

Northern Newfoundland Club



THE CHAIRMANS REPORT

NNC Fun Day 19th July 2008

I arrived at the venue at 8.15am and left for home at 6.30pm, what a long day it was but I enjoyed every minute of it.

This fun day was in aid of the following two charities:-

- Dogs for the disabled
- Newfoundland welfare

Money raised on the day amounted to £250

Well what a day we had, on my arrival I helped to set up the companion dog show table and prizes, helped Llynda Baugh set up her stall of goodies of which there were plenty, despite Layla chewing many parts of the trailer it did manage to make the journey in one piece.

Our judge for the day Margaret Cox was also busy offering a helping hand to anyone who needed her.

Jill Barker and Barry Carr had the job of taking entries; the turnout was excellent, while I took on the role of steward.

We had a mixed day with regards to the weather, lovely sunshine with intervals of rain which was heavy at times and windy, but this did not dampen anyone's spirits.

The weather did cause a little chaos at times and I must apologise to the entrants of the Handsomest Dog, during Margaret's placing for this class the wind decided to take hold of my results sheet and blow it all around the grounds with several people in tow trying to retrieve it for me, by the time the sheet was back in my possession the class placing had left the ring, I am very sorry.

At the end of the companion show our judge for the day Mrs Margaret Cox was presented with a bottle of wine and a lovely newfie novelty which she informs me she will cherish all her life and that the bottle of wine went down lovely with a meal later that evening. Margaret also informed me that she thoroughly enjoyed her day with the NNC.

It was so nice to see our members enjoying themselves, we had several enquiries from people with regards to purchasing a newfie and what this entailed, my wife and I had great pleasure talking to those who had enquiries, we have since learned that two of the couples now have a prospective puppy waiting to own their new families like true newfies.

The raffle and tombola was organised by Peggy George and Pete Spencer both did very well collecting around £100 each, well done.

£100 was donated to Chris Tedder for his voluntary work with S.A.R.D.A (Search and Rescue Dog Association)

A big thank you to all members who contributed to the raffle & tombola, we had an array of items.

Jill Barker also bought along some lovely newfie novelties for people to treat themselves to.

Many people took advantage of having their newfie heart tested on the day thank you Sue Sanders who assisted and also thank you to the cardiologist Mr David Fisher.

A big thank you to Andy Watson who did a good job taking pictures of the companion show exhibits, and pictures of newfies & owners enjoying themselves.

After having worn down much of my shoe leather looking for donations a big mention and thank you must go to the following stores and shops who contributed to this very justifiable cause.

- Sainsbury's £20 in vouchers
- Mansfield Pet Store Toys
- Kennel Gate Pet Foods Dry dog food & tinned dog food
- Old Mill Animal Feeds Dog treats and dog slalom
- Pets at Home Dog food dog treats & dog toys

Well done to all our winners and thank you to all exhibits for your entries for without you the show would not have been possible, but as we all know we all take the best dog home.

We held a challenge which was called The Bearhugs Mini Challenge which composed of 3 elements: - Draught challenge, Water challenge and Showing challenge, this was open for adults & juniors to enter and was held to find the top working/show dog.

The show and draught challenge was judged by Carol Pugsley and the Water challenge was judged by David Pugsley, thank you to you both, what a wonderful job you did.

The fun day also gave people the opportunity to "Have a Go" which cost £1 this was available for swimming or carting.

The Chasewater Team, humans and newfs alike put on an excellent display, well done to them, despite a really heavy downpour during their display nobody gave up heart, we all stood and appreciated their hard work and devotion to what newfs are bred for and enjoy.

I really must finish off and give you all a laugh at the expense of Darryl Baugh. Darryl had a little slip up of mistaken identity with regards to a bottom slapping moment. He thought the lady who was bent over in front of him presenting a bottom was that of my wife's Jo, but what a shock he got after giving this bottom a really good slap the lady turned round and it was someone else, his face was a real picture and I am only sorry that Andy Watson was not in the vicinity to be able to snap the moment.

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