

North of England Welsh Springer Spaniel Club Championship Show

10 April 2016

I was scheduled to judge the Dog classes and stood in for Mrs Joy Hartley to judge the Bitches as well. I thank the exhibitors for their sportsmanship and wish Joy a speedy recovery. I thoroughly enjoyed my day and was delighted with my winners.

Puppy Dog (4, 1 abs)

- 1 Harrison's Glenbrows Picture Me Now
11 months and good to go over. Dark eyes with good pigmentation, good reach of neck with straight well boned front, good topline well angulated quarters. Deep rich red coat. Moved well. Best Puppy in Show
- 2 Sutherland's Jacranella Solo
Another of 11 months, looked well. Stronger in head than winner but not coarse by any means, well developed body with good width and depth of ribs, good coat colour and condition. Moved well.
- 3 Nielson's Benoveor Rumour Has It

Junior Dog (8)

- 1 Graham's Taimeres Twister Around Nyliram
The best mover in this strong class. Good head with dark eyes and kind expression, well boned through. Good length of rib and firm over the loins. Well-turned stifle. Presented in good coat.
- 2 Caldwell and McDowell's Bowdonia Only The Brave for Cerysan
Another good one also looking and moving well. Good head with straight front and good chest. Moderate stifle. In good condition. Presented to advantage.
- 3 Ellis' Shannara Total Eclipse

Yearling Dog (5,1)

- 1 Caldwell and McDowell's Bowdonia Only The Brave for Cerysan
- 2 Brown's Bowdonia Ozzie
Longer cast than the winner and will take a bit longer to come together. Good head with plenty of work, Well angulated quarters, in good coat and condition. Showed a very happy temperament, standing and moving.
- 3 Clarke's Tigerrock Ride Cowboy Ride

Veteran Dog (5,3)

- 1 Clarke's Jeavart Different Strokes by Tigerrock
Only just a veteran! Good head with balance and good length of foreface, good reach of neck, well balanced body of correct length, good turn of stifle. Such a happy disposition. His tail never stopped.
- 2 Thomas' Coed Berwyn Afon Fach

At 8, he still shows a lot of virtues, good head with dark eyes and well placed ears. Strong neck. Well angulated quarters. Moved easily. Just preferred the topline of the winner.

Maiden Dog (1)

- 1 Ellis' Shannara Total Eclipse
Third in the strong junior class. Well-presented showman, good head with plenty of stop and good length of muzzle. Good body properties, well angulated quarters. Another constantly wagging tail!

Graduate Dog (5,2)

- 1 Caldwell and McDowell's Bowdonia Only The Brave for Cerysan
- 2 Reynolds' Kamunting Cast Away to Benoveor

At 20 months is very nice throughout, good head, well laid shoulders, moderate stifles, moved easily. Should mature well.

- 3 Tew's Pamicks Believe You Can

Post Grad Dog (4,1)

- 1 Lemin's Bonvis Fire N Ice
Tall enough for me but so well balanced. Good head with plenty of work, good reach of neck leading to straight well-boned front, good length of body and depth of chest. Well angulated quarters with width across enabling him to move well, carrying his tail correctly.
- 2 Backhouse and Scougal's Ferndel Newsflash From Shannas
Good head with balance and good ear placement, strong neck of good length, longer cast than my winner. Moved well when he got into his stride. Probably needs a bigger ring to show his best.
- 3 Clarke's Tigerrock Bat out of Hell

Mid Limit Dog (3,1)

- 1 Harrison's Glenbrows Trademark
Looked well today. Good head with correct eye colour. Good clean neck of correct length, well laid shoulders, straight front legs with enough width. Neat well-shaped feet, good width and depth of ribs. Plenty of rear angulation. In good coat and presented to advantage.
- 2 Frost's Cochnaid's Cartier Topaz
Compact and well balanced. Strong neck of good length, well developed chest with good depth and width. Firm over the loins, well angulated quarters. Nothing over done here! Presented in good body and coat.

