

THE BARBADOS KENNEL CLUB

All Breeds Championship Dog Show – 19th November 2017

Judge: Mr. Albert Wight (UK)

What a joy it was to be invited back to judge for this lovely Club once more and although I have declined most overseas appointments for some time, this was one opportunity I could never resist!! So it was with delight that I confirmed my acceptance to the irrepressible Tommy Bentley and having now judged the event, I know I was so right to come!

As always the Barbadian spirit of friendship was very much in evidence and I am sure royalty could not have a much better reception than I have had, so my sincere Thanks to all who have done their bit to make my time here so memorable.

The overall entry was a little disappointing numerically but at the end of the day, I was more than happy with the line up of Group winners.

BIS was a quite stunning and so exciting 12 months old fawn French Bulldog **Jordan's JAFRAK NUT BRITTLE**. I loved him the second he entered the ring. He has a style and presence which demands attention, almost cocky head carriage and ever so attentive as he cruised around the ring as though just eyeing the opposition to see what would be second! Loved his size, well boned, excels in fore assembly, lovely headpiece with that hint of a wrinkle, gorgeous bat ears which are never lowered, forward looking eyes are a lovely colour and are so full of impish mischief. Strong nicely arched neck enhances his outline, the body is robust, his jacket is so fine and smooth, well muscled hams and such firm hocks. So sound, a non stop showman and a pleasure to judge. His future must be bright! Chasing him home and **Reserve BIS** was the so impressive Rottweiler **Edghill's CH MONIFA BLACK MAXIMUS**. I thought his head a sheer joy, strength and utter maleness in expression which is aided by his eye shape, size and colour. Slightly arched broad skull, well muscled cheeks, correct stop and a well weighted muzzle with tight well pigmented lips. He conveys power from his robust body which is fairly compact, the hindquarters so well muscled, his jacket immaculate and he was handled to perfection, especially on the move where he showed power and purpose. **BPIS** went to a quite thrilling 7 months old yellow Labrador **Leacock's LINTHWAITE KING ARTHUR OF THEBERTON** which I see is a son of the big winning Ch Mattand Exodus. This youngster has it all. Just oozes his breed type in spades. Quite stunning head and expression, and those eyes will win many admirers. He is so well constructed, his angles harmonise a flowing shape which is magnetic. He has well weighted bone with tightest of feet, his coat was flawless in presentation and then that lovely otter tail, correctly carried (!). Finally, his balanced, powerful action was the icing on the cake. Despite his youth I could not resist awarding him the CC, BOB and G1 and BPIS

TERRIER GROUP**STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIERS - BITCHES****OPEN**

1st CC, BOB & G1 **Welch's Ch Devils And Fairies Quick Silver** (Imp) - just over 2 and a half years old this is a really smart example of the breed. Beautiful head and expression, good forechest, lovely spring and depth of rib, level backline, has well muscled upper thighs and her profile action was balanced and powerful. A credit in coat and body condition.

TOY GROUP

No Entries

GUNDOG GROUP**GOLDEN RETRIEVERS – DOGS****OPEN**

1st CC & BOB **Husband's Sh Ch Holders Sapphire Sky** (Loc) - I know this very handsome headed chap is between coats but that could not detract from his overall quality. I loved his head and expression, he is a lovely height at the withers, shoulder well laid, firm elbows, and how good to see a level backline leading to a good tail set. His side action is so even striding, but he is a bit close going away which told against him in the Group.

GOLDEN RETRIEVERS - BITCHES**JUNIOR**

1st & RCC **Armstrong's Isabella Golden Allie** (Loc) - just 12 months old and such a lovely deep, rich colour. I liked her height, level topline, really good hindquarters and her side action is even stepping with good hock action. She needs time to develop in forechest as she is a shade narrow there. Also her skull needs to develop more width. Temperament a delight.

