

THE BARBADOS KENNEL CLUB CH SHOW 23/3/2003

It was with great joy that I received the invitation to return to judge in one of the most beautiful places in the world. It was even better when I realized I was free to accept! I have many happy memories of my previous trip and was delighted to see that the number of exhibitors and dogs has not altered significantly.

As before your sportsmanship was evident and I must be fulsome in praise of the efforts of all who organized the show. They ensured everything ran smoothly without any problems on the day, so making my time in the ring a delight – just having to concentrate on the dogs.

Best In Show was the Akita dog - Pilgrim's **UK Ch. Melodor Resistnce Is Futile at Tondar**. A top class example of the breed. Classically headed with such beautiful eyes and ears combining to give an expression of masculinity and almost disdain. Lovely size and substance, all male in outlook, powerful in neck and forequarters with tight elbows and straight forelegs. His backline is level, the tail high set and carried correctly and he is so well muscled in hindquarters. In full bloom he was immaculately presented and moved around the ring with the style and carriage of a conqueror. Must be an asset to the breed here. **Reserve Best In Show** was the Beagle, Bentley's **Ch.Dialynne Messenger**. Such a shapely tricolour dog presented in spotless condition and so supple in muscle tone. Beautiful for size, scores in head balance and that winning soft expression. Good neck and backline, nice spring of ribs a decent forechest, tail really well set and his hindquarters display power. Just needs a little more confidence in himself so that he can project his qualities more. **Best Puppy In Show** was the Golden Retriever bitch, Ray's **Thatcher's Highland Moon**. A charming representative of this hugely popular breed. She is so advanced in body development yet retains all the charm of youth. Pleasing head, very dark yet alive eyes, good pigmentation, well set on neck which has a decent length, lovely body lines, so clean cut and harmonious. She is well angulated both ends, her backline is firm and she is so collected and positive on the move. Immaculate coat and presentation. She won the Res.CC. Best Locally Bred Puppy In Show.

PAPILLONS

JD 1st CC BOB & Best Toy - Blanchard's **Kingshaven SilverLining at Hothersall**, lovely headed b/w youngster of lovely size, proportions and finely boned. I thought his head pattern was so good, the proportions correct, the eyes a delight and his ears fairly well angled. Such a responsive showman, his tail carriage is correct and he moves soundly. A shade over coated for me but his other attributes out weigh this.

JB same owner's **Kingshaven Simply Sophie at Hothersall**, litter sister to the BOB but not the same quality in head & expression. A little unsure of herself, so doesn't carry herself with the importance of her brother, tail dropping a little. She is a nice size with fine bone and excellent feet. Just a restless youngster which needs lots of time.
Res.BOB.

WEIMARANER

MPB 1st & BOB - Huey's **Wilshier Blaize**, just 6 months but full of promise. Lots of growing to do but she has the substance required.. Immaculate body and coat condition, delightful gundog baby temperament – game for anything! I liked her head properties, the eyes and that impish expression. Stands with a dippy topline at present but this can all alter as she grows up.

IRISH SETTER

OD 1st CC & BOB - Moore's **Sh. Ch. Fearnley Fire Inspector of Moorlands**, another of the many dogs I judged which clearly receives much TLC going by his body & coat condition. Lovely headed fellow, such refinement in expression, long neck, smooth topline and excellent tail set and carriage. I would like him to have that bit more angulation in shoulder with a longer upper arm which would, I feel give him a smoother stride.

AMERICAN COCKER SPANIEL

OB 1st - Beckles' **Sinjun Raven's Beauty** I did like for her head type, the lovely skull, well defined stop and good eye brows. Her eyes are really good and aid that expression of knowing softness. Handles well on the table with good spring of ribs . Regrettably her topline rises, particularly when on the move, so the desired archetypal backline is lost. Well groomed and conditioned. BOB.

GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

ND 1st - Marshall's **Thatchers High Land**, 2 year old pale golden colour. Pleasing head, eyes, neck, topline and tail set. At present is narrow in front and needs more forechest. Ample substance, good feet. Side action shows balance but needs to firm up when front viewed.

OD 1st CC BOB & Group winner - Blanchard's **Ch. Eastonwood Highland Laddie**, excellent breed type. Correct size, so well constructed that he presents as a balanced fit dog capable of doing the job he was bred to do. Kind expression from those dark eyes, enough neck, beautiful ribbing, topline level and he is quite short coupled. Another in tip top bloom, he moves so well. Just wish he was less proud of his tail, but I forgave this for sheer breed type quality.

