Hitchin & District CS 14/10/18

Thank you to the committee for the invite to judge at this well run and supported show. Thank you to exhibitors and to my stewards Laurence and Christina.

Samoyeds

A super entry, very varied in type across the classes, temperament was as usual exceptional and all dogs were presented in good, clean condition.

Junior (1)

1st Kerry's Rayawna's White Saphire at Corbeara. An 8 month male and up to size already but just needs now to "man up" in physique, this will come with maturity of course. Good shape to head. Good bite, Lovely dark eye set well. Good shape to ears which were used well. Pleasing in neck and well made in the front, (immaturity considered). Good for bone and nice feet, Super topline, good for rib and depth of chest, slightly longer in loin than I like, moderate angulation in rear, nice low hocks. Tail set well and carried confidently. On the move was where his immaturity showed, although really driving at the rear, his rawness at the front showed. When he fills out and matures he should be a good one to watch. BPIB PG4.

Post Grad (3,1a)

Two very different entries in very different coats.

1st Green & O'Brien's Samnouska Fire Storm ShCM. 5 year male and no mistaking his gender. Good strong head, wonderful expression, dark eyes with a nice shape to them, correct mouth, Strong neck and good in front angulation. Super in bone and correct feet, well muscled throughout, definitely a dog that can go all day if he needed to. Super topline, good length to body, Angled well at the back which really helped him motor round the ring. This male wasn't out of coat but he has been clipped down, he had a good thick coat just for me would like to have seen that profusion that Samoyeds have on him. On the move showed real drive and extension.

2nd Glover's Whitespirit Zilverschoon. 3 year bitch and gorgeous in outline, Good shape to head with a nice head/muzzle ratio and again a nice dark eye. Ears set well and used well with a biscuit tinge to them which assisted her beautiful expression. Nice dentition. Good shape to neck, well off in front, good deep chest and well set ribs. Well angled front and back, nice feet, pleasing topline which held well. Tail set correctly, well angled at the rear, good bend of stifle and good in hock. Was completely out of coat on this occasion and slightly distracted on the move, when settled she moved out well.

Open (5)

Superb class, all 5 entries capable of winning this, really tough decision and thank you for accepting them sportingly.

1st Green & O'Briens Taronakits Kall me Kosmic ShCM. 3 year male and again no doubting his gender. Really pleasing in profile, Solid, masculine shape to head, dark, well shaped eye, correct bite, good muzzle and skull. Ears set well and really emphasised his expression. Nice neck and shoulders placement, well off for bone and another that's well muscled throughout. well set in rib and chest. Good topline and well coupled. Rear angles were good, being hyper critical maybe a touch more in

angle to complete the outline. Low hocks. Tail set well and carried confidently. Moved out well, showing real drive. BOB, looked good in the group too.

2nd Smith's Nikitta Everything Changes at Sharla. 2 year bitch and just simply gorgeous. Ultra feminine in profile. Preferred her head to 1. Good skull/muzzle, well placed ears and good dark eye, an expression to die for. Well placed shoulders, good for bone and good feet. Nice spring of rib, deep chest, good width across the front. Level topline. Tail set and carried well. For me, a wee bit longer in body than I would like. Coat in good condition with good texture to it. A good mover, nice and fluid, RBOB

3rd Mann's Zeelukzak Diamond Star ShCM.

Neil Hood