OPEN

1st & CC & Res BOB **Husbands and Ray's Ch Angelusparks Heaven's Gift to Thatcher** (Imp) - such a mature and well constructed 5 year old not in her best coat but she is nicely put together in construction with really good spring and depth of rib, her hindquarters are well angulated and she is at her best in profile action where she keeps her shape, showing good reach and drive. Nice head, especially good eyes and a kind expression.

LABRADOR RETRIEVERS - DOGS**MINOR PUPPY**

1st CC, BOB, G1 & BPIS **Leacock's Linthwaite King Arthur Of Theberton.** (see intro)

LABRADOR RETRIEVERS - BITCHES**OPEN**

1st Res BOB **Gray-Marshall's Sh Ch Zinzara Darcy's Delight (A.I.)** (Loc) - I liked lots about this yellow bitch, beautifully headed, ample neck, good fore assembly and decent spring and depth of rib. For me she lacks angulation in her hindquarters and as a result she has not the smooth, even stride of the BOB winner. In stunning coat and body condition.

RETRIEVERS (FLATCOATED) - DOGS**OPEN**

1st CC, BOB & G2 **Greenidge's Sh Ch Blacfriar Monopoly in Paradise** (Imp) - such a smart example of the breed, oozing Flatcoat charm in head and expression, non stop tail wagger, so well constructed, clean flowing outline, well boned, lovely legs and feet, immaculate in coat which shone with well being and he is a delight to watch circle the ring with such a positive stride.

IRISH SETTER - DOGS**OPEN**

1st & BOB **Moore's Sh Ch Fearnley Fire Storm of Moorlands CD**, (Imp) - this quite lovely headed boy is now in his eighth year but on the stack he cannot but fill the eye with that glorious outline. His head carriage, neck and smooth flowing shape cannot but please the eye. Has retained a real Irish headpiece with that soft, intelligent expression and he was in super coat. Unfortunately I felt he could have carried a little less body weight and in this heat, it reflected in his slightly laboured action. But he remains a class act.

HOUND GROUP**RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS - BITCHES****OPEN**

1st CC, BOB & G1 **Hamilton-Outcalt's Crownridge Bubble Candy (A.I)** (Loc) - although the only Hound present she was a very worthy winner of all her awards. Just 16 months she a bit on the lean side and needs to fill out that generous frame. She is a lovely wither height, generous neck, beautifully angulated both ends and this is confirmed when she sets off around the ring, style, grace, wonderful reach and drive and keeping her shape throughout. I liked the balance of her head, stunning eyes and expression and she just gives off an air of being something special.

UTILITY GROUP**AKITAS - DOGS****BABY PUPPY**

1st **Cobham's Radoni Emperor Grey**, (Loc) - just 5 months and still very raw. Pleasing head needs time to develop in breadth, good stop very dark eyes which are a good shape. Ears could be more hooded, enough neck, well ribbed, topline still at the stage where it rises towards his rump. In lovely coat, lovely temperament but he needs lots of ring training before one can really assess his action. He thought it was playtime!

LIMIT

1st & BOB **Boyce's Donkemre Thor**, (Loc) - all male head with good eyes, ears and muzzle. He is a good size, bags of substance and shows a fair stride in profile action. Very much out of coat making his colours less than clear and brilliant as the standard requires. Not strong enough in hock when going away and although I liked his head and expression I felt I could not award the CC

FRENCH BULLDOGS – DOGS**JUNIOR**

1st CC, BOB, G1 & BIS **Jordan's Jafrak Nut Brittle** (Imp) (see intro)

2nd & Res CC **Bascombe's Ardhub Devils Game at Nexgen** (Imp), this pied has lots to like but for me he is just overdone in head and not quite the tight fitting eye of Nut. I liked his size, body well proportioned with a good rib cage and forechest. Topline dips a little, strongly made and well muscled hindquarters, and balanced profile action.

FRENCH BULLDOGS – BITCHES**JUNIOR**

1st & RCC **Jordan's Nican Happy Dragon Fly** (Loc) - this fawn really made me smile. Lots of Frenchie charm in head and expression, very good eyes and ears, just about enough neck, so well ribbed, compact and well muscled in hindquarters. Initially it was hard to assess her action as she was doing a bit of bloodhound training, head low and bum high! But eventually she settled to do her best and was duly rewarded.