PB 1st - Ray's **Thatcher's Highland Moon**. 2nd - Hoad's **Thatcher's Magical Moon**, a nice puppy which scores heavily in the quality of her eyes and expression. Nicely ribbed and angulated she is not yet collected on the move and is somewhat loose in front. Super temperament.

OB 1st CC & Res BOB - Ray's of **Sh.Ch. Burpham Moonsong of Thatcher CD**, 8 years old of excellent type, size and shape. Has a full complement of teeth, a kind eye, firm backline with a decent spring and depth of rib. Out of coat at present and like so many others is a little over proud of her tail. Her ground covering stride is good to watch side on.

RETRIEVERS (LABRADOR)

MPD 1st - Leacock's **Benatone Secret Mission of Theberton**, super conditioned big ribbed fellow so well bodied with a decent ribcage, strong supple loin and excellent tail. His neck and backline are good but he use his hindquarters to more effect when moving. Was BD.

JD 1st - Armstrong's **Blarneystone Jester**, yellow, plain in head for me and needs more angulation in his hindquarters. Nice for size and substance, excellent coat condition and delightful temperament.

PB 1st & BPIB - Brancker's **Glenayre Lucy**, I thought this young yellow quite a prospect, in fact a future Ch. if all goes well. Lovely size, substance with a big ribcage carried well back, strong in back, well angulated both ends and fairly sound moving. I liked her head, eyes and that intelligent expression. Again in excellent bloom.

OB 1st CC, BOB and Res. In Group - Coghlan's **Sh. Ch. Trevena April Rose CDX**, a very good example of the breed. Correct for size, shape strength of body, the hardest of backline, strong in loin and so balanced in angulation both ends. As a result she shows a purposeful and easy stride in action with good drive and a sound front. Best Locally Bred in Group. 2nd & RCC, Res. BOB - Leacock's **Sh.Ch. Bournecott Osprey of Claytonholt at Theberton**, more compact with the best tail of the entry! Another with a decent ribcage and in hard muscular condition. Looks a quality exhibit but lost out to the smoother ground covering action of the first. 3rd - Gray-Marshall's **Trevena September Sunset**, another yellow. Pleasing headpiece, nice eyes and expression enough neck, firm backline and well coated. Not the angulations of those above her and not the free striding action.

BEAGLE

OD 1st CC BOB Group and Res. BIS - Bentley's **Ch. Dialynne Messenger**.

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS

MD 1st - Valdez' **Estdes Kruger Safari**, in stunning coat and muscle condition, good head balance, eyes and expression. Topline rises a fraction and would benefit from more bend of stifle. Very good ribcage and not overdone in forechest. So stylish when circling the ring. Won RCC.

OD 1st CC BOB & Res. Group winner - Hamilton-Outcalt's **Ch. Zipitdedoda by Crownridge CD**. A very good example of this breed. Lovely size, all male in outlook, clean cut shape giving a picture of balance and appeal. Ribs to the elbow, strong forelimbs, stands on tight compact feet and was in hard condition. Holds his shape circling the ring. Best Locally Bred In Show.

JB 1st & CC - Ince's **Crownridge Totally Exotic** and 2nd & Res. CC - Elliot's **Crownridge Total Zest** – litter sisters with little to separate them. They really are twins of excellent make and shape. Full of breed type, both with fairly long necks and that air

of good breeding. The winner has the better forechest at present and her twin can just occasionally move crabwise when distracted. A nice pair.

OB 1st - Husband's **Ch. Total Pandamonium by Crownridge CD**, I see is the dam of the winning bitches. Topline dips a little behind withers which detracts from her appeal. Nice for size and proportions, well balanced head with a flat skull, bright eyes which are some what aloof in expression. In lovely condition, she just tends to toe in a bit in front when on the move.

TOY POODLE

OB 1st CC & BOB – D'Andrade's **Ch. Gaievals Hello Dolly**, I see is royally bred which explains why I fell for the quality of her head. It had good length, is quite refined with delicate chiseling below the eyes which are black and positively twinkle with mischief. Fairly compact, a little more neck would improve the overall effect. Good textured coat and quite sound.

FRENCH BULLDOG

OB 1st CC BOB & Res. In Group - Jordan's **Ch. Jafrak Fantasy Island**. I was quite taken by this little brindle Frenchie. Full of breed type, just needs that smidgeon taken out of her loin to make her more compact but she is so well balanced in head, lovely eyes, ears with a good stop and ample width and depth in underjaw. Eyes fairly well apart give that ready for anything look. Stunning in condition she earned Res.in a very good group.

