

Judges Report for the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Wales Championship Show at Pontypool Active Living Centre, Pontypool
Sunday March 15th. 2020

Bitch Judge Mrs .Diane Moore (Shetlo)

BIS Dog Ch. Lianbray Lothario.J.W.

BOS Bitch Rainway Returning to Seavall J.W.

I am writing this report in the middle of this terrifying and horrendous pandemic that has our world in its grips. For most of us our dogs and dog shows are our way of life. With the ongoing help of all the people keeping our country running and of course our wonderful NHS please God we will all come out of this safe and well and able to continue with the life we love. We were so lucky to be able to get to this well run and happy show. I thank the committee for inviting me to judge. This club offers the most beautiful rosettes and large diplomas/certificates.. Thanks must also go to my two very able and happy stewards John and Jan, my ring seemed to run like clockwork calmly and efficiently. . Also thank you to exhibitors for a really lovely entry, I could have given out at least half a dozen CCs., such was the quality of the bitches. Apart from one or two who could have done with a bath, most were clean and well groomed, I congratulate the exhibitors considering the dreadful heavy rain on arriving at this super venue. I am slightly concerned with the amount of coat some of the sables have. The coat should fit the dog, quite a few had too much under coat which made the top coat stand up. This hid the good body shape that most of these girls had. Not only is this incorrect but it will not be waterproof as the rain will go straight in to undercoat. It will be like a wet sponge next to the body. Apart from one or two with flat feet some have rather large feet, some feet trimming could have been better but not everyone is a dab hand with the scissors. It is always a pleasure awarding CCs, especially a 1st or 3rd. Such was my delight in giving the lovely graceful veteran her 3rd. Well done. I was happy for the beautiful dog to go BIS as I had previously awarded him his 1st CC. .He is now fully mature and looks a treat.

Vet.B. 4

Four lovely shelties.

1st.Barnett's Ch.Rainway Crystal Star J.W.

Aptly named B/M For her 11 years she still has her beautiful sparkling blue colour dappled with black. Her exquisite head shows no sign of age. Clean cheeks flat skull and lovely rounded foreface, good underjaw and teeth. Ideal almond eye set perfectly in to her head, neat well used ears. She has equal angulations front and back and moved soundly keeping her level top line. Good feet and correct bone for her ideal size. Lovely coat and condition. A strong contender for top honours.

2nd.Gruszka's Samphrey Shades of Blue ShCM VW.

Really pretty B/M 8 1/2 yrs. Her good angulations, well arched neck and level top give her a really lovely shape. Balanced head, flat skull and rounded foreface, correct stop, not quite the underjaw of 1st. but a very pleasing expression. Well fitting coat of good colour. Moved well.

3rd. Hirst's Sundark Tsarina. Tri looking really well for her 11 1/2 yrs. Pretty head and pleasing expression. Vey well made with good bone. Lovely body shape. Moved really well. Jet black well fitting coat.

Minor Puppy.

1st .Bastiani & John's Auberswell Seniorita. Stood alone but deserved a 1st place. Such an appealing G/S. Everything right for age .Pretty head, good eye. Well placed and used ears. Good neck and outline. Really long tail. In lovely coat for her 7 1/2 mths. Moved really well.

Puppy. 9 (2)

1st.Haensel's Philhope Summer Highlights at Sherkarl. This little girl really stole this class with her enchanting head and expression. So well balanced, lovely flat skull, rounded foreface, well placed almond eyes. Constantly using her neat ears. Under her well groomed double coat she is soundly made and moved really well. in lovely body condition.

2nd.Robinson's Lavika Star Babe. Very glamorous Pale G/S Lots of ring presence. In beautiful coat and condition. Lovely make and shape. Good bone, legs and feet. Constantly showing her pleasing head and expression and well used ears. Moved soundly.

3rd. Arnould's Shadoway Charlotte Rose. Really pretty red S/W. A little unsure of her self. Really pleasing head and expression. Lovely shoulder and upper arm placement. Well angulated rear. ideal size for her 10mths.

Junior 6

1st. Robinson's L.Star Babe.

2nd Hirst's Sundark Spirit Mistress. Ideal size Tri. Admirable make and shape. Not the coat of 1st. but what she has fits her perfectly. Good neck and top line. Correct angulations. Pretty head, flat skull good eye placement and rounded foreface.

