

## Southern Flatcoated Retriever Club Open Show Critique

1<sup>st</sup> December 2019

Thank you to the Committee for this engagement. I have been looking forward to this day and I was not disappointed. Such a welcoming and hard working Committee. I appreciated the lovely entry and the sportsmanship of the exhibitors.

### Veteran Dog (5)

1<sup>st</sup> Smitherman's Covellyn's Artic Look of Seaheart. Beautiful one piece moulded head on this 8 year old boy. Dark, expressive eyes, well-constructed front with good bone. Strong well angulated hind quarters moved out well keeping a level topline and correct tail carriage. Shown in full coat. Best Veteran and Reserve Best Dog.

2<sup>nd</sup> Knight's Sh. Ch. Broomsward Hugo Boss by Gemswin ShCM. Another quality young boy of nearly 10 years. Excels in bone, legs and feet. Pleasing construction, level topline which he held on the move. Just preferred movement of winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading's Sastrugi Beautiful Sunrise at Sabarka

### Minor Puppy Dog (2)

Two very similar raw babies headed by

1<sup>st</sup> Carter's Ruddleberry Goldeneye, this baby scored in depth of chest over 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pleasing bone and neat feet. When settled presented a pleasing picture. Moved OK for a baby holding his topline with good tail action.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reynold's Hoedun Tarquins by Gemswin. Similar type to winner, but at this stage he is rangier and his feet are not as tight. Pleasing in head, level topline, moved with drive.

### Puppy Dog (2)

1<sup>st</sup> Jone's Hightyne Unforgettable at Braemist, mature boy of 9 months. Super one-piece moulded head, dark eyes giving a mischievous expression. Excellent front and neat feet. Very well balanced, good reach of neck and lay back of shoulders. Strong hindquarters giving excellent rear movement. Loved him. Best Puppy in Show

2<sup>nd</sup> Ashcroft's Gunoak Enealds Highlander, smart puppy, liked his head but preferred the front and the hind movement of winner. Well handled. Promising puppy.

### Junior Dog (no entries)

### Special Yearling Dog (7)

1<sup>st</sup> Millbank's Skybrook Sandpiper of Larksdown, I liked this youngster a lot. He has good bone, very well constructed. Pleasing head and eye. His front is what I wanted to see, giving him a good shoulder placement. Moved very well both ways using his tail in line with his back.

2<sup>nd</sup> Fox's Satinblaze Cracksman for Blacktoft. Another quality boy who is not yet as together as winner. I loved his bone, neat feet and a very happy dog. Just preferred the front of the winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Gribble's Bryshot Rob Roy

### Graduate (2, 1 absent)

1<sup>st</sup> Carter's Oiyou Follow That Dream, exuberant three-and-a-half-year-old. Level topline which he held on the move. Well boned with good hind angulation. Straight front with good feet. Used his tail to create a pleasing picture.

#### Post Graduate (2, 1 absent)

1<sup>st</sup> Thomas's Tygwyn Giuseppe Verdi, nicely moulded head with dark expressive eyes. Moved with drive holding his topline. For me he lacks forechest and carries his tail higher than I want to see. Presented and handled well.

#### Limit (5)

1<sup>st</sup> Smitherman's Seaheart Crian at Gloi JW, beautifully moulded head, dark expressive eyes. Pleasing in neck and shoulder placement. Strong well-muscled hind quarters. Level topline which he held on the move. Correct tail carriage. Moved out well. His presentation is a lesson for us all.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bellamy's Bochilbarley Blue Moon, smaller dog than winner. Lots to like about him but I would like more bone and a better layback of shoulder. He has a good topline, uses his tail well, unlucky to meet winner in top form.

3<sup>rd</sup> Reynold's Telurn Can't Touch This

#### Open(5)

1<sup>st</sup> BEST DOG AND BEST IN SHOW – Millbank's Kvicksans Eye of the Storm at Larksdown, came, saw & conquered the opposition. I have noticed this 5-year-old male from the ringside but did not realise how much he would please me on handling him. He has a beautifully moulded head and such a kind expression. His front, legs and feet combined with his strong bone give him an excellent front assembly. To finish the picture he moved positively fore and aft and carried his tail and topline correctly. Loved him.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reynold's Ch. Wicconsage Hugo's Dream. Another quality boy loved his head, well off for bone. Strong well-muscled hind quarters. Level topline, moved out well. Just preferred feet of winner. Shown and handled well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Izzard's Bryshot Olympic Pride

#### Special Working Dog (7)

1<sup>st</sup> Reynold's Ch. Wicconsage Hugo's Dream

2<sup>nd</sup> Bowen's Ch. Candiliz Black Admiral for Clandrif JW ShCM. Heavier built dog to winner. Excels in bone, the best of legs and feet. I liked his head, neck and shoulders. Moved out well with good tail action.

3<sup>rd</sup> Reynold's Telurn Can't Touch This

#### Bitches:

#### Veteran (7, 4 absent)

1<sup>st</sup> Thomas' Stranfaer Oranges 'n' Lemons, 10-year-old bitch, excellent legs and feet. Shown in good coat, moved well to take this class.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ashcroft's Braidwynn Bizzie Bee at Gunoak. My type of bitch moved well but not the overall balance of winner and carrying too much weight today.

