

West Mercia Beagle Club Championship Show. 2nd November 2014

Having been a founder member of the Club back in 1973 I was delighted and honoured to judge Bitches at this years Show. I was pleased to judge alongside Frank Kane and we were in complete agreement on our final decisions.

I had a lovely day and was delighted with the quality of the bitches exhibited. I was very pleased with my winners, the top classes being particularly strong and very competitive, I was spoilt for choice.

BIS Ch Newlin Kestrel JW ShCM an ultra smart tri soundly constructed throughout, moved true with both reach and drive. An excellent showman who holds himself so well on the move.

RBIS Ch Dufosee Hayley

BPIS Bayard Forgetmeknot

BVIS Ch & Ger Ch Serenaker Devil In Disguise JW

Minor Puppy Bitch (9,4) class of real babies all needing to settle in their movement.

1. Finlay's Tannahill Odina. Delightful 7mth Tri, really smart in outline, pretty feminine head, dark eye and soft expression, appealed for size and type, neat well filled front and good ribbing, well angulated quarters, showed well, still needing to firm in front, however moved well in profile and did enough to win this class.

2. Jones and Jepson's Eardley Natalie Clad. Small neat Tri just 6mths and very much a baby, close up to 1, liked her overall make and shape, well put together, pleased in her angulation front and rear, good ribbing and short loin, moved freely keeping a good top line, just preferred the head of 1 at present.

3 Anthony's Ospreagle Cwmcloch Wot Mai.

Puppy (6,3)

1. Jackson's Bayard Forgetmeknot, what a super l/w this is, beautifully made, full of quality and lovely to go over. Feminine head and well set leathers, superb front construction with well laid shoulders and good return of upper arm. She is well ribbed and short in loin, has good round bone and neat feet. Her movement was a joy to watch, being true away and back and with a free and easy stride in profile. A rising star who must have a bright future. Today felt that she obviously lost out in maturity and finish to take the top spot. Res CC & BPIS

2. Jones & Jepson's Eardley Dinah Might. A lot to like about this smart t/w young lady, so very feminine and lovely for size and type. Attractive head, nicely arched neck into level top line, well balanced, with good depth of chest, well angulated quarters, moved out soundly with good rear drive, shown in good coat and condition, a lovely prospect who should do well.

3. Findlay's. Pondswood Dolly

Junior (12,1) This class had quality all down the line, headed by 2 promising girls, 1 just had the edge on maturity and finish.

1. Lewis Pondswood Ruby In Fallowfield. Pleasing Tri of excellent type, well presented and smart in outline, good head and neck, well filled front, nice depth of chest, good bone and neat feet, moved out soundly using her well muscled quarters to really cover the ground.

2. Bradley & Burgess Dufosee Northern Star. Lovely feminine Tri with well balanced outline, very neat and compact, soundly constructed with good topline and tail carriage, moved out smartly with a good stride, has an attractive head with soft expression and well set leathers which I preferred over the winner, at present lacks the finish of 1.

3. Brown Raimex Brittany

Yearling (12,3)

1. Peach Rossut Memory Of Pakowhai. Very smart eye-catching Tri, whose excellent conformation and sound movement won her this very competitive class. She is very feminine with a beautiful headpiece, soft expression and well set leathers, good neck, lovely front construction, nice spring of rib, well angulated quarters, moved out with good reach and drive, well presented in excellent bloom, was close up in the challenge, liked her a lot.

2. Craig. Davricard Moonlight. This well presented Tri was soundly constructed and really good to go over, she has a well developed body, good front assembly with correct placement of shoulder and length of upper arm, ribbing well back, well developed quarters, has an easy free striding action, sound away and back, a quality bitch, just preferred the more balanced outline and feminine outlook of 1.

3. Sutton. Rossut Mockery completed a trio of quality bitches in this very strong class.

Novice (6,2)

1. Anthony. Ospreagle Cwm Wot Mai sweet Tri who stood 3rd in MP, much more settled here and moved better. Attractive feminine head with dark eye, good neck, well filled front, good ribbing and well angulated quarters, has good bone and neat feet, needing to firm in topline and come up a tad in leg, has plenty of time, strode out well and has a delightful temperament.