AKITAS

MPD 1st - Waterman's **Snow Phantom**, just 6mths old this white male shows a lot of potential. So well boned, lots of substance throughout with heavy bone. Pleasing head type, strong foreface, really well ribbed, in .lovely coat with a high set well carried tail. Looks good on the move. 2nd - Inniss' **Rachad Swims with Poseidon**, blackmasked sable dog. Pleasing head, good ears, well arched neck and spotless in coat condition. Lacks a little in hock angulation.

PD 1st – Waithe's **Tiffany's Hero at Blanc**, very glamorous with an excellent headpiece, the skull flat and the foreface powerful. A shade more neck would give greater authority but his backline is level and the tail correctly set and carried. Pasterns let him down as they need to strengthen and he paddles a bit front. He is well ribbed and in excellent coat.

JD 1st - Williams' **Andlet Cesar**, white, very good head eyes and ears. Shade short in neck, well bodied, elbows need to tighten and just a little more hind angulation would complete the picture. Side on uses himself well but is a little close going away.

LD 1st & ResCC - Welch's **Aftikas Dallas Cowboy for Redwitch at Elthor**, very impressive in stance. Glamorous, lovely height over the withers then that super arched neck carrying a head of power yet oozing breed type and quality. Nicely balanced in construction he was in splendid coat, was immaculately handled to get the very best out

him. His style when circling the ring must draw the eye. 2nd - Inniss' **Elthor the Viking**, shaded red dog, not quite the wither height nor impressive neck of the first but still a quality dog with heaps to like. I especially liked his head, such strength, flat skulled, beautiful eyes and ears, powerful muzzle and an expression of much dignity. 3rd - Boyce's **Redwitch Take No Prisoners for Elthor**, stylish well coated dog, so good to see him using himself so well on the move.

OD 1st CC BOB BIG & BIS - Pilgrim's **UK Ch. Melodor Resistnce is Futile at Tondar**. 2nd - Welch's **Am.Ch. Royal's Do You Think I'm Sexy for Redwitch at Elthor**, gave nothing away to those that beat him. Good size, substance, balance and well coated. Just preferred those which beat him in head type.

MPB 1st - Gibson's **Elthor PrivateDreams**, just 6 months this pinto has a promising head, lovely eyes and ears, lots of substance and beautiful condition. Unsettled when moving and needs time to strengthen in hock.

JB 1st & CC - Welch's **Elthor Hagi**, very impressive young bitch, feminine yet lots of substance and so well constructed. Her head is so good, lovely flat skull with ample breadth, clear stop and strong muzzle. Nicely arched neck, big ribcage, really well boned and that high set well carried tail completing the picture. Looks the part when moving around the ring with such panache. Best Locally Bred in Group. 2nd - Waithe's **Andlet Kuma at Blanc**, white, good neck, ribcage and backline and tail. Not the lovely head finish of the first but quite sound in action and well groomed. 3rd - Newsam's **Rachad Bubbles**, black masked fawn of smaller stature throughout. In excellent coat she too does her best when moving so positively. Hocks could have that bit more defined angulation.

NB 1st - Da Silva's **Hashimoto Zira**, overall a pleasing bitch of good head type, excellent eyes, ample neck, really well ribbed but topline sags a bit when stacked. Just a bit straight behind for me though she is another who acquitted herself well on the move.

LB 1st & ResCC - Inniss' **Rachad Rise with Zena**, nicely headed compact shaped bitch of lovely breed type. Not the biggest but loads of substance, strong forelimbs, excellent ribcage and such a well set and carried tail. In excellent condition she showed, with the BCC winner that one can achieve the required substance whilst keeping femininity. 2nd - Gibsons's **Queen Mareka**, a smooth striding bitch in good coat. Shade longer cast than the winner.

BOUVIER DES FLANDRES

OB 1st CC & BOB - Ashby's **Ch. Farleycross So Far So Good of Calliope**, tallish bitch, nice headpiece, excels in eyes, strong neck, well bodied with firm backline and enough hind angulation. Moves soundly.

BULLMASTIFFS

PD 1st Fernandes' **Chairman Daygar**, tall well boned b/m fawn. Eyes too prominent for me, skull good size and well proportioned, needs more forechest and to let down in hindquarters. Has a fair spring of ribs but needs a lot of time to fill out and settle.

OD 1st & CC - Husbands' **Ch. Daygar Pawnee Warrior of Edenwood**, nicely headed fawn dog of obvious quality. Strong neck, lots of substance, moves well.

PB 1st - Lowe's **Horse Hill Princess of Anroder**, lovely coated b/m fawn, good body shape hindquarters and side action. Head needs to develop a lot.

