

THE ENGLISH SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB CH SHOW 14 October 2017

Dogs

What a lovely show this was with some excellent dogs to go over in a super venue, excellent organisation, the perfect stewards in Peter Gough & Jim Martin and a lively and appreciative ringside. Overall my impression is that size is more stable than it was at one time, presentation is now of a very high standard and the top examples could hold their own with the best of the past. On the down side I found fore assemblies left much to be desired, several are too fine in bone (especially for a male), a few lacked moulding and roundness in muzzle but my biggest regret is that side action in too many is now so short stepping, with no reach and drive so the lithe, active and light footed stride was very much evidenced by it's absence. My co-judge Miss June Rutherford and I were in complete agreement that the BIS winner should be the dog Aaron's LAFITTE DE MOORSTILE CHEZ SHELDRIDGE JW, with Res BIS & best Veteran in Show to the lovely bitch Miles' CH MILESEND MILKSHAKE and BPIS to the tricolour dog Durant's NERAKLEE STARBLAZE.

MPD(7) 1st Robinson's Lavika Lush Life a good start to the day with this very shapely bright golden sable dog. I liked his eyes and neat ears, needs to fill out in foreface, good neck, bit steep in upper arm but acquits himself well in side action. He has a fair spring of rib, back is level and he has a nice bend of stifle. Shade close going away but his style and showmanship won the day. Hope he does not grow on too much 2nd Eaves' Kyleburn Romulus just 6 months this tri charmer and still very much the baby. Pleasing head, well shaped dark eyes, neat well carried ears and shown in excellent bloom. Clearly needs lots of time to fill out his frame but the basics are there, he has a lovely croup and his side action was proficient. 3rd Attwood's Terrywood Scotch Measure

PD(5) 1st & BPIS Durant's Neraklee Starblaze what a shapely tricolour this well constructed youngster is. On the stack his shape just flows from ear tip to his hocks. Level back over a decent spring and depth of rib with excellent hind angulation. Just needs to fill out in forechest as he stands and moves a trifle too narrowly in front. I liked his head shape, good stop, flat skull, lovely eyes and well set and carried neat ears. His smooth, balanced side action won the day. He was a deserved BPIS 2nd Bird & Caden's Molson Mr Blue Sky b/m whose colour at present has quite a rusty tinge to it and hopefully it might clear as he changes to his adult coat. Nice make and shape, well balanced head and an excellent muzzle finish. Just about enough neck Another which could be tighter in front action but again his smooth, even stepping profile action appealed. Not quite the eye and expression of Starblaze. 3rd Hardy's Sandwick Stagelight

JD(6) 1st & Res CC Bray's Lianbray Lothario JW I liked so much about this handsome headed sable which was superb in coat presentation which, added to his faultless showmanship, aided his cause a lot. He is a lovely size, clean, one piece wedge head with neat ears, lovely dark almond shaped eyes and a nicely arched & correctly carried neck which all helped his cause. Well laid shoulders, good rib depth, level back and that smoothly rounded croup line leading to amply angulated hindquarters. He could be a little wider in forechest but his even balanced and positive profile action delighted me enough to award him the RCC. I believe his 3rd such award and I feel sure, given time, that he will attain the upper house. 2nd S. Stagelight 3rd Robinson's Shelysham Nut Box in Alnmac

YD(4) 1st CC & BOB Aaron's Lafitte De Moorstile Chez Shelridge JW this bright golden sable has the Wow factor in spades and made an immediate impact on me the second he entered the ring. He has an air, that certain look of being something special and his glorious colouring is the icing on the cake and adds a real touch of glamour. I liked everything about him, he is shapely, a lovely size, well weighted bone, a super head and expression arched neck, sweeping croup line, was spotless in coat and presentation and he is such a natural showman with ears never seeming to be other than attentive. Sound on the move I am told this was his 3rd CC and in this form I'm sure there must be others to follow.

2nd Bywater's Tachnamadra He's Got The Look this tri has a delightful head, clean cheeked, moderate stop, flat skull and well shaped, dark eyes. A little unsettled in one ear at present. He is nicely constructed, has a decent length of neck, ample width in upper thigh and is so firm in hock.

