

**The Colonial Shiba Club
Presents**

The Nippo Classic

FRIDAY - SUNDAY

MAY 14-16, 2010

This event authorized by **NIHONKEN HOZONKAI (NIPPO for short)**

Judging is outdoors ~ Bring shade and chairs

NIPPO Judge: Mr. Yoshikuni Tanozaki ~ AKC Assistant: Mr. Scott Wolfe

SHOW SITE & HOST HOTEL
Baymont Inn & Suites
6425 Kit Lane
Maumee, OH 43537 (near Toledo)

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NIHONKEN HOZONKAI (NIPPO for short)

NIPPO was established in 1928 by Dr. H. Saito to preserve the native dogs of Japan. The Shiba Inu and Akita-Ken were among the six original breeds. Since then, NIPPO has been the only governing organization for the Shiba Inu. Approximately 35,000 Shibas are registered annually in Japan, ranking the Shiba as the most popular native dog in Japan. NIPPO holds more than 100 local, regional and national shows. Their National Show last November drew an entry of approximately 800 top-ranked Shibas. NIPPO graciously provides the judge for the Shiba Classic and all points and records are maintained by NIPPO in Japan. The Colonial Shiba Club is the host organization for the Classic.

History of the Colonial Shiba Club, Inc.

Founded in 1991, as a regional affiliate of the Shiba Club of America, Inc. (SCA), the Colonial Shiba Club is dedicated to the preservation of the Shiba Inu and the integrity of the NIPPO standard. The Club hosted the SCA's National Specialty Show in 1992, the first show on the East Coast to have a NIPPO judge. The next year the Club again hosted the SCA National Specialty Show with a NIPPO judge.

In 1994 the Club chose to incorporate under Connecticut law as an independent organization whose sole purpose is to conduct shows in cooperation with NIPPO. Since then, the annual show's name was changed to "Shiba Classic." Recognized in October of 1996 as a non-profit organization, the Club still enjoys the active participation of many of the original founding members. In 1998 NIPPO presented the Colonial Shiba Club with an Award of Excellence as part of NIPPO's 70th Anniversary Celebration.

In 2010, the Colonial Club has opened the "Classic" in order that participants may learn about the other NIPPO breeds and honor their efforts to maintain and preserve the breed in the NIPPO tradition and standard. The "Classic" is held in the Eastern U.S., usually the weekend after Mother's Day.

NIPPO/USA POINT SYSTEM

A NIPPO/USA Championship will be awarded to the following winners

Supreme Award: The highest award given at this event. The winners of each Breed Competition will compete for the Supreme Award, but only one dog will be awarded this distinction.

Reserve Supreme Award: Second highest award given. Winners of each Breed Competition compete for the Reserve Supreme Award.

Saikosho: The highest breed award given. A 15-point NIPPO/USA Championship is awarded to the Best of Breed in each Breed at this event *provided* that there has been competition of 5 or more dogs in that breed, *unless* the judge determines that the Breed winner is outstanding.

Jun Saikosho: The second highest breed award. It is given to the Best of Opposite Sex in each Breed, which also receives a 15-point NIPPO/USA Championship **provided** that there has been competition of 5 or more dogs in that breed, *unless* the judge determines that the Best of Opposite Sex winner is outstanding.

Each class winner will be awarded points as follows: 1st place: 5 pts ~ 2nd place: 4 pts ~ 3rd place: 3 pts ~ 4th place: 2 pts
The points will be cumulative for following years. Upon the accumulation of 15 points, the dog will be titled NIPPO/USA Champion, "Meiyosho" (Honorable).