OPEN

1st CC & Res BOB **Jordan's Ch Jafrak Wowing the Crowds** (Imp) - brindle of classic type and she is a really top class example of the breed. Flawless in body and presentation, she is a lovely size, so compact, well bodied, correct backline, really strides out with such purpose and drive and she just loves to be the centre of attention.

2nd **Jordan's Ch Jafrak Dorada** (Imp) - I see her daughter won the RCC. She scores in head, eyes, super bat ears and a delightful expression. Unfortunately she was standing moving somewhat wide in front. I liked her size, compact shape and again her coat was stunning in condition.

JAPANESE SHIBA INU - DOGS**OPEN**

1st CC & Res BOB **Taylor's Ch Massima No One Greater** (Loc) - this b/t is such a handsome fellow. Loved his head and expression, so square in l/h proportions, high set and well curled, scores in forehand, tight elbows and neat feet. Jacket sparkled and in profile his action is a delight. Ran his sister close for BOB

JAPANESE SHIBA INU - BITCHES**OPEN**

1st CC & BOB **Taylor's Ch Massima I'm So Fancy** (Loc), litter sister to the DCC and I see it is their father who won BVIS and was G2 to the BIS winner so quite a family affair. She really is quite a star this one, ultra feminine yet nothing weak about her. She has such a beautiful head and expression, her eyes being something else. She is so well constructed was in beautiful coat and body condition and she is a natural show off. She moved with ease and a litheness I found hard to resist.

TIBETAN TERRIERS – DOGS**JUNIOR**

1st Res CC & Res BOB **Dr. Crump's Calliope Calypso Pan** (Loc) - just 12 months and has all the makings to do so well. At present he lacks bodyweight but the basic shape is there. I loved his head balance, very good neck and backline to a well set and carried tail. Straight forelimbs, lovely big feet and a good coat texture. With a bit more weight and shade better coat presentation could be a major threat to all others, good coat texture and well set and carried tail.

OPEN

1st CC & BOB **Dr. Crump's Ch Kybo Calypso Kid** (Imp) - so masculine in head and expression. Loved the size and overall balance of this b/w. His action is so light, ground covering and true both ways. Like his kennel mate, if his jacket could just be better prepared so as to present a more complete picture, he could do even better than he did today.

TIBETAN TERRIERS – BITCHES**JUNIOR**

1st **Ashby's Calliope Sea Breezes Lover** (Loc) - b/w which unfortunately was lacking in coat and tail furnishings. Pleasing head, very good eyes for size, shape and colour. She is well ribbed & has a decent neck with a level backline. I would like a bit more width in upper thigh and she is a bit loose in front action when fore viewed.

WORKING GROUP**BOUVIER DES FLANDERS - BITCHES****OPEN**

1st CC & BOB **Ashby's Ch Chepham Valentina at Calliope CD** (Imp) - lovely size and over all balance, lovely head shape, strong neck, well laid shoulders and such a good ribcage. Moderate rear angles and firm hocks. In the Group challenge I felt she lacked the drive and vigour on the move of those I placed over her.

BULLMASTIFFS – DOGS**OPEN**

1st CC & BOB **Bascombe's Ch Ardhub Black's In The Name to Nexgen** (Imp) - dark brindle just over 2 years old and he scores in having such a super headpiece. All male, devoid of exaggeration, eyes dark and well spaced very good ears and width in underjaw, strong neck, big ribcage and stands foursquare. He was in good nick bodywise, is well muscled with a correctly set and carried tail. Side action shows lots of power and is balanced. Just not quite firm enough in hock when rear viewed which edged him out in the Group challenge. But a very worthy Ch.

