

DOGS CRITIQUE

The South West Whippet Club

17th. February 2019.

It was a pleasure to judge males at this well run, friendly Breed Show. All day there was a nice atmosphere and very sporting exhibitors. Lovely entry of 144 from 117 dogs with very few absentees.

I was very happy with my final line-up and it was great to see my co-judge Angela Randall's line-up was very similar in style and type to my own. We both agreed with our BIS winner as the male Ch. Falconcrag Class Act for Dewerstone JW ShCM, not an easy decision as the bitch Ch. Palmik En Vogue was so similar in type and quality. I could have taken them both home. We also agreed on the 7 months puppy bitch for BPIS, Mc.Conkey's Barmoll Butterfly Flip, smashing youngster who just had the edge on maturity and a bit tighter on the move today.

Best Veteran was also hard fought with both exhibits like two peas in a pod, the bitch Ch. Whiptails Happiness and Joy at Ipanema JW (IMP) just out strode the excellent male Ch. Citycroft Star Gazing over Yialousa JW to win.

Dogs.

Veteran 7

1st. Whitehead/Smith/Mixides Ch. Citycroft Star Gazing over Yialousa JW. 7 ½ years fawn, very handsome head and dark eye, smashing overall type, moved soundly front and rear with good feet and bone. Apparently he won his first puppy class under me in 2012 as a nine month old. Pleased to see he has matured into a fine hound. Challenged hard for Best Veteran but was just pipped at the post by another excellent hound who was very similar in type and style, another who I have previously judged giving her, her first CC in 2014.

2nd. Wayman's Cobyco Chasing Stars at Scarletfair. 8 years fawn/white particolour, stylish and well balanced overall, moved well but not quite the drive behind or muscular condition of above. Well handled.

3rd. Kirtland's Palmik Starlight Raider.

Minor Puppy 15 (1abs) Nice class with some very promising youngsters.

1st. James & Peacock's Wolfscastle Rumour Has It Among Drakeoak (NAF). Mature at 7 months, cream. I liked his head and dark eye, correct pigment, very well constructed throughout with good feet, moved well although still needs to get used to his legs, shows a lot of style and promise for the future. Reserve Best Puppy in Show to a very pretty minor puppy bitch who was just more together and mature on the move.

2nd. Winstone's Lolani Moonshine over Monelli. 6 ½ months red/white particolour, excellent head and eye, well bodied with good length, not the maturity of above but moved with drive and sound throughout.

3rd. Yacoby-Wright's Cobyco Cover My Tracks.

Puppy Dog 9 (3abs)

1st. Winstone's Lolani Moonshine over Monelli as before, easy winner in this class.

2nd. Mycroft/Mycroft/Brown's Shiny Sensations Wish Upon a Star with Supeta (Imp Ned) 10 months fawn brindle/white, elegant hound and more mature than above but not quite the overall qualities of winner. Moved soundly throughout.

3rd. Pilkington & Myer's Supeta's Show and Tell Astrazone.

Junior Dog 10 (2abs)

1st. Howgate & Hull's Palmik King of Clubs JW. 14 months brindle/white particolour, although still immature he was the best in overall type and balance, good size and bone, nice feet, lovely head, eyes and ears. Made the best of himself on the move, excellent front and hind co-ordination.

2nd. Barkas' Citycroft Fred Astaire. Very mature at only 11 months old, brindle/white, well bodied, looked good standing and moved soundly but preferred the head and expression of winner.

3rd. Manley's Grasampa Turn on the Light.

Yearling 7 (1abs)

1st. Neale's Runaround Starman at Stormalong. 19 months fawn/white, very special youngster who was my winner as he entered the ring and he never put a foot wrong. Lovely head and eye with a good length of neck into correctly laid shoulder, good bone and size, correct feet. Deep brisket with good length of rib and correct topline and loin. Strong, well angulated hindquarters with low hock and well set tail.

Until I judged Open Dog I had him in mind for one of the top awards and I was pleased to award him the RCC, I am sure he will easily gain his title.

2nd. Price's Wheelspin Silver Shadow among Silkdance JW. 17 months fawn, still a Junior but quite mature and has a lot to like about him, has great style and presence. Good outline and is sound front and rear, correct size and feet. Unlucky to meet above, another I am sure will have a successful future.

3rd. Needham's Brave Phoenix.

Novice 11 (4 abs)

1st. Mycroft/Mycroft/Brown's Shiny Sensations Wish Upon a Star with Supeta (Imp Ned)

2nd. Kirtland's Jupiter Juno. 21 months fawn/white well balanced head and good eye and ears. Mature hound with good depth and length, good hind movement would just like more reach in front.

