

# **Midland Basset Hound Club**

**34th Breed Championship Show**

**UTTOXETER RACECOURSE**

**Wood Lane, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, ST14 8DB**

**3rd November 2012**

## **Judge: Mr Derek Sharpe**

It is pleasing to report that all dogs were presented in an immaculate condition, moved effortlessly and looking 'fit for function'. Being a High Profile Breed attention was given to highlighted points. Bearing this in mind any Judge should weigh up the overall picture of the dog on the day and should not be blinded by checking just a few points to the exclusion of all other attributes. In all cases I found the eye shape and size to be correct with no excessive jaw evident. Ribs have improved over the last decade as regards eliminating flanging although I felt that some dogs could do with a slightly longer length of ribcage. Bearing in mind the definition in the Breed Standard for ears, I feel it worth a mention that the ears in a couple of hounds were of a barely acceptable length. As fitting to the character of the breed, the correct ear length must be maintained otherwise we lose the whole integrity of the head.

All joint decisions, with the Judge of Bitches, were readily agreed upon.

## **CLASS 1 - VETERAN DOG (3 Entries)**

### **1st : FEETHAM'S - IR CH. KIMBLEHOLME PURE MAGIC**

Well constructed 7yr old tri that I have always admired. Masculine head with correct planes, dark eye giving calm expression with soft ears curling inwards, correct bite and front, good length of rib and bend of stifle, hocks well let down. Moved freely with drive keeping topline level.

**Reserve Dog CC, Best Veteran Dog & Best Veteran in Show.**

### **2nd : STORTON, MELBOURNE & ISTED'S - DEREHEATH GUNNAR**

Sturdy red & white looking good at 8yrs old. Dark eye, pronounced occiput, standing true in front, good length of body but would prefer more bend of stifle. Lacked the drive of 1st.

### **3rd : ALLEN'S - CH. FIVEVALLEYS FORESTER**

Substantial 8yr old red & white with good head, correct bite, tight feet, well sprung ribs. Moved well. Condition a credit to the owner.

## **CLASS 2 - MINOR PUPPY DOG (2 Entries)**

### **1st : ALLEN'S - FIVEVALLEYS IAMSPARTACUS**

Lively tri puppy with typey head, dark eye. Liked length of body and movement. Will watch his career with interest.

### **2nd : FREER'S - SWITHERLAND CLASSIC DESIGN**

Red & white the same age as 1st but not so settled in ring. Good front, tight feet, moved well but when stacked inclined to drop his topline.

## **CLASS 3 - PUPPY DOG (6 Entries / 1 Absent)**

### **1st : FEETHAM'S - KIMBLEHOLME BOY WIZARD**

Nice 9mth tri with dark eye, correct bite and length of leathers, tight feet, well rounded ribcage, hocks well let down, level topline held on the move. **Best Puppy Dog.**

### **2nd : JOHNSTON'S - BURNVALE QUANTUM**

10mth red & white slightly finer than 1 but everything in proportion. Kind expression, even front, good topline and bend of stifle, well let down hocks. Will be interested to watch his progress once he settles in the ring.

### **3rd : ALLEN'S - FIVEVALLEYS IAMSPARTACUS**

Lively tri puppy with typey head, dark eye. Liked length of body and movement. Will watch his career with interest.

**Res : MATTHEWS-BROWN'S - WAYHEAD DONATELLO'S LEGACY**  
**VHC : YOUNG'S - BASSBARR ABSINTHE**

## **CLASS 4 - JUNIOR DOG (1 Entry)**

### **1st : HIRST'S - DIHEATH BOB DYLAN AT KEJANA**

16mth tri with correct bite, soft curling leathers and even front, strong body. Unsure to begin with but settled down and moved with drive.

## **CLASS 5 - YEARLING DOG (12-24 Months) (2 Entries)**

### **1st : STORTON, MELBOURNE & ISTD'S - DIHEATH GUNNARSON**

Red & white with kind eye and melting expression, correct bite, good bone and depth of chest, tight feet, well ribbed, level topline, hocks well let down. Moved with drive.

### **2nd : SAUNDERS' - FLAVIO FUNNY HUNTERS OF WOODS (IMP HUN)**

Larger framed tri dog with nice long leathers, dark eye, good sternum, well sprung ribs. He was unsettled in the ring today and did not have the same drive as 1st.

