

CRUFTS 09/03/12

Judge: Mrs Jackie Howatson

BEST OF BREED: BARCROFT'S SH CH/IR SH CH BALLAKINNISH MISTINGUETTE
BEST PUPPY: WADE'S BALLAKINNISH MALACHI AT OLDESTONE
DOG CC ROWLES AND SIERAKOWSKI'S TULLAMORE TROUBADOR
RESERVE DOG CC BICHLER'S INT SH CH GREENMORE'S SPECIAL FANTASY DREAM
BITCH CC BARCROFT'S SH CH/IR SH CH BALLAKINNISH MISTINGUETTE
RESERVE BITCH CC BLACKMORE'S SH CH COURTDOWN BEAUTIFUL DAWN

Classes

Veteran - Dog

Entries: 6 Abs: 1

1st SH CH CASTLEFENNY DRUMMER'S LAD (MRS E WHITE)
2nd INT SH CH/HUN CH/HUN SH CH/HUN GR CH/SK CH/DEU CH/ROM CH/SRB CH/AUST C
CORMALLEN MOONLIGHT SILVER (MS K & MR A GERENYI & CZEGLEDI)
3rd RUSTASHA ROYAL RUMOUR (MR B J & MRS S A BARRY)
Res CAISPERN NICOLAUS SILVER CUM COPPERWHITE JW SHCM (MRS L R WARD)
VHC SHANNONLEE SNOW BUZZARD (MISS B BAILEY)

Special Puppy - Dog

Entries: 4 Abs: 0

1st BALLAKINNISH MALACHI AT OLDESTONE (MR & MRS D S WADE)
2nd RUSTASHA RHAPSODY IN RED (MR B J & MRS S A BARRY)
3rd DOGTANIAN RODDY MCCORLEY (MR B & MRS E GOULD)
Res RUSTASHA RED HOT ROYAL AT ANISBRIG (MR B & MRS S PILMER)

Special Junior - Dog

Entries: 2 Abs: 0

1st LOVENJOEL ICE COOL (MRS D L WALPOLE)
2nd TEMYNLOAH TOMAS AT ALANEA (MRS A TATTERSALL)

Post Graduate - Dog

Entries: 11 Abs: 0

1st CASAFELICE MONTADALE (MR I & MRS G LAMB)
2nd DALRIACH ROB ROY (MRS D L & MRS M ROWLES & SIERAKOWSKI)
3rd CORRANROO CROSSFIRE (MR G & MRS J J BAYNE)

Res SPYEFIRE MAY SPRING SHOWERS OVER LAOIREBAY (MR & MRS A CALLAGHAN)
VHC SPYEFIRE MAY SPRING SKIES (MRS N & MR D FAULCONBRIDGE)

Limit - Dog

Entries: 8 Abs: 0

1st TULLAMORE TROUBADOR (MRS D & MRS M ROWLES & SIERAKOWSKI)
2nd CASAFELICE ASKANIAN (MR I & MRS G LAMB)
3rd BERRYESSA ROYAL AFFINITY OF RYEMILLS JW (MISS P & MR R RYAN & MCDONALD)
Res GALLYBOB GOLD STANDARD JW (MRS S M B WALTON)
VHC LAOIREBAY OCEAN SUNSET (MR M I & MRS W E TAYLOR)

Open - Dog

Entries: 8 Abs: 2

1st INT SH CH GREENMORE`S SPECIAL FANTASY DREAM [ATC AM00282AUT] (ING A BICHLER)
2nd SH CH KELLIZLOT RIVER LEGEND (MRS M LIPSCOMBE)
3rd SH CH LOWDON QUEST FOR FAME (MISS V JARVIS)
Res ERAGON DE LA COUR SAINT FLORENT [ATC AM01428FRA] (S THACKERAY)
VHC SH CH CASAFELICE ARLES MERINO (MR & MRS D S WADE)

