

# Southern SENNtiments



***New Members and New Puppies!***

SouthBound GSMD Club - 1st Quarter 2011

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## Southbound Board:

Melissa Jarriel, President  
Stacey Gwin, Vice President  
Val Guthrie, Secretary  
Scott Patton, Treasurer  
Directors: Faye Erickson, Stewart Mathis, and Molly Eichhoefer

**On the Cover:** Southbound members welcomed a bunch of new puppies in 2010 and early 2011. Top row: River Bullock and Kingston Dorman. Middle row: George Wilson, Eli Fountain, and Hobbs Jarriel. Bottom Row: Zany Galan, Cover Phillips, Zeus; Zaatar McNally

## President's Message

Dear Southbound Members,

The beginning of each New Year is a great time to remember the prior year's accomplishments and to plan the changes we want to make in the coming year. January 1, 2011 brought about a "Changing of the Guard" for the club with the election of new officers who are profiled in this edition of the Southern SENNtiments. I congratulate the new officers and look forward to working with them over the next two years to continue the good work of the outgoing Southbound Board. Under their charge we had two successful years holding on a 5-day working dog extravaganza (Cilla's brain child), we were approved as the host club for the 2011 GSMDCA National Specialty, and we implemented a beautiful club website. Please join me in thanking the previous term's board members for their outstanding contributions:

Molly Eichhoefer, President  
Val Guthrie, Vice President  
Cilla Phillips, Secretary  
Scott Patton, Treasurer  
Glenda Parks, Director  
Faye Erickson, Director

We are fortunate that four members of last term's board are returning to the board for another term, allowing us to continue full speed ahead to accomplish our goals. In addition to the work being done on Regional and National Specialties, our focus will be on the members, their Swissys, and their participation in club activities. Getting to know our new members (human and canine) is at the top of the list, so enjoy this first edition of the club newsletter for this term and welcome our new members!

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

Melissa Jarriel  
Southbound President



# Swissypalooza 2010

Swissypalooza was another great success! Held in November at the Clemson University YLI in South Carolina, Southbound Swissys (and one Leonberger) earned 17 pack hike legs (including a NWPD title), 6 weight pull legs (including a WWD title and a WWDX title), 4 drafting titles (3 NDD and one NBDD), two new CGC certifications, and one new VGS title!

Jackie Mathis and JuJu, new NDD with judges Pam Capelli and Sara Steele.



Southbound members enjoying one of four hikes offered during Swissypalooza. 17 pack hike legs were earned over the weekend.



## Cotton Classic 2011

Peach Blossom Cluster and Southbound Cotton Classic  
April 14 - 17, 2011

Perry, GA - GA International Fairgrounds  
Closing Date: Wednesday, March 30



### Specialty Events:

Saturday April 16th: Funday & Membership meeting  
(begins at 1pm)  
Sunday April 17th: Southbound Breakfast and  
Cotton Classic Specialty

Specialty Judges:

Breed Judge - Daniel Fleitas, Sweeps Judge - Mary  
Beth Usery, Juniors Judge - MaryEllen Macke

### Peach Blossom Cluster Activities:

3 days of ALL BREED Conformation!  
4 days of ALL BREED Obedience, Rally & Agility!  
1 day of Breed Specialties!  
AKC & Breed Judging Seminars  
Eye & Heart Clinics  
All Breed Match  
Agility Match  
Herding Intro to Stock  
CGC Testing

