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Photo of Laughing Mountain Tinuviel Diamond Roxy (Roxy)

From the President

Dear Chinook Lovers,

I have enjoyed the last four years as Vice-President and then President of this club, with many members providing active contributions.

I loved sharing my time and my voice to and with you. This was possible due to your support and motivation!

My sincere thanks to everyone that helped me over the years, your tremendous dedication has made a difference to me and even more importantly, to this outstanding club.

There is a lot of energy within the COA, and I am excited to see where the future will take the Club. I am sure continued development and growth of the COA will be part of that future.

Once again a big thank you to all members, friends and guests of the Chinook Owners Association.

*- Kathleen Riley-Daniels
President*



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Chinooks in Switzerland!

- Lynn Philipp, COA Member & Hopeful Chinook Breeder

As a child I'd always been around dogs and loved being out on nature walks with my family. Even though I was born in Switzerland, my family moved to the United Arab Emirates and contrary to the Swiss rolling, green hills and snow-capped mountains, I grew up in a desert. Having family scattered all over the world, we traveled a great deal during the holidays and probably for that reason, didn't have a family dog. Later, my eldest sister had a Yorkshire terrier and we had a family friend who bred Labrador retrievers so my love for dogs grew but throughout my university years in the United Kingdom, it just didn't seem the right time to have a dog.

So as I was nearing the end of my PhD, I thought, if I *did* want a dog, what kind of dog would it be? I searched on the Internet and fell in love with a photo of Allagash of GreatMountain Chinooks. I was sad to read that she had passed but her 'face' stayed in my mind and what I had read about Chinooks fascinated me and I was astonished that such great dogs came so close to extinction.

After finally settling down in Switzerland, I got in contact with several breeders in the United States and we got our first Chinook (a male), Manuk (Granite Hill Silverado) in the summer of 2014. I had already met the only two Chinooks living in Switzerland (two females: Nuka and her daughter Eyja) and after two years of re-scheduling, we all finally met for a walk in the UNESCO biosphere nature reserve where we live, in the middle of Switzerland. It was great for our dogs to finally meet up and their joy was definitely visible as they frolicked and bounced about, playing and goofing around. Everyone came back to our home for lunch and got back on the road home that evening. We've kept in touch and are planning our next nature walk in another part of Switzerland.

We recently got another Chinook (a female), Nana (Desert Sol Great Nana), who is a gem and we hope to one day become Chinook breeders with the help and mentorship of experienced breeders in the US. Unfortunately, the Chinook breed is not recognised by the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) in

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Belgium nor kennel clubs in Switzerland. Whilst at a northern sled dog breed event, we were told that this process with the FCI would take at least 10 years. We were willing to go through the process but after contacting the FCI were told that the process for breed recognition would have to be undertaken by an experienced breeder in the breed country of origin (US). So we hope that one day, an experienced Chinook breeder in the US will be able to help us out with breed recognition of the Chinook in Europe.

In the meantime, we are more than happy to fill our lives with these wonderful dogs, continue to enjoy having Chinook dogs as part of our family and together, build life memories.



2016 Chinook National Specialty & Family Reunion

National Specialty results of 11 Chinooks; Judge Alan Krenek

Thanks to all the folks who turned out to attend the 2016 COA Chinook National Specialty held June 15, 2016 in Kalamazoo, MI! Chinooks and their humans came from the East Coast, Midwest, and the Rocky Mountain regions. This is Calista's second, consecutive National Best of Breed (NBOB) and the first female to win twice. She might be the first with mismatched ears, too. :)

At the banquet, later in the evening, Judge Alan Krenek spoke to the group and remarked on the high quality of the dogs he saw in the show, and was pleased with the results of the Chinook CrossBreeding Program.

Klea, Luna, Calista, and Foxy participated in the UKC Top Ten Show with Luna winning Best of Breed Competition and Calista winning an Award of Excellence.

On Thursday, both Harper and Calista participated in Weight Pull (WP). Calista earned a qualifying leg toward her title, and Harper added points toward his next WP title. Additionally, Harper earned a qualifying leg toward his Lure Coursing title!

