

MID WESTERN SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OPEN SHOW 29TH JULY 2017

I would just like to start by thanking the secretary and her hard working committee for inviting me to judge at your well run and friendly show and to my two hard working stewards who kept the judging flowing. It was a pleasure to judge some lovely shelties and the weather was good for judging outside. I'd just like to mention teeth and tails. Some of the younger shelties really did need their teeth cleaning and there were some tails that did not reach the hock - the hair might have - but the tail itself did not. That said I was more than pleased with my winners. At the end of judging I truly was overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of all who attended and the totally unexpected donation to my daughter Tracie's fund and signed card by all those who attended. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

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BB Ch Rannerdale Queen of Hearts. **RBB** Rowancrest Blue Champaigne at Shellamoyed JW. **BPB** Smiths' Bramblecroft Bliss. **BVB** Ch Rannerdale Queen of Hearts.

BIS Ch Degallo The Vindicator AT Rowancrest JW. **RBIS** Ch Rannerdale Buggy Malone. **BOS** Ch Rannerdale Queen of Hearts. **BPIS** Balidorn Bushfire. **BVIS** Ch Rannerdale Queen of Hearts.

MPD (1) 1 Botham's Balidorn Bushfire. Home bred 6 mth sable Puppy at his very first show. A bit raw and unsettled but as the day progressed he settled well to show off his many virtues. Ears right up on top with lovely dark nicely shaped eye. Obviously there are things about him that will come and go but at this stage he deserved his BP & BPIS award. Will watch his progress with interest.

JD (1) 1 Goodwins Highbrook He's Got Style. Glamorous sable and white with full white collar. Nicely constructed front and good reach of neck. Stood 4 square and alert to handler. Good length of back but would like a slightly longer tail. Moved well with good rear movement.

YD (4,1) 1 Highbrook He's Got Style. 2 Edwards Castlerose Star Turn JW. Beautifully presented tri 21 mths, nice make and shape with reach of neck, moved purposefully, preferred the front and head of 1. 3 Bothams Balidorn Soloman.

GD (1) 1 Edwards Castlerose A Shropshire Lad. Well presented lad with full white collar. Well filled foreface with nicely tipped ears right on top and lovely dark almond shaped eye. A lot to like about him.

PGD (2) 1 Tinker's Hillhenry Winter Storm over Riggsbeck JW. Just a bit too big all over and likes his dinners which at times spoilt his movement but what he had was well balanced when standing and when he got his act together moved out with reach and was the better of the 2 on movement. Nicely marked glamorous Merle of good colour. Well presented. 2 Tucker's Milesend March Storm / Dark shaded sable smaller in size without the reach of neck. Slightly short in upper arm which did not give the reach required. Well presented.

LD (2,1) 1 Stafford's Rannerdale Lord Fawty. Rich sable and white 3 year old dog with good length of back and bend of stifle. Lovely dark almond shaped eye and neat responsive ears. Nice straight front and moved as his construction would suggest, with purpose and drive. A bit unsettled with the wind blowing but Beautifully presented (as were all from this kennel) with gleaming straight harsh coat and clean teeth!

OD (4) A lovely class. 1 Rowan's Ch Degallo The Vindicator at Rowancrest JW, BD BIS, my favourite dark shaded sable colour. Coat that was immaculately presented and glistened in the sun. Head had that melting expression achieved by lovely set of his eyes, well filled foreface, good under jaw, flat skull and ears that tipped and were so responsive to sound. Stood 4 square at all times showing off all his attributes and when He moved it was with the light daisy clipping action that could have covered uneven rough ground all day with ease. Not a big lad but so well balanced and everything in proportion, so much that shouted 'look at me'. A worthy champion indeed. BD BIS. 2 Walker's Marsula Shogun JW ShCM (Imp. Aus) 2 ½ year old dog unfortunate to meet 1 on the day. Alert and responsive to handler. Well presented with harsh jet Black coat. He didn't have the reach of movement of the winner. 3 Rigby's Ch Lythwood Secret Dealer. 4 Saunder's Chalmoor Shades of Gold at Fernfrey JW.

VD (4) All 4 a credit to their owners/ handlers for their coat care and condition. 1 Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Buggy Malone. BVD Res BD RBIS. 10 ½ yr old. Another beautifully presented dog who belies his age. It says a lot for this kennel that their dogs hold their age so well and for Shelties as a breed - they certainly are like fine wine and only improve with age. Head was a pleasure to handle with no sign of coarseness and teeth immaculately clean. Lovely dark eyes and well filled fore face. Moved with purpose and drive. 2 Tucker's Sandiacre Set in Ice. 8 yr old tri colour, good presentation. Head handled well, nice dark eye and tipped ears. Good depth of chest and carried a level topline. Moved well. 3 Rule's Edglonian Let's Rock at Bleatarn. 4 Saunder's Dunbrae Bond's Wish of Gold at Fernfrey.

SpOD Sable and White (2,1) 1 Walker's Dippersmoor Star Gazer by Tooralie. Another lovely shaded sable. Well constructed and shown in excellent condition. Lovely head dark nicely shaped eye and expression. Moved well. **SpOD Blue Merle** 1 Edward's Castlerose Spiritmaster JW. Good for size and nicely broken up blue Merle. Very alert and responsive to handler. Best Junior Handler Dylan Barrowclough. A very smart well dressed young man. Loved his calm and sympathetic handling of his young well presented sheltie. He listened carefully to me and performed a flawless T always paying close attention to his charge. His triangle had straight sides and accurate turns. He moved and showed his dog off to give it its best advantage at all times. You could see and feel the close bond he had with his charge. When standing his dog 4 square he moved so he was never positioned crowding or obscuring his dog. He kept one eye on me at all times. A worthy winner and a good future handler.

