

LIVES FROM

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**PEMBROKE
WELSH CORGI
CLUB OF
AMERICA
NATIONAL
SPECIALTY
SAN DIEGO,
CALIFORNIA**

Had the Pilgrims found their way to Mission Bay, we would be having sushi for Thanksgiving!



AS WE PAUSE TO COUNT our blessings, remembering our treasured friends and devoted animals, let's give praise to those who discovered some very special SHOWSIGHTS.

One sensational SHOWSIGHT in San Diego is the *Bahia Resort Hotel*, recently transformed into Corgiville by the members of the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America. They staked their claim

on this land to celebrate their 60th Anniversary National Speciality Show and their 20th year of obedience trials.

Plymouth Colony in New England is a far cry from San Diego, California's hip haven for today's thrill

seekers... Rollerblading blondes, a television soap opera script writer and an olympic gold medalist were among the Corgi enthusiasts who mingled on the sands of Mission Bay. Lovely little Pembrokes were running along the beach with sheer delight. The seemingly insurmountable task of running a national specialty was simply smooth sailing for the club president **Judy Hart** and show chairman **Debbie Blais**. They guided their committees just as the skilled explorers of long ago. How could any group possibly be so organized? **Jean York**, **Joe Durrance**, **Joan Jensen**, **Joan Reid**, **Marilyn Van Vliet**, **Kay Hammel**, **Jan Sheets**, **Pat Sandy-Smith**, **Pat Schilling**, **Debbie Oliver**, **Gregg & Sue Klepp** and **Sally Howe** made it seem smooth and effortless.

Just two blocks from the Pacific

Olga & Tom Rawls



ocean, the Bahia Resort Hotel sits on a lushly landscaped fourteen-acre peninsula, surrounded by the sparkling blue waters of Mission Bay.

Canines can treat their owners to a beachfront guest room opening directly onto the sand and water, a studio room in the high-rise offering a panoramic bay view or one of the many spacious suites. The full kitchens are perfect when preparing doggie dishes. After show hours, however, owners should not miss the nearby excitement the city of San Diego has to offer.

"Fizz" (Ch. Just Enuff Of The Real Thing) relaxed at the hotel with his new little buddy "Mr. Pibb" while his owner **Olga Goizueta Rawls** and her husband Tom (not really a dog person but a completely normal, extremely handsome attorney whom we need to dress up more dog shows) crossed over the border for a day in Tijuana, Mexico where they purchased priceless treasures such as an Armadillo with a bobbing head. Olga was crushed as unfortunately Tom broke it before their return. If only I had known I would have insisted Olga buy some for me.

What "unique" Christmas gifts for "special" friends.

Speaking of good looking (and isn't it true that only beautiful people hang out in California?) we got to meet Brett and Clark two of **Glenn Lycan's** brothers. Sail boarding was only one of the adventures conquered by this threesome. "*Lyleth*" (Ch. Elfwish Lyleth) baby-sat her four puppies

"The Young & The Restless"

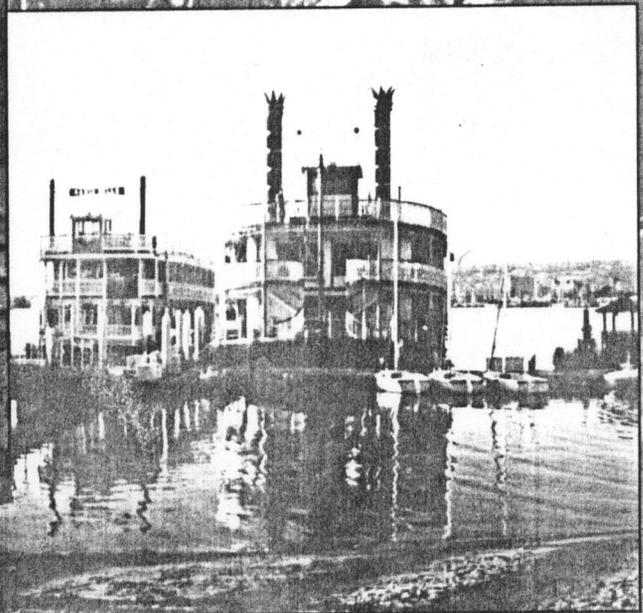


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Jasmine, Alexis, Rose and Pennyroyal, telling them tales of Corrgi fantasy and of their becoming little "Fairy Healers." She probably also inspired them by bragging on her own award as top-winning member-owned Pembroke Corgi of the Year which was presented to her owners **Donna Francis** and **Sandy Wolfskill** at the annual awards banquet.

One of the hotel perks was a nightly cruise on the *Bahia Belle*. **Michael & Joan Scott** lead a group who danced the night away. The time-change put me to sleep before these hearty revelers departed.

