

Shetland Sheepdog Club Of Wales Championship Show 19th March 2023

DOGS

Many thanks to the club for the kind invitation to judge dogs at their show, also thanks to my two stewards who organised the ring so efficiently. Quality was a little mixed today and some had erratic rear movement also we need to watch out for the lack of tight lips but did find some nice dogs and I was more than happy with my main winners. My co-judge Mrs Janet Ferris and I agreed on all the top awards and Best in Show was Mrs D Fisher's s/w dog, Ch. Shellamoyed Gold Fever, Reserve Best in Show was Mrs K Hateley's bm bitch, Lizmark Lullaby Moon over Mohnesee. Best Puppy in Show was Mrs S Stock's bm dog, Shemist Summertime Blues and Best Veteran in Show was Sundark Simply A Star, a tri bitch owned by Mrs S Hirst.

VD (1) Pattinson's Kyleburn Everlasting Dream - S&W dog well filled muzzle and pleasing head, nice dark eye and good placement, good overall shape, moved soundly, unfortunately out of coat today which made a difference in the challenge for Best Veteran.

MPD (4, 1) 1st Pierce's Philhope In Good Taste – 8 mth S&W dog with fwc, good length of muzzle, just needs to fill in stop, nice dark eye, good ear set & used to his advantage when alert, just needs time to mature and to settle on the move. 2nd Arnould's Shadoway Justa Chance – compact 6 mth old g/s lovely sweet expression, nice bone, good dark eye, nice stop, had a slightly heavy ear today, moved smartly round the ring, would just like a little more of him. 3rd Moore's Frecia Golden Salute At Santiara

PD (5) 1st Stock's Shemist Summertime Blue's – attractive 9 mth old B/M well broken colour and fwc, good reach of neck, nicely boned, good topline and sweep over croup, good angulation and bend of stifle moved well round the ring. **BPD & BPIS.** 2nd Linford's Hillhenry In Your Honour – 9 mth old tricolour dog with fwc and jet black, good ear set just a little heavy at the moment, good outline with good reach of neck, level topline, just preferred the movement of number 1 today. 3rd Overton's Pop Goes The Diesel

JD (3) 1st Norris's Ferngrove's Valentino – Well balanced g/s, good wedge shaped head with nice dark eye and well placed, ears used well and nicely tipped, all giving a good masculine expression, good reach of neck, and nice topline, in good coat well constructed and moved with ease. 2nd Mottram's Lundecock's Hoopie Doo At Lochkaren JW (Imp Swe) another g/s very glamorous with fwc, nice dark eye obliquely set, giving the masculine expression called for. Good topline and slope over croup, in good coat and very well presented, moved smartly round the ring, just preferred the shape and outline of 1st placed dog today. 3rd Moore's Frecia Golden Salute At Santiara

YD (3) 1st Norris's Ferngrove's Valentino also 1st in junior, 2nd Pierce's Philhope Flame Thrower - s/s of good size and bone, good eye and lovely neat ear placement, giving a pleasing masculine expression. Good overall shape with level topline and sweep over croup, moved happily round the ring. Well presented. 3rd Hirst's Sundark Scaramouche

MD & ND no entries

GD (3,1) 1st Roberts' Stanydale Rewrite The Stars For Malaroc JW - well broken blue merle of ideal size, nice overall shape with good bone, good underjaw, good ear carriage which were used well, good reach of neck, moved happily around the ring with drive from rear, in good coat well presented. 2nd Fisher's Foxstones Take A Chance On Me At Shellamoyed – g/s nice expression with neat ears, good reach of neck into level topline, left his coat at home and didn't seem at his best today.

PGD (3, 1) 1st Creamer's Lyngarso Captain Tom - lovely jet black tricolour, balanced head with definite stop, good reach of neck into level topline, good overall shape, moved well round the ring. Well presented. 2nd Officer's Balidorn Secret Gold - s/w neat ears well placed, good reach of neck level topline, good expression with nicely placed stop, not quite the balanced shape of number one and not quite so smooth on the move today.

