West Mercia Beagle Club

Championship Show, Sunday 5th November 2017

It is always a pleasure to judge a breed club show, and today's event was no exception. There was a friendly atmosphere all day with a sense of camaraderie present with a super quality entry to judge. Particularly in the bitches, there are some lovely examples of the breed with depth of quality, making competition very keen. The hardworking committee worked indefatigably all day to stage another excellent show.

BIS Spavin's Ch Dialynne Peter Piper

RBIS and BCC Goldberg's Molesend Secret

BPIS Spavin's Dialynne Pitch Perfect

Minor Puppy Dog (7):

- Spavin's Dialynne Pitch Perfect, most promising tricolour baby of super type, combines being sturdy with a look of obvious quality, pleasing head shape, lovely bone and feet, good neck and shoulders into super topline which he retains on the move, well angulated hindquarters and excellent set on of stern, moves with drive behind and maintains his outline well in profile where he covers the ground with ease, I liked him greatly and shortlisted him to the final three in the challenge, BPIS;
- 2. Davies' Barrvale Flashman, lovely head on this baby who has a compact, well ribbed body, good topline and stern carriage on the move, shows with confidence and moved soundly;
- 3. Heywood's Trackfoot Robin Hood

Puppy Dog (4):

- 1. Walden's Nedlaw Trumpeter, tan/white of pleasing quality, liked his head shape, good neck and shoulders, good topline and set on of stern, moved with ease in profile;
- 2. Heywood's Trackfoot Orient Express, tricolour who was carrying some weight but is a sturdy, well-boned youngster with good topline, pleasing body, well ribbed with short loin where he scored over
- 3. Cuthill's Hajdum Dydlidium Alikiss of Divinebrae

Junior Dog (5):

1. Evans and Millward's Bellvalley Teen Spirit, I was extremely impressed by this high quality, well balanced tricolour, very pleasing head shape with correct eye and leathers, good neck set into well placed shoulders, well boned with good feet, compact body with good topline and carries his stern beautifully at all times, his merry extrovert temperament shines through as he shows freely, excellent hind action with real drive from the hock and carries himself so well in profile where he covers the ground without effort, he pushed very hard in the challenge where I was delighted to award him the RDCC, one with a future;

- 2. Wright and Mitchell's Huntshill Tornado, another very nice, quality tricolour of good type, size and balance, pleasing head shape, correctly made in front, well boned legs leading to correct feet, compact body with excellent topline, moved soundly fore and aft and maintains his outline in profile;
- 3. Wenman's Wenannou Scirocco

Yearling Dog (4):

- 1. H Tornado
- 2. Walden's Nedlaw Quincy, tan/white of pleasing quality, good head shape, well made in front, compact body with good topline and set on of stern, moved soundly;
- 3. Lewis' Fallowfield Chad

Novice Dog (3):

- 1. Howell's Emorlen Foxtrot, 12 months tricolour of pleasing type, very good feet, good topline held on the move, went better behind, well shown and handled;
- 2. Ayres-Cousins' Viracocha Hot Diggity Dawg, tan/white baby from MPD, well reared with excellent bone and body, needs to strengthen behind ;

Graduate Dog (6):

- May's Janfrey Bosley, handsome masculine tricolour who has an extrovert disposition and looks so well freestanding, very good bone and feet, good neck, compact and well ribbed with excellent topline and set on of stern, very good hindquarters, carries himself well in profile and goes with real drive behind;
- 2. Parker and Stevens' Serenaker Hot As 'Ell, this tricolour has a very pleasing head shape, good bone and feet, topline which he held on the move, well carried stern and drove behind, moved soundly;
- 3. Philpott's Charterwood Fortune

Post Graduate Dog (6):

- 1. Hills' Donay Fraser, masculine tricolour with good bone and feet, pleasing body and topline, went with drive behind;
- 2. Hunt and Norris' Cliffmere Mindful of Shercroft, pleasing type tricolour who looks good in profile on the move where he goes freely with reach and drive, pushed hard;
- 3. Findlay's Rhiconich Finleigh

