

Welsh Springer Spaniel Club
Championship Show
Saturday 1st September 2018

I really enjoyed my day judging bitches at your show, it was a magnificent entry and I saw many exhibits that really filled the eye. I was looking for a symmetrical bitch that flowed from the head to the tail, no abrupt angles, good conformation and a gentle "Welshie" head that spoke to me. We have been lucky to have the opportunity to work all our dogs and the ability to carry out a day's work is always uppermost in my mind when judging,. So poor construction, weak pasterns and flat feet would always be penalised in exhibits under me.

I couldn't understand why I had trouble in placing 1st & 2nd in both Open bitch and Champion Bitch, then find one and two in Open were litter sisters and 1 & 2 in the Champion class were half sisters!

I was told at the end of judging that I had in fact awarded CCs to the Bitch CCs mother and grandmother, that information gave me goose bumps – as I do not know the dogs or the people and the breed is not one that I have owned, I at least seem to be consistent.

My Co Judge Frank Whyte and I had no problems at all in deciding the final placings in the show, and I was delighted to see my Bitch CC Ms Frost's Sh Ch Bushwacker Something About Mary go Best In Show.

Veteran Bitch 7

1st Attwood's Ir Sh Ch Moorash Lady Ygraine of Kylowen ShCM. Nearly 8 years old good flowing outline, and feminine head, kind eye, good muzzle, well angulated to front and rear quarters, ribs had spring depth and length, loin and topline good, well set and carried tail, well boned legs and tight feet, a very sound mover in excellent coat.

2nd Caffrey & Dods Gellyburn Gaelic Damsel At Balcraig, nearly 8 years old again, gentle topline that flows, kind and gentle head, good angles to front and rear, upper arm slightly better on 1, excellent ribs, loin topline and tailset, good rear end with 1st and second thighs excellent coat colour a sound mover on good legs and feet.

3rd Sutherland's Ch Julita Rezanella of Jacranella nearly 10 years old, colour of coat fading a bit, good balanced outline, flows, gentle head, nice angles to front and rear, good through the ribs, well made 1st & 2nd thigh, sound mover on good legs and feet.

Minor Puppy Bitch 7 (1ab)

1st Thirwell's Ferndel Fooling Star, 7 months, good outline, looks really good on the move, pleasing head, good angles to front and rear, ribs had spring depth and length, strong loin, well turned stifle with good 1st & 2nd thigh, moved out soundly on good legs and feet.

2nd Pick's Llon Mairwen O.R.Mwmbwls, 7 months, a little longer cast, pleasing in head, good angles to front and rear quarters loin a fraction long, sound rear end with good 1st and 2nd thighs, well boned legs feet could be tighter, a sound mover.

3rd Primmer's Amanshe Mermaid's Tears, a well balanced six month old, she flows, excellent head, good neck and forequarters, , good through the ribs, loin strong, tailset correct, a sound mover.

Puppy Bitch 3 new 1 seen

1st Thomas, Burchmore & Bowd Bowdonia Moon River 10 months old, excellent balanced outline, flows from head to tail, sweet head and expression, sound front and rear quarters, ribs had spring depth and length, loin and topline good, excellent stifle with strong 1st & 2nd thigh, a sound mover on good legs and feet in super rich red coat. **Best Puppy Bitch & Reserve Best Puppy in Show.**

2nd Harrison's Glenbrows Picturesque, very nice baby of 9 months, balanced outline, very feminine head, nice angles to front and rear quarters, ribs had spring depth and length, strong loin, good topline, flows, well set tail, excellent rear end with good 1st and second thigh, good legs feet on 1 tighter, a sound mover.

3rd Mcllwaine & Reynolds, Benoveor Galway Girl, 7 months, good outline, flows, 4th in MPB, sweet head and expression, nice angles to front and rear, well made through the ribs and loin, good topline and tail set & carriage, a sound mover on good legs and feet

Junior Bitch 11 (1ab)

1st Morgan & Schofield's Cwsscwn De La Vu (Ai) 17½ months, great outline, flows, excellent feminine head, nice angles front and rear, really super rear end with good 1st & 2nd thigh, ribs had spring depth and length, loin topline and tailset all good, a sound mover on good legs and feet.

2nd Revill & Taylor's Julita Rhubette 13 months good outline, balanced and flowing, sweet headed, nice angles to front and rear 1's slightly better in front, excellent ribs, loin, topline tailset and carriage, good legs, feet on slightly tighter, in excellent coat of good colour, a sound mover.

3rd Waller's Isfryn Lady Godiva At Fireglow, 17 months, very pleasing flowing outline, gentle feminine head, clean neck set into well made shoulders, well made through the body, a sound mover on well boned legs feet could be tighter.

