

Norwegian Elkhound Notes August 24th 2025.

I'm pleased to be able to start again this week with good news about Jill who is now back in her own home although still without her dogs. For those who were concerned that Jill would try to do too much, too soon (me included), she tells me that she knows that her recovery will be a very slow process. She's trying to get out a little with a walking stick but she gets exhausted very easily and her breathing isn't good. Time and medication should gradually improve things, but she has a long way to go yet.

What really did buck her up this weekend was the results from Driffield Show. There were two shows held over the weekend, a General Championship show and a second show called Driffield 49th show to make up for last year. The organisation caused not a little confusion judging by comments online with people unable to find ring number cards or even their benching and confused about where they would be judged for the second show and there was upset at the lack of Group judging for Special Beginners at the second show.

I'll start with the second show (49th) as there were only two exhibitors entered. This show only scheduled breed classes for breeds that had CCs last year so Elkhounds could only enter AVNSC Hound which was judged by Ray Morland.

2nd in AVNSC Hound Open was Treena Maun's Ch Bowerhinton Bassanio and there were two Elkhounds in AVNSC Hound Minor Puppy where Treena's Bowerhinton Ball Of Fire came 1st and her litter sister, Gilbert's Phoenix, (Bailey Grace For Balsemasi) came 2nd. Both are only just 6 months old.

The first show, the General Ch show was judged by Jane Eyeington who is on our B list of judges. There were only 14 entries with a couple of absentees but Jill Cowper was over the moon when her Ch Graythor Augustus took Best Dog and BOB very ably handled by Sarah Middleton then, also handled by Sarah, Jill's puppy bitch Bronni (Bowerhinton Bonny Beth At Rothenborg) was Best Puppy winning both MPB and PB. Bronni is co-owned with Barbara Stokes. Another good win for the Middletons, this time with their own dog was Res Best Dog won by Graythor Broadway. Best Bitch was Treena's Bowerhinton Blackbird and Reserve best Bitch was the Tysons' Bowerhinton Bright Flame At Starceylon JW. It was nice to see 5 entries in Minor Puppy bitch and Puppy Bitch, all litter sisters who I'm sure will swap places many times.

In the Top Dog Table this week, not counting today's results, two dogs were tied for Top Elkhound, Ch Graythor Augustus and Ch/Am Ch Kamgaard Klementina.

The next show is City of Birmingham on August 9th again with no CCs, where Keith Thornton is the judge. He has 16 entries.

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