

# NORWEGIAN ELKHOUND CLUB OF GB

CONTEST OF CHAMPIONS, PUPPIES, SPECIAL YEARLINGS, VETERANS,  
SPECIAL BEGINNERS & STUD BOOK CHALLENGE

HELD AT THE - BEST WESTERN HOTEL, BULKINGTON, COVENTRY.

3RD FEBRUARY 2024

*This is my summary of the Contest ©*

The very capable organisers of the Contest on behalf of the club are mother and daughter team of Mrs Margaret Deuchar and her daughter Debbie

For whom the committee of the club, those present and undoubtedly all members of the club will extend their thanks to the organisers.

This is my report of the Norwegian Elkhound Club of GB Contest of Champions 2023 held on 3rd February 2024

Here are presented the winners of the various categories.

Compiled by Michael Sharman with photos by Wendy Sharman



*A short synopsis of the Judge  
Vivien Philips*

Well known Judge, exhibitor and breeder of Petit and Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen, Dachshunds and Beagles, Vivien Phillips (Debucher) is a well known figure in the world of dogs, and was instrumental in bringing Basset Griffons into the UK in the early 1990s.

*Her steward for the Contest was Debbie Deuchar*

**The Challenges for NECGB Contest 2023**  
**Began with**

**Puppy of the Year**

*Qualification*

*Two classes: 15 months at the  
Contest and over 15 months  
overall*

*Best Puppy - Male  
and Puppy of the year*

**Graythor Augustus  
at Rothenborg**

Breeder: Middleton  
Ch.Kestos Rex of Rothenborg  
x  
Graythor Lo Lykkelig

**Owner: Mrs J.E.Cowper**



*Best Puppy Female*  
**Seasara Infinity**

Breeder:McMahon  
Norvin Marvel of Brawdor  
x  
Seasara Fire Cracker

**Owner:Ms S. McMahon**



*And the winner is ..well it must be obvious from the above and rosette presentation.*

*Contest 2023 Puppy of the year*

*Male/Females 6months and under 15 months at the contest*

*The male puppy*

**Graythor Augustus at Rothenborg**

## The Challenges for NECGB Contest 2023

### Special Yearling of the Year

#### Qualification requirement

*Under 24 months at the Contest*

#### Winner of the Female class

### Ch. Whittimere Alright Bab JW

Breeder Croxford & Callow  
Seasara Earl Grey

x

Whittimere No Matter What

**Owners: Callow Ms. N.D. &  
David Mrs. C.**



### Winner of the Male Class &

#### Winner of Special Yearling of the Year

### Graythor Augustus at Rothenborg

Breeder: Middleton  
Ch.Kestos Rex

x

Graythor Lo Lykkelig

**Owner: Mrs J.E.Cowper**



## The Challenges for NECGB Contest 2023

### Veteran of the Year

#### Qualification

7 years

and under 10 plus a class for  
over 10 years at the Contest

### Winner of the Male class - 7-10 years Veteran of the Year

### Ch. Grasilva Little Rock Avec Gilkaro JW

Breeder: Gray & McHugh  
Am.Ch. Horizon Rock Solid

x

Am.Ch.Kamgaard Kiamesha (Imp  
USA)

**Owners: Ms K & Mrs H Tress**



### Winner of the Female Class over 10 years

### Ch. Graythor Norwegian Lights (ShCM)

Breeder: Middleton  
Ch. Laakso's Lone Ranger

x

Ch. Bowerhinton Be Madam's Spy at  
Graythor

**Owners: Mr. B. & Mrs L.  
Middleton**



## The Challenges for NECGB Contest 2023

### Best Special Beginners Challenge

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#### *Qualifications*

*4 years at the Contest  
and  
over 4 years at the Contest.*

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### Best Special Beginners Challenge Male

#### **Norvin Orkla**

Breeder: Meyrick  
Kinderhorn Espen of Conrick  
x

Skogly Akerselva by Norvin

**Owner: Mr. N. Cuss**

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### Best Special Beginners Female

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#### **Bowerhinton Baroness of Torloisk**

Breeder: Maun  
Bowerhinton Bargas

x

Ch. Bowerhinton Bee Portia

**Owner: Ms. S. Young**



## The Challenges for NECGB Contest 2023

### Stud Book Challenge

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*Qualifications requirement*  
*Under 4 years at the Contest*  
*and*  
*over 4 years at the Contest*

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**Overall winner of the  
Males**

### Seasara HighFlyer

Breeder: McMahan

Ch. Laakso Canute

x

Seasara Fire Cracker

**Owner: Ms S McMahan**

**With apologies - no photo available**

### Seasara Highflyer

**Best Female  
and  
Stud Book Challenge  
winner**

### Treskha Tanqueray

Breeder: Tress

Ch. Laakso Canute

x

Treksha Just the One

**Owners: Ms. K. & Mr A.  
& Mrs H. Tress**



## The Challenges for NECGB Contest 2023

### Contest of Champions The Main Event

*Qualification requirement  
must be a Champion*

#### Champion Male

### Ch. Kestos Rex of Rothenborg

Breeder: Stokes

Ch. Whittimere No Nonsense of  
Rothenborg

x

Kestos Charisma

**Owner: Mrs J. Cowper**



#### Champion Female

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### Am Ch. Kamgaard Klementina

**who was  
winner of the  
Champion of Champions**

Breeder: Simmonds & Mott  
Am/Can/Ber Ch.

