

Critique National Gundog 23
Judge Mr G Tain

Many thanks to the Committee for the invitation, which has been held up for 3 years due to Covid. I would like to mention and thank the excellent stewards, Richard Morris and Merriol Haselden, who ensured everything, ran like clockwork. Not a great entry but this seems the norm over the last few years. I found the quality varied throughout and although there were no major faults apparent, balance and a variation from the standard particularly 'Upstanding,' was evident. Where are the dominant stud dogs now?

MPD (2) 1 Peasblossom Brogan at Gaolachara Reasonable balance,. Plenty of work in head with gentle expression OK in shoulder and adequate lower arm, enough rib and substance for age. Moved erratically but showed promise

2 Kingsheath Moon Dance at Freworth. B/W who didn't have the balance of 1 and the overall construction which showed in the movement.

PD (2, 1) 1 Meadowdale Twix L/W Liked the look of this 10 month lad on the stack Came in good coat. He has fine well laid shoulders and good lower forearm which flows into good ribbing and short loin. Head has the required chiseling and proportions and gentle expression. He moved with front extension and drive if a little close at this stage.unlucky to meet BOB for best puppy. His time will come.

JD (2) 1. Carlyquinn Captain Ross at Mujascal L/W On the stack showed good substance, ribbing and balance and came in tidy coat. Shoulders and lower forearm were decently angled. Body was well ribbed with short strong loin. His head had reasonable proportions with chiseling. On the move he had good ground covering action.

2 Hunterheck Fade to Black B/W. A smaller all round dog of reasonable balance. On the stack he didn't create as pleasant a picture. He hadn't the coat or presence of 1. He has however decent head with good chiseling and biddable expression. His body is deep with adequate ribbing and short loin. Not as good in lower forearm as 1 and not the drive and extension.

SBD (3) 1 Clentonian Pitch Perfect Good for type with reasonable construction. Pleasant head moved out on an even gait, happy on the move.

2. Eastfalla Sherlockholmes. Smaller type and a little longer in back than I would prefer but had a typical head with good expression, chiseling and outlook, moved OK 3. Hunterheck Fade to Black

GD (2) 1 Glentonian Pitch Perfect As SBD 2 Eastfalla Sherlockholmes As SBD

PGD (1) 1 Meltarose Midshipman Typy dog with good head properties and outlook, nicely assembled which gave him reasonable movement but would have liked more traction.

LD (4, 1) 1 Beresford Bolt from the Blue B/W of Ideal balance. Liked his well worked head and kind expression. He has good shoulders and forearms which show in his extension and movement, as a bit yet to come.

2. Dexbenella Frilled to Bitz Loved this type. He has all the essentials, good head without coarseness, well made, good ribs and loin, well coated, sound movement but he could drive off more.

3 Cherishym Dofida

OD (4) 1. Sh Ch Meadowdale Daisydale Lightning Bolt B/W looked a picture on the stack. Well coated and overall well made in front and behind. His head is full of work and his outlook is correct. He comes alive on the move and excels in extension and drive keeping a good topline.CC.

2 Sh Ch Calvdale Scaramouche Jones JW A lot of a dog in a compact package, Masculine without coarseness. Well built in good coat with a very typical head and expression. He covered ground well but hadn't the fluidity of Lightning Bolt. RCC

3. Sh Ch Beresford Lockdown

GCDS (1) 1 Eastfalla Sherlockholmes As SBD

VB (1) 1 Cobhay Dazzling Azalea 7 year old L/W of typical balance, came in good coat, balanced head and reasonable shoulders and lower forearm, Moved OK and enjoyed her day out.

MPB (3) 1. Tarnock Truly Scrumptious L/W/T with good head properties and appealing expression. She has a good overall balance and stands four square. Came in good coat with decent construction front and rear. Moved OK and should get better as she progresses.
2. Calvdale Half A Story Bethersden B/W wasn't as forward as 1 and didn't quite have the balance for me. Typical in head and good biddable expression. Her movement wasn't as accurate or positive as 1
3. Tarnock Symphony Mode

PB (2, 1) 1 Meverly Iridescent. L/W/T, This youngster at 11mths made the hair stand up on my neck. Stacked she epitomized everything I was looking for. She has a terrific balance, symmetrical, compact with the correct length of leg. Like all good dogs her outline has flow throughout. Her head and outlook are textbook. Structurally she has great shoulders and lower forearm. She has a good close coat and feathering. She moved with accuracy and drive holding a strong topline. I suspect her best is yet to come. I found one fault, she doesn't live with me. CC, Best Puppy, BOB and later RBPIS.

JB (4) 1. Petranella Tipping the Wink L/W Liked the overall balance of this bitch. She is true to type with a well worked head and kind expression. Structurally sound she has good flowing movement another with a future.
2. Carlyquinn Morwenna Appeals for her type and similar remarks to 1 but has not quite her balance or movement. 3. Allenies Lady Marmalade

SBB (1) 1 Hunterheck Lost in a Spell B/W smaller type who has some good points but lacks balance and I was looking for better structure, moved OK.

NB (2) 1 Khaleesi De Les Trees Llacunes (Imp Esp) L/W smaller but of acceptable type, good coat, decent shoulders and lower forearm, nice body properties. Strong loin, Moved with extension.
2. Allenies Lady Marmalade.L/W' trifle more upstanding than 1, handler prone to over stacking and spoiling shape, good shoulders and body. Moved erratically and needs schooling. A shame.

GB (2, 1) 1. Daenerys Moondancer to Cherishym L/W Another smaller type but well built with good shoulders and lower assembly. She has a typical head with plenty of chiseling and a kind eye and expression. Covered the ground well but not helped to get better results by handling.

PGB (2, 1) 1. Meltarose Mystique L/w This bitch has a lot of the essentials, she is of a good example of the breed with a balanced head which has plenty of work and a gentle outlook, She has a reasonable structure which showed in her movement but again I felt the handler could have got more from her

OB (2) 1. Sh Ch Calvdale Flutter L/W/T. Two very good examples of the breed. Worth champion who has balance in body with a conformation to the front and rear which ensures she will have freedom of movement. Good coat and furnishings and head properties enhance the above and in this class and the challenge she moved freely and with drive but didn't have the overall breed action of ticket winner. RCC
2. Carlyquinn Kisses of Fire Liked this bitch for overall type and moderation without exaggerations. She has a good structure, head properties, outlook, coat and reasonable movement. She will always be there or thereabout.

GCDS (2) 1 Trimere Taylor Maid at Pinhays L/W Good example of a balanced bitch who brought a good coat,, super head and expression and happy character. She was well put together although her lower forearm could be better and was loose in front.
2 Dobhay Dazzling Azalea See VB.