

MID WESTERN SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB, 24/07/16

Mid Western Shetland Sheepdog Club held an Open show where **BIS was Lythwood Sculptress**; BOS, Hillhenry Thunderstorm; BP, Shelridge Shantilly Lace at Lianbray.

MPD (1) 1 Botham's Balidorn Soloman, s/w dog approaching 9 months, who has a lean head, balanced in length with nicely moulded foreface, & obliquely set dark eye. Well arched neck with sloping shoulders & good length of body. He is now fully grown & just needs time to develop in chest & tighten in front movement. Stood & showed well. **PD** (2,1a) 1 Edwards' Castlerose Star Turn, tri dog of 10 months sporting a lovely jet black coat & rich coloured tan. He has a clean head with flat skull, well filled muzzle, medium almond shaped eye, well placed ears, & correct bite. A muscular neck, with good length of body & well bent stifles. He moved well showing good front extension & powerful rear drive. **BPD**. **JD** (3) 1 Robinson's Lavika Moonshine, glamorous s/w who was just out of puppy by 3 days! He is an ideal size with good body ratios, & is a lovely shape showing good reach of neck & good depth of chest (which was lacking in so many today). Correct rear angulation, with well bent stifles. He has a masculine expression, although I would prefer a slightly leaner skull, & tighter lip line; 2 Lycett's Iliad Isle Spy, I liked the head on this young dog. It is lean & equal in length with correctly placed stop, rounded muzzle with good amount of underjaw. A typical 14 months he is still rather shelly in body & just needs time to fill out & mature. Moved OK; 3 Dixon's Tachnamadra Toffee Apple. **YD** (2) 1 Lindford's Hillhenry Thunderstorm, tri dog of 19 months who is making quite a name for himself recently. He is an ideal size, balanced with sufficient bone & substance. His head is wedge shaped with flat skull & clean cheeks. He has good angulations front & rear with good bend of stifle, & neat tight feet. In profile he would benefit a slightly longer neck, but he moved very well, & was presented in good order. **BD** & **BOS**; 2 T Toffee Apple, pale g/s of 15 months. Shorter in head than 1 with small ears & well rounded muzzle. He has a long muscular neck, & good layback of shoulder, but in body he appears long in loin, & would benefit shorter hocks. He is ideal for size, but tended to pace in movement. Maybe going a bit quicker should help correct this. **ND** (1) 1 I Isle Spy. **GD** (6) 1 Mottram's Middy Sun at Lochkaren, s/w of 2 years who stood out to win this class. He has a masculine expression, from a nicely moulded head, expressive eye, neat ears & deep stop. He is a nice make & shape, has a muscular neck, sloping shoulders, a graceful sweep over the loins & a correct tailset. He still needs to tighten a little in elbow but moved steadily, & was presented very well; 2 Atkins' Willowgarth Harvest Sunset over Jontygray, g/s/w just under 2 years with a refined head. It is nicely balanced with correct stop, clean cheeks, rounded muzzle, & correctly placed small ears. He has a good length of body, but still needs to broaden in chest. He was not quite so composed on the move as 1; 3 Rule's Bleatarn Star Trooper. **PGD** (4) 1 Moody's Janetstown Josses Hill, plain s/w dog who's size is in keeping with the Standard. He has nice head features, with no exaggerations, & alert expression, but still requires a little more fill in muzzle. Sufficient length of neck, well arched with good shoulders. Standing he presents himself very well & always kept his eye on his owner. His presentation was excellent & I considered him nice enough to put forward in another two classes & to award him **RBD**; 2 Greenhill's Sanscott Victor Silvester with Mohnesse, g/s/w who is slightly bigger than 1. He also presents a nice outline with good depth & width of chest, well sprung ribs & strong bone. His head is well balanced with correctly placed stop, good eye & placement of ears. He was rather unsettled in stance today, but moved confidently; 3 Saunders' Chalmoor Shades Of Gold at Fernfrey. **LD** (3) 1 J Josses Hill; 2 Gatherall's Herds Humphrey, g/s/w approaching 3 years who is also a nice size. Wedge shaped head of correct length with well filled muzzle & ample underjaw. He has a strong body with deep chest & good length of rib, sloping croup, well turned stifle, & short hocks. More length of neck & layback of shoulder would better his look in profile. He moved & showed well; 3 Bladon's Puncknowle Golden Sunlight at Kiemont. **OD** (4,2) Rather a poor class. 1 Shaw's Nethercroft Fair Cavalier at Shatay, I saw this g/s dog as a youngster & liked him a lot, but on judging him today thought he looked older than his 6 years. His head is short, with a well filled muzzle, nice dark eye, & small ears. He is not a big boy, & would look more balanced if he was another half an inch taller at the withers. He carries a good harsh textured coat, & moved well, if a little leisurely; 2 Glibbery's Jontygray The Blacksmith, tri dog of 3½ years (repeat from

