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Its Back ! Welcome to the first of our new-look newsletters

These will be issued quarterly to bring you news of shows, both championship and open, as well as any events, reports and updates on the clubs plans.

2023 strategy

It was announced at the AGM 2023 that the British Bolognese Club would be undertaking a strategic review. It has been apparent over the last few years that, due to changing trends and the COVID pandemic, dog showing has faced a decline. Our little breed is no different and following

the flourish of breeding which took place in 2020 and 2021, 2022 saw us with record low numbers of dogs being registered with the Kennel Club.

The British Bolognese Club as the Kennel Club's official club for Bolognese have pledged to take steps to try

to turn around this trend and make our beloved breed sought after once more.

The committee, which is now eight strong, is meeting on 19th April to begin discussions. There will hopefully be more exciting announcements coming soon.

Special points of interest:

- STRATEGIC REVIEW
- COMMITTEE MEETING
- ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COME
- BBC SHIELD

Launch of the BBC Shield - Dog of the Year

It has been the desire for some years of our chairman, Liz Stannard, to launch an annual competition for members to win this prestigious award. This will be awarded each year at the Spring club show to the dog which has attained most points from Championship, open Toy shows and open shows with breed classes in the previous calendar year.



RULES

This competition is open to all fully paid up members at the beginning of the calendar year. Anyone wishing to join in our inaugural year can do so by contacting the secretary or treasurer.

Championship shows

3 points for BOB

2 points for BOS

1 point for each of RBD & RBB

Open shows

2 points for BOB

Group places

Group places at both championship and open shows carry the same points allocation

Group 1 - 4 points

Group 2 - 3 points

Group 3 - 2 points

Group 4 - 1 point

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THE
CHAMPIONSHIP
SHOW NEWS

First Quarter Show news

The first quarter of the year historically has only had three championship shows. The first two, Boston District Canine Society (BDCS) and Manchester, are both qualifying shows for Crufts. There is also one other show after Crufts, UK Toy Dog.

It was announced earlier in the year that East of England Agricultural Society would be closing after the 2023 show due to no longer meeting its charitable objectives as an agricultural show.

After discussion between both societies it was

agreed that BDCS would take the July date of East of England.

This is going to be interesting in 2024 as it leaves only Manchester as a qualifying show for Crufts.

It looks like it might be a very busy show!

Boston and District Canine Society Inside Story Headline

This is always a lovely show and Bolognese were given their classes back a couple of years ago after languishing in AVNSC for a good few years. This is always a special show for me as it was the first show I attended with my first Bolognese back in 2014 in AVNSC.

This year we were lucky enough to have a breed specialist in Carol Lees.

Carol has owned Bolognese for many years having exhibited, bred and imported in the past. Sadly she is no longer an active exhibitor but still maintains a healthy interest in the breed.

As would be expected she was very thorough with the dogs and very gentle and kind with the three new six month old puppies at their very first show.

She found her main winners below :

BOB - Enjanicka Evening Emerald

BOS - Lyckalotte Enzo Ferrari at Arkadian

BP - Tumbril Toykorose



Winner of BOS

Manchester Championship show

The final qualifier for Crufts 2023. Fortunately there were no dogs left in our breed who hadn't already qualified for Crufts so no one left disappointed.

The entry was good for Manchester which in part was probably due to our judge, Frank Kane. Unfortunately he decided to withdraw due to illness on the morning of the shows having struggled through the previous day.

This left exhibitors with a last minute change to Mark Cocozza.

As always Mark was kind to the dogs and very patient with the raw puppies. Mark has judged us several times before and knows how to look for the finer points of the breed.

His main winners were

BOB - Enjanicka Toscana Mio Caro

BOS - Kobanyai Pelyhes Odin with Devonia (Imp Hun)

BP - Tumbril Tokyorose

Mark Cocozzo was originally due to judge the Bolognese at Three Counties Championship show in June but this has since been changed to Tim Ball. Again he is no stranger to Bolognese so a good replacement.

CRUFTS

As ever Crufts came with much anticipation from all the competitors. This year saw the return of a couple of our European exhibitors as well as a few visitors. It felt like the first normal Crufts for a good few years.

Our Judge Irene McManus has judged Bolognese but not for some times as I have never been judged by her

She found her principle winners as follows

BOB Donoceilo Cassia

BOS Ch Merlin Van Het Balgzand

BP - Tumbril Tokyorose

This was a lovely win for Cassia's owners Dennis and Carol Mulligan as she was also bred by them.



Crufts 2023 exhibitors

United Kingdom Toy Dog Society

This show also hosts our own Spring Club show so is usually well attended. This year was no exception. Our judge was Rodney Oldham, another judge I haven't been under before but I believe he has judged our breed on previous occasions.

Again we were rewarded with a judge who knew the finer points of the breed and was very caring.

He found his winners as follows :

BOB - Stuart Little Prince George's of The Black Orchid

BOS - Tumbril That's the Ticket

BP - Tumbril Toruk

BSB - Tumbril Topsecret

It is very heartwarming to see that every championship show this quarter has been won by a different dog. This is very good news for competition and hopefully entry numbers.



Winners of BOB, BOS & BP

British Bolognese Spring Club show

We were lucky to have a great supporter of Bolognese as our judge. Derfel Owen has been a regular around the Bolognese ring and indeed has stewarded for the Club Shows in the past.

He had a good entry, most being the same dogs as UK Toy.

However he had his own thoughts and there was

a completely different set of winners :

BOB - Donoceilo Michaelangelo

BOS - Enjanicka Toscana Mio Caro

BP - Tumbril Tokyorose



Dog show fun

AGM

The first Club Show of the year was able to host the AGM. This was great news as whilst Zoom calls are acceptable it was nice to have everyone in the room. Well done to Liz and Adele for their delivery of the agenda despite the pugs being judged in the adjacent ring!

We were lucky to gain a

new committee member in Jennie Hegarty and I was elected treasurer, taking over from Adele who has been managing both this and secretary for a some time.

It was also agreed that the breed standard would be reviewed and any changes required

after members agreement be forwarded to the Kennel Club for amendment.

This process could take up to two years but we will keep members updated on progress.

And Finally.....

This is your newsletter and we want to bring you news and updates. We will do as many show reports as possible which will include all principle winners - BOB, BOS & BP. These will include photos where possible so please let us know if you do not want any photograph of yourself and dogs included.

Hopefully there will be someone at most shows to take these.

The show reports will be kept brief to ensure space for other news and event updates

If anyone has an event or anything of interest please let us know and it can be included

The British Bolognese Club was founded in 1994 and affiliated to the Kennel Club in 1996. It is the only official Bolognese club in the UK . We are a friendly group of people with a fond love for this adorable breed. We hold regular club shows and welcome new members with an interest in the Bolognese. We have a wealth of experience within our membership and they are always happy to advise anyone thinking about owning a Bolognese.

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