

## **Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales. 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

I should like to thank members, and committee of the club for giving me the opportunity to judge this show, and especially my grateful thanks to a very competent steward. Although the entry was a low one, the quality of the dogs was good. I did feel that there was quite a variance in type. Lets face it there should only be one type, of sheltie, and its requirements are detailed in the breed standard. Unfortunately it is the in the interpretation of the breed standard that “opinions differ”. The introduction of imported blood lines has also added another yet another ingredient to the mix. In my winners I was looking for dogs that had the correct construction for a ‘working dogs’, and the sweetness of expression, and characteristics of the Sheltie, and I was pleased to say that I found this in most of the winning dogs. My CC winning dog, Ch Rannerdale Showmaster stood out in the challenge, and I was pleased that my co judge , Lynn Roberts, agreed that he was Best of Breed. Res CC was Lavika Deep Blue Ocean, Best Veteran dog was Ch Marsuls Shogun, and Best Puppy Dog was Lundcock’s Hoopie-Doo at Lochkaren (Swed Imp)

### **Dog Results Judge V A Woolley.**

**MPD** no Entries

#### **PD 1**

Mottrams Lundcock’s Hoopie-Doo at Lochkaren. Well presented dog with nice dark eye. A little unsure of himself, which possible affected his gait. Was the only entry, which was a pity as I would have liked to compare him with other puppies of this age. Best Dog Puppy.

**JD . 2 (1 a)** 1 Lundcocks Hoopie-Doo at Lochkaren

#### **Yearling 3**

1 Sutherland’s Shelcrest Winter Solstice at Suthesley. Well constructed dog with shapely outline, moved well, with well let down hocks. Attentive and responsive to handler. 2 Bendelow’s Amethrickeh Mysuntime. Another well constructed dog, but preferred 1’s front movement. Level topline, nice head and expression, but persisted in pulling his neck into his shoulders.

**Maiden** no entries

**Novice** no entries

#### **Graduate Dog 5 (1a)**

1 Sutherland’s Shougies Starmaker at Suthesley. The shape and outline of this dog won him the class . A true working dog type, good black with rich tan, spot on for size. 2 Botham’s Balidorn Charmer. A lovely well balanced sable. The best mover in the class today, but would have liked more substance. Nice dark eyes, stood and showed well. 3 Dimmocks Shougies Secret agent for Fernhill.

### **Post Graduate. 5**

1 Glover's Doonelodge the Explorer. Beautifully constructed sable in huge coat, moved well with handler. Nice expression, well placed eye level topline. One, who if he stands and shows himself to his best advantage, could go far. 2 Pattison's Kyleburn Hidden Dream. A well known shaded sable dog, who today, lacked his coat, but won this place on his construction. This shaded sable moved well for his handler, but oh would just love a little more animation from him. 3 Bedelow's, Pitch Perfect at Amthrickeh

### **Limit 4**

1 Thornley and Withers' Felthorn Cover Story. It was not until this dog started to move, that I appreciated his super qualities. Well made with a level topline, wedge shaped head, dark eyes and pleasing expression, I'm sure he will become an asset to the breed. In the challenge he seemed a little unsettled, but, I feel sure that his day will come. 2 Fisher's Shellamoyd Goldfinch.. A glamorous Golden sable, in huge coat, beautifully put down, as are all the dogs from this kennel. True melting expression and only lost this class on the fact that I preferred 1's movement. 3 Walker's Tooralie's Quest.

### **Open Dog 5 (1a)**

1 Pearson's CH Golden Graham . A young dog that is a real high flier and who has "grown up" since I saw him last. As always, immaculately put down. I still feel that he has not reached his full maturity yet, and in the challenge made my choice on this reasoning. He can only get better. 2 Hull's Mohnessee's dream date at Lismark. Lovely compact dog, with correct outline, and nice reach of neck, and slope over croup. Would just prefer a little more fill of foreface. 3 Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob.

### **Veteran dog 2**

I love to see these veteran classes, especially when they contain old favourites. Today it was simply splitting hairs between the two. Thank you for bringing them.

1 Walker's Ch Marsula Shogun,(presume it was a typing error that named him Marsula Shotgun in the catalogue) a compact seven year old tri in beautiful coat and condition. Nice rich tan markings, and obviously enjoying his day out. 2 Officer's Castlerose a shropshire Lad. Another nice 7 year old, with correct angulation and nice rich black, lost out on coat.

### **Special Open Sable/white. 4**

1 and CC Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Showmaster, and what a showman he is. A compact little dog with moulded forface and well rounded muzzle, and the enigmatic sheltie expression. His huge coat makes him look wider than he really is, but would not want him any broader. Shown in immaculate condition, and alert and responsive to his handler. Feel he has now reached maturity and today, there really was, no denying him the ticket. Pleased that he went on to be Best in Show.

2 Robinson's Starlight Salute. This dog came as a bit of a surprise to me, as I don't think I had seen him before. Not a glamorous dog, but he has a sound well angulated body, although much leaner than no 1, and he moved well. Nice dark eye and good ear carriage. 3 Gamble's, Solyric Inaugural Gold.

**Special Open Tri/ B/ W, B/T 3 (1a)**

1 Hardy's Ch Sanwick Stagelight.. If one word could describe this dog it would be the desired characteristic of 'strong'. Well boned legs, good spring of ribs, flat cheeks merging smoothly into a well rounded muzzle. Good dentition, and a nice level top line, 2 Botham's Balidorn Black Spice. This dog moved easily across the floor, and was one of the best movers of the day, but I felt that he lost out on fill of foreface to 1.

**Special Open Blue Merle**

1 Miss K Robinsons' Lavika Dark Blue Ocean A rather dark blue merle, whose markings are not his fortune, but these, when taken into balance were outweighed by his lovely construction. He moved easily and with drive, responding to his handler, as a team. Nice foreface, smooth skull, level topline. Pleased to award him the RCC.

**Special Open Resident in Wales. 2**

1 Botham's Balidorn Black Spice ( previously second in open tri) 2 Botham's Balidorn Charmer ( previously second in Graduate)

Judge

Valerie Woolley.