

Noel Boddy from ARRUNGA KENNELS



Aust Ch Arunga Aria

I first started showing dogs in the late 1940's early 1950's. At that time I was showing a Collie Rough whose name was Dallas Prince Glen. I remember walking to the 1950 Brisbane Royal with him which took about two hours and walking home again at the end of the day as was the custom in those days. We were entered in four classes won two and was placed in the others.

My interest in cockers was sparked by an unusual series of events in 1960. My secretary where I was working at that time was engaged to a vet student from the Queensland University. They had a cocker bitch that was in whelp who was willed to them by an elderly lady who had passed away with instructions that after the puppies were born she was to be put down. It was suggested to me that I might like one of the puppies so arrangements were made for me to go to the University to see the bitch.

When I arrived and saw her I could not bear the thought of this beautiful healthy dog being put down so I suggested that they let me take her home with me as the owner was dead and no one would know. After much haggling it was decided that if my wife was ok with it I could have her.

I rang my wife and told her and her exact words were "...if the dog comes here I go". So I got off the phone and told them she was agreeable to me taking her, a little white lie.

Driving home I was at a loss to know what sort of reception I would get but eventually my wife was won over by the bitch whose name was Lea.

My wife was also heavily pregnant at the time and we had a doctor's appointment that night so we took the dog with us in the car. She was terribly restless as we didn't realize that she was coming into labour (that's the dog we're talking about

not my wife).

Arriving home we put Lea to bed and low and behold the next morning we had six dogs in the house. Lea had had five puppies during the night .

We sold the puppies the biggest was three pounds the smaller two pounds. Lea was not registered at this time but the litter she came from was so after contacting the RASKC NSW she became registered.

After about two years we decided that it would be nice to have a litter of puppies but we didn't know where to go to find a stud dog. We looked in the Courier Mail and saw someone selling puppies and after a phone call we were put in touch with Mrs S M Edwards of Grovenor Kennels.

When we arrived to have Lea mated and looked at the sire, I said to my wife “..either we have a good one or they do” as they are nothing alike. It turned out that Lea was a very big missed marked golden.

A litter was eventually born consisting of five puppies and after some time Mrs Edwardsnrang to say that one of the puppies was being shown and had done a little bit of winning. So we went to a dog show and of course rekindled the show bug.

I purchased a golden bitch Puppy from Grovenor Kennels. Her name was *Grovenor Red Sily* or Candy as we called her. We did a lot of winning with Candy in Graduate Class her best win being Graduate in Show at the Northern Classis Kennel Club under Cam Millward of Victoria.

We then decided to buy a black bitch from Grovenor kennels. Her name was *Grosvenor Royal Scroll* she was the first cocker we titled. She was by *Ch Treetops Ewhurst Parchment* a daughter of a Broomleaf bitch owned by Duholn Kennels in Victoria.

I then purchased a Blue roan Dog from Julie Gotch. A son of Clarevale Outback his name was *CH Clarevale Blue Tweed* or Wally as he was known.

Wally had been the Reserve Challenge to *Brightleaf Bewinged* at the Sydney Royal under Percy Whitticker after having won a class of 26 Intermediate dogs. Miss Jackson of Franjac awarded him Best in Show at a Cocker Spaniel Club Qld Championship Show.

Wally produced a number of champions for me and others and was a great asset to the breed. Some of the first liver roans bred in Queensland were by Wally as his mother's sire was *Waymaster of Weirdene* whose mother was a liver roan.

In 1976 I imported a dog and bitch from Jean Smith of Sorbrook Kennels in the UK. The dog was *Ch Sorbrook Candle Glint* who did a lot of winning, two Best in Shows at Queensland Championship Specialties as well as Best in Group awards.

The bitch *Ch Sorbrook Spindrit* obtained her title in no time as at all her outings she was hardly ever beaten for Challenge. Mated together they produced 4 champions one which has a special place in my heart is *Ch Arrunga Aria*.

I remember at a show where Taffy Morris from New Zealand was judging. I had won Best of Breed with her out of about 40 odd cockers and when it came to the group specials I was at the top of the line.

He moved every dog in the group starting with the second in line so I thought well he did not think much of the Cockers. Then to my surprise he moved me last and gave me Best in Group. Later on I mentioned this to him and he said I was always his group winner, he was only looking for reserve.

Ch Sorbrook Candle Glint produced an outstanding dog *Ch Arrunga Attest* a Best in Show All Breeds and a Best in Show Specialty Show winner as well as other In Groups and In Show awards. He is also the sire of my first grand champion cocker Grand Champion Kesthin Black Ace.



Another good winner was *Aust Ch Arrunga Abrade* who was sired by *Aust Ch Arrunga Artisan* and was also a Specialty Best in Show winner, won Best of Breed at the Brisbane Royal and many other outstanding wins. He became the sire of many other champions.

We don't breed anymore and have two oldies as pets, one 12 years and the other 11 years all living at home.

Aust Ch Arrunga Abade



Aust Ch Arunga Attest



Aust Ch Arrunga Avid



Aust Ch Clarevale Blue Tweed

Aust Ch Sorbrook Candle Glint



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