## THE NORTHERN SALUKI CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW Clay Cross - 23 APRIL 2017

It was lovely to return to the NSC Ch. Show at Clay Cross on this occasion as the judge. This was a very well run friendly show and I'd like to thank the committee for their hospitality and my two excellent stewards for their assistance in managing the ring. I found it a very challenging day in many respects. The breed is now so varied in type and size and good movement is hard to find, those with true front movement in particular in the minority. I was surprised to see from my catalogue the big influence of overseas breeding in the entry with many being directly imported or having at least one parent of overseas origin. The traditional British kennels have all but disappeared and those of us who began in the breed and enjoyed the benefits of their influence and knowledge are no longer breeding and now very few and far between, much is the pity. However, we do have a series of illustrated Books of Champions with pedigrees from which we can see the gradual change in the breed. I think its worth while to have a look through these from time to time just to remind ourselves of those great dogs of the past. Photos just tell part of the story of course but they do make one think. My winners all pleased me and there were some difficult and close decisions made. I found a few short tails and it concerned me that dental hygiene was lacking in quite a few for which there is no excuse. Although the indoor facilities provided were excellent and with non-slip matting, I suspect some of the entry would perform better outside. But the conditions are the same for all and judging is 'on the day'.

BIS was Canapus Victoria (Imp NLD), RBIS Ch Caryna Meilichia, BOS Bendegedig Bazinga and BPIS Glenoak Lunah from Caryna.

MPD (3) Three litter bothers all at different stages 1. Canerikie Vivaldi For Stalwart. A nice size with a lovely head. The least mature of the three but he has nice body proportions, good legs and feet and a well muscled rear. Needs to deepen in chest, develop in topline and mature in body but was the best mover in this class. True out and back and free in profile. 2. Canerikie Lucan At Bumpkiss. A big boy and at 8 months with still some growing in his legs. Has a good head and expression,. Very nice neck and shoulders, good depth for his age but rather flat in topline and a bit long in loin. Has good rear quarters and he moved well. 3. Canerikie Castello. A much more mature looking puppy with a good head and shapely body, good spring of rib and well muscled rear. Thought at first sight he would be the winner but his movement both front and rear let him down. PD (5.2) 1. Canapus Requim (Imp). Cream with good pigmentation and a nice head and eye. He has moderate angulation both front and rear, a good depth and spring of rib and was in good muscular condition. Moved steadily with good forward reach. 2. Glenoak Laquan. A beautiful elegant b/s with a fine head, good length of neck and lovely front with nicely bladed bone but thought his feet could be longer. Has good depth of chest and neat tuck up. Not confident in the ring today and lost his topline due to tendency to crouch and never really settled into moving as well as he should. In good coat and muscular condition. 3. Solo Star Of Leigh. Grizzle with a pleasing head and expression. A bit upright in front construction and elbows could be better set, which affected his movement. Rear moderate but with nice low hocks. JD(4.1) 1. Vanechka Otis S Berega Turi(Imp). Bl/s with lots to like. Has a lovely head and expression, good neck and shoulder, topline and croup. Has a good depth of chest but would like a bit more width between his elbows. Has a well angulated rear and is a nice light and elegant mover in profile. Needs to be more positive in front. 2. Classicus Baroque At Ravensett. Black/tan . Very elegant dog with a nice head though thought his eyes could be larger and softer in expression. Has a good depth of chest and good ribbing and rear. He too could be broader in front but was fairly true out and back and has a nice side gait.3. Glenoak Laquan. YD (4.1) 1. Miskanda Canta Libre. Cream with a good outline and balanced construction. Has a good front, is well ribbed with a strong loin, and a rear with well muscled thigh and second thigh and low hocks. A nice sound mover. 2. Sotazsu Northern Dancer. Found him a bit plain in head. Has a good topline and underline and moved well behind. Ok in front construction but a bit soft in pasterns and loose at elbow when coming towards. 3. Miskanda C'Est Lavie. A red boy who was not making life easy for his handler. Has a beautiful head and eyes, nice

