

BREED PIONEER- 1920's – EUGENE BYFIELD – Chino Kennels, Grasmere Farms



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The author brought back from England six handsome Chows. They are, from left to right: Wyndham's Pearly Girl, best blue bitch at Olympia; Ashvale Beau Tee, a light red bitch; Pecknall Gwa Hoo, a dark red bitch; Chu Pak of Kang Shi, reserve champion dog at Olympia; Na Poo of Kang Shi, best black bitch at Olympia; and Rosalie of Ting Hao, one of the most massive, dark red bitches living

1924 Article by pioneer American breeder, Eugene Byfield of Grasmere Farm
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In the early 1920's Eugene Byfield established his Chino Kennels (Grasmere Farms) near Chicago in Barrington Illinois . At one point this breeding/show kennel of exquisite chows housed nearly 100 dogs. It was a great loss to the breed in

1930 when Mr. Byfield was killed in a polo game . In addition to his chow breeding program he also was a noted breeder of polo ponies and race horses and newspapers labeled Byfield quite the “man about town”.



CH. NEE PHOS



CH. HONG KONG KING



CH. CHEE KEE

Ch. Hong Kong King and Ch. Nee-Phos, Ch Chee Kee (CLICK THUMBNAILS ABOVE) which he purchased when [Mrs Hoover's](#) kennel

was disbanded, headed his Chino kennel at the time of his death and were supported by Ch. Mah Jong Min T'sing, Ch Red Chinaman, the beautiful black bitch [Na Poo of Kang Shi](#), and [bitch Rosalie of Ting Hao](#) (Both bitches pictured in the first photo of Byfield and chows... to the far right). Byfield was well respected for the high quality and consistency of his show and breeding stock...many of which he imported from England.



In my research in trying to identify the people sitting next to esteemed English judge (center) [William Scriven at the 1927 Chow Specialty](#) banquet, I am fairly certain the man on the far left is Eugene Byfield. This photo would have been taken 3 years before his polo accident.

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