

# **SHETLAND SHEEPDOG C OF N IRELAND, 24/09/16**

Firstly I would like to thank the society for their invitation to judge this very friendly show & for the hospitality shown to me. To the exhibitors for their entries & the very sporting way my decisions were received. I realise that the entry was smaller than usual but I fully understand the reason why & appreciate those who took the trouble to travel from the mainland just for this show.

**BIS was Oakcroft Star Force**; RBIS, Willowgarth Tangerine Lace at Mohnesee, both gaining their 3rd CC on the day; BP, Little Barbie Girl Des Romarins De Mayerling for Sevenoaks; & BV, Ch Ardlyn Roses Are Red.

**MPD** 1 Armstrong's Beehcote Miles Ahead, a s/w baby of 6 months, very nicely shaped head & eye topped by neat ears which were well used. Coat beginning to develop. Moved soundly for one so young. **PD** 1 Boyles' Glen Hurricane Of The Dee, 9 months old, shown in good coat of the correct texture. Nice neat ears & sweet expression. Well rounded bone & an attentive showman. Moved OK. **BPD**. **JD** 1 Jackson's Shellamoyed The Kingsman, a well made 14 month old sable who is a good overall shape. Nice short hocks & well bent stifle enabling him to move with drive. Correctly shaped head & well filled muzzle giving him that true sheltie expression. Coat at the inbetween stage at the moment but at least one can see his true shape. **YD** 1 Walker's Marsula Shogun, tri shown in sparkling coat & condition. A really dense black coat of correct texture & just the right amount to fit the body without obscuring his overall shape. He has correct front angulation & well bent stifles with nice short hocks & very sound on the move. Good reach of neck & a lovely long tail. A very attentive showman. To be hypercritical I would just like him to be a little longer on the leg. **PGD** (2,1a) 1 Greenhill's Sanscott Victor Silvester with Mohnesee, a s/w with good conformation, excellent shoulder placement, well bent stifle & neat hocks. I would like a little more reach of neck & today he moved rather close in front. **LD** (5,1) 1 CC, Winfield's Oakcroft Star Force, so aptly named Star Force & that he is. He filled my eye when he walked in the ring & said 'look at me'. He is so well constructed with everything in proportion. He has a lovely arched neck, a sweet yet masculine head with correctly shaped almond eye giving him that true Sheltie expression. Moved with real drive. I was pleased to award him his crowning CC; 2 Gatheral's Herds Humphrey, very similar comments apply, but I felt my winner had the sweeter expression & I preferred his front movement; 3 Ewing's Sommerville Tri MacCool, a very nice tri who just seemed to lack confidence today. **OD** (5,2) 1 Castillo & Fortune's Ir Ch Edglonian Blue Fortune, a beautifully coloured b/m with the correctly textured coat which today seemed too much for his body shape. He is a good overall shape but on the big side. He won the class on his very sound movement; 2 Walker's Dippersmoor Stargazer by Tooralie, a shaded sable with a good overall body shape, nice sweep over loins, lovely long tail, excellent reach of neck, head of correct proportions with sweet expression. A bit steep in upper arm which affected his front movement; 3 Proctor's Our Little Drummer Boy, a good coloured tri who was very sound on the move but not settled when standing to show. Would prefer a better shaped eye, three very nice veterans in the next class each with their attributes & difficult to separate. All shown in excellent condition & a credit to their owners. **VD** (3) 1 Kyles' Tachnamadra The Tempest, a shaded sable with coat of good texture, neat well used ears & sweet expression. Won the class on his movement; 2 Cushley's Rannerdale The Irish Wizard at Semitar, this exhibit is typical of the breed having the most beautiful head, eye &

expression & overall shape but showing his age a bit on the move; 3 Fenton's Shanmie The Hell Raiser, heavily coated sable who moved soundly. Just preferred the expression of 2. **S/w D** 1 Castillo & Fortune's Ch Ir Lux Dutch Ch Irish Legend, a very heavily coated sable presented in immaculate coat & condition. Good bone & body shape, well bent stifle & moved with drive behind. His ear carriage let him down today. **Tri D** (2) 1 I liked both these exhibits & it was a close decision as both of them were very sound & could change paces many times. 1 O'Callaghan's Ardlyn Alfie Bo, a well made dog who was not a happy showman today but deserved to win the class on his overall breed type. He has a lovely head & expression; 2 McArdles' Slievemac Spaceman, at almost 10 years old this dog is a credit to his owners. Shown in super condition. He is well proportioned & a lovely shape with an excellent reach of neck. Very attentive to his handler. **B/m D** (2) 1 Jackson's Ir Ch Fearnach Blue Rhapsody at Cluain Ulaigh, this dog is a beautiful colour, the correct silvery blue splashed & marbled with black. Just as the breed standard says. A correctly shaped head, with level planes & an almond shaped eye obliquely set giving a soft melting expression. He is well constructed with a good bend of stifle & nice short hocks enabling him to move with drive. What's more he is the correct size without appearing too feminine. **RCC**; 2 Davis' Ardlyn Charley Harper, well made dog shown in good condition but a darker blue colour, moved soundly in front but would prefer a more positive hind movement. **Bred in Northern Ireland D** 1 G Hurricane Of The Dee.

