

GSM D Newsletter

Issue 3

Dear Members,

Lots of news firstly a Committee meeting was held on 19.07.09 with a full agenda and a positive feeling about our interesting day doing the parade of Swissies at the Central Bernese Club's show at Overseal. We thank them for the opportunity. [Pictures above]

Our event coordinators Shelia Tickle & Cynthia Bailey have been working overtime and the first event they organised on our behalf was at the Northern B.M.D. Fun day in June.

Cynthia's report. The day dawned bright with a promise of a sunny day to follow & Shelia & I journeyed northwards to the village hall at Wreay, Carlisle. The car was laden with equipment & 'props' for 'The Obegility Challenge' sponsored by us on behalf of the G.S.M.D.C. There was just enough space left for Didi & Donnie, our two Swissie boys to occupy. It was just as well that the girls Perdi & Liesl were still 'in season' & thereby unable to attend – not that they shared the same opinion!! Upon arrival, we were warmly greeted & plied with scrumptious hot bacon butties & coffee before we settled down to organising the huge ring for the three sections of the challenge. An hour later & we were 'Open for business'. Every entrant received a 'doggy goody bag' as a goodwill gift from the G.S.M.D.C. Eventually we had our first competitors lined up to take the 'Challenge'.

Three sections made up the 'Obegility challenge':

1. Walkies – simple obedience heelwork & 1 minute stay.
2. Fun in the Park – assessment of dog's reaction to several 'happenings'.
3. Agility run – short course of 8 obstacles.

Assessing the entrants individually in each of the three sections was very time consuming.

The second section was a new experience for the handlers, all of whom expressed their enjoyment with this particular experience. We awarded merit cards for 1st – 4th in each section & a special rosette & diploma for the overall winner of the challenge, the latter was won by Jess a BMD. All in all it was a busy but enjoyable day. At the end of the competitions a team of happy helpers came to assist us pack up. – a kindly gesture which was most appreciated. We were given a gift of wine & invited to return for next years Fun day which we accepted. *Many thanks for all your hard work in that. Julia. Pics below*



The winner



Yet another event organised by Shelia & Cynthia was the parade of Swissies at the C.B.M.D.Club's show at Overseal with a good turnout of 8 dogs. All happily going round the ring despite the odd shower, with an excellent & informative commentary from Lucy Denman all well received.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR NEXT EVENT WHICH IS A FUN DAY RUN FOR ALL ESPECIALLY MEMBERS & FRIENDS & FAMILY & BEST OF ALL DOGS OF ANY BREED. To be held at OVERSEAL Village Hall. DE12 6LU Derbyshire on SUNDAY 31st OCTOBER 09 **Start 11am More info 01539 625331 FUN** GAMES** PRIZES** RAFFLE ** FOOD **GOOD COMPANY. See you there.**

HELP NEEDED ON OUR BOOTH AT the KENNEL CLUB'S DISCOVER DOGS, EARL'S COURT, LONDON. NOVEMBER 14/15th 2009. For forms & more information call Julia on 01889 568341.

DO PLEASE HELP US PROMOTE OUR WONDERFUL BREED IN A RESPONSIBLE WAY