

Then at last, D-day. 1st December 2013.

A long year of waiting, the highlight for breeders from Denmark and abroad. Danish Border Fife Club's open show for Border and Fife Fancy 2013.

As usual the show took place at Korup Skole which with its bright room housed this popular exhibition. Again this year we managed to tempt a large number of breeders. In fact, 238 birds were enrolled. Of these 180 Fife and 58 Borders.

It did not call for any particular persuading ability to make Terry Kelly do the judging again this year. Last year's success had convinced him that DBFs show is and will be the world's friendliest special show for Border and Fife Fancy.

Terry said afterwards: The special cozy atmosphere combined with a dedicated hospitable audience makes the show a pleasure for any judge to judge and participate in.

The show started with the usual filing Friday evening and Saturday morning. Before the show the audience and judges enjoyed a breakfast of Danish rolls and coffee. At 0900 exactly the judging started. Due to the new neat setup with two shelves, created by the always creative and indispensable Per Larsen the assessment went quickly. Only disturbance at one time during the exhibition made many spectators lose concentration, this caused by numerous crows who had decided drumming on the roof with their peak. Perhaps encouraged by the cheerful song from the canaries in the hall below.

The only one who did not lose concentration was Judge Terry Kelly. Without missing a beat, he continued the reviews. Terry told me later that he had not even discovered the drumming crows, which indicates a concentrated effort.

Interrupted only by lunch and coffee break, we came early to the last review on best annual Fife Fancy. This was a thrilling battle between Baechler / Vadder and Maibritt & Henrik Holm. Only small margins secured after long probing victory to the very talented Germans. A true thriller.

The final result showed that Frank Darling still rules the Nordic Open for Border and Fife with very high quality of his Borders. Frank Darling grabbed both best flighted and unflighted Border and best Border. Very impressive indeed.

Baechler / Vadder won nicely with best flighted and unflighted and the show's best Fife.

At 1700, the facilities were cleaned up and all the guests had gone by. DBF would like to express a special thanks to the German guests who had been driving a long way to delight us with their attendance. Further, thanks to kitchen staff for an excellent job, and the many members who made this possible. Here also the two interpreters whose task were highly valued by all participants.

Last but not least thanks to Terry Kelly for a wholehearted and professional efforts. We'll surely all look forward to seeing him again in the future.

Next year's show, 2013 is the 7th December. Judge 2013 will be announced in the near future.