**MPB** (4,1) 1 McDonagh's Karashanty Champayne Crazy, a very attractive 7 month old baby. She has everything going for her. A lovely reach of neck, correct amount of nice round bone for her age, well shaped & set eye giving an appealing expression. Very sound on the move; 2 Mottram's Lanteague Stage Whisper at Lochkaren, very similar to the winner & all the same comments apply. Not quite settled today & her front movement needs to firm up, which I am sure will do so in time; 3 Fenton's Shanmies Tropical Blue, a very raw baby of 6 months. She is a lovely shape & just needs time as so many blue merles do at this age. **PB** (4,1) 1 BP, Doyles' Little Barbie Girl Des Romarins De Mayerling for Sevenoaks, took my eye when she entered the ring. A sable who is so well constructed with good shoulder angulation & the correct amount of nice round bone. Lovely reach of neck & neat well used ears. I could have taken her home with me; 2 L Stage Whisper at L; 3 S Tropical Blue. **JB** (2) 1 McArdles' Fearnach Tilly Trotter at Slievemac, a sable who is a lovely colour & has the correctly textured coat which was well presented & fitted her shape. Good bone, nice reach of neck, well let down hocks & correct bend of stifle enabling her to move soundly. Foreface needs to fill a little more to complete the picture; 2 Clegram & Berry's Smiddyshaw I'll Be There For U, this was a very difficult decision to make between two very nice bitches. I loved this bitch's head & expression. She has nice neat ears which she used to advantage & is a lovely shape with a nice sweep over her loins. I would probably like a little more bone but her let down today was that she moved wide in front. **YB** (3) 1 Greenhill's Mohnesee Diamonds 'N' Pearls, a b/m who won this class on her excellent front construction. It is so good to see shoulders & upper arms the same length & at the correct angles to one another. She moved with such drive from behind & reach in front. Her head has two level planes, a very sweet expression & is topped by neat well used ears; 2 McDonagh's Karashanty Honesty, tri with a really dense black coat & of good harsh texture. She has a good bone & a lovely dark eye. I just preferred the expression of the winner. Sound on the move; 3 Doyles' Sevenoaks Penny Heaven. **NB** (2) 1 L Stage Whisper at L; 2 S Tropical Blue. **GB** (1) 1 McNight's Cinbaramy Kismet, a bi blue with a very attractive head markings. Plenty of harsh coat covering a well made body. Good bone & overall shape. Moved OK & was attentive to her handler. A bath would enhance her lovely colour. **PGB** (5) There was very little to separate the first three in this class. All lovely bitches. 1 Jones' Lavika Lucky Me, a well

constructed sable of ideal size & truly feminine. She has a correctly shaped head with level planes, a well shaped eye giving a soft expression & is an excellent mover as her construction suggests she should be. Responded well to her handler. RCC; 2 Doyle's Sevenoaks Angel By My Side, pressed the winner hard & similar comments apply. I just preferred the fill of foreface on the winner; 3 Fenton's Shammies Blue Butterfly, completing a trio of very nice bitches. A blue shown in good coat & condition & very sound on the move. Attentive showgirl. **LB** (6,1) 1 Hateley's Willowgarth Tangerine Lace at Mohnesee, I just fell in love with this bitch's dreamy expression. Her head is an ideal shape with almond shaped eyes correctly set, topped by neat well used ears. Well proportioned body with all the correct angulation both in front & behind. New exhibitors could do to look at this bitch to see what correct front angulation looks like. It was my great pleasure to award her the CC, choosing between her & the dog for BIS was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do but the dog won it on masculinity; 2 Jackson's Blue Moonlight Shadow, how unlucky to meet the class winner & she pressed her hard. A very attractive b/m with everything in the right place. A well shaped head, nice eye & sweet expression. Good bone & overall shape. Sound on the move; 3 Gatheral's Herds Hallucination, a tri bitch I have long admired but today she did not seem very happy with a different handler. She is so well constructed & very sound on the move. **OB** (8,2) 1 McDonagh's Karyshanty Star-Inka, a 6 year old bitch with good bone & body shape. Well bent stifles & moving with good drive from the rear; 2 McDanagh's I'm Sha-Kir-Ra by Karashanty, so very similar to the winner it was a case of splitting hairs. I liked the sweeter expression of the winner but how nice to have two bitches of such quality; 3 Webb's Ir Ch Daisyway Skyrock of Milesend, an attractive 5 year of sable who was unlucky to come up against the first two. **VB** (3) 1 Boyles' Ch Ardlyn Roses Are Red, I could not believe that this bitch was 10 years old. Shown in good coat & super condition. She is a lovely shape, has a well shaped eye & moved with such drive, I seriously considered her for the RCC; 2 Cushley's Semitar Mysterious, a very shapely 11 year old with a true melting sheltie expression. Beautiful reach of neck enhancing her shape. Moved soundly behind; 3 McKnight's Cinbaramy Satisfaction. **S/w B** (3,1) 1 Ir Ch D Skyrock of M; 2 Webb's Milesend Set The Trend, a very sweet sable who was a nice shape but just lacked confidence in the ring. **B/m B** (4) 1 Greenhill's Sommerville Blue Pearl at Mohnesee, this bitch is a very attractive colour with a well broken coat. Shown in good coat which was very well presented. Lovely pale tan face markings, nicely shaped eye & a sweet expression. Presents a nice overall shape & was the soundest mover in the class; 2 S Blue Butterfly; 3 C Kismet. **Bred in Northern Ireland B** 1 Ch A Roses Are Red.

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