MLD (4) 1st Lambert's Blenmerrow Merry Minstrel - plain s/s, well rounded muzzle, nice dark eye and flat skull, neat ears & well placed giving the desired masculine expression, good overall shape and nice topline and good sweep over croup, moved with drive and showed well. 2nd Smee's Wansvale Amiable – s/s with fwc, another dog similar to 1st placed dog, showed well just seemed to be enjoying himself a lot today and moved very happily around the ring. 3rd Pattinson's - Kyleburn Hidden Dream

LD (5, 1) 1 Bastiani & John's Auberswell Ghost Rider - g/s good wedge shaped head with well rounded muzzle, well shaped eye with lovely flat skull, lovely ear carriage and handsome expression, has a large coat which hides his neck, level topline with good sweep over croup, good angulation moved with drive from rear and was pleased to award him RCC. 2nd Arnould's Shadoway Chance Encounter - s/w lovely proportions, good masculine expression finished with lovely ear carriage, good reach of neck and good topline which he kept on the move, good spring of rib and has bodied up well since I last judged him, showed well and moved easily. 3rd Smee's Wansvale Amiable

Op (1) 1st Bray's Ch Lianbray Lothario JW - s/s a worthy champion, lovely head and expression and shown in great condition, well balanced and good topline and good sweep over croup, good angulation which showed in his positive movement round the ring.

SBD (2) 1st Gamble's Solyric Inaugural Gold – g/s well moulded head with flat skull, good ear carriage which he used to his advantage and rounded off his masculine expression. Good neck into level topline giving the desired well balanced shape. Showed well and moved easily around the ring. 2nd Hirst's Sundark Scaramouche - rather heavily marked bm, good ear placement & showed them of well, level topline and good sweep over croup, good angulation and moved round the ring.

Sp Op S&W (2) 1 Fisher's Ch Shellamoyed Gold Fever – g/s dog who I have admired from the ringside and was not disappointed. He has a lovely well balanced head & sweet but masculine expression, good underjaw, well filled foreface, nice dark eye and well placed, good ear carriage which he used to his advantage, lovely overall shape with level topline, good tail length, moved freely round the ring, in good coat and very well presented, pleased to award him DCC & BIS 2nd Officer's Balidorn Secret Gold also 2nd in Post Graduate.

Sp Op BM & Sp Op Tri, B&W, B&T no entries

Judge – Val Winfield

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BITCHES

My thanks to the Officers and Committee for their kind invitation to judge the bitch entry, I have exhibited at this friendly, well run show for many years and it was a pleasure to come back and judge here. My ring ran like clockwork, thanks to my highly efficient stewards, Stuart and Colin, thank you gentlemen. I was please with my entry but again found front construction to give cause for concern, also when entering a show do remember that presentation is a very important factor on the day, I am afraid I found several exhibits in need of a bath and some who needed their teeth cleaned! My co-judge Mrs Val Winfield and I were in complete agreement with the top awards. Best in Show was Mrs Fisher's stunning s/w dog, Ch. Shellamoyed Gold Fever. Reserve Best in Show was the b/m bitch, Lizmark Lullaby Moon over Mohnesee owned by Mrs Hateley. Best Puppy in Show was a b/m dog, Shemist Summertime Blues owned by Mrs Stock. Best Veteran in Show was Sundark Simply A Star, a tri bitch owned by Mrs Hirst.

V (8,2) A lovely class to start the day, all exhibits are presented in good condition and were a credit to their owners. 1. Hirst's Sundark Simply A Star. Tri of 9½ years in excellent coat and condition, she has a balanced head with correct eye and ear placement, well arched neck with level top-line, good bone and strong hindquarters, she moved well, covering the ground with ease, BVB and BVIS, she certainly was a star today. 2. Lycett's Herds Hallicia at Iliad. Glamorous s/w of 9½ years, she has a good wedge shaped head with correct stop, well placed eye and ear carriage creating a sweet expression, she has a good reach of neck but is a little steep in upper arm, good depth of chest and level top-line, she was well presented in harsh coat and moved well on good legs and feet but was a little reluctant to use her ears today. 3. Gruzska's Samphrey Sea Breeze.

MPB (6,2) Three very promising puppies. 1. Mitchell's Valdosta Goddess. What a charming young lady! S/w of 8 months who appealed for her colour, size and shape, she has a pleasing head pattern with nice eye and well placed ears, she is well constructed fore and aft with good depth of chest, level top-line with sweep over the loin and low set well carried tail, she oozed confidence, moved well and showed like a veteran, should have a bright future. 2. Fisher's Shellamoyed Dark Secret. 7 months tri, good dense colour with full white collar and rich tan markings, well presented as always from this kennel, she is a pleasing overall size and shape, she has a balanced head with correct ear placement and good under jaw, good reach of neck, deep chest, good forehead angulation, level top-line and well bent stifle, she moved well but did persist in standing wide behind today. 3. Pierce's Philhope Taste for Fashion.

