

Great Dane Club of Wales
Championship Show
25th November 2017

I wish to thank the committee for allowing me to judge the dogs at this show, something that I enjoyed immensely. With both the cost of travelling to shows, and entry fees rising, I believe that all exhibitors should go home believing that their dog has been given the same amount of time to be assessed as all the other dogs entered and I hope I did just that. Having not been to many Dane shows recently, I struggled to find the type that I was looking for and once again I, movement to me, is still a big issue. However, in my main winners, the quality was outstanding. I loved them. The dog CC winner, with the referee's intervention was BIS and I was delighted to see his litter sister receive the bitch CC. Very well deserved, well done. A pair of lovely dogs.

S VD (4,1) 1. HARVEY – Ch Keirkane Commander at Clannalba. Outstanding quality fawn, eight years of age, but still had everything I was looking for. Well proportioned head, not overdone in any way. Correct depth of muzzle, with length. Dark, tight eye. Arched neck flowed into well proportioned shoulders. Correct front with straight leg and good spring of rib. Well held topline on the move, croup and tailset correct. Good angulation, with a nice turn of stifle. Moved around the ring with efficiency and precision. He was so well balanced. A pleasure to go over him. A very worthy champion and well deserved Best Veteran in Show. **2. WARINGS.** Ravendane Equinox of Elleyenda. Mantle who was shown in lovely condition. Head not overdone or exaggerated. Dark eyes, strong neck. Good angulation to rear. Strode out but tended to lose topline a little, never the less a lovely dog. **3. Black.** Bandwar Happy as Larry.

MPD (6.1) 1. WALTON. Ravendane Ironman. Boisterous Harlequin. Well marked, nice head shape, prefer a tighter eye. Strong front, flat bone. Feet need to tighten, but still a baby yet. Correct shoulder placement. Tad long in the body, well angulated rear. Moved with drive when he settled down. Best puppy dog, well done. **2. SEDDONS,** Freedom Fighter at Tenaya. Fawn baby, adequate head, strong neck leading to good shoulder placement. His front has a good width with depth to ribcage. Nice angulation. Moved a little close behind. **3. BISHTON.** Jaydania Billy Joel.

P D (2.1) 1. GRIERSON and GRIFFIN. Griffondane Athos. Big fawn, with good proportions. Masculine head, needs to tighten in eye, and a little too much flew for me. Well developed front, with nice width and correct shoulder placement. Good spring of rib. Ample angulation and width of forequarters. Slightly rounded in croup and topline a bit loose on the move. However, moved with drive.

J D (7.3) 1. BISHTON. Jaydania Bjorn Borg. This impressive fawn male, was an easy winner of this class. Quality and type in abundance. Strong well balanced dog with super bone, but not over exaggerated. Clean, balanced head, not overdone but masculine in profile. Correct bite, good depth of muzzle, alert, dark eye. Clean strong neck of good length into well placed shoulders. Impressive forequarter, with well filled chest, strong legs and tight feet. Deep brisket, level topline with correct croup and strong loins. Well muscled rear with angulation and well let down hocks. Moved with drive and purpose. Still a junior in the raw, but can only get better with maturity, but for me on this day, this dog was what I was looking for and had no hesitation in awarding him the dog CC. With

referees decision Best in Show. So very well done. **2.** SNEDDON. Culseandanes Tyrion The Imp. Rangy fawn, not as well grown as first. Pleasing head of good proportions. Nice length to neck. Would prefer more width to chest. Well sprung ribs. Slightly long cast. Good angulation. Moved well. **3.** THURLBY. Justinian Lord Bradley.

Y D. (5.2) 1. MCGOWENS. Kinnegans Twisted Fire Starter. Well made fawn with masculine head of good proportions. Dark eyes of good shape. Clean neck with length. Well developed front, with width and straight bone. Strong topline, just a tad low in croup. Well muscled rear, with good angulation and well set hocks. A sound mover, with reach and drive. A clear winner in this class. **2.** BOLTON. Bandwar For Aces High. Black of smaller construction than first, shown in lovely condition. Rather short in head. Dark eye. Would prefer better shoulder placement. Strong topline. Moved well. **3.** GOULD. Dainoak Adonis.

N D (1.1)

G D. (2.1) 1. SOUTHGATE. Bombadier Boy Via Leamap. Solid, well made blue male, with strong bone. Well developed head, if rather heavy but did not detract from overall quality. Dark eye, strong neck leading into well laid shoulders. With good width and depth of chest and well tucked in elbows. Tight muscled body with good topline. Tailset a little low but angulation spot on. Once settled, moved well from well let down hocks, both coming and going. One of the best movers of the day, I hope this handler perseveres with this dog as he is the nicest blue male I have seen lately. A lovely dog.

