

# **SHETLAND SHEEPDOG C OF NORTH WALES,**

## **OPEN SHOW 01/04/17**

The Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales held an Open show where **BIS was Castlerose Spiritmaster**; RBIS, Chalmoor I'm A Peach at Fernfrey; & BP, Highbrook He's Got Style.

I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge at this club show, I had a very enjoyable day with some lovely examples of the breed. On the whole my overall picture was of beautifully groomed & presented dogs in clean condition, all feet were well padded & tight, I found only one bad bite & I didn't see any tails being carried to high as this does spoil the outline on the move. Movement generally for the size of the hall was very good.

**MPD** (4,1a) 1 Mottram's Lavika Little Gem at Lochkaren, just 6 months, lovely wedge head with good earset & carriage, almond eye, defined stop. Correct amount of neck with well placed shoulders, adequate depth of chest for his age & rib, nicely sloping croup with good tailset, corresponding rear angulation, well presented & schooled. Steady on move; 2 Spencer & Edwards' Castlerose Northern Soul, slightly finer in body at this stage than 1, but everything is in the right place; 3 Wooley's Pepperhill In The Moment. **PD** (2) 1 Goodwin's Highbrook He's Got Style, 10 months, wedge shaped head with defined stop, obliquely set dark almond eyes & well placed ears, good underjaw. Moderate arch of neck on well laid shoulders, good forechest & well sprung ribs, gentle sweep over loin & gently sloping croup, nice tailset, good bend stifle & tight feet. Very smooth on the move with ground covering movement. BPD & when it came to puppy challenge this young boy was just so balanced both on the move & in profile, Lovely harsh coat with good mane & feathering. BP; 2 Bostock's Jaelis Mystique Clear Skies, young lad at his first show, just not as confident as 1 & needs time to settle. **JD** (1) 1 McLintoc's Foxstones Puts A Spell On You, wedge shaped head & dark almond eyes, ears quiet widely set & a little heavy at moment, moderate length of neck & well placed shoulders, good depth of chest & adequate rib, well rounded hindquarters with good bend stifle. Stood a little wide behind at times. Quiet heavily coated. Steady on move. **MD** (2) 1 C Northern Soul, moved much better in this class; 2 F Puts A Spell On You. **ND** 1 C Northern Soul; 2 F Puts A Spell On You. **GD** (2) 1 Officer's Castlerock A Shropshire Lad, lovely refined head & sweet expression, obliquely set almond eyes with good earset, strong underjaw, muscular neck with good shoulder angulation, chest reaching elbow & well sprung ribs, gentle sweep over loin & good tailset, well bent stifle & parallel when viewed front & rear, coat harsh with lovely mane & feathering, smooth & graceful on move with minimal effort. RBD, shame he had to withdraw from RBIS; 2 Lycett & Illiad's Iliad Isla Wishes, similar to 1, just not quite the bone & musculature, but lovely head with dark eye & good earset. Well laid shoulders & depth chest, spring of rib & gentle sweep over loin, good rear angulation. **PGD** (1) 1 McCourt & Hayes' Conorvean Tonkin, refined head, with almond shaped dark eyes, well rounded muzzle, correct ear placement & carriage, Muscular neck & well placed shoulders, chest deep & to point of elbow, well sprung rib & sweep over loin, slightly sloping croup, good hind angulation & well bent stifle, coat harsh & profuse especially around neck, graceful on move with effortless gait. **LD** (3) 1 Goodwin's Sandwick Turn Back Time at Highbrook, dark tri, refined wedge shaped head, obliquely set eyes, very dark, blackest of pigmentation to nose & lips. Good earset. Nice arch of neck going into good lay of shoulder with chest to point of elbow, well sprung rib & gentle sweep over loin & gradual slope to croup with well bent stifle, parallel when viewed front & rear, lovely an smooth on the move, with minimal effort. Coat harsh; 2 Hayes' Conorvean Cazier, just preferred 1's more effortless movement; 3 McLintoc's Balidorn Bo Diddley at Foxstone. **OD** (1) 1 Saunders' Chalmoor Shades Of Gold at Fernfrey, blunt wedge shaped

