news from the Kenora & District Dog Club Obedience Trials held in Kewatin, ON. On June 15, 16, & 17/07 "**Omar**" received his Rally Novice title with two High in Class placements, awarded by judges Val Reith & J a n L e a c h . In our quest for his OTCHX (you must qualify in both Open & Utility in the same trial & earn five legs). We went into the trial with two legs earned toward the OTCHX & we picked up two more legs. **Omar** qualified in three Utility classes, all HIC's and qualified in two out of three Open classes. We almost had the last leg we needed, however in one Open class I had a throw over

the high jump that bounced far to the right; when **Omar** went over the jump to retrieve the dumbbell his sharp little eyes detected something on the mats that he decided required further investigation. After his investigation determined it was not, in fact, a piece of food, he snatched up his dumbbell and started on his way back to me. Now, at this point he was headed straight for the high jump but somehow in his wisdom he decided perhaps it wasn't the thing to do and he deaked around the high jump at the very last moment. A collective "oohhhh" came from the spectators, who like me, were not anticipating this tactic. C'est la vie! He now has four of the five required legs. We will take another run at attaining that last leg at the trials to be held in Winnipeg in August.

Cheers,  
Gail Newman  
Winnipeg., Man

## Brag, Brags, Brags...

Majekin Paiges Pride, owned, loved and trained by Lowell and Penny Laidlaw of Vernon BC just achieved his ATCh (Agility Trial Champion title). For the Agility Trial Champion of Canada title, under The Agility Association of Canada, the dog must have earned the following:  
Masters Agility Dog  
Masters Jumper  
Masters Gambler  
Masters Snooker  
Masters Team Relay.

And of course to get to Masters, the dog must qualify through the various levels up to Masters. I just can't imagine - I remember when I thought it was a big deal to get a CD or a CDX LOL. Wow is all I can say! Diana

### Happy Sixteenth Birthday !!!

A Birthday Celebration was held at the Bernhardt's for 'Manny' officially known as Am. Can. Ch. Camplaren's Mystery Man. On September 21<sup>st</sup>, Manny was 16 years old. He is lively, eats eagerly, and loves to be loose in the big yard as long as he can. He is co-owned by Jack, Joyce & Paul Bernhardt and resides with Jack & Joyce and their other Camplaren Schips. Sire BIS Can. Am Ch. Knighttime DeeJay O'Camplaren and Dam Am. Can. Ch. Mardeck's Alliance At Camplaren

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
MANNY !!!



From the **Bernhardt's**: Joyce is recovering very well from her Total knee replacement. on May 29th. Walking without a cane, and attending the Kars, Valley & Limestone shows during the past week. Husband Jack was the "Alternate Handler" for Schipperke Am. Can. Ch Camplaren's Carbon Copy, know as "**Boni**" She was 7 yrs old on Aug. 23rd and loves to show. This "Team" won Best of Breed and Group 4th on Friday at Kars, and winning Best of Breed and Group 2nd at Valley on Monday. At Limestone shows, Joyce returned to the ring, handling **Boni** on Friday to Best of Breed and Group 4th, and on Sunday to Best of Breed and Group 2nd. On Saturday, Joyce judged Puppy, Breeder, Veteran Sweepstakes, Sled Dog, Working Dog in the Siberian Club Specialty. It was a busy week and very successful week.

At the SD & G show on August 27th she won another Grp 4th. **Boni** won Grp 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Essex County shows September Labour Day weekend.

The SCA (Erie Canal) supported show in Northern NY Wine Country Cluster on September 29<sup>th</sup> in an entry of 32 Schipperkes, **Boni** was First Veteran Bitch in her first entry in this class. She went on to be one of the 4 Schips to be in the final consideration by the Judge Joan Scott from Wilmington, Delaware.

