

WORKING & PASTORAL BREEDS ASSOCIATION OF WALES CH SHOW 20/04/2024

Always a pleasure to judge at this well-run friendly event. This the 5th time I have given CCs to this lovely breed in the UK, having also judged them several times overseas. Two things stood out for me, one both CC winners kissed and wished each other all the best before the BOB challenge, sportmanship at its very best, and that two sheltie ladies had come from Norway to watch the judging! I also had two wonderful stewards that go my thanks. Overall, I was well pleased with the quality on view, yes, some fronts could have been better and hind action on some could have been stronger. All were well presented.

MPD (2) 1 Prout, Frecia Heaven By Moonlight, though this B/M shows much promise, masculine, head details correct ex bite, ex reach of neck straight front, ex feet and very pleasing body qualities, ex colour ex size free easy action just needs a little more drive behind, but he does have a look of quality and profile balance about him. 2 Rennison, Sandwick Heart Of Glass with Zaniah, B/M very much a baby, lighter built than winner and really not happy with me on the day, needs time to relax and enjoy the show ring, lots to like and his profile on the table was lovely, time will make such a difference with this youngster, admired his owners patience it will all come together.

PD (5) 1 BOS Puppy Dog, Walker, Grandgenes Kensington by Tooralie, S/W, instantly caught my eye a youngster with ring presence and attitude in abundance, would not want him any bigger but so much to admire, fabulous head ex neck and straight front ex bone and the best of feet, could not fault his body qualities and such a lovely bend of stifle, super jacket, strong quarters ex tail, he moves freely and accurately, presented perfectly. I should say has a future in the breed and I would not be at all surprised to see him finish titled. 2 Jeavons, Grandgenes Hey Good Lookin, owned by the breeder of the winner, again a top class baby with much of the breed qualities one looks for at this stage, slightly different in head details to one, but again so much to admire, loved his construction the front and quarters I was looking for, in ex form and handled to show off his many qualities, again free easy action that only comes from correct construction. should continue to impress. 3 Haensel, Sherkarl Sole Diva.

JD (3) 1 Winfield, Oakcroft The Mandalorian, S/W stood away in what I thought a strong class, liked everything about him and did look at him for the Res CC I would have no problem at all signing a CC for him he certainly looked and with hands on Champion quality and of course that movement would take my eye! Fabulous head details love reach of neck ex angulation on those shoulders and tight elbows, loved his body and that wonderful strength behind a fabulous jacket, presentation perfect. Yes, you could say I was impressed, and I would be amazed if he does not finish with his title. 2 Stafford, Rannerdale The Tramp, no way a Tramp, another S/W of ex breed type size overall balance and a real look of quality about him. Loved the head, in super jacket the most immaculate presentation and a sound free easy action, but he meet something special today, just my opinion and I am sure others will think different. 3 Fagg, Valdosta Lionking at Lynscot. Another lovely youngster.

ND (3) 1 Oakcroft The Mandalorian, (reported) 2 Valdosta Lionking at Lynscot, 3 in that strong junior class and so much going for him, sure to do well in the Breed 3 Haensel, Sherkarl Sole Diva.

GD (4) 1 Mitchell, Valdosta Gracelands JW, S/W, I see his sister won her class also. Loved this male, such a look of quality and breed type. Love the size and his profile was just about perfect, head details correct ex bite, ex ear set and carries them perfectly, ex neck with the correct shoulder angles, straight front ex bone and lovely feet, quality body and super quarters ex bend of stifle and strength on those hocks ex tail in the best of jackets that was presented to perfection. covers the ground with little effort. Another ticket quality in my opinion. 2 Pierce, Philhope in Good Taste, S/W, much to like, balanced in profile, nice head ex bite. straight front good feet. In quality coat I just preferred the action on my winner. 3 Durrant, Borderpride Viva Las Vagas at Loddurr.

PGD (2) 1 Norris, Ferngrove Valentino JW. Top class, real look of quality and breed type about this boy, loved his masculine head ex ear set ex bite, the best of necks and shoulder angulation, straight

front lovey feet ex bone, super profile ex body qualities and such strength behind, ex tail set and carriage, presented perfectly and that lovely free easy movement I insist upon, must be pushing for top honours certainly appealed to me. 2 Sutherland, Shelcrest Winter Solstice at Suthesley JW. High class this rich sable really appealed to me and in all honesty you could swope this pair around and not be wrong, all the breed points I was looking for again perfectly shown and presented, just slightly preferred the hind action on the winner but so close up two lovely males.

LD (5,1) Such a good class and gave me much to think about! 1 Robinson, Lavika Moonlight Storm JW. Tri, Res CC, stood away and the more I looked the more I was impressed, such a showman and his clever handler had him looking the part all the time, loved the size his breed type and balance, his profile is stunning. super head details, he just felt correct with hands on, lovely jacket presented to perfection and yes of course that movement would tick my box, free easy and he just sets himself up perfectly with perfect foot placement, told later he has a CC and some Res CCs and I will be shocked if he does not go all the way, I loved him and would not change a thing! 2 Mottram, Lundecoocks Hoopie-Doo at Lochkaren JW (Imp Swe). Ex S/W with a typical profile, different in breed type but another with a lot of qualities to admire, head okay strong neck clean over the withers and a straight front ex bone ex feet, ex shoulder angles and tight elbows, in ex jacket and again a free easy action, such a lot to like and I would expect him to always make his presence felt. 3 Gamble, Solyric Inaugural Gold JW OSW, another very classy dog.

