

Welsh Springer Spaniel Club Open Show 21st November 2021

Special Classes

I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge the special classes and for running such a well organised friendly show. I am extremely grateful to all the exhibitors who gave up some of their lunch break to provide me with such a large entry of beautiful dogs. It is the first time I have judged in a while and I was pleased to see the quality was still there and it was also good to see so many masculine dogs and feminine bitches.

SPECIAL AWARD JUNIOR DOG OR BITCH (4/4)

Lovely class of puppies and juniors, looking forward to seeing how their show careers evolve.

1. Stevenson's Mymmsbrook Matador With Blythway
Seven month old dog who caught my eye as soon as he walked in the ring. Lovely head and neck and well sprung rib. Well off for bone and substance for such a young age and moved well. Delighted to see him go on to win BPIS.
2. Heathcote & Bourton's Kumuntings Buzz Lightyear
Very promising junior dog, good front and overall shape, moved well. Lovely dark eye and expression.

SPECIAL AWARD POST GRADUATE DOG OR BITCH (7/5)

Strong class of dogs and bitches and I had to make some very difficult decisions.

1. Leach's Islanza Hey Dude
Beautiful typical welshie, with a lovely head, bone and overall shape. Nice front and rear angulation and this was evident in the movement especially from behind. One to watch for the future.
2. Jones's Trosley Tamoshanta
Another very nice dog, very similar to the first placed in type and movement and it was a close call. Nice bone without being overdone, and in excellent condition.

SPECIAL AWARD OPEN DOG OR BITCH (10/9)

I was delighted to see so many striking dogs and bitches in once class, even though this made my job extremely difficult and in the end it came down to splitting hairs. I would like to give a special mention to the veteran in the class, SH CH Barkley's Cherryheath's Mr Mischief JW ShCm who at 10 years old still moved like a junior and gave the youngsters a run for their money.

1. Brown's Bowdonia Ozzie

I have watched this dogs career from the ringside for a while and always admired him and today he didn't disappoint. He is a lovely overall shape, good bone and well let down hocks. Lovely movement with an ever-wagging tail and it was evident that the dog and handler share a very special bond.

2. Richie's SH CH Sarabande Eternity At Slapstones (AI) JW

Another beautiful bitch who I have followed since she was a puppy. Very feminine with a lovely melting expression and very nice shape. She has a good topline which she held when moving. Was a very difficult decision but today she seemed to be not wearing her best clothes.

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