

Southern Counties Championship Show 5th June 2022

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for inviting me to judge at their show and for the hospitality shown to me and my guest. I would also like to thank the exhibitors for entrusting me with their entries, not forgetting my steward and his apprentice who were most helpful and kept everything running smoothly, ensuring that the judging was completed in good time. Such a shame that the weather was not in our favour and judging had to take place inside the barn which was quite noisy and did unsettle some of the exhibits (not helped by the pigeons!). Overall presentation was good, but one or two exhibits were carrying a little too much weight. The depth of quality in some of the lower classes was somewhat worrying and some otherwise nice exhibits missed out due to the ever-present problem of upright shoulders and steep upper arms which affects front movement and balance. However, there is no perfect dog, compromises must be made, and I was very happy with my main winners.

MPD (5) 1 Winfield's Lirren Quickstep To Oakcroft TAF NAF. Loved the overall shape of this eight month old s/w baby. Correct head type with neat well placed ears and dark eye giving a very sweet expression. Nicely balanced with everything in proportion. Good reach of neck and lovely sweep over the croup. Moved well going away, but just needs to settle in front movement. BPD & BPIB. 2 Mottram's Lundecock's Hoopie-Doo At Lochkaren (Imp Swe). Very striking eight month old s/w with full white collar who was presented in excellent condition. Nice wedge shaped head with lovely, dark almond shaped eye giving a very sweet expression, but just needs to fill out a little in foreface. Nice overall shape with good reach of neck and moved well for his age. Two very promising puppies. 3 Burch's Bordamour All Fired Up.

PD (4,1) Not an easy class to judge. 1 Hirst's Sundark Scaramouche. Nine month old b/m dog of good bone and substance with rich tan markings but his colour would be greatly improved with less black. Correct wedge-shaped head but would prefer more definition of stop. Nice level topline, good reach of neck, good bend of stifle and well let down hock. Well constructed throughout and moved well which won him the class. 2 Watts' Sandwich En Vogue At Cedarbank. Nine month old g/s with full white collar who was finer in bone than the winner. He has a good reach of neck and level topline but a little steep in upper arm. Correct wedge-shaped head with well rounded foreface but would like a sweeter eye which would enhance his expression. Moved ok. 3 Fillery-Hammond's Wavesong's Chasing Rainbows.

JD (4) 1 Aaron & Durant's Shelridge Santino At Neraklee. Very appealing, well balanced g/s. Nicely moulded, clean head with correct stop, neat ears and well placed almond eye giving a sweet expression. Good reach of neck, depth of chest and level topline. Good bone and substance and well constructed front and rear. Moved well. BJ. 2 Creamer's Lyngarso Captain Tom. Well presented tri of jet black colour who appealed for his overall shape, reach of neck, good bend of stifle and lovely sweep over the group. A little more filling in foreface and sweeter eye would enhance his expression. Good bone but I preferred the overall expression and front construction of the winner. 3 Hardy's Sandwich Masterclass.

YD (5) 1 Robinson's Lavika Starlight Salute. Very attractive, well presented g/w who instantly appealed for his lovely balanced head, flat skull, correct almond shaped eye and well placed ears, the whole combination giving a very sweet expression. Nicely proportioned throughout with lovely reach of neck, good depth of chest and gentle sweep over the croup. Balanced angulation front and rear and moved well. 2 Lambert's Blenmerrow Merry Minstrel. At almost two years of age, this rich mahogany s/s dog may not stand out for glamour with just his little white toes, but he certainly makes up for it in construction and overall balance. He has the classic, clean, wedge-shaped head with nicely rounded muzzle, desired amount of stop, level planes, nice dark eye and correct ear carriage. Lovely bone, good reach of neck, level topline and good length of tail. Correct front and rear angulation and moved well. Two very nice young dogs who need time to mature and it was difficult to choose between them, but I was swayed by the sweetness of eye of the winner. 3 Roberts Stanydale Rewrite The Stars for Malaroc JW.

MD (2) 1 Hillman Lavika Lifestyle. Well presented s/s carrying a wealth of coat which tended to spoil his overall shape and topline. Correct ear carriage, well rounded muzzle, balanced head, and sweet expression, but would prefer more reach of neck and better angulation both front and rear. Nice for size but just carrying a little bit too much weight which affected his movement. 2 Watts' Sandwich En Vogue At Cedarbank.

