

## **Place Your Bets on Mister Chips**

**No spinning the roulette wheel for these well respected Min Pin breeders when it comes to picking a new show prospect. Armando Angelbello and Sailna Bailey are no strangers to the show ring and their combined knowledge picked a winner with a future.** What is a judge looking for in a Miniature Pinscher at a show such as our National Specialty? Attitude, complimented by very typey conformation. Level topline, reach and drive and the hackney-like movement that is "correct" ONLY to Miniature Pinschers. This was just part of the overall package that put Ch Marlex Mister Chips (lovingly called "Chip"), a black & rust male, as the 2007 Miniature Pinscher Club of America National Specialty Best of Breed winner, at 16 months old, under breeder-judge Mr. David Krogh. Bred by Armando Angelbello and Salina Bailey. Owned by Armando & Xio Angelbello, and Handled by Armando. A National Specialty win is to be cherished and one that will never be forgotten.

Armando adds, "Chip enjoys swimming in the pool, but likes it even better to sit on the pool lounge and float around the pool. I haven't offered him a margarita yet, he may like it."

There were lots of winners in the different class breakdowns at the Nationals, too many to list in this limited amount of space. And we congratulate them all for their hardwork and the quality of their dogs. They can all be seen on the MPCA website at [www.minpin.org](http://www.minpin.org).

At the breed level, there is no higher honor, or tougher competition. Attendance and participation at the National Specialty is a must, if possible, for serious min pin breeders and fanciers. What better place to evaluate your stock against that of others from all over the country, socialize with old friends and make new ones. The host club, MPCA officers and show committee did an outstanding job of making this a memorable experience for all, with wonderful hospitality, great hotel/show venue and festivities. The dedication and hard work of many "doers" are often taken for granted.

We, as breeders and show people see lots of min pins in our travels to the various dog shows. Thinking about a National Specialty or getting a dog ranked in the Top 20 in your breed isn't a matter of luck. There are lots of dogs that manage to acquire a CH title in WD or WB or pulling a major by taking BOW or BOS, and never acquire a BoB or Best of Breed Award, let alone a Group placement. This is true in all breeds, not just Miniature Pinschers. How does anyone find that "one" dog that has what it takes to not only "finish", but to take you consistently to the next level in the show ring and beyond?

And even if you don't take a dog to show, a National Specialty (in any breed) is where you go to meet and listen to the breeders who are behind the strong pedigrees that influence many of the dogs that are representing your breed in the Group and BIS rings today. Introduce yourself, pull up a chair and sit quietly near them and listen to their comments ringside. Learning and sharing knowledge about our breed is what helps everyone to keep our breed on the right path. I still think of my first attendance at a National as an opportunity to walk and talk with those people who are legends in the breed because of their generations of accomplishments and recognition by their peers BEFORE the internet.

Keeping your breed standard in mind, that next Specialty or Nationals win may be in your future!

For more information on Miniature Pinschers and the Miniature Pinscher Club of America visit our website: <http://www.minpin.org/>

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