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Show Chair's Report

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As Show Chair for the 2008 Schipperke Club of Canada National Specialty I would like to say Thank you to everyone that helped out with the show. This not being my first time as a show chair I knew there were going to be a few bumps in the road along the way. It was great getting to meet new people and their little black dogs.

The Schips had a great week here in Saint John in both the Obedience ring and the Conformation Ring showing the all breeders just what a great breed the Schipperke really is. Guess you could say they came they showed and walked off with some great wins.

The BBQ was a blast even if it did rain; just other Maritime Day. We knew the sun would come out even if it did wait until everyone was leaving.

There was lots to eat and everyone went home with a doggie bag. The Big hit was Ricks' BBQ Ribs and his Fish Chowder. And I even got a few people to eat some dulce 'Right Marine'

A few of the schips had a great time running in our schip proof fenced garden and I will say the only one's that did any barking were my crew.

The Dinner & Auction were a great success the auction brought in over \$900 & we even gave out a few gifts for the dogs at the auction :Soccer balls, cookies, & rubber cow udders or teats I want to say Thank You to all those that donated to the Auction. Silent Auction was a success thanks

to Tom Kruse for looking after the Auction & his sweet little girl all at the same time I'm sure she was the reason we sold so much stuff ; what a little darling she is.

The National itself was awesome to say the least. We had lots of spectators watching our little black dogs show their stuff.

The Awards were outstanding and so many people from other breeds commented on how beautiful they were ; nicest they had ever seen being given out at a national. Thank You Joyce & Jack for looking after these awards.

Some of the nicest comments I heard over the week about the breed were from Obedience & Rally People : What nice working dogs they were and they didn't know schips were so smart. A few are even looking in to getting a schip for Obedience.

Over the six days we had fun showing dogs and being with great dog people. A lot of our schip people stayed on in our Great Little City for a few days after the National to visit the sites and walk the trails of the Fundy Coast. I guess the best thing to come out of this was we had so many people telling us they want to come back to show and visit this part of the Country Again.

Last but not least, I want to Thank My Hubby Rick for all the hard work he did before the National and the week of the National.

Yours in Schips
Jude Murphy

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Brag, Brags, Brags...

Hi everyone,

Monty, Cody and I participated in the annual walk-a-thon to raise funds for our local humane society. Our humane society is a no-kill shelter which does a fabulous job with homeless animals in our community. They have an amazing cattery and do a wonderful job placing and caring for the cats. Fortunately, there are not a lot of homeless dogs in our community, but the ones that are, are well cared for when the need arises.

Monty, Cody and I raised \$120, and the walk-a-thon raised a total of \$7,200.



This is a picture of us after our walk. We were taking a break and having a nice cool drink.

Valerie, Maggie, Cody & Monty

I just received my 2009 Brown-trout Schipperke calendar and **Coal** is Mr. July AND Mr. December. Now if he can just get his little swollen head over the utility jumps next month, we will be laughing! Of course he has managed to wrench his neck and was lame for the

past week, so no jumping practice for him. Sigh, it never fails. Oh well, **Jet** is doing awesome in his training. He is finally getting the drop on recall. I had to break out the throw chain (no, not to hit him with, although with my aim, it is touch and go sometimes, LOL). It just startles him enough to slow his breakneck recall enough to get the drop command in. Looking forward to Schip overload in August.

Lori & the boys

It was nice being with everyone at the Kingston show!

Thanks for all of your help, encouragement and food :-)

Valerie

The Kingston Bunch



L to R - Karen Cummings, Sally Gibbs, Bruce G, Joyce Bernhardt, Jack B, Valerie Webster, Paul B, Helen Young, Marnie Layng (sitting) (photographer John Webster)



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Some results of the Cascade Specialty in April in Washington

Majekin Caught A Star was 1st in her sweeps and regular class at the specialty, as well as at the all breed shows.



Can Ch Jet's **Elvis** Costello was Best of Winners at the All breed show on the Sunday, handled by me.

New champion - Ch Majekin Caught A Star (**Ellie**) finished her Can Ch in 2 show weekends, taking 3 BW and a BOS over specials her first weekend out. Sire Ch Jet's Elvis Costello - dam Ch Mazeru Heavensent to Majekin

New champion - Ch Majekin's Fusion With Jet - co-owned with Susan Woodliffe. Sean finished in June. Sire Ch Marpeg's Beelzebub at Jet - dam Ch Jet's Dark Cloud V Majekin

Ch Majekin Zays I Can - out of Ch Majekin Nemesis De Sangbleu ROM and Ch Mazeru Heavensent to Majekin won a group 1st in August at Castlegar shows. **Zorro** was shown by his owner Tammy Bowman

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Majekin Perm. CKC Reg'd

Specialty Pictures...



