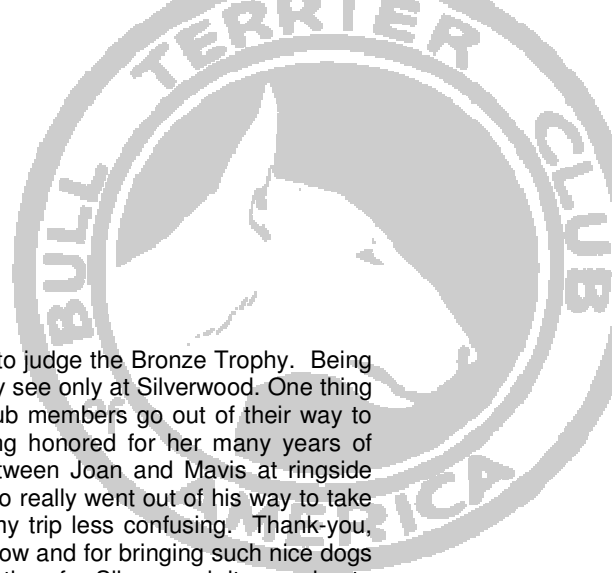


Bronze Trophy
Bull Terrier Fanciers Association
Judge: Scott Ibbitson
May 5, 2012



I would like to thank the Bull Terrier Fanciers Association for inviting me to judge the Bronze Trophy. Being north of the border is always a special treat, seeing friends I might usually see only at Silverwood. One thing is for sure when you travel north is that everyone is friendly and the club members go out of their way to make you feel welcome. It was very nice to see Joan Davidson being honored for her many years of dedication to the breed and the BTFA. It felt like old times sitting between Joan and Mavis at ringside discussing dogdom. I have to especially acknowledge Gord Williams who really went out of his way to take special care of me, attending to my travel arrangements, and making my trip less confusing. Thank-you, Gord! I also want to say thank-you to the exhibitors for supporting the show and for bringing such nice dogs to go over. With the rules being slightly different for judging the bronze than for Silverwood, it was nice to see that my co-judge Chris Kilpatrick and I were in complete agreement on our top award selections. A special treat was observing so many well-behaved dogs with sweet dispositions. Bravo!

BRONZE TROPHY WINNER

Jones and Knockaert's **CH YOECKYDOES GAMIN** (Alecto Kool Barracuda of Kilacabar ex Laureolas Up To You) This white dog with brindle markings catches your eye immediately upon entering the ring. A super-typey, masculine dog possessing a superb head. Broad top skull that tapers evenly down to the muzzle. Good roman finish. A well-filled head with bone to spare. Small triangular eyes yielding great expression. Mouth is incorrect but does have a strong underjaw. Head sits on top of a strongly built front end. Proper length of neck fits into a thick, but not coarse, chest and shoulder. Gun barrel front. Super topline with just a hint of rise over the loin. Great spring of rib with lots of body volume. This dog has incredible bone and substance both fore and aft. Nice strong cat feet. Moved well both coming and going and shows like a bomb. He has a ring presence about him that makes you want to look at him from every angle. All bull terrier in this package and he lets you know it.

CHADWELL RESERVE TROPHY, THUNDERALLY BEST OF OPPOSITE VARIETY and BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

Bassakyros and Bozian's **CH BULLAYR PIECE OF MY HEART AT BULDOR** (Emred Huntsman ex CH Scarlet Moon The Joker) A red and white feminine bitch who also catches your eye as she enters the ring. Sweeping, turned head from the crown to the tip of the nose. Neatly-placed ears that point skyward. I would prefer a slightly smaller eye. Great length of muzzle with nice fill. Mouth is level with one canine slightly off. Good reach of neck into a decent shoulder and topline. Nice straight front with elbows neatly tucked. Good bone and substance for her size. Moved well both coming towards and going away. Nice angulation in the hind quarters. This girl was beautifully shown on the day and what a sweet disposition on her to boot! Her downfall on the day, which kept her from taking home the top prize, was being slightly out of top form and carrying an extra pound or two more than was needed.

