

CRITIQUE - DRIFFIELD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Judge: Mr M Blay

A bitter sweet day as I was standing in for the late Fred Whitworth. I would like to thank the exhibitors for the immaculately held minutes silence in his honour at the start of judging and the good atmosphere outside the ring with every class being generously applauded.

Minor Puppy Dog (3). **1 Hamlin's Know No Bounds at Nuash**, flashy liver and white dog, lovely head, good strong neck, correct in shoulder, found him in good coat, liked his width of thigh and his good angles behind. Moved with a maturity that defied his 8 months. One for the future. **2 Trow & Jowsey's Winterwell Mrs Hoobs**, finer in head than 1, good shoulders and good front, in good coat, liked his angles all-round when stacked. Looser on the move than 1 but still only a baby. **3 Watson's Winterwell Mr Mulberry**.

Puppy Dog (3). **1 Stammers' Barleyarch Billbug at Lochpointer**, liver and white, loved this boy's head, lovely planes and a dark eye. Lovely lay to shoulder, strong legs, good harsh short coat, nicely square when stacked, good strong well developed quarters, moved with plenty of drive. **2 Bennett's Barleyarch Firefly**, another of the same stamp, I'm nitpicking but slightly lighter in eye than 1, good lay to shoulder, short coupled leading to a good rear, slight stutter on the return when moving but moved well on the whole for a pup. **3 Wilson & Sheppard's Gamebourne Dark N Stormy**.

Junior Dog (4). **1 Grant's Goosepoint Dipper from Stairfoot**, liver and white, beautiful head, lovely kind eye, good lay to shoulder, good front, longer cast than 2 when stacked but when relaxed and stood naturally he's correct, his quality shone through when on the move with super extension coming toward and good drive when moving away. **2 Stammers' Barleyarch Billbug at Lochpointer**. **3 Pearson's Ladyhawke Sultan**.

Yearling Dog (2). **1 Pearson's Ladyhawke Sultan**, not the head I normally like, slightly shorter in muzzle than I like, good neck and shoulder, liked his shape, good strong rear, tended to carry his tail slightly high when on the move; **2 Hamlin's The Bisto Kid at Nuash**, solid liver, lighter pigment around the eye giving him a staring expression, good shoulder and front, nicely short coupled, good rear, coat softer than I would like, good lines on the move.

Post Graduate Dog (2). **1 Young & Booth's Keigame Goldsmith**, of the two the type I normally prefer, good head although again a slight lightness in pigment around the eye which detracted for his expression, good shoulder, more forechest than I normally like, good coat, and a well-muscled rear, plenty of drive around the ring. **2 Holmes' Roovis Beretta Baxter**, strong liver and white ticked dog, good head, slightly straight in shoulder, good length, coat OK, good angles behind, would prefer a slightly lower tailset, moved well but just preferred type of 1 overall.

Limit Dog (9,1). **1 Hayes' Arkangath Mud Dauber**, smaller all round than 2, super head and expression, found both 1 and 2 in best of coats, both harsh and short, super lay to shoulder, good topline, nicely short coupled, good quarters, moved well around the ring; **2 Duncan's Kavacanne Hun Toint Retreve**, close run thing but his head was scarred on the day. Liked his shoulders and front, good jacket, super rear, powerful around the ring; **3 Lisle's Barleyarch Rolex**.

Open Dog (6,2). **1 Drysdale's Ch Barleyarch Farthing at Drysika**, loved this dog. What a pleasure seeing him in the flesh, super head, kind expression, dark eye, super lay to shoulder, good topline, super harsh jacket, loved his line behind, didn't disappoint on the move with power and yet graceful both to & fro and super extension in profile. **DCC & BOB**. **2 Tait's Benboee Bachata**, a dog who I've done well for in the past, just couldn't deny 1 on the day. Again loved this boy's head and kind expression, good lay to shoulder, good topline with a nice slope to croup, in fabulous coat, well muscled quarters and lovely shape when stacked, powerful on the move yet with grace. Pleased to award him **RDCC**. **3 Wright's Ch Crumleigh Magic Max**.