The Banquet...



Schip Fanciers enjoying their trip...



Our Journey to New Brunswick 2008 Schipperke Club Specialty by Bruce & Sally Gibbs

The trip started on Saturday, around 8:30am. We were travelling with our friend, Karen, from Oshawa and making a real holiday of it. Even though we had a large vehicle, we were jammed to the gunnels with dog crates, suitcases and miscellaneous stuff. We were transporting a Dachshund puppy for a breeder in Oshawa and so with Karen's Manchester Terrier we had 4 dogs. The trip across Ontario was uneventful with only one pit stop. We hit Montreal at lunchtime and the traffic was horrible. My GPS system took us more than 100 km out of our way. The GPS is American and we ended up shutting it off and using an old-fashioned paper map!

Highway 20 through Quebec is horrible with construction all along its length from Montreal to the New Brunswick border. The only saving grace was that they had some nice rest stops to take a break at.

Sunday dawned slightly overcast and we had a bit of rain as we travelled the Trans Canada highway through New Brunswick. The scenery was very picturesque all along the St John River valley. We stopped in Hartland at the longest covered bridge in the world. We crossed over the St John River, just to say we had done it then we were off again. We stopped in St John to pick up some tourist info and then went to find the Rothesay Arena to deliver the puppy. After handing him over we set off to find Saint Martins and the Seaside trailer park where we had a trailer rented.

Our first view of the Bay of Fundy was beautiful. The sun was shining and the water sparkled. The red cliffs near the Sea Caves were very visible as the sun was in the west sky. We found our rented trailer and got unpacked. There were lots of good restaurants in the area and we tried them all. The seafood was spectacular. Apparently scallops were in season and we made the most of this. We had a seafood platter almost every night.

We wanted to see the Hopewell Rocks, which are about a 2-hour drive from Saint Martins. We checked the tide tables and found that low tide was around 8:00am on Monday so we set off about 6:00am to get there at an early hour, as you can only go down and walk on the ocean floor 3 hours before and after low tide. We saw 3 deer on our way through Fundy National Park and at that early hour there was considerable mist on the roads.

Tuesday we went for a long walk through Saint Martins and around the harbour. It is very scenic and with the dramatic change in the tides makes it a fun place to sit and watch the water. The fishing boats went from floating at the docks to sitting on the mud flats on the bottom of the harbour. Tuesday night was the BBQ and as usual Murphy's Law prevailed. The only rainy night was Tuesday but we set off with our trusty Mapquest instructions to find the BBQ location! Someone forgot to tell Mapquest that Paisley Ave did not exist and so after much fumbling we arrived about ½ hour late. The BBQ was in full swing with everyone huddled under tents in the backyard. The food was very good especially the ribs! Everyone got to take home a doggy bag, as the quantity of food was nothing but fantastic. I'm not sure how much actually got to the dogs as the leftovers made great eats the next day.

Wednesday & Thursday was "Dog Show" days and we interrupted our touring of New Brunswick to take in the show. The highlights for us were that Kraemer won Best of Breed in Altered and this gave him enough points to become an "Altered" champion. We had been showing him for years at all the Eastern Specialties and were hoping he would do well this year. The other highlight was me having to take our female Lily into the ring as she had won Winners in Open Female in the "Booster". Sally was on Cracker, Joyce was on Chance & Jack was on Boni and Lily needed a handler. I had never shown a dog in my life and it was quite an experience, which I'm not sure I want to repeat. Anyway I survived.

The dinner, Wednesday night was good and Rick did a great job as MC for the auction. All of the donations went over well and the bidding at times was voracious. Some of the items went for quite a good price with the Schip Club benefiting from all the money taken in.

Thursday afternoon we went for a drive down the Fundy Trail and stopped at every lookout and vantage point we came to. It was a very scenic drive and we spent several hours viewing the sights. Karen and I managed to descend down the rope ladder to the lower viewing platform at the falls while Sally stayed up top and laughed at the 2 fools grappling with the rope railings trying to get back up. We had a great campfire that night with a lot of the dog show people stopping by to visit.