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From **Valerie Webster** about her Schip male "**Cody**":

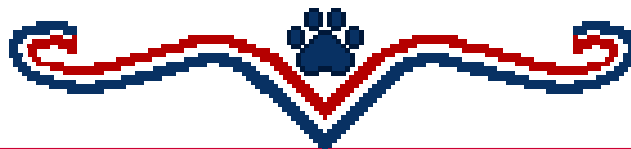
September 30, 2007

"**Cody** and I went on a walkathon today to raise money for our local animal shelter. **Cody** is a worn out little guy after all of that fun. Valerie Webster, & Cody (it was fun, though!)"

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From **Nathalie Lussier**: **Chad** finished his Rally Advanced title at the Bainbridge NY Shows in late June, with a perfect score and a 1st place. He was shown twice at the Wine Country NY shows in Rally Excellent, where he earned his first two RE legs. He also competed in agility in Baldwinsville NY in July and earned his first Agility Open Jumpers Preferred leg, with a first place. **Chad**, at age 11, has now retired from obedience and agility, and will retire from rally after he completes his RE title, He will still be active in pet therapy, however. As of right now, **Chad** has a total of 20 titles and honors before and after his name, so I guess he has earned a rest!

Chad's son, **Mr. Deeds**, was shown for the first time in Rally at the Wine Country Shows in September, and earned his first two Rally Novice legs with scores of 93 and 97. **Deeds** hopes to follow in his father's footsteps, but realizes he has a LONG way to go!!!





# BEST IN SHOW

## CAN.CH.CAMPLAREN'S KLONDIKE CONNECTION

### "SINNER"

Lakes District K.C. May 5th 2007 Judge: Leslie Belfit

Sire: Am. Can. Ch. Camplaren's Fielder's Choice

Dam: Am. Can. Ch. Camplaren's Happy Ending Sundae

Breeders: Joyce & Jack Bernhardt, Camplaren Perm Reg'd

**OWNER/HANDLER** : Bonnie Ritchie,  
Whitehorse, Yukon Territories

USA  
Group 1st  
One major

# Can. Ch. Ritcheiver Belizean Blue



## Best Puppy in Show

May 6th Lakes District K.C

Judge: Ed Wild

## Group 1st, BPIG

May 5th Lakes District K.C.

Judge Bruce Owen

USA  
Group 1st  
One major



Sire: Can. Ch. Camplaren's Klondike Connection

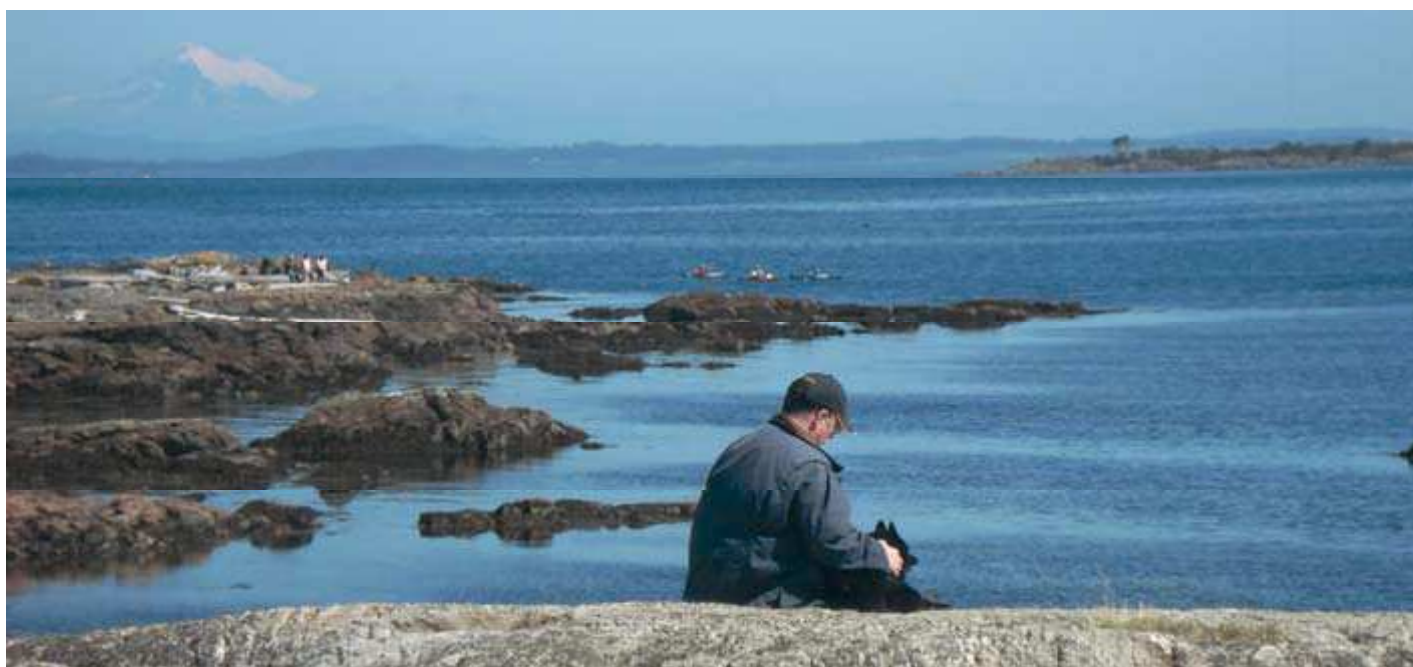
Dam: Can. Ch. Ritcheiver Warrior Princess