#### Minor Puppy Bitch (8)

1<sup>st</sup> Goodman's Beanit Olivia (ai) Mature girl of the correct size. Moulded feminine head with dark expressive eyes. Plenty of bone and my notes say, 'super feet'. She looked the part standing and used her tail to follow the line of her back. Best Puppy Bitch but in the challenge thought that the dog was more positive in action.

2<sup>nd</sup> Fox's Blacktoft Dancing the Blues 7 months baby. Well grown with a beautiful head. Good front assembly and another with tight feet. Level topline and moved OK for age. Just thought that she was longer cast than winner but a very promising puppy.

3<sup>rd</sup> Bowen's Candiliz Funky Monkey at Clandrift

#### Puppy Bitch (7)

1<sup>st</sup> Knight's Rydanah Elektrik Dreams by Gemswin. Typy 9 months puppy. Excellent front, neck and shoulders. Neat feet. Balanced in body and topline. Moved out well, shown in good coat and presentation.

2<sup>nd</sup> Fox's Blacktoft Dancing the Blues

3<sup>rd</sup> Stevenson's Caci's Born to be Miss Universe (imp)

#### Junior Bitch (4, 1 absent)

1<sup>st</sup> Tagg's Empire Glory Black Brianta at Oiyou (imp) Feminine headed bitch with dark expressive eyes. Superb front assembly and feet. Strong well-musclcd hindquarters. Level topline which she held on the move. Moved out well and carried her tail correctly. Shown in good coat and handled well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sale's Free Spirit Black Brianta at Cloudfall (imp) Similar in type to winner. Well boned youngster, feminine head, pleasing front, legs and feet. Very strong hindquarters and moved out well with a good tail action. Not the finish of the winner but a promising youngster.

3<sup>rd</sup> Bratby's Gemswin Don't Stop Me Now for Ravensfort

#### Special Yearling (8, 3 absent)

1<sup>st</sup> Strudwick's Flatcharm Miss Lotsa Love for Burpham, My notes say naughty but nice. 18-month-old bitch. Sweetest of heads with dark, mischievous eyes. Well-constructed body with good bone, legs and neat feet. Carrying enough weight for me. When she settled on the move, she was true both ways and carried herself well. A promising one for the future.

2<sup>nd</sup> Kulczycka's Everblack Breakdown Cover. Bigger type of bitch and carrying too much weight which spoils any raciness in her outline. Well off for bone with good legs and tidy feet. Carried her tail well and moved out well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Kearton's Hopevalley Morning Dew at Ravenhall

#### Graduate (7)

1<sup>st</sup> Thomas's Tygwyn Rhiwbina, took my eye in the line-up for her outline. Feminine, nicely moulded head. Superb front, neck and shoulder placement. Strong hindquarters. Moved out well using her tail correctly.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bellamy's Moontorn Goddess of Love. Another quality bitch with a pleasing head na dark eyes. Well balanced body, strong well-musclcd hindquarters. Moved well holding her topline and tail carriage. Just preferred the front assembly of winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Osborne-Brown's Perrymel Vanilla Sky

#### Post Graduate (8, 1 absent)

1<sup>st</sup> Jone's Caehaidd Lets Go Crazy with Braemist, outstanding two-and-a-half-year-old bitch. Just the right size for me. Her front, neck and shoulders are superb and I loved her feminine one-piecemoulded head. She is so well balanced and racy in outline. Moved true both ways carrying her tail correctly. Loved her. Reserve Best Bitch

2<sup>nd</sup> Ashcroft's Gunoak Solar Wind JW, another typy 3 year old bitch. Feminine head, dark eyes. Balanced topline and has excellent strong well-muscled hind quarters. Just preferred the front of winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Kearton's O'Flanagan Brogan's Legacy at Ravenhall (imp)

Limit (6, 1 absent)

1<sup>st</sup> Best Bitch, RBIS & BOS Smitherman's Seaheart Cecilia. A satisfying bitch to handle. Well boned, the best of legs and feet. Strong, muscled hindquarters. Racy in outline. Moved out well both ways. A top quality bitch.

2<sup>nd</sup> Hutton's Jazzanraga Exclusive, 3 year old liver bitch. Pleasing in profile, feminine head with a good eye shape. Moved out well with the correct tail action. Preferred the feet of my winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Bowne's Candiliz Pink Lady JW

Open (2)

1<sup>st</sup> Kulczycka's Seaheart Bronte of Everblack not in full coat but I thought that she was better balanced than 2<sup>nd</sup>. She moved very well and has a feminine head and dark eyes.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bowen's Candiliz Pina Colada, rangier bitch and I thought she would be my winner. Loved her head and front assembly but she failed in rear movement to winner.

Special Working (3)

1<sup>st</sup> Thomas's Tygwyn Rhiwbina

2<sup>nd</sup> Hewison's Tea Leaf five and a half year old liver. Strong racy outline, well boned legs and neat feet. Moved well holding her topline.

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