

## **North of England Welsh Springer Spaniel Club**

Championship Show – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023

A decent entry of 60 dogs, I thank the Club for their hospitality and this kind invitation.

I found movement on the whole improved since I last judged, what I did notice was heavy back skulls and eye shape varied from large round eyes to small eyes.

I enjoyed my day and thank you.

Puppy Dog(4) 1<sup>st</sup> – Thirlwell's Ferndel Water Stone, 11 months – a super young male of quality with good balance and very typy. Very pleasing well-proportioned head with chiseling below eye, eye of medium sized with correct definition, good muzzle and clean in neck. Good fill to chest, and has correct forechest. Very good bone. Good backline, compact with well-muscled loin. Nicely angled behind with good hock. Clean coming and going, with a nice smooth action in profile, good prospect. Coat of good order for age, silky with decent feathering. 2<sup>nd</sup> Clarke & Gaylor's Tigerrock Tick Tick Boom, another of 11 months – decent young dog, feet and pastern not as good as one and slightly longer in body, head of good proportion with a lovely expression and clean neck. Moved ok and was balanced in profile. 3<sup>rd</sup> Hepworth's Kamunting's Mad Hatter.

Junior Dog(1) 1<sup>st</sup> – Thirlwell's Ferndel Watermark, 11 months and litter brother to puppy dog. He has as many virtues as his brother but I felt he had the edge on head and expression, super balance and type, clean active mover with super typical profile movement, with correct backline, shown in lovely order, today RCC and Best Puppy in Show – excellent prospect.

Yearling Dog(1) 1<sup>st</sup> – Stevenson's Mymmsbrook Matador with Blythway JW, 23 months pleasing head and expression, clean in neck, decent spring of rib and has good bone, slightly longer in lion which shows in profile movement. Clean enough coming and going, nicely muscled backend, carries his tail too high.

Maiden Dog(1) 1<sup>st</sup> – Short's Toftwood Ziggy Starman, 4<sup>th</sup> in puppy, 10 months – pleasing head and expression, ok bone, shade wide in front and for me could be more masculine, but he is young.

Novice(2) 1<sup>st</sup> – Brook's Eiriandylis Georgia Moon, just over 2 years, well made happy dog, typical in outlook and movement, pleasing head and expression with a nice gentle eye. Decent coat and condition. 2<sup>nd</sup> Clarke & Gaylor's Tigerrock Tick Tick.

Graduate(2) 1<sup>st</sup> – Graham's Don's as bold as Brass with Nyliram, for type he has it, at 21 months is shown in super order, clean coming and going and when he relaxed it all came together, he would have benefitted from a large outside ring today, correct backline, very good coat and good colour definition. I am sure he will leave those teenage thoughts behind him soon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Brook's Eiriandylis Georgia Moon.

Post Grad(2) 1<sup>st</sup> Brook's Eiriandylis Georgia Moon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Clarke's Tigerrock I'm Your Man, he was not to happy today. I found him a bit untypical in movement. Front could be cleaner, was not so keen on head and eyes, decent body and rib, ok bend of stifle.

Mid Limit(1) 1<sup>st</sup> Gaylor & Robertson's Heniveruce King of Brewers, presented a good picture when stood, Nicely proportioned head, eye could be darker, Decent bone and feet, lacked in forechest but

has ok spring to rib. A shade longer in back, but ok backline, nicely angled behind. He tended to sidewind which spoiled his overall balance. His coat was good and well presented.

Limit(3) 1<sup>st</sup> Chandler's Chanangel Jo Sugden JW, upstanding dog with a pleasing typical stance. Good Bone and feet, has good fill to chest and good strength of loin, nicely angled and muscled backend with correct second thigh, clean hocks. His head and expression are very typical, with a good dark eye and chiselling under eyes. Coat and condition good with clear colour definition. Clean coming and going and typical in profile, to be critical would like him a little more compact, in my final four for the CC. 2<sup>nd</sup> Douglas's Chanangel Yorkshire Gold to Santallina, presented a tidy typical shape, head ok, for me his eye is too round and a shade too much back skull. Decent body proportions, but when moving breaks in topline and carries his tail high. Presented in good order with a decent coat.

