

Hitchin & District Canine Society 15th October 2016 – Border Collies.

My thanks to Hitchin & DCS for the invitation to judge the Border Collie classes today, and to all who entered the 4 classes. Some absentees today - you were missed. Presentation & grooming in all cases was superb. Dentition good throughout and all exhibits are well muscled with a good length of tail. A couple of exhibits are carrying a little extra weight.

Puppy (2, 1a) 1. Mesdames Lawrence's CHAMPARLA MANOIRA STAR. 9 month black/white girl. Very pretty and alert to her surroundings. Correct eye set and good colour. Lovely head proportions & ear carriage leading correct shoulder placement. Nice length of body flowing into well angulated rear assembly She produced a good driving action with minimum lift of foot. This girl will hold her own in any company, definitely one to watch. Pleased to award her Best Puppy.

Junior (2, 2a)

Post Grad (5, 2a) 1. Mesdames Lawrence's SHELTYSHAM SANDY SHORE AT CHAMPARLA. 5 yo Red/White girl. Lovely feminine headpiece with correct proportions; eye colour appropriate to coat colour. Attractive well proportioned construction throughout producing free smooth movement. Dam of puppy class winner. RBOB

2. Mr & Mrs Tansley's BILYARA ICE MAIDEN. 4 yo Black/White girl. A different type to 1st and as attractive. All the same things can be said of this girl as class winner. Just preferred the movement of 1st. Could change places on a different day.

3. Mr Pollard's ARNPRIORS HARVEST GOLD. 5 yo Gold/White dog.

Open (5, 1a) A class full of similar quality exhibits.

1. Mr & Mrs Scott's LYDEARDLEA SUPERSONIC OF BELSMARD. 8 yo Black/White dog and full of life. Masculine head with dark eyes, keen expression. A well constructed and muscled dark dog with lovely angulation front and rear. Moved with purpose once he settled. BOB

2. Miss Carley's JUPAVIA MADE FOR YOU. A different type to 1st, heavier boned and more glamorous. Loved his construction & appearance. Just preferred movement of 1st.

3. Miss Pegg's TONKORY DEVIL IN DISGUISE AT RAYLISA. 4 yo Black/White dog.

4. Mr & Mrs Tansley's BILYARA RIVER RANCH ShCM. 7 yo Black/White dog.