

SOUTHERN COUNTIES CANINE ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 31ST MAY 2025

It was a pleasure to judge so many lovely shelties today although the breed does very slightly seem to be dividing into two types the first being the true traditional sheltie while the second which is creeping in is a glamorous, stronger, larger, and very eye catching type. Very pleased to note that very few were short and steep in upper arm something which has plagued the breed for many years, and correct tail length is also returning with very few short tails, not reaching anywhere near the hock joint. Some bitches also long in loin which then does not give the correct body proportions of 10/11. Some say that is acceptable as the bitch will carry puppies; but she will carry them up under the ribs for safety, never in the loin area. The long loin in this breed is a weakness not a strength.

VD. (5,1) 1. Stock – Shelmist Sea Dragon. Blue Merle. Excellent construction, balanced throughout. Correct in head with well carried ears. Mouth showing age but does not detract from overall quality. Well bodied up with well turned stifle and short hocks joint. Excellent on the move. Good colour. 2. French – Ch Lindfern Light Sabre JW. Golden sable. Lovely in outline with correct head pattern with well placed eye and ears and overall expression. Slightly steep and short in upper arm. Level topline. Sound from the rear on the move. 3. Hull – Mohnessee’e Dream Date of Lizmark.

MPD. (2) Both in this class still very much babies. 1. Hamzaoui – Burriland Din Djanin. Seven month old shaded sable. One ear still needs to settle. Excellent construction fore and aft. Level topline and neat feet. Correct tail length. Steady on the move. 2. Weller – Evad Halloween Tzar. Very glamorous sable with good eye and ear placement. Little steep and short in upper arm. Topline not level at this stage as currently higher at back end, so probably more growing to do. Well bodied up. Relaxed on the move.

PD. (3) First and second in this class both quality dogs. 1. Hateley - Mohnessee The Charm Master. Ten month old shaded sable. Sound in head and expression as I would expect from his kennel. Correct well placed lovely dark eye and well carried ears. Correct construction fore and aft. Well bodied with neat feet. Level topline with nice sweep over the loin. Correct tail length. Sound on the move. Not in full coat today. 2. Greaves – Foxstones Fairy Glen TAF. Very close up to the winner and will challenge in the future. Just today decided to stand cowhocked at crucial moments. Correct in head and expression, just needs to fill out slightly under the eye, but only a puppy. Correct in construction. Excellent coat and condition. Free mover. 3. Weller – Evad Halloween Tzar.

JD. (5) 1. Jeavons - Grandgenes Play The Game (BPD) Very glamorous golden sable in full coat and excellent condition. Well presented. Very mature and finished for a puppy, will be interesting to see how he develops over time. Correct in head without exaggeration. Well put together. Balanced in outline with a lovely long tail to complete the picture. Sound on the move. 2. Rossiter’s – Cocaro The Highlander. Another quality dog not quite so settled today. Correct in eye and ear placement. Well laid shoulder. Level topline with good sweep over the loin. Neat feet with well turned stifle. Lovely mover, when he ignored the GSDs in the adjoining ring as apparently he had been unsettled by one earlier in the day. 3. Hateley – Mohnessee The Charm Master.

YD. (5) 1. Rutterford – Myter Black Tarquin at Stormhead JW. Glamorous tricolour in full coat. Correctly proportioned head with true sheltie expression. Well constructed fore and aft with neat feet and level topline. Well set tail. Moved with drive around the ring. 2. Winfield – Iskander Bohemia Classic for Oakcraft (Imp Cze) Reserve in the last class. Well constructed and balanced in outline. I would prefer slightly more depth of underjaw and slightly flying an ear today. Free move in all directions. 3. Norris – Ferngrove’s Code Blue.

PGD. (6,1) 1. Taylor & Yuille – Shelridge Quizmaster at Chelmermead (DCC)(BOB) A very sound tricolour dog who looked as though he could work and go all day. Correct in outline without exaggeration. Good head proportions with well placed eye and ear. Balanced throughout. Level topline with well turned stifle and short hock completing the picture. Needs to be really handled to be appreciated. Excellent on the move driving well from the rear and covering the ground without effort. 2. Rutterford – Kelgrove Midsummer Blue at Stormhead (RDCC) Quality Blue merle dog in full

harsh coat. Sound in head and overall construction. Another well balanced dog. Lovely true sheltie expression. Also another that looked as though he could work all day. Excellent on the move. 3. Stock – Shelmist Summertime Blue's.

LD. (8,1) 1. Pierce's – Philhope In Good Taste. Mature sable in full coat, and excellent condition. Well presented. True sheltie expression. Well carried ears and correct eye placement. Well constructed. Sound in body and correct in outline. Well let down at hock. Level topline. Free mover. 2. Ayres – Gemette Gone Platinum. Blue merle of excellent colour and markings. Correct harsh full coat. Sound throughout, well bodied up. Correct head properties with well carried ears. Well let down at hocks. Steady on the move. 3. Smee – Wansvale Amiable.

OD. (6) 1. Robinson – Ch Lavika Moonlight Storm. Masculine mature tricolour dog in full coat and excellent condition. Balanced in head well carried both standing and on the move. Correct expression but I would have preferred a slightly darker eye to complete the picture. Well constructed fore and aft, Sound in body. Well turned stifle and well let down at hock. Moved with drive. Easy to see why he is a Champion. 2. Hirst – Sundark Scaramouche. One I first saw as a puppy, very different to the winner but very sound throughout without exaggeration. Well bodied up. Neat feet. A pleasure to go over. Moved very well with his handler. 3. Mitchell – Valdosta Gracelands.