Friday was a quiet day, with only a journey to the "sea caves" and another walk on the ocean floor. We had a great seafood supper on the patio at the Sea Cave restaurant and then retired to our trailer for a 2nd campfire with the remaining wood.

Saturday dawned early and with the truck loaded we set off on our journey home. We left St Martin NB at 6:30am Ontario time. We made frequent stops but kept moving along. We reached Montreal around the supper hour and since the traffic was lighter we decided to keep driving. We crossed the St Lawrence River using the tunnel this time (much better) and kept on motoring. Arriving home in Oshawa at about 11:00pm. It was a 15-½ hour run which I'm not sure I want to repeat. Sally keeps reminding me of this and the dogs don't want to see a car for a month!

Our visit to New Brunswick was very memorable and something we will try to repeat in the future. A big thank you to our hosts, in providing us with some great down home hospitality.

This summer I holidayed in Nova Scotia, a place I've longed to visit for many years. I traveled from Halifax up to Cape Breton, along the Northumberland Coast and the Annapolis Valley, savoring the Acadian and Gaelic cultures, marveling at the majesty of the Cabot Trail, and basking in warm Maritime friendliness. I left Nova Scotia by the ferry from Digby to Saint John to participate in the New Brunswick Kennel Club Shows. Jude Murphy and her husband Rick did a fabulous job of organizing the Schipperke National Specialty, complete with fun social events and fundraisers and many people pitched in to help make the event a great success.

I met Cathy Thistle and Fraser in the parking lot of Rothesay Arena as he burst out of the van, exuding Schipperkeness; a tad oversize and proudly flagging his lovely tail. He is a pet store dog of undetermined parentage.



Fraser had been turned into the Schipperke Rescue for the second time, having bitten his two previous owners. Cathy took him in with the understanding that she would assess him for rehabilitation. It didn't take her long to decide that not only could he be rehabilitated, she wanted to keep him. She loved working with him and she joked "I think all his brains must be in his tail because he's so smart!"

I am learning that the tail docking issue is very controversial. Some people are adamant that the tails should be docked, because it's the standard. Other people argue that a cosmetic alteration should not determine the "Schipness" of a dog. In some Europe countries, docking is no longer permitted, but in North America we retain the tradition. A tail left on a schip is only a fault, not a disqualification, but it puts a dog at a clear disadvantage in the breed ring.

Not so in the obedience ring! (see Fraser heeling at :<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4785451261113046802&hl=en>) And fortunately that's just where Fraser was headed. At the Kennebecasis Kennel Club trials, Fraser and Cathy were a great team. Cathy also showed her Queenie who was outstanding,

both in the breed and obedience rings.

The schipperkes performed extremely well in the All Breed Obedience Trials, with Fraser and Queenie each taking a High in Trial. Fraser claimed the Highest Scoring Schipperke trophy. He also had the highest score in all three of his rally performances. I participated with Kaylah (Mazeru's Kenya), where we finished our Pre-CD and our Rally Novice A levels. In one of the Rally Trials, Fraser, Queenie and Kaylah took 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, respectively.

I met another very successful Schip trainer at the show; Lori Dunnage from Ontario, who had her two boys, Arjaygold's Flying High entered in Open B and Arjaygold Red Hot Coal, CDX entered in Utility. I was inspired to see Schips performing at that level. As a beginning Schip trainer, I just want my CD!

In the breed ring, AM Ch Dante's All Fired Up was a consummate showman. He was BEST in SHOW TWICE from the Open Male class in the 1st two All Breed shows. He completed his Canadian Championship prior to the Schipperke Specialty held on August 20th, winning four Best of Breeds, 3 Group 1st, 1 Group 2nd in the All Breed shows and Best in Specialty handled by Mary Kraus. (see him "showing his stuff at : <http://www.google.com/s2/sharing/stuff?user=104123782251523630369>)

I am looking forward to the next Schipperke Specialty, this is tentatively scheduled for August 2009, in Cranbrook BC. But right now, Kaylah and I have to get back to work on our obedience exercises. Our last leg of our CD remains tantalizingly out of reach!

Terrie Rolph

Mazeru's Kenya (aka Kaylah)

Deadline for the next Edition of the Schip Tales will be

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Marnie on the SCC Specialty

I have always said that going to Specialty Dog Shows is the perfect opportunity to get to know people and to learn. This year attending the SCC National Specialty in Rothesay, NB just reaffirmed that belief. We made new friends, became reacquainted with old friends and learned a lot and not just about Schipperkes.

