

# Eastern Counties Shetland Sheepdog Open Show 23.3.2025

Thank you to the ECSSC committee for the kind invitation to judge at your Open show, and to my stewards for your help in running the ring. The new light and airy venue was just perfect. ECSSC always holds a special place in my heart having been lucky enough to have won BIS twice with my Shelties in the last few years. Thank you to the exhibitors for bringing your beautiful Shelties. I was very pleased with the quality of Shelties entered under me today.

## **Baby Puppy dog/bitch (10)**

A class full of very promising new babies all quite confident and moved round the ring well.

1st Weller's Evad Halloween Tzar. This promising sable baby has dark expressive eyes and a beautiful ear set giving him a very sweet expression. Just the right amount of substance for his size. Already very confident in the ring. Moved and showed well for one so young. **BBPIS**

2nd Winfields Oakcroft Graceful Star. Another very promising baby so I was splitting hairs in this class. She has an attractive expression and uses her ears well. Correct length to height ratios. Full of lovely puppy charm and plenty of confidence. She moved really well for a baby.

3rd Winfields Oakcroft Amazing Star

## **DOGS.**

### **Veteran Dog (4)**

1st French's CH Lindfern Light Sabre JW. This 7 year old topped a lovely class of veterans and is well deserving of his crown. He has correctly shaped dark eyes, good stop and well placed ears which gave him a lovely alert expression. Decent neck and good shoulders and is well angulated fore and aft. He has a firm, muscular body. In a good double coat. Super showman. Still retains his effortless movement. **BVD** 2nd Taylor & Yuille Shelridge Toastmaster at Chelmermead. B/M of lovely colour his coat is well broken and of a clear blue. He has a balanced head with a good under jaw and well-rounded muzzle. Lovely eye shape and well used ears giving him a sweet but masculine expression. Good bone and substance for his size, well-padded feet. Correctly fitted jacket of good texture. Held his top line on the move. Scored over 3 on front movement.

3rd Hull's Mohnesse's Dream date of Lizmark

### **Minor Puppy (1)**

1st Hateley's Mohnesee the Charm Master. Most promising S/W youngster who is such a beautiful rich colour. He has correct almond shaped dark eyes, level head planes and refined expression. Ears are well set. Nicely made in body and makes an impressive outline. Moved out soundly. A dog that I think will only get better with age, he was a little tentative today due to a recent bad experience but did all that was asked of him.

### **Puppy (2)**

1st Winfield's Iskander Bohemia Classic for Oakcroft (IMP CZE). Confident 11 month old S/W puppy of pleasing size and substance. His head is wedge shaped, with a flat skull and correct stop. He has very nice expressive eyes and his ears were well placed and used. Correct arch to neck. Straight forelegs and lovely rounded bone leading to good feet. Moved out confidently and soundly from all angles. Pleased to award him **BPIS** 2nd Hateley's Mohnesee the Charm Master

### **Junior (3)**

1st Clough- Diprose Auberswell Star Trooper. Sable of top size but with a nice eye and perfectly placed ears. Decent reach of neck leading to good shoulders and an excellent topline. Correct graceful sweep over loins. Feet could be more arched. Lovely long tail which was well carried on the move. Showed well. 2nd Robinson's Alnmac We Will Rock You. This S/W was beautifully made in body with correct angulations front and rear. Nice head but eye could be more almond shaped, but he has a good, rounded muzzle and under jaw. Such a shame he was unsettled in the ring which made him stand tucked up. Moved well if a tad hesitantly.

### **Novice (5)**

1st Winfield's Iskander Bohemia Classic for Oakcroft (IMPCZE) 2nd Hateley's Mohnessee the Charm Master 3rd Taylor & Yuille's Shelridge Quizmaster at Chelmermead

### **Undergraduate (4)**

1st Miles Ribans Goldstar of Milesend (JKC). Golden S/W of ideal size, his sweet expressive eye and shapely body put him just ahead of 2. He has small neatly tipped ears which were well used. Good arch to muscular neck leading to excellent lay of shoulder. Straight forelegs, good bend of stifle and sweep over loins. Moved with drive and enthusiasm. 2nd Miles Milesend Mulberry. Lovely Tri with a masculine outlook, nice head with flat cheeks and smooth well rounded muzzle, decent neck and depth of chest, Firm body and correct topline. moved soundly. 3rd Forster-Cooper Sheltysam Danseur TAF

### **Post Graduate (2)**

1st Linfords Hillhenry In Your Honour. Smart tricolour who excels in his stunning profile and really fills the eye, his well arched neck is shown off by his flashy white collar. Well angulated shoulders lead down to his nicely boned legs and good feet. He has the correct topline and sweep over loins. Refined head with almond shaped eyes. Presented in tip top condition with a coat that gleamed. Appeared fit and able to do a day's work, his movement was light and effortless. I see from the catalogue that this dog and my RBD have the same sire. Pleased to award him **BD, RBIS**.

