



Scottish Round-Up 2016 by Melanie Sinclair

This was an excellent year for Scottish Staffords with three new champions being made up in 2016. Tia, James and Alison Elrick's Champion Ruadonis Delilah's Delight JW ShCM gained her crowning CC from Caroline Dewar at East Anglia in May; following her first the previous May from Dave Levy at Southern Counties and her second, where she also went BoB, at the SBT Club Show in November 2015 under Colin Powell.



Jen Johnstone and Kenny Brown were celebrating at Blackpool when Patrick McGlynn awarded their bitch Revelry Custom Made JW ShCM her crowning CC. It was a double for Scotland that day as you'll read below. Billie was awarded her first CC by Wynny Southworth at Belfast in September 2015 and her second by Terry Wood at the Northern Ireland Club Show where she was also BoB. Ch Revelry Custom Made JW ShCM was awarded a fourth CC very shortly after her third by Paul Martin at Windsor. She also has 5 RCCs.



Willie and Christine McLelland's Champion Rochlawie Behold The Hour JW received his 3 CCs in quick succession from Liz Stanway (SSBTC May 2016), Partick McGlynn (Blackpool June 2016, also BoB) and the final one from Mikey John at Darlington in September, making Robbie a champion just a day out of Junior!



At the start of the year the breed was represented for the first time in many years in both categories of the SKC Open Dog of the Year Competition, with Mike and Maggie Ritchie's Northsaltire Nice One Sam making it through to the final round of Pup of the Year and Ruadonis Young Pretender at Meleestaff ShCM in the final round of adult dogs. We have also had a good number of breed judges at General Open Shows, several of whom attracted bumper entries. In April Tracy Hamilton (Shawrigg) had an entry at LKA Scotland of 23 dogs over 3 classes, her BoB being James and Alison Elrick's Ruadonis Delilah's Delight JW ShCM (not then a Champion) who then went on to G1. John Herd (Feregait) judged the Staffords, the Terrier Group and BIS on the same day for Falkirk. (Both shows were held simultaneously, a new arrangement in 2015 repeated successfully this year). Ruadonis Delilah's Delight again went BoB, Group 1 and finally BIS at Falkirk!



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Eric McPhail (Scorguie) judged Staffords in May at Carluke and found his BoB in McLelland's Rochlawie Behold the Hour JW from an entry of 15. Andy Mayren (Fergiestaff) judged Staffords and Mini Bulls at St Andrews and Cupar, awarding BoB to Gary and Teri Owen's Kyraloebis Viva La Juicy at Tagstane. The remainder of the Terriers were judged by Archie Bryden.

Lorraine Rollin (Seenworstaff) judged 5 classes of Staffords at Dundee Canine Society in June (Scotland's largest Open Show, held in Camperdown Park, and well worth a visit) attracting an entry of 20 and awarding Best of Breed to Wendy Milne's Incredible Strength of Strathmorbull who also went Group 3 under Carol Ridley (Jagstaff) who judged the Terrier Group.

In July Claire Crossman (Pendlestaff) judged at Greenock and awarded BoB to Patrick's Welshstaff Last Gap, Ty was also awarded his Stud Book Number this summer. Jen Johnstone (Revelry) judged Larkhall Canine Club in July and found her BoB in Rochlawie Behold the Hour JW. In August Spencer Cox (Hamason) attracted an entry of 18 Staffords for Upperward of Lanarkshire (their best Stafford entry ever !) and for BoB chose Ruadonis Young Pretender at Meleestaff ShCM who also went G4 under Helen Reaney (Rolenska) who judged the Terrier Group and BIS.

October saw Julie Gray (Aberstaff) judging an entry of 23 at The Terrier Club of Scotland Open Show, with Ch Rochlawie Behold the Hour JW going BoB and on to Group 4 under Bob Blackley from an impressive line up of terriers. This was another show with a great atmosphere with the chance to catch up with terrier enthusiasts from all the breeds from as far afield as Morecambe.