Spotless in coat but hard to really assess his action as he had his nose almost pressed to the ground most of the time he was supposed to be moving. Maybe his best friends are Bloodhounds! 3rd C. Nut Box in A.

ND(4) 1st L. Love Life 2nd Hill's Molson Moon River well coated tri, lovely size, good bone, well balanced head, eyes not quite almond enough for me and he had that "worried" look as though not too happy with his surroundings. At present he is narrow in forechest and his pasterns could be firmer. Side action smooth, even stepping and good hock use. 3rd S. Stagelight

TD(5) 1st Foster-Parish's Milesend Blue Raider at Lowick I felt that in this class he had the most appeal for his balanced shape, good wither height, pleasing head with well defined stop, nicely rounded muzzle, ears a shade heavy for me but his expression is good. He is blessed with good angulation both ends and moved out well as they circled the ring. 2nd Laversuch's Pacarane Polar Stormtime an engaging little chap but he lacks strength in foreface However, he possesses a beautiful eye for size, shape and colour and it aids his expression. Shapely in stance he moved out with a brisk, positive stride and was spotless in coat. 3rd Varnom's Milesend Morning Time

GD(9) 1st Pattinson's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream excellent wither height, lovely one piece head with a flat skull, very good eyes for size, shape and colour, nicely ribbed and bodied and comes into his own in side action which is smooth striding and ground covering. In fairly good coat, his handler got the best out of him on the move. 2nd Edwards' Castlerose Star Turn JW at first glance I felt he could win this class as he was in pristine coat, is a lovely size, never lets up showing, very good head with a flat skull, excellent eyes and neat ears. Perhaps a little more neck would aid the overall picture, but his back is level, the croup so well moulded and he has good upper thigh width. I felt he did not do himself justice on the go around as he was stepping short with little hock use which held him back. 3rd French's Lirren Tri Wishing

PGD(9) 1st Stow & Withers' Standydale Shot In The Dark JW so much to admire in this handsome headed tri. I liked his size, he is so shapely on the stack using his good neck to advantage, level back, well moulded croup and he was in such good bloom. Clean one piece head, moderate stop, neat ears and such a lovely expression. He is sound enough but just lacked length of stride in profile which told against him later. 2nd Pierce's Philhope Buzzword much to like in this sable dog. For a start he is a super mover, lithe, light footed, excellent hock use and holds his shape. He has lovely eyes, neat ears and his expression should appeal to the purists. He is well ribbed and muscled but regrettably not in the best of coats which did not help his cause. 3rd K. Everlasting Dream

MLD(5) 1st Forster-Cooper's Sheltysam Burnished Gold this sable is a lovely type and whilst not in the best of show coats, he had to win this class on his sheer breed type. One piece head, so balanced, lovely stop, well rounded foreface and a decent chin. His eyes and neat ears combine to give that elusive "sheltie" look which is not always easy to attain. I liked his size, weight of bone and he is quite sound in action. 2nd Matthews' Esterbon's Classic Illusion this b/w was shown in super body and coat and has an appealing head, eyes and expression. The skull is flat, the eyes so expressive and the ears neat. Enough neck, good spring of rib and well boned. Just a little short coupled for me and whilst true fore and aft, his action was a bit lacking in reach and drive. 3rd Whitchurch's Sheltisha Light My Fire at Emmaview

LD(12) The hardest decision of the day as these two sables matched each other in so many ways that I found them difficult to split. They are of similar make, shape, size and each was presented in lovely coat and body condition. Both could be that tad firmer in front action and side on they were both light footed with good balance, head carriage and showing good hock use. Finally I gave the nod to the winner as I just preferred his expression but they will swap places often, I'm sure. 1st Fransham's Jontygray Gilt Edged for Franmead JW 2nd Haensel's Sherkarl Uptown Funk JW 3rd Roberts' Malaroc Mystery Writer JW