3rd. Forster-Cooper's Alnmac Killer Queen. Tri. of super make and shape. Attractive head, flattest of skulls. Not the coat or bloom of those above, but it was easy to see her lovely outline and good round bone.

Yearling 7 (4)

1st. Bray's Lianbray Laced With Gold. Glamorous S/W in beautiful coat and condition. Really well balanced head and pretty expression. Well placed eyes and good used ears. Lovely lay of shoulder and good stifle. A tad loose in front movement which should tighten when brisket is fully developed. Showed herself well.

2nd. Creamer's Clanavon Touch of Blue at Lyngarso. Good coloured B/M well defined marbling. Loved her super body shape. Good neck and topline. Steady on the move with good stride, covering the ground well. Clean head attractive expression, just very slightly full in eye.

3rd. Fox's Sandwick Stage Secret with Follyfox. Sweet tri. Loved her size and shape. Good neck nice bone. Just needs to mature and develop in chest as she moves a tad close.

Maiden 7

1st. Mottram's Lundecock's There's No Limit at Lochkaren. (Imp.Swed) Oh my goodness when I first saw this little S/W girl she completely stole my heart. She held her adorable head on her arched neck in such a captivating way that she almost took my breath away. Such a smooth one piece head, perfectly placed almond eyes neat well used ears. Ideal size and lovely round bone. Correct feet. Not a showing fool, but in her own gentle way she did all that was asked of her. Correct angulations and pretty outline. Moved soundly with correct single tracking going and coming. Excellent breed type. No hesitation in awarding her the Res.CC.

2nd. Robinson's Lavika Mi Vida. Another delightful girl. Really attractive head, good stop, just a tad full in eye but a pleasing expression. Good well used ears. Loved her neck and general outline, move soundly and showed her charms well.

3rd. Arnold's Sh.Ch.Rose.

Novice. 5

1st .Haensel's Ph.Summer. Hi. at Sh.

2nd. Robinson's La.Mi Vida.

3rd. Rosslyn's Balidorn Golden Amber. Really promising puppy, came up against those more mature and with more coat. Sweet one piece head. Lovely outline and good neck showing herself well.. Would like to see a little more bone but really appealing overall.

Graduate. 3

1st Atkins' Jontygray Kiss N' Tell. Profusely coated G/S. Lovely dreamy expression, smooth head. Well shaped and placed eyes. She is a really well made girl. correct lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, matching bend of stifle, let down hocks. Good bone and feet. Steady moving and showing.

2nd. Riding's Achor's Surprise Blackberry Way for Torinska. Very appealing Tri. Difficult to separate from 1st. her coat fitted her better and I could see her lovely neck and pretty body shape, good turn of stifle. Lovely feet. Very appealing head and sweet eye and expression. Moved well just slightly playing her handler up a bit showing.

3rd. Crawford's Mohnesee Queen of Clubs at Joshlinic. Dear little Tri. of just 2yrs. Not fully mature yet which is not a bad thing, as those slow to reach maturity last longer! She has a pretty head and nice body shape. Jet black well fitting coat.

Post.Graduate. 9 ((2)

1st. Lycett's Iliad Isla Wishes. Spot on for size. I really liked this rich S/W of striking appearance. Classic one piece head with attractive thin white blaze. Flat skull and correct stop with good foreface and under jaw. Nice eye placement and expression. Her well balanced body is soundly made with good round bone and neat feet. Responding well to her handler she showed well and was one of the best movers in the class. In grand coat and condition. With her lovely breed type she should go on to higher awards.

2nd. Thornley's Shelbrook Pandora With Felthorn. Attractive Sh/W who excels in upper arm and shoulder placement, with matching stifle and hock angulations, giving her the correct body shape and excellent flowing movement covering the ground with ease. . She has a well placed eye and smooth cheeks, flat skull and rounded foreface, perhaps just a shade more under jaw would complete her pleasing one piece head. Lovely well fitting double coat.

3rd. Fox's Ruscombe Work of Art with Follyfox. Pleasing Tri. Jet black well fitting coat. Soundly made with equal angulations. Feminine head with pretty expression. Showed well.

Mid.Limit 4 (1)

1st.Mackie's Iliad Illusive Gold at Shebaville. Very well balanced Sh/W Really attractive one piece head carried on a well arched neck, flowing into a level top line and sweep over her croup. She has a sweet almond eye perfectly placed. Flat skull and smooth rounded foreface. Pleasing expression. An honest girl of good breed type with correct angulations both ends. Moved soundly. In lovely correct fitting coat.

