KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB CH. SHOW 14.11.21. at Baginton

Thank you to all the officers and committee, especially to Secretary Margaret Mallows, who not only had more than her fair share of immediate pre show dramas to contend with but so much more, being efficiency itself whilst still smiling! There was a happy, friendly atmosphere throughout the day with everyone chatting, laughing and applauding around the ring. Thank you to all exhibitors for such a splendid entry which, I was led to believe, was the highest this year so far with every dog without exception being utterly charming with their own very individual highly intelligent characters.

As with all breeds, there were some of two years old and under who had been victims of the lockdowns and, understandably, had not had the advantage of either normal socialisation or ring training as well as those who had had their mouths forced wide open unnecessarily by judges who had imagined that this was the right thing to do and I make no apology for taking a little longer with these in an attempt to build up and restore their confidence.

Thankfully there were a number who conformed to the all important words of the Standard being typically "Refined, compact and cobby" but there were also quite a few who were too long backed, narrow chested and lacking bone. Charlies are such a wonderful breed, unique unto themselves, yet some of the entry had quite a similarity to Cavaliers

Thank you too to Mike & Rhonda Rawley (Choya) whose excellent stewarding skills and sense of humour completed a very enjoyable, happy day.

VD 8 4 All first three 8 years old

 Hunter's Baynorth Shades of Heaven at Hooebarton. A gorgeous fellow in superbly coloured ruby coat with tail constantly awag. Lovely head, eye and expression, good layback of shoulder, in hard muscular condition. Excellent make and shape with all parts fitting neatly and accurately into the whole resulting in very good movement. Just a shame he wasn't able to stay long enough to challenge for BVIS.
Austin's Dragonheart Fall Breeze. Tri A happy energetic character with a well laid shoulder, lovely expression and good turnup. Could do with more body. A steady mover, if somewhat inclined to find the exciting smells on the floor more interesting than the job in hand.

3. Maddison's Penemma Raphael. Blenheim with good body and bone if just choosing not to move quite as well. Enjoying himself to the full with happily wagging tail.

MPD 1 0

1. Kendall's Cofton Tap Dance. Most appealing baby Tri of just over six months at his second show. A little charmer with lovely head and expression with good turnup, darkest of eye and pigment. Already in splendid coat for his age, an excellent mover with good length of stride in profile despite pulling over a touch on his lead at times. Good body, topline and layback of shoulder complete with non-stop wagging tail. Most exciting.

PD 3 0

1. Mochrie's Downsbank My Legacy. 9 month old Tri with rich tan markings at his first show. Well balanced with good pigment, topline and layback of shoulder where he scored. Lovely head and finish to foreface with a charming expression in his dark eyes. He moved well if, understandably, still a trifle babylish. The promise is all there.

2. Matches' Ellinghurst Xmas Kracker at Fochai. Happy playful Tri with lovely head and good turnup. He moved well with tail constantly awag.

3. Boyer's Ellinghurst Bat Out of Hell. Litter brother with a smart spot and good finish to foreface. Not at all happy with the whole affair but such a very sweet personality nonetheless. Just needs more experience.

JD 31

1. French's Marchog Matisse. B/t of just 13 months and so beautifully made all through, in excellent coat with good body, scoring here on shoulder angulation. Lovely head with dark expressive eye. None too happy to start with but moved very well once he had settled. Needs that little extra confidence to make the most of his undoubted qualities.

2. Kendall & Askins' Headra Irresistible. 15 month old blenheim. Such a happy showman if currently short on both coat and body. Charming expression with good finish to foreface. A good mover with constantly wagging tail. ND 30

1. Coupland's Mitapip Royal Diplomat with Tucherish, 3 year old B/t, well boned and typically cobby, firm on elbow. Good turnup with dark pigment. He moved well.

2. E Xmas Kracker at F

3. Hunter's Hooebarton Shaded of Joy, 2 year old B/t with rich tan and good firm body. A happy character who insisted on clinging as closely as possible to his obviously adored handler making movement difficult to assess fairly..

YD 2 0

1. Melville's Sarasota Solitaire. Good looking masculine Tri of 20 months. So good for type with good body and layback of shoulder, this being reflected in length of stride in profile. Good finish to foreface, dark eyes and pigment with good bone and topline, in excellent coat and hard condition, going particularly well behind.