GD (7,1) 1 Robinson's Lavika Deep Blue Ocean. Most eye-catching b/m dog who stood out in this class. Loved his overall balance, shape, and substance. Refined, wedge shaped head with level planes, well rounded foreface, and the correct amount of stop. Lovely eye shape and well placed, neatly tipped ears, giving a very sweet, yet masculine expression. He has lovely bone and is well constructed with sufficient reach of neck, level topline, nice sweep over the croup and good length of tail. Excellent bend of stifle, neat feet and well let down

hocks which enabled him to move with drive. He is a lovely silvery blue which is well broken, but to be super critical, a little less black would improve his overall colour. Presented a lovely overall picture both stood and on the move. When it came to the challenge, I couldn't deny him the CC. 2 Cheal's Carolelen Composer. Shapely golden sable of lovely breed type. Nice dark eye of correct shape and placement set into well balanced head with nicely rounded foreface and good ear carriage, giving a very sweet expression. Good overall construction and reach of neck. A promising youngster who needs time to mature. Well-presented and moved well. 3 Arnould's Shadoway Chance Encounter.

PGD (7) 1 Pattinson's Kyleburn Hidden Dream. Very plain sable who is not one to immediately catch the eye due to his lack of white markings and reluctance to show off his virtues. He is a well constructed dog underneath his profuse coat which is rich in colour and of correct texture. Good bone and substance with sufficient reach of neck which does tend to be hidden somewhat by his profuse coat. Nicely moulded head with good underjaw and well placed dark eye. Not a great showman but moves well. 2 Aaron's Shelridge Sirius. Well presented s/w with a pleasing head and expression. Correctly placed ears and good reach of neck. Balanced front and rear angulation with level topline and good length of tail. Coat of correct texture which fitted his body and showed off his outline. A little steeper in upper arm than the winner but a very close decision between these two. 3 Stock's Shemist Sea Dragon.

LD (6,1) 1 Hull Mohnesee's Dream Date Of Lizmark JW. Most attractive g/s of correct size who instantly caught my eye. Slightly broader in skull than ideal but he has the most pleasing head and expression with lovely dark expressive eye and well rounded foreface. Reasonable front construction with excellent bend of stifle, well let down hock and lovely sweep over the croup. Moved well going away and in profile but tended to move a little bit wide when coming towards me. A quality dog who was groomed and handled to perfection. 2 French's Lorainian Kings Ransom At Lindfern. Another very attractive g/s who was well constructed throughout. Not quite the refinement in head of the winner as he has more stop than ideal resulting in him being deeper through in back skull. Dark almond shaped eye, well placed ears and nice arched neck. Level topline and good length of tail. Well-presented and moved well. 3 Moore's Sanscott Limited Edition.

OD (3) 1 French's Ch Lindfern Light Sabre JW. Attractive g/s who I have admired from being a youngster. Very similar in type to the second in limit. He has a very appealing expression and lovely dark almond-shaped eye but, ideally, I would prefer a flatter skull and a tad less stop. He is a nicely balanced dog with good layback of shoulder and length of upper arm, good depth of chest, level topline and lovely arched neck. Excellent rear angulation and well let-down hock. Lovely bone and substance. Very well presented and moved well both coming and going. I was pleased to award him the RCC. 2 Robinson's Lavika Lush Life JW. Another very appealing g/s presented in excellent condition. Lovely overall breed type with very pleasing head and expression, neat ears, and the desired almond-shaped eye. Level topline and gentle sweep over the croup. Good bone, nice bend of stifle and well let down hock. He was a little steep in shoulder and upper arm and hence lacked the reach of neck of the winner. Nevertheless, he presented a lovely picture and was handled well. Was sound on the move but couldn't match the front reach of the winner. 3 Fagg Dukeson Golden Fleece At Lynscot.

SBD (4) Cheal's Carolelen Composer BSB. 2 Smee's Wansvale Amiable. A nicely balanced, appealing shaded s/w who was presented in lovely condition. Pleasing head and expression with lovely dark eye and neat ears. Was a little difficult to assess him as he was quite unsettled, but he moved well and is a very nice dog overall. 3 Fillery-Hammond's Wavesong's Chasing Rainbows.