overall type who has a light action in profile when in his stride. Overall fairly loose both coming and going and needs more confidence. ND (3) 1. Miskanda Canta Libre. 2. Classicus Baroque At Ravensett. 3. Classicus Baryshnikov. Tri. Very elegant youngster and lovely breed type who is a graceful profile mover. Needs to develop in rib and tighten in front action but he has time on his side. GD (3) 1. Jorjenjo Sakina Mar. Cream well pigmented with a pleasing head, good ribbing and length of loin, well muscled and has good rear angulation. A bit upright in front construction and his nails need attention. Movement needs to settle all round 2. Miskanda Trade Wind. A very attractive red with a lovely head and eyes, good length of neck, good rib and topline. In excellent coat but out of control on the move and very loose in front. 3. Sotazsu Northern Dancer. PGD (7.1) 1. Amal Hayati Ohdedar El Azizi Fuadi Of Ilsham (Imp) JW. A handsome fawn of lovely type and balance with a good head and expression, good top and underlines, legs and feet. Has a good depth of chest and is well ribbed with a strong loin. Good rear angulation to balance his front and is a nice easy mover.2. Fernlark Guiness On Tap For Bumpkiss. Grizzle who is up to size but has a very beautiful head and expression, good neck and topline, good legs and excellent feet. Has moderate rear angulation and nice low hocks. In good coat and condition and a sound mover. 3. Miskanda The Grey Gatsby. Grizzle of nice type with a good head and expression, good outline and fair movement. Feet and pasterns a bit soft which showed when she came towards. MLD (2) 1. Caryna Khepri A very elegant Bl/s with beautiful head and expression, very good neck and shoulders, legs with good bladed bone, a good depth of chest, strong loin and good rear quarters. A very nice true and free mover. 2. Charrioak Denebola. Heavier type of dog a bit broad in skull but with nice pigment. Has good feet but was soft in pasterns today and not moving as well as the winner particularly in front,. LD (7) 1. Bendegedig Bazinga. Grizzle/wh parti. A handsome male of good overall type. Holds his outline well standing and moving. Liked his good front, depth of chest, ribbing and strong loin. Has a strong rear with low hocks and a well defined width of thigh and second thigh which was where he scored when it came to the final decisions. He moved with great freedom and power in profile and I was pleased to award him the CC in strong competition. 2. Fernlark Paw Me Another With Bumpkiss. Another attractive parti who was a lovely light and accurate mover. Has good angulation both front and rear and a good top and underline. Was shown in good muscular condition. Preferred the head and neck of winner. 3. Alsahra Dakota. Another Grizzle/wh parti of nice type with a good head and eye. Liked his overall shape. He has moderate angulation both front and rear but his pasterns were a bit soft today and his coat could be finer. Moved well in profile. OD (6) 1. Int Ch. Swed. Fin. Dk Ch N.Ch Qirmizi Ovation. I have admired this dog from afar on many occasions. He is an elegant and beautiful dog who is light on the move while maintaining a flowing outline. He stands true in front with lovely bone and good feet, has a good depth of chest and tuck up to loin. Shown in excellent condition. RCC 2. Ch Caryna Curetes. Bl/Silver. Although would prefer a finer head, he has good eyes and ears, a nice fill in front, good bone, a good depth of chest and well sprung ribs. He moved very well which earned him his place. 3. Alsahra Aslan Bedu. Grizzle with a lovely head and eye. He is well balanced with good top and underlines and a nice light action in profile on the move. Preferred the front and coat condition of those above. VD (6.1) 1. Ch Baghdad Karim (Imp) Sh CM. Tri Dog of lovely type. Has a super head and expression, good neck and shoulders, good bone and feet and excellent depth and length of ribbing. Front movement could be better which could be said for most of the entry but looks very good in profile. In super coat and condition. BOS Vet.2. Ch Glenoak Jabari JW ShCM. Loved his head and expression, has a good neck and topline, good depth of chest and fill in front. Is moderately angulated front and rear and a nice steady mover. 3. Classicus Czardas ShCM. A bigger boy but nicely balanced and moving well going round the ring. A bit heavy in condition today. SpVD (3.1) 1. Ch Caryna Zazma A very elegant dog with a lovely head, good legs and feet and with curves in the right places. A nice easy mover in profile, picks up a bit in front but in excellent coat and condition for his age. 2. Cottonore Enigma. An eleven year old with a lovely head. Heavier in bone than one but with a good depth of chest and moderate angulation. Moved OK but reluctant to go far. MPB (1) 1. Canerikie Catalina. Cream litter sister to the MPDs and by far the best of the four. Has a beautiful head with dark pigment, super neck and shoulders, excellent depth