<http://www.peach-blossom.org/>

# The Upcoming 2011 Cotton Classic Trophy Sponsors

<b>Sweepstakes</b>	<b>Sponsored by:</b>	<b>Regular Classes</b>	<b>Sponsored by:</b>
6-9 Puppy Dog	Valerie Valle	Best of Breed	Southbound GSMDC
9-12 Puppy Dog	Nola & Loy Howard	Best of Winners	Bunty Volls Schaffhausen GSMD
12-15 Junior Dog	Valerie Valle	Best of Opposite	Mac McFadden & Debbie Echols
15-18 Junior Dog	Nola & Loy Howard	Select Dog	Laura Bullock - Fireside GSMD
6-9 Puppy Bitch	Valerie Valle	Select Bitch	Judy Brown Fletcher
9-12 Puppy Bitch	Nola & Loy Howard	1st Award of Merit	Mac McFadden & Debbie Echols
12-15 Junior Bitch	Paula, Spencer and Robert Botkin	2nd Award of Merit	Brenda & Harry Naylor Brendamine's Swisssys
15-18 Junior Bitch	Paula, Spencer and Robert Botkin	Winners Dog	The Gwin Family
Best Puppy in Sweeps	Laura Bullock - Fireside GSMD	Reserve Winners Dog	Molly Eichhoefer IMO CH Shadetree's Rough N Ready Teddy, WPD
BOS Sweeps	Val Guthrie	Winners Bitch	The Bole Family
7-9 Veteran Dog	Kathleen Borgmeyer; Landhof Swisssys, IMO Patrick	Reserve Winners Bitch	Jackie & Stewart Mathis
9-11 Veteran Dog	Brenda & Harry Naylor IMO Brendamine's Amous	6-9 Dog	Margaret Poole, Dedicated to the GSMD Greater Beginnings
11+ Veteran Dog	Kathy Nebel & Jeff Schmitt IMO Yankee & Toby	9-12 Dog	Valerie Valle
7-9 Veteran Bitch	Glenda Parks IMO Pepsi-Cola	12-18 Dog	Glenda Parks
9-11 Veteran Bitch	Pat & George Saxon IMO Misty	American Bred Dog	Kathy Nebel and Jeff Schmitt
11+ Veteran Bitch	Glenda Parks IMO Rippling Waters Bonnie Doon	Bred by Exhibitor Dog	Brenda & Harry Naylor IMO Brendamine's Gustaf
Best Veteran in Sweeps	Melissa Jarriel	Open Dog	Dan & Pricilla Sparks
BOS Veteran	Faye & Eric Erickson IMO Ch. Bermuda High's Top Gun	6-9 Bitch	Margaret Poole, Dedicated to the GSMD Greater Beginnings
<b>Jr Showmanship</b>	<b>Sponsored by:</b>	9-12 Bitch	Valerie Valle
Novice Junior, Novice Intermediate, Novice Senior	Susan McClintick	12-18 Bitch	Glenda Parks
Open Junior, Open Inter- mediate	Susan McClintick	American Bred Bitch	Cathy Cooper - Shadetree GSMD
Open Senior	Amy Allen	Bred by Exhibitor Bitch	Brenda & Harry Naylor IMO Brendamine Alie's Sheena
Best Junior	Faye and Eric Erickson	Open Bitch	Dan & Pricilla Sparks
		Veteran Dog	Bunty Volls IMO Amos, CH Schaffhausen's Anselm ROM
Stud Dog	Melissa Jarriel	Veteran Bitch	Bunty Volls IMO Amos, CH Schaffhausen's Anselm ROM
Brood Bitch	Cilla Phillips IMO Scooter	Brace	Southbound GSMDC

**Obedience:** Highest Scoring Swissy in Obedience (Saturday) and Highest Scoring Swissy in Rally (Saturday)  
Sponsored by Natalie and Mark O'Neill in memory of Twinpine's Aiko "Jonah" CGC, NWPD, RN, NDD

# Packing for Perry

(reprinted from Jan/Feb 2009 newsletter)

## For your dog(s):

Collars and leashes (all types)  
Crate(s)  
Dog bowls  
Food  
Water  
Clean-up bags  
Treats and bait  
First aid kit  
Towels  
Grooming supplies  
Spray bottle with water  
Sheet/blanket for covering beds/crates

## For yourself:

Show clothes  
Fun Day raffle items  
Fun Day parking pass  
Camera  
Bottled water and snacks  
First aid kit  
Rain gear  
Sun screen  
Chairs  
Money for vendors  
Sense of humor  
Good sportsmanship

## For health tests, you will need to have this information available:

- Registered Name
- Microchip number
- AKC number

# Dog Event Etiquette

By Kathy Nebel (Re-printed with permission)

As much as we'd like to believe that everyone, human and canine, loves our dog as much as we do, it's not always true. Practice "Doggy Etiquette" to make a good – and safe – impression at the Perry events.

