

# Southern Afghan Club 2014 Championship Show - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

## DOGS

I really enjoyed my day at this, one of my favourite shows. The Southern committee once again put on a memorable show with the venue being transformed, providing the Christmas atmosphere we all have come to expect. I really appreciated the excellent support of Pauline and Charlie, my two excellent stewards, who made the day run so smoothly.

I was really pleased with the quality of my entry and it was encouraging to see that there are still dogs with the qualities of years past when the entries were numerically much greater. Perhaps the main concern was to see some dogs with rather upright head carriage. Yes, the standard calls for the head to be held proudly, but for me when moving at a gait (or even at greater speed), the style of high order means the neck should arch forward to provide a keen and sleek line. This outline is lost if the head is almost vertical, and more resembles the style of a poodle.

### Minor Puppy (2) Both Absent

#### Puppy (6)

**1<sup>st</sup> DEVANMARN COULD IT B MAGIC AT TERSTINE.** He is a really promising young b/t boy. Moved with great style for his age, well constructed with good sweep from hip to hock. Really attractive head and eye. Ring tail carried correctly. He could possibly do with a little more body weight, but I know that is not always easy at this age. Narrowly beaten for Best Puppy by his litter sister.

**2<sup>nd</sup> DEVANMARN IT'S A KIND OF MAGIC SAXONMILL** Litter brother to the winner and is in excellent condition. Sound construction, with a lovely outline when standing. Good reach of neck, a masculine head with the same lovely triangular eye as his brother. He too moved with ease and assurance, but today not quite the same freedom as the winner. I am sure they are both destined for a promising future and will undoubtedly change places many times.

**3<sup>rd</sup> AYOUBKHAN PERSIAN SILK**

#### Special Veteran (7-10 years) (5)

It is always a privilege to see the veterans and this class was a credit to each owner. They were all in first class condition, and, equally importantly, enjoying their day out.

**1<sup>st</sup> IFMARAF GO IN PINSTRIPES AT AMBELA.** A really attractive 9 year old brindle who was really on top of his game. In excellent body condition, with a good outline which he held on the move. From his excellent head and front assembly to his classic ring tail, he exuded pride and his handler gave him the freedom to show himself to advantage. **Best Veteran in Show**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SARA KHAN SIROCCO** B/m gold of 8 years, rather more compact in construction, but also one that moved with that easy effortless movement. Pleasant head on good reach of neck. Good front angulation with a nice spring of rib. Strong, short loin and ring tail. Coat presented in superb condition and well handled with a minimum of fuss.

**3<sup>rd</sup> JAHADI EXUS**

### **Special Veteran (over 10 years) (1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> RUSMAR KARROLAN AT AMBELLA.** Self-masked gold of almost 12 years. From a presentation point of view it came as no surprise to find he has the same owner as the previous class. His beautifully silky coat was probably the longest of the day, yet beneath he was in good condition and moved really well for his age. Altogether rangier in shape, he has a long neck and lovely head and eye. Another who clearly enjoyed his day.

### **Junior (4: 1abs.)**

**1<sup>st</sup> GEZANCOL STRIKE A LIGHT AT ZADAL.** B/m gold who stood out in this class. Very assured and steady for his age, he moved with ease and purpose. Standing he presented a good outline and is well constructed with a good front and matching rear quarters. Nice ring tail carried correctly. His head is rather fine but clearly masculine. At just 14 months he surely has some more growing to achieve yet. An interesting prospect.

**2<sup>nd</sup> ANDIZHAN CONSTANTINE.** Silver brindle, altogether larger than the winner, partly because his profuse coat tended to detract from his shape and outline. Underneath the coat was a well bodied frame with good front and rear angulation. Masculine head with a nice dark triangular eye shape.

**3<sup>rd</sup> KHAMIS PAJAMADRAMA AT SUTINA**

### **Yearling (8)**

**1<sup>st</sup> ALOUANN STEAL N' THE SHOW** A really good class to win. All of those present performed well and the placings were often down to minor preferences. However this young self-masked cream dog grew in performance and appealed greatly. He presented an excellent profile when stood and has a most pleasing head, expression and eye shape. Soundly constructed he moved with considerable purpose. Excellent front extension and head and tail carried correctly. He continued to perform in this way in the final challenge and consequently was a worthy winner of the RCC.

**2<sup>nd</sup> GARAMOND SUNBERRY** A black/silver dog who also appealed greatly. Under his profuse coat there was a dog of substance and with good front and rear angulation. He has a lovely masculine head without any signs of coarseness. He moved with purpose but perhaps was a bit too excitable at times and lost his composure. Quite a handful, but nevertheless he is also an excellent prospect.

**3<sup>rd</sup> GARAMOND CLOUDBERRY FOR TOKANDO**

### **Maiden (2: 1abs)**

**1<sup>st</sup> AYOUBKHAN PERSIAN SILK** A pleasant black/silver rangy puppy who is at that stage where his co-ordination is not always evident. Pleasant head, good reach of neck and well angulated front and rear. Moved better now, after he had settled down a bit.