Special Working Gundog - Dog

Entries: 1 Abs: 0

1st REDDEER CAN'T BUY ME LOVE COILEAN [ATC AL00598HUN] (MR B & MRS S RAE&LINDNER-RAE)

Good Citizen Dog Scheme - Dog

Entries: 2 Abs: 0

1st TEMYNLOAH QUINLAN AT VISZASET (MISS N GREEN)
2nd ROANJORA PINOTAGE (MR R G, MRS A D & MISS R MCDONALD)

Veteran - Bitch

Entries: 5 Abs: 2

1st SPYEFIRE FLAMENCO FOR ROANJORA (MR R G & MRS A D MCDONALD)
2nd COPPERWHITE CORDELIA (MRS L R WARD)
3rd TAXUS GLISTENING OPAL (MRS M & MISS L S NEWMAN)

Special Puppy - Bitch

Entries: 4 Abs: 0

- 1st BALLAKINNISH MISCHIEF MAKING COPPERWHITE (MRS L R WARD)
- 2nd BALLAKINNISH MUSE (MR J & MRS K A BARCROFT)
- 3rd RUSTASHA ROSA KIM (MR B J & MRS S A BARRY)

Special Junior - Bitch

Entries: 7 Abs: 0

- 1st BALLAKINNISH MISCHIEF MAKING COPPERWHITE (MRS L R WARD)
- 2nd LOVENJOEL CHRISTMAS SPIRIT (DR M & MISS S LYUS)
- 3rd TEMYNLOAH TANYA AT ALANEA (MRS A TATTERSALL)
- Res TEMYNLOAH TERI (MR C HENDERSON)
- VHC CORRANROO CACHET (MR G & MRS J J BAYNE)

Post Graduate - Bitch

Entries: 17 Abs: 1

- 1st SHANNONLEE THE WOOD LARK (MISS V JARVIS)
- 2nd CORRANROO CELTIC PRINCESS (MRS C & MR M VOLKMER)
- 3rd TANISWOOD ANYTHING GOES (MR S & MRS S TUBBY)
- Res CASAFELICE RHOEN AT ROMAUNT (MR J A BARNEY)
- VHC CORRANROO CARO AT TEMYNLOAH (MR C HENDERSON)

Limit - Bitch

Entries: 11 Abs: 3

- 1st COURTDOWN BEAUTIFUL DANCER (MRS S BLACKMORE)
- 2nd CORRANROO CELTIC CONECTION WITH ANISBRIG (MR B & MRS S PILMER)
- 3rd TULLAMORE TIGGYWINKLE (MRS Y HOUSBY)
- Res LAOIREBAY ALL THAT JAZZ AMONG SPYEFIRE JW (MR R W & MRS S J HUMPHRIES)
- VHC COPPERWHITE CINNAMON (MRS L R WARD)

Open - Bitch

Entries: 13 Abs: 2

- 1st SH CH/IR SH CH BALLAKINNISH MISTINGUETTE (MR J & MRS K A BARCROFT)
- 2nd SH CH COURTDOWN BEAUTIFUL DAWN (MRS S BLACKMORE)
- 3rd SH CH CASAFELICE CORMO AT CHARNBOROUGH (MRS M E SHERRATT)
- Res SH CH SHIREOAK HURRICANE RUBY RUSTASHA (IMP CAN) (MR B J & MRS S A BARRY)
- VHC SH CH CORRANROO CONTINENTAL (MR G & MRS J J BAYNE)

Field Trial - Bitch

Entries: 1 Abs: 0

1st DALRIACH NEIGE (MRS M SIERAKOWSKI)

Good Citizen Dog Scheme - Bitch

Entries: 5 Abs: 2

1st SPYEFIRE FLAMENCO FOR ROANJORA (MR R G & MRS A D MCDONALD)

2nd TULLAMORE TIGGYWINKLE (MRS Y HOUSBY)

3rd TEMYNLOAH TERI (MR C HENDERSON)

Critique

My thanks to the Crufts committee for this most prestigious appointment, and for the splendid hospitality. Thanks also to my very efficient stewards but most importantly my thanks to the exhibitors for affording me the privilege of judging your dogs.