- Keep your dog on a short lead when in a crowd. Avoid using a Flexi-lead in situations where you may need instant control of your dog.
- Be aware of where your dog is looking and always control his head. Your dog may not want to eat that little dust mop on legs he's staring at, but the little dog's owner doesn't know that.
- Ask before you allow your dog to approach another dog.
- Do not allow your dog to approach any unattended dog in a crate or vehicle. Contained dogs may feel a need to defend their space.
- Keep a water bowl for your dog handy. With the current concerns over canine influenza, people may be less willing to share their dogs' bowls.
- Always clean up after your dog, even if it "looks" like a place no one will see.
- If your dog will be sleeping in the hotel bed with you, bring an old sheet to put on top of the hotel bedding.
- Crate your dog if he is to be left alone in the hotel room. If your dog barks when left alone, do not leave him unattended in the room.
- Do not bathe your dog in the hotel room.
- Leave a tip for your hotel maid when you leave (\$2 per person per night is appropriate). Happy maids are less likely to complain to management about dogs in the rooms.
- Keep your dog on a leash in the public areas of the hotel.
- Assume that dog-less hotel guests don't want to be greeted by your dog.
- If your dog wins a trophy, thank the person who sponsored it.
- Practice good sportsmanship, whether you win or lose.



# Meet the Southbound Board

## Melissa Jarriel, President

### How did you get involved in Swissys?

After my two Labs crossed the Rainbow Bridge I began looking for a breed that would be a good hiking and yard chore companion. Swissys fit the bill and Peggy Roderick was the first breeder in the region to respond to my emails. She had a litter on the way and picked the perfect Swissy for me.

### Where are you from? Aiken, SC

### Tell us about your dogs and do you have any other non-Swissy pets?

Keygan is my 8.5 year old Swissy and has been a wonderful pet, show dog, and working dog. His son, Hobbs, has just come home with us and is 15 weeks old. He has some big paws to fill when we start training, but is currently just providing loads of entertainment. We also have two geriatric horses and a hilarious cat named Gatsby.



### What is your most memorable event in Southbound so far? Swissypalooza 2009

### What is your vision for Southbound this year?

To be a premier working dog club and host an awesome National Specialty.



## Stacey Gwin, Vice President

### How did you get involved in Swissys?

Actually, through infodog.com. Our lab (14, years old) and shepherd (12, years old) had passed away within a month from each other during the summer of '06. We have always had dogs in our lives and my children were asking when we could get another dog. My youngest, Madeline, would be undergoing an open heart surgery in the spring and I knew that it would be unfair to bring a puppy in to our home. I explained to my children that I would research dogs and, once Madeline received her clearance, we would make efforts to bring a puppy home. During my "down time" I researched breeds to find what breed would work with our family. The lab that we had didn't do well with children. The Shepherd was my children's guardian, but so many undergo Schutzhund training that the breed now scared me. I knew that I needed something that I could trust to protect my children but be gentle enough to be around Madeline, as well as, visiting friends. Infodog said Swissy.

Well, spring came, Madeline's surgery went well, and Madeline's recovery went as planned. We had already found a breed that would work with our family, now came the challenge to find a breeder. It seemed that every breeder that we visited either had already placed their pups, or (with good reason) had reservations

# Meet the Southbound Board, cont.

about placing a pup with a child 6 weeks post-op from open heart surgery. Well, obviously, we found a breeder that either found my argument compelling or was convinced that this was going to be a good match when she met Madeline. Whatever her reason, we are truly thankful.

**Where are you from?** Birmingham, Alabama (but originally Atlanta, GA)

**Tell us about your dogs and do you have any other non-Swissy pets?**

Coda, Ch. Living Water's Coda Bear, was my first Swissy and is 100% a momma's boy. I have enjoyed working with Coda and he enjoys working for me. Coda has passed his Herding Capability Test, received his AKC Championship, Novice Working Pack Dog title, Canine Good Citizen, and Rally Novice titles. Meeko, Ch. Halfmoon's Dreamin' Meeko, is our second Swissy and soon became known as my son's, Gregory, dog. They have a great bond. Gregory has worked with Meeko and together they have passed the Herding Capability Test and acquired a Novice Working Pack Dog title, Canine Good Citizen and recently (with a little help from Wendi Brown) received her AKC Championship. Meeko, much like most Swissy girls, rules the house. She lets you know if she doesn't approve of something and tells on the kids as well (tee hee...I love that!). Lastly, we have a cat named Lilo. Apparently, we love the Swissy colors so much that it spilled over with our calico kitten. So, all of my animals have the same shades of colors as well as being named for Disney characters.

**What is your most memorable event in Southbound so far?**

When Wendi (Brown) asked Gregory to handle Daisy during a show. I realized then that this group was very special.