Windy Cove Norgren Wild Pride

x

Am Grand Ch. Kamgaard Kintyre

**Owners: Ms.S Simmonds  
& Ms. M. Mott**



## The Youngest Puppy at the Contest



### Norvin Krakjen

Breeder: Meyrick  
Kinderhorn Espen of Conrick

x

Skogly VI Akenselva by Norvin

**Owner: Mr. N. Cuss**

At the end of the day

I am sure that every one present and whether or not a winner enjoyed their day and would like to extend their appreciation to the organisers for a day well done.

Please excuse any mistakes you might spot — no one is infallible — E&OE



Norwegian Elkhound Club of Great Britain  
Annual Contest of Champions etc.  
3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

Judge: Vivien Phillips

I was delighted to be asked as a replacement judge for this event which was held at the Best Western Hall Hotel near Coventry, a very good venue for this occasion and a delicious lunch as well. I apologize if my report is a little short. I was not aware a report would be required, and my notes are handwritten rather than the use of a Dictaphone. Thank you to my wonderful steward Debbie Deuchar who guided me through the system on the day. This idea was instigated by my dear friend Robert Greaves, so it was very poignant on the day.

#### **BEST PUPPY**

The first couples to judge were Puppies who were 6 to 15 months. First place was **Cowper's Graythor Augustus at Rothenborg** a lovely upstanding young male of 13 months. He already has 3 CCs under his belt, and I am sure more will be coming soon. Lovely head, wedge shaped with high set and very mobile ears. Alert expression. Strong neck into well laid shoulders. Correct ribbing with a compact body and square outline. Moved with phenomenal drive. Best puppy and in the next class Best Yearling as well. I will watch his career with interest.

**Mc Mahon's Seasara Infinity**. This young bitch Special of 10 months was not that keen having her mouth checked which I found with many younger contestants. The last thing I wanted was to upset her so I left it. She had a good head and eye and mobile ears. She was well ribbed and had a good front and feet. A little slack in topline but that should improve with maturity. Moved well when settled.

#### **BEST SPECIAL YEARLING.**

The winner was **Graythor Augustus at Rothenborg**. The bitch **Callow's Ch Whittimere Alright Bab JW** was 24 months and I have judged her before as a Junior, she has a lovely head and eye. Good ears and neck. Well ribbed with a compact body and good front and rear. She moved very well. To be picky I would prefer a tad more bone throughout. She has had a very successful career which I am sure will continue. A lovely type

#### **VETERAN OVER 7 AND UNDER 10 YEARS OF AGE.**

**TRESS' Ch Grasilva Little Rock av Gilkaro JW**. A super example of the breed and very sound and fit, especially for his age. Good head with excellent carriage. Mobile pointed ears. Very good front, feet and ribbing. Compact, a credit to his owner at 8 years. Best Veteran.

#### **VETERAN OVER 10 YEARS OF AGE**

**Middleton's Ch Graythor Norwegian Lights ( ShCm)** a lovely 10 year old bitch, much of the same applies. She has a super head and good ears and head carriage, she just lost out on movement against her younger rival

#### **SPECIAL BEGINNERS.**

**Young's Bowerhinton Baroness of Torloisk** a 16 month old bitch with a good head and eye, correct pointed mobile ears. She is well made with nice feet and ribbing. Moved well but a little slack in topline. **Cuss' Norvin Orkla** a 2 year old dog. Good ears, some wrinkle on head. He was unsettled so it was hard to go over him. Well ribbed with good feet. Rather narrow in forechest. Moved OK.

## **STUD BOOK CHALLENGE**

**Tress' Treskha Tanqueray.** A 3 year old bitch of very nice type. She has 2 CCs so let's hope her title comes soon. Lovely head and eye. Alert Expression. Good ears. Correct front and compact in body. Very strong in hindquarters which helped her drive round the ring.

**McMahon's Seasara High Flyer.** This 2 year old dog has a good head and correct ears. Strong neck and well ribbed. He is sufficiently angulated in quarters. He moved well when not hopping at times.

## **CONTEST OF CHAMPIONS.**

There were some lovely examples of the breed here, and the competition was tight.

My overall winner though was a bitch who ticked all the boxes of what I look for in a Norwegian Elkhound bitch.

**Simmonds & Mott's Am/Ch Kamgaard Klementina.** She had been BIS at the Club Open show but will be campaigned more this year I understand. I am sure she will gain her UK title soon.

**Cowper's Ch Kestos Rex of Rothenborg.** A 4 year old upstanding male took my eye as he strode round the ring. A well made dog throughout with correct wedge shaped head. Lovely head carriage and compact body with a good outline. At his age he is at full maturity, I am sure will have a good career going forward this year.

I enjoyed the day very much and I thank the Exhibitors for the wonderful sporting atmosphere in accepting my decisions.

**Vivien Phillips.**