

North of England Welsh Springer Spaniel Club's Championship Show, April 9th 2017

Spaniel (Welsh Springer) – bitches

First I have to extend my sincerest thanks to the Club and the committee for inviting me & affording me with the most welcoming Northern hospitality. Janet Jackson, Jane & David Howarth & the rest of the hard working team's efforts were really appreciated by myself & my partner. Colin Woodward, the most able & humorous steward & long time friend made the ring run smoothly. Our lunch was most delicious – thank you to you all the "chefs"! And to Thelma Ritchie, my co-judge, and Elizabeth Southgate, referee, always nice to share your delightful company!

Most importantly, I must thank all of you exhibitors, presenting your lovely Welsh Springers for me – and showing such sportmanship accounting for a lovely atmosphere throughout the day.

Welsh Springer Spaniels has played such an important part in my life and in my breeding, in former years under the Inu-goya prefix, and latterly with Westaway. It is a breed with ups & downs when it comes to quality, but there have always been good ones around, specimens capable of taking top honours in variety competition, and it is always good to see the breed in it's country of origin. Long may that continue. Our own breeding have been solidly based on UK stock and we are most grateful that you have shared your hard work with us.

Minor Puppy Bitch 4 (3)

1 Harrison's Glenbrows Hearts Desire - BPIB

Beautiful puppy, feminine head & expression, lovely neck into shoulders & good return of upper arm, maturing nicely in body, good bend of stifle, excellent movements, super coat.

2 Tyler & Shiel's Highclaire Made of Honour at Eiriandylis

Puppy built on flowing lines, feminine & well shaped head, excellent neck & shoulder placement, super body & bone, moves really well though a little narrow in hind action, beautiful coat.

3 Hodgson's Fitzrovia Fire And Ice

Puppy Bitch 4 (3)

1 Glenbrows Hearts Desire

2 Jones' Julita Rumours at Trosley

Very sweet girl with a beautiful head & expression, excellent neck & shoulders, good body, strong backend, beautiful coat, would like better drive on the move, well presented.

3 Senior & Bell's Jonsen Neveah

Junior Bitch 5 (4)

1 Woodward's Sarabande Billie Jean at Hinxwood (ai)

Lovely, well presented bitch with a beautiful head, excellent front construction, good body, super back end and movements, lovely coat.

2 Tew's Pamicks Field of Dreams

All through a beautiful bitch with an exquisite head and dark eyes, super front, excellent body, super hind quarters, dipping slightly in topline, well presented.

3 Dyer's Benton Small Talk among Tylwyth (imp Fin)

Yearling Bitch 8 (8)

1 Sarabande Billie Jean at Hinxwood (ai)

2 Pamicks Field of Dreams

3 Dods & Caffrey's Slapestones Summer Tide at Balcraig

Veteran Bitch 9 (8)

1 Harrison's Sh Ch Glenbrows Tribute to Weslave JW – Bvet

What a lovely bitch, so nicely presented & of the highest quality & breed type, super neck, well placed shoulders, excels in body & bone, still shows typical & poserful movements, beautiful coat.

2 Caffrey & Dods' Sh Ch Gellyburn Damsely JW SH CM

Beautiful bitch, so much to like about her, also she excels in body, excellent topline, strong backend, shown in tip top condition.

3 Thomas' Sh Ch Bowdonia Sweet Dreams JW

Maiden Bitch 2 (2)

1 Sarabande Billie Jean at Hinxwood (ai)

2 Jonsen Neveah

Sweet bitch with lots going for her, lovely head, a tad reluctant in showing, beautiful coat, needs to gain some more confidence.

Novice Bitch 2 (2)

1 Sarabande Billie Jean at Hinxwood (ai)

2 Jonsen Neveah

Graduate Bitch 4 (3)

1 Pamicks Field of Dreams

2 Slapestones Summer Tide at Balcraig

Beautiful bitch with a feminine & nicely moulded head, good neck & shoulders, not quite finished in body, strong back end, a fraction long in loin, correct movements, excellent coat.

3 Sutherland's Jacranella Serenade

Post Graduate Bitch 6 (5)

1 Tolladay's Ferndel High Society to Bethersden

Lovely bitch with a feminine head, a fraction narrow in muzzle, all over a beautiful outline, excellent body properties, strong topline & backend with good turn of stifle, moves with drive, well presented.

2 Lemin's Bonvis Sweet Jasmine

Beautiful bitch, lovely head & expression, excellent neck & shoulders, strong topline, nice coat, correct movements.

3 Sutherland's Jacranella Symphony

Mid Limit Bitch 5 (5)

1 Harrison's Glenbrows Memoir – RCC/RBIS

Super bitch, teeming with quality where every part just flows into the other, lovely head, super neck into well placed shoulders, excellent body, super topline, , lovely backend, strong bone, coat in tip top condition, top class movements.

2 Tain's Taimere's Two Step

Another stunning bitch out of the top drawer, super head, excellent forechest, good body, strong topline, powerful backend, well off for bone, typical & merry on the move.

3 Frost's Bushwacker Something about Mary

Limit Bitch 10 (8)

1 Ellis' Glenbrows Fascination with Shannara

Lovely bitch, oozes quality, exquisite head & expression, super neck & shoulders, correct topline, excellent bone & movements, first class coat condition.

2 Graham's Nyliram Miss Joules JW

Different type, nonetheless top quality, feminine head, eyes need to darken, excellent neck into well placed shoulders, good topline, lovely coat, moves out really well when she settles down.

3 Lemin's Bonvis Fern

Open Bitch 9 (8)

1 Thirlwell's Sh Ch Ferndel Folly – CC, BOB/BIS

Really high quality exhibit with super shape & breed type, lovely head with a melting & endearing expression, could look at it all day, strong topline, excels in front construction which has to be rewarded, excellent hind quarters, lovely bone, not in full coat but she has nothing to hide, outmoves her competition, absolutely breathtaking Welsh Springer excelling in shape & proportions, they don't come much better than this.

2 Tain's Sh Ch Taimere's Takes the Biscuit

Another super bitch with a feminine well moulded head, excellent neck & correct shoulder placement, super topline & a strong backend, lovely movements showing reach & drive & merry tail action, her lovely coat presented to a T.

3 Schofield & Morgan's Sh Ch Ferndel Silhouette of Cwsscwn JW

Special Beginners Bitch 3 (2)

1 Bonvis Fern

Lovely bitch with a nicely moulded head, excellent neck & shoulders, good body, strong bone, excellent coat & movements.

2 Yacoub's Bushwacker Perfect Storm for Laithmoor

Lovely bitch with lots to like, strongly made, , well shaped head, good neck & shoulders, well made body, beautiful coat, would like more animation on the move.

Special Working Bitch 0

Progeny 1 (1)

1 Sh Ch Bowdonia Sweet Dreams JW

Presenting a lovely group of highly typical Welsh Springers, heads a little strong, beautiful coat, excellent movements.

Frank W Bjerklund