

KING CHARLES King Charles Spaniel Association

Open show critique - Philip Lovel

Thank you to Marion for stewarding, and to the committee for the kind invitation. Having being delayed for years due to Covid, I had been looking forward to this appointment to come around!

Class 1 (Dog) – Minor Puppy Entries: 0

Class 2 (Dog) –Puppy Entries: 0

Class 3 (Dog) – Junior Entries: 5 Absentees: 2

1st Austin's Baldragon Blinkin Hell TAF – 15 month tri cobby dog, nice size and shape. Scored well for head with correct shape. Pleasing expression and large dark eyes. Liked his profile when standing and moved well.

2nd Smith's Justacharma Just Magical – A smart young blen. Presented a lovely outline with a super topline and tailset. Very nicely bodied. Just preferred head of 1.

3rd Dunford's Headra's Bruce

Class 4 (Dog) Yearling Entries: 3 Absentees: 1

1st Smith's Justacharma So Magic JW – 21 month tri. Caught my eye straight away. Has a look of quality about him, Very cobby, showed well. Pleasing head with large round eye. Rich tan. Well cushioned foreface. Good substance. Quality Dog. BD, BIS

2nd Bailey's Aldoricka The Hustler - Smart young blen. Not quite as mature as the winner. Nice type and coat in lovely condition. Pleasing outline. Good rib. Well presented.

Class 5 (Dog) Novice Entries: 2 Abs: 0

1st Dunford's Headra's Bruce – Typey tri boy. Pleasing head. Nice type but himself down moving when he tends to crab. Hopefully he will settle.

2nd Abbott's Helmajon Sibelius – Nice type blen, very outgoing and clearly enjoying himself. Scored well for type. Pleasing coat and rich tan.

Class 6 (Dog) Graduate Entries: 2 Abs: 1

1st Abbott's Helmajon Rhapsody In Blue – 2 year old tri. Presented a lovely shape standing. Well placed shoulders, good topline and tailset. Rich tan markings. Well cushioned foreface. Nice spring of rib. Moved well.

Class 7 (Dog) Post Graduate Entries: 3 Absentees: 2

1st Rushton's Tiflin We All Love Jack – 5 year old tri. Liked his size, true toy spaniel. Clearly at one with his owner/handler. Presented a good outline. Level topline, well laid shoulder, good tailset. Pleasing head, large round dark eye. Well set ears, rich tan. Plenty of fill. A smart little dog.

Class 8 (Dog) Limit Entries: 3 Absentees: 2

1st Maddison's Justacharma Northern Magic – 3 year old tri. Nice size. Well-made and enjoying himself. Dark eye. Tan in all the right places. Went well. Shame he stood alone in this class.

Class 9 (Dog) Open Entries: 4 Absentees: 2

1st Smith's CH Justacharma Magic Goes On – Tri in lovely coat and condition. Pleasing breed type. Cobby. Good substance. Presented a pleasing outline. Well laid shoulder, good topline and tailset. Well cushioned foreface. Wide lower jaw. Rich tan. Large round dark eye. Smart boy. RBD, RBIS

2nd Stewart's Monleon Made By Magic For Marchog – Another with a lot to like. Blen boy. Not quite the body of 1, but I liked his type. Showed well. Good fill to foreface. Correct nose placement,

Class 10 (Dog) Veteran Entries: 3 Absentees: 1

1st Pearce's Downsbank Troubadour Over Ozzymoon – 7 year old tri. Scored here on shape and movement. In profuse coat. Slightly over awed today as not been out for a while but moved well and presented a good outline. Pleasing head, large eye. BVIS

2nd Austin's Dragonheart Winter Morning – Nice type blen. Large round dark eye. Good substance. Rich tan. A shame he was not enjoying himself.

Class 11 (Bitch) Minor Puppy Entries: 1 Abs 0

Some lovely puppies in these classes.

1st Baker's Cofton Park Of Your World – 8 month old tri. Very sweet puppy. Full of life. Very pretty head and expression, full of breed type. Correct head shape. Rich tan, large round dark eye. Well cushioned, wide lower jaw. Very feminine throughout. Moved well. Smart little puppy.

Class 12 (Bitch) Puppy Entries: 2 Abs 0

1st Kendal's Headra Edith – Two beautiful puppies. Litter sisters I believe. The same comments apply to both – like peas in a pod! Both have super pretty heads, large round dark eyes, super head shapes, rich tan. Lovely body shape. 2 needs to body up but I'm sure both have bright futures. BPB & BPIS

2nd Baker's Headra Ethel – See above.

Class 13 (Bitch) Junior Entries: 1 Abs 0

1st Stewart's Marchog Muffins For Tea – Smart little black and tan shown in lovely condition. Rich tan markings, raven black coat. Liked her size and shape. Very happy little girl. Nice dome, large round dark eye. Moved well.

Class 14 (Bitch) Yearling Entries: 2 Abs 0

Two nice bitches here.

1st Austin's Tess Des Trois Maillets Beldragon TAF (IMP FRA) – Nice size blen. Liked her type, size and shape. She won here on her movement. Went well around the ring and showed off her lovely outline. Pleasing head, well set ears, good topline.

2nd Bailey's Aldoricka Sweet Victoria – Thought this would be my class winner but she didn't settle and let herself down moving today. What a shame. Lovely headpiece, super size, make and shape. Liked her type. Would like to judge her again when she is more settled.

Class 15 (Bitch) – Novice Entries: 3

1st Baker's Cofton Park Of Your World – See Class 1 for comments.

2nd Abbot's Helmajon Clara's Romance – 2 year old blen. Nice size. Pretty type. Didn't move so well as her kennel mate who was also in the ring. Pretty girl with lots of energy. Large round dark eye. Pleasing expression.

3rd Abbott's Helamon Smyths Cadenza

Class 16 (Bitch) Graduate Entries: 0

Class 17 (Bitch) - Post Graduate Entries: 2 Abs 0

1st Austin's Beldragon Gots Hattitude TAF – Feminine Tri. Very pretty head and expression. Large round dark eye. Good cushioning to foreface. Scored well in neck and shoulder. In good coat. Moved well. Typey Bitch

2nd Matches Beldragon Waiting In The Wings At Fochai – A lovely shaped bitch who could maybe do more. Had a sore eye today, and didn't move well, but a nice type.

Class 18 (Bitch) Limit Entries: 3 Absentees: 1

1st Baker Cofton Ballet Dancer – 3 year old Tri. A little excited today but a lovely type. Ideal size, make and shape. Lovely head, well placed ears, large round dark eye. Rich tan markings. Good topline and tailset. Smart bitch. BB, BOS

2nd Abbot's Cofton Reach For The Stars – A neat size tri. Very feminine. Nice body shape. Lots to like but felt she could benefit from a little more body. Feminine head and expression. Rich tan.

Class 19 (Bitch) Open Entries: 2 Absentees: 1

1st Stewart's Poltomic Peppermint Patty With Marchog – Super sized ruby. A lovely rich colour. A lot to like here. Presented a super shape when standing. Good topline and tailset. Correctly angulated shoulders. Cobby. Slightly arched neck and pleasing head shape. Dark round eye. Moved well. RBB

Class 20 (Bitch) Veteran Entries: 0