VD (2) 1 Rutterford's Ch Kelgrove Just Blue At Stormhead JW ShCM. What more can I say about this charming b/m that hasn't been said before. A lovely balanced dog of correct breed type with a beautifully moulded head and sweet, masculine expression. Good bone and substance. At 11 years old, his colour is now darkening but he can still move like a youngster. A very worthy Champion. 2 Riding's Anchor's Suprise Percy Polaris For Torinska (Imp Che). Nicely coloured b/m with full white collar who is just over 7 years of age. Pleasing head and expression, but a little wider in ear set than the winner. Lovely reach of neck, strong bone, and good bend of stifle. Not quite as good in front angulation as the winner. A very happy dog who never stopped wagging his tail. Moved well

GCD (1) French's Lindfern Bee Enchanted JW (B). A very sweet s/w bitch with an appealing head and expression. Nice for size, good bone, level topline and balanced angulation both front and rear. Carrying a little bit more weight than ideal which meant she was a little wide in front. Moved well.

SBB (2) 1 Cheal's Carolelen Call My Bluff. Another very appealing sable and white of correct size. Nicely balanced head with level planes, flat skull and good ear carriage. Ideally would like a sweeter eye. Good bend of stifle with gentle sweep over the croup. Reasonable front angulation and moved steadily. 2 Chan's Sharndah

Memories Of US NAF (Imp Au). 18 mth old richly coloured shaded s/w with full white collar. Lovely bone and substance. Would like more refinement in head, neater ears and a sweeter eye which would enhance her expression. Excellent front and rear angulation, good reach of neck, lovely sweep over the croup and good length of tail. A bit more length of leg would improve her overall balance and length to height proportions. Moved well with good drive from behind. Handled very sympathetically by her owner considering it was their first time in the ring.

MPB (4,1) 1 Aaron's Sendora To Be Sensational For Shelridge. Nicely coloured b/m with full white collar and blaze. Nice overall shape with good reach of neck, balanced angulation, and well rounded foreface. Possibly unsettled by the noise as she was reluctant to lift her ears. At just 8 months old, she is very much a raw baby and just needs time. 2 Mettan-ure Oakcroft Simply Starstruck At Savendie NAF. At just 6 months of age, this little golden s/w absolutely stole my heart but how I wish there was a bit more of her. She has such a lovely head and expression, good reach of neck and a level topline. Good layback of shoulder but a little steep in upper arm. Nice bend of stifle and good length of tail. She is very petite overall which is why she had to take second place to the winner. A real showgirl and what she lacks in size she certainly makes up for in charm and personality. 3 Way's Tywysoges Delphine.

PB (9,2) 1 Stockden's Willowgarth Raspberry Fizz. BPB. Appealing s/w of lovely breed type in good coat. Loved her clean, wedge-shaped head, with flat skull and the desired amount of stop. Well rounded foreface and lovely dark eye of correct shape and placement. Balanced angulation front and rear. Just needs to drop slightly in the rear, not helped by her good coat which tends to spoil her topline. Moved well. 2 Haensel's Philhope Summer Time To Sherkarl. Another very sweet s/w with a lovely head and expression and neat well placed ears. A little finer in foreface and does not have the front angulation of the winner. She has a nice level topline with lovely sweep over the croup and good length of tail but would like a bit more reach of neck. Good rear angulation with well let down hocks. Well presented. 3 French Lavika Soul Of Gold For Lindfern NAF TAF.

JB (7,1) 1 Bray's Jontygray Trice As Nice By Lianbray. Loved the overall balance and elegant outline on this tricolour bitch, enhanced by her well arched neck, level topline and good front and rear angulation. Very sweet head with lovely eye shape and placement and well rounded foreface. Spot on for size and moved soundly. 2 Traylor's Shougie's Morning Star. Another very appealing and well constructed tricolour with a lovely reach of neck and similar comments apply. Slightly bigger overall and not quite as sweet in expression as the winner. Moved well. 3 Carr's Wansvale Limelight

YB (3) 1 Fagg Dukeson Laced With Magic. Very sweet g/s who is well constructed with a good depth of chest. Pleasing head qualities but a little bit fine in foreface. Lovely ear carriage and well shaped eye. Good reach of neck and well constructed both front and rear. Beautifully presented and moved very smoothly. 2 McShane's Blenmerrow Ring Of Roses. Shaded sable with a pleasing head and expression but not quite as sweet in eye as the winner. A little upright in front but she has good rear angulation with well let down hock and lovely sweep over the croup. Nice fitting coat which shows off her outline. Moved ok. 3 Chan's Sharndah Memories Of US NAF (Imp Au).

