

WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB OPEN SHOW 18th FEBRUARY 2023

I would like to thank the Club for the invitation to judge the breed open show and for their kind hospitality and thanks to my most efficient steward. Some exhibits didn't cope as well as others with the ring size and surface and I assessed the dogs' movement as best I could, some reluctant to give their all on the mat surface. I was extremely pleased with my final line-ups and the overall quality of the exhibits, such a lovely breed to judge.

VETERAN DOG (3)

1st Graham SH CH TAIMERE'STWISTER AROUND NYLIRAM JW Sh CM VW

A super well constructed dog, well off for bone and has correct height to length ratio which gives him a super outline. He has a beautiful head of correct proportions with adequate stop. Body of good depth and well coupled with adequate rear angles. Moved out well with driving rear action. Shown in excellent condition, does not show his eight years, a credit to his owner. Best Veteran in show.

2nd Caldwell & McDowell BOWDONIA ONLY THE BRAVE FOR CERYSAN

Another pleasing veteran, masculine in head with pleasing expression. Good neck length and well laid shoulders, adequate rear angulation. Well boned and well made throughout. Moved well with a steady pace, thoroughly enjoying himself.

3rd Brown BOWDONIA OZZIE VW

MINOR PUPPY DOG (2)

1st Short TOFTWOOD ZIGGY STARMAN

Two baby puppies in this class. My first was a confident youngster, loved his head and expression with good eye colour. Correct body shape with good topline and correct tailset. Needs to tighten in front assembly but has the makings of a quality dog. Loved his rich coat colour and texture. Once settled moved soundly, should have a bright future. BPD.

2nd Mitchell KENZDUO LET IT BE

Typical head with good shape to skull and correct earset. Has adequate bone and substance for a youngster. His coat is developing well and I liked his colouring. A little unsure of himself today and needs to settle on the move.

PUPPY DOG (2)

1st KENZDUO LET IT BE (repeat)

YEARLING DOG (3)

1st Stevenson MYMMSBROOK MATADOR WITH BLYTHWAY JW

Best of heads with correct stop and lovely expression. Very well constructed throughout, good neck length, well sloped shoulders and straight front with good bone. Adequate bend of stifle and presented in gleaming coat and condition. A confident and sound mover but tending to carry his tail a little high.

2nd Graham DON'S AS BOLD AS BRASS WITH NYLIRAM (IMP SWE) JW

Attractive head of correct proportions, adequate stop and good finish to muzzle. Strong front assembly with shoulders well laid, adequate bend of stifle and strong hocks. Still lots of maturing to do but a very promising youngster. A sound mover with strong rear action.

3rd Evans GLENBROWS BORN TO BE

NOVICE DOG (5)

1st Brook EIRANDYLIS GEORGIA MOON

Very attractive in head, dark eye and lovely expression. Correct front assembly, strong sloping shoulders, ribs well sprung. Coat of good silky texture and lovely rich colour. A very unruly youngster but has lots of promise about him. Difficult to assess on the move but settled more in his later classes. One to persevere with.

2nd Bennett CERYSAN CRUSADER

A dog well off for bone and substance. I would prefer him more refined in head as quite broad in skull. Well laid shoulders and well muscled hindquarters with adequate angulation. Not in the coat or condition of my first place.

POST-GRAD DOG (8)

1st Gaylor & Robertson HENIVERUCE KING OF BREWERS

A very well constructed quality dog with a smart outline when stacked. He has a very pleasing head of correct proportions and good eye colour. Strong neck of good length, well ribbed with balanced angles front and rear. He moved out well to win this class, maintaining his topline and with correct tail set.

2nd Hankins JULITA RAINMAKER WITH WOODELROND

A well made honest dog with a lovely masculine head, kind expression, adequate stop and nicely shaped skull. Good straight front set into well sloped shoulders, hindquarters well muscled with adequate turn of stifle. Not as positive on the move as my winner today.

3rd Piggott HUDOLOUS SEALKISS STRUMBLE

LIMIT DOG (6)

1st Leach ISLANZA HEY DUDE

Beautiful headed dog, with good eye colour and shape. Very balanced and well made throughout, with correct height to length ratio, strong over loin with adequate stifle and strong hocks. Presented in excellent condition with good rich coat colour. Moved well but carried tail down today in the challenge.

2nd Bennett HELGEN ROMEO THE LOVER FOR FLYBORN

Masculine in head with good proportions, has adequate stop and correct earset but would prefer a darker eye colour as this detracted his expression. Strong neck of good length, well sprung ribs and well developed thighs. Did not have the coat finish of my winner.

3rd JULITA RAINMAKER WITH WOODELROND

OPEN DOG (9)

1st Millard SH CH FERDEL HIGH COMMAND AT RUBYLEA

This was a high contested class of quality dogs. My first was a super headed dog, correct skull shape and good finish to muzzle, ears of desired vine leaf shape. Excellent front with tight elbows and ribs well sprung with and muscular loin, strong hindquarters with good width to thigh. He is well constructed throughout with a firm topline and he is such a happy confident chap and finished off with a gleaming coat of rich colour. Best Dog, Res BIS and BOS.

