

Critique SKC May 23

Judge Howard Ogden

This is my Mark II critique, the prompt original having disappeared into the ether between my mobile and OD! Always special to award your first set of CCs in a breed and I was grateful to SKC for giving me the chance and with this supportive, quality, turn out of 37 actual exhibits with just 7 absent. I hadn't judged breed classes prior to obtaining a JDP Credit in Feb 2014. That meant a minimum 7yr wait, to obtain required hands on experience, before being permitted to award CCs, hence this appointment came 9yrs on. I only mention this as there are still those out there who assume the likes of me to have been instantly "fast tracked".

PD (1) 1 Havard's Annavah Accomplice; typy 6m baby just to firm up here & there as he matures on & to gain a little in confidence away from these noisy, indoor, halls; correct proportions in both head & body; flat cheeks; almond eye; length to neck; neat hocks; swung typically forward on ex feet; lots of promise.

JD (3) 1 Chandler, Elazlan Tribal Craft; 17m stylish b/w presenting an impressive, symmetrical, outline; first & foremost he has length of leg & with strong, oval, bone; head is clean with parallels & chiselling; almond eye & lobular ears set in line; long, tapered neck; well angulated; symmetry through well coupled body; correct croup to lowset tail; in gd coat; gave me that "as on air" swinging front action; gave a repeat performance in the challenge to annex the Dog Reserve CC

2 Scorgie, & Mcnicol, Pinereoch Mischief Maker; 14m l/w; typical teenager phase so just that bit narrower through against an older d. but compact; attractive head of 50:50 proportions; some chiselling; well set, lobular, ears; gd neck & forehead; just looks to mature on & will firm at pastern; correct in croup & tailset; well shown & they made a gd team.

3 Wilson, & Connor, Pinereoch No Stunts Larrie

LD (3,1) 1 Ganarin, Berkenbar Giovanni; rising 5yrs l/w so with the benefit of maturity; ex breed type; handsome headed with fluting & 50:50 proportions; a d. with forechest; compact & symmetrical; well sprung rib; no tuck up; well angulated; correct in bone & feet; sloping croup with tail set low; breed typical movement with rear drive.

2 Terry-Richardson, & Richardson, Cherishym Dofida; just 3yrs b/w so having to give a lot away in maturity & that bit narrower & not yet the forechest; v clean headpiece through skull, eye & ears, to muzzle; nicely angulated; gd body proportions & well off for bone; was relatively sloping & suspect would have preferred the great outdoors to indoors.

OD (6,1) 1 Calvert, Calvdale Ever Thus JW; rising 2yrs l/w; classic breed type; has the head qualities with the parallels & fluting; has the legs; has the symmetry with that touch of elegance; has the "as on air" action as he throws his feet well forward & covers the ground; has the croup & low tailset & carriage; so fit & functional; so bound to be titled, and soon. Dog CC & BOB.

2 Topliss' Sh Ch Beresford Lockdown; rising 3yrs l/w; such a worthy Ch & a privilege to be "hands on"; loved his chiselled head with flat cheeks & parallels; length to neck with arch; just not as developed in forechest; correct bodylength as to height; cleanest of fronts with desired lift to give such a gd outline as he circuted.

3 Ainsley, & Nicklin, Daenerys Blood Of The Dragon

PB (2) 1 Smith's , Melverly Iridescent; 9m l/w; my initial judging book entry reads "Fab"; unsurprising since I now discover she is a daughter of the BOB; fills the eye with those essentials of classic headpiece, symmetrical balance, compact, leg length & floating movement; lovely clean head & looks at you right with dark, almond eye; scores in conformation so that your hands flow over her & is so secure; forward for her age, I will look into my judges crystal ball & predict her taking 3 CCs whilst still a puppy, a prediction assisted by having just been the Group commentator at National Gundog! BPIB;

PG 3 (2) HAVARD'S , Annavah Aquarius 6m l/w so v much the raw baby in comparison; feminine head with flat cheeks & chiselling; well placed, lobular ears; length to neck; well angulated fore & aft with oval bone; gd backline to sloping croup & lowset tail; moved out well; thought her v typy & promising.

