

Afghan Hound Association Championship Show. 4th May 2015.

Bitches

It was a very great honour to be invited to judge bitches at the AHA(the senior Breed Club), from the minute we arrived until we left after judging , everyone of the club officers and committee were most helpful and friendly to myself and my wife Janice. I must thank you all for running a most efficient show. My thanks to both of my very efficient stewards today Jean Hurl & Karen Howden. There was a nice easy atmosphere to the show and as the weather was good judging was held outdoors. I enjoyed the privilege of judging the Bitch classes,final thank you to the exhibitors for bringing your hounds for me to go over.

Veteran Bitch (6.2) **1** Metcalfes CH Cuban Northern Star JW. 7 years old now and still moves like a youngster , Brindle with lovely overall balance, feminine head with correct eye shape long neck excellent front & shoulder good spring of rib and strong loin , good muscle tone, rear quarters and angles are excellent as well , she is the correct size , wonderful to watch on the move as she really powers around the ring, presented to perfection, considered for higher honours. **2** Sanghera's Sitana Patiala of Syrdarya 8 yr pale gold a favourite of mine, beautiful feminine head, almond eyes chiselling and good under jaw, nice long ears , excellent front & deep chest . Good level top line good weight and muscle tone, strong well angled rear quarters, another quality bitch, moved well . **3** Small,s Metawand Mambula, 10 yr old now, wears her years lightly, good over all shape with lovely coat well presented , moved with drive.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2). **1**Barley& Franklin-Barley,s Zhivias Sunrise Surprise 7 month old red puppy ,with dark mask, lovely eye nice front with deep chest, good balance to her , a very promising puppy , moved out with confidence, handled well. **2** Coombes Zilbec Zilandria 7 month old puppy B/M Pale gold, scores well in head and skull ,deep chest moved ok at times but she much preferred to sniff the grass, and play around, just a typical Afghan puppy . Loved her attitude.

Puppy Bitch (12.2). **1.** Link's Popov's Bora Bora at Orashan (Imp Ned), 11 month old B/M Gold , eye catching puppy with lovely balance and outline ,loved her head , long neck super lay of shoulder nice deep chest , strong front good feet ,correct height and length of loin , good weight, sharp fall away correct tail, good rear angulation , Super mover in harmony with her handler. Please to see her win Best Puppy in Show.**BPIS.** **2** Scott's Arushkhan Sent From Heaven 9 month b/m cream still very much a baby, Beautiful balanced head with dark eye of correct shape , loved her monkey whiskers long neck ,excellent shoulder layout good front , nice ribbing , strong lion , correct fall away and tail set good rear quarters,moved well but is not quite together yet, but this will come. **3** Swan's Arushkhan Forget Me Not For Ambeshan, litter sister to 2nd still a baby and the same attributes apply,moved and handled well.

Junior Bitch: (6) 1 Harris's Devanmarn Magic Touch at Portianja, 14 month B/Tan Bitch, very pretty girl, Balanced angulation both fore and aft, saddled with a ring tail moved out well eventually, nice to see the youngsters having fun. Well presented and very well handled. 2. Downes Juwan El-Shariat Von Zorba (Imp) 14 month old Black masked red, with the most eye catching head, and dark eye strong jaw, she is a compact powerful bitch, scores well in rear angulation, still a bit slack on the move, but this will tighten as she matures. 3 Stevens & Craft Ayoubkhan Jasmine 14 month brindle bitch, finer made than 2nd bitch, lovely head with long fore face, long neck, good proportions, nice to go over, moved out soundly.

Yearling Bitch : (5) 1 Andrews Charlottes Noir, 19 month B/M cream, Excellent head and eye long fore-face strong jaw mandarin beard, long strong neck correct shoulders deep chest, well constructed throughout, with corresponding angulation, correct tail-set finished off with a beautiful silky coat, moved with purpose, one to watch. 2. Gilchrist & MacLennans Sumakandi into the Light at Khawari. B/M Gold 17 month old well made bitch, lovely profile, well constructed, good balance to her, lovely coat well presented. 3. Hughes Geancol Saving Grace b/m red another lovely bitch, touch finer than 2nd just felt she was not interested today.

Maiden Bitch : (9.1) 1 Scott' & West's Arushkhan Sent From Heaven, was 2nd in the puppy class. 2. Coombes Zilbec Zilandra 2nd in minor puppy more settled in this class. 3 Swans Arushkhan Forget Me Not For Ambleshan. 3rd in puppy bitch. Moved well.

