

BEAGLE ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 10TH JULY 2021 BITCHES

Thanks to the Beagle Association for my invitation to judge and also to my stewards for their much appreciated help especially with the added procedures owing to Covid. All hounds were presented in pristine condition and without excessive trimming. Just a few needed some attention paid to nails and teeth. The vast majority showed surprisingly well despite the fact of opportunity to practice and show over a considerable period of time. I found quite a variety of size and type and, as is so often the case, soundness of movement was of concern, it being difficult to find many bitches who moved soundly both fore and aft. However I was very pleased with my final line up which I hope reflected my quest for hounds who combined the virtues required of a hunting hound plus the beauty of a show specimen.

Veteran Bitch 7 (1a)

1. Brown's Ch. Raimex Brittany JW, I have always admired this bitch from the ringside and pleased to see that age has not diminished her qualities in any way. She is of ideal size and has the lovely gentle expression so desired in our breed. This coupled with her construction and harmonious movement just gave her the edge over some very worth mature ladies and I was pleased to award her Best Veteran Bitch.

2. Dean's Gempeni Flower Girl JW Sh CM, nine year old who is a real credit to her owner. Shown in superb condition and moving with plenty of driver from her well muscled quarters. Plenty of substance and excelled in reach of neck and layback of shoulder.

3 Parker & Steven's Ch. Serenaker Fashion.

Special Vintage Bitch 5 (2a)

1. Brown's Raimex Rowanberry dam of previous class winner and shares many of her qualities. I really appreciated her overall size and balance combined with her nice feminine head and expression enhanced by dark eye. Moved very soundly displaying correct movement both front and read.

2. Hargrave's Valsacre Echo JW, close up to 1 but just marginally preferred head of winner. Her super condition belies her age and she has retained her lovely flowing movement which is lacking in some of the younger exhibits.

3. Jones' Clairdale Willowmena Sh. CM.

Minor Puppy Bitch 2 (1a)

1. Whitton's Haggatty Artemis, pretty little dark tri bitch showing well for such a baby. At just over 6 months she is naturally very immature at present. Adequate bone for size and level topline but needs more reach and drive on the move.

Puppy Bitch 5 (1a)

1. Havard's Annavah Buttercup, so much to admire in this beautiful tan and white puppy bitch. She is a perfect little package and a real beagle with the right amount of bone and substance for her age. Nicely shaped head with required dark eye leading into good reach of neck and layback of shoulder. Her topline is rock solid and tail carriage exactly as it should be. When I also judged her movement to be sound in all directions I considered her worthy of the bitch CC despite her youth. In the challenge for BIS I felt that she had to give way to the maturity and similar qualities of her sire. I hope that she continues to mature in a similar vein and that her 3rd CC will soon come.

2. Parker & Steven's Serenaker Agatha Raisin, tricolour puppy of a different type to winner but full of quality. Nicely shaped feminine head of correct proportions and classic outline. Super topline and moved out well in profile. Would just prefer a little more angulation.

3. Edge & James Dow's Jalhar Crowing Glory.

Junior Bitch 41.

1. Arden's Annabah Star Above Madika, quality young bitch who showed impeccably for her talented handler. Excels in neck and layback of shoulder and so well balanced all through. Moved well in all directions but to complete the picture would just like a little more body on her.

2. Firth's Nictoney Vision, tan and white bitch of a heavier mould who performed better in this class than the previous one in which she was not happy. Pretty head with lovely dark eye and once she got going showed her powerful movement. Carrying a shade too much weight today.

3. Findlay's Serenaker Miss Marple.

Yearling Bitch 5 (1a)

1. Fraser's Wyvisview Porcelain, pleasing bitch who is really well balanced and showed well. She has a lovely reach of neck and owns a good fore chest (lacking in several exhibits today) and required depth of rib. Moved out well but would just prefer a slightly darker eye.

2. Dean's Gempeni Cornflower, super type of bitch who I thought was going to be my winner, but sadly today she was moving erratically in the front. Another beautifully balanced bitch in great condition who has a good reach of neck and correct layback of shoulder. Pleasing feminine head and moved impressively in profile.