BEST FEMALE

Bashaba Naunbat Nashira (Nashira)

Reserve: Seabreeze Tomorrow Bella Crie (Bella)

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

CH Skyland Sweet Dominica (Nica)

Reserve: CH MountainThunder Thorny Rose (Rosie)

CH Hurricane Presens Chi Foxynook (Foxy)

GRAND CHAMPION

GR CH Bashaba Linto Calista (Calista)

GR CH Cloudburst LedgeBak Kraumayok (Luna)

GR CH Crossing Creek Encore (Klea)

GR CH Hurricane Macksyd's Mac Wabun (Wabun)

GR CH MountainThunder Scarlet Begonia (Scarlet)

GR CH Skyland Harper of GrtMtn (Harper)

NATIONAL BEST OF BREED

GR CH Bashaba Linto Calista (Calista)



Bashaba Linto Calista - National Best of Breed



Skyland Sweet Dominica (Nica) - Champion of Champions



Bashaba Naunbat Nashira (Nashira) - Best of Winners



Crossing Creek Encore (Klea) - chesterh Sweetie

Chinook kennel sponsors/donors

Bashaba Chinooks (www.bashabachinooks.com)

MountainThunder Chinooks (www.mountainthunderchinooks.com)

Pippa Passes Chinooks

Skyland Chinooks (www.skylandchinooks.com)



National Preparedness Month

Yes, it was September...but every month can be a month to prepare!

- Kim Kramer, Historian

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) promotes emergency & disaster preparedness month in September. As an 'old timer', I can remember several times when the COA-L, or more recently, Facebook conversations turned to storm damage, or other disasters; reaching out to hope that Chinook owners in affected communities are okay.

Very recently Steve and I happened to be in New York City on the evening of the dumpster bomb, and while we were not near the explosion, it certainly impacted our ability to get home to the dogs in a timely fashion. I can add this non-natural event to a long line of hurricanes (Irene and Sandy) freak snow storms (Nor'Easter of 2011) that make me frequently check my stock of kibble, and flashlight batteries, make sure my phone is charged in case I need to contact the dog sitter, and wonder if my evacuation plan is 'good enough'.

FEMA has a nice set of pet-specific checklists. Of course each of us will need to tailor these to our specific circumstances, both with regards to our pack, and to the potential disasters that could befall us. But watching the recent flooding in Louisiana reaffirms to me that each of us needs to have an emergency plan, for when the unthinkable happens.

Prepare for emergencies now!

Below is a link to the FEMA Brochure regarding emergency planning for pet owners. Keep your Chinook (and other pets) safe by preparing now.

https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/139084677239-dc08e309debe561d866b05ac84daf1ee/pets_2014.pdf



A puppy poem

- Megan Kucik, COA Member

Puppy eyes sad and upward
Floppy ears hanging drooping
Perky one up two up
Flying through air onto couches
People gates over onto upwards
Rushing kissing licking slurping
Hungry starving famished
Kibble carrots meat treats cookies biscuits



More please

Rumbling wrestling mouthing biting
Tackling sister crashing running knocking
Into beds tables boxes headlong rushes
No concern reckless falling ouching hitting limping
Hungry still is there any more?
Leashes collar harness are those your
Shoes you are getting? Can I come?

I'll get my leash for you

Don't you HEAR ME whining whining
Please take me

Outside pulling straining faster
Must see must reach eat that worm
People coming must get to them
Dog walking this way must say HI
Whirling in the air to try to get there
Swirling launching tangling up
You are turning BACK?! Is home
where we're headed? Now going

Slowly slowly don't want to rush it.

Drink drink lap it up slobber drip drip
Lie down on deck box perched for a nap

The author, **Megan Kucik**, homeschools two of her children. She sat with them for an exercise in writing poetry, during which they had to start writing about any topic and continue for two minutes without stopping. Clearly, the only thing on her mind at the time was her fabulously rambunctious (and hungry) 8 month old Chinook pup, Juneau (Bashaba Kisosakwa Juneau).

Wags and Brags

Please join us in giving congratulations to ALL our newly titled dogs and their proud owners. If we missed your big accomplishment, please bring it to our attention so we can be sure to include you in the next CQ!

New Grand Champions

- GRCH Forever Greene Atka – Patti Richards

United Weight Pull

- GRCH Bashaba Linto Calista – Karen Hinchy

Upcoming Shows

The UKC offers a huge variety of conformation shows and working trials, many combined and offering Total Dog, all over the U.S. and Canada. Complete information is available from the UKC Dog Events website at:

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/Upcoming.nsf/EventView/?Open&Group=DogEvents&Type=M>.

