

Earthdog Test

We could not have had more spectacular weather for the 2016 BTCA National Specialty Earthdog Test. The air was cool and crisp in the am and it didn't really get too hot until clean up time. I had a fantastic committee that assisted me to make the 2016 Specialty Earthdog Test a success. Anne and Matt Leist along with Julie Hite prepared the tunnels and the earth and tunnels for the test. Betsy Kirkpatrick did an outstanding job as Earthdog Test Secretary. Janette Woodard managed the workers, Diane Aguilar, Marge Snyder and Jessica Redman helped with set up, clean up and anything else needed throughout the day. We had many volunteers who pitched in to help, including John & Linda

Parker, Holly Whetstone, Nancy Foster, Jo Ann Frier-Murza, Dean & Leslie Firing, Beth & Michael Cashwiler, Ann Goodspeed, Marian Shaw, Susan Storey, and Judy Cowen. Special thanks goes to the judges, Russ Wishover, Carol Mock and Duane Pulford.

We had a total of one hundred thirty-one dogs entered in the test. Amongst these twenty-nine exhibited in IQ, thirty-five in JE, thirty in SE and twenty-four in ME. The qualifiers are listed below. Congratulations to all!

Annette Neff, 2016 BTCA National Specialty Earthdog Chair



Master Earthdog

CH Woodberry's Royal Maid of Honor, ME,CAA,RATS, Gail Warwick

Rowan Trislit,TD,MX,MXJ,XF,ME, Jeanne Simmons

GCH Greenroom Patchwork Curtain, SE,CGC, Mary Ellen Mohler

MACH Sylvaticas Kosmic Karma,BN,RN,MXS,MJG,MXF,T2B2,ME, EE2, Sallie Eure Redding

GCH Greywoode Nightjar, RE,ME,CD,NA,NAJ,RATCH, Judy Todd

Towzie Tyke Tavish, ME, Cassandra Becker

CH Otterwise Gift of Hope

Weehill,RE,SE,BN,BD,AX,AXJ,NF,CA, Ray and Gay Bowling

Ch MACH Otterwise

Jeremiah,CD,BN,RE,MXB,MJS,XF,T2B,SE, Ann Goodspeed

CH Faireview Running Flame thru Bridan,CA,SE,CGC, Cathey Myer

MACH6 Sunkist Smoke and

Mirrors,CDX,RE,MXS2,MJG2,NAP, NJP,MXT,MFG,TQX,T2B4,ME,CA, Billie Rosen

GCH Skeldale Grade A Fancy, ME, Holly Whetstone

CH MACH3 Whirlwind Mooswa Hot Stuff,CD,ME, Laura Golden

Milestone Teacher's Pet,SE,CA, Barb Swanson

CH Hideaway's Flower Power,SE,CA, Marilyn Sugg

Senior Earthdog

Sunkist All Things Considered,OA,OAJ,JE, Jeanne Simmons

CH Wildwood Moonlit Touch-Me-Not,CD,RAE,OA,OAJ,ME, BN,CGCU, Ann Leist



Sunkist Red Hot Chili Pepper at Spring Cove,JE,CGC,
Marion Shaw

CH Faireview Doubleback to Bandersnatch,JE,CA, Angela
Thorpe
NEW TITLE

CH Woodberry's Royal Heir Apparent,ME,CA,RATO, Gail
Warnick



Junior Earthdog

CH Happy Hobbits Kiwi
Rose,RA,AX,AXJ,OF,SE,CA,RATS, Joseph Hubberman and
Ruth Bromer

CH JandR Boysenberry of Rowan,RA,JE,RATS,CGC ,
Joseph Hubberman and Ruth Bromer

Ch Aardehound His Girl Friday, Tracy Van Niel *NEW*
TITLE

CH Raveneaux's You're The One That I Want, Robbie
Johnson *NEW TITLE*

Kevrah Jar of Stars, Michele Emond and Barbara Wood

CH Riverside Just a Dream, Jessica Redman and
Beverly Novak *NEW TITLE*



IQ Qualifiers

Seddicus Zorrander, Beth and Michael Cashwiler

Bridan Country Road, Cathy Meyer

Brierdan's Emma Peel, Nancy Foster and Dianne
Hindee

Fireland's Felek at Jansim, Anna Robaczewski and Pam
Dyer

Bandersnatch Defiant, Marg Pough and Amanda Pough

Kevrah Jar of Stars, Michele Emond and Barbara Wood

CH Riverside Just a Dream, Jessica Redman and
Beverly Novak

Intro

I had a wonderful time judging introduction to quarry this year at the specialty! Nearly 30 entries and 10 qualifiers! I love to see the newbies turn on to rats and some of the seniors who still want to play light up around the quarry. Thanks to the specialty committee and the earthdog committee for inviting me to judge!

Gail Warnock

Junior Earthdog

It was my great pleasure to judge Junior Earthdog at my home dog-training club , Columbus All-Breed Training Club (CATC), for the BTCA National Specialty on June 13. I'd like to thank the BTCA for inviting me and CATC for for hosting the test. We have always had great support at CATC for earthdog from exhibitors and judges as well as committee and club members and this test, the first Specialty ED test held there, was no exception. Many thanks to all who worked so hard before, during, and after the test to make it so successful.

We had a nice entry in the JE class. Thirty-seven dogs were entered and thirty-three ran. There was wonderful variety in the class, from first-timers in a 30' den, to 12 and 14 year old seniors going for a taste of old glory, and everything in between. Several of the dogs entered have been stars in the breed ring and other venues, testament to the appreciation BTCA members and breeders have for the functional side of our breed.

Of course, being Borders, there was the usual variety and originality in how the dogs handled the test. My favorite this time may have been "Jackson", who seemed to have his own stopwatch: he kept looking at me and his handler as if to say, "What's the hurry?," then finally entered, almost casually, but went straight to the rats, getting there in 27 (of the 30 allowed) seconds, and worked like a pro. (He qualified.)

Two years ago I judged JE at the St. Louis Specialty and felt that several of the best hunting dogs - above ground - had not yet figured out they needed to go under ground to actually work the rats. This year the class was more typical of Border Terriers: almost all of the dogs entered the den even though it was new to them, and made it to the rats (sooner or later), if not always in 30 seconds.

In all, 6 of the 33 dogs running qualified, with 3 finishing their JE title: Tracy van Neil's Hildy, Robbie Johnson's Abbie, and Jessica Redman's Beatrice. Congratulations to the new Junior Earthdogs, and, especially, congratulations to all who participated and supported Border Terriers in the sport they love best. Thank you!

Carol Mock