

WEST OF ENGLAND BORDER COLLIE CLUB

6TH APRIL 2024

Thank you to the Committee for this invitation to judge your Club show at this super venue. My two stewards had everything under control, running smoothly and efficiently.

It was a lovely atmosphere -I do love Club shows in village halls with home-made refreshments, all of which lends itself to a convivial day among like-minded enthusiasts and is a wonderful event for both novices and experienced exhibitors. The current trend to hold club shows in partnership with General Championship shows might be cost effective but in my own humble opinion this tends not to be so welcoming to newer exhibitors or club members that are not so interested in showing but do like to attend club shows for the social aspect of spending the day with fellow enthusiasts.

It was a really thoughtful gift that I received and the addition of a year's club membership was something that I have never ever received previously and was a wonderful touch to make me feel welcome and included in your Border Collie community.

Although the indoor ring was adequate I did feel that the dogs would have benefitted from being outside and having the opportunity to really & truly get into their stride, and the placings may have been reversed had this been the case. Some managed better than others to contain their enthusiasm!

BPD (1, 1a)

BPB (2, 1a) 1. Lampier's Pencoppen La Parisienne. Pretty 4 month old who took this babyhood experience all in her stride. Confident, calm & so good on the move. Dark eyes, flat skull, muzzle:skull proportions 50:50, smart blaze, ex nostrils. Well boned & good angulation front & rear. Symmetrical rear leg markings made it an easy task to see the uniformity of rear movement.

Best Baby Puppy In Show: Lampier's Pencoppen La Parisienne

MPD (0)

PD (0)

JD (1) 1. Gregory's Tonkory Wait And See. Smart lad of almost 14 months with ex bite, dark eyes, ex nose & stop. Straight parallel forelegs, strong feet, good width in front & good layback of shoulder. Ex ribs & well held topline & long tail length.. Alert & intelligent. Has a smooth side action. A really nice rump!

YD (3) 1. Castle's Jupavia Divine Dream. Liked his size & shape. Good head proportions, used his ears well, on the ball & ready for action. Forelegs set well under his body. He stands on strong feet with well arched toes. Well handled & moved to best advantage. Long low set tail. 2. Tonkory Wait And See 3. Uglow's Caleykiz Drive With Power

ND (0)

PGD (0)

LD (3) 1. Lampier's Pencoppen Good Timin'. Five years old. Creating a quality silhouette. Liked his broadish head, flat skull, medium sized oval eyes. Well off for bone, strong neck, deep brisket & 10:9 length to height ratio. Balanced angulation fore & aft with a strong topline. He was steady on the move, in full control and driving from strong parallel hocks. All in all I felt he coped best of the males with the size of ring and floor surface when moving, showing his overall control & maturity. BD. BOS. 2. Taylor's Darian End Game. Three year old. Showing a lot of enthusiasm – like a coiled spring ready for action, but conversely when he uncoils he is a tad erratic. Nice clean lines flowing into one another. Attractive coat feathering & in excellent condition. One that could have benefited from an outside ring. Embarrassingly, I must take the blame for his excitement as he smelt where my sleeve had touched my soon to whelp bitch when I had to pick her up just before leaving home (forgetting that an about to whelp bitch gives off the same odour as an in season bitch). Clearly "Steven" (for we are now on first name terms!) thought that I was ready for mating.3. Henwood's Kanamaren Ace of Wands.

OD (2, 1a) 1. Gregory's Sh Ch Tidespring Tonight I Am Here at Tonkory JW. Top quality three year old of ex proportions & I can see why he has his full title. Strength all through with nothing overdone. Solid forelegs set well under his body. Strong perpendicular hocks, ex body width & covering with well sprung ribs & short firm loins. Just felt that he was a little looser in elbow than the LD winner today so had to settle for RBD.

VD (2) 1. Verplancke's Taranza Imagination ShCM. 10.5 years old & ready to rock and roll. Kind eyes & expression. Thick double coat, well bodied & he moves with such a light footedness. Absolutely sound. BVD. 2. Johnson & Johnson's Tonkory Talking Point at Tidespring. 7.5 years old, masculine all through. Handsome head & good bite, well coated with attractive mane. Well turned stifles but just moving a little close behind.

Special Working OD (2,1a) 1. Taranza Imagination ShCM. Best working.

Special Members OD (3) 1. Hartfield's Moshanta May Contain Nuts JW ShCEx OSW. 5 years old, a picture of balance. Intelligent expression. Ears well set & used well. Has an ex topline & holds his tail well both standing & moving. 2. Taranza Imagination ShCM. 3. Darian End Game

AOC OD (1, 1a)

MPB (2) 1. Grogono-Thomas' Mighty Aphrodite. . Just 6 months old & I cannot be the only one to fall for her charms today. Pretty head, well spaced semi-erect ears, ex structure front & rear. Moving with extreme confidence, she completely captured me. So composed & self assured & unbelievable that she only met her handler this morning. They appeared to have a distinct rapport & winning teamwork already. I hope that this relationship continues. BPB & BPIS. 2. Johnson & Johnson's Tidespring Take Your Time. Another most promising puppy but not quite matching the upper arm return of 1st. Good 50/50 head proportions. Ex scissor bite. Well balanced body proportions & sure to have lots of fun ahead of her.