3rd. Pilkington & Myer's Supeta's Show and Tell Astrazone.

Special Beginners 12 (3 abs)

1st. Gower's Courtbirch Storm Warning. Mature 2 years fawn brindle/white handsome head and correct eye, good pigmentation, well balanced throughout with pleasing outline, good feet, sound front and rear, moved well.

2nd. Allanson/Runesson/Macdonald's Nattah Echo in the Mist over Macalldon. 4 years blue, at first was my winner but would just like a little more of him overall. Has good style and type, sound mover with good feet.

3rd. Trouton's Runnel Run for Fun.

Graduate 5 (1 abs)

1st. Andrew's Railfield Rainoir at Sharmus. 17 months fawn, very nice youngster who is well constructed throughout, sound, powerful mover with good drive behind and good reach in front. Well boned with good feet, well muscled, looked good standing and moving.

2nd. Bennett's Alamayn Endevern. 23 months fawn/white, lovely head and eye, pleasing outline, in good hard condition, pressed winner hard but just preferred front reach of above.

3rd. Glasspool and Mannner's Penbriar Dark Secret at Mannerpool.

Post Graduate 16 (1 abs)

Quality class with some good examples of the breed. First three were particularly hard to separate, all with a lot to like about them.

1st. Rishworth's Kierpark With or Without You. 2 years, masculine, but still very elegant. Red brindle/white, super outline, with good depth and correct length of ribbing and loin. Kept topline well when moving soundly front and rear, just out strode his class mates today to win a very nice class.

2nd. James and Peacock's Drakeoak Rum Punch. 2 years brindle and white, not dissimilar in style to above, excellent sire of my Best Puppy Dog. I liked his head and dark eye, very sound, well constructed, in very good muscular condition.

3rd. Sutton's Palmik Hearts on Fire.

Mid Limit 10

1st. Barka's Jimanica Just Dreaming. Classy red/white, mature at 3 years, excellent son of the Veteran Dog winner, excellent type and size. Good feet, such a true easy mover, very close between the first two. I just preferred his topline on the move, two very good hounds.

2nd. Shepherd's Citycroft Sundae with Oxana JW ShCM. Lovely red/white, nearly 3 years, full brother to promising Junior finalist. I have judged Sundae as a youngster, giving him a Puppy Group, he has fulfilled his potential, maturing into a very handsome, finished adult. Similar bloodlines to winner, sharing excellent type and style, good size and feet. Excellent handling and presentation.

3rd. Andrew and Rees' Kierpark Hello Love JW.

Limit 13 (1 abs)

Another lovely class with the first four placings most difficult to separate.

1st. James and Peacock's Drakesoak Halloween Twist. 5 years fawn brindle. Excellent overall balance, very handsome head and eye, looked good standing with excellent length and depth. Sound, easy mover who is elegant throughout. Good size and feet, just slightly out moved his competition today, to win a very nice class.

2nd. Stephen's Erbys Celtic Dream Maker at Jasteal. 4 years fawn/white, very houndy throughout, excellent type and size. I like his head and dark eye a lot, great body and muscular condition. Sound front and rear.

Well handled.

3rd. Poole & Winkley-Balmer's Edenwhip Quantum of Solace JW. Not quite the maturity of 2 above at just 2 years 3 months, not disgraced in this line-up.

Open 10 (1 Abs)

1st. Tope's Ch. Falconcrag Class Act for Dewerstone JW ShCM. Superb 3 ½ years fawn/white, just my type, liked everything about him, he oozes style and quality, correct size and overall balance, great standing and moving, keeping topline to perfection when moving around the ring. No hesitation in giving him the well deserved CC and pleased to agree with my co-judge in awarding him BIS.

2nd. Woods' Ardencote Star Gazer. 4 years golden fawn/white, another well balanced hound, little more mature than above, he has great size and well constructed throughout. Sound front and rear, just lost out to the Yearling winner for the RCC, one I am sure will gain his title.

3rd. Poole's Crosscop No Matter What.

Special Racing/Lure Coursing 8 (4 abs)

1st. Kenyon's Bryntreia First Steps. 4 ½ years brindle/white, well balanced head, best overall construction and soundest in this class.

2nd. Severn's Nattah Silver Lining. 5 years fawn brindle/white, good depth and length, not the front reach of winner but made the best of himself.

3rd. Ryan's Twiggen Tit for Tat.

Jenny Dove