an earlier class). He has a clean head with correctly placed eye, neat ear carriage, but an incorrect bite. Long neck & strong body, but a shade large in size. Abundant coat of intense black colour which was well groomed. Another who needs to be moved quicker to correct his gait. **VD** (1) 1 Shaw's Nethercroft What Can I Say at Shatay, shaded/s dog of 8 years who looks well for his age. He has a nice head equal in length, nicely moulded with dark almond shaped eye, good stop, & well placed ears, all helping to produce a masculine expression. He is strongly built with sufficient bone, flexible pasterns & strong hocks. He moved OK, & took BVD unopposed. **SWD** (4) 1 J Josses Hill; 2 Rigby's Lythwood Secret Dealer, pale g/s with a lovely balanced head, equal in length with correct eye, & well placed ears. He has a good length of neck, strong body & sufficient bone. He still needs to develop in forechest, but at 3 years still has time to mature & come to his best; 3 H Humphrey. **Special OD B/M** (1) 1 Edwards' Castlerose Spiritmaster, b/m of 4 years who I have judged before. He has come on well, his head being smooth in outline with lovely oblique eye, rounded muzzle & strong underjaw. He has a broad chest with straight front & level back, & is well angulated front & rear. He is nicely marked, & moved soundly.

MPB (6,2) 3 lovely puppies. 1 Bray's Lianbray Lorelei, the baby of the class at just 6 months & 1 day. At this age she looks picture perfect & most promising indeed. Lovely shape showing long neck, level topline & good angulations. Prettiest of heads, sweetest of expressions & very confident in nature. Very schooled in stance & movement. One to keep an eye on for the future; 2 Robinson's Erjon Happy Me at Lavika, this puppy also shows much promise. She is also a very nice shape with sufficient amount of neck, good length in body, with well bent stifles, & long tail. At 7 months, she has a little more coat than 1. She moved freely & showed well; 3 Gamble's Balidorn Solitude. **PB** (7,1) 1 Bray's Shelridge Shantilly Lace at Lianbray, another lovely puppy who stood out for her elegant shape & silhouetted outline. Feminine all through with a balanced head proudly held on a long neck with well laid back shoulders, straight front, level back, low set tail, & well bent stifles. She moved well & showed her socks off! In good coat, but I hope the colour deepens in tone. Well deserved BP; 2 Gatherall's Herds Hopefully, g/s/w who also has many virtues to admire. Lovely head & pretty expression. Good body with desired angulations. Enough bone, & in good fitting coat. She also moved with ease, & stood & showed well. Aptly named, another pup showing signs of a promising future; 3 B Solitude. **JB** (11,3) 1 Robinson's Lavika Good Luck, feminine g/s with a lovely outline. At 15 months her head is developing well. She has a correct almond eye, & well placed ears producing a sweet expression, although I would prefer a little more underjaw. She has a sufficient amount of neck, good rear angulation & long tail. She moved & showed well; 2 Hayhurst's Milesend Sweet Melody at Keycharm, this young bitch was very similar to 1 in type, particularly in head & expression. She is an ideal size, & has one of the best upper arms I judged on the Shelties today. Sufficient neck & level back, with good ribbing, with sweep over the loins. She moved well. A close decision between the two; 3 H Hopefully. **YB** (6,1) 1 Deveson's Janetstown Je Suis, another quality g/s who has also been making a name for herself recently. She has a well proportioned head with sweet eye, & neatly placed ears, but is a little fine in muzzle. Her body is a good length with nicely angulated rearquarters. She was at one with her handler, moved efficiently, & was also presented very well, her coat just gleamed in the sun; 2 Lycett's Iliad Isla Wishes, s/w of 15 months who is different in type to 1. Her head is of equal length with flat skull & smooth cheeks, a dark medium sized eye & correct ears. She is an ideal size, but is taller built than 1. Another who at this age just needs time to fill out in body & mature on; 3 Saunders' Chalmoor I'm A Peach at Fernfrey. **NB** (11,1) 1 S Shantilly Lace at L; 2 L Lorelei; 3 B Solitude. **GB** (4) 1 Mottram's Anastasia Dreamer at Lochkaren, what an endearing little Sheltie this 2 year old is. She has a lot to like from a nice head, wedge shaped with well rounded muzzle & definite stop. She has a nice body with good ribbing & sufficient rear angulation. She moved OK but did not want to use her ears, & had a smile on her face all the time; 2 Atkins' Jontygray To Find A Dream, g/s of just under 2 years who also has a nice head & expression. In profile she shows a long neck, proudly carried head, level back, & matching angulations, with enough length of body, & sufficient bone. A feminine bitch, she moved well, but lacked the coat condition of 1; 3 Lindford's Hillhenry The Tempest, nicely marked merle – the mother of BD. Very nice, but not quite the refinement of the first two. **PGB** (5) 1 Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Reflection, this sable caught me eye as soon as she came into the class. A very attractive bitch she has a pleasant head with nice eye, slight stop & good ear carriage. She is an ideal size with good length of body, & decent angulations, well rounded bone, neat feet & she moved well. I noticed I have done her sire & dam well in the past; 2 Hateley's