PB (2) 1. Castle's Jupavia Heavens Dream. So clean cut in outline & proportions, she creates a lovely silhouette. Erect ears. Ex layback of shoulder & return of upper arm. Flowing lines. Just raised her tail a little on the move when being followed closely by the dog behind her, otherwise she carried her tail perfectly. 2. Lampier's Taranza Voodoo. Similar comments as for 1st but not as relaxed & settled. Pretty & feminine head, ex neck & topline & good turn

of stifle. Ex prospects & should have a bright future after gaining a little more confidence to settle.

JB (3, 1a) 1. Allison's Wenmap Topkapi Gem. Attracted to her straight away for the workmanlike way she executed her first circuit of the ring, head down, creating a flow of head, neck & spirit level topline with gentle fallaway to croup. Hands on she fulfilled this promise with her angulation & ribs. Feminine size & balance. 2. Hartfield's Crantzfold Hera at Moshanta JW. Liked her head proportions, muzzle, skull & dark eyes. Well off for bone & well angulated rear end. Just not quite the flow or the topline of 1st on the move.

YB (0)

NB (3, 1wdn) 1. Wenmap Topkapi Gem 2. Donovan-Theron's Donteron Bouquet of Flowers. Tri. Attractive, well boned, erect ears, kind eye. Good topline & feet. Tries hard to please her handler & is keen for action. Would just like to see more width all through & not such a gay tail carriage (but she is happy & I would not want that to change).

PGB (2) These two were highly competitive. 1. Lea's Calareto All MyLoving JW. Just preferred the front on her with her natural stance of forward facing forefeet & ex width to front. Pretty but with ex substance. She glides around the ring with elegance on a loose lead showing purposeful movement whilst remaining steady. 2. Chatee's Calareto Wild Honey Pie. Another with ex layback of shoulder and front assembly but not quite the width between the forelegs. Well bodied & good brisket. Firm strong feet.

LB (2) Both 4 years old. 1. Allison's Kinaway A Million Dreams (AI). Absolutely loved her typical stance, so natural, & a lovely silhouette. Really large strong teeth in ex scissor bite. Flat skull & good space between ears. Her movement is free flowing with an easy stride & ex reach. 2. Criddle's Jupavia Heavenly Heart (Ax2). A quality jacket and finish on this lady, attentive to handler and alert to the surroundings with expressive use of her ears. She can stand a little close in front & did not match the front extension of 1st today when moving.

OB (2, 1a) 1. Greening's Kanamaren Take These Pearls. 3 year old lass who took my eye immediately. Such presence & deportment. My hands confirmed what my eye could see, she was a joy to go over. A kind expression from correct placement of ears, eyes & nose. Keen to please, alert to her surroundings & agile in seemingly effortless movement. BB & BIS.

VB (3) Two adorable veterans. 1. Lampier's Tonkory Mark Time (AI) VW. Heading the class was this super girl with her proof that if it's made well it will move well. Preferred her front standing. Super construction all through, she makes easy work of showing how to move around a ring with head extended, loose lead, and total freedom to move naturally. Totally loved her. BVB. RBB & RBIS. 2. Greening's Kanamaren Hold On My Heart. Again, similar remarks to 1st, I was really taken with the way she was moving in a workmanlike fashion. Slightly longer cast & a tendency to stand with front paws a little close together was what cost her 1st place. 3. Johnson & Johnson's Tonkory Reverie at Tidespring

Special Working OB (1) Allison's Zeabo Yankie Girl (Imp IT). 6 year old blue merle with blue eyes. Pretty with semi-erect ears. Good reach f neck but a little upright in shoulder, born out when moving by her shorter steps. A good rear end & an extra long tail. Of leaner build, definitely workmanlike attitude & in hard muscular condition so nice to find.

Special Members OB (1) Stenhouse's Taranza Mayan Eclipse. 8 year old in lean condition with ex well sprung ribcage & good depth of brisket. Ex scissor bite. Strength in neck. Everything about her angulation was moderate so she was well balanced front & rear.

AOC OB (3, 1a) 1. Zeabo Yankie Girl (Imp IT). Best AOC. 2. Donteron Bouquet of Flowers

Adult Handling 17 years and above (5) 1. Ann-Marie Taylor. Always attentive to the Judge's positioning and ensuring that she never blocked the judge's view of her charge. Constantly instructing her dog and giving praise where due to keep it's focus on her. Flawless pattern work. Knows how to get encourage her charge & handle sympathetically & practically. 2. Trish Hartfield. Pushing 1st hard & must have been hoping for 1st to make an error & hand it over on a plate. So close up in handling abilities & a clear rapport with the dog who was given reassurance all the way. Attention on the judge's location was almost effortless, coming as second nature. 3. Sue Criddle

JANE PARADISE (JUDGE)