As a general overview, the merits of individual dogs notwithstanding, the bitches still have more quality in depth, which has been the case for several years.

Whilst this is not a "head" breed we must be careful not to lose the beautiful soft expression we are used to. There were several exhibits with very pronounced deep stops, this hardens the expression and is not typical.

There were several exhibits with flat splayed feet and weak pasterns which, particularly when coupled with long nails, is not a pretty sight. This needs to be watched.

This is a breed that should move with a long free stride, covering the most ground for the least amount of effort. Movement figured largely in my decisions, with some exhibits looking most impressive standing but disappointing on the move.

It was gratifying to find the Working Class dog and the Field Trial Class bitch were of a quality that they could have more than held their own in the regular classes. This belies the notion some would have us believe, that the working dog requires a conformation different to that looked for in the show ring.

VETERAN DOG (6, 1 abs)

1st White's Castlefenny Drummer's Lad, 8 years old, one I have done well before and he still impresses. Skull and muzzle of correct proportions, kind expression, good body properties with adequate balanced angulation. This dog gives an object lesson in sound, efficient movement which is what gave him the edge here.

2nd Gerenyi and Czegledi's Int Ch/Hun Ch/Hun Sh Ch/Hun Gr Ch/SK Ch/Deu Ch/Rom Ch/Aust Ch Cormallen Moonlight Silver, impressive 9 year old with the most lovely head and expression, good reach of neck, strong level back, excellent angulation, good forechest. Thought he could be my winner here but sadly he seemed a little overawed and did not have quite the freedom of movement of 1st.

3rd Barry's Rustasha Royal Rumour, 8 years old, well shaped skull and lovely eye, good balanced angulation, in good bloom, a little imprecise on the move.

SPECIAL PUPPY DOG (4)

1st Wade's Ballakinnish Malachi At Oldestone, most promising 11 month old, attractive head with dark round eye, just hope the stop doesn't develop any further. Excellent reach of neck, good topline, balanced angles, sufficient bone. Needs to settle to the job but when he decided to cooperate he showed excellent movement particularly in the challenge for BP when he really showed what he could do. Will be quite a force to reckon with when he matures. BPIB

2nd Barry's Rustasha Rhapsody In Red, 11 months of finer build and a little raw at present, head needs to develop but he is very nicely put together and movement was sound and steady. All to come with this boy but will be worth the wait I'm sure.

3rd Gould's Dogtanian Roddy McCorley, 13 months old, beautiful head, good bone, good topline, adequate angulation. Could be finer at the withers and would prefer tighter feet.

SPECIAL JUNIOR DOG (2)

1st Walpole's Lovenjoel Ice Cool, 15 months, very nice youngster who did his very best not to win!! Attractive head and eye, strongly built for age with great bone and substance, presenting a good outline, moved well when he decided to cooperate. Would prefer tighter feet.

2nd Tattersall's Temynloah Tomas, same age as 1st but not as forward and of finer build. Attractive head and well put together but carrying too much weight which affected his movement.

POST GRAD DOG (11) Good class topped by 3 eye-catching young dogs all with excellent colour and markings.

1st Lamb's Casafelice Montadale JW, at 19 months this youngster shows great promise, lovely head of correct proportions, melting expression, nicely arched reach of neck, good balanced angulation but a little soft in topline today, adequate bone and well shaped feet. Moved with an easy ground covering action that was a pleasure to watch,

2nd Rowles and Sierakowski's Dalriach Rob Roy, 21 months and of lighter build than 1st, and for me not the balance of head having too deep a stop which hardens the expression somewhat. Good topline, good ribs and balanced angulation. Needs to settle on the move but did enough to show he is sound.

