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On Saturday, Deborah and Maurice Bahm (right), along with ASFA Delegate, Dan Heidel, proudly display the rosette and prizes won by Debmar The Rogue One (Lyla), the ASFA Lure Coursing Best of Breed. Photo by Brenda Halverson.



Lyla tops the ASFA field of 94 entries

It was déjà vu on Saturday when **Debmar The Rogue One** (Lyla), bred and owned by Deborah and Maurice Bahm won Best of Breed in the ASFA coursing trial. Her grandmother, also called **Lyla**, took the same top honor at the AWC national specialty several years ago.

Saturday's winner came from the Open Stake to defeat the field. She later teamed with her sister, **Debmar Take it to the Limit**, to win the Breeder Stakes for the Bahms, who have breed and shown whippets for 35 years.

"She was bred to run, Deborah said. "It seems like she gets better and better every time we run her."

Judge Justin Dannenbring was impressed with the way Lyla handled the course layout. "She stayed on the line, covered much more ground and didn't lose any momentum," he said.

The Specials Stake winner was **Grovenor's Firestorm**, owned by Steven Klein; the Veteran Stake winner was **FC Angel Speed Bailey**, owned by Patricia Borland and Dagmar Neilsen.

Greetings from our National Event Chair

Welcome to the Mile High City (elevation 5280 feet)! We are so excited to be hosting another great AWC National at the same hotel we used in 2002. Tracy and John Hite and their committee have been working very hard to make this a very special event for all.

We have two new events this year, the Maturity and Breeder Sweepstakes, plus performance events Triathlon, Versatility, Agility and two full days of lure coursing for our multi-talented whippets.

I am eager to see old friends and make new ones this week. I hope you will also enjoy your stay in Denver, and if you are reading this from somewhere else, we will try to keep you updated on the events by publishing The Daily Whippet every day. *Cindy Scott*

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On Sunday, the Best of Breed winner was **Wheatland Fiesta Island**, shown with owner Kim Otero and (l to r) Brad Briscoe, Joe Shoemaker, Justin Dannenbring and Scott Hurlbert, officials at the AKC coursing trial.

Fiesta defeats 117 entries in AKC coursing

In just her fourth coursing trial, **Wheatland Fiesta Island**, owned by Kim Otero and Michael Palmer came from the Open Stake to win Best of Breed in the AKC coursing trial.

Fiesta was bred by Kim, who said the dog's name refers to "Fiesta Island in California, a magical place where dogs run free."

"This was her first win," Kim said. "She might get some steak tonight! This is the whippet ultimate win!"

According to Judge Scott Hurlbert, the bitch lived up to her name. "She is the one that handled the course, and had a good time throughout. All five dogs in the best of breed run were really good. The cream really came to the top."

The Specials Stake A was won by **FC Hyflyte Shut Up and Kiss Me SC** (Smooch), owned by Cricket A. Mara; Specials Stake B was won by **FC Brystal Angelica Firestar SC FCH** (Flame), owned by Debra McKibbin. The Veteran Stake was won by **FC Debmar After Midnight at Fairchase** (Vader), owned by Stacey Jane and John H. Williams.