

ENGLISH SETTER ASSOCIATION OPEN SHOW SUNDAY 3rd JULY 2016

A very pleasant day with good weather and judging outside. A huge thank you to all exhibitors who gave me this opportunity to go over their dogs and take my decisions in good spirit.

The Breed Standard calls for a tail "lively and slashing in movement and carried in a plane not higher than level of back". In a male a gay tail is at least unsightly but perhaps circumstantial, but in a female it just takes away their femininity and I really do feel we should consider this point more carefully when choosing breeding stock.

DOGS

MPD. (3) 1st: Darley's SEVERNSET HEARTBREAKER 7 months b/b/t Lovely outline, super head, quarters, front. Stood square and balanced and moved really well for such a youngster. He didn't break my heart - he stole it! Unfortunately unable to stay for the challenge. **Best Puppy Dog**
2nd: Jennings CANTERIS COOL FOR CATZ b/b slightly older than the winner. More mature and good in all departments —just preferred the winner! 3rd: Watkins & Phillips BUMBLECORN WINTER ICE AT GLENMORANGIE

PD (2,1) 1st: Thompsetts RADBROOKS SLOOP JOHNB 10 months b/b/t Balanced head, deep chest, good depth of rib, sound quarters. Moved happily with correct tail action.

VD (1) 1st: Cole's SH CH SORBUS JEDI MASTER Well know b/b/t, rising 9. Lovely head, still holding his good body shape, plenty of furnishings and moved well although rather proud of his tail!

JD (4) 1st: Littlechild & Bridgewater's RAVENSET FIRE 'N' ICE. 16 months o/b. Super outline, lovely chiselled head, clean neck flowing into well laid shoulders. Deep in rib with strong loin and well made hindquarters, good turn of stifle and correct tail set. Powered round the ring — it was a pleasure to get my hands on him! **Res Best Dog and Reserve BIS.**

2nd: BENCHMARK RHYTHM AND BLUES. 15 month b/b. Plenty to like about him, good head, bone and coat. Strong quarters. Just unlucky to meet the winner. 3rd: McCabe's RACHDALE GOLD DIGGER.
Res: Gwilliam's ALBADORA SECOND THOUGHTS OF VICTORIAVIEW

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ND (2) 1st: Kelly's BENCHMARK RHYTHM AND BLUES. 2nd: Gwilliam's ALBADORA SECOND THOUGHTS OF VICTORIAVIEW. o/b. Finer in the head than the winner but kind expression nevertheless, clean neck. Rather erratic behind when on the move.

GD (5,1) 1st: Littlechild & Bridgewater's RAVENSET FIRE 'N' ICE. 2nd: Jolley's ANLORY BURANO VIA JOLYMORE. 2 yrs o/b. Nicely made with balanced head having plenty of work and soft expression. Clean neck and shoulders, well ribbed with short coupling and strong quarters. Moved well, with correct tail action. 3rd: Cole's SORBUS STORM RYDER

Res: Taylor & Ateo SAMELIN HARRIS TWEED

PGD (3) 1st: Johnston's DARAQUIST BILLY BONG b/b. Good head and neck into well laid shoulders, well ribbed up and short coupled. Rear end well muscled and moved soundly with strong slashing tail. 2nd: Saunders SHANDI FLAMING SUNRISE o/b, slightly rangier than the winner. Good all round shape but lacked enthusiasm on the move. 3rd: Kelly's LAKECASTLE PRINCE CONSORT

LD (5,2) 1st: McCabe's RACHDALE SEA FEVER o/b who I have admired in the past. Well chiselled head of correct proportions, good length of neck, well laid back shoulder, good length of upper arm and deep in the rib. Short coupled. Would prefer a little more turn of stifle to be picky, but carrying a full coat and moved well enough to win this class, although another rather proud of his tail! 2nd: Henry's

BEECHANGER DUSTY MILLER o/b — another with all to like and very much nip and tuck between these two. He presented a very good outline standing but was less than enthusiastic on the move which cost him the decision today. 3rd: Dale's UPPERWOOD SUMMERTIME BLUES FOR LAURELSET
OD (6,3) 1st: Davies, Littlechild and Bridgewater's BRUCELM TANGERINE DREAM Mature o/b in full coat and excellent condition. Attractive, chiselled head, low set ears, and a pleasing expression. Strong neck into correct shoulders and well angled front. Deep in brisket with short coupled loin on to strong quarters showing a good turn of stifle and correct tail set all combined to give him excellent action, moving out with drive and style. **Best Dog and Best in Show.**

2nd: Kelly's BOURNEHOUSE GLORIOUS DAY b/b/t dog I have judged before! Attractive boy, short coupled, good tail set and in full coat. Gave a good account of himself but unlucky to meet the winner. 3rd: Watts JOTUNHEIM LIMITED EDITION

SBD (3,1) 1st: Kelly's LAKECASTLE PRINCE CONSORT o/b, placed in PG class. Sound, pleasing head and expression.

