

The West Mercia Beagle Club

Championship Show Sunday 1st November 2015

Judge : Dawn Banks

Dogs

I would like to thank the Committee for inviting me to judge the dog classes and award Challenge Certificates for the first time. I had some super hounds to go over. Heads varied quite a lot from the standard, I also found fore chests lacking in many, but I was pleased with my final line up. MP (6,1) 1 Ostermann's Detrick Typhoon. Open tri, 7.5 month baby of the larger mould but very sound with good shoulders and reach of neck leading into a level topline. Mild expression on a balanced head. Loved his hindquarters. Moved well. BPD. 2 Lewis' Tannahill Xander from Fallowfield. A lovely black blanket tri of a lighter frame, again very sound in shoulder placement, firm at the elbow and a good bend of stifle. Level topline and good tailset. Loveliest dark eye giving a mild expression. 3 Holland's Eardley Walk the Talk. PD (4) 1 Ostermann's Detrick Typhoon. 2 Bradley & Burgess' Dufosee the Duke. Balanced in head with a good eye colour. Lovely reach of neck, good in bone and tight feet, super hindquarters, moved well. Would prefer more width to the chest. 3 Hunt & Norris' Shercroft Apollo. JD (10,2) 1 Craig's Davricard Brandon. A very well balanced and free moving hound, loved his shape and size. Mild appealing expression, superb fore chest and depth to brisket. Caught my eye in the Challenge and did not disappoint on reach and drive. RCC. 2 Walden & Thornton's Nedlaw Benedict with Maplelayne. This young hound pushed hard in the class, another with a super fore chest, well let down and the correct shoulder and hindquarter angulation. Moved well, just preferred the maturity in head of 1 and a little out of coat. 3 Hunt & Norris' Shercroft Apollo. YD (4) 1 Jones & Jepson's Eardley Stew Pendous. A very smart showman of the most compact shape and size. Mild expression in a balanced head, good straight front and ample bone, tight feet. Moved straight and true. 2 Walden & Thornton's Nedlaw Benedict with Maplelayne. 3 Barrow's Meganjin Skelmorlie. ND (2,1) 1 Walden & Thornton's Nedlaw Benedict with Maplelayne. GD (6,1) 1 Davies' Barrvale Zorro. Open marked tri of a good mould. Lovely proportions to his head with low set leathers. Well arched neck with good reach leading to well placed shoulders. Very nice back end. Moved well if not a little restricted by handler. 2 Goldberg's Molesend Orlando (ai) JW. This boy has a good depth to his body but gave me an overall impression of being a little too heavy. Having said that, his hindquarters allowed for very good movement to give him his place in the class. 3 Richmond's Canowindra Ursus. PGD (8,1) 1 Walden's Nedlaw Basil. Another hound from this kennel that moves so well. Balanced overall in body and shown in tip top condition. Lovely head and expression, excellent reach of neck. Topline and tailset correct. 2 Peterson & Hills' Donay Freeman at Troopersway. A rich tan/white, compact in body with good angulation in forehand and hindquarters. Moved out well. Felt he was carrying a little too much weight which gave him a stuffy looking neck but otherwise a very nice hound. 3 Ambridge's Bondlea Legion. LD (8,2) 1 Hales' Arpege Vindicator. A mature compact hound with a good level topline, bone and tight feet finished with a lovely head with a melting expression. Moved true coming and going but again felt the handler could have moved a

little faster to allow him to extend as he has the capability to. 2 Davies' Stormpasture Trumps Image. Pushed 1 hard. Ultra compact hound of good proportions throughout. Would prefer a little more width to the muzzle to finish the head but offered a mild expression none the less. Moved out well but I preferred the front on 1. 3 Phillips & Keyte's Lanesend Segenhoe JW ShCM. OD (12,1) 1 Walden & Thornton's Ch Nedlaw Rupert with Maplelayne. A very well balanced tan/white dog without any exaggeration. Lovely head with good pigmentation, elegant neck flowing into a firm level topline. Correct stern set and carriage. Excelled in reach and drive coming from correct shoulder placement, tight elbows and well muscled hindquarters. Shown in excellent condition. CC and RBIS. 2 Craig's Ch Davricard Harrison. Another lovely hound from this kennel. Masculine head with a mild expression. Well arched neck, super forechest and depth of body, level topline. Good in bone and tight feet. Covered the ground well. 3 Jones & Jepson's Eardley Drew Peacock. VD (5,1) 1 Conway's Ch Bedeway Artful JW. 14yrs young and still in very good condition. Covered the ground with ease for his age from correct angulation fore and aft. Lovely boy. 2 Bradley & Burgess' Ch Dufosee Ikea. 8yr old faded tri with a super head and the loveliest expression. Good topline, tailset and compact in body. Moved well. 3 Ayres-Cousins' Goldbelles Snowy at Viracocha. SpBD (2) 1 Holland's Eardley Walk the Talk. A very compact little baby, lovely bone and feet. Has a good topline and tailset. Moved well in front. 2 Stoddard & Spavin's Dialynne Cover Story.