This trip was special for me in many ways. First because my husband joined me for his first trip to a Specialty in all the years I have been going to them., and all it took to make that happen was a five star hotel on wheels as I call our new trailer. Second because our very good friends, Shirley Smith, Karen Cummings and Ursula & David Hutton agreed to come along on the adventure too. And third because it was an opportunity to visit the place where I was born - St. John, NB.

When asked for stories and pictures about the Specialty to include in the next Schip Tales, I thought I would ask my fellow travelers for their impressions of our trip together and share them with you. I can tell you that John and I had a great time and have agreed we are definitely going to visit New Brunswick again. Thanks to Jude and Rick Murphy for chairing the SCC Specialty and for being our Specialty hosts. Rick you make a great auctioneer too.

Shirley's impression

We had a great trip! It was especially good that on our first day my Granddaughter who lives in Maine was able to come to pick me up at our campsite so we could spend time visiting at a local restaurant over dinner.

I enjoyed the campsite in St. Martins, the sightseeing and friendship shared on this trip. I believe staying at the campgrounds allowed us time to rest and sightsee between shows, and was especially good for the young dogs we had with us. The shows were small, but definitely quality dogs were entered and the Schips sure did shine in the all breed competition. It was neat that on our final night out we could have a campfire and pizza delivered to our site.

Best of all was that Marnie was thrilled to be able to show us where she was born and the surrounding area.

Karen's Thoughts on the Trip

I would like to add about our trip that I was really thankful that I got to go. I LOVED the rugged beauty of Maine and New Brunswick. I could spend weeks hiking and exploring and taking photos in that part of the world- I hope Kevin and I can go there for a non-doggy vacation sometime. (ha) I am soooo happy we stayed at the campground instead of at the arena. The sound of the ocean at our back door, walks on the pebble beach and the quiet town of St. Martins was wonderful.

The beach was so clean and I could have taken home buckets of pretty rocks! John wouldn't let me take more than a couple of special rocks though. I missed my husband during our 11 days, but I had a great time with my chosen family members who are all dear to me. Having David and John along made it extra special and the men folks made us feel well cared for. Thanks guys! We usually have to do all the work ourselves, so it was nice to have the boys do some of it. Especially laundry and sewer duty! I don't get to indulge in good seafood very often here at home, so I was loving the fresh seafood meals. we had But the best was the scallops and crablegs we bought at the City Market in Kings Square and then cooked ourselves at camp (well, I didn't do any cooking- but I helped clean up...). Our last night, in Maine, was indeed special. No pressure, just very relaxing. We got to have a fire and they even delivered the wood for us to burn. Ah yes, just sit and gab, great times.

The dog show circuit was nice and relaxed. Rick and Jude were very nice and made us feel welcome! They did a terrific job- getting grooming space all together for us, handing out goody bags (nice touch!), and sharing their dulce (alias dried seaweed) with whoever would try it (bleck- one taste was enough for me), but Marnie loved it.

My only complaint about the trip was that I did not see any moose. There were warning signs all over the place, and several eye witness confirmations that the warnings were well placed, but I did not see any moose. Here moosey moosey! (Note ML: yes, Karen did try to call them.)

Really enjoyed myself- good friends, good food, good booze, good dogs, good memories, beautiful planet!
I love you guys...

Ursula's Perceptions / Recollections

Marnie and John Layng as well as Shirley Smith arrived at our home “campground” late afternoon on Wednesday. After we set everyone up for the night, we were joined by Kevin and Karen Cummings for a celebratory start to our journey with dinner at the Brewster Inn overlooking Cazenovia Lake. It seemed quite significant to us all that the menu that night included a dish from the Bay of Fundy. Following dinner, Kevin and Karen went home, and all of us settled down to a good night’s sleep for the long adventure ahead.

Our caravan to the Canadian National began on Thursday, August 14th, around 9:30 a.m. (later than we expected). Vacation mode had kicked in, and although Kevin had driven Karen over right on time to help pack up her last-minute items, trailer preparations seemed to take quite a while.