You can search by using many different criteria such as state, month, activity type, dog club, etc.

If you have additional questions on UKC events, please contact Denise Reed, the COA National Bench Chair (<http://www.chinook.org/ct.php?id=1010>), the UKC (269-343-9020) or COA-L, the COA discussion group.

United Kennel Club (UKC) New Titles



Forever Greene Atka



Bashaba Linto Calista

Wags and Brags

Working Dog Program (WDP) New Titles

The Working Dog Program (WDP) promotes the historic and modern working purpose of the Chinook dog. The COA WDP promotes positive dog ownership by recognizing accomplishments in drafting, service/citizenship, and dog sports.

The program encourages the breeding of better Chinooks by honoring the workability of the dogs. For more information about the Working Dog Program, go to <http://chinook.org/wdp.html>.

Congratulations go out to the following WDP qualifiers:

Novice Pack Dog Titles:

- Frontier Ice & Snow Kelvin – Bobbie Kennie

Working Pack Dog Titles:

- Desert Sol Ravi – Suz Houghton & Kathleen Flanagan

Novice Sled Dog Titles:

- Bashaba Naunbat Nashira – Karen Hinchy



Frontier Ice & Snow Kelvin (...as a pup)



Desert Sol Ravi



Bashaba Naunbat Nashira



HEALTH FLASH

The COA would like to thank all owners that have obtained health tests for their Chinooks in the last quarter! All owners are strongly encouraged to submit health tests to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA), regardless of diagnoses by the attending veterinarian. As you submit results, please ensure you have initialed to make any results public-- the more we know, the easier it is for breeders to work on making the next generation of Chinooks even healthier. Go to <http://ofa.org> for information on these and other Chinooks.

*A Chinook receives certification from the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) if it has obtained both hip and eye health tests, and one additional test - cardiac, elbow, or knee.

Name	Hips	Eyes	Other
<i>Callicoon Rhiannon O'Fox Meadow</i>		Normal B/O	
<i>Carrigain Mountain Lindy</i>	Excellent	Normal	
<i>Carrigain Mountain Max</i>	Excellent	Normal	
<i>Carrigain Mountain Sadie</i>	Excellent	Normal	
<i>Carrigain Mountain Hvas Talapus</i>	Good	Normal	Elbow: Normal
<i>Forever Greene Nanook</i>	Mild		
<i>Granite Hill Cascade Range</i>		Normal	
<i>Granite Hill Iron Mistress</i>	Mild		
<i>Granite Hill Karluk</i>		Normal B/O	
<i>Granite Hill Lady Mary Crawley</i>	Good		
<i>Granite Hill Mark of Zoro</i>	Good		
<i>Granite Hill Million Dollar Baby</i>	Good		
<i>Granite Hill Navajo Joe</i>		Normal	
<i>Granite Hill Outlaw</i>	Moderate	Normal	
<i>Granite Hill Silverado</i>		Normal	
<i>Granite Hill True Grit</i>	Moderate		
<i>GreatMountain Cascade</i>	Good	Normal	
<i>Hurricane Tonasket Rain</i>	Good	Normal	Elbow/Thyroid: Normal
<i>Intervale Little Jazz</i>			Patella: Normal
<i>MountainThunder Terra Tomah</i>		Normal	
<i>Riverstone Ostara-Samhain</i>		Normal	
<i>Skyland Harper of GrtMtn</i>		Normal	
<i>Wachusett Forsilvra Rollo</i>	Good	Normal	
<i>Wachusett Gulbrun Ari</i>		Normal	
<i>Wachusett Gulbrun Finley</i>		Normal	
<i>Wachusett Gulbrun Stellan</i>	Fair		
<i>Wachusett Gulbrun Tianextic</i>		Normal	

COA Members

The COA would like to extend a hearty welcome to our **newest** (& renewed) members:

Northeast: Shana Morales (CT), Brian Geddes (MA), Cesar Hernandez (MA), David Smail (MA), Brenda Stein (MA), Lee Stowell (MA), Martha Bernier (NH), Maria Calabrese (NH), Adonis & Ofelia Elfakih (NH), Morrie & Glenn Killian (NH), Bob Panit & Shirley Jackson (NH), Megan Byrne (NJ), Dave Simmons (NJ), Christie Karpiak & Delcan Mulhall (PA), Greta Parker (PA), Vanessa Sheppard (PA), Anne Beneville (RI), Lisa Philo (RI), Andy Riecker (VT)

