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BEST OF THE BEST



Judges:

Terri Brennan-Weiss (#1)

&

Sandy Bingham-Porter (#2)

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Best of the Best Contest / Prizes

Best of the Best Contest Winner

..... Black/Irish Gold Rosette

.....\$50 and Free NE News Ad

Reserve to Best of the Best Contest

..... Irish Gold/Black Rosette

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Black/White Rosette with their

dog's name embossed

BEST OF THE BEST

Judge #1— Terri Brennan-Weiss

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Judge #2 —- Sandy Bingham-Porter



Ms. Sandy Bingham-Porter

Best of the Best

Judge #2



It was a short two years ago as I walked into the NEAA National Specialty knowing very little about your beautiful breed and walked out with such an appreciation for the Norwegian Elkhound and its purpose. My thanks to all those preservation breeders and your mentors that took the time to help me!

As an AKC conformation judge for the Toy and Non-Sporting groups, I thoroughly enjoy the study of new breeds and their purpose. Currently, I serve my parent club as their AKC Delegate, Vice-President Mid-West, National Specialty Advisory Co-Chair, Judge's Education Co-chair, Mentor/presenter, and AMA Website designer. As a member of three all-breed kennel clubs, and serving on three show clusters, I help put on twelve shows annually, three shows as show chair.

Thank you for the honor of judging your Best of the Best. Good luck to all during your NEAA National Specialty and celebration of the Norwegian Elkhound!

JUDGING PROCEDURES

HANDLERS' BRIEFING

A handler briefing shall be conducted by the Contest chairperson one (1) hour prior to the start of the Contest to review judging procedures.

The Contest chairperson shall select and number each Group of participants — two (2) participants per Group, and assure each Group is prepared to enter the show ring. The number of Groups will vary according to the number of participants.

All handlers and dogs (herein referred to as "participants") in the Contest shall enter the show ring to allow both Contest judges and the audience to observe all the dogs assembled.

All dogs shall be presented stacked or free stacked, gaited around the show ring as one assemblage, and then temporarily dismissed from the show ring until the judging of Groups.

JUDGING OF GROUPS

Each judge shall be assigned to one of two (2) judging stations.

Initially, the first dog in each Group shall be assigned to the judge at Station #1; second dog in each Group shall be assigned to the judge at Station #2.

The Narrator shall announce for the audience the format for judging of the Groups. The first Group of two (2) participants shall enter the show ring and present the dogs stacked or free stacked in front of the two (2) Contest judges to begin the scoring for the Average Placement Score.

To determine the Average Placement Score, the Contest score sheet for a dog from each of the two (2) judges is tabulated, the total score from the two (2) score sheets are added together, and that sum is divided by two (2).

Each group of two (2) participants enters the ring one at a time, stopping first in front of the two (2) judges (who are assembled at the end of a diagonal mat) for 'average placement' scoring. Handler and dog move down and back twice, circle the ring one full time and continue until they reach their designated station (first dog to Station #1; second dog to Station #2) for scoring by the appropriate judge. Both judges shall score each dog's gait as the dog reaches their designated station. After individual scoring has been completed by each judge, the participants shall rotate to the opposite station until both dogs have been scored by each judge.

After the first Group is scored and dismissed from the show ring, the second Group shall enter the show ring to follow the same procedures. After the second Group is scored, the third Group shall enter the show ring to follow the same procedures and so on until all participants have been scored by both judges.

Contest score sheets completed by the judges shall be given to the Show Chairperson for tabulation.

CONTEST SCORE SHEET

The Contest Score Sheet, to be completed in detail by each judge, shall be sourced from the *Official Standard of the Norwegian Elkhound* (© 1989 AKC) as well as the *Interpretive Comments on the Norwegian Elkhound and the Standard* (© 1989 NEAA).

