

Norwegian Elkhound Notes March 3rd 2024

So, here we go, Crufts this week. Best of luck to everyone who is going and safe travels. It's a great entry, reminiscent of many years ago. The TV listings are out, and the coverage of the show looks very good on both Channel 4 and More 4 as well as the usual online coverage. I do wish though, that they could show some of the breed judging if only briefly instead of hours of agility which is fun and draws viewers but is not only what the show is all about.

Now looking ahead, please save the date on your diary for September 1st for an "Elkhound Fun Day" which is being organised by Nicola Callow, Elaine Simms, Gill Bingham with Donna Preston and Neal Cuss. It's still in the very early stages of planning but will include games, competitions and prizes, a talk about "mantrailing", a question and answer session by experienced owners and breeders and a "have a go at showing" session as well as lots more. It will be held at Naseby Village Hall in Northants, NN6 6TB. The what 3 words address is lyricist.ringside.nappy. Do keep the date free and go if you can. It will be a very entertaining day with chance to meet many other Elkhounds and owners, to have fun and learn more about our lovely breed. It's open to everyone whether you've had one for 6 months, 60 years or are planning to get one.

Two more Club events for this year.

The Championship show is on Sunday 21st April 2024 at Corley village Hall, CV7 8AY, the judge is Beth Benner and the Robert Greaves Memorial stakes judge is Albert Brewin (Liondyke)

The Open show is also at Corley on Sunday 22nd September 2024 and the judge is Mr Phil Freer (Switzerland).

Here are the details for General Ch Shows as known so far.

CRUFTS	7TH March 2024	Jeff Horswell
BIRMINGHAM DOG SHOW	9TH May 2024	Mr L Cheatham
SCOTTISH KENNEL CLUB	16th May 2024	Miss Helen Weyman
BATH	24th May 2024	Mr D Cavill
WINDSOR	27th June 2024	Mr C Ashmore
HOUND ASSOCIATION	20th July 2024	Mr T Ball
LEEDS	26th July 2024	Miss D Spavin
WELSH KC	15th August 2024	Mrs C Gilbert
SOUTH WALES	11th October 2024	Mrs L Middleton
NEAS	20th October 2024	Mrs J Cowper
MIDLAND COUNTIES	24th October 2024	MR G Robertson
LKA	12th December 2024	Mr K R Andrew

Just one bit of show news this week. Last weekend at Cheltenham Open Show on 25th Feb

BOB was Ch Whittimere Alright Bab JW who also won Group 3. Res BOB was Bowerhinton Blackbird and BP was Norvin Krackjen.

The critique for the Contest of Champions is now available and will be posted on the Club website soon. Those of you who have supplied an email address to the Club should have received a report on the results with photos of the winners. May I take this chance of reminding EVERY club member to make certain that the secretary Linda Middleton has an up-to-date email address for you. With the huge increases in postal costs and the unreliability of the mail, it's essential that the Club can contact you by email instead of by post. I know just a few people don't use computers. They will continue to get information by mail but the majority of our members do have email. Do make sure Linda knows it and that it's up to date. You can email her on graythor1@gmail.com.

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