OD(10) 1st Bastiano & John's Ch Hawk Blue Eyes Des Romaines De Mayerling at Auberswell ShCM a beautifully coloured and coated blue merle, real silvery blue with correct splashes of black on his profuse jacket. He has a very good head, ears are well carried, pleasing eyes and expression, excellent reach of neck, correct ribbing and that flowing, eye catching outline. One of the best

movers of the day, so effective and light striding with good hock use. Close up in my consideration for the CC but I just preferred the size of those I put over him. 2nd Van Hoorebeke-D'hondt's Multi Ch Napoleone Di Bonaparte Van 't Nevelse this was one of my problem dogs of the day as this richly shaded sable has so much to like. Beautifully headed, clean cheeked, well rounded foreface, neat little ears and well shaped, dark and very expressive eyes. He is a lovely wither height, has such a good ribcage, supple loins, well rounded croup to a good tail set and leading to lovely hindquarters. Did not match the lightness nor drive in stride of the winner which was the deciding factor. But he is a dog of quality. 3rd Miles' Lavika Time Will Tell at Milesend

VD(9) What a class of real golden oldies, each immaculate in body, coat, attitude and that willing to please air!! 1st Mackie's Ch Shebaville Secret Mission this immaculately presented dog never put a foot wrong. Loved his size, well laid shoulder, such good angulation aft, well muscled thighs, the tightest of feet and still a light footed action as he drifts around the ring. Has kept his quality head, showed himself off so eagerly and just could not be ignored. 2nd Paterson's Lorainian Kaeto Star a huge coated 9 years old sable which is an enormous credit to his owner. Not a hair out of place, every tooth in his head and all sparkling white! Has retained that beautiful headpiece with such a winning expression. His forelegs remain absolutely straight and firm at the elbow, tight feet, so well ribbed and that smooth, clean flowing outline all add to his appeal. Can still show some of the youngster how to use hindquarters! 3rd Aaron's Ch Mistmere Blackthorn at Shelridge JW

Sp.Open (S/W) 1st Bastiani & John's Fait Moi Rever Jocker Des Romains De Mayerling at Auberswell what's in a name indeed!! Very richly hued shaded sable of lovely make and shape. Full coated, excellent neck and backline, well weighted bone and sound to and fro. His head is a little too deep a stop for me but he is blessed with such lovely eyes and neat ears so his expression has charm. Sound in action but not the best of showmen being a little reluctant to use his ears much. Not quite the strength in hock of the winner and not quite so outgoing as a showman. 2nd Haensel's Lorainian Mr Bojangles at Sherkarl JW ShCM nicely headed golden s/w, pleasing head, very neat ears and well shaped eyes which all add to his appeal. He is well ribbed, has a lovely reach in neck and his croup line is good. Spotless in coat presentation and a willing showman. Just lacked the rear drive of the winner as they circled the ring together. 3rd Pierce's Ch Philphope Star Struck

Sp.Open (Tri) 1st Stock's Ch Shemist Black Wizard what a handsome headed tri this is and as always from this handler, flawless in presentation. He has a lovely headpiece, definitely all male but an expression of much quality due to his lovely eyes and neat ears. He is well proportioned in body, lean and fit to go over and out-moved the opposition. 2nd Fisher's Fearnach Don't Stop Me Now at Colroy IKC another very handsome dog and again in excellent coat and presentation of the first order. I liked his head, thought the winner had that fraction more reach in neck and the slightly more moulded croup line which gave the overall picture more appeal. He does everything to please his handler and moved briskly around the ring. 3rd Jordan's Gylmar Dreamaker

SP(B/M) (2) 1st Edward's Castlerose Spiritmaster no doubting his sex, good flat skull of nice length, ears could be a little higher set, well shaped eyes, lovely reach of neck good spring and depth of rib, in super coat and a co-operative showman. Moved around the ring well but he was another which just seemed to stop short in hock action. 2nd Main's Seavall Blakeney smaller chap of beautiful colour and once settled to stand, he present a very appealing outline as he uses that good neck to advantage. Not the head of Spiritmaster as he lacks muzzle roundness and his ears a trifle heavy for me. And this one can fidget when expected to stand and show!! But in super condition.

Breeders D(2/1) 1st Winfield's Ch Oakcroft Star Force JW this s/w has an air of quality even although I would like him a tad smaller at the withers. He has a really good one piece head. lovely soft expression, neat ears, just about enough neck to enhance his outline, well bent stifles and shown in superb coat condition. Quite sound both ways but another just a little short in length of stride for me.