Our first day destination was the Silver Springs Campground in Saco, ME. With walkie-talkies in hand to communicate, we set off in our two SUVs with the Hutton 27' Camper and Layng's 33' Camper in tow. And, despite conflicting directions from two different GPS systems, we managed to pull in to the Silver Springs Campground around 7 p.m. After exiting the dogs and a quick dinner, we settled in for a night’s rest in preparation for another long day on the road.

Day two’s travel began around 9 a.m., and mimicked day one’s conflicting GPS instructions. Thank goodness for the walkie-talkies that kept us entertained while those “in charge” discussed the advantages and disadvantages of recommended routes <LOL>. After all the ups and downs—terrain and otherwise—we arrived at the Seaside Tent and Trailer Campgrounds in St. Martins, New Brunswick around 5 p.m. (Atlantic Time—one hour later than our Eastern Time). The campgrounds were right on the bay! What a vista and perfect resting spot—the Bay of Fundy with its beaches covered in various shaped and colored stones, its jutting promontories, its world-renowned tides, its hidden sandy beaches, and its lulling waves lapping the shores. We had found the perfect place to rest—especially after each day’s show. And how great was it to have two handsome men catering to our domestic needs <g>. My husband, Dave, when he wasn’t golfing, did laundry, cleaning, cooking, and dog duties, as did Marnie’s husband, John. We even found time for Marnie to give us a tour of the Marketplace in St. John where we bought some souvenirs and some great seafood for a memorable evening of camaraderie and culinary memories. On our last day we marveled at the area’s beauty while we captured on film our trek along the Fundy Trail and went back into St. John for dinner at the fine Reversing Falls restaurant.

Staying at the campground necessitated a longer commute to the dog show (40 minutes), but the weather and roads cooperated, and it never was a problem. Rumor has it that sometimes the morning fog can be sooo dense that driving is impossible. The turnout of Schips at the shows prior to the National, the National, and at the Booster was better than I had expected. It seemed that most of the represented kennels won something at one point or another, and everyone had a good time. Kudos goes to Jude and Rick for their attention to detail—from setting aside crating and grooming space for the Schips, to sandwiches and snacks brought in for lunch, to a mouth-watering BBQ at their home, and ending with an exuberant auction and banquet. Without a doubt it was a wonderful Canadian National!

Our return trip was a reverse of the trip up—you’d think we’d have remembered which routes we had taken up. But no... same discussions via walkie-talkies on the return trip as on the way up <LOL>. But, it all added to the fun. We left around 9 a.m. on Saturday morning, August 23rd. We spent our last night again at the Silver Springs Campground in Maine under the stars with a great bonfire, delivered pizza, good wine, but most of all—great friends...PRICELESS!! It doesn’t get any better than that!!

The last leg on Sunday was uneventful—somewhat sobering realizing that our trip was finished, reflecting on what we all experienced, and hoping for (if not already planning) the next adventure with great friends and traveling companions. Let’s all “go to the dogs” together again soon <g>.



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I would like to thank EVERYONE who supported in any way the 2008 Specialty.

Moving to the east coast was quite a venture and needed a lot of co-operation among the Committee members and we want to thank everyone who supported the Specialty in any way - be it as an Exhibitor, Ticket Purchaser, Donor of any item for the show or the Auction.

Rick and Jude Murphy went way beyond to seek out donations for the Auctions, and their donation of the super Exhibitors' bags, the BBQ at their home, the arrangements for the Dinner & the Lunches at the shows.

Sally and Bruce Gibbs with the donations for the Schip Auction with the wonderful needlepoint Schip Pillow, the Schipperke Garden Stakes, the great Natural Dog Cookies they donated to all the Schip exhibitors, and the needlepoint Schip heads on the Music Box Booster prizes.

Lea Murray donating many wonderful items for the Schip Auction and sending them to Jude before the show as in the end, Lea had to cancel her plans to attend.

Kit Wilson for her wonderful B & W photos of Schip Head on note cards for the Class winners in the Booster.

Valerie Webster for her beautiful large Oil Painting of Schipperke donated to the Schip Auction.

A great many of the donations took many hours of work by the donors, and your time was very much appreciated. You all know who you are!!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GREAT SUPPORT.

Joyce Bernhardt, Specialty Committee member

A financial report for the 2008 Specialty will be issued later.

At the present time Income exceeds Expenses.

Thanks to everyone who supporting the Specialty

Jack Bernhardt, 2008 Specialty Committee member

From Lori D. :

Trials of Obedience...