THERE ARE 70 DOGS ENTERED IN THE COMPETITIVE CLASSES, 2 IN NON-COMPETITIVE CLASSES
Exhibitors, please become familiar with Ring Procedures in this Program

CLASSES FOR EACH BREED

SWEEPS

Dogs & Bitches

Yochiken (2-4 months) - Yoken (4-7 months)

Winners of each class will compete for Best Puppy and BOS Puppy in Sweeps

REGULAR CLASSES

Dogs & Bitches

Waka Inu I (7-12 months) - Waka Inu II (12-18 months) - Soken (18 months - 2-1/2 years) - Seiken (over 2-1/2 years)

Winners of each Regular Class in each breed will compete for Best Dog and Best Bitch in that breed. The Best Dog & the Best Bitch of each breed compete for *Saikosho (Best-of-Breed) & Jun Saikosho (Best-of-Opposite Sex)* of each breed. *Saikosho of each breed will compete for Supreme and Reserve Supreme Awards.*

<p>Shiba Sweepstakes (M - F) Yochiken (4-3) Yoken (5-6)</p> <p>Regular Classes (M - F) Waka Inu I (5-5) Waka Inu II (2-2) Soken (9-6) Seiken (11-4) Evaluation only (0-1)</p>	<p>Kai Sweepstakes (M - F) Yochiken (0-1)</p> <p>Regular Classes (M - F) Waka Inu I (0-1) Waka Inu II (0-1) Soken (0-1) Seiken (1-0)</p> <p>Exhibition only (1-0)</p>	<p>Shikoku Sweeps (M - F) Yoken (1-0)</p> <p>Regular Classes (M - F) Waka Inu I (0-1) Seiken (1-0)</p>
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How to Show a Japanese Dog

The ring is divided into two sections. Dogs are judged in one section and bitches are judged in the other. **DO NOT LET DOGS MARK/EXERCISE IN THE RING AREA.**

Bitches are not allowed in the ring area until they are required for individual or group judging. There will be breaks between classes and between dogs/bitches.

The handler stands about 3-4 feet **behind** the dog, with the collar on the **lower** part of the dog's neck, pulling gently on the leash, but without strong tension, at a 45-degree angle. Showing the dog on too tight a lead will create wrinkles on the face and head and cause the ears to drop.

The dog should stand naturally firm, facing forward to address the judge boldly. Typically, the judge assumes a squatting position and makes notes during his evaluation of the dog. The judge may move around the dog. It is permissible to reposition (free stack) the dog slightly to maintain a good stance, but hand stacking is not allowed. The handler should stay behind/beside the dog, NOT in front. No baiting or double-handling is allowed. Note: the judge will be using a translator and may have the assistant judge close by.

During the individual judging the teeth are counted and dentition noted. Misbehavior during teeth counting is not held against the dog. During the teeth check, it is permissible to pick up the dog (especially with puppies). Covering the dog's eyes during the dentition check is permissible.

Judges may move the dogs, generally in a triangle pattern. Note: this triangle is not the same as the AKC pattern. Markers will be placed on the ground to outline the pattern.

All dogs are examined on the ground. Shibas will be wicketed. (Other breeds may be wicketed.)

Show equipment. Dogs are generally shown on a thick round collar (leather or other flexible material) and a long (5-6 ft) leash. Martingale-type collars are acceptable, but full-choke collars are not suggested.

Grooming. Dogs should be clean and brushed. NO gels, sprays, chalk allowed. The NIPPO judge may use a dark colored towel, water spray and/or paper towel to check for foreign substances in the coat.

During class judging, please maintain 4-5 foot distance between dogs. This is a new show environment for many participants. Do not hesitate to increase distance between your dog and others, if your dog is stressed. It is not unusual for adolescent males to display dominance and 'talk trash' during class judging. Such displays are not penalized, however exhibitors should exercise appropriate control.

NIPPO judges typically wear large baseball caps. In class judging, when the judge makes his selection, he will generally indicate that selection by removing the cap and gesturing with it in the direction of his selected dog. During class judging, the judge may make a 'cut' and excuse dogs not required, or rearrange dogs to better compare them.

Nippo Classic Events (Friday- Sunday)

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN (SEE AREA INFORMATION)

Friday, May 14, 2010

12:30 p.m. ~ Ringside

Pick up catalogs, entry packets

12:50 p.m.