Willowgarth Tangerine Lace at Mohnesse, another g/s who is having a good run this year. She also has a nice head pattern, with correct features producing a melting expression. She has good rear angulation, & short well let down hocks, & also moved out well. Compared to 1, I found her to be a little oblong in body, which detracted from her natural shape & outline; 3 Lycett's Herds Halicia at Iliad. **LB** (6,3) 1 Gatherall's Herds Hallucination, 6 years tri who I have also judged before. She is very nice to go over being well constructed with good bone & substance. In head qualities she could have a slightly sweeter expression, but she has nice angulations & reached out well on the move which gave her first place over two; 2 Deveson's Lucky Liaison at Lianbray, petite & feminine – this s/w is also a nice shape, although different in type to 1. She stands & shows well, but would benefit more extension in front movement. Presentation from this exhibitor as always first class! 3 Venton's Tri'n Stop Me at Mistyisle. **OB** (2) Two very nice quality bitches. 1 Moore's Ch Sanscott Sweet City Woman, 3 years g/s who presents a lovely outline, showing a well arched neck, level back with excellent bend of stifle & short well let down hocks. Feminine head, nicely balanced with correct almond shaped eye, definite stop, & full foreface. Her coat is in spotless condition & fitted her body shape perfectly. She moved very well. I was pleased to award her RBB; 2 Moody's Janetstown Jenerous, s/w of 2½ years of good breed type. I also had the pleasure of judging her last year, & she has matured on well since then. She is feminine with a refined head neatly balanced with correct stop, dark almond shaped eye & correctly used ears all producing a sweet expression. Lovely outline showing plenty of neck, sloping shoulders & good rear angulation. Her coat is in good bloom, she stands, shows & moved well. **VB** (6,1) 1 Shaw's Maryville Pollyanna at Shatay, at 10 years this g/s/w is in very good condition for her age. Loved her head & expression. She has ample neck with well laid back shoulders. She still has good muscling & moved spritely despite carrying a little extra weight around her middle! She won BV over her kennelmate, for her slightly longer length of back which made her look more balanced in profile; 2 Goodwin's Ch Herds Homeweave at Highbrook, b/m bitch of 9 years, who still carries her age well. She has nice forequarters & stands very straight in front view with good depth of chest, & nicely angulated rearquarters. Her tan is now beginning to fade, & her markings are not quite as defined as they used to be, but she stands, & shows well, & still moves efficiently; 3 Gamble's Balidorn Mixed Emotions. **SWB** (3) 1 Rigby's Lythwood Sculptress, & very sculpted she is! Although plain in colour, she appears very elegant in outline with a one piece head, equally balanced, clean & smooth in outline with parallel planes, medium eye obliquely set with definite stop & correct ear carriage all helping to produce a sweet feminine expression. She has a well arched neck with well laid back shoulders, straight front & flexible pasterns, level back, well angulated hindquarters & straight hocks. Her movement was smooth & graceful. **BB, BIS**; 2 J Mystique Reflection; 3 J Je Suis. **Special OB Tri** (6) 1 H Hallucination; 2 Major's Mistyisle Simoncelli's Star, tri of 3 years who is soundly constructed. She is nicely marked sporting a jet black coat, with a showy white collar with a rich tan. She has a lovely dark eye, but could be a little sweeter in expression. She moved & showed well for her handler; 3 Jackson's Gordil Good Time Girl. **Special OB B/M** (1) 1 Rule's Bleatarn Cassies Dream, petite blue, who stood alone in this class. Loved her shape, nicely balanced & angulated fore & aft. Pretty head with correct stop, flat skull, & well used ears. She is ideally marked although her blue colouring needs to clear & I wish she was just a fraction bigger in size. I have always admired her dam. **Brace** (3) 1 Lycett's Iliads, a well match pair regards to colour, size, shape, & type. Very coordinated in movement; 2 Robinson's Lavikas; 3 Moody's Janetstown.

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