

Welsh Kennel Club Sunday 23rd August 2009

I would like to thank my stewards for helping the ring to run so smoothly. I would also like to thank the exhibitors for such a quality entry, on my first time awarding CCs. I thoroughly enjoyed the judging and I was very pleased with both my line ups.

Overall I feel that there was a greater depth of quality in the bitches, where I would have happily awarded a number of bitches green cards. In the Open bitch class I was spoilt for choice with 4 bitches of such sheer quality. This was less evident in the dogs, although the Limit dog was a particularly strong class and the 7 dogs shortlisted are worthy of top honours. Looking through the catalogue, I noticed that quite a few of my class winners and other dogs I placed highly had the same dog as either their sire or grand-sire and he seems to have left a great legacy to the breed in consistently producing such balanced offspring, with good shoulders, strong hindquarters and true movement.

On the downside there were a number of upright shoulders and flying tails, which spoils the outline. There was only one suspect bite and temperaments were good.

MINOR PUPPY DOG

1st LATHWELL'S TEISGOL LITTLE CRACKER: This 8 months old puppy needs "to grow into himself ". At the moment he is at that awkward stage of his development and he is a little rangey. He has a pleasant head, reasonable shoulders, but needs to "drop in brisket ", which I am sure will come in time.

PUPPY DOG (5)

1st MARTIN'S SUNHOUSE BELIEVE IT OR NOT: This 11 months old dog, easily won this class. He has a lovely head, with a lot of work in it. Clean, well laid back shoulders, good depth of brisket, with excellent hindquarters. He is an extremely promising puppy, who I am sure will "be a force to be reckoned with" as he matures. It was a very close decision for Best Puppy, but I felt on the day, he just had the edge over his litter sister (BEST PUPPY)
2nd WARFORD'S LAPPAKIA DESERT PASSION: A bigger dog, also very promising. He has a nice head and good hind angulation. I preferred the shoulders of my winner.
3rd DESMOND'S MEDOGOLD DARAMOON OVER KAJESOLA

JUNIOR DOG (5)

1st EVERSFIELD'S CROCHRAN FLASH OF LIGHT: A very nice, balanced youngster of medium size. He has a very good head and lovely shoulders. Would like a greater expanse of second thigh, but he is still a very promising young dog.

2nd. WHISTANCE'S ESREWS SERIOUS LORD JACK: A bigger dog of different type, but with a lot to like about him. He has a good depth of chest, pleasant head and reasonably good shoulders. A little unsettled on the move.

3rd MOLE'S BLUEMANTLE ALFIE GARNET

NOVICE DOG

2 nice dogs, of very similar type, that both won seconds in their respective classes. Preferred the shoulders and movement of my winner.

1st ESREWS SERIOUS LORD JACK.

2nd LAPPAKIA DESERT PASSION.

POST GRADUATE DOG (10)

A good class , with a close decision between my first three

1st FLINT'S CASILEX CHINOOK JW: This dog has a clean outline and good topline. He has a good head, very good front angulation, nice depth of chest and sweeping hindquarters. To complete, he is a very good mover. I see that he has the same sire as my Junior winner, and they are very similar, except that as you would expect, he is much more mature. A very nice dog.

2nd ANTHONY'S JILONY JUST AMAZIN JW: A smaller dog, but very well-balanced. He has a lovely head, clean neck, good layback of shoulders, good depth of chest and nice hind - angulation. Preferred the topline and tailset of my winner.

3rd DRAKE'S CLAMERKIN CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN JW

LIMIT DOG (16)

The best dog class of the day and very close decisions between the 7 dogs short-listed, all I feel are capable of winning well.

1st GOODE'S GEMPOINT DARK 'N' SHARP AT HANDSWAY: A top quality dog of medium size that combines substance, with elegance and in no way overdone. He is very well balanced, has a superb head and expression, lovely neck flowing into well laid-back shoulders, nice depth of brisket and excellent hindquarters. He has good pasterns and an excellent topline, that he "holds well on the move". He has sound, positive movement, with a good stride. He showed and moved to perfection, at one with his handler. I had no hesitation in giving him the dog CC. At only 3 years of age, I feel his best is "yet to come". It was an extremely close decision for Best of Breed. I just felt the bitch had the edge, as she is more mature and "the finished product" (DOG CC)

2nd ROSE and WILLIAM'S RIDANFLIGHT ROCKHAMPTON: A masculine orange and white dog, with a good head, good profile, strong hindquarters and moves well.

3rd WILCOX'S PIPEAWAY ZONIC TONIC FOR MERYNJEN JW

OPEN DOG (7)

For me my first two, stood out in this class, both worthy champions, quite different in type, but both top quality dogs. A close decision.

1st MOULDING and MARSH'S Sh Ch BILLSBOROUGH BRIGHT MOON JW: This black / white dog is of good size and substance, very much of the "old type" He has a pleasant head and expression, good depth of chest, excellent shoulders, a compact, powerful and well muscled dog, with a good topline. Very well handled (RESERVE CC)

2nd. ISHERWOOD'S Sh Ch SYMITRY RUSSIAN ROULETTE: This orange / white dog has a lovely head and expression, with a nice dark eye. He has a good reach of neck, good depth of chest, with good width of second thigh. He combines substance and elegance, moving with great drive and has a lot of ring presence.

3rd WILBERG and BLACKBURN-BENNETT'S Sh Ch KISWAHIL MARTIN OF KANIX

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

3 puppies that are very much babies.