## **CLASS 6 - MAIDEN DOG (1 Entry)**

### **1st : ALLEN'S - FIVEVALLEYS IAMSPARTACUS**

Lively tri puppy with typey head, dark eye. Liked length of body and movement. Will watch his career with interest.

### **CLASS 7 - NOVICE DOG (1 Entry)**

**1st : ALLEN'S - KORTEBIN WYVERNWARRIOR BY FIVEVALLEYS**  
15mth old dark tri, lovely kind expression, dark eye, correct bite, long and correct ribcage, good bend of stifle, tight knuckled feet. Moved well with topline level.

### **CLASS 8 - POST GRADUATE DOG (4 Entries)**

**1st : McEVEDY'S - DEARDUENNA BOUILLABAISSÉ**

Happy 3yr old tri with good leathers, dark eye, correct bite, good front, level topline, good bend of stifle and hocks well let down. Moved well with powerful driving action.

**2nd : WILLIAMS' - LIMGONING KEEGAN AT JIMDI**

2yr old tri I last saw as a puppy and has developed into a nicely proportioned dog with dark eyes, soft leathers, adequate length of rib and level topline leading to a strong rear. Unfortunately a bit hesitant today so movement was not as good as the class winner.

**3rd : PEARSON'S - AMBIESQUE ACCOMPLICE WITH ARMARDIO**

Heavier built 4yr old dark tri, dark eye, good leathers, strong neck, good body length, strong rear, good bend of stifle, level topline held on the move.

**Res : TITLEY'S - BUCKADOE BUDWIESER**

### **CLASS 9 - MID LIMIT DOG (2 Entries / 1 Absent)**

**1st : PEARSON'S - MALRICH DIAMOND GEEZER**

Tri with correct head, pronounced occiput and soft melting expression, dark eye, correct bite, good front, tight feet, level topline, strong rear and good bend of stifle. Moved well.

### **CLASS 10 - LIMIT DOG (6 Entries / 2 Absent)**

**1st : FIFE'S - BARRENGER BELL RINGER OF SHAZERMO**

Another tri dog I had the opportunity to see as a puppy and he has developed well with a pleasing calm expression, dark eye, good bite, shoulders well laid back, nice bone, ribs well sprung, long level back leading to strong powerfully driven rear. Moved well.

**2nd : McEVEDY'S - DEARDUENNA BOURGUIGNONNE**

Litter brother to the PGD winner and had the same calm expression and dark eye, but felt that his sternum could be better. Level topline leading to good tailset. Preferred the movement of 1st.

**3rd : FITZPATRIK-ODAHAMIER, MURRY & STORTON'S -  
DIHEATH MINT ROYALE**

17mth red & white, kind eye, correct bite, correct front, tight feet, good length of body, would prefer to see more bend of stifle as I feel this would give better rear propulsion.

**Res : SAUNDERS' - HOUNSBAY WILD HEARTED SON**

### **CLASS 11 - OPEN DOG (7 Entries / 2 Absent)**

#### **1st : ELLRICH'S - MALRICH KING OF DIAMONDS**

Very masculine looking red & white dog with dark eye giving kind expression, soft correctly set curling leathers, good bite, prominent sternum, tight feet, strong neck with shoulders well laid back, well rounded ribcage, powerful rear quarters, good bend of stifle and hocks well let down. Moved with plenty of drive from the rear keeping topline level. **Dog CC & Reserve Best in Show.**

#### **2nd : CUDLIP'S - HARVIDENE BREAKAWAY**

Another well presented dog with excellent head, defined occiput, low set ears, correct bite, front and well laid shoulders, strong level back, hocks well let down. Moved well.

#### **3rd : McEVEDY, STORTON & MELBOURNE'S - DEARDUENNA STROGANOFF AT DEREHEATH**

Tri dog with pleasing head and calm dark eyes, good bone, good length of back. Although moving OK just lacked the driving action today of the first two.