for her age and with good topline and rear angulation. A sound and free mover. She should have a promising future. PB (3) 1. Glenoak Lunah from Caryna. Bl/Tan with a beautiful head eyes and expression, very good outline and body. Has well filled front with good feet and pasterns, a good depth and spring of rib, good strong loin and well angulated rear. Moved well out and back and covered the ground with ease. BPIS. 2. Glenoak Leilah. Litter sister to winner and much of the same remarks apply. Not quite as advanced in maturity but has a lovely head, good outline and balanced angulation. Also moved with a light easy action.3. Canapus Ravindra Of Flytesfield. Bl fringe fawn with a head to die for. Has the beautiful eyes of the breed which gives such an appealing expression. Moderate in angulation with OK top and underlines for her age. Feet a bit small and needs more confidence in the ring. JB (4) 1. Classicus Britannia. Tri. With a lovely head and shapely outline. Liked her neck and shoulders, good legs and feet, good depth of chest, ribbing and strong loin. Has lovely quarters with good width of thigh and second thigh and low hocks. A super mover in good coat and condition. 2. Glenoak Leilah. 3. Bendegedig Tovah. Not so keen on her head but she has a fair front, good depth of chest, good rear quarters with low hocks and good feet. Not going as well in front as the winner and tends to run off in topline. YB (4.1) 1. Classicus Britannia. 2. Al Zubeyda Lena At Kasaque (Imp) JW. Most attractive young bitch of good breed type with a lovely head and dark pigment. Has nicely balanced angulation, a well developed body with good ribs, loin and rear quarters. Not quite as true in front as winner today. 3. Barleymoon Ankaa. A very pretty youngster with a beautiful head and eye. Good top and underlines and well muscled quarters. Would like better angulation of forequarters. Front movement needs to improve. NB(1) 1. Hada Hadiyya At Djiibaajah. Very sweet Bl fringed fawn with an excellent eye and expression. Nice body and quarters. Moved steadily and was sound going away but winging in front. PGB (7.1) 1. Canapus Vesper At Savuka (Imp). Bl/silver with a good head neck and shoulders, good deep brisket and nice fill in front, good topline and strong loin. Would prefer a tad more bend of stifle and her feet could be longer but she moved well front and rear and was free and covered the ground easily in profile. 2. Charrioak Astra Leonis Of Kaleonis Of Kalegany. A lovely red/wh, finer than one with a good head, nice length of neck, good forequarters, depth of chest and neat tuck up. Has a good topline with rise over the loin. Could have better width of second thigh. A nice free mover and sound out and back.3. Iftikar Wistoyo Indu Ra'Ra (Imp). Red Parti with a lovely body and outline. Head OK but could have stronger underjaw. Nicely balanced so moved quite well. Shown in good condition. MLB (3) 1. Hisilom's Leonore Mish Cranstal (Imp) Bl/silver. A very attractive elegant bitch with a beautiful head, eye and ear. Liked her clean lines with good neck, front with fine bladed bone and good feet. Has a good depth of chest, good topline and quarters. A nice free moving bitch true out and back and with a super coat gleaming with condition.2. Gorewater Aliq Sahara Of Indira. Nicely constructed red with a good head, neck and forequarters. Has a good deep chest and moderate rear to balance her front. A nice easy mover. 3. Chisobee Lady Bianca Glencathra. Tri with a nice head and expression, good legs and feet. Has not the depth of chest or ribbing of the two above her. Moved quite well. LB (7.1) 1. Canapus Victoria (Imp) This bitch took my breath away when she appeared in the ring. She so reminded me of the salukis I have admired in the past and was so like my Ch. Mabrooka Beth Shan in colour and type. She has a lovely head with super eyes and soft expression, lovely length of neck and well laid shoulders. Her front was well filled and elbows well set. She has a good depth of chest and is well ribbed back, has a correct rise over the loin and good rear angles to balance her front. She simply flowed round the ring exhibiting correct lift and drive and maintaining her lovely outline. For me she ticked all the boxes and I was pleased to award her the CC and BIS today. 2. Noushzad Caliana At Jorjenjo (Imp) Grizzle/wh parti with a nice lean head, good neck, topline and quarters. Has a good front and feet, just a touch long in loin. Covered the ground well in profile and moved truly out and back. 3. Velourias Agent Velvet Glencathra.Bl Fr Red. I preferred her head and eye to the second but she was not as accurate a mover in front. Has good rear quarters and very nice profile movement. **OB** (8) 1. Swed Ch. Se Ch. Qirmizi Pashmina. A very elegant and feminine Bl/tan with a beautiful head. Has a true front with good legs and feet, good rear quarters with low hocks. Could be deeper in rib. A lovely free and easy mover with a lovely fine coat and shown in first class condition. 2. Noushzad Claudia-Classicus (Imp) JW ShCM. Have previously admired this bitch who has a lovely head, good neck and shoulders, a balanced outline, good depth of chest, very good width to her quarters and low hocks. She moved well but tended to dip behind the shoulders today. Have seen her look better. 3. Al Caliphs Artemis. Very feminine and looked lovely standing. Has a pretty head, excellent pigmentation, good topline and depth of chest. Balanced in angulation and sound moving out and back. Disappointed in profile movement and sure she should go better when on the move round the ring. **VB** (4) 1. Ch Caryna Meilichia ShCM. A beautiful bitch of the breed. Lovely type and with a super head, has curves in all the right places and at 9 ½ was fit and gleaming with condition. She moved really well, was true out and back and light and lifting in profile. RCCand BV. 2. Eng & Am Ch Sundara's Ayla Op De Sabbia (Imp) The youngest in this class and of very nice quality. Has a good head, shapely body and balanced angulation. Moved well. 3. Charrioak Nunki. A very sweet bitch, a bit light in eye and construction a bit narrow all through. Looked well in profile and was a steady mover. **SpVB** (1) 1. Ch Al Caliphs Nuray. A very pretty elegant bitch of 11 years. She is lovely breed type and has kept her outline well. She is now showing her age in her movement which was a bit close both front and rear but her quality still shines through. **Progeny** 1. Eng .Am Ch Sundara's Ayla Op De Sabbia (Imp). **Brace** (5) 1. Owen. 2. Garratt. 3 Harrison

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