OB 1st CC & BOB - Blanchard's **Ch. Jelspeth First Lady at Hothershall**, other than being a shade short in leg for the rest of her, I thought she was a very nice representative of the breed. Such a good head, excellent eyes and strength in muzzle, squared off lipline. Well bodied, tail could be longer but she moves so well.

DOBERMANN

JD 1st - Waterman's **Charron Halley's Comet**, black, deep rust markings, good wither height, neck and backline. Enough hind angulation. Pleasing head, ears could be neater to advantage. Pins in front and care needs to be taken to stop him ambling on the move.

OD 1st & CC Res.BOB - Moore's **Ch. Remesca Spick and Span of Moorlands**, black dog, excellent neck, spring of rib, topline gently sloping and well angulated hindquarters. In firm condition and shining with well being. 2nd & Res.CC - Thornton's **Ch. Taveys Solar Star**, shorter coupled black but without the spring of rib or length of neck of the winner. Nice head, short coupled and well muscled. Played handler up on the move.

OB 1st CC, BOB, Group Winner & BVIS - Moore's **Ch. Achenburg Harmony of Moorlands**, black, full of quality. Lovely shape, so graceful and flowing lines which denote power within a quintessentially feminine frame. In superb condition she never put a foot wrong. Won a good Group. 2nd & ResCC - Thornton's **Tavey's Twist Again**, nicely balanced bitch, perhaps a little lacking in bend of stifle which causes her to step short in action. Nice size, substance, condition and again fairly compact. Has the tightest of feet.

DOGUE DE BORDEAUX

OB 1st CC & BOB - Welch's **Cesca's Yavanna's de la of Beaufleet at Elthor**, very impressively headed bitch scoring in eyes and strength in muzzle. Her head is nicely balanced, the chin well defined and the eyes well shaped and set fairly far apart. Really well put together in construction she is well muscled and moved with an even stride. 2nd - same owner's **Ginger Spice of Beaufleet at Elthor**, another nice bitch but lacks the confidence of the first so her topline dips and she lacks the fluency on the move of her kennelmate.

ROTTWEILERS

MPD 1st - Alleyne's **Richwood Ares the Warlord**, although quite well boned he is a small guy and lacks hair round his eyes. Compact in shape and quite collected on the move. Needs loads of time,

ND 1st - Maynard's **Rosegate Sundancer**, a great pity he is undershot a fraction as otherwise he is a very nice example of the breed. All male, deep ribs, lovely backskull and so well muscled. In stance is a lovely animal.

LD 1st CC & BOB - Phillip's **Elthor Dark Fortis of Greenwood**, a very compactly built, strong & muscular dog, all male in outlook super front and chest, well ribbed, level backline and powerful in action. I liked his head type, it's balance and his eyes. Well handled and good condition. 2nd - Patrick's **Rapti Gamba**, bit of a handful on the move so does not give of his best. A shade overdone in length of neck for me and whilst his head balance is fine, I would prefer a darker eye.

OD 1st & Res CC - Alleyne's **Ch. Monifa Brimstone and Fire**, handsome chap of lovely wither height, firm backline and strong, well muscled hindquarters. Pleasing head with good skull width, strong cheeks and well developed muzzle. Has well shape eyes and moves with strong hind thrust. 2nd - Lavine's **Rottsleyne Bold Noris**, for me on the small side for his sex. However, he is all in proportion, has a good mouth and is richly coloured.. Needs to firm in hock action.

MPB 1st - Alleyne's **Richwood Athena**, sister to the DP. Very similar but better coated and shows a useful stride when settled. Like him, needs a lot of time and a fair bit of growing..

P 1st & BP - Riley's **Saiyan Razzmatazz**, excellent condition, good wither definition, level backline and nice neck. Weak in hind action and I would like more of her all over.

LB 1st & CC - Phillip's **Elthor Dark Felipa of Greenwood** I liked a lot. Feminine yet quite a power house. Excellent ribcage and loins, firmest of backlines & well angulated. Comes into her own on the move where she shows reach and drive. Could be a tad firmer in pastern.

OB 1st & Res. CC - Welch's **Ch. Elthor Dark Ebba**, I see this owner/breeder bred both CC winners!~ This is a worthy Champion with lovely neck, ribcage, forechest, compactness in body and strength in neck. Ran the winner close but she was moving close hocked and could be tighter in pastern. 2nd - Lavine's **Rottsleyne Dark Cleo**, I liked her head pattern, excelling in expression. Well bodied but too straight in hindquarters and not the balanced stride of the first when circling the ring. In lovely coat condition.

GSD

PD 1st & BP - Sobers-Rice's **Monifa Roddie**, sable, very good outline, good neck and shoulders, too narrow in chest and stands and moves with weak hocks, primarily by his peristant pulling. Very showy action side on.