When I heard that the Specialty was going to held in St. John NB, I knew I had to go. I have relatives in Quispamsis, which is just on the outskirts of St John, and I realized this was an amazing opportunity to visit them and attend the Specialty (while enjoying free accommodations!).

I had my work cut out for me as Coal knew the basics of the Utility obedience exercises, but we had not really worked on putting it all together. I decided to put a concerted effort to try and get him ready for the Utility ring, as I thought it would be great to see a Schipperke in the higher obedience at the Specialty.

Then, since we were making such a big trip, I thought I might as well try and get Jet ready for Open. I had less confidence in that as he knew nothing of the new exercises he would need to perform, and indeed, he thought the dumbbell was obviously some form of horrible torture. Luckily, several packages of chicken wieners later, he now loves his dumbbell and retrieves it enthusiastically.

By the time August rolled around, we were doing pretty well. Coal was doing most of the Utility exercises

quite well, although we continued to have some issues with directed jumping and then an injury a few weeks before required he be restricted in activity, so no jumping practice. Jet was actually doing very well and I was pleased with his progress.



Coal working his scent articles

I was a bit worried about the long drive (we were coming from Ontario) as I was going by myself. It turned out to be not as bad as I thought it was going to be, even with a bit of a hold up going through Montreal during rush hour with construction (although I was cursing my standard transmission at that point!). The dogs did all right with it, the longest they had ever been in the car was four hours (on previous sojourns to Brockville for the Specialty in prior years), but they did find it a bit stressful. We made it in good time and had a day to settle in at my

Aunt and Uncle's before the shows began. The dogs were ecstatic, two new people who were fully devoted to spoiling and patting them nonstop. They had them properly Schip trained in short order.

The show site was a less than 10 minute drive from where we were staying, it was perfect. Unfortunately, we did not qualify in any of the trials. We were actually the only dogs entered in Open and Utility in 3 out of the 4 trials, and there was only 1 other dog in the fourth. There were many more dogs entered in the Rally Obedience. All in all, although obviously I was disappointed that we did not qualify, they did improve as the week went on, so I was not completely discouraged. I think they combination of the stress of the travel and the fact that I did rush their training a bit to try and be ready for the Specialty contributed to our lack of success. They both had some very nicely performed exercises in between the non-qualifying ones, so I know it is only a matter of time. We will put it all together one of these days. It would have been nice for it to be at the Specialty but perhaps another year!



Jet doing the out-of-sight 3-minute long sit. He did his stays perfectly in all 4 trials, despite being the only dog in the ring!

(Terrie Rolph, thanks for the pictures)

We had a fabulous time anyway, it was great to see so many Schipperkes in one place and meet everyone there.

Lori

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NAUGHTY AND NICE

Our Trip to New Brunswick to Attend the Schipperke Club of Canada Specialty Show **by Valerie Roos Webster**

On Saturday, August 16th, my husband, John and I, and our two schips Monty and Cody (Camplaren's Montgomery and Ebonorth Moment of Truth) left Burnstown, Ont. for the two day trip to St. Martin's, N.B. The first night we spent in St. Jean Port Jolie on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River. St. Jean Port Jolie is a pretty little tourist town which is well-known for its arts community, particularly wood sculpture. Were we surprised when we arrived in St. Jean Port Jolie and the town was full of festival-goers for the Sea Shanty festival. It made our stay very memorable.

We arrived in St. Martin's Sunday evening and were shown the cottage that was to be our home for the week of the Specialty. It was located right across from the harbour in the lively town of St. Martin's. We had a "million dollar view" from our windows. We were able to watch the tides and all of the activity in the harbour during our stay. Sunday evening and Monday we spent exploring St. Martin's and scouting out our route to the Rothesay area that was the site of the Specialty. John is an artist, as am I, and we also spent time exploring the area for potential painting ideas.



On Tuesday evening, we went to a fabulous BBQ hosted by Jude and Rick Murphy at their home in St. John. They were gracious hosts and put on a spectacular spread of food. There was something for everyone. The only rain that we experienced on our whole trip occurred during the BBQ. Monty and Cody didn't mind the rain and enjoyed romping in the big fenced yard with some of the other schips. Cody especially enjoyed browsing for handouts, since eating is one of his favourite past times. Monty was more excited by the people and the activity. I got to test out my new raincoat which will accompany me to England in a few weeks, and I have to say it passed with flying colours. If it can handle the New Brunswick deluge of Tuesday night, I think it is up to England!



