

## Norwegian Elkhound Notes 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Before I get on to show results and news, Please note that the dates published in the list of shows last week are the dates of the first day of the show, not necessarily Hound day.

Well I'm not at all sure why, but am very pleased to see that show entries seem to be increasing nicely this year. There were 81 for our Club Ch Show, 25 for Birmingham and Bath has an entry of 33 dogs making 41 entries while at the May SKC show, 27 dogs have made an entry of 30 and at the second SKC Show, now without CCs and usually held in October, 26 dogs have made 28 entries. The following day the NEAS Open Show I believe, also has an entry in the 30s. Don't quote me though; I saw the details on line but I'm afraid I can't find them again.

Some Open Show results now. Last week, Wendy Threadgold wrote to me that "Darcy, Ch Norvin Joyeux Noel was 1st in a really big AVNSC class. 1st in another big AV hound class & then went Hound Group 1 yesterday at Chelmsford & District Canine Society. Such a good girl & never puts a foot wrong." And today she said, Ch Norvin Joyeux Noel went BOB in the Elkhound Breed classes, BOB in a huge AV Hound Class and Group 4 at Gravesend & Medway Canine Association "Well done Darcy. Last week, Vanessa Mc Hugh's Kamgaard Kloudberry Jam For Conrick (Erik), won BP & Puppy Group 3 at Chesterfield.

Yesterday of course was Birmingham National with Lesley Cheatham in the centre of the ring. The results were as follows.

BEST OF BREED : MAUN, Mrs T Bowerhinton Blackbird

Dog CC : SIMMS, Mr Nev & SIMMS, Mrs K E Aftonlee Aros At Elverdal

Res Dog CC : COWPER, Mrs J E & BINGHAM, Mrs Gill Graythor Augustus At Rothenborg

Bitch CC : MAUN, Mrs T, Bowerhinton Blackbird

Res Bitch CC : BARGANSKA, Ms Barbara Margaret, Cealdstan Ancestral Voices Of Barbelka (a.i.)

Best Puppy : BARGANSKA, Ms Barbara Margaret, Barbelka Dauntless Spirit (a.i.) Who then went 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Puppy Hound Group. The puppy Group judge was our own ex treasurer, Stuart Byrne.

Best Special Beginner : BROWN, Miss Lydia, Graythor Captain Hook. Who was also 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Spec Beginners Hound Group which was judged by Mr K Robin Newhouse. Well done all.

On a personal note it was wonderful yesterday to get mobbed by a real pack of Elkhounds, not at a show but at their home. It's been 4 years since I've been able to manage to do the 3 miles to Linda and Brian Middleton's home. I needed to collect two returned trophies and to see their two lovely new youngsters. So lovely to see the real dogs rather than just photos online. (Not forgetting all the kisses from little Pip too). I was very tempted to sneak one girl into my car.

I spent ages when I returned home going through the names of the dogs on the trophies. Such memories. The trophies were for Oldest Veteran and Best Open bitch at the Club show, both donated in memory of my parents. Middleton's Ch Svenson Thor appeared 4 times for oldest veteran – he did live to be 17; Gilbert's Ch Kensix Trojan appeared 3 times with a sweet engraving saying "Goodnight, God Bless" after the last one; Lake's Ravenstone Silver Wedding at Maubrea was there twice and Bullock's Maubrea Mystic Maid three times with Allchin's Carolon Fancy

Nancy 3 times and Clark's Carolon Quite the Lady. It was lovely to remember the oldies (dogs I mean, not people) and how much they enjoyed getting back into the ring.

Some of the early dogs winning Open Bitch were Passey's Ch Shundelko AnIsha, Nichols' Ch Barlestone Qualiti, Clark's Rollssupreme Nordic Faith (twice) ; in 2009 Collins' Fr Ch Malenibo Kaitlin. –Puppy Frank's litter sister; Mavis Datta's Cakiro Moonlight Shadow, Greaves & Croxford's Ch/Ir Ch Ennafort the One and Only and Clark's Florence Florentina Rollssupreme. All beautiful bitches. The names alone will bring back good memories for many people and could well be in the pedigrees of some of the present dogs.

Safe journey next weekend to those making the trip to Scotland for SKC and the NEAS Open Show.

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