2nd: Gwilliam's ALBADORA SECOND THOUGHTS OF VICTORIAVIEW. Critiqued in Novice.

BITCHES

MPB (2) 1st: Hartle's HARTSETT CHERRY BLOSSOM. 8 months o/b. 2nd: Tompsett's BUSHBANE CELTIC HEARTBEAT OF RADBROOKS 8 months. Two very nice puppies of similar age and just preferred the head of the winner who also had more maturity at this stage.

JB (1) 1st: Richards WATTLEWOOD BEAUTIFUL NOISE OVER RUBISCOTT Lively 11 months b/b/t. Lots to like about her and she moved very well. Just needs to make more of herself standing! **Best Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy In Show**

VB (1) 1st: Johnson's LARRENIE RUBY TUESDAY 9yrs o.b. No, she doesn't boast the flashy dress of girls half her age, and yes, she could be a size larger — but she's made right! Very sweet head and expression, correct eye shape, good front, short coupled and well angled hind quarters. A delight to watch her on the move, driving round the ring with her tail slashing behind her, thoroughly balanced, and every bit a lady! **Best Veteran, R. Best Bitch.**

JB (4,2) 1st: Taylor's WANSLEYDALE BELLINI. 15 months dark orange. Good body properties, depth of rib, strong quarters with ample turn of stifle. Pleasing head, low set ears. Sound, positive mover and I shall watch her progress with interest!

2nd: Davidson, Wells and Gray's BENCHMARK FORGET ME NOT b/b, unlucky to meet the winner. Not as happy on the move.

MB (3) 1st: Thackers SWANNERY BLUE ROSE. Attractive b/b with good body shape, balanced head, dark eye, low set ears. Clean neck and shoulders into a good front, level topline. Strength in her quarters with a good sweep of stifle. Correct tailset and moved happily. 2nd: Taylor and Ateo's SAMELIN CITY GOLD o/b — rather unsettled to go over. Good head with nice shape but needs to mature in body. More relaxed on the move. 3rd: Thackers MANDYSET TELL NO ONE

NB (7,2) 1st: Taylor's WANSEYDALE BELLINI. 2nd: Thackers SWANNERY BLUE ROSE. 3rd: Felton-Blyth's ASCOT ANGEL

GB (8,3) 1st: Williams BOURNEHOUSE SPRING VIOLET. Attractive b/b, well shaped head with nice eye, clean neck and good front. Level topline, strong quarters, correct tail set and driving action when on the move. In good coat.

2nd: Hartle's HARTSETT ALL MY LOVIN o/b A pretty bitch with lovely head. Good body although perhaps a little long in the loin. Didn't move with the drive of the winner. 3. Thackers SWANNERY BLUE ROSE.

PGB (6,2) 1st: Felton-Blyth's ASCOT ANGEL very pretty b/b/t who I like very much. Good body, super head, quarters, stifle. Just a little too proud of her tail. 2nd: Aldridge's GRAKAR STARSTRUCK AT FLECKERS b/b. Again, another lovely headed bitch with good all round confirmation, just lacking her full furnishings and not the movement of the winner.

3rd: Williams BOURNEHOUSE STARRY NIGHT

LB (5,3) 1st: Harding's RACHDALE SEA JEWEL AT CUMBERSETT. b/b/t One I judged as a youngster and my notes then said I liked her very much —and I still do! Sweet, balanced, head, good eye and low set ears. Well angled front with level short-coupled topline. Ample turn of stifle and moved with drive and a good tail action. Just minus her complete furnishings! 2nd: Davidson, Wells and Gray MARIGLEN MICHAELA WITH BENCHMARK. b/b/t Plenty to like about her, lovely tail action on the move. Carrying a tad too much weight.

OB (2,1) 1st: Tompsett's RADBROOKS KOKOMO. Feminine b/b with lovely outline. Good balanced head, correct eye shape, low set ears, clean neck into well laid back shoulders and length of forearm. Deep in ribs, tucking up to loins, strong hindquarters with good length of stifle and driving out strongly on the move. Another with a good slashing tail to complete the picture. Lovely shine to her coat. **Best Bitch and Best Opposite Sex in Show.**

SBB. (6,2) 1st: Williams BOURNEHOUSE SPRING VIOLET. 2nd: Thackers SWANNERY BLUE ROSE. 3rd: Felton-Blyth's ASCOT ANGEL. Res: Thackers MANDYSET TELL NO ONE

Pat Colton (Judge)

7th July 2016