2nd Hoare's Stanyale Ocean Wave. Confident B/M who has a bright and mischievous expression that instantly appeals. His sweet almond shaped dark eyes were obliquely set and his ears are used constantly. He is of lovely size and substance with beautiful round bone. Well developed in body and moved as his construction suggested. He was unlucky to meet 1 on such sparkling form.

### **Limit (7)**

1st Dimmocks Shougies Secret Agent for Fernhill. Such a shapely body on this handsome tricolour, he is so well balanced and made for a super profile. Muscular well arched neck with good lay of shoulders and elbows tucked nicely under his withers. He has straight forelegs and well-padded feet and the correct length to height ratios. Good depth of chest and spring of ribs. Lovely bend of stifle leading to strong hocks. He covered the ground well on the move. All topped off with a masculine but sweet expression and ears that were very responsive. Immaculate presentation. **RBD** 2nd Mitchells Valdosta Gracelands JW. Very nice S/W of 2 years. He has a lovely head with parallel head planes, sweet dark eye and flat skull giving the desired expression. Straight forelegs with round bone and good feet. Deep chest and well sprung rib cage. Good bend of stifle and graceful sweep over loin. In full double coat of correct texture. Moved soundly carrying his tail low. 3rd Smee's Wansvale Amiable

### **Open (1)**

1st Hull's Mohnesse's Dream Date of Lizmark JW. This lovely 7 yr old sable has the most beautiful almond shaped dark eye which was obliquely set giving him a very appealing expression. Slight but definite stop. Small, neat ears which were well used. Deep chest and good bone for size. One I think that would move better outside but has a good side gait and drive from the rear. In lovely coat that was well presented.

### **Special Open Dog Sable/White (4)**

1st Winfield's Oakcroft Mandalorian JW. Impressive sable that catches the eye, He has a lovely correctly set dark eye, flat skull and ears were very well used giving a masculine but sweet expression. Good length of muscular, well arched neck. Deep chest and correct body ratios. Flexible pasterns and neat feet. Well muscled which showed in his good movement. In full bloom and extremely well groomed. A close contender. 2nd Hoares Sabema Pina Colada. Up to size sable but he has a very good eye and expression, good balance of skull to muzzle and ears correctly placed albeit a little light. Decent neck leading to a strong well made body. Shown and presented well.

### **Special Open dog Blue Merle (3)**

1st Forster-Parrish Lowick Blueberry. Masculine B/M dog with good bone and substance, I liked his front angulation and muscular hindquarters, Good spring of ribs and firm topline. Maybe a touch

broad in back skull but still has a very nice expression. Moved well with good forward reach and drive from the rear. Showed well. 2nd Dimmock's Milesend Silver Thorn. This dog has now really come into his own, he has an excellent profile and is the most beautiful colour which was well broken up. He is of the upper size but has everything in proportion. His head is balanced with parallel planes and of nice length. Moved soundly. 3rd Taylor & Yuille Shelridge Toastmaster at Chelmermead

#### **Special Beginners Dog (2)**

1st Clough's Evad Lite Breeze. Smart sable with the sweetest of expressions coming from his correctly placed dark eye which had super pigmentation. Rounded muzzle, correct stop and his small ears were neatly tipped and well used. Good bone for size and the neatest of oval feet. He moved positively around the ring. Attentive showman. **Best Special Beginner in Show**

2nd Keighley's Fenstyle Fire Wizard. S/W of nice overall type and construction, he has a shapely body with good tail carriage on the move. Medium sized dark eye, correct stop and flat skull. His coat fitted his outline nicely. Shame he was so distracted by the smells on the surface as he is a very nice dog who I am sure will have better days.

#### **BITCHES**

##### **Veteran (5)**

1st Hateleys CH Mohnessee Sweet Dreams JW. What a delightful Sheltie she is, smiley and happy she must be a joy to show. She has the most beautiful almond shaped eye which was obliquely set giving her the sweetest of expressions. Her ears were correctly placed and very alert. Nicely made body and her golden coat fitted her outline. She has a lovely sweep over her loins and a well carried tail on the move. Lovely to see she is still full of enthusiasm in the show ring. **BVIS** 2nd Hardins Sheltysham Medley of Gold AW(S) R6EX. Beautiful shaded sable of 10 years and a credit to her owner, so fit and well muscled she moved extremely well. Such a pretty sheltie, she has a lovely dark eye, nice stop and flat skull, her ears never wavered from the correct position and were nicely tipped. She showed so well and really enjoyed herself in the ring. 3rd Daws Shelridge Sancerre at Rossmere