**Owners:** Clif & Sheila Robertson, Whitehorse, Yukon

**Breeder/Handler:** Bonnie Ritchie, Ritcheiver kennels, Whitehorse, Yukon

## Seamus R. Thompson Remembered

August 5, 1005-September 10, 2007



**Doug and Seamus at Cattle Point, one of their favourite walking spots in Seamus' younger days.  
The photo was taken September 8, 2007**

Camplaren's Proud Pal, better known to the world as Seamus R. Thompson, made the journey to Rainbow Bridge on September 10, after a slow health decline that took a sharp down-turn in his last week. Seamus is survived by humans Doug, Jaqui and Paige Thompson, and Oma, and Schipperke Darla.

Seamus has left us with a number of important legacies.

He saw the world as a place of abundance. There was not a trace of competitiveness or jealousy in his character. You could take away his supper, and he would know he would get it back. Another dog could eat his supper and he knew there would be more. You could give all the attention to the baby and he knew there would be attention for him at the end of the day. At story time he would position himself within foot's reach for a back scratch. He did not mind sharing our attention. He was happy to share anything.

Loyalty, patience, unconditional love, and compassion were all qualities that Seamus will be remembered for. You could carry him around, dress him up, let visiting puppies chase and climb on him, take his toy away, move his blanket to a different spot every day, and he wouldn't be bothered. If he did reach his limit, he would seek a retreat rather than get cranky. He was extraordinarily tolerant.

He will be remembered by some for his humour and quirky way of looking at the world. This part of Seamus is not lost. He used Jaqui as his medium on Earth to transcribe his summary of the family's year, and he will continue to do this from Rainbow Bridge. So while Seamus may no longer be living physically, we will never consider him gone.

A sample of Seamus' humour, follows.

## Seamus' version of "The Origin of Schipperkes"

Reprinted from *Schip Tales* volume 10 number 3, Autumn 1998 Revised September 2007

Schipperke History is somewhat debated. Are we Barge dogs? Are we Herders? Are we Ratters? Are we miniature Groenendaels or are we relatives of the Pomeranian?

I went to the library to try to answer some of these questions. Well, imagine my indignation when I was asked to leave because policy does not allow dogs in the library. I tried to tell them I am not a dog, since I honestly do not consider myself to be a dog, but they would not believe me. I said if they would let me in to do my research, maybe I could prove it, but they were not to be persuaded.