head, almond shaped eyes quite dark, ears a little heavy, nice arch of neck, good lay of shoulder & depth of chest. Well sprung rib, gently sloping croup & well bent stifle, coat harsh. Graceful on move. **VD** (2,1) 1 Rule's Edglonian Lets Rock at Bleatarn, 8 years gentleman, defiantly not showing he's a veteran. Refined wedge shaped head, obliquely set eyes with small neat ears, well arched neck on well placed shoulders with good depth of chest & lovely forechest, well sprung ribs & graceful sweep over loin & slightly sloping croup, good rear angulation & parallel front & rear. Coat harsh not as heavily coated as some, but still has lovely mane & plenty of feathering. Smooth & graceful on move. **Special OD S/W** (2) 1 C Tonkin; 2 B Bo Diddley at F. **Special OD Tri** (1) 1 P In The Moment, 3rd in Minor Puppy. Wedge shaped head, good earset & eyes dark. Muscular neck, shoulder placement OK, chest to point of elbow, level topline, sloping croup, good bend of stifle. Harsh coat, moved much better in this class, more settled. **Special OD B/M** (1) 1 Edwards & Castlerose's Castlerose Spiritmaster, my notes say lovely graceful well balanced dog. Refined head with good width & depth of skull, defined stop, obliquely set eyes with good ear placement, strong underjaw with tight black lips. Well arched neck, shoulders well laid back, lovely forechest & depth of chest reaching elbow, strong flexible pasterns, good spring of rib & gentle sweep over loin, slightly sloping croup & good bend stifle. Excellent musculature throughout which showed in his movement. On the move appeared both smooth & agile could see him doing a day's running on hills. Good harsh double coat. BD, BIS. **BBE** (4) 1 Gruszka's Samphrey Moonlight Shadow, wedge shaped head with defined stop, dark almond shape eyes & good ear placement, strong underjaw, nice reach of neck on well placed shoulders, with good forechest. Well sprung rib & depth of chest reaching elbows, gentle sweep over loin & sloping croup with good tailset, parallel when viewed front & rear, very light on his feet giving effortless movement; 2 Rigby's Lythwood Secret Dealer, nice refined head with good earset, almond shaped eyes, good underjaw, moderate arch of neck, well placed shoulder, good spring to rib & depth of chest, sweep over loin & good tailset, not quite so positive on move as 1 & for me just had too much coat; 3 F Puts A Spell On You. **NBE** (3) 1 C A Shropshire Lad; 2 B Bo Diddley at F; 3 C Tonkin.

**MPB** (2,1) 1 Rule's Bleatarn Chantilly Lace, just 6 months, very feminine little bitch, refined wedge shaped head, almond shaped dark eyes, beautiful earset but a little soft at moment. Nice length of neck & well placed shoulders, good length of rib, chest just needs to drop a little, nice sweep over loin & very good rear angulation, very steady on the move & in challenge for puppy bitch felt she just had a little more animation on move. **BPB**. **PB** (3) Not a lot to split between these two young babies, just preferred 1's overall balance. 1 Barrowclough's Jaelis Mystique Topaz, slightly finer boned than 2, but well refined wedge shaped head, with almond shaped eyes, ears held a little high at moment, nicely arched neck on well laid shoulders, good depth to her chest & length of rib, well rounded croup with good bend of stifle, lovely harsh coat, very easy movement; 2 Dawson's Shellamoyed Simply Heaven, slightly stronger bone than 1 at this age, very similar attributes but just not quite the length of stride as 1. **JB** (5) 1 Gamble's Balidorn Solitude at Solyric, blunt wedge shaped head, with almond shaped eyes, obliquely set. Correct earset which she used all the time, moderately arched neck on well placed shoulders, chest reaching point of elbow & well sprung ribs with slight sweep over loin, good rear angulations. Parallel when viewed from front & rear. Harsh coat & lovely easy ground covering movement; 2 Hayhurst's Mistyisle Hope's Reign at Keycharm, feminine black tri bitch, lovely wedge head with correct eye shape & good ear placement. Moderate arch to neck & good layback of shoulder with good spring of rib & gentle sweep to loin. Not quite the angulation of 1 but balanced; 3 Barrowclough's Milesend Millicent. **MB** (2) 1 J Mystique Topaz; 2 Macloed's Iliad Isla Dreams, feminine head & expression, nice arch of neck, well placed shoulders, adequate length of rib & gentle sweep over loin with sloping croup, nice tailset. Not quite the reach of