Midwest: Megan & Ted Trost (IA), David Kargl (IL), Brendon Aldrich (IN), Lori & Jason Novak (MN), Lena Mitkey (WI), Michelle & Tyler Elser (WY)

South: Natasha Rueschhoff (FL), Kelly & Ann Kunz (NC), Jennifer Bihl (SC)

West: Leslie Angelacci (CA), Elaine Elder (CA), Kathleen & Sean Harrison (CA), Suz Houghton & Kathleen Flanagan (CA), Heather Reynolds (CA), Kristina Calabrese (CO), Victoria Escalle (CO), Sheri Holt (WA), Allison Vernon (WA)

Canada: Ian Smith (BC), Dean Campbell (ON), Katie Moss (BC)

We'd like to thank the breeders who purchased gift memberships to the COA for their new puppy owners!

Barkerville Chinooks
Desert Sol Chinooks

Bashaba Chinooks
Great Valley Chinooks

Blue Sky Chinooks
Sirius Rising Kennel

What a great way to get new Chinook owners into the group and show them all the COA has to offer. If you are a COA Breeder, you too can purchase discounted COA memberships for your new puppy owners by selecting the "Puppy gift memberships" option in the members area.

A postcard will be mailed out to your puppy owner to announce your gift! Below is an example postcard that is sent. If you have any questions, please email the membership chair at member.services@chinook.org.



Litter Basket



Visit <http://chinook.org/admin/litters.php> for more information

New Arrivals

Breeder	Location	Dam	Sire	Birth Date	Litter Name	Details
<i>Desert Sol Chinooks</i>	Gilbert, AZ	CH MountainThunder Great Kyraina CGC	CH Channahon's Kikiah Tye (Oscar)	6/1-6/2/16	Chicken Nuggets	10 puppies; 3M, 7F
<i>Rain Mountain Chinooks</i>	Portland, OR	Rain Mountain Kimalina (Mia)	Atholl Hurricane Nakoda Rain (Kody)	07/11/16	The Nut Farm	7 puppies; 3M, 4F
<i>Bashaba Chinooks</i>	Blairstown, NJ	Bashaba Jesson	Callicoon Bigelow	07/12/16	Fictional Detectives	8 puppies; 2M, 6F
<i>Granite Hill Chinooks</i>	Theresa, NY	Granite Hill Lady Cora of Grantham (Izzy)	Granite Hill Karluk (Luke)	09/21/16	Sound of Music	7 puppies; 5M, 2F



Desert Sol Chinooks - Chicken Nuggets



Rain Mountain - The Nut Farm



Bashaba - Fictional Detectives



Granite Hill - Sound of Music

Planned Engagements

Breeder	Location	Dam	Sire	Breed Date
<i>Swiftrun Chinooks</i>	Edmonton, Alberta	Rain Mountain Kenai Swift (Luath)	Hurricane Elwa Taigi Rain (Riley)	Oct 2016
<i>Wachusett Chinooks</i>	Central, MA	Granite Hill Timmee Atole (Timmee)	TBD	Dec 2016
<i>Wildcat Valley Chinooks</i>	NH	Laughing Mountain Eowyn (Tess)	Hurricane Zeus	Dec 2016
<i>Bashaba Chinooks</i>	Blairstown, NJ	Bashaba Naunbat Nashira	Wachusett Gulbrun Tianextic (Tuck)	Dec 2016
<i>Bashaba Chinooks</i>	Chicago, IL	MountainThunder Calamity Jane (Jane)	Laughing Mountain Diesel	May 2017



Spook Nook Phoenix
10/26/2015 - 1/19/2016

Jean Bouteiller

Spook Nook Phoenix (Kulusuk) left a gaping hole in my heart when she passed over the Rainbow Bridge at the young age of 12 weeks. The seizures she started having just after turning 8 weeks old spun out of control despite everyone's best efforts. She made it clear that it was not the type of life she wanted to lead, so we let her go.

Phoenix was a super smart girl, who had already learned to ring the bell to go out, and knew about the bell to come in, but could not yet reach it. She even sat politely for the front door to be opened. For such a short life, she made a big impression on me. She was an enthusiastic girl, who loved to go for walks in the woods with her sister, Nukka, and loved to play with her mom and dad, Reine and Ukko. Phoenix, you are greatly missed, and there is not a day that I do not think of you and wonder what you would be like now. I hope that you are running freely and have found your home.