Examination scoring shall be:

Body - 25 points	Gait - 20 points
Forequarters/Hindquarters - 15 points	Head - 15 points
Temperament - 10 points	Coat and Color - 10 points
Tail - 05 points	Total - 100 points

TABULATION OF SCORES

Once all the Contest score sheets have been tabulated to determine the Contest Winner, the narrator shall announce for the audience each participant. Each participant shall re-enter the show ring, complete one full circle around the show ring, ending at the center of the show ring. The handler shall stack or free stack the dog and then shall move to an edge of the show ring.

BEST OF THE BEST CONTEST WINNER

In the event of a tie, the dog with a higher score in multiple sections shall be declared the Winner. If the two (2) dogs remain tied, both dogs shall be declared Best of the Best Contest Co-Winners.

If more than two (2) dogs have identical scores, the identified participants shall re-enter the show ring for additional judging.

Each Contest judge shall re-examine each dog and both judges together shall observe the dog's gait in a traditional dog show format.

The judges shall confer to reach a consensus on the overall Contest Winner, and the other participants involved in the tie shall be declared Best of the Best Contest Reserve Winners.

Presentation of awards may be made when all participants are once again assembled in the show ring. The dog with the highest Average Placement Score will be acknowledged, revealing the official score, and declared the Best of the Best Contest Winner.

Once the presentation of awards has been completed, participants may request of the Show Chairperson to be given the two (2) tabulated Contest score sheets.

EVENT SECRETARY, SHOW SECRETARY, SUPERINTENDENT

A club holding a Special Attraction, such as the Best of the Best Contest, and participants in the attraction are governed by the same rules and regulations that apply to all AKC events.

A club planning a Special Attraction, found listed as having standing written approval from the AKC Board of Directors, such as the Best of the Best Contest, must complete the "Additional Classes or Attractions" section of the AKC Event Application for Conformation.

The American Kennel Club must receive the Event Application for Conformation at least eighteen (18) weeks prior to the closing date of the regular show.

The announcement of the Special Attraction as well as the guidelines and rules of the attraction must be included in the regular show premium list.

The show secretary/superintendent shall provide a premium list and judging program to the Contest judges and to each participant.

Source: NEAA WORKING RULES; Appendix F (Board Approved 07Nov2013; Revised 11Feb2017)

Best of the Best Entries



- 161** NEAA National _____ **GCHG Aspen's It Takes A Thief (TEDDY)**. HP42756302. 2/23/2012. Dog. Breeder: Robin & Randy Rhoden. By: CH Wildwood N Norelka Summer Nite CD NA - GCHB Aspen's A Hard Act To Follow. **Robin Rhoden and Randy Rhoden & Kylie West.**
- 163** NEAA National _____ **CH Aspen's Desperado (RIP)**. HP64513801. 10/28/2021. Dog. Breeder: Robin Rhoden, Randy Rhoden, Jeni West. By: GCHG Aspen's It Takes A Thief - CH Aspen's The Force Awakens. **Robin Rhoden and Randy Rhoden.**
- 165** NEAA National _____ **GCH Daggarwood N Kingdoms Knockout (SKY)**. HP59462004. 7/27/2019. Dog. Breeder: M Nicole Casavechia & Kevin Richard. By: CH Graabine Little Bit O Chilli - Kingdom's Calamity Jane. **Nicole Casavechia and Kevin Richard.**
- 167** NEAA National _____ **GCH Rensen's Riddle Solved (SEEKER)**. HP54830607. 9/28/2017. Dog. Breeder: Flo Tumolo and Patricia Pishny. By: GCHG Bristlecone It-suitsme - GCHB Vin-Melca's Dgrwd Bjorn A Star. **Flo Tumolo and Patricia Pishny.**
- 169** NEAA National _____ **GCHB Kingdom N Daggarwoods Silverado (EMMETT)**. HP58857201. 8/6/2019. Dog. Breeder: Kevin Richard and Nicole Casavechia. By: CH Graabine Little Bit O Chilli - CH Isbjorn's Frozen Kingdom. **Kevin Richard and Nicole Casavechia.**