Limit Dog (7):

- 1. Hunt and Norris' Shercroft Apollo, good honest tan/white of pleasing type and size, well made through front and hindquarters, good body with short loin and is true fore and aft on the move, overall presents a very pleasing picture;
- 2. Player's Lyndex Kieran, tricolour of pleasing size and balance, pleasing head shape, adequate bone, excellent overall balance with good body, excellent topline and set on of stern, moved soundly;
- 3. Hardisty's Blunderhall Ray Of Hope

Open Dog (7):

- Spavin's Ch Dialynne Peter Piper, this well-known tricolour enters the ring with a quiet air of carriage and bearing about him, as always shown in the most excellent condition (as are all exhibits from this kennel which is an example to all), masculine stallion hound whose balance is super, very well boned with good feet, well ribbed compact body, strong topline, excellent stern and carriage, moves true fore and aft with a rhythmic side gait where he maintains his lovely outline, his virtues are many and his class and style make him impossible to ignore, was pleased to award him the CC and BIS, congratulations!;
- 2. Havard's Ch Annavah Felix, quality tricolour shown in lovely condition too, one I have liked before, he is all Beagle, like his size and overall balance, clean neck, good topline, well carried stern, moves well in profile;
- 3. Walden and Thornton's Nedlaw Benedict with Maplelayne

Veteran Dog (5):

- Davies' Ch Barrvale Overture, all Beagle in type with the most lovely head, eye and expression with leathers that frame his head perfectly, correct size and balance with good bone, body and rib, maintains his topline as he goes in profile, holding his outline well, Best Veteran;
- 2. Roderick's Barterhound Garrison, active, merry tan/white who is as fit as the proverbial fiddle, pleasing size and head, good topline and shown in lovely condition;
- 3. Howell's Emorlen Xcalibur

Special Beginners Dog (1):

1. Leader's Rosroden Debonair, shown in lovely condition and very well boned, rather large and could be more compact;

Minor Puppy Bitch (8):

1. May's Janfrey Dotty, pretty quality tricolour baby who has a lovely clean outline, pleasing head shape, lovely neck set into well placed shoulders, pleasing bone, good topline and set on of stern, well angulated behind where she drives from the hock, carries herself well in profile, has lots of promise for the future, BBP;

- 2. Henningson-Dundas' Chequers Countess Mary, very nice tan/white with most attractive head and eye, good bone, well ribbed, solidly built and sound moving, comes into her own in profile where she shows reach and drive;
- 3. Heywood's Trackfoot Royal Duchy

Puppy Bitch (7):

- 1. Findlay's Rhiconich Natalie, open marked tricolour who is balanced, pleasing head shape, eye colour and bone, good feet, compact, well ribbed body, good topline and well muscled hindquarters, moved soundly;
- 2. Fraser's Wyvisview Bliss, pretty feminine tricolour with pleasing head shape, excellent topline, pleasing outline standing which is held on the move;
- 3. Coates' Gladstyle Moments of Glory

Junior Bitch (11):

- 1. Goldberg's Molesend Secret, I went overboard for this 13 months tan/white of lovely quality, super balance and outline, most pleasing head shape with correct eye, very well made through the front with well boned legs, very good body, topline and set on of stern which is carried perfectly at all times, strong backend, shown in super condition, overall I felt that she was very 'correct' all through and so good to go over, on the move she really impressed me with absolutely sound movement fore and aft and an excellent stride in profile where she maintains her excellent outline, she beat some lovely bitches to be awarded the CC, her first;
- 2. Evans' Dufosee Yoanne, really liked this neat, feminine open tricolour with a look of quality who is short, compact but with excellent bone, super body, topline and overall outline, carries herself so well in profile;
- 3. Tanner's Felinoak Bailey's N Ice

Yearling Bitch (11):