Novice Bitch ; (10.2) 1. Links Popov's Bora Bora At Orashan (IMP NED) my puppy winner best mover in this class she moved with ease and drive, well handled. 2 Scott & West's Arushkhan Scent From Heaven, winner of maiden class, another who was more settled this time around. 3. Downes Juwan El -Shariat Von Zorba (Imp) was 2nd in junior previous comments apply.

Special Beginners Bitch. (2)

1. Zaleski & Bryla's Genzacol Dizzy Bit, 3 yr old B/M/G good head nice eye strong jaw good front and rear assemblies nice compact bitch who was well presented and moved well. 2. Stevens & Craft Ayoubkhan Jasmine who was 3rd in junior.

Graduate Bitch; (6.2) 1 Lancashire's Drishaun It Ain't Over. 2 yr old s/m red bitch with a lovely long silky coat, good overall balance and construction, good weight and she has very good firm muscle tone overall. Moved with a nice long stride.

2. Andrew & Lawson-Ball 's Andizhan Charisma With Zarcar : Very pretty silver brindle bitch with a good balance to her, excellent head & expression long neck and good front and rear angles, just lost out to first, who moved out better. But she is one to watch. 3. Zaleski & Bryla's Genzacol Dizzy Bit, She was the winner of the S B class.

Post Graduate Bitch: (11.2) This was a very strong class 1. Sanghera's Sitana Joshila JW. 3 yr old b/m cream bitch, very feminine. Good head & eye. correct length of fore face strong jaw, long neck, well laid shoulders and good angulation both front and rear. Moved out with ease and reach. 2. Evans & Hillier's Syrdara Chocolate Chip at Numa, 3yr old red brindle beautiful head, long ears, also has excellent balance, good weight and muscle tone, moved out well. 3. Link's Pahlevi Disco Diva At

Orashan, lovely black girl , well constructed and good balance to her moved & handled well.

Mid Limit Bitch: (4.3) **1.** Grist's Tulak Legally Blonde at Calamayor : Outstanding feminine bitch ,b/m cream 4 yrs old now, Excellent head and skull ,dark eye correct length of fore -face strong jaw ,long strong neck into wonderful shoulder and upper arm ,deep chest good feet, level top line strong loin, sharp fall away correct tail carriage, well angulated and strong rear quarters, low set hocks,lovely silky coat super presentation , moved with that long easy springy stride that is getting harder to find nowadays, she is a picture when set up. I was delighted to award her the **CC**, sure that more will follow. **2.**Hughes & Mckendry's Genzacol Tit for Tat: Beautiful red bitch 3 yr old Well constructed both fore and aft , balanced, lovely coat moved out with reach and drive in this strong class. **3.**Broadhead's Tulak Ever After for Taziell, litter sister to CC winner,s/m red who is a touch finer than her sister she is similar in construction to her, beautiful coat well presented.

Limit Bitch : (8.1) **1.** Adams's Zandahar Just Tiger Lily JW Shcm , Super young brindle who catches the eye in the line up,Super construction throughout , wonderful balance and presence about her, long silky coat,long ears, correct tail carriage, wonderful easy stride , close call between these two for the **CC**, pleased to award her **RCC**. **2** Dare's Sitana Nishana at Lakarnadream JW 3yr old shaded gold bitch with a beautiful head ,dark eye long strong neck into excellent front assembly, good body with spring of rib, strong loin . correct tailset and fallaway with excellent rear angles, moved and handled well. **3.**Meakes & Morris 's Andizhan Barikah at Cadmore JW compact well made bitch also very feminine moved with purpose and drive.

Open Bitch : (4) This class was very close with 4 beautiful bitches all could have changed places on another day . Another who could be in Veteran **1.**Harrison's Khorinaya Narooma With Portianja. 7yr old brindle with a beautiful long coat , when set up she is eye-catching and has very good angulation, level top line lovely sharp chiselled head long neck good overall balance to her her long stride when on the move is nice and springy , she carries her years lightly, consider for higher honours .**2.**Roper & Moor's H Maria Black Onyx At Tenement. Another lady could who be in veteran, b/t well made bitch, scores well in front assembly deep chest and good ribbing short strong loin . Good hard condition moved out with reach and drive, a worthy Champion. **3.**Andrews Andizhan Balqis 6 yr old brindle wonderful head and eye , long low set ears well laid shoulder deep chest firm top-line and fall-away correct tail-set , moved also with style covering a lot of ground, well presented.

Brian McPhillips
Judge.