MPB (1) 1 Fitz-Harris Abuela Caed Mile Failte. 8 mth old. Well off for bone and coat. A little apprehensive on the table. Full white collar and front legs. Nicely shaped almond eyes. Would prefer her ears a little bit higher. Level topline and good bend of stifle. Doesn't need to grow on. Moved well enough.

PB (2) 1 Smith's Bramblecroft Bliss. Pretty well broken blue Merle. Nicely balanced throughout. Of correct size. Moved briskly both coming and going. **BPB.** 2 Rule's Bleatarn Chantilly Lace. Pretty little bitch, with a kind and gentle expression. Ears playing havoc with the wind but nicely set. Nice for size. White on bend of stifle but Well presented coat harsh coat. Moved well.

JB (3) 1 Stafford's Rannerdale Queen o' the North JW, another quality bitch with a sweet and appealing expression. Good arch of neck and shoulder angulation. Correct turn of stifle with short hocks which showed in her free movement. Again beautifully presented and shown. Moved with reach and drive. 2 Deveson's Milesend Sea Pearl. Correct head and ear carriage, coat of good texture, well balanced throughout. Good scissor bite. Muscular hind quarters, moved well.

YB (7,1) 1 Glover Guest's Doonelodge Demora. A lot to like about this young sable/white bitch who won 3 successive classes. No exaggeration of type here. She was a good honest sheltie. Lovely dark almond shaped eye, neat ears and when you went over her, a nice reach of neck. Good length of back and bend of stifle. Adequate length of tail, moved beautifully (with a change of handler) and with grace and drive. Just wish she'd pull herself up and flaunt off her many attributes. 2 Walker's Channerswick Penny Lane. Splitting hairs here as I liked this pretty b/m a lot. Full white collar and front legs with rich sable markings. Lovely sweep over the loin. Good bend of stifle. Ears right up on top. Good harsh well fitting coat that was clean and well groomed. Moved with an easy light action. 3 Milesend Sea Pearl. 4 Hayhurst's Mystyisle Hope's Reign At Keycharm.

NB (4) 1 Doonelodge Demora. 2 Bramblecroft Bliss. 3 Abuela Caed Mile Failte. 4 Jaelis Mystique Topaz.

GB (8,2) 1 Doonelodge Demora. 2 Milesend Sea Pearl. Sweet s/w bitch with feminine expression enhanced by well set ears and correctly shaped dark eyes. Good bone, correct front and good bend of stifle. Moved well. 3 Bramblecroft Bliss. 4 Jaelis Mystique Topaz.

PGB (4) 1 Hayhurst Milesend Rockqueen at Keycharm. Well presented in good coat with enough fill of foreface. Good reach of neck. She had enough bone for size and stood on neat feet. Moved ok. 2 Barrowclough's Milesend Jubilee Spirit. 3 Keycharm Artic Queen with Gordil.

LB (6) 1 Rowan's Rowancrest Blue Champaigne at Shellamoyed JW. Stood out in this class for colour shape and size. Lovely profile and balanced throughout. Good feminine head pattern with nicely shaped blue eyes and good ear carriage. Glamorous markings completed the picture. Moved out well covering the ground with ease. **RBB.** 2 Walker's Tooralie Matilda. Tri, another quality bitch with many feminine attributes. Sweet head eye and expression. Balanced in profile. Good length of neck and back. Strode out with purpose and drive. 3 Goodwin's Highbrook Hot Fizz. 4 Smith's Bramblecroft Esmie JW.

OB (2) 1 Deveson's Janetstown Je Suis JW ShCM. Blue won on her sound construction and movement, left her coat behind but what she did have was clean and well groomed and of a good colour. When relaxed extended her neck and showed off her many charms. 2 Jackson's Gordil Good Time Girl. Nicely proportioned throughout - although a bit fine in bone for me. Moved well, left her clothes at home but what she did have was well presented.

VB (5) 1 Ch Rannerdale Star O' The North JW. Wonderful 9 yr old Shaded s/w shown in full bloom and condition. Still retains her beautiful head properties with no sign of coarsening or age. Lovely sweet expression and neatly tipped ears. Good length of neck set on well laid back shoulders. Moved briskly keeping her level topline. Another lovely example of the breed from this kennel and interesting to see she was full sister (from different litters) to the BB and thus was beaten for BVB by her year younger sister. 2 Saunder's Marville Polyanna at Shatay. 12 year young lady. Sweet head eye and expression. Moved well with Drive. Nicely presented. 3 Smith's Kiemont Kissed By Sommer Sun at Bramblecroft JW. 4 Barrowclough's Milesend Musical Lady.

SpO Sable and White (3) 1 Stafford's Rannerdale Queen Of Hearts JW. Many similar virtues to her veteran sister apply. Beautiful feminine rich s/ w of correct size and nicely balanced throughout. Her head was a pleasure to handle showing a sweet and feminine expression. Good level topline with a graceful sweep over her loin. Short neat hocks showed she could move with Drive and she did. BB BVB BVIS BOS. 2 Rigby's Lythwood Sweetheart. Heavily coated sable of correct size, lovely topline, good bend of stifle. Sweet feminine head and melting expression. Well balanced throughout. Bitch of good quality. Moved with ease around the ring. 3 Deveson's Lucky Liaison At Lianbray ShCM.

SpOB Tri Black and Tan or Black and White (2) 1 Gordil Good Time Girl. 2 Mohnesees Pandemonium.

SpOB Blue Merle (4) 1 Rowan's Rowancrest Blue Champaigne At Shellamoyed JW. 2 Channerswick Penny Lane. More heavily marked b/m and not as clear as 1, nice make and shape with sweet expression. 3 Bramblecroft Bliss. 4 Jaelis Mystique Topaz.

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