Then I went to the bookstore. They like me there, at least most of the time they do, because I do tricks for the clerks, but they started to get annoyed with me just browsing and not buying anything. Unfortunately there were no books in stock to help me with my research, and when I asked them why they had so many books on Golden Retrievers and only one on Schipperkes, well, I could see I was pushing my luck. I thought I should buy something just so they would have a positive memory of me leaving, but jeepers, a dog magazine costs as much as three beef chews, and quite honestly, I am more of a rogue than a scholar, and I would rather have the beef chews. Besides, my allowance is small, and I am saving up for a Buster Cube. Scarlett says that would be a waste of money. Why would I want to buy something that makes a lot of noise and that food is hard to get out of? Maybe she has a point.

When I told Mummy what happened at the library and the bookstore, she said it was too bad I had used up all my Internet time in the Chat room, because I probably could have found good information online, but anyway, she is going to need the computer soon, so I am out of luck for surfing. I only have enough time to write up this report while Mummy is preparing supper.

So although I was unable to find any academic evidence for my theories, I will come forward and tell you that the real reason we are known as Barge dogs is because if the door is closed, we will *barge* in to be where you are, and we are called Herding dogs because if we do not come when we are called, it is because we never *herd* what you said, and Ratter is just a linguistic morph for *rotter*, which is what we are often called after creating mischief...

## To the Rainbow Bridge...

Ch. Knightime Genie O'Camplaren co-owned by Jack & Joyce Bernhardt, ON and Lynn White of Brandon, Man. went to the Rainbow Bridge in July 2007. Born July 11, 1993, Genie was bred by Judy Wells, Knightime Schips, Carthage, NY. Genie resided with the Bernhardts for several years and was then co-owned with Lynn White where she lived the rest of her life. Sire Am Can Ch. Logaven's Court Jester and dam Nomad Knightime Evita.

Camplaren's Proud Pal Seamus was purchased by Doug and Jaqui Thomson in Victoria, BC in 1995. Along with daughter Paige, Seamus enjoyed a wonderful life with the Thomsons. A unexpected diagnosis led to a sudden natural, painless peace for Seamus on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Jacqui was planning to send more of his story for *Schip Tales*. Seamus was born on August 05/95, bred by the Bernhardts, his sire was Am. Can. Ch. Camplaren's Noir Nugget and his dam was Am. Can. Ch. Knightime Genie O'Camplaren. (see page 7)

Strange but Genie was at the Rainbow Bridge to welcome her son "Seamus" just 2 months after she arrived...

# In Memory



Ch Camplarens 'Laska Lady

"Loki"

9/8/1991 - 6/30/2007

Foundation of Arctic Gold Schipperkes

She will not go quietly, this dog who shared my life  
In subtle ways she lets me know her spirit still survives.

Old habits still make me think I hear a scratching at the door.  
Or step back when I drop a morsel on the floor.

My feet still go around the place the food dish used to be.  
And, sometimes coming home at night I miss her terribly.

And, although time may bring new friends and new food dish to fill,  
that one place in my heart belongs to her... and always will.

*This original poem, modified, was taken from a Hallmark card I received. This says it all. My thanks to Linda Barnes, the author of the original poem.*

Dian Tomas



Helping out a new Junior



Sharing a Nap with a Granddaughter

Loki came to me a 3 month old baby, full of the devil and rarin' to go. She took over the Rottweilers who decided that dynamite came in small packages and they weren't going to mess with her.

She managed to escape the house three times by being crafty and silent, as she wished to explore the neighborhood and see what was in the other yards. She didn't grab much, but we did!

She grabbed her American championship quickly, and went to Whitehorse, BC and was often used as a juniors dog for the beginners. The juniors all loved her. She was experienced enough to help out, but independant enough to make them work. I think she just loved going on the long ride!

Her first son did very well in both the U.S. and Canada capturing his championships and companion dog titles and going on to multiple group wins during his career.

She was a happy, healthy girl, who retired at 8 years old and then spent the summers at the cabin with my husband. It was her favorite time. And, my husband often had to check out where she had decided to explore there too. She wasn't too pleased when the run was constructed.

She was a wonderful companion and a great little show girl. We miss her.....



Ch Camplarens 'Laska Lady  
'Loki' at 13 years  
Foundation of Arctic Gold Schipperkes

Loki at 13 years