3. Taylor's Deaconfield Lively

Novice Bitch 6

1. Annabah Star Above Madika.

2. Deaconfield Lively, very nice quality bitch who is a lovely example of the breed. Placed third in the previous class but close up. She is of a nice size and has good round bone and neat feet. Pretty feminine head and she moved correctly and harmoniously.

3. Forbe's Coachbarn Chimer with Kentoast.

Graduate Bitch 5

1. Annabah Star Above Madika.

2. Kimber's Coachbarn Crier, liked this bitch for her overall qualities. She is of ideal size with plenty of substance and good round bone coupled with correct fore chest and is well angulated. Not exaggerated in any way but well proportioned all through.

3. Kingsland's Redcap Aldernay.

Post Graduate Bitch 5

1. Precey & Bolan's Detrick Audacity, lovely example of a bitch combining working qualities and femininity. Well shaped head with soft expression and dark eye. Plenty of substance without any hint of coarseness. Round bone leading to neat feet and another with super

reach of neck and layback of shoulder along with level topline and plenty of reach on the move.

2. Dean's Gempeni Cornflower.

3. Firth's Nictoney Vanquish.

Mid Limit Bitch 8 (1a)

1. Kingsland's Legally Blonde at Escalade, tan and white bitch whom I felt was the best moved in the class displaying effortless reach and drive. She also has a pretty head with dark pigmentation sometimes lacking in bicouleur and a level topline and correct tail set. Pleasing depth of body and well muscled quarters enabling her to move so powerfully.

2. Roderick's Barterhound Princess, I like her size and overall body shape in addition to her feminine head and dark eyes. She hasn't the reach of movement of the class winner but moves accurately and soundly. Super straight front and rounded feet.

3. McBain's Winter is Coming.

Limit Bitch 12 (3)

1. Craig's Bayard Glory Bee, difficult to overlook this young tan and white lady of quality. She has such a sweet head and expression complemented by her dark pigmentation. She is correct in all departments from her dead level topline, good set on, straight front through to her neat feet and sound movement. Pressed very hard for the RCC but in the challenge just preferred the outline of the eventual winner.

2. Tanner's Felinoak My Delilah, I was very pleasantly surprised on going over her as she is not a glamorous bitch and did not immediately appeal but she is so soundly constructed with everything in the right place that she totally won me over! Heavier all through than winner but not overdone in any way. So well balanced with a classic outline, good layback of shoulder and well developed quarters. Moved well in all directions. One to watch.

3. Powell's Hayapark Feather.

Open Bitch 8 (2a)

1. Goldberg's Molesend Tranquil, how this super feminine bitch has come on since I last saw her many months ago! Her head has improved so much and she has such a sweet expression. She shows beautifully and really makes the most of herself both stacked and on the move. She has such a clean outline from her lovely reach of neck through her level topline to her correct tail set in addition to pleasing depth of body and rounded feet. She moves with plenty of reach and drive and although she was moving a little close behind today I did feel that her other qualities outweighed this so was pleased to award her the RCC.

2. Barrvale's Grace, another quality bitch of the type I admire. Heavier all through than winner but retains her feminine outlook. Plenty of substance and in great condition. Nicely shaped head and straight front coupled with well developed quarters. Really comes into her own on the move and one of the best movers in profile on the day although pinning in slightly today.

3. Havard's Annavah Lady Gaga.

Special Beginners Bitch 2

1. Eldabe's Davricard Belladonna for Rosamax, shown very well and in great condition. She is nicely proportioned with a level topline and pleasing head but would benefit from more animation on the move.

2. Brownlow's Rushwater Pili Pala, well muscled lady with plenty of substance. Good depth of chest and moved out better than winter but a little stuffy in neck.

Good Citizen Bitch 3 (1 w/d)

1. Arden's Madika Spot On JW Sc. CM AW(B), lovely type clearly enjoying her day out and showing beautifully as always. Pleasing head and expression and plenty of heart room. Moved with lots of reach and drive.

2. Ambridge's Tiger Lily Blossom, so determined to make her handler's life as difficult as possible! Well shaped head, good depth of chest and level topline. Straight front and moving well.

Maureen Henningsson-Dundas (Judge)