

Single Breed Championship Show

[Held under Kennel Club Limited Rules and Regulations]

Otterhound Club

At Baginton Village Hall on Sunday 30th September 2018.

Report by the Judge Mr Robin Bell-Irving.

Stakes Classes:

Class 13 Special Yearling Stakes Dog or Bitch:

First: [3] PCOH Samphire. This 'wolf' grey or blue / grey bitch showed herself really well. Samphire's overall confirmation was a delight to see.

Second: [17] Olphae Charman. He moved very well and was alert. He was placed a close second because of his stern letting him down. There was just a hint of a curl.

Class 14 Special Open Stakes Dog or Bitch:

First: [9] Otteryx Magnum. This dog had an even confirmation and was pleasing to the eye. I had noted that this black and tan dog had the stamp of the Dumfriesshire type. Even though he was only 10 days older than the second placed entry, he was deeper chested and just a little larger overall.

Second: [3] PCOH Samphire. Again Samphire showed herself well. She missed out on winning only on size difference – even though she was a bitch – perhaps a less pronounced chest room.

Class 15 Special Members' John Bell-Irving Memorial Stakes Dog or Bitch:

First: [8] Ch/Ir Keepcott Gossip. This was a fine looking chocolate or liver bitch. She moved very well and had a great overall confirmation. She looked great as a six year old.

Second: [1] Dekenchar's Willfull via Kingtree (Imp). Willfull was a very close second to the winning dog. There was very little to choose between them and it was a shame to have to make a decision between the two. A great class shown in memory of Capt. John Bell-Irving.

My late Father and brother, Andrew, would have been both proud and delighted to see such splendid hounds in the ring today. In fact our late Kennel Huntsman would have been delighted to have had many of them in his kennel.

I was extremely honoured to be asked to judge today. I was impressed with what was presented to me in the ring. I would like to add that all the entrants looked fit, healthy and well cared for.

Robin Bell-Irving.