SB(D/B) (6,1) 1. Kennedy – Oakcroft Aurora Dream at Donbeley. Sable bitch well put together. Nice head and expression. Well constructed. Sound in body with good sweep over the loin. Moved OK. 2. Clough – Evad Lite Breeze. Red sable dog in full coat. Balanced in outline with lovely head and expression with well carried ears. Well bodied up. Free mover. 3. Keighley – Fenstyle Fire Wizard.

VB. (4) 1. Hateley – Ch Mohnesee Sweet Dreams (BVIB) Sable bitch . I have judged recently and my remarks remain the same. Beautiful head and expression with well carried ears and correct eye placement. She has not coarsened at all. Sound in body with neat feet, I would just prefer a slightly longer tail. Quality bitch sound on the move flowing easily around the ring. 2. Kennedy – Lirren Blue Gamble at Donbeley. Blue Merle. Correct in head proportions and expression with well placed eye. Balanced fore and aft Blue coat colouring not as clear as I prefer, but a veteran. Steady on the move. 3. Hirst – Sundark Simply A Star.

MPB. (7) 1. Winfield – Oakcroft Amazing Star (RBCC)(BPIB). Lovely 8 1/2 month feminine sable in good coat and excellent condition for age. Correct and balanced in outline. Lovely head and expression with neat well placed ears. Sound in body with correct angulation fore and aft, level topline with nice sweep over the loin. Neat feet. Free mover. 2. Mettan-Ure – Oakcroft Graceful Star over Savendie. Another quality puppy slightly longer in loin than the winner. Correct in head, well bodied up . Level back. Well turned stifle and well let down at hock. Moved OK. 3. Barrowclough's – Shadowess Moonlight Blue.

PB. (5) 1. Bray – Liabray Lucy Locket. Pale gold sable very feminine throughout. Lovely head and expression although not always showing her ears to advantage. Good coat and condition. Well put together, well let down at hock. Free mover covering the ground. 2. Creamer – Shezaray Beyond The Galaxy at Lyngarso. Blue Merle perhaps slightly masculine in outlook, however good colour and well broken markings. Correct in head and overall construction. Level topline. Good turn of stifle. Balanced throughout. Sound on the move driving well from the rear. 3. Mettan-Ure – Savendie Meleys.

JB. (8,2) Pierce's – Philhope Clearly Precious. Feminine sable in good coat and condition. Excels in head pattern and ear carriage. Lovely dark well placed eye. Level topline. Well constructed fore and aft. Neat feet. Sound on the move. 2. Haensel's – Sherkarl Blue Elegance. Blue Merle with lovely feminine head and expression. In good coat and condition. Well bodied up. Level topline with correct lovely sweep over the loin finishing the picture with a lovely long tail reaching well beyond the hock joint. Neat feet. Sound on the move. 3. Smee – Arcot Mist Delectable at Wansvale.

YB. (3) 1. Lambert's – Blenmerrow Lullaby. Quality feminine bitch as I would expect from this kennel. Lovely head and expression without exaggeration. Correct stop and lovely dark eye. Well constructed

standing on good legs and feet. Well turned stifle and well let down at hock. Excellent free mover driving from the rear. 2. Gruszhá's – Achor's Surprise Himalaya over Samphrey (Imp Che). Blue Merle the quality of her colouring and marking enhancing her overall appearance. Slightly more filling between the eyes than the winner. Well constructed with good body and a level topline. Positive on the move. 3. Happel – Blenmerrow Viva La Musica.

PGB. (10,1) 1. Robinson – Lavika Astra Storm (BCC) Feminine Tri bitch not quite in full coat but her overall quality cannot be denied. Correct in outline and did not disappoint when handled. Lovely head and expression. Correct construction with level topline and good sweep over the loin. Well let down at hock. Moved effortlessly in all directions. 2. French – Skeldale Wish Upon A Star over Linfern (Imp Nld) Another quality bitch well presented and correct and balanced in outline. Good reach of neck, sound in body and overall construction. Easy and free when moving. 3. Haensel's – Philhope Summer Time to Sherkarl JW.

LB. (12,1) 1. Robinson – Lavika Sunset Rose. Blue Merle with lovely head and expression. Spot on for size. Feminine throughout in good coat and condition. Litter sister to Post Graduate winner and very similar. Well presented. Quality head and expression. Balanced throughout. Like her sister a pleasure to handle. Excellent on the move driving well from the rear. Thought it was my CC winner but in the challenge decided to shut off and lost interest completely. 2. Lambert's – Blenmerrow Daisychain. Shaded sable another quality bitch. Lovely head pattern with a true sheltie expression. Well put together, sound, balanced throughout without exaggeration anywhere. 3. Hateley – Mohnessee's Meliya.

Ob. (7,1) 1. Raaff – Molson Miss Congeniality for Stormhaven. Very glamorous sable/white in full coat beautifully presented. Lovely head and expression Feminine throughout. Balanced in outlook and confirmed when handled. Lovely sweep over the loin with petticoats and tail nearly reaching the grass. Excellent on the move. 2. Allen's – Sanbrakel Sunshine Breeze. Another quality bitch slightly different in type to the winner but still conforming to the breed standard. Rich almost red sable colour. In full coat and excellent condition. Well constructed and balanced throughout. Free on the move. 3. Mitchell – Valdosta Goddess.

Judge - Val Dyer