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NEWSLETTER OF THE KERRY BLUE TERRIER CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Another KBTCSC Winter Specialty weekend is a wrap, and, as is typically the case, we were bestowed perfect weather conditions for both dogs and spectators. While much of Southern California was experiencing pouring rain, Indio remained a perfect, cloudy, low 70's for all four shows.

This year's best of breed winner was Carol Basler's beautiful "Holly," GCHB Sheep Creek Mistletoe Kiss, bred by Jinece Rees. Holly not only took top honors at our specialty, she repeated the feat on Sunday's KBTCNC supported entry show on her way to an impressive group 3 in an extremely contested ring of top terriers. This showy girl didn't put a foot down wrong! Way to go, Holly!

Best Opposite went to Nancy Han's handsome homebred CH Kallehan's Martial Art. "Tai" was last year's specialty winner and was in the ribbons three of the four days.

Winners Dog and Best of Winners was Argos (Tapoya) from our neighbors to the south (Mexico). This dog made a commanding appearance by taking the points all four shows, three of them BOW. He was bred by Rogelio Tapoya Vargas, owned by Lineth Cabrera & Kevin Marin.

Winners Bitch and Best in Sweepstakes was Jeff and Carol Deeter's Driftwood Amethyst Shining On Sheep

Creek. Repeating her win on Sunday, this stylish girl is on her way to a bright show future. "Katie" was bred by De Lafferty, PamGaston, and Jinece Rees.

Select Dog was John and Connie Robbin's GCHB

Sliabh Luachra Tonatuih. "Tona," another dog consistently in the ribbons, repeated SD on Saturday, then closed out the circuit with a Best of Breed on Monday and making the narrow cut in group ring. Tona was bred by Peadar Cremin and Fernando Prado.

Select Bitch and OHBOB was Kumi

Tachikake's Takumi FS Queen of the Diamond. "Hime" followed up with an OHG2 to start off her 2026 season with a fabulous win. Always impeccably presented by Kumi, Hime was bred by Kumi Tachikake and Nancy Han.

And finally, our grand fellow CH Regenstauf Jetsetter, "Danny Boy," picked up another Veteran Best in Sweepstakes on his way to a well-deserved V-G3 handled by his loving owner Joy Heckendorf! Danny Boy, always up for show, never fails to impress. He was bred by Kathie Nannes and Tiffany Nannes. WTG team!



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As some of you may know, Connie Robbins will be moving back down to Southern California after many years in the Bay Area with her late husband John, who sadly passed earlier in 2025 after a brief illness. An active member of the KBTCNC, KBTCSC, and USKBTC, Connie is a talented and devoted member of our kerry community. Welcome home, Connie, we are fortunate to have you here with us.

Below is a show recap provided by Connie who kindly gave her permission to share.

Hello Everyone,

I just wanted to share an interesting statistic from the Desert Empire and Palm Springs Kennel club shows. For those that made the trek down to Indio, it was WELL worth the trip. Although my stats are not official yet in the AKC record, I used the www.Breedpoints.com program to figure out what each dog received in 4 days of the new year:

I'm putting them down by their Call name as this is not official and its just being shared with members of our club:

Holly, Carol Basler's girl, received the most, with 19 pts.

Tona, Connie's boy received 15 pts

Tai, Nancy's boy received 15pts

Hime, Kumi's girl received 15 pts

Dugan, Carolyn & Mike's boy received 10 pts

Tessa, Bob & Sherri's girl received 5 pts

Katie, Jeff & Carol's girl received a 3 pt major

Molly, Connie's girl, received 2 pts and finished her CHampionship.

I want to thank all the members who traveled down to Indio, and to those who came from all other areas. We have a new member request for all three clubs- USKBTC, KBTCNC, AND KBTCSC. Jumpei Asano, received a 2pts or 3 pt major (I think). Danny Boy, Joy Heckendorf's Veteran dog, helped a junior compete in junior showmanship. If I remember correctly Kumi competed in Owner Handler competition and received a ribbon in the OHTerrier Group, Diane and Teagan qualified in Rally. All who attended came away with experience, some with points and overall, the KBTCSC hosted us with some delicious snacks, coffee every morning, water to drink, donuts and Suzanne Stull's fabulous cookies and carrot cake for Diane's Birthday. Thank you Jeff, Carol D, Carol B, Elaine, Rod & Karen and Joy for giving us a space to share and keep cool in the tents. Can't wait to see Suzanne's newsletter with all our dogs who received awards each day!

We have BEAUTIFUL KERRY BLUE TERRIERS and all of the participants got to see Holly compete on AKC TV compete in the Terrier Group with some BIG TIME Winners. Congratulations again to Carol Basler for Holly's Group Three win! Our Boys- Tai, Dugan and Tona looked great in the group too!

Looking forward to seeing some of you at NCTA on April 9th and 10th in 2026!

Happy New Year!

Connie

In closing, thank you to all our club members who contributed to the success of this great show weekend. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication that can go seemingly unnoticed. Elaine Randall, the Deeters, Joy Heckendorf, Basler family, and all the others who pitched in—you all made it happen!

Rod and Karen: thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the help you provide with everything from setting up tables, grooming space, raffle displays, food, clean up, and assisting Carol in doing what she loves. We share our gratitude for the support you give.

Nancy Han: you were sorely missed. We send our love and wish you peace and healing



Friday, January 2nd, Desert Empire Terrier Club



Saturday, January 3rd, KC of Palm Springs



BOB

GCH Takumi's PJ's Legacy Lives On



BOS

GCHB Sheep Creek Mistletoe Kiss



WD

Argos (Tapoya)



WB/BW

Sheep Creek Raspberry Beret



SEL/D

GCHB Sliabh Luachra Tonatiuh



SEL/B

Takumi FS Queen Of The Diamond Via Kallehan

Sunday, January 4th, KC of Palm Springs



GCHB Sheep Creek Mistletoe Kiss



CH Kallehan's Martial Art



Argos (Tapoya)



Driftwood Amethyst Shining On Sheep Creek



GCH Takumi's PJ's Legacy Lives On



Takumi FS Queen Of The Diamond Via Kallehan

Monday, January 5th, KC of Palm Springs



BOB

GCHB Sliabh Luachra Tonatiuh



BOS

GCH Sheep Creek Quintessa



WD/BW

Argos (Tapoya)



WB

Kallehan's Pretty In Pink At Blue Heaven



SEL/D

CH Kallehan's Martial Art



SEL/B

GCHB Sheep Creek Mistletoe Kiss

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