Brett Lycan



*Brothers Glenn, Brett & Clark Lycan
looking after me...or vice versa???*



When Michael brought out Mrs. Alan Robson's Ch. Courtlyn Chagal, the crowd erupted. The eight-year-old veteran "Polo" was a picture of perfection as he won the veterans class. Tears flooded my eyes as I vividly remember my father giving this little dog more than one Group First at shows where he went on to go Best in Show.

For those searching for a restaurant to doggie-sit while owners dine, there is a Hudson Bay Seafood Restaurant. It welcomes all canine customers to its dining deck - as long as four paws are accompanied by at least two

human hands. Spot's menu featured specialty snacks (no hot-dogs) with individual water bowls. Persons must bring their own leashes.

If laughter is your ticket, the Bahia features live stand-up comedians. Dog show people usually have enough of those of their own.

After a trip to Harley-Davidson of San Diego to buy goodies for my Harley husband, Jim (always remember to take home souvenirs for the one who is paying for the trip is my motto). Donna Francis, Sandy Wolffskill, Marlene Rosenburg and I headed for the



*Greg Louganis'
Golden Grin*

speciality shops of La Jolla. Our motto was shop till you drop and then eat chocolate, which we ended up doing at a trendy coffee house.

Janice Edwards led our judges study group. It was a great one because so many live animals were used for participant evaluation. Many clubs fail to do this so as not to offend anyone. Pictures and drawings cannot compare with the real thing. I am grateful to the owners of these dogs for sharing

*Club President Judy
Hart takes a well-
deserved break!*



*Judge Tom
Mathiesen*



My shop-till-you-drop buddies, Marlene Rosenberg, Donna Francis, and Sandy Wolfskill



them with our group.

Janice and Joan Reid were the breeders of "Cody" (Am.&Can. Ch. Jade Tree Penway Up Country), owned by Mary Day and Chris Johnson. "Cody" was shown by Co-Owner Dr. Sylvia Lueck. The result was an unprecedented three-Peat win at the National.

THE JUICE IS LOOSE! California has a show for everyone if you get my jest.

There is no end to a journey where portuguese explorer Juan Rodriquez Cabrillo landed some four-hundred-fifty-three years ago. Founders Day was celebrated during show time and there was even free admission to the San Diego Zoo.

My greatest discovery was Balboa Park where I spent the entire day after the show. I'm an art lover so the Spanish Village

Art's Center drew my attention. The world famous San Diego Zoo is located within the park. Reptilemania was the special of the day. Balboa Park is filled with European-type buildings housing museums of all sorts. I could go on and on with Sea World, etc. but I am writing as a dog show judge, not a travel agent.

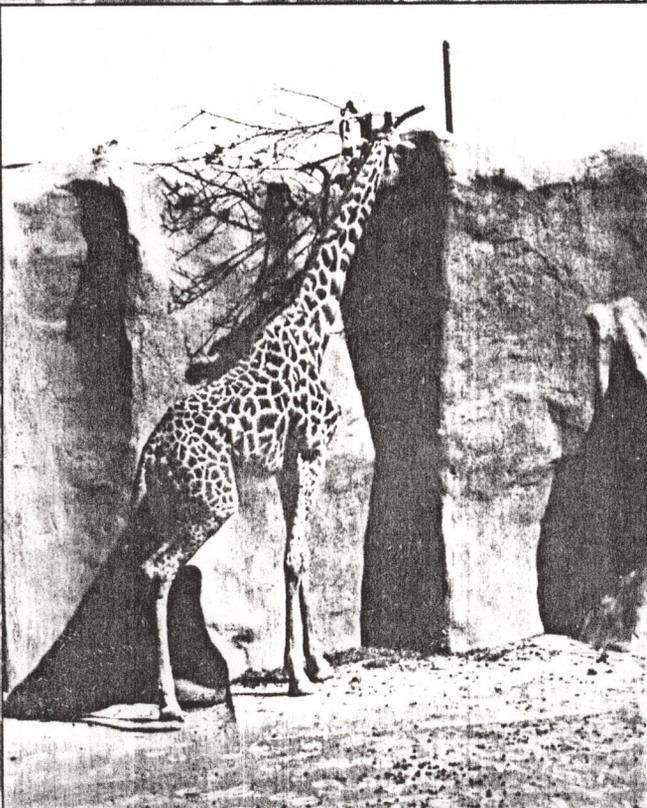
It just seems to me that as I reflect upon the things for which I am grateful this Thanksgiving, good SHOWSIGHTS can make all the difference in our sport.

It also helps to be blessed with great superintendents, top notch ring stewards, and let's not forget the wonderful vendors who not only satisfy our whims, but also supply our much-needed equipment and supplies.

From my mother and father I learned the expression "friends are the most wonderful part of living." They are right. I am thankful for you.

Want to explore San Diego? Plan your next National Specialty there. The Danes & Dobermans have done it and the Afghans will arrive soon at this super ShowSight.

Sushi, Anyone? Happy Thanksgiving!



Thanks to all for a wonderful weekend! See you next month.

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