**THE MIDLAND BOXER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 11th February 2017**

My thanks go to the committee of the Midland Boxer Club for inviting me to judge the dogs at their 69th Championship Show, and the exhibitors for honouring me with such a quality entry, which made for a most enjoyable day. Thanks also to my two stewards Rob and Peter for helping make my day run so smoothly.

**VETERAN DOG**

1. Huckerby & Dowell’s **CH STRUCK ON YOU FOR BELLCHIME**

A beautiful dog I have long admired, in outstanding condition. Medium-sized, square, chestnut b/w of 8 years. Lovely typy head. Beautifully proportioned body lines. Substance with elegance. Excellent angulation front & rear giving super layback of shoulder & strong quarters which powered him around the ring on his tightly-arched perfect feet. My co-judge & I both agreed that he wouldn’t have looked out of place in the Open class! **BVIS**

**MINOR PUPPY DOG**

1. Davis’ **BRICLIFF PRINCE CHARMING**

Aptly named charming dark b/w baby of 8 months with lots to like, and lots of potential. Square balanced outline with lovely round bone & good angles front and rear. Super tail set and good feet. Lovely clean head with good width & depth of muzzle & lovely dark eyes. Very confident puppy who moved out well.

2. Kelly’s **CASEMATES GANDALF**

Another promising golden b/w baby of 7 months with great appeal and nicely made all through with good body lines. Good head with clean skull, still teething at the moment. Slightly better reach of neck than 1. Good bone, short back, lovely parallel front & well angulated fore and aft.

3. Sadler’s **TARAMARK THE JAILBREAKER**

**PUPPY DOG**

1. Pynegar’s **BERWYNFA TOY STORY**

Most appealing compact deer r/w puppy of 10 months. Beautifully schooled & confident. Lovely well-balanced clean head, kind expressive eyes, lovely padded muzzle, very good mouth, lip to lip placement and chin. Lovely flowing body lines. Crested neck, square outline, short coupled, very good quarters and rear angulation. Would prefer slightly better front angulation to complete the picture, but overall an exciting prospect. Moved very well. With the agreement of my co-judge **BPIS**

2. Burnett’s **LAHAINA SUSHETIME WITH CASEMATES**

Another lovely red/white baby of 9 months, square in outline, short back, lovely crested neck, good angulations fore and aft, bang on tailset and tight feet. Preferred the head of 1.

3. Walker’s **TWEEDBOX FULL MONTY**

**JUNIOR DOG**

1. Kay’s **SEACREST DODGING BULLETS**

Wow! Goosebumps time! This young b/w male gave me everything I was looking for. He exudes quality and power, with everything flowing from his lovely clean, well-balanced head with square padded muzzle, good stop, correctly shaped dark eyes, and good mouth, through a strongly arched neck down to well-laid shoulders and strong, slightly sloping broad back. Good forehand and lovely parallel front. Well-muscled powerful hindquarters with superb first and second thigh, and super tight feet completed the picture and powered him around the ring. Pleased to award him his first **CC** and with the agreement of my co-judge **BIS.**

2. Brown & Hutchings’ **WINUWUK CHANCE ENCOUNTER**

Another quality b/w youngster from this kennel with so much to like. Stylish outline with good bone, good rear angulations, bang on tailset and tight cat feet. Slightly longer cast than 1. Good shaped head with lovely clean skull and crested neck. Still needs to drop in brisket. Preferred the forehand and shoulder angulation of 1.

3. Griffith’s **SANDCLIFFE CRUISING AT LANFRESE**

**YEARLING DOG**

1. Robinson’s **GRAVITY PULLS TO ROBINSTECK**

This most appealing deer r/w male won this class with his beautiful head and expression. His head is well balanced muzzle to skull with good stop, rise of skull and lovely black mask. Such a melting expression from his well-shaped dark eyes. He has lovely body lines and was presented in excellent condition. Super crested neck into defined withers, good shoulder layback and good rear angulations, high tailset, tight feet. Moved and handled well.

2. Hyde’s **STOTHARD PURE DIDLY DOKELY JW**

Attractive compact b/w with lovely square balanced outline and good bone. Correctly angulated, good neck, short back, short hocks and good feet. Good well-balanced head with good muzzle width and depth.