1 on the move. **NB** (4) 1 Jackson's Keycharm Artic Queen with Gordil, refined head with obliquely set almond eyes, good earset, moderate arch of neck & well placed shoulders with good length of rib, gentle sweep over loin & well rounded croup, needs time to grow up. Moved out well once settled; 2 J Mystique Topaz. **GB** (4) 1 Hayhurst's Milesend Sweet Melody at Keycharm, refined feminine head with well rounded muzzle, dark almond shaped eyes, with well placed ears, muscular arched neck on well placed shoulders with good depth of chest, well sprung ribs & gentle sweep over loin, gradually sloping croup, well bent stifle, harsh double coat with good feathering, she just pipped 2 on her smooth effortless movement; 2 Bostock's Jaelis Mystique Mistress, very similar comments to 1 apply, just didn't have the drive behind of 1 but very sound bitch; 3 Mackie's Mohnesee Secret Pearl at Shebaville. **PGB** (8) First three could have changed places anyway, three really nice bitches. 1 Mackie's Iliad Illusive Gold at Shebaville, smooth wedge shaped head, obliquely set almond eye, rounded muzzle, muscular neck going into well laid shoulders, good forechest & depth of chest, ribs well sprung & sweep over loin, well rounded croup, well bent stifle & firm hocks parallel when viewed front & rear, won this class for her steady movement. RBB; 2 Lycett's Iliad Isla Wishes, very similar bitch to 1 but felt 1 had slightly more length of rib & was slightly more effortless on move. But sure they swap places regularly, notice they are litter sisters; 3 Hayhurst's Milesend Rockqueen at Keycharm. **LB** (5) 1 Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Reflection, feminine refined head with lovely expression, dark almond eyes with good ear placement, defined stop & good underjaw, well arched neck & shoulders close fitting with good forechest & depth of chest, ribs well sprung & gentle sweep over loin, croup gently sloping & nice tailset, very balanced in profile, both smooth & graceful on move. Pushed hard for RBB; 2 Goodwin's Highbrook Hot Fizz, dam to BPD & BP. She has lovely head & expression with very good ear placement & nice almond eye, moderate neck with good depth chest, firm topline with sweep over loin, hocks well let down, steady movement; 3 Green's Gwensway Myfanwy Cariad. **OB** (2) 1 Saunders' Chalmoor I'm A Peach at Fernfrey, feminine refined wedge, obliquely set dark almond eyes, with good ear placement & she used them whole time, strong underjaw, well arched muscular neck on well laid shoulders with lovely forechest & good depth of chest, well sprung ribs. Nice length of back with sweep over the loin, well muscled hindquarters & hocks well let down, steady fluid movement, lovely harsh coat with plenty of feathering, super hard muscletone which showed. BB, RBIS. Just felt dog had a little more drive in the challenge; 2 Lycett's Herds Hallicia at Iliad, dam of a couple of the youngsters today, very good for breed type & similar to 1 but just preferred 1's more effortless movement. **VB** (7) One of my favourite classes, I think it is such a credit to the owners who keep their veterans in such fabulous condition & I would have liked more 1sts. 1 Gruszka's Samphrey Bitta Sweet, apparently I judged this bitch as a youngster. Just 9 years & not showing a day of it, lovely blunt wedge head with good earset & almond eyes, neck gently sweeping into well laid shoulders with good forechest & spring of rib & gentle sweep over loin, showed herself off whole time, still in very good condition both in coat & muscletone, moved out well. BVB, BV; 2 Goodwin's Ch Herds Homeweave at Highbrook, 10 years & another defiantly not showing her age, feminine head, lovely ear placement & dark almond shaped eyes. Moderate neck & well laid shoulders, good length of back & firm topline, nice spring of rib, & easy ground covering movement; 3 Barrowclough's Milesend Musical Lady. **Special OB S/W** (2) 1 H Hallicia at I, 2nd in OB, balanced bitch with steady movement which won her this class; 2 J Mystique Mistress. **Special OB Tri, B/T, B/W** (4) 1 M Secret Pearl at S, 3rd in Graduate, feminine bitch, balanced profile. Would like maybe a tad more of her. Her easy movement won her this class; 2 Major's Mistyisle Simoncelli's Star; 3 Dawson's Mohnesee's Pandemonium. **Special OB B/M** (3,1) 1 G Myfanwy Cariad, 3rd in a good Limit class, lovely clear coat colouring, refined wedge shaped head, dark obliquely set eyes, ear placement OK, good reach neck & well placed shoulders, well sprung

ribs & slight rise over loin, good bend of stifle, effortless on the move; 2 Lycett's Iliad  
Isablue Bear, lovely little bitch just not cooperating with her mum today, lovely profile. **BBE**  
(7) 1 Gruszka's Samphrey Sea Breeze, head refined wedge, obliquely set dark eyes, good ear  
placement, correct bite with strong underjaw, well arched neck on well laid shoulders, good  
depth of chest & well sprung ribs. Nice length of back with slight rise over the loin, well  
muscled hindquarters & hocks well let down, steady fluid movement; 2 I Isla Wishes; 3  
Rigby's Lythwood Sweetheart. **NBE** (5) 1 I Illusive Gold at S, won this class on her easy  
movement; 2 B Solitude at S; 3 J Mystique Topaz.

## **SUE BIRD**