Yearling Bitch 5 new 4 seen

1st Morgan & Schofield's Cwsscwn De La Vu (Ai)

2nd Revill & Taylor's Julita Rhubette

3rd Tyler & Shiels Highclare Made Of Honour At Eiriandylis, nearly 24 months, loved her outline, sweet head, nice angles to front and rear quarters, ribs that had spring depth and length, good loin topline, tailset and carriage, pleasing coat and furnishings good legs and feet, a little close behind on the move.

Novice Bitch 2 new 3 seen

1st Harrisons Glenbrows Picturesque.

2nd McIlwaine & Reynolds Benoveor Galway Girl

3rd Dixon's Stedigan Starz In Their Eyes, 19 months old, has a good balanced outline, nice proportions to head, eye was a little full, well made angles to front and rear quarters, well made through the ribs with good topline tailset and carriage. Well boned legs and good feet, colour and texture of coat good, a sound mover if a little narrow all through.

Graduate Bitch 4 new 1 seen

1st Jones' Julita Rumours At Trosley, just over 2 years, liked her balanced outline and sweet Welshie expression, well made angles to front and rear, ribs had spring depth and length, strong loin, correct topline, tailset and carriage, well boned legs feet could be tighter, good coat colour, texture and a sound mover.

2nd Revill & Taylor's Julita Rhubette

3rd Barkley's Cherryheath's Miss Velocity JW, 3 years, balanced girl, kind head and expression, reasonable angles to front and rear, upper arm on 1 better, well made through the ribs with spring depth and length, strong topline, tailset and carriage, well muscled rear end with good 1st and second thigh, good legs and feet in excellent coat with good furnishings.

Post Graduate Bitch 11 new 1 seen

1st Morgan & Schofield's Fernden Bon Bon For Cwsscwn, 2½ years old super bitch such a balanced outline, kind and gentle Welshie head, good angles to front and rear with excellent ribs, strong loin, good top line and tailset, carriage could be a fraction lower, excellent rear end well muscled 1st and second thigh, excellent bone and tight feet, super coat colour and texture a very sound mover.

2nd Woodward's Sarabande Bille Jean At Hinxwood (Ai) 2½ years old, nice neat package, flowing topline, gentle feminine head, good angles to front & rear, ribs, loin and rear end all well made, good coat colour and texture, nice legs and feet – a little finer boned than 1, a sound mover.

3rd Mole & Knox's Tammno Crawhall At Edincraw, 4½ years old, gentle feminine head, pleasing outline, nice angles to front and rear, excellent through the rib, good loin, well set and carried tail, good muscled rear end with

good 1st and 2nd thigh, good bone, feet could be tighter, moved out well, coat of good colour and texture.

Mid Limit Bitch 9 new (1ab)

1st Backhouse's Glenbrows Truth About Aindrea, 4 years old, lovely balanced outline, great coat colour and texture and good furnishings. Kind and gentle head, super angles to front and rear quarters, superb ribs, strong loin, good topline, well set and carried tail, good bone and feet and a sound mover.

2nd Pick's Llon Blodyn Ymenyn, 2 years of age, clean balanced outline, flows, sweet headed bitch, nice angles to front and rear quarters, good ribs, loin, toplije well made and muscled rear end, good bone, feet could be tighter, in good coat and furnishing, a sound mover.

3rd Tew's Pamicks Field Of Dreams, 2 years old, sweet youngster, nicely put together, balanced outline, good height to length ratio, well angulated to front and rear, excellent ribs, loin, topline and tailset, good bone and feet, moved out well in excellent coat and well furnished.

Limit Bitch 6 new (1ab) 1 seen

1st Richie's Sarabande Eternity At Slapestones (Ai) JW, 2 year old, flowing outline, sweet Welshie expression, good angles to front and rear quarters, ribs had spring depth and length, loin strong topline and tailset & carriage correct, well muscled rear end with good 1st & 2nd thigh, in excellent coat of good colour and nice furnishings, moved out really well. **Reserve Bitch CC.**

2nd Madeley's Barhi Flaming Star At Maytag, 6 years, again gentle flowing outline, kind expressive head, nice angles to front and rear, good through the body with well muscled rear end, a sound mover on good legs and feet, wearing a decent coat of good colour, texture and furnishings.

3rd Diamond & Boumonte's Islanza Scarlett O'Hara of Roxdale, a 4 years old with good balanced outline that flows, most pleasing feminine head, good angles front and rear, correct through the ribs, loin, topline, well muscled rear end, moved out well on good legs, feet could be tighter, in pleasing coat and furnishings.