The Stafford Class was reinstated by Perth Canine Club and Tayside, Lochee and District increased the number of classes, although sadly some societies have dropped the class due to low entries under non breed judges. It can be more difficult to attract a big entry in Scotland with less dogs around and the greater distances to travel, however it has been very encouraging to see the entries this year under breed judges. Long may this trend continue, and it can, with the support of Stafford enthusiasts in Scotland and the good people willing to travel to judge the dogs too. Kenny Brown (Revelry), Lesley McDonald (Tusselstaff) and Angie Isles (Luthais) all have appointments in December which I am sure will be well supported.



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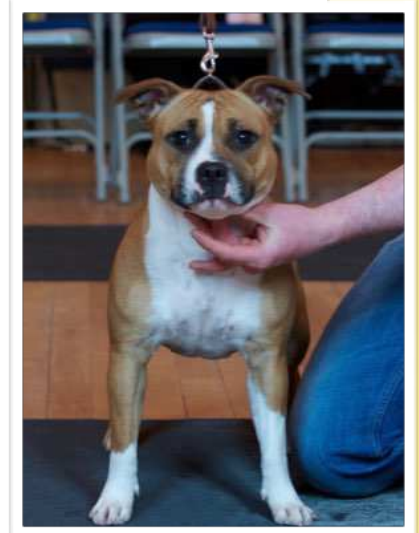
North of Scotland Club



This year the North of Scotland Club committee welcomed several new members, great news when the club covers such a wide geographical area. The Club Awards for 2015 were awarded at the Limited Show at the end of November and saw Puppy of the Year go to Rochlawie Behold the Hour (now JW and Ch), Junior of the Year jointly awarded to siblings Ruadonis Delilah's Delight JW ShCM (now Ch) and Ruadonis Young Pretender at Meleestaff ShCM and Stafford of the Year also won by Ruadonis Delilah's Delight. The new Award of Veteran of the Year was won by Gary and Teri Owen's Crashkon No Stoppin' Me Now at Tagstane. This year we will again see a close call with Scottish dogs of all ages doing very well.



Teri Owen (Tagstane) judged the Limited Show and her BIS was Boath's Luthais Born to Reign, RBIS Rochlawie Behold the Hour (also Best Puppy in Show), BOS Rochlawie Bonnie Lass (also RBPIS). Christine and Willie McLelland went home very happy that day! Shona McConnachie (Calgacus) judged the Special Awards Classes which the club are finding to be well supported giving up and coming judges much needed numbers.



The Open Show in March was judged by Derek Moore who travelled from Ireland to judge the dogs. A great day was had by all and as usual Karen Jackson and crew in the kitchen fed the crowd handsomely!



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Best in Show was Johnstone and Brown's Revelry Custom Made JW with BOS and RBIS going to Patrick's Welshstaff Last Gasp. Best Puppy in Show was the dog, Donald's Vanayres Gambler. The Special Awards Classes were judged by Michael Findlay and were well supported by exhibitors.

The North of Scotland Championship Show was held back to back with SKC in August, and arrangement which seems to work well. The club had its biggest ever foreign entry under Jimmy Byrnes (Lackyle) who awarded the Dog CC to Hugonet and Kolsek's I Hate My Name Des Espoirs De Wallieux making him up to Champion, having received his second CC under Steve Halifax the day before! Jimmy awarded the Reserve DCC to Robb's Caymenstaff's Blackthorn. This was an emotional moment for the Robbs who are new to showing and have thrown themselves into the pursuit wholeheartedly. The scale of their achievement became clear when they heard the cheers from the crowd! Angie Isles judged the SACs classes in the lunch break, a last minute stand in due to a family emergency, and her first appointment. A Theatre Nurse to trade she kept her cool and did a super job. The catering was again outstanding with oodles of home-made goodies including Stovies with Beetroot, Steak Pies and Carrot Cake. The venue by the sea is picturesque and if time permits a lovely walk can be had with your dogs. Sponsorship for this show was generous and exhibitors enjoyed complimentary shortbread and the chance to win some great prizes. The club also hosted Staffie Smiles

Rescue and Scottish Staffie Rescue, and the winner of BPIS, Gordon Jack and Marnie

(Tusselstaff No Angel) generously donated their huge bag of Royal Canin to rescue. The afternoon saw bitch judging commence and Jimmy found his Bitch CC winner and Best in Show in Nettleworth No Kan Doo with the Reserve going to Mann's Nerotoro Cosmic Girl. This show will revert to having two judges from 2017.