Open Dog(6) 1<sup>st</sup> Millard's SH CH Ferndel High Comand at Rubylea, a lovely mature welsh in super form and so well balanced. Beautiful head and expression with lovely eye and correct chiselling below eye. Clean neck into a clean well boned forequarters with good feet. Has forechest and decent spring of rib coming well back into a strong loin and moderately angled hindquarters with correct second thigh and clean hocks. Tidy coming and going and in profile was just so typical displaying that typical welsh active and merry movement. He thoroughly enjoyed his day and was in super fettle and presented to a tee. More than happy to award him the CC & Best in Show. 2<sup>nd</sup> Worth's SH CH Sarabande Lord of the Dance JW, a dog I have seen from afar, today I felt he was not as happy as I have seen him, he would have preferred a big outside ring. His presentation is faultless. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ritchie & Butler's SH CH Slapstones Diamond Mine JW.

Veteran Dog(3) 1<sup>st</sup> – SH Ch Chanangel Sticky Wicket JW, at almost 12 years he is amazing and a credit to owners/breeders. Lovely head and expression and still happy outlook, well made and typical, tidy in movement and presentation was first class, in my final cut for the CC, very unlucky to meet the bitch in such good form in the veteran challenge, I was delighted to have the opportunity to judge him. 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown's Bowdonia Ozzie JW, another lovely dog, a dog I thought was unfortunate not to get made up, shown in lovely order. A typical welsh expression and gently eye. Good coat and presentation. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Green's Eurion Jasper.

Special Beginners Dog(1) 1<sup>st</sup> Brook's Eiriandylis Georgia Moon

Good Citizen Dog(4) 1<sup>st</sup> Stevenson's Mymmsbrook Matador with Blythway JW 2<sup>nd</sup> Brook's Eiriandylis Georgia Moon. 3<sup>rd</sup> Green's Eurion Jasper

Puppy Bitch(7) – this was a quality class, and I feel that my five placings will have bright careers in the showing, I don't often feel that but I did here. 1<sup>st</sup> Millard's Ferndel Water Lily at Rubylea, a super puppy, she made me smile the most in this class, super type and balance. Loved head and expression. Body well proportioned with correct backline, clean hock and moderate rear angulation with a good second thigh. Super coat and good colour definition. Moved with that typical welsh happy active gait with good push. Unlucky to meet the my dog RCC in the best Puppy challenge, I thought they made a lovely pair. 2<sup>nd</sup> Holland's Ferndel Starshine over Flatcharm, another lovely bitch who reminded me of others in the past, she has all the essentials and will go far, today I felt one was just more advanced and completed the picture more for me. Super Presentation. 3<sup>rd</sup> Howarth's Ferndel Starry Eyes, again a lovely bitch, very typical, just not as advanced as the others, her day will come.

Junior Bitch(4) 1<sup>st</sup> Millard's Ferndel Water Lily at Rubylea. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ritchie & Graham's Renascent Blaeberry at Slapstones, tidy bitch stood, her head for me has too much back skull, which is a pity.

Good bone, clean neck good and spring of rib, a shade long in lion good backend with clean hocks. Moved clean enough. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Casey's Tigerrock Amazing Grace.

Yearling Bitch(3) 1<sup>st</sup> Backhouse's Nyliram The Sea Glass at Aindrea, really pleasing bitch, very typical. Good head and eye with that typical welsh outlook, has the chiselling under the eyes, correct skull. Good neck and well doned front and good feet, very good spring of rib and strong loin, good moderate rear angulation and clean hock. Tidy coming and going and very typical in profile with plenty of push. Coat of good quality with good colour. 2<sup>nd</sup> Burrows Kidenan Mark the Fall, head needs more work, and front needs to tighten, decent spring of rib. When moving tends to dip in topline.

Maiden(2) 1<sup>st</sup> Worth's Sarabande Kisses of Fire, needs time, just a baby, has the essentials and will progress well I am sure. Steadier on the move in this class, Handler doing well. 2<sup>nd</sup> Short's Toftwood Jean Genie, unplaced in puppy again just needs time, eye a bit round and needs to settle in front.