3. Mair’s GLENAULD THE ENTERTAINER

**NOVICE DOG**

1. Parker & Martin’s **OLLEYVILLE OTHERSTON LAD**

Tall, extremely promising dark b/w youngster just out of puppy, with a striking elegant square outline. Well handled and presented. Good round bone, long arched clean neck into defined withers, and slightly sloping topline. Bang on tailset. Good shoulder angulation and parallel front, good quarters, width of thigh and super tight cat feet. Typy head with good muzzle to skull ratio, good rise of skull, good mouth and dark eyes. Would prefer him a little cleaner above the eyes.

2. Loasby’s **SASHBOB INSTANT DECISION**

Attractive clean head on this golden b/w male. Good bone and rear angulation. Would prefer better shoulder angulation and firmer topline.

**GRADUATE DOG**

1. Brough & Murray’s **GALICAR MAC STEAMY AT LIMUBOX**

Eye-catching medium-sized dark b/w youngster with elegant square appearance. Classically beautiful correct head with clean skull and not an ounce of excess flesh in sight. Well-padded balanced muzzle, flat cheeks, good mouth, good rise of skull, super expression from liquid dark eyes. Well-arched neck flowing into correctly angulated shoulders, slightly sloping topline, strong flat back and well-angled muscled quarters and tight feet. Presented in excellent condition. Moved and handled very well. Thrilled to discover later that I had also given his mother her first Reserve CC. **RESERVE CC.**

2. Murfin & Renshaw Turner’s **FARVALLEY DARK KNIGHT**

Stylish chestnut b/w with smart square outline and lots to like. Well angulated fore and aft with short back and good quarters. Typy head with well-shaped dark eyes. Preferred the masculinity of 1.

3. Henderson’s **TARANUT STEREOTYPE**

**POST-GRADUATE DOG**

1. McArdle’s **WILDAX LOOKIN GOOD AT MCARMADALE**

This chestnut b/w won this class with his beautiful clean head. Lovely balance of well padded muzzle to skull, defined stop, good rise of skull and lip placement. Couldn’t resist the softest expression from his correctly shaped dark eyes. He has good bone, long clean crested neck, and excels in shoulder angulation and forechest. Would prefer smoother topline and shorter loin.

2. Cairn’s **INSTINCTIVE FOR GALICAR**

Well grown rangier dark b/w, short-coupled with square outline and well angulated front and rear. Good bone and feet. Good clean head type. Unfortunately, he didn’t seem terribly interested in showing himself off today. Would prefer more chin, cleaner neck and a bit more zip.

3. Beardsell, Van-Beck & Fielding’s **NEWLAITHE THE FUGITIVE**

**LIMIT DOG**

1. Drinkwater’s **WINUWUK KISS TAG WITH SULEZ**

Impressive and substantial golden b/w with excellent forehand and layback of shoulder. Excellent show temperament. Strong crested neck, short broad back, brisket to elbows and correctly angulated hard muscled hindquarters with good width of thigh. Masculine head type with dark well-shaped eyes, good width and depth of muzzle and good rise. Powerful mover.

2. Cook & Postance’s **LET ME GO TO MANIC**

Really splitting hairs between these two stallion males and many of my comments above apply equally to both. Another b/w male with great substance, good square body lines and tuck-up. Perhaps a little shorter in back than 1. Just preferred head of 1.

3. Crooks’ **MARANSEEN REVIEW N’RESPECT FOR UFTONPONDS**

**OPEN DOG**

1. Brown & Hutchings’ **WINUWUK MARIO BALOTELLI**

Absolutely loved this b/w dog’s superb head. Couldn’t take my eyes off it. Masculine lean skull free of excess wrinkle, flat cheeks, and super rise of skull. Beautiful well-shaped dark eyes with a mesmerising expression. Super square muzzle with wide underjaw and correspondingly good mouth. Well constructed with super substance. Strong round neck into good shoulders and gently sloping topline. Just a tad long cast for an ideal square outline. Good angulations fore and aft and well muscled hindquarters. Super tightly knuckled feet. Good moving dog, really powered around the ring and one of the best movers today.

2. Pynegar’s **CH BERWYNFA FULLY LOADED JW**

Elegant, medium sized b/w with a fabulous clean head beautifully balanced muzzle to skull, with well shaped dark eyes and the most delightfully soft yet alert expression. Long clean curved neck into well laid back shoulders and the best of fronts. Good round bone, slightly sloping topline and confident tailset. Would prefer a tad less rear angulation. Moved around the ring with purpose.

3. Jones’ **CH KEVANOR FEDERER**

**Val Jordan**