North of England Welsh Springer Spaniel Club. Championship Show 14th April 2024

Special Classes

Thank you to the committee for the invitation to judge the special classes and your hospitality on the day. I was thrilled to be asked. I have lovely memories of showing under both Joy Hartley and John Philips and I still have the red cards and rosettes I was lucky enough to win from them. Many thanks to the exhibitors for your entries and to the ever-efficient steward Colin.

NEWSSC Special Puppy Stakes Dog or Bitch 4(1)

1st Marrella's Ferndel Rosella of Shilamist, 10 months old and just right for age. Nice dark eye with kind expression, balanced head with good definition and chiselling. Long neck leading into a good lay of shoulder. Good forechest and depth of rib for age, good feet and enough bone. Happy on the move displaying nice angulation front and rear. Shown in good body condition, lovely red and white colour.

2nd Jackson & Palmer's Tuttington Ginger Snap at Ardinia, almost 7 months very feminine, compact, pretty young lady. Lovely happy disposition, good feet and bone, long neck leading into correct lay of shoulder, short loin, moved happily with a waggy tail. Nicely muscled for age.

3rd Lewin's Ferndel Serenella for Vynesbrook 9-month-old feminine young lady who looked a picture on the stack, super outline.

Joy Hartley Special Memorial Open Dog Stakes. 4 (1)

1st Gaylor & Robertson's Heniveruce King of Brewers for Aprilflash, 4 years old who has matured since I last judged him and has developed in chest since. Shown in good body condition, well presented. Balanced head with soft expression, good length of neck, straight front, good feet, enough bone and well-muscled throughout. Moved steadily maintaining his outline.

2nd Smith's Isfryn Peeping Tom JW, this boy made me smile, such a happy outgoing disposition, his tail never stopped. 7 years old and full of strength, balanced masculine head, eyes full of happiness, good bone super depth of brisket and so well ribbed. Compact in outline. Drove around the ring from his well-muscled rear, presented in good coat and condition.

3rd Brooks Eiriandylis Georgia Moon, 3-year-old typey male with still some maturing in body to do. Handsome, happy boy who moved well and steadily with reach and drive

John Philips Special Memorial Open Bitch Stakes 2.

1st Short's Ferndel fire Gem to Toftwood, 4 years old feminine young lady. Of nice size and balanced in outline. Good feet and bone, good reach of neck and shoulder, good

forechest and depth of rib. Carrying plenty of body condition, short in loin with drive from well angulated rear. Lovely rich red and white colouring. Well presented.

2nd Chandler's Wayverleyline to Millport, almost 4 years of age, very pretty and balanced feminine head which I preferred to 1st, correct shoulders and front assembly, good depth to rib. Well-muscled throughout, correct outline which she maintained on the move. Well-handled and well presented, shown in good coat, a very happy girl with a soft kind expression.

Kay Douglas