2nd. Wood's Malaroc Rainydaze Very pleasing G/S everything in the right place. Lovely clean head well placed almond eyes. Good angulations and moved soundly. She is showing a bit of daylight underneath so just needs develop in brisket and generally mature. Lots of time on her side. excellent showgirl.

3rd. Crawford's M.Queen of Cl. at J.

Limit. 6

1st. Hirst's Sundark Simply a Star. Very appealing, feminine jet black Tri.with a full white collar. Pretty head and expression well set almond eyes, lovely ear carriage and

placement. Soundly made both ends with adequate angulations. Moved and showed well Her correct coat fitting like a glove. Very attractive overall appearance.

2nd. Arnould's Shadoway Perchance to Dream J.W. Really lovely rich S/W. in excellent coat and condition. Very good neck and outline. Pleasing head properties, a little full in eye but a very appealing expression. Steady on the move.

3rd. Waldron's Lavika Good Times at Frecia. Ideal sized G/S Smooth one piece head, good ears. Nice legs and feet. Good outline, but she is over weight which really showed in her movement.

Open. 7.(1)

Super quality class, most could have taken 1st place.

1st. Bray's Lianbray Locked In Love J.W. Beautiful S/W girl in full bloom. Really pleasing, smooth one piece head. Well placed dark almond eyes. Good well used ears. Correct bone for her ideal size, neat feet. Pleasing angulations both ends, level top line. Best of movers.. Standing and showing she looked an absolute picture.

2nd. Lycett's Herds Hallicia at Iliad. Another lovely S/W girl, slightly shorter in body length than 1st but adequate angulations both ends. Moved a dream with correct single tracking. Very pleasing head and expression, lovely eye shape and placement. In perfect coat and condition.

3rd. Robert's Willowgarth Love Story at Malaroc. Really attractive S/W Very pleasing head qualities and expression. Loved her arched neck and general outline. Good shoulder just not quite the upper arm of 1st & 2nd.. In perfect coat and condition.

Special Breeders 2

1st. Robinson's Lavika Time of My Life J.W. Very attractive rich G/ S/W Ideal shoulder, upper arm and stifle angulations, which on the move gave her plenty of reach and drive, with perfect daisy cutting action. Pretty head held high on her good neck. Flat skull well placed eyes. neat well used ears.

2nd. Gruszka's Samphrey Sea Breeze Lovely Sh/S/W Very attractive outline. Good neck, top line and well carried tail. Good bone and straight front legs. Pleasing one piece head, just a tad full in eye, but nice expression.

Special Open S/W

1st. Barnett & Hardman's Rainway Returning to Seavall J.W. One of our late Doyens Mary Davis said a bitch should look graceful and a dog noble. Well this Sh/S/W bitch of ideal size oozes grace from every part of her from standing still to her free and easy ground covering movement, she just flowed around the ring. Her pretty head is a clean one piece, flattest of skulls and rounded foreface, just the right amount of stop and well placed eye. Neat well used ears, She has just the right amount of well presented coat which enabled me to see her beautiful body shape and classic outline. Arched neck correct shoulder and upper arm, level top line and sweep over croup. well carried tail. Her hind angulation is balanced with her front. Lovely bone .Legs straight when viewed from the front. Well let down hocks and good feet. I was delighted to award her the CC, her 3rd. her excellent breed type obviously appeals to breed specialists, winning her other two CCs at club shows under specialists.

2nd. Bray's Shelridge Shantilly Lace at Lianbray J.W. A happy Sh/S/W Of lovely breed type. Balanced one piece head with attractive "widows peak" markings. Well placed almond eyes giving her a very pleasing expression. She carries her head well on a good neck. Good overall body shape, legs and feet. Enjoying herself on the move.

3rd. Waldron's L.Good T. at Fr.

Special Open Blue Merle.

Difficult to separate these two

1st. Creamer's Cl. T .of Blue at lyn.

2nd Sweeney's Peartbrook Sky Blue. Appealing girl showing her pretty head well. Slightly shorter coupled than one but well balanced. Very good shoulder and upper arm angulation matching stifle and well let down hocks. Moved soundly.

Special Open Tri Colour.

1st. Crawford's Mon.Queen of Cl. at Josh. 3rd. in Mid.Limit. It was a delight to see the excitement from this exhibitor winning the beautiful Sp.Rosette. Well done.

Diane Moore. Mrs. (Judge)