Demonstration: How to Show a Japanese Dog (see page 2 for description)

1:00 p.m.

Sweepstakes

(Format for these events. Individual judging, then classes, then Best)

Puppy sweeps judging, starting with Shibas and going from smallest to largest breed, followed by informal comments on sweeps entrants.

6:30 p.m. ~ Hotel meeting room

Registration and refreshments

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Symposium by NIPPO judge, discussion and questions

\$20 - Colonial Shiba Club member; \$25 - Non-Member; \$30 - at the door. \$10 - judges rate. Contact Laura Payton, fanfair@aol.com for seminar reservations. Deadline for reservations is May 10, 2010

Saturday, May 15, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(As needed, judging will continue Sunday, May 16, 2010 beginning at 8:00 a.m.)

Adult Classes

8:00 a.m.

Individual judging beginning with Shiba - Waka Inu male (7-12 months)

Judging will start with the smaller breeds.

All dogs of both sexes, of each breed will be individually examined in the morning.

Lunch break

After lunch each class will enter the ring for comparative judging and class placements. The first place winner of each class will then compete for Best Dog and Best Bitch of that Breed. The Best Dog and Best Bitch of each Breed will compete for Saikosho (Best of Breed) and Jun Saikosho (Best-of-Opposite Sex) of that breed. The Saikosho (Best of Breed) winners for each Breed will compete for the NIPPO/USA Supreme Award and Reserve Supreme Award Winner.

Photos and Judge's comments, individual consultation/critiques. Continued Sunday morning as needed

Saturday, May 15, 2010

Classic Banquet \$40/ per person

Baymont Inn

7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Dinner, judges' remarks, and auction

(Please make banquet reservations by May 10, 2010)

Official Meeting

Colonial Shiba Club members' meeting

Sunday morning 10:00 a.m.

Local Area information/Notice to exhibitors

Hotel Information: Please exercise dogs in designated areas only. Waste bags and receptacles will be available. See the desk for additional dog waste bags. Please do not congregate with dogs in lobby. Dogs are not permitted in the breakfast area.

Photographs: Only the designated official photographer, and the owners of the dogs may take 'win' pictures. Persons taking general photographs for their own personal use should NOT post those photographs to websites, and/or to e-list groups without the permission of the owner of the dog

Restaurants: Bob Evans, (within walking distance)

Fox's Pizza Den, 3212 Briarfield Boulevard, Maumee, OH - (419) 794-3000 (DELIVERY)

Mancino's, 3355 Briarfield Boulevard, Maumee, OH - (419) 866-6600

Grocery/deli/café: Walt Churchill's Market, 3320 Briarfield Boulevard, Maumee, OH - (419) 794-4000 - 0.2 mi

Dog Food/supplies: PetSmart, Toledo Spring Meadow 1450 Spring Meadows Dr, Holland, OH - (419) 865-3424 - 2.5 mi N of hotel

CLOSEST VET

Total Pet Care of Ohio, Inc.

3240 Briarfield Blvd., Maumee, OH 43537 (419) 861-4474

Hours of Operation (EST): Mon-Fri 7:15 am-7:00 pm; Sat 7:30 am --4:00 pm; Sun 1:00pm-3:00 pm

Directions: Head WEST on Kit Lane toward Briarfield, Blvd. Take the first right onto Briarfield Blvd. Make a U-turn at Salisbury Road. Destination will be on the right. Approximate total distance .3 mi from hotel.

AFTER HOURS VETERINARY CARE

Animal Emergency and Critical Care Center of Toledo Inc.

2785 W Central Ave, Toledo, OH 43606 **(419) 473-0328**

Hours of Operation

Weeknights 6 p.m. - 8 a.m. 24 hours weekends/holidays. PLEASE CALL AHEAD

Directions From Maumee, Ohio: Take 23 North to 475 East. Get off at Exit 17/Secor Road. Turn Right onto to Secor Road. Continue until you reach Central Ave. and turn Left onto Central Ave. AECCC will be on the Right hand side of the street, right next to Tire Man.