

Norwegian Elkhound Breed Notes May 6th 2024

I'm repeating part of last week's notes first as this website was still being replaced.

April 29th 2024

Just three reports this week.

Unfortunately, there were only 2 entries for Karen Powney to judge at Humberside Hound's Open Show on April 20th. Best of Breed was Graythor Captain Hook who was also shortlisted for BIS. Res BOB went to Bowerhinton Blackbird.

At WELKS we have lost CCs and this year didn't even have classes but two intrepid exhibitors kept the flag flying for the breed by entering AVNSC Hound judged by Mr Ken Andrew

The Results were;

Best Dog - Seasara High Flyer (Ms S McMahan)

Best Bitch and Best AVNSC - Ch Whittimere Alright Bab JW (Ms N D & Mrs C Callow & Davis)

Reserve Best Bitch - Seasara Infinity (Ms S McMahan)

But it didn't stop there because, under judge Mr Bill Browne-Cole, Ch Whittimere Alright Bab JW, went on to win Group 2. Many congratulations.

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A reminder this week about the NEAS Shows this year. The Open Show is on Sat May 18th at Middlebie with Billy Armstrong judging. This is the day after the double SKC shows one with CCs one without. SKC double show numbers are now published! The May show has 27 dogs making 30 entries. The one that used to be held in October has 26 dogs making 28 entries. The NEAS CH Show is listed below.

Mentioning NEAS makes me think of Vanessa Mc Hugh which of course brings me to Maureen and Stuart Horner to whom I must send sincere condolences on the passing of their beloved Kobi; SBIS Ch/Am Gr Ch/Can Ch Kamgaard Kut Above, July 2008 - April 2024 at 15.5 years old. Co-owned by Maggie Mott and Sally Simmons, before coming here, he had been successfully shown in the USA and became a Champion in 3 countries. He soon gained his title here. He will be remembered by many for his lovely temperament and I know will be sadly missed. It's a sad reminder too that none of us are getting any younger and he will be the final Elkhound owned by Kinderhorn. I dread the day when we are without an Elkhound in the house but Maureen and Stuart, I know will be able to share Vanessa's dogs.

I was reminded just the other day of many of the friends, no longer with us, but who shared our love of Elkhounds, when I found a photo and show report of Joy Harburn judging Kestos Larios Ravik in 1980, owned by Robert Greaves. Many years ago, we saw an Elkhound bitch advertised for rehoming in the local paper. Mum phoned the owner and thought about it overnight. (We already had 5 dogs). When she rang back next day, after contacting Joy and discovering the bitch was out of Joy's last ever litter, the bitch had already gone. A month or so later we got a phone call from a lady in Skipton in total panic because she'd rehomed an Elkhound which had just unexpectedly produced a cross breed litter. No wonder the previous owners got rid of her so quickly! We dashed over to help. Funny looking pups: one with just a vague semblance of a ruff got called Sputnik. 18 months later that lady decided to mate her to our Callan although she

was convinced that having been mated by a mongrel, she would be ruined for life and never able to have pure bred pups. A very odd idea I'd never heard before. From that litter came the Middletons' Ch Svenson Thor. Saxon. I'm still in touch with that lady even now.

That memory of Joy, Robert and Saxon was strengthened when I received the following from Enid Hicks over in France. She wrote:

Memories

During another of our periodic clear outs yesterday we came across some old VHS video tapes, 2 of which were marked BEC Championship Show 2001. (Yes, it was still the British Elkhound Club at that time.) So, forget the clearing out!! Malcolm and I spent a fantastic 4 hours yesterday afternoon reminiscing and thoroughly enjoying watching the Show which was judged by Jean Walter-Browne.

It was very nostalgic seeing all the people whom we remember and who were showing at that time and although there were some who 23 years later are still showing their Elkhounds, unfortunately there was also quite a number of members who sadly are no longer with us.

And as for the dogs, they were fabulous, not changed at all in appearance and adherence to the Standard in 23 years – a credit to all the Elkhound breeders past and present. Some of the dog names, especially the affixes, brought back real memories – Barlestone, Steldawn, Ravenstone, Eskamere, Yggdrasil, Kinderhorn, Carolon, Ardenspoie and our own Malenibo and others, plus not forgetting the ones which are still very much in use today, Barbelka, Bowerhinton, Rothenborg, Graythor, Whittimere.

Best in Show was Jerry Daly with Carolon Simply Dashing and Reserve Best in Show/Best Opposite Sex was Barbara Barganska's Barbelka Elyksyr.

The highlight for us was obviously being able to watch our Rikki (Malenibo Melody Maker) and Mindy (Malenibo Myth and Magic) strut their stuff around the ring. Rikki was not placed in the Minor Limit bitch class, but Mindy pulled out all the stops and was placed first in the Limit bitch class and shortlisted in the final 3 for consideration as Best Bitch.

A brilliant trip down Memory Lane.

Enid Hicks

I felt the same Enid when earlier this year, a friend gave me a DVD taken from a VHS tape of my dad showing CH Ravenstone Hattie on "The Animal Roadshow" with Desmond Morris, which also had shots of a very young Barbara Stokes and my precious Poppy at 12 weeks old.

Now back to 2024 with a list of the rest of the CH Shows where we have CCs for this year.

SHOW	DATE	JUDGE
BIRMINGHAM	9TH May 2024	Mr L Cheatham
SKC	16th May 2024	Miss Helen Weyman
BATH	24th May 2024	Mr D Cavill
WINDSOR	27th June 2024	Mr C Ashmore
HOUND ASSOC	20th July 2024	Mr T Ball
LEEDS	26th July 2024	Miss D Spavin
WELSH KC	15th August 2024	Mrs C Gilbert
NECGB Open	2nd September 2024	Mr Phil Freer
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

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

Final news - the new NECGB Website is online at www.necgb.net including these notes once more. Thank you, Britt, for all your hard work.

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