Sp Op. Working D (3/1) 1st S. Burnished Gold 2nd Graham's Shadoway Game of Chance possess such a lovely headpiece, moderate stop, flat skull, well set and carried ears and really good eyes and expression. I liked his size and substance and he was shown in excellent bloom. Not quite the

firmness in backline of the winner and he was another which I felt could have used his hocks to better effect.

Albert Wight (Judge)

Bitches

A wonderful day for me 150 entries with 30 absent. Thanks to both my stewards for keeping me in order. Was very pleased to find lot's of clean teeth and plenty of long tails. I am sorry my report is a bit lacking in detail but I was ever mindful of time and in hindsight I should have concentrated my notes to just 1st and 2nd but at the time wanted to do all 3 places as it was such a wonderful entry. Thank-you all. Mr Wight and I were in complete agreement with all our winner's.

MP (12,3) 1 Isdale, Viewdale Tri to Please Very nice start to my day with this lovely 7 month tri puppy very nice expression with strong tan markings, good stop and wedged shaped head with neatly tipped ears, good reach of neck and neat fitting coat. Bit apprehensive on the table to start but quickly settled she has nice bone with good feet nice arched toes. Very sound on the move even a gentle wag of her tail. Very pleased to make her my Best Puppy. 2 Hateley-Sanscott Sweet Serenity at Mohnesee As with all the sheltie's from this kennel has the sweetest of expression lovely dark almond shaped dark eye with nicely rounded muzzle. In good coat for her age. Movement not as steady as winner. 3 Greaves-Clannavon Forget Me Not. 8 month blue bitch of stunning colour and rich tan markings, has a large white blaze enhanced with 2 deep blue eyes and neatly placed ears. Lovely shape and outline plus she had a super long tail and moved with drive.

P (16,3) 1 Whittington, Esterbon Three Kisses for Tighness Tri very elegant in outline with good reach of neck, nice well placed dark eye. Good length to body and nice sweep to her tail. For ideal would like a little more fill in fore-face but this will come with age. Close call for BP but I liked the more steady front movement of the MP 2 Miles-Eljetia Hot Chocolate of Milesend Shaded s/w more rounded in muzzle and more fill of fore-face than my winner but expression was not as sweet but with most of my winners has very good bone and neat feet. 3 Sanscott Sweet Serenity At Mohnesee

J (14,2) 1 Stafford-Rannerdale Queen O'the North. So nice to get the chance to go over this lovely bright orange golden s/w a clear winner of this class and very close for top honours today. Good reach of neck set off with full white collar level topline and good sweep over the croup. Good bend of stifle and neat hocks. Moved round the ring with ease, showed well but felt she had lost a bit of sparkle It has been a long year for her but can only see bright things ahead for her. 2 Ferris-Ferrimere Fun 'N' Games not the glamour of my winner being a plain s/w or the front angulation but sweet expression. Good rear angulation. 3 Stock-Shemist Dark Angel Tri with full white collar and neat ears good level topline moved with style.

Y (8,1) 1 Miles, Amoureye Blue Mist Of Milesend Shapely b/m of nice colour but rather heavy marked. Good head and nice expression, neat ears, level topline and good rear end so motored round the ring. 2 Koenen, Dawnville So What's The Gossip Not the outline of my winner being more compact all round but such a melting expression nice dark eye. For ideal would like for fill to fore-face. Nice well presented rich black coat. 3 Mottram, Lanteague Stage Whisper at Lochkaren JW shapely golden s/w with good reach of neck. The better head of the 3 having a very sweet eye steady on the move. little unsettled showing wise today.

N (17,4) 1 Stow and Withers-Stanydale Luck Be A Lady If only this bitch had more confidence. Good wedged shaped head would like a better eye felt it was a bit full. Standing a bit tucked up and has too much white on her stifle for my liking but so sound on the move, so had to win this class. 2 Hillman-Lavika Love Charm very plain s/w but like her colour, well rounded muzzle nice eye ear's well set and neatly tipped. good reach of neck, would like a bit more bend to stifle. 3 Esterbon Three Kisses For Tighness.