2. Maddison's Justacharma Northern Magic. Tri of one month older. A willing steady mover, who needs more body to make the best of himself.

PGD 7 2

1. Boyer's David ot Nevskogo Hobbita (Imp Rus). Handsome masculine Tri with beautiful head, eye, expression and pigment. So very typey and well balanced, truly compact and cobby with good broad chest and natural bobtail. Excellent make and shape with well laid shoulder, good body and bend of stifle. A happy positive showman, who moved so very well. Most impressive. RCC which, I gather, is his second such award & RBIS.

2. Coupland's Tucherish Andrew Carnegie. 2 yr old B/t with good finish to foreface and layback of shoulder, in excellent body, coat and hard muscular condition. He went well if a touch overproud of his tail at times.

3. Hunter's Kasamanda Hamilton of Hooebarton. 3 year old Tri with dark eye and pigment. A happy character, who moved well

LD 7 2

1. Hardiman's Tovarich Ticket to Ride. Well balanced 4 year old Tri with proudly carried head where he scored, so good for type and well made all through, in splendid coat and hard muscular condition. He went well. 2. Clarke's Poltomic Black Magic. 2 year old B/t of lovely size and type with a very soulful expression in his large dark eyes. He too was in excellent coat and hard condition. Happy and willing on the move.

3. Harvey's Rivermoor Alberto. 4 year old Tri with good layback of shoulder. He moved well keeping his firm topline.

OD 5 0

1. Melville's Sarasota Chenin Blanc. This handsome masculine 3 year old Tri won here with something to spare. Excellent for size, type, make and shape, scoring on balance with all the parts fitting neatly and firmly into the whole. Beautiful head, eye and expression with good turnup, in the best of coat and hard muscular condition. Such a very positive mover with good length of stride and drive behind, obviously enjoying himself to the full. He is something very special. CC which, I was delighted to hear, gives him his well deserved title & BIS

2. Clarke's Stonepit Wilfred for Poltomic. 3 year old Tri in excellent coat with rich tan markings, good body and layback of shoulder. A good steady mover.

3. Mochrie's Downsbank Jeffrey. An almost 3 year old Tri who basically has it all except body at the moment. He has a lovely dark expressive eye and a good turnup. He moved very well.

Sp 0 B/T D 1 0

1. M Matisse. Busy building up his confidence here and moved even better here.

Sp 0 Ruby D 2 0

1. Coupland's Ambassador Boy Star of Tucherish (Imp Rus). Handsome masculine 3 year old ruby with a beautiful head and superior expression, sturdily built and well made all through with firm level topline and well set non stop wagging tail. Very good mover. I was reminded later that I made him BP at Blackpool in '18, this being his first show at just 6 months on the day when he went on to PG4. How well he has matured in the meantime.

2 .French's Mitapip Elusive Ruby. Richly coloured charming energetic character, in lovely shiny coat with good layback of shoulder who would insist on pulling over on his lead to his obviously adored owner on the move making this difficult to assess fairly.

Sp 0 Blen D 2 0

1. Stewart's Monleon Made by Magic for Marchog Cleanly marked quality 2 year old with spot in lovely smooth silky coat, well balanced with good layback of shoulder and turn of stifle. Could do with more body currently but nonetheless a joy to watch on the move.

2. French's Celxo Vermouth on Ice. 5 year old also with a good spot. Well shaped head, good bone and body, moved particularly well behind if a bit over enthusiastic with his tail

VB 3 3

MPB 6 2 All Tris

1. Kendall & Atkins' Cofton Jive Dancer at Headra. 6 months at her second show. So well made all through with good layback of shoulder where she scored. She moved well and even better when her handler shortened the lead.

2. Greenfield's Helen Rainbow Geozephina Star. Such a very confident happy showgirl at just six months old. She has a smart natural dock and moved extremely well.

3. Matches' Baldragon Waiting in the Wings at Fochai. 8 months old and well named indeed as her movement was almost impossible to assess fairly as she was so full of fun! Her turn will come.

PB 1 0

1. Tarabad's Baldragon Centre Stage with Khatibi. Very mature for her 7 months, such a happy energetic showgirl, who seemed to know it all and just how if should be done. Lovely head, eye and expression, so good for make and shape, in excellent coat and condition, beautifully presented and a joy to watch on the move holding herself proudly with tail constantly awag. BPIS

JB 2 0 Both Tris and both only just out of Puppy 1. Nemeth's Arrowbien the Sphinx. Cleanly marked in excellent coat, good layback of shoulder, finish to foreface and pigment with neat feet, where she scored.. Great showgirl who went well with happily wagging tail.