**What is your vision for Southbound this year?**

I love the feeling of the front porch attitude of Southbound. I would like to see this attitude continue as well as encourage membership participation. I would like to see Southbound work towards advertising more Southbound sponsored events (via posts, webposts, etc.) and encourage their members to be more active and host more events.

## Val Guthrie, Secretary

**How did you get involved in Swissys?**

I started researching large breeds and fell in love with the Swissy. Got my first Swissy in February 2003 - CH. Noble Farms Alpine Avalanche, CGC, TDI, TT. So far, I have been involved with conformation, some obedience work, some weight pulls, have attended 2 draft clinics, and have served on SouthBound board for 4 years.

**Where are you from?**

Born and raised in Georgia.

**What's one little-known fact about you?**

I played college softball at Georgia state University.

**What is your most memorable event in Southbound so far?**

Meeting several life-long friends through this great group.

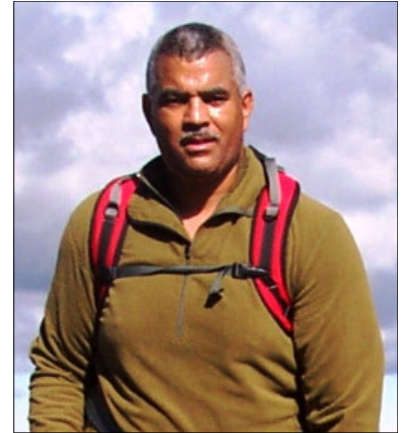




# Meet the Southbound Board, cont.

## Scott Patton, Treasurer

[Ed. Note: Scott is a man of very few written words, but he and his wife Linda make sure that SouthBound has the very best ringside breakfast at Perry—making all the other clubs very jealous (and hungry). So, I forgive him for not sending his information for this article *again*. Scott is owned by two Swissys, Brewster and Tripp.]



## Faye Erickson, Director

I came to Swissys the long way around. I had several dogs when I was growing up, mostly mutts. I didn't have a registered dog until we moved to Columbia in 1978. My sister had a Golden Retriever bitch that had a litter of puppies. We got one, a bitch, and named her, appropriately, Goldie (we're nothing if not original!). Unfortunately, we were told that while Goldie was a nice dog, she was too small, her ears were too long, and her eyes were too light. Back to the drawing board and into obedience. It was at obedience class one night that I fell in love with an Irish Wolfhound. My first one, Mickey, had a great head, a fair front, and every fault known to Irish Wolfhounds, and some he made up on his own. Someone said that Mickey's tail was not only gay, it was hysterical! Back to that

drawing board – and obedience. We did manage to put CD's on Goldie and Mickey, and Mickey was high scoring sighthound at one trial. We lost Mickey at 9 ½ years, and two years later, we got Sully, another Irish Wolfhound, from a breeder in Georgia. He was our first show dog, and I finished him – YEA! Three years later, Ranger, another Wolfie came to live with us. Ranger had a real show dog attitude– he thought everybody at the shows came to see him. He loved it! He decided at one show that he was not through showing and tried to drag me into a ring with Standard Poodles. Unfortunately, we lost both Sully and Ranger within 9 months – Sully to cancer and a rare heart problem, and Ranger to a heart problem.

Now, finally, we're getting to the Swissys! While I was showing the Wolfies, I had been looking for a second breed. I looked at Flat Coats, Curley Coats, Pointers, Vizslas, Berners, and finally, Swissys. After watching them for about three years, I finally decided that the Swissy was the breed I wanted, and if I got one, I wanted a puppy from Cilla Phillips' Jenny Beaufort (Ch. Poolside Bavarian Crème). Long story short, Gunner (Ch. Bermuda High's Top Gun) came home with us. We had a lot of fun with Gunner. Of course, you can't have just one Swissy, so six years ago Magnum (Reinherz Mystere) came to live with us (from Chuck and Pam Kalupa). Unfortunately, Magnum (named for Magnum, P.I, not the gun) had a shoulder problem that required surgery, so I have not been able to finish him – he has 7 points and one major. He loves to pull the cart (especially if he can get in front of Cilla's Moon Doggie), and we tried a weight pull once. I still want to try backpacking with him, if I could just get my bones outside and walking again! I've been on the Southbound board since 2004, and president of the Columbia Kennel Club since 2004. I love being involved with the dogs and with dog people, and look forward to many more years of this insanity!