BULLMASTIFFS – BITCHES**OPEN**

1st **Bascombe's Zahara Bulls Katniss at Nexgen** (Loc) - this is rather a nice bitch to go over but one could see she had a litter (I believe it was a few months ago), but the heat just got to her today and she was sluggish on the move. I liked her head, beautiful eyes and ears, very good neck and well ribbed. After winning the class her owner wisely retired her as he feared the heat might be too much for her. Thankfully she recovered in the shade after being cooled down.

ROTTWEILERS – DOGS**MINOR PUPPY**

1st **Jordan's Neptune's Pluto** (Loc) - just 7 months old and I hope he grows on quite a bit. His head needs to broaden in skull, and he needs to grow taller. His shape is lovely, he was in super coat, owns a lovely eye and he is quite balanced in profile action.

PUPPY

1st **Bostic's Bosvigo Bruno** (Loc) - I felt he had the best head shape with a decent skull, sufficient stop and well filled muzzle with a good chin. He has a very good arched neck, well sprung ribs and his action shows reach and some drive. He would benefit from having more rear angulation and his eye could be a tad less full.

2nd **Maynard's Guni's Blue Jonny** (Loc) - what a pity this youngster had a touch of the blues and was a bit of a reluctant participant.. I liked his head balance, his well shaped and so dark eyes, ample neck and a really good body in ribs and hindquarters. Just a bit uncertain about the proceedings, but worth persevering with..

JUNIOR

1st & RCC **Dr. Welch's Balto Von Muntz** (Imp) - such a classy type of dog which takes the eye on the stack with that super outline, the neck almost arched, well defined withers, lovely sternum and really well off for bone and substance. His shoulders are well laid, the elbows tight fitting, he has good feet and well muscled hindquarters. A credit in coat presentation he really moved out well. Surely a titleholder in waiting.

NOVICE

1st **Howell's Arkon V Haus Gaskin** (Imp) - tall, well balanced length/height ratios with a good spring of rib but he would look more impressive if he carried a shade more bodyweight. His head is well shaped, not quite the tight expressive eye of the winner which helped split them. In such good coat he can motor in profile but needs to settle when fore-viewed

LIMIT

1st **Bascombe's Kent Ridge Son of Kryptonite** (Loc) - pleasing head, eyes could be tighter for me, scores in reach and strength in neck, so well ribbed, strong loin, enough upper thigh and well muscled and in stunning coat. He too is good to watch perambulate the ring with such balance but he was toeing in coming towards me.

OPEN

1st CC, BOB G1 & Res BIS **Jordan's Ch. Monifa Black Maximus(Loc)** (see intro)

ROTTWEILERS - BITCHES**BABY PUPPY**

1st **Lavine's Guni's Blue Java** (Loc) - such a raw baby and needs to be given lots of time to boost her confidence – and she would be worth it. Lovely head, beautiful eyes and well placed ears. Ample neck, well ribbed and bodied and well angulated hindquarters and in very good jacket. Just give her time and lots of love and she will be worth it.

JUNIOR

1st & Res CC **Howell's Kemrorocks Khaleesi Vom Viscardi** (Imp) - won here on the quality of her head with that lovely Rottie head, delightful eyes and super expression. Loved her size and amount of substance. She is so well ribbed with good rear musculature and her side action demonstrated real power. At one with her handler and did all she was asked.

2nd **Dr. Welch's Bentley Von Muntz** (Imp) - this is such a good bitch so very appealing on the stack with such shapely lines. Her angles are so good, ribs to the elbow, well muscled hindquarters and tight feet. I felt she was a shade better in front action than the winner, but she had the more appealing eyes and real Rottie expression which swung the scales.

3rd **Jordan's Monifa Dark Kimba** (Loc) - lots to like, fairly compact, well balanced in length/height ratios good shoulder layback, could have more width in thigh and whilst she handles well I found her expression just a little on the plain side comparing her to the two I put over. But doubtless she can turn the tables!

NOVICE

1st **Holder's Monifa Black Sandy** (Loc) - medium sized with a very nice head, lovely eyes which are so expressive. Just about enough neck, very well ribbed with a strong loin broad rump and well weighted bone. She has good tight feet and had the best front action in this class which swung the red card her way.

