

WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY CHAMP SHOW

Saturday 17th July 2021

Judge: Nigel Worth (Sarabande)

It was an honour to be invited to judge at the WSS club's 50th anniversary show and I thank the members for their initial vote to invite me and the exhibitors for their entry. The venue was ideal although it was quite hot outside. Thankfully a few trees offered some shade in the rings for exhibitors and dogs.

I feel that we are losing breed type, in particular there are too many round eyes which spoils the lovely WSS expression. We also need to watch loose fronts and lack of forechest. Presentation on the whole was excellent. Movement varied and was a deciding factor in many placings.

I thoroughly enjoyed my day helped by my two very able stewards and a hard working committee who appeared to have thought of everything to ensure smooth running during the day.

Veteran Dog: (5,0)

1st: Barkley's Sh Ch Cherryheath's Mr Mischief JW ShCM. 10 yr old who has lost none of his enthusiasm for showing. He has a lovely head and expression and good neck and shoulders. Ample forechest, strong topline and good rear action. Moved well with great enthusiasm.

2nd: Pick and Chisholm's Llon Ddraig Goch. 7yr old who has a lot to like. Not the body of the winner but balanced with good neck and strong topline. Moved well.

3rd: Clarke's Tigerrock Two Unlimited JW

Minor Puppy Dog (1,0)

1st: Clarke's Tigerrock Living On A Prayer NAF. 6 month pup who enjoyed his time in the ring. Very typey with lovely expression. Movement typical of a young pup. Shows promise just needs time.

Puppy Dog (1,0)

1st: Clarke's Tigerrock Magic Roundabout. Very mature pup who knows what it is all about. Lovely head and expression, bone and feet. Bodying up nicely and well balanced with good length to neck. Correct topline. Lovely rear action, moved with style and shown in lovely coat and condition. One with a bright future. Best Puppy Dog and later Best Puppy in show on agreement with my co judge.

Junior Dog (4,0)

1st: Tigerrock Magic Roundabout

2nd: Ritchie and Scaife's Waverleyline To Tobermory At Slapestones. Quality pup with fabulous personality. Liked his head and expression, good length to neck. Going through the leggy stage. Just

needs time to mature to fill his frame and settle on the move and I m sure his day will come. In lovely condition.

3rd: Buckwell's Killena Shadow Dancing AI

Yearling Dog: (3,0)

1st: Killena Shadow Dancing(AI.) More settled in this class. Liked his overall confirmation, needs time to develop.

2nd: Jones' Trosley Tamoshanta. Balanced young dog with good neck, lovely topline, bone and feet. Moved well enough. Would like to see a full ribcage but has time on his side.

3rd: Tolladay's Bethersden Brigadier

Novice Dog (5,0)

1st: Tigerrock Magic Roundabout

2nd: Douglas' Chanangel Yorkshire Gold To Santallina. Nice head, eye and expression, good bone and feet. Nicely angled front and rear, a little loose in front movement today. Shown in lovely condition.

3rd: Mymmsbrook Malbec With Fiergen

Graduate Dog: (6,0)

1st: Harrison's Glenbrows Revolution JW. Very well presented, in lovely coat and condition. Maturing nicely. Nice head and expression, good front and rear. Covered ground well on the move.

2nd: Barkley's Changel Mr Whodat At Cherryheath JW. Not as mature as winner but in lovely coat and condition. Good bone and feet, solid topline. Nicely angled front and back, solid topline. Moved well.

3rd: Chanangel Yorkshire Gold To Santalina

Post Graduate Dog: (8,1)

1st: Knowles' Menstonia Minstrel JW. Really liked this dog, a true WSS. Nice head, great eye and expression. Good neck and shoulders, lovely balance, mature body with solid topline. Well angled rear, moved really well. My eventual Res CC winner. It won't be long before this dog is gaining top honours. Today I was delighted to award him the reserve CC. Reserve Best in Show on the decision of the referee.

2nd: Graham's Nyliram Let's Twist Again JW. Another quality young dog. Balanced throughout, maturing nicely. good bone and feet. Good length of neck, good quarters. Moved well

3rd: Wren's Llon Derwen Dar At Gwynmarren

Mid Limit Dog: (6,2)

1st: Barkley's Cherryheath's Mr Mojito. Well made dog. Lovely head and expression. Good length to neck. Good bone and feet. Very mature, with good spring of rib. Well made front and rear. Moved well

2nd: Woodham's Glynell Jiffy. Very different type to 1. Balanced when stood. Good neck and shoulders. Well angled rear. Strong topline. Good bone and feet. Mature body. Showed well but not so steady on the move in this class.

3rd: Yacoub's Laithmoor's Red Grenadine JW

Limit Dog: (9,2)

1st: Glynell Jiffy. I moved my seen dogs again and whilst this dog was second in previous class, on this occasion he moved better than the winner. I therefore had no option but to switch places and place him first.

2nd: Cherryheath's Mr Mojito

3rd: Cemis' Taimere's Talk About Me

Open Dog: (6,1)

1st: Ritchie and Butler's Slapestones Diamond Mine JW. Turned out to be the star of the day. During his time out of the ring he has matured into a lovely dog. Lovely head and expression, good bone and feet. Good neck and shoulders. Straight front with good forechest. Mature body, well angled rear which he used to advantage. Moved well with personality. His handler really got the best of him. Delighted to award him his 1st CC although he was pushed hard by my post graduate dog. Awarded Best in Show on agreement with my co judge.

2nd: Rees' Hudolus Rhys Henllys At Typica ShCM. Another who has benefitted from being out of the ring due to covid. Maturity has changed him. He looked in lovely coat and condition and moved well with personality. Sire of winner.

3rd: Graham's Sh Ch Taimere's Twister Round Nyliram JW ShCM

Champion Dog: (3,1)

1st: Graham and Hogstrom's Sh Ch Don's Statement To Nyliram JW ShCM. Masculine head. Mature with good spring of rib. Good neck and topline. Enough rear angulation. Moved well with drive,

2nd: Oliver's Sh Ch Glenbrows Royal Dragon. I have always liked this dog and he did not disappoint to go over today. Lovely head and expression, good length of neck, good shoulders and rear angulation. Balanced outline, mature body with good forechest and depth. Shown in immaculate condition and presentation as always. Really disappointed that he decided not to move as I've seen him go in the past.

Special Beginners Dog: (3,0)

1st: Laithmoor's Red Grenadine JW. 3rd in Mid Limit. Presents a balanced outline, mature body, good bone and feet. Better on the move in this class.

2nd: Bowd's Lenamore Tiger Roll. Not quite the balance or maturity of 1, looking a little leggy today. Shown in good coat. Moved okay

3rd: Mymmsbrook Malbec With Fiergen

Special Working Dog:(2,0)

1st: Sutherland's Jacranella Solo. Masculine head with intelligent expression. Good neck, correct topline. Well muscled rear, mature body with good spring of rib and depth. Moved well.

2nd: Smith's Isfryn Peeping Tom JW. Very happy boy who was thoroughly enjoying his time in the ring. Another with masculine head and lovely expression. Strong neck and shoulders, well angled rear. Just preferred movement of winner today.

Special Shooting Dog: (1,0)

1st: Isfryn Peeping Tom JW

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Dog : (3,0)

1st: Caldwell and McDowell's Bowdonia Only The Brave For Cerysan. Balanced when stood. Good head, lovely expression. Moved well front and back, just needs to watch topline at times.

2nd: Helgen Romeo The Lover For Flyboron. Longer cast than winner and heavier all through. Moved well enough.