JB (6,1) 1 savell's Petranella Tipping The Wink; 13.5m l/w; struck me, frankly, as exciting & with nothing worth changing; has all those breed specifics as I've been taught them; some breadth & slight rounding to skull; fluting; almond eye with ears in line; parallels; chiselling; arch to neck gives elegance ; some forechest; compact in structure; well ribbed with little tuckup; has the leg height & the body length; wonderful "as on air" movement on gd bone & feet; hope maturity, beyond her teens, will prove me right! Bitch Reserve CC
2 Cokell, & Nicklin, Carlyquinn Morwenna; 14m l/w; quality b with a feminine head with its flat cheeks & lobular ears; v gd body proportions, albeit a touch narrow in front, and to develop in forechest, at this teenage stage; correct in croup & tailset: nicely coated; moved with some style & struck me as v. promising & one to watch.

3 Ganarin, Pinereoch Primavera

PGB (3) 1 Kibby's Trimere Turn Back Time JW; bang on 2yrs l/w/tan; classic, clean, feminine head; dark eye with ears in line; long, elegant neck; clean front with some forechest; strong, oval bone; well angulated; has symmetry; so well constructed & proportions; firm in hock; given some time to do so, she settled & then demonstrated the correct swing in front & rear drive to give a long stride; will be readily moving up the ranks & should be challenging the best.

2 Fairgrieve, & Fairgrieve, Alkaruss Forget-Me-Not; b/w spot on 4yrs; v gd head proportions & with a brow between; prefer eye a shade darker; ex neck & backline; not quite that impression of tallness & did come on a touch wide at elbow

3 Carr's Alhambian Kirsty Maccoll

LB (2) 1 Corbett, Trimere Time Fly's; recently turned 2yrs l/w; classic breed type; so v feminine but with no loss of strength of form nor of bone & with the required leg length; dark, almond eye in line with lobular ears; fluting, chiselling & parallels; arch to neck; gd forechest; well coupled w/o tuckup; displayed an elegant symmetry, with forward lift, on the move & desired tailset & carriage; should be the bitch to beat as the season progresses. Bitch Challenge Certificate.

2 Wilson & Connor, Potrail Turns the Swag On for Pinereoch; 5.5yrs l/w of a heavier build & lacking in forechest; less elegant on the move & on flatter feet; v gd head proportions & specific features; correct body proportions in terms of height to length; well ribbed back to slightly sloping croup & lowset tail; made gd use of the ring, circuiting.

OB (7,1) Good, competitive, class 1 Brix, Madsen, & Jensen, Dk Ch Siegars A Beautiful Mind; 2.5yrs l/w; shown on an ATC number; lovely breed type & symmetrical balance; excelled in eye, ear & fluting; classic proportions throughout; required leg length; well angulated; well ribbed back; groundcovering stride, throwing her legs well forward & with a firm hock; surely of Ch quality wherever exhibited.

2 Ainsley, & Nicklin, Daenerys Winds Of Winter; 6yrs l/w of such obvious quality as to be able to hold her own amidst the v best of her sex; one that grew on me as the class progressed, such was the consistency of her, foot perfect, ring performance; ex headpiece scoring notably in eye & ear; arch to neck that tapered into a well laid shoulder; gd bone & feet; compact yet elegant with leg length & symmetry; moved v much "as on air".

3 Calvert's , Sh Ch Calvdale Flutter JW

VB (3,1) 1 Watson's , Sh Ch Bordacity Honey Ryder; quite remarkable l/w rising 9yrs; unmistakably feminine; ex proportions; ex conformation; relatively tall & racy; elegantly compact & symmetrical; fabulously placed, lobular, ears; strength through muzzle; gd neck; has forechest; has balanced angulation; in gd coat & condition; moved with swinging front lift plus drive behind; such a credit to her 100% Roqfolly breeding. BVIB

2 Fairgrieve's Peasblossom Shimmer of Alkaruss; 8yrs b/w; v gd overall structure; just heavier built so less elegant a profile when circuiting; ex skull & ears; shade paler in eye & shorter in foreface; scored in neck length with arch; well angulated fore & aft; correct in croup; moved out true & securely.