If your Chinook has passed any you would like to pay special tribute to them here, please email the information and pictures to Jon Jolly directly at cq@chinook.org.





GRCH PR Hickory Hill Rastro
8/9/2001 - 8/29/2016

Ruth Lind

The world said goodbye to an ambassador of peace and joy on August 29, as Hickory Hill Rastro departed to wait at the Rainbow Bridge.

Rastro exploded into our lives when my husband, David, decided I needed a gun or a dog as my work had me spending many weeks alone in the Maine woods. Having always resisted dogs, my heart melted when I met Rain Mountain Sebecca (Becca), loved by my uncle and aunt, David and Elaine Bradbury. Becca's firstborn puppy, Rastro, a bundle of exuberance and enthusiasm, taught me all about patience, joy, and unconditional love.

As he matured, he proved to be a dedicated wheel dog and happy skijoring partner. Always gentle and calm with delicate souls, he brought peace to the hearts of senior humans, leaning into them to offer his bog soft head for stroking, and his warm fur for comfort. He was the keeper of the dozens of foster kittens who passed through our home, letting them chew his ears and burrow under his elbows and attack his always-wagging tail.

Rastro was the best traveling companion ever, content in the back of the car no matter how short or long the trip. He charmed hotel staff, children, people on the street during our walks, and anyone he happened to meet.

In his senior years, he sadly accepted the necessity of staying downstairs at night, but delighted in our unhurried strolls around the yard and woods in Maine. His first round of vestibular disease in October 2014 left him a bit tilted, with a less graceful gait, but with a tail that still wagged as soon as we came into the room. The second round in August of this year both crippled and terrified him, and we made the heart-wrenching decision to let him go.



There will never be another Rastro, my one-in-a-million, miracle, heart dog. Our reunion at the bridge will be the happiest dance in time.

A tribute to my personal therapy Chinook

- Sherry Hung, COA Member

For almost as long as I've wanted a dog, I've wanted to do therapy work with that dog. But our Chinook girl, when we got her at four months of age, had already had a lifetime of health issues which contributed to her being undersocialized and unexposed to the world at large. She didn't just exhibit the classic reservedness of some Chinooks: She was petrified of anything new or unexpected (asphalt, rain, passing cars, stairs, puddles, curbs, etc.). So while I love her immeasurably, I was a little disappointed that our Chinook pup may not have the right temperament for therapy work. What I've come to realize, though, is that in her own way she is a therapy dog, still: She is my therapy dog.

Here's the thing: I've had major, chronic depression my whole adult life. The crippling kind that means I can, if left to myself, sleep 18 hours a day. It comes and goes, but has never left me entirely. My mood is like the Seattle weather we moved to: constantly gray, and muted.

But now I have Kona. And she gets me out of bed each morning, and we start our days with long loops around the park. I watch her bound through meadows of tall grass and I enumerate the things I am grateful for. Kona and my husband are always on the list.

If I nap in the afternoon she sleeps with me on the bed, keeping me company--a little ball of quiet, **Her tongue can be relentless.** patient love. If hours pass and I still don't get up, she scrubs my face gently but insistently. Her message is clear: Enough; it is time to get up. Her tongue can be relentless. We have recently begun agility classes to help build her confidence. Little did I know how much I would learn, too. Together, we work through her hurdles, and I am rewarded when her ears and tail come up and she barrels through tunnels and over the A-frame--both terrifying obstacles once upon a time.

With the help of a couple really great instructors, we have learned to set goals with small, concrete steps, and to take the time to celebrate each victory. To approach our training goals with patience and positivity. And to take many breaks for praise and play. I am learning not only to be a kinder, gentler (and I hope better) dog owner, but also to be a kinder, gentler person--including towards myself.

I don't know if Kona will ever be a certified therapy dog, or if she will ever trial in agility. I don't even know how many more months it will be before she will walk over the dog walk, or stop flinching at the sound of the teeter. But I know that we'll keep trying, and we'll continue to push (just a little) each week in class and on the practice field.

And I know that she will continue getting me out of bed each morning, and that everyday she brings me so much love and joy. We love you, Rain Mountain Kona.



