

North of England Welsh Springer Spaniel Club Open Show, 07/11/2021

Having stepped in at the last minute to replace our Special Awards judge Karen Lancett (who was meant to replace our judge Louise Butler) I would like to thank all exhibitors for their sporting acceptance of yet another substitution.

Class A Special Award Junior (8, 1). Youngsters of very different types and stages of development in this class. **1** Clarke's Tigerrock Magic Woundabout, fifteen month old confident dog who stood out in the line up, mature for his age and every inch the showman. Well-proportioned close coupled lad in good coat, presenting a compact, balanced outline stacked and easily able to power round the ring. Attractive masculine head, reach of neck, moderate angles, spring of rib to match his depth of chest, hocks well let down, tight feet and used his tail on the move. **2** Stevenson's Mymmsbrook Matador With Blythway, an eye-catching youngster of seven months. A more refined type and longer cast than 1, clean lines all through. Deep chest, spring of rib coming and just needs time to tighten up on the move. **3** Tyler's Eiriandylis Georgy Girl, 10 month bitch showing real promise for the future. Lovely head, chiselling under the eye, excellent reach of neck, good angles and well-muscled—moved well.

Class B Special Award Post Graduate (5,1)

1 Philipson's Menstonia Meteor, 3.5 year old well-built dog coming into his prime who won his class easily. Lovely head, dark eye, has the strength to go with his reach of neck. Well ribbed up, held his topline on the move, covered the ground well and moved true. Shown in excellent coat and condition. **2** Short's Ferndel Fire Gem At Toftwood, 3 year old very feminine bitch with lots to like. Beautiful head and expression, enough bone, everything in the right place but just carrying a bit more weight than she should which held her back on the day. **3** Holmes' Glenbrow's Innocence, 2.5 year old bitch, bit long for my preference and therefore not the balance of 2. Happy in the ring and moved okay which gave her her place in the class.

Class C Special Award Open (6,1) My notes say QUALITY CLASS!! **1** Graham's Sh Ch Taimere's Twister Round Nyliram JW ShCM, 6 year old powerfully built dog who needs no introduction and looks like he could easily work all day. Masculine head with plenty of work in it, dark eye, good front and strong quarters, held his topline well and showed plenty of reach and drive. **2** Thomas' Sh Ch Bowdonia Anastasia JW ShCM, just short of 7 years old, plenty of type and was on great form today—a bigger girl than 3 but well proportioned, balanced and moving easily who deserved her place on the day. **3** Clarke's and Sherlock's Sh Ch Crimicar She's Electrick With Tigerrock JW, 3 year old bitch of completely different type, just unlucky to meet 2 today. A very elegant and striking girl, clean lines, good bone, balanced when stood and has great presence on the move. Beautiful head and expression, has sufficient bone and is muscling up as she matures.

Judy Yacoub (Laithmoor)