2nd **Bascombe's Kent Ridge Too Sexy For Japan** (Loc) - not quite the appeal in head for me but she is a lovely size, bags of substance, well arched strong neck, good wither definition, level back and in lovely condition. Her smooth, balanced side action put her over third placed

3rd **Edghill's Kent Ridge Lois Lane's Loves** (Loc) - this attractive bitch was shown carrying too much weight especially over the shoulders which makes her stand and move wide in front. I liked her head and expression, she is a nice size, was in good coat and in profile action she showed powerful hock use.

LIMIT

1st & CC **Holder's Monifa Black Sorie** (Loc) - quality which will undoubtedly go on to her crown. 2 years old, there is no questioning her sex as she is a powerhouse with a delightful head, stunning expression, is really well bodied with ribs to the elbow, covers the ground with reach and drive as she circles the ring then stacks to present an impressive picture. In the very best of coats and well handled to get the very best out of her.

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS - BITCHES

LIMIT

1st & BOB **Bannister's Skye Bella** (Loc) - best for type with the better head, stronger bone, bigger spring of rib and gave glimpses of being able to move well in profile. Needs lots of ring training Really a bit unruly and could do much better.

2nd **Kaufman's Ch Thorsson Haus Ava** (Loc) - just not my cup of tea. The shepherd to me should have a fairly strong head with a kind eye and most intelligent, calm expression. This almost black all over was too light framed, lacked width in chest, lacks spring of rib and has insufficient width in hindquarters. She had the more controlled action but she is very close in hock going away. I have to say that her coat was immaculate and she showed well.

BOXERS - DOGS

NOVICE

1st & RCC **Wilson's Sundial's Thunder at Kaibo C.D.** (Loc) - what a very promising r/w youngster this is. Stacks so well, very good head, well defined stop, ample width and depth in muzzle, no excess flews and really good expressive eyes. Clean necked, short, fairly compact body, well muscled hindquarters and in excellent coat and muscle tone. Little proud of his front at times when in profile but that looks like sheer youthful exuberance. His title will surely come along soon.

OPEN

1st CC & BOB **Wilson's Ch Sundial's Sun God Apollo at Kaibo C.D.** (Loc) - a class act with an air of quality about him, that je ne c'est pas something that just draws the eye. All male head, excellent pigmentation, beautiful eyes, that slightly tip tilted nose that just adds to appeal of his expression. Shown in great bloom he really motored out well until the Group challenge when he played up a little at the critical time. Looks every inch the Champion he is.

BOXERS - BITCHES**NOVICE**

1st & RCC **King's Tabor Ridge Princess Josie** (Loc) - lots to like about this red but the thing I would change most would be to have her ears higher carried which would help her expression. She is a nice size, is a bit short in upper arm, is well bodied and ribbed, very good bend of stifle and well let down hocks. In profile she shows lots of rear propulsion but she just steps that tad short in front.

OPEN

1st & CC **Leach's Sundial's Aurora Sunrise at Worthington** (Loc) - not yet two years old but she is such a lovely type with a delightful head, well arched neck, is fairly compact in body, gently sloping backline to well muscled hindquarters. In super coat she covers the ground so well in profile.

BEST VETERAN

Best Veteran in Show & G2 **Taylor's Ch Calicelesti The One N Only at Massima** (Imp)
I must admit to my horror that I did not recognize this outstanding Shiba as the puppy I put through to his first BIS on my last visit to Barbados. I was delighted to see him again and even more delighted to be told, post judging, of his many successes since, including (I think I've got it right!) 3 DOTY awards. He still is a class act and he had to be to be G2 in a strong Group and he only lost out to the BIS winner. And that as a Puppy as he was then!! Thank you Sir for allowing me to see the end product – and two of his progeny are Chs as well!!

Finally, Thanks for your support and remember if you did not win this time, you may well do so next time around. Keep smiling, keep showing and keep treasuring your dogs.

Albert Wight (Judge)