3rd, Bayne's Corranroo Crossfire, solidly built with good bone and well muscled, balanced angulation and good forechest. For me he is a little short in muzzle with a deep stop that hardens the expression. Moved steadily but not the easy effortless action I was looking for.

LIMIT DOG (8) Another good class with some close decisions.

1st, Rowles and Sierakowski's Tullamore Troubador, most striking dog with strong masculine head dog, good reach of neck flowing cleanly into the withers, grand ribs, strong back to good croup and tail set, good bone and nicely angulated, in good coat of excellent colour and markings. Not easy to handle but powerful and true on the move. Could not be denied the CC today but outmoved by the bitch in the challenge.

2nd, Lamb's Casafelice Askanian, beautiful head, not as strong as 1st and gentler expression which I prefer. Very well constructed with a lovely outline but not quite yet the finished article. Moved on a free and easy stride but could have been more positive in hind action.

3rd Ryan and McDonald's Berryessa Royal Affinity Of Ryemills JW, more mature well bodied dog, good lay of shoulders and return of upper arm, good turn of stifle and good depth. Close up but outmoved on the day.

OPEN DOG (8, 2)

1st Bichler's Int Sh Ch Greenmore's Special Fantasy Dream, quality dog, not a big one but everything in proportion with no exaggerations, balanced head with gentle expression, good reach of neck, clean

shoulders, strong level back, balanced angulation. Moved with a free and easy stride holding his topline, Res CC on a close decision.

2nd Lipscombe's Sh Ch Kellizlot River Legend, taller dog of different stamp, very nice head with a most appealing expression, good neck and shoulders, good ribs, good depth and well muscled quarters which he used to advantage on the move.

3rd Jarvis's Sh Ch Lowdon Quest For Fame, attractive head, reachy neck, excellent topline, not moving as well today as I know he can.

FIELD TRIAL DOG No entries

WORKING GUNDOG DOG (1)

1st Rae and Lindner Rae's Reddear Can't Buy Me Love Coilean, attractive head of correct proportions, classic outline, good angles, strong topline, moved out well. Pity he wasn't entered in the regular classes as I'm sure he could have easily held his own.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG (2)

1st Green's Temyloah Quinlan At Vizaset, unplaced in a strong limit class, attractive nicely balanced head, good front assembly, well shaped feet, moved steadily and soundly.

2nd McDonald's Roanjora Pinotage, unplaced in a good post grad class, top size rangy dog who still has to fill his frame, strong head but without coarseness, correct parallel planes. Not as clean at the withers as 1st, strode out well.

VETERAN BITCH (5,2)

1st, McDonald's Spyefire Flamenco for Roanjora, 10 years old, this delightful bitch has a lovely head and quality construction all through. She moved with such style and grace with a lovely easy stride, a joy to watch.

2nd Ward's Copperwhite Cordelia, 7 years old, very pretty head, good topline, good colour and markings. Moved with verve but not quite the front action of 1st.

3rd Newman's Taxus Glistening Opal, completed a trio of lovely headed bitches, feet are not her fortune and carrying a little too much weight which affected her movement.

SPECIAL PUPPY BITCH (4, 1 wd) A trio of very promising bitches here who will change places often during their careers I'm sure.

1st Ward's Ballakinnish Mischief Making Copperwhite, 11 months and well developed for age, pretty head with correct parallel planes, just enough stop, balanced construction, well boned legs and good feet with well arched toes. Moved well but couldn't quite match her brother in the challenge. Does not need to carry any more weight.

2nd Barcroft's Ballakinnish Muse, not as forward as her sister, of similar construction but considerably finer all through, prettiest of heads, just needs time.

3rd Barry's Rosa Kim, also 11 months, rangier type and a little raw compared to 1st and 2nd but a very promising pup none the less.