**Res : WATKINS' - BLACKVEIN SARACEN**

**VHC : LENNON'S - ZANABEK AWESOME**

### **CLASS 12 - BREEDERS DOG (1 Entry)**

#### **1st : - ALLEN'S - CH. FIVEVALLEYS FORESTER**

Substantial 8yr old red & white with good head, correct bite, tight feet, well sprung ribs. Moved well. Condition a credit to the owner.

## Overall Dog Results



Our Judge - Mr Derek Sharpe with his  
C.C. Dog : ELLRICH'S - MALRICH KING OF DIAMONDS  
&  
Reserve C.C. Dog : FEETHAM'S - IR CH. KIMBLEHOLME PURE MAGIC



Mr Derek Sharpe with his  
Best Puppy Dog : FEETHAM'S - KIMBLEHOLME BOY WIZARD  
&  
Best Veteran Dog : FEETHAM'S - IR CH. KIMBLEHOLME PURE MAGIC

*Judge: Mr Derek Sharpe*

## **BITCH RESULTS**

### **Judge: Ms. Sandra Thexton**

Many thanks to the Midland BHC for their invitation to judge our breed and for making my day a very enjoyable one. My entry was a representative one of the breed at the present time. All hounds were clean and in good coat despite the atrocious weather conditions we have had during the year. I was surprised to find some hounds rather narrow in front, there must be some depth and spring of ribcage here. I found only 2 Bassets with eyelids that were a little loose, but not impinging on their health. To my non-veterinary but Basset experience eye the rest of the entry had excellent eye structure. My Best Bitch is a really lovely girl, so well constructed, well balanced and well handled. I was glad that my co-judge agreed with me that she should be awarded Best in Show. We also concurred that although my Best Puppy bitch needed a little more ring training she showed the quality needed to be Best Puppy in Show.

### **CLASS 13 - VETERAN BITCH (2 Entries / 1 Absent)**

#### **1st : ALLEN'S - CH. FIVEVALLEYS RUM PUNCH**

This tri bitch is maintaining her good structure. Well boned with a strong topline and well sprung ribs. Excellent front and shoulder placement. Moved out with a spring in her step. **Best Veteran Bitch.**

### **CLASS 14 - MINOR PUPPY BITCH (3 Entries)**

#### **1st : WEBB'S - BASSJOY TUTTI FRUTTI [ATC AP00935MLT]**

An 8 month old red blanket who made the journey from Malta, and I am pleased she did! A well balanced bitch who is very promising being very sound not overdone. Sweet expression with well set ears and dark eyes. Good front construction, nice lay of shoulder with good length of neck leading to level topline. Hindquarters developing good muscle with well bent hocks. This young lady was a bit of a handful today but did more than enough to let me award her **Best Bitch Puppy** and **Best Puppy in Show.**

#### **2nd : FREER'S - SWITHERLAND COLOR OF MONEY**

This pretty baby has a well shaped head with dark eyes but was a different type to the winner, being made a little lower to the ground. She has a deep keel and well laid shoulders, strong topline though I would like her ribbing to be carried back a little more. Today she was a little on the flighty side on the move but used her hindquarters well.

#### **3rd : MIFSUD'S - BASSJOY MAGIC TOUCH [ATC AP01001MLT]**

Litter sister to the winner but a larger and more rangier version needing time and a little more training to bring her together. She is very well boned with a strong topline and has an excellent reach of neck. Shows a powerful movement but a little untidy in front at present.

### **CLASS 15 - PUPPY BITCH (4 Entries)**

All these puppies were at a very immature rangy stage of development and were rather narrow in front.

#### **1st : CUDLIP'S - HARVIDENE LET IT BE**

This girl was a more old fashioned type, rather light in bone but well balanced. Lovely head with dark eyes giving gentle expression. Moves very freely though would prefer more angulation at the rear.

#### **2nd : MURRY, STORTON, MELBOURNE & ISTED'S - DIHEATH CONCHITA**

A pretty tri girl with deep lip, sweet expression and well set ears. Well ribbed and strong in topline. Would prefer better lay of shoulder. Moved smartly with drive.

#### **3rd : PRICE'S - HOUNDSBAY DAPHNE**

A tri bitch with substance. Has a good headpiece with dark eyes giving typical expression. A tad upright in shoulder which lost her length of neck. Good ribbing carried well back. Would like a little more drive on the move.