Tyro (12,1) 1 Arnould-Shadoway Rosa Esmeralda Good head and expression lovely eye placement. Coat of good texture. Correct length of body. Free standing and moved well on loose lead. All round a very pleasing sheltie. 2 Lavika Love Charm. 3 Esterbon Three Kisses For Tighness.

G (15,2) 1 Main-Shenachie Lyric of Light Top end of the scale height wise but can look bigger due to her beautiful arched neck enhanced with full white collar. Very good muscle tone so good movement was expected and that's what I got. Not in full coat but what she had fitted well. Just wish she was a fraction smaller. 2 Bywayer-Lundecocks Cover Girl at Tachnamadra. Bright golden s/w correct size in full coat very attractive head nice dark eye lovely shape, made well, very close call just prefer the movement of the first but i like the size of this bitch. 3 Tinker-Ruscombe Mosaic Lovely coloured merle bit of a shame she left her best coat at home but what she had fitted well. Nice head a expression but ears could be smaller but they were correctly placed. Good straight front and move very well. Like to see her in full coat.

PG (15,4) 1 Briggs and Hoare-Brigsview Opalesque. Was surprised to find myself liking this bitch as I find her eye's far too light for my liking, if only she had dark blue eyes. In this class she stood out for make and shape. Not a full coat but well presented and a well broken blue colour. Good long tail and moved with style. 2 French-Lindfern Bee Enchanted JW. For ideal would like a bit more all round but she is all in proportion sweetest of heads dark eye but would like more length of head, not showing as well as normal and movement was a-bit reluctant. 3 Greenhill, Mohnesee Diamonds 'N' Pearls workman like blue again rather a-lot of black but she has a very pleasing expression and a very kind eye. Won her place on movement and drive.

ML (11,2) 1 Robinson, Lavika Lucky Star JW Well turned out The best of the 3 litter sister's, lovely make and shape good reach of neck level topline good length to height, good sweep over the loin. Stands correctly nice straight front. would like more forward reach but was straight and true. 2 Lycett, Herds Hallicia at Lliad Rushed in to the ring so was rather unsettled. More refined in head than my winner beautifully moulded foreface and correct eye placement. Ears looked a-bit wide set but this was only due to her reluctance to use them. On the move she came into her own, sympathetically handled to get the best out of her. 3 Thomas, Myter Trade Secret JW Not the clear silvery blue i would like but she has darkened with age, her coat was well presented and enhanced her body shape, Good straight front. Moved with an easy stride.

L (10,2) 1 Allen, Willowtarn Time To Frolic This bitch is another just into veteran lovely dark eye set well into head, lovely feminine expression neat ears for ideal would like a bit tighter. Good shoulder angulation and depth of chest. Glided round the ring. 2 Fisher, Shellamoyed My Blue Heaven JW Strong workman like bitch, lovely colour but would like more refinement to head, good legs and feet. Did not move well first time round but when her owner came to take over, got her to move again and it was much more steady with good drive from the rear. 3 Thornley, Felthorn Lindy Hop Golden s/w in lovely coat and condition, strong legs and feet. Powerful movement from good rear end angulation.

O (13,2) This was a lovely quality class even the unplaced dogs where top draw. So very minor things split the pack. 1 Miles, Ch Milesend Milkshake Gosh where does the time go had to ask her age again as did not think she was 10 years old still has a beautiful head and expression with a lovely dark eye, still has a good set of teeth. Has good bone, straight front and correct rear angulation. Did not think she would be my winner as even though her colour has improved i have never liked her colour but when she moved it was text book striding out in front and driving from the rear. BCC RBIS BVIS 2 Bray, Lianbray Locked In Love JW Another quality bitch more racy than my winner has good bone legs and feet moved well needs a-bit more coat to complete the picture and hope she does get her third CC as she will be a worthy champion. 3 Parker, Tolarock Ice Ice Babe JW. This beautiful bitch was turned out in beautiful condition did think she might be my CC winner but she was carrying a bit too much weight so her front movement was not as positive as the 1st and 2nd.

