

## English Setter Association Open Show 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015

My thanks to the Officers and Committee of the ESA for the invitation to judge and for the warm welcome and hospitality on the day. Special thanks to all exhibitors for the opportunity to judge your dogs and for accepting my decisions gracefully.

### Dogs

**Minor Puppy (1)** 1. Stewart and Quenby's Tattersett Galileo. 8 months blue belton. Pleasing profile with a level topline and good angulation. Lean head and dark eye. Happy on the move using his tail.

**Puppy(3,2)** 1. Cole's Sorbus Storm Ryder. Liked this 10 month orange. Lean and well-proportioned head with dark eye. Good length of neck. Well-ribbed and boned. Balanced angulation fore and aft. Best Puppy Dog.

**Junior(1)** 1. Naylor and Morrison and Taylor's Anlory Arras. 12 months blue belton and tan with a lovely head and eye. Straight front, well-ribbed and good angles both ends. Neat feet. Moved out well off low hocks. Shown in hard condition.

**Maiden (1)** 1. Saunders' Shanandi Flaming Surprise. Lean head and dark eye to this nearly 2 years orange belton. Straight front, neat feet and good bone. Slightly longer cast, but well sprung rib. Just not giving his best on the move today.

**Novice (2,1)** 1. Shanandi Flaming Surprise.

**Graduate (4)** 1. McCabe's Rachdale Sea Fever. 2 years dark blue belton. Good overall shape with everything in proportion. Well ribbed up and well-angulated front and rear. Correct lean English head with soft expression. Neat feet. Moved true and steady using his tail. In good coat and condition. Best Dog and Reserve Best in Show. 2. Neath's Albadora Remember Me. Light blue belton from a slightly smaller mould. Liked his head, well-off for bone and good angulation fore and aft. Short tail. Moved well. 3. Shanandi Flaming Surprise.

**Post Graduate (4,2)** 1. Trigwell and Weller's Hannahdene Danny Boy with Juldeane. 2 1/2 year old orange. Loved this boy's head with correct eye shape and colour and low set ears giving that soft setter expression. Straight front well-ribbed and good angulation. Neat feet. Moved true. Reserve Best Dog. 2. Burt's Richecca Rob Roy. Blue belton with masculine head. Strong bone, well ribbed and good rear angulation.

**Limit (3)** 1. Fisher's Beechanger Dusty Miller. Liked the size and substance of this orange boy. Has an appealing head and dark eye. Well-off for bone. Straight front and best feet in the class. Good tail action on the move. Just preferred the carriage of the Grad and Post Grad winners in the challenge. 2. Schoneville and Derry's Balvenie Clandestine. Blue belton and tan with lovely masculine head that is in no way coarse. Has a firm level topline and correct tailset. Well angulated. Moved well. Just feel he still needs to fill his frame. 3. Pitts' Wandsfell Don't Quote Me.

**Open (1)** 1. Burt's Richecca Sunshine Superman for Abbeysett. Strongly boned orange with good body shape – short backed and well-ribbed. Good angulation for and aft and short tail. Just not giving his best on the move today.

Special Beginners (1) 1. Tapp's Epsom Prince. Nice coat on this blue belton and tan. 4<sup>th</sup> in grad, moved better in this class. Has dark eye and low-set ears, neat feet and level topline.

### Bitches

**Puppy (6,2)** 1. Kelly's Richecca Midnight Melody. Blue belton and tan of 10 months. Lean, correctly proportioned head and expressive dark eye. Mature for age with deep chest and well-sprung ribs. Good reach of neck, level topline and good angulation fore and aft. Very together on the move, with slashing tail, hence Best Puppy in Show. 2. Schoneville and Derry's Balvenie Evita. Dark blue belton and tan with lean head and soft expression. Nice outline with level topline. Well-sprung ribs. Preferred the front movement of 1. 3. Mitchell and Withey's Sorbus Taylor Maid for Sunsprake.

**Junior (6,1)** 1. Attwood's Swannery Taste of Honey. Feminine orange with sweet lean head and soft expression. Good length of neck leading to correct shoulders and level topline. Well-angulated. Good ribs. Giving handler a really hard time initially, but moved well when settled, with style. Reserve best bitch. 2. Hartle's Hartsett All My Lovin. Another pretty orange with dark eye. Has a straight front and is well ribbed. Pleasing outline when stood – again giving her young handler a hard time. Preferred the movement of 1. 3. Mitchell and Withey's Shanandi Matchplay at Sunsprake.

**Maiden 1.** Swannery Taste of Honey 2. Richecca Midnight Melody 3. Balvenie Evita

**Novice 1.** Swannery Taste of Honey 2. Shanandi Matchplay at Sunsprake. 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior. Orange with straight front and neat feet. Moved OK holding her topline.

**Graduate (4,3)** 1. McCabe's Rachdale Sea Pearl. Orange looking so well today combining femininity with substance. Lean appealing head and dark eye. Straight front, good bone and neat feet. Level topline. Shown in lovely coat and condition. Really flowed around the ring and I was delighted to award her Best Bitch and Best in Show.

**Post Graduate (4,3)** 1. Dye's Valsett Starlite Up 'N' Rosie. Appealing orange with low-set ears. Presents a clean outline with an elegant neck and level topline, showing good angulation. Straight front, well boned. Just preferred the front movement of the junior winner for the reserve best bitch award.

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