1st WILKINSON'S FLINTHILL FORGET ME NOT: This 6 month old puppy has a nice dark eye and good hindquarters. Would prefer slightly more shoulder angulation.

2nd STILGOE'S TEISGOL UNDER THE MISTLETOE: A puppy very much at that awkward stage of development. Preferred the head and front angulation of my winner.

3rd ANTHONY'S JILONY JUST A SENSATION

PUPPY BITCH (6)

A good class, with my first 3 of a similar type

1st MARTIN'S SUNHOUSE BELIEVE IN ME: This top class puppy easily won this strong class. A beautiful bitch, so well balanced, with a lovely head. She is just how a puppy should be at this age. In the challenge for Best Puppy, it was very close between her and her litter brother. I am sure they will change places many times, but on the day, I felt the dog just had the edge. I see that third in this class, was another litter sister. What a good litter. (Best Bitch Puppy)

2nd TANNAHILL'S WYNBURY ANTONINA

3rd DODD'S SUNHOUSE I WANT TO BELIEVE AT LYNCARDA

A very close decision between 2 very similar bitches of good quality. My second was a little more short - coupled.

JUNIOR BITCH (10)

A very good class and I liked all 5 placed. I had one of the most difficult decisions of the day in the placing of my first 2. Both top quality bitches, very different in type, but I am sure both will be top winners, when matured.

1st KIDDY'S MEDOGOLD BE MY BABY AT MILLPOINT: A very mature 16 months old liver / white bitch, that needs to be handled, to be fully appreciated. She has a pleasant head, good depth of chest and good layback of shoulders.

2nd STILGOE'S TEISGOL AQUARIUS: This 13 month old bitch is smaller, but so well balanced and ultra feminine. A beautiful head, good shoulders and hindquarters. She is just as a youngster, just out of puppy should be. I would love to see her in a couple of years time when I am sure that she will be a force to be reckoned with. Very similar to my Bitch Reserve CC winner. A lovely bitch

3rd HOWES MEDOGOLD TALLULAH

NOVICE BITCH (7)

The surprise class of the day, to have two such high quality bitches in this class. My first two could easily win in much higher classes - in fact the second was placed third in a very strong Post Graduate class. These bitches were not dissimilar in type. I am sure both will do a lot of winning in the future. Two lovely bitches

1st GOODE'S HANDSWAY TANYA ZOOM: A bitch of good bone and substance and very mature for her age. She is well-balanced, has a pleasant head and good angulation. I see she is by my Dog CC winner and he has passed on many of his qualities to her.

2nd BERKLEY'S CASILEX BLACK ICE: Another quality bitch, who I see is litter sister to my Post Graduate dog winner. A very balanced, feminine bitch who is so elegant, with a good head. She was not so happy on the move and seemed unsettled. On another day, could easily change places.

3rd LOWE'S LOWSMOOR STORM RIVER (AI)

POST-GRADUATE BITCH (13)

A very good class, where a number of good bitches were unplaced. In particular my first three were very promising bitches.

1st BEST'S BESTINA MIDNIGHT SAPHIRE: I loved this bitch, who shouts "quality" She has an excellent head, and expression. She is still a little immature, but so balanced, with excellent front and hind angulation. She is a series of graceful curves. There is little I would not want to change about her. To be critical I would like a shade more weight on her and like her to be a little more exuberant. None the less a lovely bitch.

2nd ANTHONY'S JILONY DANCING ON AIR: A more substantial bitch, of good bone and substance. She has a pleasant head and is of good "make and shape". Well handled, as are all the dogs from this kennel

3rd CASILEX BLACK ICE

LIMIT BITCH (8)

This class was headed by 2 top quality bitches, although quite different, both "out of the top drawer"

1st PREECE'S PIPEAWAY NELLIE MELBA AT HARVESTLADE (BITCH CC AND BEST OF BREED): This orange / white bitch is a series of graceful curves. She combines substance, with elegance and is so feminine. She has the most beautiful of heads, good length of neck, flowing into excellent shoulders, with strong hindquarters. She has a good topline, which she holds well on the move. She flows around the ring and is "a joy to watch" I was pleased to see her short-listed in the group.

2nd CRAWTE'S BESTINA BLACK OPAL OF LEASCLIFFE JW ShCM: This black / white bitch, moves at one with her handler, I see that she is litter sister to my Post-Graduate bitch winner and many of the same comments apply. She has excellent shoulders and moves effortlessly. In this class I preferred the tailset and maturity of my winner. None the less a quality bitch

3rd COGGINS' MEDOGOLD BEWITCHED TO GEMROSE

OPEN BITCH (12)

A very strong class. I would like to have had 4 red cards, my first 4 were top quality bitches, that could easily change places on another day.

1st GUY and WALKER'S TEISGOL PHEONIX AT CAROFEL JW (RESERVE Bitch CC): A beautifully made, balanced bitch, with a lovely chiselled head. She has very good shoulders and excellent pasterns, moving around the ring with such style as if she owned it. A very close decision between her and the CC winner. I just felt the CC winner, had a bit "more scope" .

2nd MARTIN'S Sh Ch SUNHOUSE ICE DANCER JW: Yet another top quality bitch from this kennel that consistently produces very typey top class dogs. A bitch of good bone and substance, who has a very good head and nice dark eye. She has a deep chest, good layback of shoulders, sweeping hindquarters, covering the ground well. A worthy champion. My winner was a little more short- coupled

3rd HAMBLING'S SHANANDI TABASCO WITH CHASEOVER

JON CARTER - Judge