SPECIAL JUNIOR BITCH (7)

1st Ward's B Mischief Making C

2nd Lyus's Lovenjoel Christmas Spirit, 15 months, liked this bitch, very appealing head, clean neck and shoulder line, level back, enough depth for age, a little longer in rear pastern than 1st, moved out well.

3rd Tattersall's Temyloah Tanya At Alanea, another attractive bitch with clean neck and shoulder line giving pleasing overall outline, adequate bone, decent feet. Not quite settled on the move today.

POST GRAD BITCH (17, 1) Excellent class with several very worthy bitches going cardless.

1st Jarvis's Shannonlee The Woodlark, very typical of her breeding this bitch has a very pretty head, excellent forequarters with good forechest, smooth neck to shoulders, level back, excellent hindquarters, moved with drive. Seriously in contention for top honours.

2nd Volkmer's Corranroo Celtic Princess, different stamp to 1st and also typical of her respective breeding, pretty head with correct parallel planes, clean neck to shoulders, level back, slightly sloping croup, good tailset, straight front, good feet, moved very well. Not quite the angulation of 1st.

3rd Tubby's Taniswood Anything Goes, attractive bitch with everything in the right place, would prefer more substance as she is a little fine all through but deserved her place here on her beautiful "textbook" movement.

LIMIT BITCH (11, 3)

1st Blackmore's Courtdown Beautiful Dancer, quality bitch, immaculate presentation and handled to perfection, pleasant head with lovely dark eye, reachy neck fitting cleanly into the withers, level back, slightly sloping croup, excellent forequarters with well laid back shoulders and good return of upper arm, quality bone to the straight front, lovely compact feet. Moved steadily with a textbook front action, hind action just a little close.

2nd Pilmer's Corranroo Celtic Connection with Anisbrig, finer bitch, excellent shoulder angulation and return of upper arm, well muscled hindquarters used to advantage. Would prefer tighter feet.

3rd Housby's Tullamore Tiggywinkle, prefer the head of this bitch it having better balance of skull to muzzle, appealing expression, strong level back, sound and steady mover. Not quite the angulation of 1st and 2nd and a little proud of her tail.

OPEN BITCH (13, 2) Excellent class where nobody deserved to go cardless and some very close decisions between those placed.

1st Barcroft's Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Ballakinnish Mistinguette, outstanding bitch, top size with substance but still feminine, balanced head with nicely shaped skull and parallel planes, dark eye and appealing expression, good reach of neck fitting smoothly into fine withers, good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, strong level back, good ribs, strong quarters, moved on an easy ground covering stride that was an absolute pleasure to watch, for me she was the complete package, it was her day, CC and BOB

2nd Blackmore's Sh Ch Courtdown Beautiful Dawn, smaller more compact bitch, all quality with lovely forehead construction, good ribs, good quarters, strong loin,. Moved with style and precision, just preferred the head of winner, Res CC.

3rd Sherratt's Sh Ch Casafelice Corno At Charnborough, another top quality bitch with hard to fault conformation giving a stunning outline, prefer her head shape to 2nd. Just carrying a little too much weight which in this company was enough to make the difference.

FIELD TRIAL BITCH (1)

1st Sierakowski's Dalriach Neige, good size, loved the classic head on this bitch, very well angulated fore and aft, powerful quarters with good length to first and second thigh, would prefer tighter feet, moved with great power and efficiency as one would expect from this construction. Somewhat leaner than is usually seen in the show ring which is to be expected but if ring trained this bitch could hold her own in any company.

WORKING GUNDOG BITCH No entries

GOOD CITIZEN BITCH (5, 2)

1st McDonalds Spyefire Flamenco For Roanjora

2nd Housby's Tullamore Tiggywinkle

3rd Henderson's Temyloah Teri, close 4th in Junior this is a promising bitch with many good attributes, particularly liked her head. Presents as "bum high" at present which I'm sure is a growth phase which will correct in time.

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