#### **Res : MATTHEWS-BROWN'S -**

**KAMILLA AVALEUR DU SABRE AVEC WAYHEAD (IMP BEL)**

### **CLASS 16 - JUNIOR BITCH (5 Entries / 2 Absent)**

#### **1st : WILLIAMS' - BRAITHWELL MISS MARPLE OF BROMP**

Very nice red & white bitch with well chiseled head, pronounced occiput and lovely expression. Really excellent front construction showing a deep keel and well sprung ribbing carried well back. Her well placed shoulders enabled her to reach out in front and move smoothly and true.

#### **2nd : CUDLIP'S - BLEWILS FREE 'N' EASY AT HARVIDENE**

Good headed tri with dark eyes and calm expression. Preferred the shoulders and feet of the winner. Good ribbing and rear assembly, moved freely.

#### **3rd : KING'S - RAKEFOOT WHITE LILY AT ZAWADI**

This lemon & white youngster was more immature and needs time. She has good head planes and ear set. Good length of body and topline. Was a bit of a fidget for her owner today.

### **CLASS 17 - YEARLING BITCH (12-24 Months) (3 Entries / 1 Absent)**

#### **1st : TAOR & DAVIS' -**

##### **MALRICH DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER FOR TAORMINA**

A black blanket girl of good size. Well defined head with pronounced occiput and dark eyes to match her colouring. She has a strong topline and an excellent ribcage. Would like her feet to be more padded. She moved well powered by a strong rear.

#### **2nd : STORTON, MELBOURNE, ISTED & MURRY'S - DIHEATH NANCY SINATRA**

A pretty girl of a smaller mould red & white who is a happy character. A little upright in shoulder and not as firm in topline as 1st. Wish her handler would relax a little more.

### **CLASS 18 - MAIDEN BITCH (1 Entry)**

#### **1st : GILKS' - WOFLERLOW ROXY MUSIC AT BIRICHINO**

A well boned 2 year old dark tri bitch. This bitch carries a nice headpiece with dark eyes and gentle expression. She is a compact girl with good deep ribbing. Would prefer better feet and layback of shoulder to give her more reach of neck. Showed and moved well for her handler.

### **CLASS 19 - NOVICE BITCH (2 Entries)**

#### **1st : TAOR & DAVIS' -**

##### **MALRICH DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER FOR TAORMINA**

A black blanket girl of good size. Well defined head with pronounced occiput and dark eyes to match her colouring. She has a strong topline and an excellent ribcage . Would like her feet to be more padded. She moved well powered by a strong rear.

#### **2nd : GILKS' - WOFLERLOW ROXY MUSIC AT BIRICHINO**

A well boned 2 year old dark tri bitch. This bitch carries a nice headpiece with dark eyes and gentle expression. She is a compact girl with good deep ribbing. Would prefer better feet and layback of shoulder to give her more reach of neck. Showed and moved well for her handler.

### **CLASS 20 - POST GRADUATE BITCH (3 Entries)**

#### **1st : KING'S - DRAWDELL'S LADY DE BONACIEUX AT ZAWADI**

This neat little bitch has a good front construction. Pretty head very happy girl. good ribs. Lack of angulation at rear lost her drive.

#### **2nd : LEDWARD'S - NEW BELLECOMBE SAMBA AT DRAWDELL**

This is a very nice tri bitch but she was carrying far too much weight today which spoilt her chances. She has a good head with dark eyes to match her colouring. Super spring of ribs supporting a good topline on the move. She has a neat front and is constructed well here. Just quite sluggish on the move due to her weight.

#### **3rd : GILKS' - BIRICHINO BUNDLE OF JOY**

A smaller bitch, quite feminine head with good eyes but ears a little round and short. Rather straight in shoulder which showed in her front movement.

### **CLASS 21 - MID LIMIT BITCH (1 Entry)**

#### **1st : ALLEN'S - FIVEVALLEYS COURT ROYAL**

Stood alone. A long elegant red & white. Good head planes, ear set and soft expression. Nice swan neck leading to long strong topline. Well balanced moved freely and with drive from strong quarters.