On Wednesday, the Specialty went off without a hitch. The attendees received wonderful goody bags for the schips courtesy of Jude and Rick. A big thanks goes out to them for their generosity and thoughtfulness. Thank you to all that participated in making the Specialty run along so smoothly. In the evening, we enjoyed the Specialty dinner at Dooley's in St. John. The meal was great and Rick was a very entertaining auctioneer. A lot of fun was had by everyone bidding and winning the many wonderful items donated by so many generous people. I was lucky to win a schipperke needlepoint cushion by Sally Gibbs. It is a gorgeous piece that I will treasure.

We attended the booster on Thursday, and enjoyed a great tailgate lunch. Joyce and Jack Bernhardt celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on the day of the Specialty, and Sally and Bruce Gibbs surprised them with a cake at the Specialty dinner. The cake was also enjoyed at the tailgate lunch.

We spent the rest of the week enjoying all that the St. Martin's area has to offer. We enjoyed a number of memorable meals whilst we were there, including a beautiful meal with Joyce and Jack at the St. Martin's County Inn. We will also remember our long walks on the pristine beaches at low tide. Monty and Cody just loved exploring these beaches. Monty wanted to bring home various treasures and I was absolutely fascinated by the lovely smooth stones with such beautiful colours and patterns. The Fundy Trail is beautiful and we enjoyed our day exploring the various lookouts and trails. Monty and Cody didn't know what to make of the cable ladder stairs at Fuller Falls, but were pretty nimble going down and then back up.

We decided to take three days for our trip home. We wanted to explore painting possibilities and some of the small towns on the way home.

We arrived home safe and sound with lots of wonderful memories. Maggie, our schip mix, had spent the week with a friend who has a small hobby farm and Maggie enjoyed fresh, organic eggs and samples of homemade cheese during Phoebe's cheese making process. I don't think she missed us too much!!!

Message from the Editors

Hello to all !

First of all, I (Nat) would like to apologize about the newsletter being late. My computer crashed a month ago and everything I worked on or saved was lost. Thanks to Joyce Bernhardt, I think and hope we got everything back about this newsletter. Thanks to all of you who Re-sent brags or/and pictures so I can redo it all.

Again, we would like to remind you of a few pointers:

- When you send a brag, most of us don't know who "Blackie" is. Please send its **registered name** as well as its called name.
- I am sorry but I don't know you all. So , again, if you send a brag (or whatever), please say who it is from. "From John P." doesn't sometimes mean much to me and others. **First and last name** will help.
- In the same area, "last weekend" or "yesterday" doesn't tell us when it really happened as this newsletter is published every three months. Please **indicate a date**.
- Send pictures in the **biggest format** possible. Schipperkes pictures are really hard to copy and if you don't want your dog to be a black 'blob', the biggest-the better. I am currently working to find on a new PDF program that would allow me to make the pictures in the newsletter appear as clear as possible for those who receive it by email.
- When you send me something in Word or other word processors, please **send me pictures** to include in your brag **as an attachment** (a **jpeg** or other **picture format**). I can work with some pictures in your brag, but it would make my life so easier !!!
- Joyce and I are working hard for this newsletter, please **don't make us beg for your brags**. We are members of some internet lists, but for some reason or other, we don't always check them all. If you send it to some list, you can send it to us if you want it to appear in the next newsletter. Please **put the deadline date on a calendar** or even better, send brags as they come along ! (hopefully my NEW computer won't crash)
- If it happens that I lose something you sent me, please, don't be mad. Just send me a note about it . You probably will have to resend your brag also. Forgive me and don't forget this is a Volunteer work.

All in all, thank you all for your input. This is your newsletter and any suggestions and/or comments are appreciated.

Nathalie Lussier and Joyce Bernhardt

P.S. Please change my email address to :

chad44@roadrunner.com Thanks, Nat Lussier

From Darcy Whelihan :

The stud pages arrived . They are available for \$5.00.
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Thanks , **Darcy**



**Congratulations to all
participants of the
Specialty !!!**

SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF CANADA - 2009 DUES NOTICE

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Dear SCC member:

It is time to renew your SCC membership (unless you are a Life Member), or joined after October 1st, 2008. Please submit a cheque or money order, in Canadian Funds and payable

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Dues - Household (2 members over 18 yrs in same household)	\$25.00	_____
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