2. Austin's Baldragon Gots Hattitude. Dark expressive eyes with good pigment and turn up. She too moved well.

1. Dix's Cavella Calender Girl for Beewye. 2 yr old with such a pretty feminine head with an appealing expression and well laid shoulder, in excellent coat, scoring on balance here. She went fairly well to start with but pulled herself together to move very much better on the final go round.

2. Gurtner's Regalia de Melcourt. Just a year old with lovely head and expression, enjoying herself to the full this happily wagging showgirl moved very well. Just a tough longer and lower than the winner.

3. B Waiting in the Wings at F

YB 3 0

1. Hayward & Walker's Baldragon Little Mistress. 19 month Tri happy and energetic in excellent coat with good firm body and layback of shoulder. Scoring on her confidence here. Very good mover.

2. Wallhead's Downsbank Matilda, 22 month old feminine blenheim with spot and good finish to foreface. Well made all through and the better balanced. Eventually braved it out enough to prove she can move well. Just needs that little extra confidence to make the best of her undoubted qualities as the promise is all there..

3. B. Gots Hattitude

PGB 3 1

1. Hinson's Kerizma Krocus 4 yr old quality ruby with well laid shoulders and good finish to foreface. A very good mover, in excellent coat and hard muscular condition.

2. Boyer's Ellinghurst In for a Penny 2 year old tri, so feminine with bright tan markings and well made all through. Beautiful head, eye and expression with excellent pigment and topline. Very anxious to start with but eventually braved it out enough to prove that she can actually move well.

LB 8 2

1. Lewis's Amantra Tarazed Carleeto, Beautiful 2 year tri, of superb type and balance being that happy combination of refined, compact and cobby. Well shaped head, so good for make, shape. size and layback of shoulder, deep broad chest, turn of stifle and firm level topline, in lovely coat and hard condition. Enjoying herself to the full and moving to match the excellence of her conformation. Quite lovely. CC, her second. She surely deserves her title. 2. Stewart's Marchog Minta Buckle. 4 year old feminine B/T with good rich tan markings, dark pigment and eye. Lovely for size and balance with well laid shoulder and proudly arched neck. A neat little showgirl, beautifully presented and such a very good mover.

3. Clarke's Mitapip Sweet Rosey for Poltomic. 4 yr old ruby with dark eyes and level topline. Just a bit longer in body and shorter in neck than those above. She moved very well.

OB 7 1

1. Hardiman's Tovarich Teanna. 6 year old B/T, an easy winner here being well balanced, of lovely size & type, so feminine with beautiful head, eye and expression with good turnup. Well made all through and so impressive on the move with good length of stride in profile. RCC

2. Gurtner's Oprah de Melcourt. 3 year old Tri again with a lovely head, eye and expression, in excellent coat and hard muscular condition if just a little longer in body She moved well if a trifle over enthusiastic with her tail

3. Boyer's Ellinghurst Miss Saigon, 3 yr old Tri, reserve in LB, very feminine and constantly on the alert. She went better and better as the class went on.

Sp O RB 3 0

1. Stewart's Poltomic Peppermint Patty with Marchog. 2 year old with non stop wagging naturally docked tail. So feminine with lovely head, eye, expression and turnup. Good for make and shape with well angulated shoulders and quarters. Excellent mover.

- 2. M. Sweet Rosey for P dam of the winner.
- 3. K. Krocus

Sp O Blen B 10

1. Mochrie's Downsbank Snowdrop. Pretty and feminine almost 3 year old, complete with neat spot, good body and bone with good finish to foreface. She looked a little apprehensive about the whole affair and was, thus, rather unsettled in movement

Ch B 1 0

1. Gurtner's Fleur de Lys de Melcourt. Happy ultra feminine Blenheim of 11 years young. She has the most beautiful head complete with spot and large dark expressive eyes, in superb coat and condition. Lovely for size, well made all through with good layback of shoulder if a touch long in body. A great showgirl, well presented and most impressive on the move. Alone in the challenge for BV since it had been a long day interspersed with a SGM & the Special Classes, and the BVD had, understandably, already departed for home. Well deserved BVIS nonetheless!

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