MB (4) 1 Stockden's Willowgarth Raspberry Fizz. 2 Hanesel's Philhope Summer Time To Sherkarl. 3 Carr's Wansvale Limelight.

GB (8,1) 1 Mottram's Lundecock's There's No Limit At Lochkaren (Imp Swe). Beautiful g/s who has the most appealing, feminine expression and oozes sheltie charm. She has such a lovely eye shape and placement set in beautifully moulded, refined head with flat skull and well rounded muzzle, topped with neat, correctly set ears which she used well. Balanced overall with good front and rear angulation. When unsettled, she tended to stand a little wide in front but once she relaxed, she corrected this and presented a lovely picture. Moved smoothly and was presented in immaculate condition. When it came to the challenge, I was completely captivated by her irresistible charm and melting expression and was happy to award her the BCC. 2 Arnould's Shadoway Charlotte Rose. Another appealing g/s who is very well constructed throughout with a good reach of neck, level topline and good length of tail. Nicely balanced head and correct ear carriage. A sweeter eye would just enhance her expression, but otherwise a very nice bitch who moved well and was well worthy of her place. 3 Whittington's Tighness The Tide Is High.

PGB (7) 1 Morrison's Ketim Future Edition. Very shapely shaded sable who presented a lovely picture both standing and on the move. Most appealing head and expression, correct ear carriage and good reach of neck. She is so well constructed both front and rear and moved very smoothly and soundly. A very promising bitch and I seriously considered her for top honours. 2 Haensel's Philhope Summer Highlights At Sherkarl. Glamorous g/s who was presented in excellent condition and has the most appealing head and expression which would be further enhanced by a slightly higher ear carriage. Nice bend of stifle and well let down hock but would prefer more length and return of upper arm which would improve her overall shape and give her

more reach on the move. Nevertheless, a very attractive bitch who shows lots of promise. 3 Weller's Evad Halloween Queen JW.

LB (9,3) 1 Lambert's Blenmerrow Daisychain. I just loved the overall shape and balance of this beautiful s/s who is so very well constructed throughout. Excellent conformation front and rear with ideal body proportions, level topline, good depth of chest, lovely bend of stifle and well let down hock. She is so well balanced throughout with a lovely head and expression and moved smoothly and effortlessly. Very similar in type to the previous class winner. A very close decision between her and the graduate class winner, but in the final analysis, the captivating expression of the CC winner just won me over. RBCC. 2 Whittington's Esterbon Three Kisses For Tighness JW. I have always admired this very shapely tricolour with her lovely flowing outline. She has a good reach of neck, level topline and lovely length of tail. Excellent front and rear angulation, with good bend of stifle and well let down hock. Nicely balanced head, correct ear carriage and well shaped eye. A little longer in body than the winner but a nice bitch with lovely free-flowing movement. 3 Winfield's Carolelen Classic Star By Oakcroft. JW.

OB (4) 1 Hardy's Sandwick Stage Show. Very appealing tricolour with full white collar, of ideal size and substance with a lovely shapely outline and good bend of stifle. Well balanced, feminine head, with level planes and dark well placed eye, topped with neat ears. Well constructed overall and although a little unsettled by the noise, she moved well. Liked her a lot. 2 Robinson's Lavika Black Beauty JW. Another very appealing tricolour with good overall body proportions and correct length to height ratio, but just a little bit shorter in muzzle than the winner. Pleasing head with good reach of neck, dark eye and neat ears. Well constructed and moved well but not quite as sweet in eye as the winner. 3 Creamer Clanavon Touch Of Blue at Lyngarso.

VB (8, 1) What a lovely class of veteran bitches making it difficult to choose between them. 1 Rossiter's Lorainian Starlight Wonder. Most glamorous s/w who is now 8 years old and still maintains her youthful appearance. Presents such a pleasing picture both stood and on the move. She has a well balanced, feminine head with flat skull, level planes, nicely rounded foreface and well placed dark eye which, although not as almond shaped as I would like, does not detract from here expression. Well constructed front and rear with a good reach of neck. Moved freely and effortlessly and I couldn't deny her BVB & BVIB. 2 Arnould's Shadoway Perchance To Dream JW. Another very shapely s/w who is just over 10 years old and she is so very much like the winner that the same comments apply. It was so difficult to choose between them, but I just felt that the winner had the edge in front angulation. 3 French's Lindfern Enchanted Sunrise.

Judge - Maureen Bywater