- Philpott's Charterwood Fantasy Island, lovely quality tan/white of super size and outline, pleasing head shape, well boned with good feet, compact body, super topline and set on of stern, moves so true fore and aft and in profile has a certain poise, carrying herself beautifully and maintaining a lovely outline, really impressed me and well deserved being shortlisted to the final 4 in the challenge;
- 2. Binks' Tannahill Candice, this is another lovely tan/white who pushed so hard, pleasing feminine head, darkest of eyes, well made through front, well ribbed back body, good topline and well angulated hindquarters, perfectly sound on the move, going with real drive behind, has many lovely qualities, close decision;
- 3. Spavin's Ch Quincerhound Britney of Dialynne

Novice Bitch (8):

- 1. Howell's Emorlen Cha Cha Cha, pleasing type tricolour, just into Junior, good size and overall balance, pleasing head shape, good neck and shoulders, compact body with good topline and well angulated hindquarters, goes with drive;
- 2. Findlay's Rhiconich Lorin, pleasing type with good bone and body, excellent topline and sound moving, will look even better with just a bit more confidence;
- 3. Philpott's Charterwood Shantelle

Graduate Bitch (8):

- 1. Wenman's Wennanou Mystique, compact tricolour with pleasing outline standing, shown in super condition with clean neck and shoulders and excellent topline which she maintained on the move, went soundly;
- 2. Scarlett's Timamso Saskia for Michelroy, another pleasing bitch with excellent body, ribs and hindquarters, close decision;
- 3. Warner's Awreridge Watercolour

Post Graduate Bitch (7):

- 1. Brown's Raimex Reed Bunting, lovely headed tricolour with super eye colour, liked her size, compact build, good bone and feet, confident mover;
- 2. Bradley's Dufosee Starshine, tricolour with a quality look about her, pleasing head shape, good bone and body, excellent topline and muscled hindquarters, most sympathetically handled to which she responded;
- 3. Hunt, Norris and Carmichael's Shercroft Arina

Limit Bitch (13):

- 1. Fraser's Wyvisview Harlequin, lovely quality tricolour who is very good to go over, liked her head with pleasing eye shape and colour, well made through front, pleasing bone and feet, compact body with good topline and well carried stern, moved soundly and was shortlisted to the final 4 in the challenge;
- 2. Parker and Stevens' Serenaker Elle's Belles, another most pleasing tricolour, good outline standing which is maintained on the move, good topline and set on of stern, free mover in profile and drives from behind, pushed hard;
- 3. Cuthill's Detrick Firefly Over Divinebrae

Open Bitch (10): this was a super class with quality right down the line, evidence to the fact that there are some super bitches in the breed and a good many who would be worthy of a title.

1. Havard's Annavah Knick Knack, lovely quality open tricolour with most lovely head and eye, has a clean neck let into good shoulders, pleasing bone, good body with correct ribs, ribbed well back, pleasing topline and seton of stern, good hindquarters which she used to drive

from behind, moved soundly out and back and has scope in profile, a bitch who will be so very worthy of the title she deserves but on this occasion lacked a bit of enthusiasm on the last go-around and had to be content with RCC;

- 2. Havard's Ch Annavah Imagine, another very good Beagle from this kennel, lovely size and type, pleasing head, front construction, body and quarters, moved well in all directions and maintained her good outline in profile on the move;
- 3. Parker and Stevens' Ch Serenaker Fashion

Veteran Bitch (15):

- 1. Peak's Ch Bayard Make Amends, how time flies! I recall putting this bitch up as a puppy at a club show a number of years ago, construction doesn't alter with age and she still maintains her outline on the move where she is still sound;
- 2. Havard's Ch Annavah Ginny, quality typical tricolour with pleasing head, well constructed all through with sound movement, super topline and stern carriage in profile;
- 3. Goldberg's Newlin Chalice at Molesend

Special Beginners Bitch (1):

1. T Saskia for Michelroy, Best Special Beginners

David R Craig (Judge)