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The Scottish SBT Club held their Champ Show back to back with SKC in May, again an arrangement that works very well giving exhibitors the chance to show under more than one judge the same weekend. The change of venue was well received with ample parking and a spacious hall. The raffle was up to the usual standard with some excellent prizes including a TV! The moment that made it for me, and judging by the cheers everyone else too, was when Robbie, Rochlawie Behold the Hour JW was awarded his first CC by Liz Stanway (Waystaff) who was judging the dogs. It seemed for a moment that the roof might come off! Liz awarded the Reserve Dog CC to Lewis' Kenstars Apollo.

Jayne Winrow (Jayneze) judged the bitches and awarded the CC to Lewis' Welshstaff Mysterious Girl, who then went BIS. Mann's Nerotoro Cosmic Girl was awarded the Reserve. Best Puppy went to the dog, Freeman and Davis' Kylestaff Moonlight Shadow.

The Club's Open Show was held on 29th October and the judge for the day was Gary Nicholson (Ballindonna). For Best in Show he chose Ruadonis Young Pretender at Meleestaff ShCM, RBIS was Chapmeek Ice Patrol at Ashstaff and BOS Rochlawie Bonnie Lass. Best Puppy in Show was James Ford and Lauren Williams' Dajast Sweetie with Jam N' Loz, who was also the furthest travelled dog at the show having come all the way from Wigan! This was another show with a fantastic atmosphere and the highlight for me was the number of children in attendance and the super young handlers. Our breed is in safe hands for the future!



Generals – SKC May, Border Union, SKC August

Shaun Stone had his first CC appointment at SKC in May this year, and his judging was very well received. Exhibitors really felt that they got their money's worth and it was noted that one or two newer exhibitors were treated with real patience. Shaun awarded his Dog CC to Hugonet and Kolsek's I Hate My Name Des Espoirs De Wallieux (who has won all his CCs in Scotland) and the Reserve to Corcoran and



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O'Donovan's Molru alright Dave. The Bitch CC and BoB went to Quigley's Rapstaff Wheeler Dealer at Cilleoire with Winwood and Tunnah's Nerotoro Stella receiving the Reserve. Best Puppy was the bitch, Belterstaffs She Wore Prada. There was a good atmosphere round the ring and the usual cheers for the winners!

June saw the beautiful Border Union come around, the only Scottish Champ Show to be held outdoors, and the weather was relatively kind. Ann Goddard (Tophouse) was judging and she awarded the dog CC to Ch Staffash the Hurricane, who has won the CC here before, and the DRCC to Hirst and Bibby's Taraiel Busta Rhymes JW. The Bitch CC and BoB went to Nedorolik's Roughnecks Little Angel and the Reserve to Sem and Ullaflaen's Celuna's Know it All. The Best Puppy was the dog, Wall and Webb's Manark Mad Max. This show makes for a great day out with all the stalls and the lovely setting in Kelso.

In August Steve Halifax (Jackstaff) judged Staffords at SKC. There was also a Rally Obedience 'Have a Go' Activity running which attracted one or two Staffords. Hugonet and Kolsek's I Hate My Name Des Espoirs De Wallieux won the Dog CC and Best of Breed with the Reserve going to Donna and Stewart McCallum's Puppy Chapmeek Ice Patrol at Ashstaff, Bertie was also Best Puppy, another one for whom the roof was raised when he was handed his award! Bev Harrison and Jane Roper's Ch Trawden Ice and Spice won the Bitch CC, having not long won her third. Runner up to Alice, winner of the BRCC, was Dave McKimm's Biggleswick Fifty Fifty. Another emotional moment when Dotty was handed this award! Best Veteran was Fletcher and Seedhouse's Jsy Ch Granitangel Zircon PdH.

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