2. Webber. Bondlea Libby. Pretty feminine Tri of pleasing type, attractive head, reachy neck, good topline and tail set, presents a balanced outline and moved with drive, preferred the better bone and substance of 1.

3. Hardisty Eardley Windy Class For Blunderhall.

Graduate (15,3)

1. Jones. Clairedale Willowmena. Pretty Tri whose smart well balanced outline caught my eye when stacked, she is neat and compact, a lovely size, with pleasing head and expression, good neck topline

and tail carriage, moved well being sound away and back and moves freely in profile, has firm muscle tone and looks really fit.

2. May Janfrey Odell. Quality young lady of pleasing type and size, liked her feminine head dark eye and soft expression, reachy neck and firm body, good bone and neat feet, moved out smartly.

3. Kimber. Coachbarn Coda.

Post Graduate (11,3)

1. Player. Lyndex Annabel. 5 yr blanket Tri of lovely shape, sweetest of heads, lovely expression and well set leathers, reachy neck, good topline and ribbing, well made quarters, I judged her as a Minor Puppy and am pleased to see she has retained her smart outline, moves as soundly as ever.

2. Anthony. Ospreagle Just Because. Brightly coloured Open Tri who is well constructed throughout, good head and neck, firm body and well muscled quarters, an excellent showgirl who moves freely and carries herself well.

3. Edge Wonder Di Villa Soleil At Jalhar (Imp)

Limit (17,8) Close decision between 3 quality girls.

1. Denny and Dawson Dufosee Lucinda With Matoutahi JW Well presented Open marked Tri who is very well balanced and has a lovely clean outline, attractive head, dark eye, reachy neck and firm body, well filled front, good ribbing and well muscled quarters, moved out freely with good drive, in excellent coat and condition.

2. Davies Barrvale Tuppence. Quality Open marked Tri, of lovely make and shape, with feminine head and well set leathers, good neck and topline, good bone and neat feet, firm well made body, moved out soundly out and back, thought that 1 just had the edge in forward reach today, lovely bitch liked her a lot.

3. Havard. Annabah Alpine

Open (12,2) A super class with real depth of quality.

1. Bradley & Burgess Ch Dufosee Hayley. I was immediately drawn to this super Tri who is very much of a type I like, absolutely lovely. She is very feminine and of an ideal size, very neat and compact, is so well balanced and lovely to go over, she has a most appealing head and expression which is well carried on a nicely arched neck, super front construction, well made body with good ribbing and short loin, nice turn of stifle and well angulated rear, she came into her own on the move, carries herself so well, is very sound away and back, good footfall with reach and drive, really pleased to award her C.C. and RBIS.

2. Sutton. Rossut Elsbeth. Have always admired this quality T/W girl, lovely for size and substance, is really well put together and is so well balanced in outline, pleased in head and expression, good reach of neck and with excellent front assembly, grand body with deep ribbing, good topline and tailset, strong

well made quarters, moved soundly with a free easy stride, ran 1 close and another I considered for higher honours.

3. Craig. Ch Davricard Buttercup.

Veteran (5)

1. Keepence & Keyte. Hollybourne Apple Of My Eye At Alandoble. Very smart blanket Tri of 8yrs, of excellent type, well put together, lovely shaped headpiece with kind expression, firm well made body, carrying just the right amount of weight, moved out smartly and was well handled.

2. Wright. Barrvale Jigsaw At Huntshill ShCM most attractive T/W of 7yrs who was shown in lovely coat and condition, pretty head and dark eye, good bone and neat feet, pleasing depth of chest, well angulated quarters, moved out freely.

3. Conway Barterhound Begonia At Bedeway.

Special Beginners (6,1)

1. Precey Shercroft Lapwing At Detrick. Attractive 5yr T/W good honest bitch with pleasing head and well set leathers, good neck and topline, well made body with good depth to ribbing, well angulated rear, moved out freely with a good stride.

2. McBain Redcap Bella Sorella JW, well presented Tri who stood Res in Graduate class, pleasing overall shape with firm body and strong quarters, good bone and neat feet, in lovely coat and condition, moved out smartly, would ideally like her a tad more feminine.

3. Hales Arpege Yordannis De Cuba.

Helen Caple. (Judge)

