

I would like to thank the Officers and Committee for the appointment of judging the Championship show at Baginton.

I had a lovely day, it was good to catch up after the show with old friends, I was especially pleased at the level of Hunting Hounds entered, this is quite unique to the Club and something that should not be lost, 3/4 hounds entered had done a full days hunting the day before!! Thank you to the Master. Where else could you see that?

I was privileged to of Judged over the pond this time last year, at the Otterhound Club of America, where they may have the edge on handling and presentation, different type and colouring were not there strong points, there are some Coloured hounds here they would love to get their hands on.

Thank you to all exhibitors who were very sporting and fit!

Puppy Dog.

1, Keepcott Icon, Just a puppy of 6 months, deep black and Tan, good in Head, ear, and body, was able to be at ease the whole time and was not fazed by much, movement was ok, enjoyed his day.

2. Keepcott Invincible, Litter brother to 1, again good in all departments, just preferred 1 head, will change places on and off till they are older.

Junior Dog.

1, PCOH Metric, Parti coloured dog, who had full days hunting the day before, good in the head with good eye and ear placement, moved out well with good muscle.

2, Keepcott Invincible.

Post Graduate Dog.

1, Ottaryx Marshal, Black and Tan, 3 years old, upstanding hound, scored in head, ears good and eye colour, good body with all right furnishings, moved out well. Well handled. RCC

2, Ottaryx Ouzel, 19month old wheaten dog, not as mature as 1, nice head and ears, will be one to watch.

Limit Dog.

1, Ottaryx Magnum, Good looking hound with nice depth of chest, good ears with correct fold, movement could have been better.

Open Dog.

1. Ottaryx Moreton, Good head and eye correct in leathers with nice fold, good head, well-muscled in hindquarters, moved well. DCC.

2. Kingstree Viking, Nice dog with profuse coat, good in all departments but movement let him down.

Veteran Dog/Bitch.

1. Ch/IR Ch, Keepcott Cherish.

Lovely 10 year old lady, who could show a few of the Youngsters how to move, pleasure to go over and see her move, good to see her enjoying her day.

2. PCOH Isobel.

Black and cream hound with lots to like about her, good true expression, a little weary today, due to full days hunting the day before no doubt.

Puppy Bitch.

1. Keepcott Ida.

Nice little bitch, who has all the correct features, lovely length of ear, with correct fold, moved ok, love to see her in 18mths.

Junior Bitch.

1. De Kenchar's Willfull Via Kingtree (IMP)

Lots to like about this bitch, she certainly gave handler a run for his money, she is built well and has good construction. She will behave soon!! Would like to see her in a year, once she gets through awkward raw stage. But worthy of RCC.

2. Ottaryx Phaedra.

Black and Tan, who was much lower to the ground, good eye, and well set ears, unlucky to meet 1.

Open Bitch.

1. Ch /Ir Ch. Keepcott Gossip.

Very nice bitch who has a correct head, good ear placement with correct fold, good length of neck, correct shoulder, excelled in her movement, she appeared to glide around the ring with good length of stride. BCC. BIS.

2. Ottaryx Mulberry.

Attractive Bitch, good head, leathers correct, strong in bone, she has an excellent lay of shoulder, which enhanced her top line. Moved well.

Judge M Ansell.

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