- 171** NEAA National _____ **CH Ellyka's True North (SALEM)**.
HP61507801. 10/9/2020. Dog. Breeder: Ned and Toni
Welkes. By: GCH Leraan's Northern Assets - CH Ellyka's
Norwegian Saga. **Toni Welkes and Steven Lisker**.
- 173** NEAA National _____ **CH Icon's Diamond Sky Denali
(DENALI)**. HP65629001. 7/12/2022. Dog. Breeder: Beth
Barbary. By: GCHS Himmelbla's Indy2 - Elvbend's Ballerina
Serenade NAP NJP RATS. **Beth Barbary and Lori Webster**.
- 175** NEAA National _____ **GCH Leraan's Northern Assets
(GEIR)**. HP52032009. 8/12/2016. Dog. Breeder: Randi L
Johnson. By: CH Elgfallet's Aiko - CH Leraan Cynserly
Catch The Sun. **Randi L Johnson and Connie Vaillancourt**.
- 177** NEAA National _____ **GCHS Solegia Sangrud Heaven's
Light Leo (LEO)**. HP50025301. 8/18/2015. Dog. Breeder:
Ronald Denn, Jaime Simon, Karen Elvin & Kristin Wehking.
By: CH Sangrud Kamgaard Kolbjorn NA - GCH Solegia's
Ray Of Sunshine. **Ronald Denn and Jaime Simon, Chris-
tine Samueian & Alisa Barreto**.
- 179** NEAA National _____ **GCHB Vin-Melca's Mikanon
Brewmaster (BREW)**. HP55559901. 4/10/2018. Dog.
Breeder: Patricia Trotter & Kimberly Bettendorf. By: CH
Vin-Melca's On Your Mark RN TKI - CH Vin-Melca's Simply
Zinful. **Joe Stopyak and Kimberly Bettendorf**

- 170** NEAA National _____ **GCHS Aspen's Turn The Page (PAGE)**. HP57715002. 4/4/2019. Bitch. Breeder: Robin & Randy Rhoden & Ruth Greene. By: Aspen's Firepower - GCHS Aspen's Presumed Innocent. **Robin Rhoden and Randy Rhoden and Jeni West.**
- 172** NEAA National _____ **GCH Greyplume's Refugee CD BN RE AX OAJ OF ACT2 CGC TKN (FURGEE)**. HP55034001. 12/8/2017. Bitch. Breeder: Glenda Haggerty. By: Elgfallet's Aiko - CH Greyplume's Heel The Planet RI CGCA TKN. **Linda Syner and Pam Johnson and Glenda Haggerty.**
- 174** NEAA National _____ **GCHS Republik's Murder She Wrote (JESSIE)**. HP48479003. 10/22/2014. Bitch. Breeder: Marureen Kenton. By: GCHS Aspen's The Wild Wild West - GCHS Aspen's Republik Into The Wind. **Maureen Kenton.**
- 176** NEAA National _____ **GCHB Kingdom's June Taylor (JUNE)**. HP45150904. 3/3/2013. Bitch. Breeder: Linda & Kevin Richard. By: GCHG Tioka's American Ride - GCH Kingdom's Eye Candy. **Lori Webster and Kevin Richard.**
- 178** NEAA National _____ **GCHS Silhouette's A Single Thread Of Hope (MAGGIE)**. HP62534801. 5/24/2021. Bitch. Breeder: Erin Garrity Olsen & Keith Olsen & Sarah Garrity. By: GCHG Silhouettte's Au Fish CGC - GCHG Silhouette's Hope Solo. **Erin Olsen and Keith Olsen & Sarah Garrity & Steve Poniatowski**

180 NEAA National _____ **GCH Somerri Hy Mountain Snohetta (HETTE)**. HP64909702. 3/2/2022. Bitch. Breeder: Melanie Rodgers, Doug Galinsky, Laura Lewis & Holly Lewis. By: CH Somerri Skeeter's Takoda - CH Hy Mountain's Moon Over My Emmi CGCA TKI. **Laura Lewis and Holly Lewis and Alicia Lewis.**

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