## **CLASS 22 - LIMIT BITCH (10 Entries / 3 Absent)**

### **1st : ARMSTRONG & RODGERS' - SWITHERLAND RED IMAGE**

What a lovely girl this is. A really well balanced bitch with everything in the right place. A strong girl but very feminine. Lovely head with gentle expression, Good swan neck. Deep correct ribbing supporting strong topline. Excels in front construction with good shoulder placement. Moved smoothly and freely, showing her true balance. For me she stood out a the winner today. **Bitch CC.**

### **2nd : FREER'S - SWITHERLAND DREAM EDITION**

I gave this broken tri young lady Best Puppy last time I judged and I am pleased to see she is maturing well, but slowly, as it should be. A very pretty girl with a melting expression. Again an excellent front and a rare prominent keel, enhanced by her correct long neck and good shoulder placement. She was balanced by rear angulation matching her front. Moved round the ring happily and truly. **Reserve Bitch CC.**

### **3rd : ALLEN'S - FIVEVALLEYS MUSCADET**

A nice broken tri who is a little more compact that the previous two. She has a neat front and well bunched feet. Good ribs carried well back and strong topline. Now beginning to move with confidence.

### **Res : LEDWARD'S - DRAWDELL'S LADY DE WINTER**

### **VHC : FITZPATRIK-ODAHAMIER & MURRY'S - DIHEATH BETTE DAVIS**

## **CLASS 23 - OPEN BITCH (3 Entries / 1 Absent)**

### **1st : ARMSTRONG & RODGERS' -**

#### **CH. SWITHERLAND DOUBLE IMAGE**

A very neat and beautifully balanced tri who I have always liked and is the dam of my winner. It was a close decision for the RCC today as I like both these bitches very much. Excels in front with a well made body. She is not a big girl but everything is in the right place. Moved with good reach and drive.

### **2nd : RUSSELL'S - DIHEATH LUNA**

A larger bitch slightly lighter in bone. Sweet expression. Good front but failed more at the rear being rather straight in stifle. Moved with confidence.

## **CLASS 24 - BREEDERS BITCH (3 Entries)**

### **1st : ALLEN'S - CH. FIVEVALLEYS RUM PUNCH**

This tri bitch is maintaining her good structure. Well boned with a strong topline and well sprung ribs. Excellent front and shoulder placement. Moved out with a spring in her step.

**CLASS 24 - BREEDERS BITCH (Cont'd)**

**2nd : STORTON, MELBOURNE & ISTED'S -  
DIHEATH ANNIE GET YOUR GUN**

A striking little red & white bitch with sweet expression. Even front but a little forward in shoulder. Nicely balanced with good ribs and topline.

Needs more drive behind on the move.

**3rd : GILKS' - BIRICHINO BUNDLE OF JOY**

A smaller bitch, quite feminine head with good eyes but ears a little round and short. Rather straight in shoulder which showed in her front movement.

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**Judged jointly by our Judges**

**CLASS 25 - BRACE (2 Entries / 1 Absent)**

**1st : KING'S - RAKEFOOT WHITE LILY AT ZAWADI &  
DRAWDELL'S LADY DE BONACIEUX AT ZAWADI**

Well matched pair moving as one and obviously enjoying themselves

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## Overall Bitch Results



Our Judge - Ms. Sandra Thexton with her  
C.C. Bitch : ARMSTRONG & RODGERS' - SWITHERLAND RED IMAGE  
&  
Reserve C.C. Bitch : FREER'S - SWITHERLAND DREAM EDITION



Ms. Sandra Thexton with her  
Best Puppy Bitch : WEBB'S - BASSJOY TUTTI FRUTTI [ATC AP00935MLT]  
&  
Best Veteran Bitch : ALLEN'S - CH. FIVEVALLEYS RUM PUNCH

***Judge: Ms. Sandra Thexton***

## Best in Show Results



Our Judges with their  
Best in Show : ARMSTRONG & RODGERS' - SWITHERLAND RED IMAGE  
&  
Reserve Best in Show : ELLRICH'S - MALRICH KING OF DIAMONDS



Our Judges with their  
Best Puppy in Show : WEBB'S - BASSJOY TUTTI FRUTTI [ATC AP00935MLT]  
&  
Best Veteran in Show : FEETHAM'S - IR CH. KIMBLEHOLME PURE MAGIC