Meeting Minutes (May - Oct)

All meeting minutes can be found at:

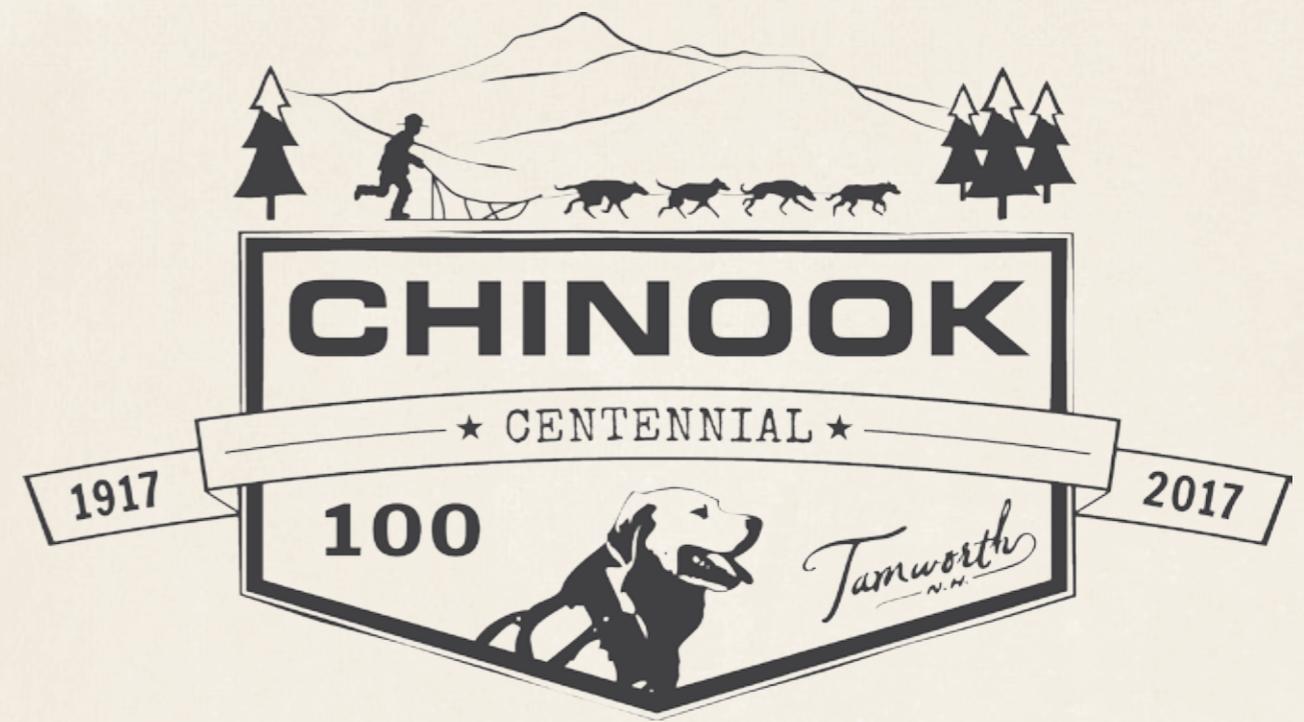
http://chinook.org/board_minute.html

October 19, 2016
September 8, 2016
May 24, 2016

Treasury Report

COA Profit & Loss Jul 2015-Jun 2016

Income	
General Donation	0.01
Chinook Store	1,082.00
Membership	5,756.10
Specialty	2,541.00
Working Dog Program appl.	30.00
Cross to Pure reg. fee	15.00
Total Income	9,424.11
Expense	
Misc.	7.49
Bank Fees	91.50
PayPal Transaction fees	237.39
Chinook Store	0.00
Health Fund	0.00
Regional Events	0.00
Membership	932.90
Specialty	5,069.37
Housekeeping	268.50
Insurance	500.00
Marketing	327.25
Website	300.00
Total Expense	7,734.40
Net Income (loss)	1,689.71



SAVE THE DATE

Check back soon at chinook.org for more info on these great upcoming events in 2017!

Chinook Centennial - Chinook's Birthday Bash

January 13-15 2017

Camp Cody - Freedom, NH

Chinook National Specialty

June 2, 2017

The Sandwich Fair - Sandwich, NH

Chinook Centennial

2017 Chinook Family Reunion: A Chinook Homecoming

June 3, 2017

Sandwich & Wonalancet NH and nearby locations