

## Norwegian Elkhounds Notes September 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

I'm very sad to have to start with the news of the loss of yet another Elkhounder. Jackie Hodgkinson (Thordell) passed away peacefully in her sleep last week and her husband Alan was then admitted to hospital. Thankfully he is now home again. I know everyone will send him their sincere condolences. Alan is naturally devastated so please give him time before contacting him.

I apologise for the lack of notes last week but there were only two very brief show results so I held them over until this week.

Firstly, there will be no notes on the Club website for a while until our new webmaster /mistress learns how to do it. Thank you to Wendy Sharman who will take over the task with the help of Vanessa Mc Hugh. Many thanks for Britt Cowper for the years she's worked on the website but she is now simply too busy to continue and has resigned from Committee and the website. For now, these notes will just be on the Facebook breed notes page, Dog Focus and temporarily on the NECGB Facebook page. Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible. I'm told the September 1<sup>st</sup> notes were never added to the website. Those contained the news of the passing of Colin Maun so I will add those to the Club's Facebook page today.

Talking of Club Shows, the Open show is now very close and the entry has been published. 33 dogs have made a very nice entry of 46. One of those dogs is NFC.

There were just two brief show results last week. First Richmond where we have classes but no CCs. Just 3 dogs were entered and only one turned up so Ch Whittimere Alright Bab was BOB. Well done. The weather was absolutely dreadful and, in the group, unfortunately she looked really upset by the rain pounding on the canvas. The low entry is really no surprise. Who wants to tackle the M25 in that weather on a Friday?

The other result is from an Open Show. The Tysons' puppy has been winning really well lately and this was no exception. Craig Tyson posted that, at Wolsingham Agricultural Show on 8th September, under judge Ray Morland, Astrid (Bowerhinton Bright Flame At Starceylon) was 1st AVHNSC, Res Best AVHNSC then she won 1st in the Hound Puppy Group. Well done.

Now to the rest of this week's news.

Today was Darlington show with a fantastic Group 3 win for Jill Cowper's Ch Graythor Augustus At Rothenborg. The Group judge was Mr A Gjetnes.

In Breed, with Mr J T Smith judging a quality entry, DCC and BOB obviously went to Augustus with Treena Maun's Ch Bowerhinton Bassanio taking Res DCC. BCC went to Callow and Davis's Whittimere Alright Bab JW and Res BCC to the Middletons' Ch Graythor Gates Of The Artic. Best Puppy was Tyson's Bowerhinton Bright Flame At Starceylon and Best Veteran was won by Melinda Hennessey's Bowerhinton Bombette. I haven't yet heard what the weather was like but we had heavy rain all day and it was very cold so I hope the show fared a bit better. The ground there is usually pretty solid.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 11am, Sophie Dangefield has arranged a Midlands Walk. She said "Please join us for our midlands Elkie walk - autumn edition! Meeting is at Ryton Pools country park visitor centre at 11am. Facilities are available and parking is chargeable. More info on : <https://countryparks.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/8/ryton-pools-country-park>". Everyone welcome.

A note for your diary now. The AGM and Contest of Champions 2025 will be on February 15<sup>th</sup>. You can't forget it, it's the day after Valentine's Day.

This next note is for **NECGB Members and is ESSENTIAL.**

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