# Meet the Southbound Board, cont.

## Stewart Mathis, Director

I am originally from Texas, but grew up in Flagstaff, Arizona. After moving around a while and spending 5 years in the Navy, I moved to Greenville, South Carolina and married my wife Jackie. We have been married 13 years and have a 9 year old daughter Samantha.

I got involved in Swissys about 7 years ago. Jackie and I had decided that we wanted a dog and went about deciding on a breed. I had seen Swissys on a dog show, and we decided to go to the Greenville Dog Show to see one. We were hooked! Our love of the breed was born, and we found a breeder to go meet a pack of Swissys and knew we had found the right dog! We currently have three dogs. Our first Swissy, JuJu (CH Bermuda High's Sea Smoke), is now 6. Our second Swissy is Penny (Brookhaven's Coco Chanel) and she is 1. We also have a Tibetan Spaniel named Luke (CH TuQute's Clean Sweep of Lone Palm). He is Samantha's dog and she showed him to his championship and shows him in Juniors. JuJu also had her first litter this year, giving birth to 4 puppies. Our kennel name is Lone Palm.

My most memorable Southbound event would be Swissypalooza this year because our daughter Samantha went and had some much fun. She is doing more with the dogs, and Southbound events are great ways for her to do more.



## Molly Eichhoefer, Director

### How did you get involved in Swissys?

Teddy was my first Swissy. He joined a pack of two old dogs and 4 cats in July of 2000. Unfortunately, neither of the old dogs would play with him. Only Apachee the Cat would play with him. I consider myself still a novice in the Swissy world. My Swissy involvement came at the expense of my Cowboy the Cat. I had adopted a short-haired Saint [Bernard] mix from my vet. After 4 months, he decided to start killing cats. I'd always been raised with purebred dogs and quickly realized that if I was going to have a really big dog, I needed to do my best to get one whose temperament was predictable. Or as predictable as it could be. I went looking for a short hair, dry mouth big breed. Swissys fit the bill.

### Where are you from?

Chicago, Illinois. Was great to be raised with all the museums and the various ethnic cultures (and food!!!). Went to high school in Dade City, Florida. Graduating class of 250. Was culture shock from Chicago.

### What's one little-known fact about you?

My house was built in 1936; so I've done more than my fair share of home improvement. I own quite a collection of power tools and have done everything from roofing to insulating the floors. I'm really good at cutting in. Have paint brush, will travel.

### What is your most memorable moment so far in SouthBound?

SouthBound sponsored an "All Swiss Breed" fun day north of Atlanta. Ted was only four months old but took Best Swissy Puppy in Match. I'm convinced it was because on the final line up, he held his stack to perfection. Peeing as only a Swissy can pee the entire time.



# Meet Some New Members!

**Cathy Overton and Dixie**



I live in Brandon, MS, just outside of Jackson. I love hiking and biking and just about any activity in the mountains. I am in the medical profession and I work in the Cardiac Cath Lab. I love quilting, yard work and doing projects at home. In addition to Dixie, I also have a 6 year old Corgi male, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel puppy (ruby female), and two parakeets. Dixie and I have just completed our first leg toward our pack dog title. I would love to do drafting with her, and she already knows how to pull her cart, but there is no outlet for that anywhere near where I live. Dixie is also a TDI Therapy dog and we make visits to nursing homes as well as the Library reading program.

**Farra and Ken Dorman with Kingston**



**Lauren Sinowski and Alice**



I live in Marietta, GA with my husband, our new puppy, Alice (BermudaHi's Silver Bullet), 2 cats (Ali and Dexter) and an English Mastiff named Riley. We're excited about preparing for our first show at Perry in April. I'm Interested in carting and pack hikes with Alice in the future when she's old enough.

**The Fountain Family with Eli**





# More New Members

**Tatiana Quintero-Matthews**



Living in Atlanta, GA with her husband Evan, Tatiana is excited about their new blue puppy, Appa, joining them any day now.

**Roy Wood and Huxford**



I live in Newnan, GA., which is about 45 miles southwest of Atlanta. I work full-time for the Georgia Army National Guard and was deployed to Iraq from 2005-2006. My puppy, Huxford, and I are working on basic obedience and hope to get started in conformation showing, but the whole area is foreign to me. Huxford's registered name is Nox's Summer Rain For Sunny.

