

Norwegian Elkhound Notes 03/11/2024

I'm pleased to be able to start this week with the Judge's critique on the recent NEAS 50th Anniversary Ch Show. It will save you from waiting for it to go in the paper.

NEAS Elkhound Critique – Jill E Cowper (Rothenborg)

Class 1. Baby Puppy Dog/Bitch - No Entries

Class 2. Minor Puppy Dog - No Entries

Class 3. Puppy Dog (3)

1st Benner's Barbelka Devilishly Divine (AI) – BPD & BPIS

Just under twelve months old, but very well grown and mature for his age. Square in outline, and very masculine in looks, and in behavior. Nice angulation both fore and aft and moved very enthusiastically. Head broad with nicely set ears and friendly expression, dark well placed eyes. Good high set and carried tail, strong back, good length in leg, very well put together, I hope he doesn't grow any more.

2nd: McPeake's Lasso Joulu

Slightly longer in loin than my first, but his outline was acceptable, quite narrow still in front, not quite as positive in shoulder, which presented itself in his forward movement. Lovely head with dark eyes, nice expression, he also has a good length in leg. Not so positive in movement.

Class 4. Junior Dog (2)

1st; McHugh's Kamgaard Kloudberry Jam For Conrick

A big boy for 16 months, but well matured and very strong with good bone. Beautiful head with lovely expression and soft brown eyes, nice reach of neck, strong in back. Tail well set and carried. Nice balance of shoulder and hindquarters driving him forward very well.

2nd; Launder and Preston's Losnabakken's S-B Silas Of Cealdstan (Nor Imp)

Slightly older than my winner but not quite as mature and not as good in front being slightly more upright which showed in his movement. However, he possesses a lovely head, darker in expression than 1st, but correct shape and color of eyes. Tail set a bit low which made him look longer in the loin than he really is.

Class 5; Yearling Dog (2)

1st; Kamgaard Kloudberry Jam For Conrick

2nd; Lee's Aftonlee Affleck

At nearly two years, he is very well matured and upstanding. Lovely shaped head with good eyes and ear placement, handsome expression, nice reach of neck into good shoulder. Very good bone but unfortunately his hind movement let him down today, slightly longer in body overall.

Class 6; Post Grad Dog (6)

1st; Jolley's Seasara Iceman - RDCC

What a lovely yearling this is, and he knows it. Standing four square. I could not deny him his place, very handsome head with all the required attributes. Excellent lay of shoulder

complimented by good driving quarters. Lovely coat, of correct colour and texture. Moved very well and pushed hard for the CC. RDCC.

2nd; Gray's Laakso Look Who's At Grasilva (AI)

Very nicely proportioned dog, in depth and in length. He has a beautiful head, lovely dark oval eyes and super expression. Quite narrow in front and looking a little tucked up today. Strong topline with good drive from the rear. He is slow to mature and needs more time.

Class 7; Limit Dog (2)

1st; Brown's Graythor Captain Hook

Attractive head but not as broad in muzzle as my second placing. Lovely neat ears with friendly expression. Really good neck and shoulders, strong topline with good tail set and carriage. Very balanced throughout which showed in his positive movement.

2nd; McPeake's Treskha Tork

Beautiful head on this dog, and I did prefer it to my first place, Really good wedge with neat ears and very appealing eyes. Not as sound in construction as the 1st placing so unfortunately had to pay the price. Movement was not balanced at all, he would probably settle better outside.

Class 8; Open Dog (4)

1st; Maun's Ch Bowerhinton Bassanio – DCC & RBIS

Outstanding male and handled to perfection, this young handler got the very best out of this dog, and neither was not giving in without a fight. He has a lovely wedge head and such an expressive face, eyes dark and ears small enough. Really good shoulder placement, complimented by matching hindquarters. Good bone with neat feet. Strong topline and excellent tail carriage. I would prefer him slightly shorter in the loin and with a more weather resistant coat, moved out really well.

2nd; Ch Graythor At The Venetian with Llassah

This is another outstanding male, darker in colouring and much deeper in chest than my 1st which does make his leg look slightly shorter. Beautiful head, set on a strong neck. Nice lay of shoulder complimented by good driving hindquarters. Strong topline and excellent tail set and carriage. I have seen him move better than he did today.

Class 9; Veteran Dog (3)

1st; Tress's Ch Grasilver Little Rock AVEC Gilkaro JW - BVIS

What an ambassador for the breed, at 9 plus years and he still thinks he's in his juvenile years.