Limit (7,3)

- 1 Graham's Slapestone Newman at Lynfil
One I have liked before, good head with dark eyes, strong neck and well angulated shoulders, straight front legs on good tight feet, good length of body with well angulated quarters and correct tail set. Moved well to win this class.
- 2 Jackson's Slapestones Atlantic at Hawkroyd
Another with a good head and clean neck of good length, I liked his length of rib and shortness of couplings, good rear angulation. Moved freely showing a happy disposition.
- 3 Frost's Cochnaid Cartier Topaz

Open (7,1)

- 1 Graham's Furness Way from Minebea to Nyliram
Gave him the RCC as a youngster. Pleased to see that he has fulfilled his potential. Well-made dog and so good to go over. Good head with dark eyes and well placed ears. Strong clean neck of good length, well boned legs. Good layback of shoulder with well-developed ribs. Good width and depth of body. Plenty of rear angulation and good width over his quarters. Presented and shown to advantage. Pleased to award him the CC, his third and Best In Show.
- 2 Douglas' Sh Ch Ferndel Justin Time
Worthy Champion looking well today. Well shaped head with good stop and strong foreface, straight front, elbows well tucked in. Well boned legs and good feet. Well balanced body with hock well-let down. Moved well .Reserve CC in strong competition.
- 3 Cocking and Barnaby's Bushwacker Captain Courageous of Ruskinite

Special Beginners Dog (5,1)

- 1 Lemin's Bonvis Fire N Ice
- 2 Jackson's Slapestones Atlantic at Hawkroyd
- 3 Brown's Bowdonia Ozzie

Special Working Dog (3)

- 1 Barkley's Sh Ch Cherryheaths Mr Mischief
One that I have previously admired. Worthy Champion, Good head with typical welsh expression. Strong clean neck, well laid shoulders, well boned legs. Super body with good firm topline and correct tailset. Strong short couplings leading to well-developed quarters. Short form hock to foot enabling positive movement. Close up to top honours.
- 2 Thomas' Coed Berwyn Afon Fach
- 3 Burchmore and Hagger's Kidennoan New Season

Minor Puppy Bitch (2,1)

- 1 Bruce's Martinryall Great Hold
7 Months, nice overall make and shape. She has the right attitude and moved well although carrying her tail a little high. She will settle with time and with more experience. It will be interesting to see how she comes on.

Puppy Bitch (7,1)

- 1 Barkley's Cherryheaths Miss Velocity
Good head with dark eyes and gentle expression, straight front when stacked, good overall balance, with well angulated quarters. Correct topline. Moved well especially in profile.
- 2 Sutherland's Jacranella Sonata
Smaller type but again really well balanced. Feminine, correct head with dark eyes, straight front with good bone and tight feet, good length of rib, moved well for her age. Just needs the coat to finish.
- 3 Harris-Mayell's Fitzrovia Miss American Pie

Junior Bitch (7,1)

- 1 Thomas' Bowdonia Anastasia
Lovely 16 months, good head with soft expression and dark eyes, correct front and good feet, balanced body with good depth for her age. Strong quarters with good bend of stifle. Moved well. In good coat with rich red markings.
- 2 Dobbie's Rockypoint Princess
Another good one with lots to like. Feminine head with good balance. Good front with plenty of bone. Good length of ribs, correct topline with good tail set. Moved well.
- 3 Tolliday's Ferndel High Society to Bethersden

Yearling Bitch (6,2)

- 1 Graham's Nyliram Miss Joules
Won a good class here. Good head with dark eyes and good ear placement, straight front well ribbed and firm couplings, good turn of stifle, good width over her quarters. Well turned out and moved positively. Should go on to do well.
- 2 Thomas and Upton's Bowdonia Seraphina
Litter sister to the junior winner and similar comments apply here. I particularly liked her layback of shoulder and her round feet. Giving age away and not as positive on the move as the winner but it will be interesting to see how she develops. Should mature nicely.
- 3 Lemin's Bonvis Sweet Jasmine

Veteran Bitch (4,1)

- 1 Ritchie's Sh Ch Hillrobin Galaxy at Slapestones
All three here were a credit to their owners and the breed. This one is just my sort. At 10, still shows all of the qualities that you look for. Lovely head, greying now but still has dark eyes and a soft expression, well balanced head with good depth of muzzle, strong neck, well laid shoulders, beautifully balanced body with firm couplings and depth of chest. Good width over her quarters, moved precisely. Best Veteran.
- 2 Thomas' Sh Ch Bowdonia Sweet Dreams
Another worthy Champion looking well and defying the aging process. Good head with clean neck and good front. Good depth of body well angulated quarters which she used to move well round the ring.

