

North of England Welsh Springer Spaniel Club Championship Show 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

It was a pleasure and honour to judge at the North of England Welsh Springer Spaniel Club show. I would like to thank the committee and members for inviting me to judge and for the very warm northern welcome and hospitality. Thank you to my stewards who worked hard and kept everything running smoothly. My thanks also to the exhibitors for bringing their lovely dogs for me to go over.

In agreement with my co-judge Mrs Suzanne Backhouse BIS was awarded to the dog Graham's SH CH TAIMERE'S TWISTER ROUND NYLIRAM JW SHCM as we felt that he had slightly better front angulation and more drive on the move than the bitch Glenbrows Memoir, who gained her title on the day and was awarded RBIS. & BOS. BP was Worth's SARABANDE DANCE TO THE RHYTHM(AI) who was more settled in the challenge than her brother. BVIS went to Clarke's JEA VART DIFFERENT STROKES BY TIGERROCK JW.

Whilst trimming did not affect the placings ears trimmed to remove all feathering no longer give the soft spaniel look instead they resemble the ears of a Beagle. The standard at one time stated 'covered with setter-like feathering'. A little feathering does give a softer look.

MPD (1)

Douglas' BONVIS CADFAEL TO SANTALLINA Just 6 months old, good straight front and enough bone for age. Nice square muzzle, balanced head, good depth of rib and well coupled. Moved okay.

PD (2)

- 1 Worth's SARABANDE LORD OF THE DANCE(AI) Mature young male of lovely type. Nice head and eye, good length of neck, strong body. Well balanced with good angulations and bone. Moved well here but just lost out in challenge for BP to his sister as he was unsettled.
- 2 Douglas' BONVIS CADFAEL TO SANTALLINA

JD (9)

A good class of dogs which meant close decisions.

- 1 Oliver's GLENBROWS ROYAL DRAGON. Good head with kind eye, well boned legs with good feet. Well sprung deep ribs, good bend of stifle and good quarters. Moved well, a nice youngster.
- 2 Graham & Hogstrom's DON'S STATEMENT TO NYLIRAM(Imp Swe) Lovely outline with super topline. Nice masculine head, good bone and feet and deep well sprung ribs. Compact with good quarters.
- 3 Morgan & Schofield's CWWSCWN WHO KNEW

YD 1 ABSENT

VD (5.2)

- 1 Clarke's JEAVART DIFFERENT STROKES BY TIGERROCK JW
- 2 10 years old and he doesn't look it. Lovely head with kind eye, long neck into good shoulders. Well boned legs, good body, quarters and topline. Nice bend of stifle. Moved well & shown in good condition. BVIS
- 3 Thomas' COED Y BERWYN AFON FACH 10 years old. Compact, nice head with a kind expression. Good topline, deep well sprung ribs good bend of stifle. Not enjoying his day today.

Maiden D (4)

- 1 Worth's SARABANDE LORD OF THE DANCE (AI)
- 2 Morgan & Schofield's CWWSCWN WHO KNEW. Beautiful head and eye, well boned legs and nice round feet. Good ribs, topline and tail-set. Compact body, nice width of second thigh. Only just turned 12 months and still at the legs stage. Could have a little more reach on the move.
- 3 Douglas' BONVIS CADFAEL TO SANTALLINA

Novice D (5.1)

- 1 Morgan & Schofield's CWWSCWN WHO KNEW
- 2 Stevenson's ISFRYN KING LEIR AT BLYTHWAY. Lovely young dog who is so balanced. Good masculine head with strong jaw and nice eye. Enough neck, strong well boned legs and nice round feet. Good deep brisket and spring of ribs, compact body strong quarters with good second thigh. Nice angulation. He tends to be stacked with his hind legs incorrectly placed and this gives him an incorrect topline. Hope he grows on a tiny bit more.
- 4 Perkin's BRENT PART TIME LOVER

Graduate D (3)

- One and two could easily change places another day as little between them.
- 1 Bennet's HELGEN ROMEO THE LOVER. Nice type of dog, attractive balanced head with kind eye. Strong neck of good length, well boned legs and nice feet. Ribs well sprung, angulation and quarters good. Moved well. Handler could get more out of him especially standing.
  - 2 Smith's ISFRYN PEEPING TOM. Nice masculine head with good eye and ear placement. Long clean neck, good shoulders and front angulation. Well boned legs and good round feet. Deep compact body, good bend of stifle and second thighs. Lost out slightly on topline.
  - 3 Green's EURION JASPER