LD 1st - Patel's **Silkenwood Inferno of Netanya**, sable, fair head, good neck and layback in shoulder, topline flattens out a bit but he is nicely angulated aft. Another which was all over the place on the move.

OD 1st CC & BOB - Patel's **Ch. Silkenwood Mars of Netanya**, lots to like about this handsome dog but for me he needs to gain several pounds in bodyweight. He also must fill out in forechest as he stands and moves close in front. Appealing topline, long sloping croup, pleasing headpiece and on one of the few occasions he settled, shows a reachy stride. I am sure could look more impressive if less frenetic on the move. 2nd & Res.CC - Worrell & Gunby's **Bertoua Warrior**, better bodyweight but regrettably somewhat weak in pasterns. He too pulls so much when moving that it is nigh on impossible to asses his action. Nice for size, backline and bend of stifle.

NB 1st - Worrell & Gunby's **Natakga De-Mia**, black and tan. I thought the better shaped of the two, a good neck clean, smooth backline and nicely angulated hindquarters and well bodied. When finally settled, showed a balanced stride. 2nd - Hunte's **Long Beach Sascha**, lightly framed all through and as a result is lacking in rib depth and bodyweight. Pretty headed with good eyes and intelligent expression.

OB 1st & CC - Holder's **Monifa Chipsi**, richly coloured bitch of lovely make and shape. In superb condition, she shone with well being and carried a decent amount of bodyweight. excellent neck, topline and hind angulation, can over reach a bit when gaiting round the ring so loses her backline. Nonetheless I greatly admired her and was pleased to make her BB. Best Locally Bred In Group. 2nd & Res.CC - Patel's **Ch. Netanya's Hope**, a bitch with heaps to like, shapely, feminine, well bodied and stylish when settled to move. Colour paling on forechest detracts from an otherwise satisfying picture. 3rd - Edgehill's **Ch. Netanya's Nina at Edgeburg**, quality headpiece, pretty shape when standing but not the smoothness in action of those above here when gaiting. Lovely coat & condition.

BOXERS

MPD 1st & RCC - Hassid's **Edgburg Wyoming**, brindle, good for size, shape, weight of bone and smooth topline. In good body, he is well bodied and quite muscular with impressive hindquarters which he uses well. Nice head type. 2nd - Brandford's **Edgburg Arizona**. I felt more exaggerated in head than his brother and not with his quality in eye and expression. A bit of a handful for his handler and never settled to look his best in stance or when moving. Needs ring training.

OD 1st CC – White's **Ch. Mindenwood The Hotshot at Firestorm**, brindle and white of high standing. Lovely wither definition, excellent topline and complimentary

angulations both ends. In spanking condition he looked the part. Just lost out to a very good bitch on her compactness in shape.

PB 1st - Edghill's **Edsburg Louisiana** , 2nd- Brandford's **Edsburg Utah** & 3rd – Hutson's **Edsburg Dakota**. Litter sisters to the two dog puppies. The winner stood away for me as the best headed of the bitches. Well placed nose, defined chin and clean lipline, well shaped eyes and neat ears. Has a good neck, is well ribbed, fairly compact and the most collected of the bitches on the move. The 2nd is pretty headed but is a bit of a shrinking violet and needs to gain experience and confidence to show her virtues to better advantage. She could learn from her 3rd placed sibling who showed real Boxer temperament. Finer boned and not the head of her sisters but bags of swank and self belief which was a joy to see.

NB 1st - Hassid's **Marbleton Kit Kat**, a lovely headed brindle bitch with a good body shape, plenty of substance, good forelimbs and tight feet. Could make more of herself when moving.

OB 1st CC & BOB - Edghill's **Ch. Hannah Rose of Mindenwood at Edsburg**, deer red, so compact, well boned, excellent ribcage and forechest, ribs to the elbow, enough length of foreleg to give elegance, really well muscled hindquarters and firm hocks. I liked her head, clean skulled with little wrinkle, lean in cheek, strong well padded muzzle and well placed nose. In great coat she moved well and looked good. To win Res. In Group.

2nd - Farmer's **Carmichael's Opening Verse**, presented in stunning condition, she gleamed with well being. Super temperament. Pleasing head, not the firmest of toplines and she could be firmer in pastern

STUD DOG – the Boxer Ch.Mindenwood The Hotshot at Firestorm with his impressive array of offspring.

BROOD BITCH - the lovely Boxer Ch. bitch which won Res.in the Group, Ch. Hannah Rose of Mindenwood at Edsburg.

Albert Wight (Judge)