Open Bitch 8 new (1ab)

1st Thomas' Bowdonia Anastasia JW, just over 3 years, a nicely balanced outline, most pleasing feminine head, topline just flows, well made fore and rear quarters with good muscles tone, excellent through the ribs, topline, tailset and carriage, moved out well with drive on good legs and feet in very pleasing coat.

2nd Thomas & Upton's Sh Ch Bowdonia Seraphina JW ShCM, litter sister to above, again a beautiful balanced outline, just preferred the head of 1, clean neck set into well made forequarters, well made through the body with well muscled rear end, another sound mover on good legs and feet, wearing a good coat with decent furnishings.

3rd Harrison's Sh Ch Glenbrows Memoir, 4 years old, slightly finer all through, good balanced outline, most pleasing head, well angulated to front and rear quarters well muscled rear end, excellent bone, feet could be tighter, pleasing coat with good colour and texture. A sound mover.

Champion Bitch 9 new 1 seen (what a superb class a joy to judge)

1st Frost's Sh Ch Bushwacker Something About Mary, 4 years great outline, flows from feminine head clean neck, set into well made forehead, good topline, strong loin and well set tail and carriage, the rear end was well muscled with good turn of stifle and strong 1st & 2nd thighs, she had good bone and tight feet, was in excellent coat with good colour, texture and furnishings, to top it off a really sound mover. Glad to award her **Bitch CC and Best In Show.**

2nd Cocking's Sh Ch, NI Ch Bushwacker Gregory's Girl At Highclere, ½ sister to above, 4 years old, beautiful bitch, good feminine head, excellent outline that flows, well made fore and rear quarters, correct through the ribs, loin topline and tailset and carriage, good rear end, 1's for me a little better, a sound mover on good legs and feet, in very good coat.

3rd Thomas' Sh Ch Bowdonia Moment To Shine, a bitch of 6 years, pleasing balanced outline, 1 & 2's a little better, very good feminine head, she had well made fore and rear quarters, well made through the body, just carrying a fraction too much weight for me over the loin, a very sound mover on good legs and feet, in excellent coat.

Special Beginners Bitch 6 seen

1st Charles' Stagarth A Kind Of Magic, 4 years old, 4th in PG & Limit, slight fading of coat colour, most pleasing head, good outline & balance, well made angles to front and rear, sound rear end with good 1st & 2nd thigh, a correct mover on good legs and feet.

2nd Waller's Isfryn Lady Godiva At Fireglow (3rd Junior).

3rd Diamond & Boumonte's Roxdale Sunday Lovers, 16 months, very good rich colour of coat, pleasing head, good angles to front and rear, ribs had depth & length, could have had more spring, well muscled rear end with good 1st & 2nd thigh, bone a little fine and feet could be tighter, moved out well.

Special New Members 2 seen

1st Best's Amblelight Orphelia 16 month, good balance to body, pleasing feminine head, well made through the body with good rear end, a sound mover on good legs and feet, in pleasing coat. On the move tail carriage is rather high.

2nd Matthews Laithmoor's Sugar Magnolia At Leomona, just 7 months old, not a bad puppy at all, head just right for age, pleasing angles to the fore and rear quarters, good through the ribs, and a sound mover. Unfortunately she has a reverse scissor bite.

Special Working Bitch 1 new 2 seen

1st Whites Fiergen Steamy Windows, 8 years, nice size, pleasing in head, reasonable angles to front and rear quarters, good ribs, lovely flowing topline, good bone feet could be tighter, coat of good colour, texture and moving soundly.

2nd Dixon's Stedigan Starz In Their Eyes (3rd Novice)

3rd Barley's Cherryheath's Miss Chief JW, 11 years pleasing head, would have like a little more angulation in the forehead, super through the ribs, loin topline and rear end, with excellent 1st & 2nd thighs, good bone and feet, moved out well.

Special Shooting Bitch 3 seen

1st Diamond & Boumonte's Islanza Scarlett O'Hara of Roxdale, (3rd Limit)

2nd Mole & Knox's Tammano Crawhall At Edincraw (3rd Post Graduate)

3rd Whites' Fiergen Steamy Windows (1st Special Working Bitch)

Good Citizen Dog Scheme (Bitches) 1new 5 seen

1st Mole & Knox's Tammano Crawhall At Edincraw (3rd in Post Graduate)

2nd Charles' Stagarth A Kind Of Magic (1st Special Beginners)

3rd Attwood's Kylowen Demelza, 3 years sweet feminine head, fore and rear quarters well made, good through the ribs, would have liked a little more length of leg for better balance, very good top line flows, she moved soundly on good legs and feet.

Carole Coode - Judge