Novice(2) 1<sup>st</sup> . 3<sup>rd</sup> Howarth's Ferndel Starry Eyes, very typical, just not as advanced as the others, her day will come, lovely type and well shown.

Graduate Bitch(2) 1<sup>st</sup> Casey's Tigerrock Lit De Roses, lovely typical outline and very typy. Nicely proportioned head with a good expression, good neck and front, decent spring of rib. Nicely muscled. Moved clean enough and typical in profile with decent push, coat of decent quality. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mole & Knox's Jennifer our Loyal Welsh at Edincraw, pleasing head and good expression with a nice eye. Lacks fill to body and is a shade long in body, moved ok.

Post Graduate(3) 1<sup>st</sup> – Graham's Nyliram the Moth Catcher JW, most pleasing typy welsh, good body proportions and strong loin, good bone and feet. Pleasing head, nicely balanced with good eye, expression ok, clean muzzle. Moved cleanly coming and going and was very typical in profile, active, powerful with good push. Super coat and well presented, one to watch. 2<sup>nd</sup> Casey's Tigerrock Lit De Roses.

Mid Limit(3) 1<sup>st</sup> Thirlwell's Ferndel Dream On, nice shapely bitch with good type and balance. Well Balanced head, decent expression. Needs a shade more fill to body and that extra bit of coat to complete the picture. Moved cleanly holding backline. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mole & Knox's Zaza Florence our Loyal at Edincraw, not as typy as one, more substance here, but decent body proportions and moved ok. Good coat and condition.

Limit (1) – 1<sup>st</sup> Short's Ferndel Fire Gem at Toftwood, another very pleasing bitch from this kennel, lovely head and expression with correct eye. Clean neck into a good front and tidy feet. Has good fill to chest and correct forechest. Good strength of loin and tidy well muscled backend, with clean hocks. Moved soundly, covering the ground smoothly. Coat of good quality and nicely shown.

Open(2) 1<sup>st</sup> – Graham's SH CH Nyliram Telling Tales JW, super bitch and as sound as a pound. She has a lovely head and that welsh expression with chiselling under the eyes, with correct eye shape and good muzzle and ear. Clean of neck into a good front assembly with well boned legs and smart feet, Super fill to body and good forechest with a strong lion. Nice moderately angled back end with second thigh and clean hocks. Clean coming and going and so very typical in profile, quick, merry and has that push. Correct topline always correct. Coat was in lovely order. Shown well. Happy to award her the CC and Reserve Best in Show. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Burchmore & Bowd's Bowdonia Moon River JW, very pleasing and has many attributes, shade strong in head for me and looses her topline on the move. Coat in good order and clean enough coming and going.

Veteran Bitch(7) – 1<sup>st</sup> Riese-Bassel & Worth's AM CH / SH CH Sarabande Sweet Nothings, I was pleased to judge this bitch today, as I have seen her from the ringside. Super type and quality all through with balance and that typical welsh movement. Shown in A1 order. She had to give way to a younger bitch today. RCC and Best Veteran. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thirlwell's Ferndel Islay Mist at Rubylea, lovely type and well balanced, good fill to body and held topline. Very well handled and shown to advantage. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Cocking & Barnaby's SH CH Bushwacker Gregory's Girl at Highclare, another favourite, but lacking verve today, lovely type.

Special Beginners Bitch(3) 1<sup>st</sup> Mole & Knox's Jennifer our Loyal Welsh at Edincraw. 2<sup>nd</sup> Burrows Kidenan Mark the Fall.

Good Citizen(2) 1<sup>st</sup> Backhouse's Nyliram The Sea Glass at Aindrea. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mole & Knox's Zaza Florence our Loyal at Edincraw.

Gordon R Haran (Judge)

#### Junior Handling Classes

##### Class 6-11 years

Catherine Chandler, aged 7, she was at ease with her dog and did her very best to display and move her dog's virtues. I am sure she will progress well.

##### Class 12-16 years

Emily Backhouse, aged 12, Emily was also at ease with her dog, moving out well and stacking and presenting well. Emily was declared Best Junior Handler, but both girls did a great job – Well Done and keep on practicing.

Gordon Haran