# More New Puppies

**Fiji and Ember Stanhoff**



**Brick Romeo-Melerski**



**Millicent Wilson**





# CH Bermuda High's Sea Smoke

## *New Novice Draft Dog and Novice Working Pack Dog*



“Ju Ju”

Owned by Jackie and Stewart Mathis



**CH Sawmill River's Grainger McKey CD RE NDD  
NBDD WWDX VGS**



FOUR new titles  
in one weekend!

NDD, NBDD, WWDX  
and...  
new VGS!

**Sire: BISS CH Rippling Waters Havelock Key CDX NAP AJP MDD  
NBDD WPDW WWDX VGSX**

**Dam: CH Riverwalks Lunar Diademe**

*Breeders: Judy Brown-Fletcher and Stephen Fletcher*



**Extra special thanks to Melissa Jarriel for expertly handling Grainger  
at Swissypalooza while I was waiting for puppies to arrive.**

*Grainger is owned and adored by Laura Bullock*

***Congratulations on Getting Your Working Weight Dog  
& Working Pack Dog Excellent Titles!***

***1<sup>st</sup> Blue Swissy to get a WPDx Title***

***1<sup>st</sup> Father and Son to both get WPDx Titles***

***(Father is "Kasey" CH Bermuda High's Big Top CGC, HIT, WPDx  
also Owned & Loved by Linda & Danny Yanusz)***



***"DASH"***

***Halfmoon's Dashing Big Blue CGC, HIT, WWD, WPDx  
Owned and Loved by Linda & Danny Yanusz***

***Remember, the Blues can do everything the Blacks can  
except show in conformation!***



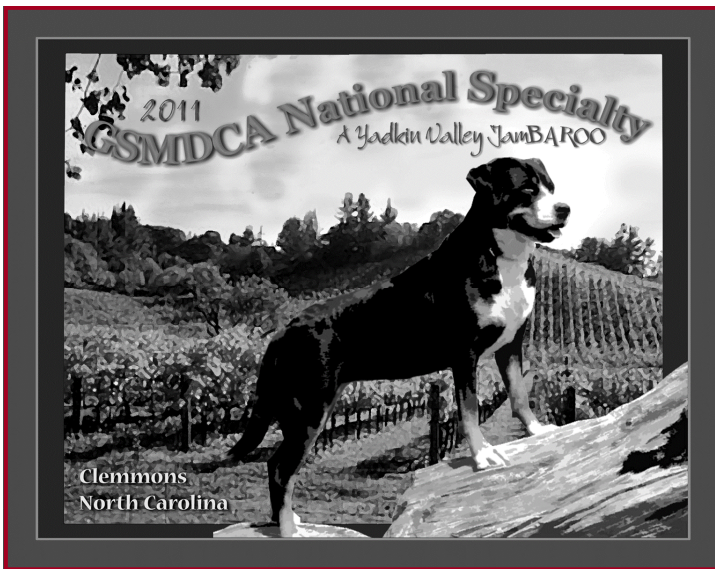
# Update Your Southbound Profile!

In our continuing effort to improve communication to the membership and improve the Southbound website ([www.southboundgsmdc.org](http://www.southboundgsmdc.org)) we have added an online membership profile update form. This form is completely electronic (nothing to print or mail) and a link can be found at the top of the Members Only page (password is swissysouth).

<http://www.southboundgsmdc.org/members-only.html>

The Southbound Board would like to ask everyone to go check out this new link and submit their profile. This will allow us to compile an updated membership list.

## 2011 GSMDCA National Specialty



### A Yadkin Valley JamBaroo!

Please visit the 2011 National Specialty website for event details, schedules, lodging information and trophy sponsorships:

[www.2011gsmdns.com](http://www.2011gsmdns.com)

Also on the website are a number of items for sale in the JamBaroo Store, including embroidered clothing and Swissy wine stoppers.

Hotel reservations are now being taken by the host hotel, Village Inn Golf & Conference Center (336-766-9121). Be sure to mention "GSMDCA" for negotiated rates.

For questions or to help with the specialty, please contact Show Chair Katie Carman Peckenpaugh at [ktswiss@insightbb.com](mailto:ktswiss@insightbb.com).

# Introducing Ch Halfmoon's Dreamin' Meeko

Handled and loved by Gregory Gwin



**New  
Champion!**

## **Fee Schedule for the Electronic Newsletter**

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