PGD (10)

- 1 Worth's SARABANDE MAN IN THE MIRROR(AI). This dog has come on a lot since I last judged him. Nice head with good eye and nice shaped ear. Good topline and tail-set, strong compact body with good depth. Nicely angulated and moved with drive.
- 2 Yacoub's LAITHMOOR'S MAREK. Compact well balanced dog of good type. Lovely head with good proportions and a kind mischievous eye. Strong body with good depth and spring of rib, short coupled, good bend of stifle and ample bone. Topline and tail-set good. Moved well.
- 3 Luckett-Roynon's SOLVA CAPTAIN VERE

MLD (7.1)

- 1 Riley's FERNDEL PEANUT BUTTER. Well balanced outline, good head and eye, deep square muzzle, good length of neck. Good topline, well ribbed strong body with good angulation. Straight well boned legs and good feet. Moved with enthusiasm, confident young dog.
- 2 Caldwell & McDowell's BOWDONIA ONLY THE BRAVE FOR CERYSAN. Attractive head with nice eyes and good depth of muzzle. Good body with deep well sprung ribs, well off for bone. Just lost out to 1 slightly on the move.
- 3 Luckett-Roynon's SOLVA CAPTAIN VERE

LD (5)

- 1 Brown's BOWDONIA OZZIE. A good honest welshie! Super outline, balanced and with a good spaniel head, skull to muzzle balanced nicely and good shaped eye. Well boned legs, good forehead angulation, depth of brisket and well sprung ribs. Topline showed the correct slight rise over the loin and correct tail-set. Good quarters which he used very well on the move. Not flashy but a nice boy who has come on well and will still improve with maturity. RCC.
- 2 Sutherland's JACRANELLA SOLO. Very close decision. Lovely young dog, compact with good strong well ribbed body, plenty of bone and nice bend of stifle. Attractive head and good length of neck. A very smart dog who moved well. Just lost out slightly on topline to 1.
- 3 Thirlwell's FERNDEL GLENFIDDICH

OD (5.1)

- 1 Graham's SH CH TAIMERE'S TWISTER ROUND NYLIRAM JW SHCM.  
This dog has matured so well! He has a beautiful head with plenty of chiselling, a soft expression and strength without coarseness. His balance is correct; he has the correct topline and tailset as defined in the standard, well developed body and good strong quarters. He moves beautifully, pleased to award him the CC and with my co-judge BIS.
- 2 Philipson's SH CH MENSTONIA MARKSMAN A favourite of mine but today he did not appear settled. He has a lovely head with plenty of work in it, good neck compact body with good depth of brisket. Good topline and tailset and quarters. He is a worthy champion.
- 3 Douglas' SH CH FERDEL JUST IN TIME

SBD (4.1)

- 1 Yacoub's LAITHMOOR'S MAREK
- 2 Le Maitre's VANNELMEAD GELERT. Mature for age, masculine head of good proportions, strong neck of good length, well boned legs and good angulation. Deep well sprung ribs, nice bend of stifle, he tended to roach his back. He was full of himself and giving his handler a hard time.
- 3 Bennett's HELGEN ROMEO THE LOVER

SWD (2)

- 1 Smith's ISFRYN PEEPING TOM
- 2 Thomas' GLENBROWS FIRE STARTER. Good type of dog with attractive well balanced head, strong deep ribs, good bend of stifle, he was not enjoying himself in the ring today.

GCD (5.1)

- 1 Barkley's SH CH CHERRYHEATH'S MR MISCHIEF JW SHCM. A lovely boy with lots to like about him. Beautiful head with plenty of chiselling, masculine without any coarseness and lovely spaniel eyes with a melting expression. Good neck, well boned legs good depth and spring of ribs correct topline with rise over the loin and good quarters. Moved like a train.
- 2 Clarke's TIGERROCK TWO UNLIMITED JW SHCM. Another lovely boy with good head and eye, long neck into good shoulders. Good return of upper arm, well boned and good spring of ribs. Compact body and good bend of stifle. His topline when standing was sloping down over the croup due to being stacked with his back legs incorrectly placed. Moved well.
- 3 Bennett's HELGEN ROMEO THE LOVER

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