Lovely cobby square profile with a correctly shaped head, neat ears, would have preferred a less prominent eye. He has a strong and energetic flow of movement from well angulated shoulders and hind quarters. Good strong topline and well set on tail. Adequate bone with neat feet. Out of coat at the moment so hiding nothing.

2nd; McHugh's Kinderhorn Espen Of Conrick

At 10 plus years, this male is also in great shape, slightly heavier than my winner which shows in his movement, never the less, he possesses a good broad head and pleasing

expression, lovely dark friendly eye. Very good bone and feet, angulation fore and aft are correct. Hadn't got the sparkle of my winner.

Class 10; Minor Puppy Bitch (1) A

Class 11; Puppy Bitch (2) 1 Absent

1st; Tyson's Bowerhinton Bright Flame At Starceylon – BPB & RBPIS

What a pretty, happy and eager little girl. Very pretty head with neat ears and gorgeously dark eyes. Neck good, set in correct shoulders. Strong back for a little one, well set on tail. Lovely bone with correct feet. Very positive and true on the move. Good colour of coat. She has a bright future ahead of her.

Class 12; Junior Bitch (1)

1st; Shield's Kamgaard Kast A Spell For Lochlannach

Another very pretty young lady, who has a very attractive head with dark eyes and neat ears. Good rib and strong back with a decent length of leg and neat feet. Correct angulations which showed in her movement. Lovely colour and shading of coat.

Class 13; Yearling Bitch (1)

1st; Shields Kamgaard Kast A Spell For Lochlannach

As Above.

Class 14; Post Grad Bitch (1)

1st; Saint's Ravenheim's Tor Vildenvaer

She has a very pretty head, with dark eyes and good expression. Not really interested in the proceedings but she did move ok on good assembly front and rear. Good legs and feet and lovely colour of coat.

Class 15; Limit Bitch (1) A

Class 16; Open Bitch (8)

1st; Simmonds & Mott's CH/AM CH Kamgaard Klementina (IMP USA) – BCC & BIS

What superb presence this lady has, she gave me the opportunity to see everything. Very attractive head, lovely eyes and neat ears. Strong neck set into good shoulders. Level topline, which is then complimented by correct angulated hindquarters, with good tail set and carriage. Lovely bone and neat feet. Coat a little on the soft side, but icing on the cake at this time of the year when coats are changing.

2nd; Callow & Davis's Ch Whittamere Alright Bab JW

Another lovely lady of excellent proportions, very pretty head with beautiful soft brown eyes, neat ears and pleasing expression. Front assembly not working with the drive from the rear, I've seen her move better. Good bone and feet. Firm in body, correct tail and set. Lovely colour and texture of coat.

Class 17; Veteran Bitch (4)

1st; Gray's Grasilva Silver Vine - RBCC

Wow, at 9 plus years, it proves how lucky we are to have such a lasting breed.

To describe the winners of the veteran classes, I would run out of adjectives.

Bold, Friendly, Alert, Agile, Energetic and quality. This lady is slightly darker in colour to some, but it did not detract from her very pretty head, laughing eyes of dark brown and neat ears. Very sound throughout, with an excellent slope to shoulder and upper arm. Hind angulation with plenty of power and drive. Strong topline and tail carriage and set. Superb on the move.

2nd; Tress's Gilkaro Tinc My Belle

A well constructed 10 year old, who again, is in really good condition for her age. Strong front and hind quarters which carried her forward both ways. Lovely legs and feet of correct shape. Good level topline and well placed and carried tail. Not looking her best today and carrying a bit of weight.

Class 18; Brace (3)

1st; Gray's couple

2nd; Mortimer's Couple

Class 19; Team (1)

1st; Mortimer's Team of three.

I doubt anyone realises just how much work our secretary Linda has to do. It's not just once or twice a year, it's week in week out, all year through keeping address and membership lists and emails up to date, booking venues, contacting judges, sending out letters and Journals, replying to emails and much more. Until I joined committee, I had no idea. **Please will everyone make sure the Club has your email address.**

Right now Linda's time is taken up with visiting her husband in hospital and he will have restricted mobility when he gets home yet she still has the Calendars and cards to sort out and post for her "Other job" for the Elkhound Rescue Fund. So if you are ordering anything, please do keep it as easy for her as possible. Don't order less but please keep your orders straightforward. I expect the prices will be put on the website as soon as she has a chance. Calendars are £7.50 plus £2.30 p and p. Cards are the same as last year.

The news about Brian is good. They have the infection under control and his knee has finally been stitched up but he has a long way to go still. He has, this weekend, been moved to our local hospital for rehab making it far easier for his family to visit.

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