

Norwegian Elkhounds Notes 15th December 2024

Just 10 days to go so please allow me to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, happy and successful 2025. With postage so expensive and so unreliable, the vast majority of our cards this year have been e cards

But, since the new, online edition of the Club Magazine is now out, why not consider next year, using your adverts in the Magazine as your Christmas greetings to all your Elkhound friends as two have done this year. I'm sure a printed version will soon be available for those who don't use computers. Well done to the new editors.

PLEASE make sure the club has your email address because the majority of Club information will be sent by email. The AGM details will be sent out very soon.

I'm sad to start with bad news that Karen Gold's mother was rushed into hospital last week after she collapsed. Her treatment in A&E was not good – as Karen said, she had to get into "Mama Bear mode" to get help for her but she is now in hospital being cared for but is still quite unwell. I hope she improves soon. Karen did, however, have good news two weeks ago. My apologies for missing a report on it. She entered Land of Burns Open Show at Lanark two weekends ago. Marco was alone in the Elkhound Open class but delighted Karen and Alan by getting Group 2 in a strong hound group under beagle specialist, Liz Calikes. It was great actually having a breed class!

This week was the final show of the year. LKA. There was a pretty good entry for a midweek show and I absolutely have to start by saying a huge Congratulations to Elaine and Nev Simms on their new Champion, Aftonlee Aros At Elverdal who obviously won DCC and BOB. They also came away with Best Veteran won by Ch Seasara Earl Grey. What a great day.

The judge was Mr Ken R Andrew who gave Res DCC to Jill Cowper's Ch Graythor Augustus At Rothenborg.

Bitch CC was Nicola Callow & Mrs C Davis's Ch Whittimere Alright Bab JW with Res BCC going to the Tysons' Bowerhinton Bright Flame At Starceylon.

Best Puppy was Tanja Mortimer's Laakso Julaften.

Last week a video appeared on Facebook and You Tube that Alan Hodkinson had made at Crufts in 1996. Most of it was of people and dogs around the benches with a little of the judging. It was very sad to see so many people who are no longer with us. Margaret Harper, Vi and Brian Nichols, Eileen Raymond, Roy and Jean Walter Brown and many more but also quite a number who are still showing or interested in the breed; A very young Vanessa Mc Hugh and Elaine Simms, Maureen and Brian Lake, Alvin Hambidge. Do have a look for it on You Tube. Great memories.

Barring any emergencies or last minute news, there will be no notes next week so have a lovely Christmas and may the New Year bring you everything you wish for.

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