

Basset Hound Club Open Show, 29th March 2015

Results and Critiques

Thank you to my stewards and to the committee for a lovely day

Class 1 Veteran Dog 3 entries (1 ab)

1st Newman's Ch Woferlow Border Patrol at nearly 11 was the older of the two gentlemen in this class, classic head and expression. Wonderful rib cage top line and nicely angulated rear quarters. Compliments go to his owner/breeder/handler for his excellent body condition. Just starting to slow down, and show his age on the move. This hound has nothing to prove and I was honoured to have been able to judge him. Unfortunately had to withdraw from BVIS.

2nd Newman's Woferlow Storm Patrol son of the class winner and has many of his father's attributes but not the rib cage or pasterns of 1st. Gave his handler a hard time on the stack but moved out well with plenty of enthusiasm, two lovely quality stallion hounds to start my day off with.

Class 2 Minor Puppy Dog 1 entry (1 ab)

Class 3 Puppy Dog 3 entries (1 ab)

1st Luxmoore-Balls' Tanneron Heros quest difficult class containing two quality puppies both at different stages of development and 2 different types. Nearly 12 month old classy red n white male, not the biggest but no mistaking his sex, loved his head and expression, good length of neck leading to correct shoulder placement and sound front. Super topline on the move just tends to drop his quarters on the stack and loses his topline. Plenty of time to gain confidence and strength and he will trouble the best I am sure. Best puppy dog

2nd Allen's Fivevalleys Bombardier I loved this puppy's attitude to showing not sure his handler appreciated it as much as myself. Very happy 10 months old larger framed male of the size I prefer, a real hound of substance. Quite rightly so taking longer to settle in movement than 1st

Class 4 Junior Dog 3 entries (2 ab)

1st Feetham's Kimbleholme Wizard World Another classy red and white male 17 months old super well filled front for his age and masculine head. When stacked he tends to dip his topline but no problems when he moves. A very animated hound that catches your eye on the move, just needs time to mature as he looks to be lacking body when considered for top honours.

Class 5 Novice Dog 0 entries

Class 6 Special Beginners dog 0 entries

Class 7 Post Graduate Dog 3 entries (2ab)

1st Beales' Woferlow Kanye West A hound I have had my eye on for a while and was not disappointed on going over him. For me the best head of the day. Masculine but without any sign of coarseness. Not the biggest hound, and for me I would like him a size bigger but a sound exhibit in all departments. Is maturing well and will catch many judges eye in the future. Cracking front and topline, good rib cage and set of tail, which did seem a tad short. Well-muscled and presented beautifully. Good and willing showman and his handler made the most of showing off his virtues. Best Dog.

Class 8 Limit Dog 3 entries (1 ab)

1st Cudlip's Bassbar Quiver 5 year old handsome tri, not overdone in anyway. Super body condition and style, just lacks upper arm and this makes him look somewhat stuffy in neck. Lovely rear quarters sound and powerful on the move.

2nd Archer's Malrich Casino Royale at Roamanbay younger male who really was not happy today and looked like he would rather be elsewhere. I have watched him mature into a lovely adult so was disappointed today to find he lacked body and condition. Lovely handsome head which I preferred over 1st, but he could not match the movement of first on the day.

Class 9 Open Dog 5 entries (3ab)

1st Ellrich's Ch Malrich King of Diamonds Quality red blanket male who was presented in first class condition. A mature male now at his best, who showed his socks off carrying his stern correctly. Masculine head with deep flews clear eye but would prefer them a shade darker. Very balanced angulation and lovely to go over, just didn't seem to get it together on the rear in the challenge res best dog.

2nd Lakato's Tradewinds Andros Larger powerful male who was excellently handled to contain his exuberance. Super head leading onto a good length of neck and shoulder placement. Good topline but gay tail moved with drive.

Class 10 Veteran Bitch 5 entries (1ab)

What a lovely quality class of older ladies which took some judging

1st Luxmoore Balls' Ch Woferlow Cherry Ice for Tanneron jw Quality 8 year old tri bitch lovely outline and so very well balanced. Moved out well still showing considerable reach and drive. Correct bite and as yet has retained all her teeth. Worthy champion who I liked very much.