PB (6) 1. Rossiter's Molson More About Me at Cocaro. 11 months, g/s, with much to like about her, she has a well balanced head with super eye placement and shape, good stop, well rounded fore face with good under jaw, she has pleasing body lines with good reach of neck and correct height to length ratio, she moved well as her construction would suggest but did stand wide in front at times, such a pity that she developed a runny eye when the top awards were given out, BPB, another who should have a bright future. 2. Bastiani/John's Rannerdale She's A Lady at Auberswell. Appealing s/s of 10 months with lovely head and expression, well arched neck and level back leading to graceful sweep over the loin, she moved well on good legs and feet and was well presented in lovey coat and condition, just preferred the front movement of 1 today, another promising puppy. 3. Benstead's Melcette Silver Star at Benravia.

JB (5) 1. Bray's Dandlewood Kiss N' Tell at Lianbray (imp NDL). Beautifully presented 15 month g/s, feminine of lovely size and shape with pleasing head, flat skull, good eye and ear placement, she is well angulated fore and aft with good reach of neck, level top-line and strong hindquarters, she moved soundly as her construction would suggest but her foot movement needs to tighten. 2. Mettan-Ure's Oakcroft Simply Starstruck at Savendie JW. 15 months old s/w who appealed for her colour, size and shape, she has a well balanced head, good foreface, correct dark eye, rounded

muzzle and well carried ears which all combine to give her a sweet expression, she has a well arched neck and level back leading to graceful sweep over the loin, she was well presented and moved with drive, close up to 1. 3. Robinson's Dinmore Making Waves at Lavika.

YB (1) 1. Hirst's Sundark Symphony in Suede. 17 months tri who stood alone in the class but deserved her placing, she is a lovely shape with jet black harsh coat and good tan markings, she has a correct wedge shaped head, good front angulation with well arched neck, level top-line, good bone and strong hindquarters, well presented she moved well with good front extension.

MB (3) 1. Fisher's Shellamoyed Dark Secret. 2nd in MPB. 2. Bastiani/John's Rannerdale She's A Lady of Auberswell. 2nd in PB. 3. Crawford's Mohnesee Queen of Clubs of Joshlinic.

NB (3) 1. Bastiani/John's Rannerdale She's A Lady at Auberswell. 2nd in PB & MB. 2. Benstead's Melcette Silver Star at Benravia. 3rd in PB. 8 months b/m, well made puppy of much appeal but not the melting expression of 1, she has a balanced head with correct ear placement, she has a good depth of chest, level top-line with sweep over the loin complimented with long tail and strong pasterns, she moved well but when standing stood wide behind. 3. Sweeney's Tooralie's Two for Tea at Peartbrook.

G (4) 1. Pierce's Philhope Taste for Glamour. Very appealing s/w of 2½ years, her head is well balanced with a flat skull, well filled foreface, good under jaw and well placed and shaped eye giving her a sweet feminine expression, she has a straight front, good layback of shoulder, level top-line and well angulated hindquarters, she moved well and was presented in good coat and condition, considered her for top honours, should have a bright future. 2. Bray's Jontygray Trice as Nice by Lianbray. Tri of 2 years with lovely jet black coat, white collar and rich tan markings, well made bitch with much appeal, not quite the sweet expression of 1 hence her placing, she has a good depth of chest, level top-line and sweep over the loin, her strong hindquarters enabled her to move with drive from the rear. 3. Stock's Shemist Summer Romance.

PGB (5) 1. Rosslyn's Balidorn Golden Amber. 3½ years s/w who has a well balanced head, dark almond shaped eye, good stop, well rounded fore face with good under jaw, she possesses correct body lines with good reach of neck, level back and graceful sweep over the loin, she moved and showed well and was very attentive to her owner. 2. Mitchell/Fiddick's Lowenek Coco. 3 year old b/m, good colour with rich tan markings, pleasing overall shape and size with wedge shaped head, pleasing eye, neat ears, she has adequate reach of neck, good depth of chest, level top-line and well angulated hindquarters, she was well presented but did not seem very happy with her surroundings today. 3. Stock's Shemist Summer Romance.