Good Citizens Dog (1). **1 Bennett's Barleyarch Firefly**.

Minor Puppy Bitch (4). **1 Chandler's Koolwaters Ritz**, sweet feminine head on this youngster, good dark eye, good lay to shoulder, loved her shape. Good harsh coat, very mature for one so young which showed when on the move. **2 Sielski's Orchidstar Yu Cant Fool Me**, not the type of 1, slightly bigger bitch all over, good neck and shoulder, slight slope to topline. Not as strong behind as 1. Moved OK for a pup without setting the world alight. **3 Sielski's Orchidstar Yu To Me**.

Puppy Bitch (6,1). **1 Elrington's Barlayarch Beetle at Tequesta**, cut this young bitch open and it would have GSP stamped through the middle. Quality in every sense, super head, kind expression, super lay to shoulder, good front, balanced shape when stacked, well muscled quarters, lovely harsh coat, moved with maturity and grace, couldn't deny her first & **BP**. **2 Heath's Barleyarch Ladybird at Pinseeker**, liver and white, similar shape and type to 1. Lovely well balanced bitch who will run 1 close though her show life. Liked her feminine head, good neck and shoulder, good topline and well muscled quarters. Liked her on the move but couldn't deny 1 on the day. **3 Potter & Burton's Erinnerung Blaze**.

Junior Bitch (7,2). **1 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Eiderdown**, best of heads on this bitch, lovely kind dark eye. Good lay to shoulder, nice topline, in excellent coat, hard muscled rear and good turn to stifle, moved with good extension and drive. **2 Drew's Cushatlaw Illustrious**, another excellent bitch of the type I like, very feminine, loved her shape on first stand and didn't disappoint when I got my hands on her, feminine head, good front, lovely short harsh coat, good rear, moved effortlessly around the ring. **3 Potter & Burton's Erinnerung Blaze**.

Yearling Bitch (5,1). **1 Duncan's Kavacanne Gale Storm**, fabulous shape, good expression, good neck, front and correct lay to shoulder, good length with strong loin, and good angulation behind, found her in the best of coats. Moved well. **2 Clark's Swinsty Thruscross Spangler**, almost solid in colour, slightly finer in head, more rounded in the eye than I would prefer, good neck and shoulder, good length to back, like her depth of thigh and turn of stifle, neat and tidy on the move. **3 Wilkinson's Zarozinia Cleopatra Star**.

Post Graduate Bitch (1) **1 Pearson's Ladyhawke California Star**, liver and white bitch with no frills, workmanlike (in a good way), liked her type, good head and expression, strong boned, good coat, good hindquarters, effortless mover with a lot of power yet grace.

Limit Bitch (5,2). **1 Tait's Benboee Bordeaux**, gave this bitch a strong PG class last time I judged. Today was her day. Couldn't deny her quality, super type, loved her kind expression and dark eye, good clean neck and well laid shoulders, good front, found her in the best of coats, good coupling and strong well angled rear, graceful on the move yet showed she could go all day with her power and muscletone. So pleased to award her the **BCC**. **2 Pudney's Stairfoot Skye**, blessed with another lovely bitch of the type I like. Nice head, good expression, good neck and lay to shoulder, liked her shape when stacked, moved well with power both going and coming toward. **3 Ottaway's Keigame Rhapsody**.

Open Bitch (2). **1 Harris' Barleyarch Peanut**, it's a class like this that makes me wish I had another CC to hand out. Super bitch of excellent type, loved her head, clean lines to neck and good lay to shoulder, super topline and in best of jackets, short coupled and super quarters with a lovely turn of stifle, good profile on the move with excellent reach and drive. Pleased to award her the **RBCC**. **2 Taylor's Koolwaters On Moonlight Bay at Pelerise**, nice bitch, longer cast than 1, good head, lighter in the eye than 1, good shoulder placement, good front, and correct topline, good hindquarters, moved well but couldn't deny 1 her the class.

Good Citizens Bitch (1). **1 Drysdale's Drysika Fleur De Lis**, another honest bitch, sweet head and expression, good lay to shoulder, good topline, found her in excellent coat, muscular well defined rear allowed her to move gracefully around the ring.