

The Old English Sheepdog Club of Scotland Championship Show

25th March 2023

I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to judge the club Championship show. A club show is always a special event and particularly so as this is the last independent show for this club. Future shows will be in conjunction with a general Championship show. I truly enjoyed the day and a special thank you goes to my steward for his very capable assistance and to the exhibitors for their entry and sportsmanship.

Overall, I found the majority of dogs had good mouths, correct eye colour and my top awards were of excellent quality. Of particular note was the quality of the Open bitch class. Presentation was good and much improved since my last UK appointment.

JD 1(0) 1st Mann's Blairdon The Water of Life for Flufebustles – 14 month upstanding male with short cobby body and a well developed brisket. Excellent head properties, truncated muzzle, super stop, dark eyes and square skull giving a lovely expression. Balanced angles throughout. Profuse jacket correct for age. This is a very promising youngster and if handled correctly on the move he will have a bright future.

PGD 1(0) 1st Sweeney's Robert's Finod – 18 month male with dark eyes and good pigmentation. Short coupled body with wide rear. Needs to tighten up on rear movement. His handler needs to gain experience and work on training to embrace and enjoy the world of dog showing

LD 3(0) 1st Porter's Beauvallon Pavrotti with Mellowdee – A smaller male of lovely type. Wide muzzle with correct bite and good underjaw. Square skull and defined stop. Short deep body with good spring of rib and rising topline. Neat hocks which he used well on the move. Shown in clear blue jacket. Well presented.

2nd Gould's Kerjalee Sky Breeze for Sutranzo – A very nice type with lots to like. Head with good square skull, defined arching and attractive expression. Plenty of neck into a well developed, short coupled body covered in a good quality mature jacket. Balanced angles front and rear but a little erratic on the move today.

3rd Oakes Ambleoak Harrybo's Starmix

OD 4(2) 1st Rutland & Porter's Ch Mellowdee Mask of Zorro JW – An upstanding male who is beautifully balanced throughout and needs hands on assessment to appreciate his quality. Super head qualities with broad muzzle, well defined stop and square skull. Fully pigmented dark eyes. Plenty of neck arched into correct front assembly with good length of upper arm. Well developed body, deep brisket and rising topline into a strong wide rear. This dog shows his balance on the

move demonstrating effortless ground cover around the ring. Beautifully presented in a lovely clear jacket of good texture. Dog CC & BIS

2nd Pointon & Wood's Ch Vigilat's Rhapsody in Blue via Bumblebob (IMP NLD) – I gave this boy Best Puppy Dog last time I judged and he has gone on to win multiple CC's. Really excels in head properties reminiscent of his male lineage. Truncated muzzle with wide jaw and underjaw, defined stop with good arching creating a lovely expression enhanced by the darkest of eyes. Good length of neck into well laid shoulder. Short coupled body with rising topline and good angles on rear. Jacket of a darker colour with correct texture. A close decision between these two lovely males. Res Dog CC

MPB 1 (0)

1st Deakin's Darwillow Queen of Puddings – A baby puppy with great head qualities for her age. Correct mouth and good width to the jaw. Excellent reach of neck. Body developing nicely and she is well off for bone. Good rear angles with neat hocks. The coat is changing and correct for age.

PB 1 (0)

1st Bull's Valleydell Kiss 'N Tell – A 12 month old puppy of lovely type. Good square skull with very dark fully pigmented eyes and great expression. Lovely length of neck into a short coupled body. Super deep in brisket. Wide rear assembly and neat hocks which she uses well on the move. A confident mover and a promising puppy. BPIS

JB 2(0) 1st Naismith's Shaggybo Shivers - Just into Junior this bitch is a larger type and beautifully constructed. Good head properties with very well defined stop and very dark eyes. Lovely length of neck into well placed shoulder. Brisket developing. Body short coupled with excellent rear assembly, wide with neat hocks. Moved with good reach. Coat changing and correct for age.

2nd McIntosh's Blairdon A Wee Deoch An Doris – Young bitch excelling in breed type with a super jacket. Excellent head with broad muzzle. Strong cobby body, deep brisket and good angles. Let herself down on movement today.

PGB 3(1) 1st Birdsall's Beauvallon Realms of Glory – This bitch is a lovely type and gives a beautiful outline. Correct bite, fully pigmented dark eyes and good square skull. She has plenty of neck into an excellent front assembly with a good length of upperarm. Deep short body into a well angled rear with neat well let down hocks. Moved very well around the ring. Just needs to finish her jacket to complete the picture.

2nd Castle's Molyneux Sweet Dreams JW – Very appealing bitch with a good outline. Correct bite and excels in reach of neck. Good depth to brisket and well sprung rib. Well presented in a wealth of clear blue jacket. Just missed out on movement today.

LB 4(1) A very close decision between 2 bitches of very different type. 1st Ford's Brinkley Out of the Blue at Clenmaen – One I have admired from the ringside. Lovely short cobby type with strong coupling. Square skull with good muzzle and appealing expression. Deep brisket, well sprung

rib, short loin and wide rear with good angles. Neat strong hocks and a confident mover. Beautifully presented in a lovely jacket.

2nd Palmer's Hazylands Cheeky Devil - Really good head properties with correct bite, defined stop and strong foreface. Excellent arched neck into a lovely front assembly with good angles and tight fitting elbows. One of the best fronts of the day. Slightly longer cast than 1 but a good deep brisket and well angled rear. Shown in a clear dark blue jacket of good texture.

3rd Forbes Aberdream A Star is Born

OB 8 (2) This class was packed with quality and any of the bitches present could have won on another day.

1st Harris's Beauvallon Lillianna – A fully mature bitch of excellent type. Super broad muzzle, dark fully pigmented eyes and good back skull. Gently arched neck into well laid shoulders. Her short strong body has a well developed brisket, good spring of rib and a gently rising topline. Balanced throughout which shows in her super movement around the ring. This bitch was beautifully handled and really looked the part. She headed up a class of super quality which says it all. Delighted to award her 3rd CC. Bitch CC and RBIS

2nd Naismith's Shaggybo Beautiful Dream – Lovely breed type very reminiscent of her mother. Good shape to head with great reach of neck. Well developed body with good depth. Excellent wide rear assembly finishing in neat hocks. Beautifully balanced throughout. Carrying a good jacket with excellent texture. Demonstrated really sound movement despite a little exuberance. Res Bitch CC

3rd Wilkinson's Kalaju Klassicy Klassy JW

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