MLB (4,1) 1. Hateley's Lizmark Lullaby Moon over Mohnesee JW. Expertly handled 2½ year old b/m who I last judged as a puppy, very interesting to see how she has matured, she has an attractive outline, her head is well balanced with a nice eye, well placed ears and just the right amount of stop, she has a good reach of neck, deep chest, good forehead angulation, level top-line and excellent hind construction, she was presented in top order as always from this kennel and moved well with good front extension and drive from the rear, pleased to award her the CC today, I am told it is her 2nd, I am sure it will not be long before she joins the upper house, RBIS. 2. Fisher's Shellamoyed Blue Sapphire. Soundly made 3½ year old b/m of much appeal, she is a lovely shape and size with wedge shaped head, nice eye and well placed ears, she is well angulated with good depth of chest, level top-line, good sweep over the loin, complimented by a long tail and strong hindquarters, she moved well and was presented in good coat and condition and was unlucky to meet 1 today, another nice bitch. 3. Waldron's Lavika Good Times at Frecia.

LB (8,2) 1. Mottrams's Lundecock's There's No Limit at Lochkaren (imp SWE). Elegant s/w of 3½ years who I have judged before, but will not talk about that occasion! Today she behaved impeccably, she has much quality and is a lovely size and shape, she has a balanced head, dark eye, neat ears all combining to give a very sweet expression, she is well angulated front and rear, has a well arched neck, level top-line, good bend of stiff and well let down pasterns, she was expertly presented in good coat and condition and moved as her construction would suggest, RBCC. 2. Rowan's Degaloo Dream Girl at Rowancrest. Another lovely sable of 3½ years who is a good

example of correct breed type, she has a pleasing head pattern with kind well placed and shaped eye, straight front, good reach of neck, deep chest, level top-line and well angulated hindquarters, she was well presented and moved with drive. 3. Stock's Shemist Dark Angel.

O (6) Nice class. 1. Mitchell's Valdosta Tri Ya Luck. Tri of 5½ years who I have previously admired and was not disappointed on going over her, she is a good breed type, perfect for size, with a gleaming black coat, she has pleasing head properties, is well angulated fore and aft with straight front, good layback of shoulder, deep chest, level top-line, well angulated hindquarters with correct amount of bone and long tail, she responded well to her handler and moved and showed well. 2. Pierce's Philhope Summer Flame. Another appealing sable from this kennel just days short of her 4th birthday, she is a lovely shape with good conformation, her head is balanced with a sweet expression, she has good bone and body proportions, she was well presented in good coat and condition, moved well as her construction would suggest and showed well, standing four square whenever I looked at her. 3. Lycett's Ilian Isla Wishes.

Sp Breeders (2) 1. Hirst's Simply A Star. 1st in VB. 2. Mitchell/Fiddick's Lowenek Coco. 2nd in PGB.

SpO S/W (4,1) 1. Raaff's Molson Miss Congeniality for Stormraven. 2½ year old glamorous s/w with full white collar, she is a pleasing shape and size with a moulded head, pleasing eye and ear placement, she has a good reach of neck, well laid shoulder, good depth of chest, spring of rib and good hind angulation, she moved well but did not make the best of herself when standing. 2. Mitchell/Fiddick's Keycharm Cha Cha Cha at Lowenek. Reserve in P and J. She has a good wedge shaped head, good eye and ear placement, just needs to fill in fore face but has time on her side, she has good body proportions and moved well but did not look happy in her surroundings today. 3. Waldron's Frecia Golden Times.

SpO B/M 1(0) 1. Mettan-Ure's Valdosta Dare to Dream of Savendie. I have had the pleasure of judging her before and cannot believe she is now 4, she is very feminine, striking colour with full white collar, she is well balanced with a pleasing head pattern, she is a good shape with level top-line, good depth of chest, spring of rib, well bent stifle and correct oval shaped feet, she moved freely and was presented in good coat and condition.

SpO (Tri, B/W B/T) (2) 1. Lambert's Blenmerrow Night Music. Was surprised to see when reading the catalogue that she is 6½ years young. She has a lovely outline with jet black harsh coat and good tan markings, she has a correct wedge shaped head, clean stop and good eye and ear placement, she has good front angulation with well arched neck, good depth of body, correct sweep over the loin, strong pasterns and a long tail, she was attentive to her owners at all times, in lovely condition and moved well. 2. Hirst's Symphony In Suede. 1st in YB.

Judge - Janet Ferris