

BATH - 2019

Great to be with you all again, albeit unplanned, due to the incapacity of Caroline Roe, that we all trust will be purely temporary and to whom we send our best wishes. Thirty-four exhibits is hardly representative, however, there was exceptionally only one absent. Found plenty of quality and bright, happy characters. You were truly a supportive ringside with subsequent comment from some observers that they couldn't believe the cheering was coming from the Charlie ring! The King Charles is in such safe hands with its mix of experienced 'old hands' and keen newer breeder/exhibitors, whereby correct type combines with temperament and soundness to the breeds obvious benefit.

MPD (2) Two nice babies to start the day. 1 Baker's Cofton Soldier Boy. Six and a half mth old tri, already cobby, shapely and sound with a good headpiece with sufficient dome, large open nose pad and well turned up, wide jaw, well angulated, short, positive outline maintained on the move and so 'secure', BPIB. 2 Smith's Justacharm Magic Goes On. 6 mth son of the VD, well named, fabulous head in its relative size and width with well spaced 'open' features, well distributed black patches, elegant and free moving, just that bit rangier and less firm in front but sure to mature on to advantage.

PD (2) 1 Smith's Mitapip Black Is Magic For Justacharm. 8 mth b/t, very typy but relatively immature and long through couplings, excellent head, well domed, muzzle has width and depth, good eye and ear, well angulated, elegant once settled and sound moving with some drive. 2 Mochrie's Downsbank Nightshade. 9 mth b/t, well named with his strikingly rich colour, superior in shape and development, already compact and cobby, excellent head, in size, shape and features, could not compare with the winner on the move where needs to significantly firm at hock.

JD (3, 1) 1 Schilizzi & Healy-Gates' Chacombe Albert, rising 18 mths tri of classic breed type, super headed that has the dome, the breadth and roundness, the large eye and nose pad, the width and depth of muzzle to give finish of face, well constructed so as to go over,

classically marked with straight, silky coat, has some width through and some muscle behind so as to move effortlessly with drive and an elegant carriage, frankly, shows himself off to best advantage as “cannot stand wrong”, and still has that teenager look about him that tells you his best is yet to come. DCC, his second, and BOB. 2 Melville’s Sarasota Chenin Blanc. 15 mths, good in head and overall construction, very good head with its domed skull and open features, awkward age and just that bit longer and narrower, went well behind but can firm in front, added maturity should provide all the answers.

PGD (4) 1 Pearce’s Downsbank Troubadour Over Ozzymoon. Just turned 3 yrs tri of excellent quality, large skull, well domed, big pad, excellent eye, albeit set to side of head instead of block square, good to go over, excellent shape and cobbiness, outstanding rear action with drive, ready to win at a higher class level. 2 Cox’s Petitpaws Black Prince. 3 yrs b/t, flatter in skull and a little weak in muzzle, excellent shape and bodylines, very sound and active on the move to give an elegant outline. 3 French & Traynor’s Mitapip Elusive Ruby.

LD (3) 1 French & Traynor’s Celxo Vermouth On Ice. Two and a half yr old Blen of quality, cobby with well broken markings and desires ‘spot’, good skull, excellent eye, big open nose pad, had some width through both head and body, well boned, short back, firm bodied, moved with purposeful style if a little slack in front, ready to challenge the best. 2 Austin’s Dragonheart Winter Morning. 4 yr old Blenheim, another built on quality bodylines, good headpiece, well broken, combined elegance with cobbiness, albeit not quite as short in back, stood slack in pastern but moved out really well and with style. 3 Cox’s Petitpaws Black Knight.