PGD. (1) With held

LD. (4.2) 1. SOUTHGATE. Bombadier Boy Via Leacamp. **2.** BOLLINS. Daysue Born Ready. Well made harlequin boy with good head planes, not overdone or exaggerated. Dark eye, good ear carriage, giving an alert expression. Nice length of neck and lay of shoulder. Front of good width with straight legs. Level topline which he kept on the move. Nicely muscled rear with width and correct tailset. Well angulated with hocks set low. Another with precise movement both coming and going. These two dogs really strode out on the move, covering the ground well. A good class.

SOD FAWN. (0)

SOD BRINDLE. (3.2) 1. FLANAGAN. Dainmajic The Enchanter For Soupury. Tall, heavily made light brindle dog. Strong head with good length of neck into adequate shoulders. Soft in topline which showed in movement, with low tailset. Nicely angulated.

SOD BLUE. (6.4) 1. SOUTHGATE. Bombadier Boy Via Leamap. **2.** PEPPER. Sarawen Arch Deacon. Powerful blue. Strong head needing more work. Light eye. Powerful neck with good depth of brisket. Would like more width to chest. Well muscled thighs with well down hocks. Tailset a little low. Lost out to first on movement from not holding his topline.

SOD BLACK. (3.2) 1. PEPPER. Danemoor Blackwatch For Sarawen. Nice black, all male shown in lovely condition. Strong head with dark eye. Drop of lip detracted slightly. Strong neck of good length. Well filled front with straight bone. Ribs are well sprung with good depth. Level topline,

would prefer better tailset and croup. Adequate angulation with well muscled rear of good width. Moved with drive and purpose.

SOD HARLEQUIN. (3) **1.** POCOCK. Tamzdane Oh My Apple Pie. Well marked harlequin, with clean white back ground. Strong head, would prefer more length of foreface, clean neck with good front angulation. Very good width to chest with the straightest of legs and well tucked in elbows. Slightly long cast, but croup and tailset correct with good width. Well muscled rear with angulation and bend of stifle. Moved with drive from the rear. Easy winner of this class. **2.** SHADBOLT. Akura Final Frontier. Smaller head than first with parallel head planes. Not as clean in coat as first. Nice length of neck with spring of rib. Pleasing overall shape and angulation, although tailset a little low. Lost out on movement to first. **3.** HUGILL. Shalrace The Maestro.

SOD MANTLE. (2.1) **1.** PEARSONS. Daneworth Legacy. This big dog is now growing into his frame. Strong head with good parallels and dark eye. Strong well arched neck into well laid shoulders, with straight front and ample bone. He has a good depth of ribcage, good firm topline which he kept on the move. Well muscled rear and second thigh. Perhaps a tad low in tailset, but overall a good shape. Correct angulation with well let down hocks. Moved with power from rear. This dog surprised me when going over him, and is definitely going in the right direction.

SOD. (8.3) A Nice class of dogs **1.** WEBB and MORGAN EVANS. Ch Vanmore Stop And Stare At Castleton. What can I say about this dog that hasn't been said already. Top quality fawn male. Such elegance and poise standing. Nothing exaggerated. Super clean head, with correct plains. Crested arched neck with good length. Excellent shoulder placement with angulation front and back. Well filled front with straight bone. Firm topline, correct croup and tailset. Well muscled rear with second thigh, well let down hocks. Eloquent flowing movement. This dog is a real showman, as is his handler, who is breeding some lovely, typey animals. Thought this might be my ticket winner, but today I just preferred the raw overall substance of my CC winner. However this dog was an easy RCC winner. Well done. **2.** CHAPPELL and WILLIAMS. Ch Selmalda The Journey. Huge impressive fawn that has grown well into his frame. Lovely shaped head, in proportion to his body. Would prefer slightly longer foreface and more chiselled skull. Lovely dark eye with alert expression. Impressive length of neck, into good shoulders. Strong straight legs with width and depth to his chest and a good depth of brisket. Strong, firm, topline and croup. Tailset not as good as first but doesn't detract in anyway, from his excellent make and shape. Well developed muscle and second thigh with correct angulation. Moved well. **3.** SEDDONS. Tenaya Cherokee Lone Wolf.

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