

South Eastern Welsh Springer Spaniel Club Open Show – 29 January 2006

The South Eastern Welsh Springer Spaniel club held a very well organised and friendly show and I would like to thank the officers and committee for inviting me to judge. I would also like to thank my stewards, Doreen Bowen and Paddy Catling, who did a very efficient and unobtrusive job. Much has been said about the quality of dogs in the show ring recently. I found that the issue is still very much apparent, though I was happy with my winners in the major classes. Fortunately, I found many more bitches that pleased me. It was interesting to note quite how many exhibits had tails. These were mainly in, but not restricted to, the younger classes. This is something that it looks as if we are all going to have to get used to.

BIS was Highclare Queens Logic, RBIS Highclare Spring In Action For Cerysan, BOS Typica Fieldsman JW and BP Amiro The Borderer.

Minor Puppy Dog (2,0a)

1st Ovey's Goldsprings Final Chance – Such a baby, but liked the type. Good masculine head, correct outline but erratic movement. A spell at handling classes would help this young gentleman.

2nd Wakeman's Sherdrew Echo Point – Tailed exhibit, rather larger than I prefer. Good shoulders and rear angulation.

Puppy Dog (6, 0)

1st Morgan's Amiro The Borderer BP – Boy, does he move. Correct outline, nice lay of shoulders, good bone, good angulation, nice compact Welsh, just what I was looking for.

2nd Renouf & Montague's Ranwolf Delling – nice and compact, good bone. Head a fraction heavier than I prefer.

3rd Masson's Peakdale Iestyn Ap Dafydd

Junior Dog (3,0)

1st A The Borderer

2nd Tew's Pamicks Sign Of The Times JW – Overall a little finer than I would like, particularly in head so lost out to 1 in this respect, however, well put together Welsh.

Correct topline, good rear angulation, moved with drive.

3rd Smith's Russethill Red Gauntlet

Special Yearling Dog (5,0)

1st A The Borderer

2nd Tully's Highclare Ludo – Much flashier dog than 1. Good angulation and movement. Clean throat, good shoulder. Just not the compactness and topline of 1.

3rd Rees' Typica Goldigger JW

Novice Dog (4,1)

1st Smith's Russethill Red Gauntlet – He looked like a Welsh. Good angulation and bone. Head a little heavy for my taste. He could benefit from some ring craft classes.

2nd Aasum's Spirit Av Vettin – Very elegant – head not masculine enough for me. Good angulation. Correct topline.

3rd Botting's Cavwelies Northern Lights

Graduate Dog (7,1)

1st Renouf's Ranwolf Barnstokk – He has a lovely head and really moved. Good lay of shoulder and correct topline. He just needs to grow into his frame to complete the picture.

2nd Masson's Marimead Excalibur – Nice compact Welsh. Again, a good head and mover.

3rd Crockford's Phetina Blue Spinmaker

Post Graduate Dog (0)

Limit Dog (8,0)

1st Duncan's Redfrith Chianti JW – Elegant but compact, good angulation and topline. Moved with drive. Just wish he was a little more relaxed in his tail carriage.

2nd Tubb's Parkmist Master Dancer For Alsutu – Nice workman-like dog. I loved his head. Correct topline, good angulation, moved with drive.

3rd Morgan's Amiro The Thinker

Open Dog (4,0)

1st Rees' Typica Fieldsman JW BD – Good workmanlike dog, nothing flashy but everything in the right place. Really enjoyed going over him. Lovely masculine head with kind eye, good lay of shoulder and depth of chest, correct topline, good rear angulation, and moved as if out in the field.

2nd Wren's Saanu Copper Beech At Gwynmarren JW – Good head, just masculine enough. Good angulation, moved with drive, good bone and topline. Just let down by his rear movement.

3rd Barkley's Sh Ch Parkmist Mr Frisk JW

Veteran Dog (6,0) - One of the best classes of the day.

1st Barkley's Sh Ch Parkmist Mr Jinks – Again a great mover. Compact without being coarse. Good masculine head. Everything one could want, but obviously at ten years old, just starting to show his age.

2nd Vines' Albadora March Storm Of Highclare – An eleven year old who can still show the youngsters how to do it. A shade bigger all round than 1.