### **Novice (4: 2abs)**

**1<sup>st</sup> AYOUBKHAN PERSIAN SILK**

**2<sup>nd</sup> ANDIZHAN CONSTANTINE**

### **Graduate (7)**

**1<sup>st</sup> DRISHAUN IT AIN'T WHAT YOU DO** A most appealing b/m gold. A powerful masculine dog with some substance who appeared to be quite a handful. Nevertheless he was well handled and so moved with style and reach. Really good rear angulation with long sweep from hip to hock. He won the class today on his movement over another dog who appealed greatly.

**2<sup>nd</sup> JAVIDAN KISS THE SKY OVER TARAKHI** A self-masked gold dog who presented a lovely picture when standing. He has a good reach of neck and a most attractive head and triangular eye. His movement confirmed his excellent conformation, but today he was not matching the winner in reach and purpose.

**3<sup>rd</sup> LIONHEART DU JEGDALEK AVEC MOONSHADOW**

### **Stud Dog with Progeny (1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> CH GUILLAUME DU MENUEL THE GALOPIN** A black dog with great ring presence, who was accompanied by three of his children, all gold. They were easily identified as siblings and each possessed similar style and shape. They made a lovely sight watching them follow their Dad round the ring.

### **Post Graduate (9: 1abs)**

**1<sup>st</sup> CLOUDSIDE WE SING WE DANCE** A most attractive brindle dog. Not a large boy, but well within the standard. His construction was first class, excellent angulation and depth of chest. Good profile with prominent hip bones and correctly set and carried ring tail. He has a lovely well balanced head, with aloof expression. His movement was easy and stylish, with good front extension. Not all dogs have this quality, and I retained him at the end of the day in my final four.

**2<sup>nd</sup> TULAK THE SENTINEL AT TAZIEFF** A self-masked gold dog of some substance. Presented a most pleasing outline when stood and has a deep natural saddle and ring tail. Good reach of neck with a masculine head compatible with his frame. He too moved with verve, but today just lacked the easy style and reach of the winner. Nevertheless a very nice dog.

**3<sup>rd</sup> ZARAM ZEUS**

### **Mid Limit (3)**

**1<sup>st</sup> SYRDARYA HAZELNUT HOBNOB AT SHUKRIYA** B/M gold dog with a pleasant head and expression. Good reach of neck, and depth of chest. Another with a characteristic deep saddle. Good rear angulation and ring tail which was well set and carried correctly. He has the correct movement and covers plenty of ground with good front extension.

**2<sup>nd</sup> KARANDIKAR SEA OF STARS** Well presented black dog in excellent body condition. Pleasant masculine head, good rear angulation and well carried ring tail. Moved with some style, but not quite covering the ground like the winner.

**3<sup>rd</sup> BELAMBA FOOLS GOLD**

### **Limit (5)**

**1<sup>st</sup> SARA KHAN SHAMIR** B/M gold dog who won this very competitive but relatively small class. All five were quality dogs with little separate them. Shamir is a substantial boy, but very well balanced in shape. His powerful masculine head complementing his sturdy well constructed frame. Well laid back shoulders and well angulated rear, finished off with a good ring tail carried correctly. He came into his own on the move with great reach and a free easy movement, covering plenty of ground. His long coat was beautifully presented to the last hair. Included in my final group for the top award.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VALKOR CUT TO THE CHASE** An upstanding compact brindle dog also in excellent body condition. Well constructed, with good depth of chest, well sloped shoulders and good rear angulation. He has an attractive head with correct small triangular eyes. He moved well covering the ground with ease and good front extension. Also well presented in good coat.

**3<sup>rd</sup> KARANDIKAR MOON DANCER**

### **Open (7)**

**1<sup>st</sup> CH SHIMALMA MERCURIAL MAGIC** An easy winner of a really strong class which include a number of worthy champions. An outstanding self-masked gold dog of excellent size and proportion. As soon as I saw him on first inspection my thoughts were that I hoped he would match my first impression. He did this, and more. Beautiful head, triangular eye and typical arrogant expression. Long powerful neck into well laid shoulders. Sound in body and carrying just the right body weight. A pleasant natural saddle with prominent pin bones and tight ring tail carried at the right angle. He moved as his conformation would indicate, with drive and reach, yet also with that spring that is so special to the Afghan Hound. He took the CC, his tenth I understand. There is no reason he could not win many more. He then went on to win BIS in front of the lovely black Bitch CC winner.

**2<sup>nd</sup> CH SHIMALMA COLOUR OF MAGIC** Black/Silver, litter brother to the winner, and carrying many of his qualities. His head is perhaps finer than his brother, but is well balanced to size and shape. He also moved with the same style and freedom of the winner, but today could not quite match his composure and absolute arrogance. He returned for the Res. CC but by then was rather unsettled, which was a pity. These two completed a most satisfying picture together and reminded me also of their litter sister, to whom I awarded a CC earlier this year.

**3<sup>rd</sup> CH GUILLAUME DU MENUEL THE GALOPIN**

**Tony Cleak (judge)**