##### **Minor Puppy (0)**

**Puppy (1)** 1st Smees Arcot Most Delectably at Wansvale. Sweet feminine richly coloured sable of 10 months, a little unsure of herself today but did enough to show off her charms. She has nice dark eyes that had excellent pigmentation, her neat ears were well used which gave an appealing expression. Good body and just the right amount of bone for her size. Coat coming through nicely. Moved soundly when she got going round the ring. **BPB. BOSPIB**

##### **Junior (2)**

1st Miles Milesend Gold Silk. I really liked this lovely sable but she was a little unsettled today. She has super conformation with a good lay of shoulder and well arched neck. Correct length of back with a firm topline. Good spring of ribs and depth to her chest. Long tail that was well set. She has a really appealing expression when she uses her ears. Moved well. When she gains her confidence I have no doubt, she will trouble the best.

##### **Novice (3)**

1st Smees Arcot Most Delectably at Wansvale 1st in P

##### **Undergraduate (4)**

1st Daniels & Taylor Pepperhill light 'N' Shade. Beautifully coloured and marked B/M, refined in head with a nice eye and ears well used. Elegant reach of neck leading to excellent shoulders and upper arm. Muscular loins and low set tail which was well carried. Excels in her light and graceful movement and wasn't fazed by having a change of handler.

2nd French's Skeldale Wish Upon A Star JW (IMP NLD) Feminine sable with a pretty expression. She has a slight stop, nicely rounded foreface and well carried neat ears. Good arched neck, firm topline and well turned stifle. Moved with good reach and drive. Appeared to be between coats today.

**Post Graduate (7)**

1st Wellers Evad Halloween Spice JW. This plain golden sable has a lovely outline. Beautiful reach of arched neck which was made more obvious as she was between coats, good lay of shoulder and correct topline, excellent sweep over loin and neat hocks. She has a very pleasing expression, and very well used ears that never wavered from the correct position. Her movement was smooth but powerful around the ring. 2nd Hateley's Mohnesee Maebelle JW. Sweet sable with clean head, flat skull and dark eye, her neatly tipped ears were well used giving her a feminine expression. She has well angulated forequarters and a good bend of stifle. She is well balanced throughout giving a graceful outline. Moved out well. 3rd Miles Keycharm Foxtrot of Milesend

**Limit (7)**

1st Thornleys & Withers Felthorn Good Time Girl. This lovely B/M took my eye as she entered the ring as she has ring presence in abundance. On going over her she does not disappoint as she is so well made in body with all the desired attributes from her nose to her tail. She has a beautiful arched neck leading to the correct lay of shoulders and straight front with her elbows tucked nicely under her withers. Correct topline, graceful sweep over her loins and excellent well muscled rear quarters. She has the correct length to height ratio required. Her one piece head is clean and well balanced with excellent almond shaped eyes giving her a super expression. Her beautifully marked B/M coat was groomed to perfection and fitted her outline to a T. Her movement was reflected in her excellent structure as she was very sound from all angles. Shown in wonderful condition. Delighted to award her **BB & BIS** 2nd French's Lavika Soul of Gold For Lindfern. Really pleasing sable. She has a lovely length to her head, slight but defined stop, flat skull and good ears. Nice arch to neck which led into her correct lay back of shoulders, good sweep over loin, nice bone for size, feet could be more arched but moved soundly with desired drive from the rear. Showed well. 3rd Cheals Valdosta Galadriel at Faemadra JW

**Open (2)**

1st Mitchells Valdosta Goddess JW. This beautiful sable has the sweetest of expressions coming from her excellent eye shape, well-rounded muzzle, flat skull and small, neat ears. Her lack of white collar enhanced her lovely shape as everything flowed in an unbroken line. She has lovely bone for her size, strong and flexible pasterns and well let down hocks. Presented in a full immaculately groomed coat. She moved well with good forward reach and drive from the rear. Ultra feminine throughout, one I could have smuggled home with me. **RBB**

**Special Open S/W (1,1)****Special Open Tri/BW (5)**

1st Hateleys Mohnesee's Meliya JW. Lovely Tri with the blackest of black coat which fitted her outline nicely. She has pleasing head properties and uses her ears well to enhance her appeal, elegant outline with good conformation throughout. Moved with drive carrying her tail low. Showed confidently. 2nd Ford's Macstanryn Back to Black at Mountmoor . Smart Tri of ideal size, Nice eye and feminine expression. She has good angulations front and rear, back level and good depth of chest. Another with the blackest of coats, not quite as settled as 1 but moved soundly. 3rd Saunders Trachnamandra Button Moon at Fernfrey

**Special Open B/M (1)**

1st Daniels & Taylor Pepperhill light `N` Shade – 1s tin UD

***Judge - Karen Colman-Smith***