OD (3) 1 Jackson’s Ch Amantra Regal Duke. Just turned 5 yrs tri who gave a true demonstration of Charlie style on the move, aided by his arched neck, giving proud head carriage, relatively large round head, compact, cobby body with width and depth, level, gave me drive off a firm hock, less positive in front, coat a touch curly. One outstanding champion. Res DCC. 2 Melville’s Ch Amantra Chorale. 4 yrs tri and I just knew they must be related as so similar in head and in style, absolute quality, well constructed with arguably the best back end I

have judged on King Charles to give active drive, just less firm at pastern and longer in loin, giving 12 mths maturity away.

VD (3) 1 Smith's Ch Headra's Truly Magic Is Justacharma. 7 yrs tri, truly magnificent for type, structure bone and substance, glorious headpiece with excellent skull, eye and muzzle, well coated, toed-in a little and was more 'stately' than active in the final challenge. 2 Austin's Dragonheart Of Winter. Seven and a half yr old tri, not quite the dome of skull, open facial features, enviably marked coat, a little longer in loin, beautifully sound and elegant on the move, a quality chap. 3 Austin's Oh Dandy Boy Hero.

SBD/B (1) 1 Abbott's Cofton Reach For The Stars. Rising 2 yr old tri going on 6 mths in appearance and attitude, truly adorable and couldn't have cared less what I thought, feminine, lightly marked, firm bodied, deep and level, good in skull and eye, soundly active with ever wagging tail, one to take home!

PB (3) 1 Boyer's Ellinghurst Miss Saigon. 9 mth tri, pretty headed with good skull and open features, lightly marked, well-constructed on quality lines, good cobby shape, active and free on the move once all four feet were on the ground, full of promise. 2 Baker's Cofton Dancing On My Own. 10 mth old BLen with spot, relatively raw and needing to grow on, lovely head with good skull, short and shapely, well broken markings on a silky coat, free moving, eventually. 3 Janes' Lesannlea Forget Me Not.

JB (2) 1 Boyer's Ellinghurst Kiki Dee. 10 mth tri, so pretty with a lovely eye, already cobby, well distributed patches, well boned, has width through, soundly active on the move. 2 Champion's Lankcombe Bette Davis. Tri of 14 mths, still raw, good skull and eye, long, low ear, arch to neck, level, good angles, just longer and narrower all through.

PGB (4) 1 Williams' Kasamanda My Serendipity. Rising 4 yrs tri who should be rising up the ranks beyond PG, domed head with large open features, excellent body shape with width, well-built rear to move soundly with drive. 2 Champion's Lankcombe Clara Bow. Rising 3 yr

old tri, good in skull, excellent facial features, gave a good profile both standing and on the move that was free and elegant, still relatively raw and needs to fill in loin. 3 Skelton's Tudorhurst Sorceress At Elfindor.

LB (2) 1 Austin & Baker's Cofton Dancing Through Life Jw. Two and a half yr old tri, essence of breed type with elegance to give 'style', correctly domed skull, excellent eye, ears and open nose pad, head carried proud on arched neck, short-backed body of width and depth, straight, silky well marked coat, super profile as she moved out with reach, drive and balance. BCC, her second, but would put money on her being titled this summer. 2 Mochrie's Downsbank Tiger Lilly JW. 4 yr old tri of good overall type, lovely headpiece, good neck and backline, has depth, good bone and feet, well distributed patches, that bit longer coupled and came on less firm in front.

OB (3) 1 Williams' Tovarich Truly Fair For Kasamanda. Rising 6 yrs, textbook 'hands on' being so well filled in front and solidly cobby and muscled, still elegant with lovely headpiece, good bone and feet, absolutely sound with drive, ought to be titled and 'brought the house down' with Res BCC. 2 Pennington's Hello Dolly De La Montagne Ensoleillee Of Tudorhurst. Six and a half yrs, lightly marked Blen, so pretty and cobby, excellent skull and ears, dead level, straight, silky coat, immaculately presented, firm hindquarters, not matched in front so as to pet her back.

VB (1) 1 Austin's Baldragon May Bea Baby. Eight and a half yrs tri, small, fun, pretty, active, sound, super character to end a great day on.

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