V 14(3a) What a super class All in good condition with nice clean teeth 1 Bywater, Ch Tachnamadra Evisu RCC. Richly coloured s/w with almost full white collar to enhance her neck, head proudly carried on good shoulders, Angulation both front and back very good, lovely straight front with good forechest good topline with muscular well angulated hindquarters enabling her to power round the ring. Thank-you for giving me the pleasure to judge her. 2 Parks, Ch Milesend Gold Token at Eljetia JW. I like the more refined head of this bitch again lovely make and shape. In full coat a lovely dark

s/w almost mahogany a lovely rich colour. Stands and show's well on loose lead a very close call. Two beautiful bitch's both on top form. 3 Stafford, Ch Rannerdale Star O' The North JW Again a lovely bitch not the reach of neck as my first two. Beautiful expression still moves well but not so happy today, lost a bit of her sparkle, but another well deserved champion. What a class.

S/W O (6,1) 1 Hateley, Ch Willowgarth Tangerine Lace at Mohnesee JW ShCm This bitch is an ideal size in good coat and condition, excels in head and expression, good depth of chest. Stands and shows like her life depended on it. Sound steady movement. 2 Barnett, Rainway Returning to Seavall JW Liked the size and outline of this bitch better than my winner she is more racy but her movement was not as steady. 3 Barrowclough, Milesend Jubilee Spirit Golden s/w rather out of coat but nicely presented. Sympathetically handled.

TRI/O (9,2) 1 Durrant, Shougies Demi at Neraklee, 6 year old beautifully turned out not a hair out of place and her coat shone. She has a nice head with well rounded muzzle and good fill of foreface neat ears and still has a rice tan. Moved with great drive. See she is the mother of the BPIS 2 Eaves Kyleburn Forever A Dream What a neck this bitch has again has a rich tan and very nice head and expression nice smooth lines. Coat on the blow but nicely presented. Movement a-bit erratic but did enough to be 2nd. 3 Walley, Sandwick Prima Donna This very pretty bitch could do with a bit more neck as more compact than the 2nd but had the sweetest expression in the class and in tip top condition. Movement sound but not the reach in front of the winners

B/M O (5) 1 Barnett's Ch Rainway Crystal Star JW Delighted to get the chance to get my hands on this lovely bitch she is the text book colour and in the good coat, moves with style but today she had lost a bit of her sparkle but still in my top 4. Stand away winner in this class. 2 Koenen, NI Ch Dawnville No Assembly Required Much heavier all through than the rest in this class. Her head was rather heavy but liked her colour, good front and level topline and steady on the move which was the deciding factor over the other 2. 3 Kennedy, Lirren Blue Gamble at Donbeley Nicely presented but bit short of coat. Her front markings make her look a bit straight in shoulder but she is sound and moved well enough. Would like higher ear carriage.

Breeders O (9) 1 Walker, Tooralie's Matilda This tri has the richest of tans would like a bit more refinement in head, but a nice eye and neat ears. Good for size, well set fore and aft good bend of stifle. Just needs a bit more coat to complete the picture but her coat shone in the sunlight. A very pleasing exhibit. 2 Robinson, Lavika Good Luck. Found this was the third one from the same litter i put up today. This is the plain jane but good reach of neck. All 3 have lovely expression this one was in the best coat. Was well handled but did not stride out as well as my winner. 3 Hill, Molson Middori Sunset. Left all her clothes at home but had nothing to hide. Good expression well placed eye and neat ears, very easy mover, shame she was out of coat. I just love her colour.

SpWorking O (5,1) All 4 in this class do our breed proud in their respective disciplines, and good luck to future wins 1 Hardin, Sheltysam Medley Of Gold AW-Beg. Ex. Very pretty petite s/w beautifully turned out, has very good muscle tone but very light in frame and narrow in front 2 Hardin, Sheltysam Miss Mayhem AW-RL3-Beg Ex correct size and again well turned out. Had a better front than her kennel mate but not moving as well. 3 Simkiss, Malaroc Miss Behaving larger sized tri with a big coat but again well presented. Just a bit too much of her all round but still plenty of sheltie charm. 4 Dixon, Lightning Lilly P Beg. EX winner of the novice obedience. Congratulations

Judge: June Rutterford