2nd Ellrich's Malrich Bubbles 10 year old a favourite of mine, sadly today could not match the ease of movement of 1st. Having said that, another quality bitch that was keen to show off her virtues. Fabulous condition and muscular tone as were all hounds from this kennel.

3rd Archer's Ch Dereheath Chica at Romanbay

Class 11 Minor puppy bitch 3 entries (3 ab)

Class 12 Puppy Bitch 4 entries (1 ab)

1st Archer's Roamanbay Russian about 9 month old at her first show this puppy just oozes quality and type. For me my find of the day showed most of the older hounds how to move showing such reach and drive covering the ground with ease. Well grown and mature for her age, feminine head with super deep flews sadly lacking in the breed today. Spot on for length and wonderful rear angulation. Unlucky to come up against the winner of open bitch in the challenge, will watch her career with interest, Res Best Bitch and Best Puppy in show.

2nd Ellrich's Malrich Eye Candy very well named tri baby with the most melting expression. Smaller and shorter in back than 1st but a lovely picture on the stack. Unfortunately today decided she really didn't want to move, so was difficult to assess.

3rd Brown's Roamanbay Raisa of St Hubert.

Class 13 Junior Bitch 5 entries (4ab)

1st Archer's Cuba Havana club vejas Glouosinvoise at Roamanbay (imp Itu) extremely pretty black tri who did her best to upset her handler, she was having such a lovely day out and never really settled to the job in hand. Loved her head and expression found her a nicely balanced youngster but her tail carriage detracts for an otherwise lovely outline.

Class 14 Novice Bitch no entries

Class 15 Special Beginners Bitch no entries

Class 16 Post Graduate Bitch 7 entries (2 ab)

1st Cartwright's Longmynd Will o' the Wisp Sound black tri bitch who is maturing nicely. Very balanced in outline and tidy front. Correct head with well curled leathers moved out well.

2nd Archer's Roamanbay Ruff n Tumble my notes say frustrating bitch!! Glorious red and white bitch who on quality alone was the easy winner, but threw away her chances on the move. So very well balanced and everything flows, lovely to go over. Hope her handler perseveres with her.

3rd Newman's and Beales' Berenbak Metis

Class 17 Limit Bitch 10 entries (3ab) Wow what a class to sort out, my headache of the day, so many quality bitches some of whom I have placed highly before.

1st Newman's Woferlow Rock Chick Black blanket who pulled out all the stops to win this quality class. On the ramp she took my breath away such a stunning outline and didn't disappoint when I got my hands on her. I have seen this bitch mature over the years to be a fine specimen of the breed. Today she moved with such enthusiasm I sent her round a few times to settle her. Real quality bitch just in the challenge insisted on leaning back and lost her lovely reach of neck, so today had to be content with a class win only.

2nd Green's Sniffbox Maddie with Braithwell stunning red and white who I have admired from afar. Loved her shoulder and forechest and length of back and rear angulation. Today I felt she was carrying a tad too much weight and this affected her movement. Having said that she pushed hard for 1st place.

3rd Watkins' Blackvein Havoc

Class 18 Open Bitch 8 entries (5 ab) Small but quality class of lovely bitches

1st Cudlip's CH Blevwils Free 'n Easy with Harvidene Fantastic champion bitch who I was honoured that the owners had entered for me to judge. Everything about this bitch shouts quality from her very feminine head to her apple bottom. Nothing I would want to change about her. On the move she out moved the whole entry, such a lovely showgirl Best Bitch and Best In show

2nd Armstrong's and Rodgers' Switherland Imajean another top class bitch of larger type, has the most wonderful shoulder and forechest the best on the day . Presented in wonderful condition and full bloom. Could not match 1st on the move.

3rd Newman's Ch Woferlow Tinker Bell

Class 20 Betjeman Henry Stakes dog and bitch 1 entry

1st Beales' Woferlow Kanye West.

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