OD (4) 1ab,three totally different in breed type. 1/CC, Stafford, Ch Rannerdale Showmaster JW. Wow. S/W. instantly takes your eye for breed type size shape and balance, shouts quality, not at all surprised to be told later the winning he has done he is just a class act. Loved the head details, ex ear set and carriage, ex bite, lovely eye, super neck in fact his construction is about perfect he was shown in wonderful form, easy action, yes I was totally happy sighing his CC and I am sure many more to come! 2 Walker, Ch/Fr/Sui/Lux /Int Ch Tooralie's Pie in The Sky, easy to see why he holds so many titles, top class different in breed type from my winner, but so much quality and breed points to like, wonderful mover free easy and totally sound, shown to perfection one always to be considered because he does have so much to like. 3 Winfield, Ch Lirren Quickstep to Oakcroft JW. also top class.

MPB (2) 1 Hateley, Mohnesee Lullaby Ice. B/m, Precious, 7 month and showing huge promise, just felt and looked right for her age. Feminine head details ex profile and so impressive on the move, going to have a wonderful future. 2 Ritchie, Jaelis Mystique Remedy, S/W, lots to like, her breed type size and quality are there for all to see. Just preferred the hind action on my winner.

PB (3) 1 Robinson, Lavika Sunset Rose, B/M, BP & Res CC, you do not have to be clever to see this youngster is something special. Loved her from her nose to her tail end, everything I was looking for. in the challenge I felt myself keep looking in her direction and when I asked her to move again the deal was done, I would quite happily find room for her I can give no bigger compliment ! Special or what, her 1 Res CC but I bet it will not be her last, and her clever young handler must be one of the best in the breed. 2 Hateley, Mohnesees Meliya JW, Tri, another of ex breed type quality and balance, lovely head on this girl, in fact all the qualities I was looking for and she moves freely, another I would expect to do really well in her breed. 3 Norris, Sabema Mayfly at Ferngrove.

JB (4) 1 Jeavons, Wylwind Designed for Grandgables (Imp SAF), Tri, top class youngster, I did place her high last year in a big puppy stakes and she is maturing beautifully. all the qualities I was looking for, ex action and gifted by being handled by one of the best handlers! Super presentation I would expect her to continue to impress, ex construction both back and front. 2 Weller, Evad Halloween Spice JW. S/W, close to winner, ex breed type and a look of quality and balance about her, ex profile, head details correct ex bite, lovely reach of neck ex shoulder angles and straight front, her body felt right, and she also has the freedom of action I like to see, a future for this girl. 3 Sandham, Balidom Snow Dance.

NB (2) 1 Mohnesee Lullaby Ice, (reported) 2 Straw, Dukeson Just Admire, quality S/W, head details okay, pleasing body qualities but not the hind action of the winner.

GB (7) All present and an interesting class to judge. 1 Mitchell, Valdosta Goddess JW, S/W, that lovely sister of the GD Winner with all his qualities but a feminine version, home bred I see how proud to have bred two beautiful Shelties, has with the male ticket quality in my view. ex-action and fabulous presentation. 2 Bray, Dandlewood Kiss n Tell at Lianbray (Imp Nld), This another quality S/W, loved the head and that dark eye, super expression, used her ears, correct neck and front ex feet, the best of body qualities in ex jacket presented perfectly and a free easy action, all-round a very smart girl always to be considered seriously. 3 Cheal, Valdosta Galadriel at Faemadra JW.

PGB (3,1) 1 Ritchie, Jaelis Mystique Reality (JW). S/W. stood away, top class lady with all the breed points and quality I wanted, lovely head eye bite, the best of necks straight front ex bone lovely feet, her body qualities felt correct and in quality jacket, strong quarters with ex bend of stifle, covers the ground with little effort and shown to perfection. really was impressed with this girl. 2 Straw, Dukeson Just Admire. Another quality girl of lovely breed type size and balance, quality jacket.

LB (6,2) 1 Robinson, Lavika Lateca, S/W, yet another from this kennel that has the knack of producing one good one after another, real showgirl. Ring presence and attitude in abundance, everything to like and I did look at her for the Res CC, clever handler always had her looking just right. Ex action told later on 2 CCs and her title is a certainty, typical feminine high-quality Sheltie sum her up perfectly. Oh, and she can move, sets herself up. 2 Straw, Dukeson Laced with Magic. Yet another high-quality feminine lady, super head eye and bite, looked lovely and just as impressive with hands on, ex jacket presented perfectly and a lovely free easy action. 3 Watkins, Lizmark Lucky in Love.

OB (5,1) 1/CC & BOB and delighted to see Mr Mark James give her Group 3, Hateley, Ch Lizmark Lullaby Moon over Mohnessee JW. B/M, to top this entry tells you all how impressed I was with this top class Sheltie, I found nothing to dislike, she was on top form both in coat and on the move, enough said one I will remember. 2 Stafford, Ch Rannerdale Queen of the Dark, Tri, no surprise to find her titled she just looked a Champion with all the qualities you would want a Champion to hold, in super jacket presented to perfection, easy action but not putting all in on the day! Judging dogs is on the day another day who knows. Loved her. 3. Barrowclough, Shadowess True Blue. I might just add how happy I was with the unbeaten lineup in both sexes.

Judge - Barrie M Croft