- 3 Clarke's Tigerrock Eye of the Tiger

Maiden Bitch (2,1)

- 1 Caffrey and Dods' Slaughterstones Summer Tide at Balcraig
11 months puppy full of life and determined to test her handler's patience to the full!
Has a feminine head and good eye colour, balanced body with a good bend of stifle.
Needs to settle.

Novice Bitch (4,2)

- 1 Sutherland's Jacranella Symphony
Another promising 11 month puppy. Sister to 2nd in Puppy class and beginning to look the part. Good head with plenty of shape and soft expression. Clean neck and well boned straight forelegs. Well balanced body. Good bend of stifle, correct tail set, moved well.
- 2 Caffrey and Dods Slaughterstones Summer Tide at Balcraig

Graduate Bitch (7)

- 1 Thomas and Upton's Bowdonia Seraphina
- 2 Thomas' Bowdonia Anastasia
- 3 Caldwell's Bowdonia Bellissima For Cerysan

Post Graduate Bitch (9,2)

- 1 Ellis' Glenbrows Fascination with Shannara
Beautifully presented. Well balanced for her size. Lovley head with good stop and good ear placement. Clean neck of good length. Sloing shoulders with elbows tucked in, good depth of chest, well angulated quarters. Moved well especially in profile.
- 2 Millard's Ferndel Fairy Tale at Rubylea
Another good one, not the finish of the winner today but so well made. Refined clean outline with feminine head and soft expression. Good reach of neck. Well balanced body with firm short couplings and correct topline. Good bend of stifle.
- 3 Backhouse's Glenbrows Truth about Aindrea

Mid Limit (4,2)

- 1 Frost's Cochnaids Cartier Diamond
Well balanced and compact throughout. Good head with dark eyes, strong neck of good length, compact body with short couplings and good tail set. Moved away well showing a happy disposition.
- 2 Roland Shrubbs' Ypagneul Coco at Bichere
Different type, longer and leaner in head but still correctly balanced. Good body properties with good length of ribs. Well angulated quarters.

Limit Bitch (9, 2)

- 1 Schofield and Morgan's Ferndel Silhouette of Cwsscwm

Won this strong class on her overall quality. Good head with lots of work and well set ears. Straight front with enough width yet elbows are nicely tucked in. Good feet. Well balanced body with substance yet some style, good length of ribs. Well angulated quarters which enabled her to move so well. Reserve CC in good company.

2 Dobbie's Glenbrows Secret with Rockpoint

Another good one! Clean in outline and rich red in colour with well-shaped head and well placed ears, correct front, she moved well.

3 Lemin's Bonvis Fern

Open Bitch (6,1)

1 Ritchie's Slapstones Smooth

Looked the part today and won this quality class. Liked her overall balance and type. Good head with plenty of shape and dark eyes. Strong clean neck of good length, Well boned legs and correct feet, straight in front with well laid shoulders. Good overall length with firm topline and short couplings. Well angulated stifles with good width over her quarters. Well presented in good coat and condition. Moved well showing drive and extension. Pleased to award her the CC, her third. Well Done!

2 Thomas' Sh Ch Bowdonia Moment to Shine

Another worthy Champion looking well today. Well balanced head with plenty of shape and well set ears. Strong bone yet still feminine through. Good depth of body. Strong quarters with a good bend of stifle. Moved well.

3 Tully's Ned CH Bushwacker Gregorys Girl at Highclare

Special Beginners (7,1)

1 Lemin's Bonvis Fern

2 Roland Shrubbs' Ypagneul Coco at Bichere

3 Mole's Tammano Crawhall

Special Working (1)

1 Burchmore and Hagger's Bowdonia Bedazzled

Unplaced in Junior. Lovely head with feminine expression. Straight legs and neat feet. Good body properties. Just needs to fill out to look more finished. Moved freely and easily.

Jane Howarth

Judge