

WEST OF ENGLAND BORDER COLLIE CLUB 17/11/2024

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Thank you to the club for the invitation, their hospitality and the thoughtful judges gift presented on the day.

Not the biggest entry but very pleased with my class winners overall. I did find one or two exhibits to be severely lacking in body under their coats and with fit for function in mind, these were penalised accordingly.

BPD (2) 1 Austin and Zolakova's Highsteps Come by At this stage he is the most coordinated and easier mover of the two but he is quite broad in skull and rather heavy in bone, however I believe he might lose some of this as he matures, he is nicely angulated in the fore with a firm topline and correct tail set and went forward well 2 Henwoods Kanamaren Don't give Up, I liked the shape of this d who is giving away a couple of weeks in age, he has a pleasing head and eye and is much more moderate in bone, Body is maturing nicely and he holds a level topline on the stack, currently rather loose on the move and a tad close behind which lost him the class but lots to like here.

Vintage D (1) 1 and BVD, BVIS Smiths Sh Ch Arroddare its Now Or Never. It was good to judge this boy again as he was my RDCC back in 2018. At 11 years old he is looking fabulous, in glorious coat and general condition, good head and a lovely dark eye, strong reachy neck into well laid shoulders and straight forelegs to neat oval feet, he holds a firm topline both stacked and on the move where he covered the ground soundly and smoothly

VD (1) 1 Bartons Brytess Achilles, slightly stronger in bone than the vintage winner and not as strong in the rear but another veteran whose condition belies his age, masculine head with good width of skull and well placed eyes full of expression, carrying just the right amount of body condition and with well muscled hind quarters and presented in super coat.

MPD (1) 1 Barwicks Tobermoray Touch Of Class 7mth and looking quite balanced in profile, pleasing head proportions with well set ears, slightly arched neck and sufficiently well boned forelegs, he needs to develop in front a little more but has enough depth of chest and spring of rib for his age. Moved out well with a smooth and easy gait.

PD (0)

JD (3,2) 1 Portmans Laceway Black Sabbath, 1 really liked this 15 month d particularly on the stack, he has a super outline and a cracking head piece, good reach of neck and

stands true in front on straight forelegs and slightly sloping pasterns, excellent topline and croup to a well angulated rear, in profile he gaits out smoothly holding his topline but could have a fraction more angulation at the shoulder which would allow him a little more front reach but overall a really lovely dog who was handled perfectly.

YD (2,A)

ND (0)

GD (2) 1 Lee and Greens Fayken I Am Soul JW not an easy decision here, the winner is currently looking rather leggy but was not in full coat on the day, a dark faced dog with a kind expression, he could have slightly more front angulation and a little more neck but he is athletically built with a good topline and moved out with ease around the ring 2 Buckleys Amkamel Half Blood Prince JW a handsome b/w boy with a masculine well shaped head, dark eye and well placed ears, strong neck and well boned forelegs, good depth of chest, a sound mover but lacked a little animation today.

PG (4,2) 1 Richards Chastanse Don Juan I really liked this handsome b/w d who was presented in an abundance of coat, he has a masculine head with a good width of skull and strong muzzle, he stands true in front on well boned forelegs and slightly sloping pasterns with a good depth of chest and firm topline, muscular hindquarters which were well angulated and strong parallel hocks, on the move he is sound and economical, I would like to see him with slightly less coat and maybe a lb or two lighter to really emphasise his shape as I felt he looked a little heavy today 2 Carleys Jupavia Phoenix fire this young man was not really paying ball with his handler today and threw away any chance of winning the class as he was very unsettled on the move, whilst I would have liked a bit more width to his muzzle on the stack he looked nicely balanced and he has a lovely length of neck, a firm level topline and he is well angulated front and rear

LD (9,1) 1 Castles Jupavia Devine Dream I liked this b/w d a lot and considered him for higher honours in the challenge, I just wish there was a little more of him, he has a super head and dark eye, excellent reach of neck into a good lay of shoulder, body is lithe and fit and in profile he covers the ground freely with minimal footlift, presented in lovely coat 2 Shamatovas Nashdom All eyes On Me JW this is a lovely dog and has a lot of what I like in a Border Collie, super masculine head with a lovely eye and expression, neck is of good length broadening into the shoulders which were well laid, firm in topline with a deep chest and strong well angulated quarters, overall a nicely proportioned male presented in good coat just not quite the easy free movement of the winner today but lots to like 3 Dalbys Hidden Bo Fedele Amicao For Axernamoon (imp Rus) JW

OD (8) What a great class this was 1 and DCC BIS Akester and Wiltshires Sh CH Thwaitlake Buzzman this 5 yr b/w dog is difficult to ignore particularly on the move, he

could have just a fraction more leg but I liked his outline overall and he was so beautifully presented. Handsome head with dark eye and well used ears which added to his appeal, strong neck into a good lay of shoulder and well fitting elbows and he stands on straight forelegs and oval well padded feet, correct tail set and carried well on the move, he covers the ground so smoothly and tirelessly with a fluid gait and total soundness. Delighted to hear he was awarded BIS over a very beautiful bitch, congratulations 2 and RDCC Schevenels and Cree Eyes Of the World Silver and Gold 5 yr d who is completely different to the winner being bigger with a better length of leg, he too has a good masculine head with oval eyes set apart, neck is of good length and slightly arched, muscular body with a good spring of rib, deep chest tidy elbows and well muscled quarters used to advantage on the move. A close decision but today I felt the winners movement flowed just that little better 3 Smit- Siraal and Smits NI CH From Borders Home Helios Magic Sun

AOCD (3) 1 Lee's Arrodare An Emotion Away 5 yr blue dog who was beautifully presented and handled, of medium size and slightly more compact than 2 and a little shorter on the leg, he has enough neck into good shoulders and a level topline maintained as he moved stealthily around the ring 2 Cox's Foxbarton Royal Prince sable and white dog in decent coat with a pleasing head and expression, better in leg length than the winner, presented in well muscled condition which was good to feel, I would have liked him to move with a little more freedom 3 Jordans Raesfell Cosmic Ice For Jakovall

Special Working D (1) Arrodare An Emotion Away (As AOC)

Special Members D (8) 1 Green and Ratcliffe's Sh Ch Fayken Truth Or Dare With Arrodare JW a medium size b/w in glorious coat, lovely head and expression, good reach of neck and an excellent topline carried on the move, just a little lacklustre on the move today which was a shame as I liked his make and shape very much 2 Olivers Sh CH Tambuzi Stryka A Blow JW slightly larger all round and heavier in bone than the winner but not overdone, strong masculine head with well placed eyes holding a keen expression, well developed in chest and forechest with a good spring of rib and firm topline, good bend of stifle and short strong hocks, moved easily around the ring 3 Smit-Siraal and Smits NI CH From Borders Home Anakin Skywalker