3rd Gills' Brenros Drop Dead Gorgeous

Special Beginners Dog (6,0)

1st Masson's Coedybrain Gerint – Nice compact dog who moved well. Good rear angulation. Would like a little more rise over the loin.

2nd G Final Chance

3rd R Red Gauntlet

Minor Puppy Bitch (4,0)

1st Ordish's Goldsprings Final Fling – Lovely compact happy baby. Moved with drive once she settled. Nice lay of shoulders, good bone and rear angulation. Correct rise over loin.

2nd Bateman's Wicked But Gracious Of Cormallen – A real baby. More elegant than 1. Very nice head and movement

3rd Wakeman's Sherdrew Oats N Barley

Puppy Bitch (6,0)

1st G Final Fling

2nd Tully's Highclare Miss Motivator – Rangier than 1. Well put together, moved well, good angulation.

3rd Reeder's Highclare Darcee Bussell

Junior Bitch (1,0)

1st Rees' Coedybrain Carys At Typica – Compact bitch who moved with drive. Delicate feminine head without being snipecy. Good angulation.

Special Yearling Bitch (11,0)

1st Frost's Highclare Scrabble Of Bushwacker – Elegant bitch who manages to still be workmanlike. Lovely head. Great angulation and with that, can really move.

2nd Caldwell's Cerysan Alexa – Nice and compact. Feminine head, good lay of shoulder, correct topline, moved with drive.

3rd C Carys at Typica

Novice Bitch (5,1)

1st Senington's Cerysan Athena – Nice head, good angulation, moved ok. Was saddened to see her snap at 2nd during write up.

2nd White's Fiergen Silver Lady – Nice feminine head, moved with drive. Just needs to mature.

3rd Shawyer's Fiergen Silver Spirit

Graduate Bitch (8,0)

1st Michie's Tobermyn Tangle – Feminine compact workmanlike bitch. Good lay of shoulder, correct topline. Moved like a train.

2nd Abbott's Norlington Sugar N Spice – Compact bitch with everything in the right place who shouts that she is Welsh, just wish she had moved with a little more drive today.

3rd Barkley's Parkmist Miss Flirtatious

Post Graduate Bitch (6,1)

1st Larmer's Gydapist Gala - Compact and workmanlike. Good depth of chest, just enough feather, good lay of shoulders and rear angulation. Would prefer a slightly darker eye.

2nd Wren's Ferndel Piaf At Gwynmarren JW – Beautiful head, great movement, just wish she had a little more rear angulation.

3rd Jackson's Catjack Baboushka

Limit Bitch (9, 4)

1st Jane's Coedybrain Eirianne – Compact workmanlike bitch who moved with drive.

Would like a little more head, but you can't ask for everything.

2nd C Baboushka – Nice bitch, well put together. Today she showed she really can move.

What a pity that some of the others in class weren't so happy on the move.

3rd Morgan's Amiro Baccanal

Open Bitch (3,0)

1st Tully's Highclare Queens Logic BIS – she walked in the ring and I melted - just what I had been looking for all day. Beautiful feminine head, good length of neck, loved her lay of shoulders and depth of chest, correct topline, great angulation, compact, workmanlike and stylish and she moved, what more can you ask for?

2nd Caldwell's Highclare Spring In Action For Cerysan RBIS – Many of the qualities of 1st (her half sister) Heart warming head, nice clean neck, good lay of shoulder, depth of chest and rear angulation. Unlucky to meet 1.

3rd Jackson's Amanshe Star Bright

Veteran Bitch (2,1)

1st Barkely & Short's Parkmist Miss Temptation – just 7 and boy does she move.

Compact and workmanlike. A little grey, but veterans are allowed to be.

Special Beginners Bitch (5,0)

1st F Piaf At Gwynmarren

2nd F Silver Spirit – a little on the petite side, but nice compact bitch with a good head.

3rd Botting's West Wind At Cavwelies

Special Working Dog or Bitch (3,2)

1st F Silver Spirit

Special New Members (3,1)

1st M Excalibur

2nd F Silver Spirit

Brace (10, 2)

1st Wren's – a beautiful pair of well matched bitches, just coming into their prime.

2nd Barkley's – a well matched pair of boys who have done some winning in the past.

Just had to give way to the young girls.

3rd Wakeman's

Finuala Barnes

