

Ironbark Trophy Critique

It was a great pleasure to judge the 2022 Ironbark Trophy Competition with my co-judges Gary Newberry and Tony Williams. My thanks to the Committee of the Northern Districts Bull Terrier Club of NSW for the invitation to judge at this prestigious event. The venue for this year's event at the Holiday Park on Lake Macquarie was nothing short of spectacular, and one of the best I've encountered in over 40 years of dog showing. The weather was fabulous and the dogs and exhibitors were first rate. It was a weekend of great dogs, good food and drink, and wonderful camaraderie in our Bull Terrier community.

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BULL TERRIER

Best Dog, Ironbark Trophy – Wiseman's **BULROARUS MIGHT N POWER** (Bulroarus Bobby Dazzler x Bulroarus White Russian) A big powerful white dog, with black brindle ears, who really grabs and holds your attention. Commanding ring presence, he has an absolute first-rate head with the best of expressions made up of a well filled head with tiny eyes and beautifully set and carried ears. Outstanding bone and substance. He is well balanced with a moderately angulated front and rear, which he uses well. Showing himself to advantage at all times, he is difficult to look past. On the debit side, I could wish for just a bit more angulation front and rear along with being just a little tighter knit. Very minor criticisms of an otherwise very high-quality dog and a worthy winner of the Ironbark Trophy.

Reserve Best Dog, Reserve Ironbark Trophy – Wiseman's **BULROARUS BODACIOUS BAZZA** (Rocky Top's Sundance Kid x Briminie Missmuck) Strikingly handsome red and white dog. Very masculine and well-balanced dog. Good neck and shoulder, could use a longer upper arm. Topline is short and strong, and well carried on the move. Head has very good strength and is of moderate length with very good fill. Ear set and expression are quite good, though aided a bit by his smut markings around his eyes. He was very well presented and really stood out in strong competition.

Best Bitch – Cross' **CH BULROARUS WHERE'S DULCIE** (Bullpatchy Geronimo x Bulroarus Wheres Wilma) Black brindle and white bitch. This bitch has lots of quality and is quite well balanced, good bone and substance for size. Head has extreme profile and is of good length, width and fill. Her front while good, I would like a bit more length in her upper arm. Topline is moderately short and is carried well on the move. Moved and showed well, a pleasure to award her Best Bitch. We were told after, that this win completed her requirements for ROM an award she certainly deserves in my opinion.

Reserve Best Bitch – Wiseman's **BULROARUS MAKYBE DIVA** (Bulroarus Bobby Dazzler x Bulroarus White Russian) White bitch with brindle ear mark. Powerful girl with an outstanding head and paralyzing expression. Head is nicely turned, of moderate length with very good fill. Eye is small and well placed. Slight mouth fault. Excellent bone and substance, good shoulder and quarters. A touch long in loin and her topline flexes a bit too much while moving. She is, none the less, of substantial

merit and I would love to see what she is capable of producing, she has a great deal of virtue to contribute to the gene pool.

BULL TERRIER MINIATURE

Best Bitch, Ironbark Trophy - Ruch's **SPEIREAD WIZZ FIZZ** (Old Spice Marso x Ch. Speiread Sherbert Bomb Tadoo) Super typey red and white bitch. Head is first rate with extreme profile, excellent length, fill and expression. Perfect scissors bite and canines. Body had very good bone and substance. Well balanced and nice outline. Moderately angulated both front and rear, one could wish for just a little more length and angulation in all leg bones. Her movement, while parallel fore and aft, is a little restricted in terms of reach and drive, she is otherwise and outstanding minibull in all respects.

Reserve Best Bitch, Reserve Ironbark Trophy – Ruch's **SPEIREAD DISTINGUISHED DIMPLE** (5100115002 x 5100109126) White bitch with brindle right ear mark. Again, a very typey compact bitch with very good bone and substance for size. Head is gently turned with adequate length and fill, and good expression. Her construction is very like the winner and exactly the same comments apply. Two very good bitches and a credit to their owners and breeders. I'd be happy to own either, which is the best compliment I can give.

Best Dog – Mortimer's **AELFHIERE DEVILS STORMBREAKER** (UK Ch. Dofro Stormbreaker Warbonnet x Aelfhere Dark Angel) Solid dark brindle boy, with tiny touches of white. Very masculine boy with excellent bone and substance. Lovely strong head with good power and fill, great depth. Good expression. Well angulated at both ends, he is short backed and balanced. Very good bone and substance with a happy, outgoing temperament. A credit to his breeder owners.

Reserve Best Dog – Campbell's **HELLOFABULL BORN MAGIC** (Hulia Charmer x Hulia Sugar Pie) White mini male. A really well-balanced dog. His head is thoroughly correct with nice length, width and and very good fill, all with a good mouth. Outstanding expression with very tiny eyes. His neck and shoulder are quite good, needs a bit more length in upper arm. Nicely angulated rear. Good bone and adequate substance, he was in super hard condition and very lean. Ideally, I would love to see him carrying another few pounds. A bit uncertain of himself at the beginning, he warmed throughout the day to his surroundings and was even more outgoing on Sunday. I was told after, that he is a Covid puppy and so didn't get the social exposure one could want. None the less, a dog of considerable virtue.