

## **WESTERN AFGHAN HOUND CLUB – OPEN SHOW – 8th JANUARY, 2012.**

**JUDGE: Penny Thomson**

My thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge this show and thanks to all the exhibitors for their entries. A small but good quality entry making it a pleasure to judge all your dogs. Also thanks to my very helpful steward. Although the show was held in early January, it was possible to judge outside which was better for the dogs.

### **MINOR PUPPY DOG.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Walden's Cloudside the Emperor** – Very raw brindle puppy with a lot of developing to do yet – very loose & leggy on the move as you would expect at this age but shows early promise. Masculine head, good eye shape and nice outline in profile – held topline on move – ring tail – very happy puppy.

### **PUPPY DOG.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Walden's Cloudside the Emperor** – More settled in this class and steadier on the move.

### **VETERAN DOG.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Green's Sochera's Merlot** – 8 ½ year old of good type – balanced head, good dark eye, balanced angulation, nice in profile, ring tail, good body condition in lovely coat, well presented but chose not to give his best on the move today, but non-the-less a very nice gentleman.

### **YEARLING DOG.**

Very nice class of three litter brothers with plenty to like with all of them.

**1<sup>st</sup> – Buttle's Sarakhan Shamir JW.** B/m gold, really liked this young dog, masculine head, dark eye, strong neck & well placed shoulders, balanced conformation, good rib-cage & strong topline – in good hard body condition. Correct tail set – comes into his own on the move, strong driving action from the rear, great ground covering strides, very eye-catching to watch. Presented down to the last hair and handled to get the very best from him. With maturity should do really well p pushed hard in the challenge for Best Dog. **RBDS.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Harrison's Sarakhan Sultan Al Kabira JW.** Litter brother to my winner and similar comments apply, loved his head and expression, also in good condition. Preferred the movement & carriage of 1<sup>st</sup> today, but I'm sure these boys will often change places and both should do well with maturity.

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Pascoe's Sarakhan Statesman.**

### **POST GRADUATE DOG.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Lacey's Drishaun Darkness.** 4 year old brindle of nice proportions, pleasing head, good neck, fair angulation, firm topline, correct tailset. Sympathetically handled to get the best from him as he decided he didn't want to co-operate with his handler today and thought he's give her a hard time.

### **LIMIT DOG.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – James’s Shimalma Mercurial Magic.** Liked everything about this young typey dog – just my cup of tea. Have been impressed with him when watching from the ringside and he certainly doesn’t disappoint when you get the chance to judge him. Lovely head and great eye and expression – strong neck, well sprung ribs, balanced conformation all throu, good tailset. In great body condition and coat put down to the last hair, handled to bring the best of him on the move. Correct springy movement with powerful rear drive. Pleased to award him **BD & BIS**.

#### **OPEN.**

**1<sup>st</sup> –Sarakhan Sirocco JW .** Masculine red whom I’ve placed in the past, liked him then and still like him now. Masculine head, strong neck & good shoulder placement, good overall shape and angulation, hard muscular condition, didn’t move as well as I know he can, erratic in front, which cost him in the challenge.

#### **MINOR PUPPY BITCH.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Lancashire’s Sumahari Carolina Cherry by Drishaun –** Well put together brindle baby – pleasing head, correct eye, good length of neck, balanced angulation, ring tail. Nice on the move. **BPB** A more confident performance in the challenge which gave her **BPS**.

#### **PUPPY BITCH.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Lancashire’s Sumahari Carolina Cherry by Drishaun .**

#### **VETERAN BITCH.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Fielder’s Firos Strathisla at Garamond –** Headed a class of three lovely veterans.

Elegant black bitch with nice head & eye shape, good length of neck & correct shoulder placement – good angulation, lovely body condition, moved out well holding her topline, very well presented & handled. **BVS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Wyatt & West’s Storm in a Teacup at Bellapais –** an old favourite of mine of 13 years old – in lovely body condition and in full coat, moved out well and with style – a credit to her owners.

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Cox’s Zushkhan Black Lace at Papyrus.**

#### **JUNIOR BITCH.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Gilbert’s Affietar Amazing Grace JW –** Very typey b/m red bitch which greatly appealed to me. Lovely head & eye, good length to neck, good front angles and rear assembly – good body condition, moved well and with style – well presented.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Lacey’s Krishan Massie & Me –** pleasing head and balanced shape, moved well holding her topline – preferred tail set to 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **YEARLING BITCH.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Pascoe & Arris’s –** Another really nice bitch of quality, really well made, lovely head, good eye shape, great length of neck – good shoulder placement – balanced angulation, in good hard body condition, great free-striding movement, lovely to watch. She pushed hard in the challenge, should mature into really nice bitch.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Smart’s Weetoneon Zaphirina –** Black bitch of more compact size, lovely head and good overall shape, nice conformation, in good body & coat condition, sound movement.

### **GRADUATE BITCH.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Evans, Hillier & Carr’s – Gilari Devil in Disguise with Numa Bozwood** – Quality red bitch of a type that I very much like. Feminine head with dark eye and desired expression, good length of neck, well placed shoulders, balanced conformation – good ribbing – strong top line and correct ring tail. Great profile on the stand and flowing free movement. Shown in good muscle condition and coat presentation first class – Miss Personality Plus - **BB & RBS.**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Andrew’s Andizhan Balqis – Brindle of nice size & proportions, pleasing head, playing about on the move today – very erratic so difficult to assess.

### **POST-GRADUATE BITCH.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Bunney’s Shrin Sharab at Zadal** – Black bitch with lots to like – feminine head, good eye, good angulation all throu – strong topline with desired tail set, lovely shape on the stack, moved with style and at the correct pace holding her topline, good presentation.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Cook’s Mhasud Aleyah at Tedandi – Gold bitch of nice size & proportions, pleasing head and eye, moved out well & shown in good hard body condition.

### **LIMIT BITCH.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Green Powell & Hitch’s Zendushkas Whiskey Galore** – Headed a very nice class. Great favourite of mine, is so well balanced, feminine head, dark eye, neck flowed into shoulder, correct front, strong driving rear quarters. Firm tolined & correct tailset, moved really well today with style – great in profile. **RBB**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Scott’s Andizhan Bakhtuu Arushkhan – Another quality well made bitch of good proportions and in good hard condition – pushed 1<sup>st</sup> hard for this class – well handled & presented.

### **OPEN BITCH.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Small’s Cloudside War of Roses** – A trio of quality bitches of differing type – all of these could change places on another day as all are well made mature hounds of good construction but my 1<sup>st</sup> placed today, in my opinion, is text book conformation and is so well balanced, in super hard condition and moved soundly – another I considered in the challenge.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Harrison’s Sitana Kamalia at Kabira SHCM.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Smart’s Birkhall Sophia.