2nd Worth SH CH SARABANDE LORD OF THE DANCE (Ai) JW

A well balanced dog that presented a clean symmetrical outline when stacked. Best of heads with kind expression and good eye colour. Good shoulder lay, adequate depth of brisket and moderate rear angulation. Moved soundly holding his topline well and driving from behind with correct tail carriage. Presented in tip top coat and excellent muscular condition as are all exhibits from this kennel. Res Best Dog

3rd Rees HUDOLUS RHYS HENLLYS AT TYPICA Sh CM

SPECIAL WORKING DOG (2)

1st Smith ISFRYN PEEPING TOM JW

A very pleasing strongly made dog with excellent bone and substance. He has a lovely masculine head with stop well defined and a kind expression. Muscular neck of good length, well sprung ribcage and strong loin with excellent hindquarters, would prefer tighter feet which was noticeable on the move.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (5)

1st HENIVERUCE KING OF BREWERS (repeat)

2nd HUDOLOUS SEALKISS STRUMBLE

Really liked his head shape and dark eye, kind expression with correct earset. Also stood third in PG class today, would prefer a stronger rear action on the move, Presented in good coat and condition.

3rd GLENBROWS BORN TO BE

VETERAN BITCH(1)

1st Woodward SARABANDE BILLIE JEAN AT HINXWOOD

A really honest bitch with such femininity about her. Beautiful head and expression, excellent front assembly with correct angulation fore and aft. Presents a very clean outline in profile and one of the best movers today, moving with style and power. In lovely condition for a veteran.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

1st Short TOFTWOOD JEAN GENIE

A real baby but a sweet confident young lady with lots of promise. Really liked her head and expression, she has a super outline when stacked with good chest depth developing and correct rear angles. She has a rich attractive coat colour and once settles into her job on the move should do well.

2nd Naunton TRENZALORE BILL POTTS

Very pretty in head with good eye colour and well shaped ears. Front needs to tighten up, needs time to develop. Has a good coat developing and of rich colour. A really raw youngster and at just seven months somewhat overawed by the occasion today.

PUPPY BITCH (3)

1st Millard FERDEL WATER LILY AT RUBYLEA

A quality young lady, lovely head with correct dome to skull, dark eye and well shaped ears. Shoulders well laid and good straight front, good length to height ratio which gives her such balance when stacked. Very attractive rich colour and excellent coat texture. Moved out freely on a good even stride. BPIS

2nd Naunton TRENZALORE PRINCESS LEIA

Pleasing in head with sweet expression and good dark eye. Good neck length, needs to tighten up in front and settle into her shape as looking leggy at this stage. Moved soundly once settled.

JUNIOR BITCH (2)

1st FERDEL WATER LILY AT RUBYLEA (repeat)

2nd Tew PAMICKS DREAM WITH ME

Very attractive in head with adequate stop and lovely expression. Good straight front, chest depth developing and is well ribbed, correct stifle angulation and hocks strong. Unlucky to meet the winner today as she is not yet as well developed in body. Shown in good coat with correct silky texture and of pleasing rich colour.

YEARLING BITCH (2)

1st Thomas BOWDONIA TRULY SCRUMPTIOUS

Stood alone today but what a pleasing bitch she is. Attractive head with adequate stop, dark eye colour and ears of good vine shape. So well constructed and balanced in outline with plenty of bone and substance yet she is feminine throughout. Rather hesitant to give her all on the move in the challenge today but moved soundly with correct topline.

NOVICE BITCH (1)

1st PAMICKS DREAM WITH ME (repeat)

POST-GRAD BITCH (3)

1st Graham NYLIRAM THE MOTH CATCHER JW

A bitch of pleasing size and construction. I was drawn to her overall shape and balance. Attractive well shaped head and kind expression good eye colour. Well laid shoulders and strong neck of good length. I noted she is litter sister to my BIS, very similar in shape and outline but does not have the finish yet. A sound mover driving off strong hocks.

2nd Naunton TRENZALORE ONCOMING STORM

A bitch built on a larger frame than my winner. Good head proportions, dark eye, sound front assembly very well off for bone. Ribs well sprung and strong loin. Has a good coat and in top muscular condition. I would prefer her more feminine throughout.

LIMIT BITCH (5)

1st Cooper ISFYN LADY GREY OF GILSTONIA

A very well constructed bitch that draws your eye to her symmetry when stacked. Attractive head of good proportions, good neck length, she has the best of fronts with well laid shoulders with just enough upperarm. Pleasing body depth and adequate angulation behind with good width to thighs. Very soundly made throughout in great muscular condition and moved so soundly with drive from behind to win this quality class.

2nd Short FERDEL FIRE GEM AT TOFTWOOD

A super headed bitch, she is feminine throughout with the right amount of bone with desired symmetrical outline. Sound front assembly with correct length of leg and tight compact feet. Strong topline and loin has slight arch with moderate angulation to hindquarters. She is a beautiful rich colour with coat of correct silky texture, presented in lovely condition. Lost out to my winner on movement today.

3rd Revill & Monday JULITA RYVEETA JW

OPEN BITCH (5)

1st Graham SH CH NYLIRAM TELLING TALES JW

A quality bitch from every angle, she has a super clean outline with correct height to length ratio. Beautiful head with stop well defined and obvious chiselling below the eyes. Very sound forequarters with elbows tight in, firm topline and well developed hindquarters of good width. Moved out soundly and confidently driving off strong hocks. Presented in good dense coat with just enough feathering. She has a great rapport with her handler, pleased to award her BB and BIS.

2nd Riese-Bassel & Worth AM GCH/SH CH SARABANDE SWEET NOTHINGS AI (RE-IMP). A very attractive bitch with a super head and expression, correct vine shape to ears. Excellent front and shoulders with good reach of neck and firm body, ribs well sprung and desired arch over loin. She moves with style and drive with a lovely head carriage. Immaculate presentation, such a rich red in her glamorous coat with silky texture, a very worth Show Champion of the breed. Hard to believe she is seven. Res BB and BVB

3rd Woodward HINXWOOD FIRE AND ICE

SPECIAL WORKING BITCH (1)

1st ISFYN LADY GREY OF GILSTONIA (repeat)

Jean Byrne (Judge)