Mages and Smith's **MAGOR MIGHTY MARAUDER** (Dajan Top Act with Action ex Magor Macy Gray) Nice brindle and white dog that has a power-packed head. Ears neatly on top and eyes are small, triangular and protected with lots of bone and fill. Mouth is correct. This head sits on a thick, strongly-built neck that could use a little more length to balance him. Gun barrel front and nice cat feet. Just enough bone for his size. Moved well on the day and was shown very nicely by his owner. **Colored dog finalist**

Weiss and Gray's **CH ZIRCON THUNDERALLY BOLD BAXTER** (CH Mighty Bulls Chap Chester ex Ultimate Joy's Special Zircon) A solid dark brindle dog with just a hint of white on his body. This dog's head is broad in the top skull and tapers down evenly into the muzzle. Small triangular eyes yield great expression. Gently turned head with just a hint of a brow. Good length of muzzle and a correct mouth. Could use a little more fill under the eye. Really nice bone and substance and he stands nice and square front on. Slightly out of balance for length of neck vs. length of back. Strong hindquarter that has nice angles. Moved well coming and going and a pleasure to go over. Shown to perfection on the day by his owner. **Colored dog finalist**

Hoare's **CH BILBOEN QUINQUI ZACCARY TYEBAR** (Marshelsea Horatio ex Holly Hock from Bilboen) A strapping brindle and white male that draws your attention to his substance and power. Large powerful head with ears right on top. Strong muzzle with lots of fill. Eyes are properly placed and set deeply. Mouth is not correct. A very heavy-boned dog both fore and aft, the most bone of any entry on the day. Super

spring of rib. I would like a shorter back and a better topline. Moved OK both ways. Slightly past his prime. A pleasure to have in the ring. **Colored dog finalist**

Morden's **IZIMBALI DEVIL'S THORN** (Emred Huntsman ex Topfuel Devils Paintbrush) An upstanding white dog with a very nice head. Good turn and fill and nice expression. Very nice roman finish. Mouth is just off. Stands squarely with elbows tucked. Not enough bone to support the frame. Good reach of neck into a nice top line. I would prefer a shorter back. Moved well both coming and going and was well presented. **White dog finalist**

Snyder, Fournier-Fike and Fike's **CABEN N PARADOX SWEET MUSE-IC** (CH Terjo's The Vital Spark ex Paradox Muse-ic To My Ears) A brindle and white bitch that has a nicely-turned head. Broad top skull that tapers gently into a packed and filled muzzle. I would like just a little more length of muzzle. Short, thick neck into an upright shoulder. I would prefer a shorter back. Nice cat feet and adequate bone for her size. Moved well both ways. In very good condition and shown nicely by her owner. **Colored bitch finalist**

Fike and Fournier-Fike's **CABEN MUSE-IC FOR THE SOUL** (CH Terjo's The Vital Spark ex Paradox Muse-ic To My Ears) A small, typey girl who exudes femininity. An evenly-turned head from the top of her head to the end of her nose. Good ear placement and nice piercing expression. Good fill under the eye. Mouth is correct. A little more reach of neck and a shorter back than her sister. Okay topline and mature spring of rib. Moved okay in front and a little close behind. Shown nicely by her handler. **White bitch finalist**

Uplinger and Radford's **CH MAYHEM HOT TO TROT** (CH Kilacabar Cuchulainn ex CH Mayhem Pipin' Hot) An upstanding girl with a beautifully-turned head. Perky ears that are right on top. Great expression and good length of muzzle. She could use a little more fill under the eye. Correct mouth and strong underjaw. Super reach of neck that flows nicely into the shoulder. Nice clean front with tucked elbows. I would like better feet. Nice bone for her size. Proper length of back for her height. Moved well coming towards and a little close behind. Shown well on the day. **White bitch finalist**

Whitmer and Thomas' **BRETAND BIG EASY** (Lamellar Love Me Do ex Brigadoon Luck Bee A Lady) A very attractive dalmation-type bitch with a pretty outline. Not as dramatic in turn of head as some other competitors. She has a gently-turned head with nice dark eyes that are very piercing. Good length of muzzle, but could use more fill under the eye. Nice front and cat feet. Adequate bone for size. Good reach of neck, but a little long in back. Okay top line. Moved well both ways, but better coming towards. Shown nicely by her owner. **White bitch finalist**

DANCING MASTER MOVEMENT AWARD:

Cosby, Farrell and Gray's **CH NEMESIS THUNDERALLY SUNY BEHR** (CH Mighty Bulls Chap Chester ex Nocturnal Track to Nemsis) A balanced, solid-brindle dog, with super nice bone and substance. Good cat feet. Stands four square. Gun barrel front with nicely tucked elbows. A short-backed dog who moves effortlessly with drive and authority. Nice angulation in the hindquarter. It is a shame that he does not have a little more head quality, because he would be super competitive in the right venue. His handler did a great job moving him to showcase all his qualities.