

Hitchin Open Show, Brook Farm Training Centre, April 2022

Judge: Averil Cawthera-Purdy

It was both an honour and a pleasure to be invited to be the BIS judge at this Easter weekend spring show. The weather was sunny and warm but not so warm that the dogs were affected, the rings were good and the show had a super atmosphere throughout. I was very well looked after throughout the day and special thanks to my stewards, committee members Jan and Sian, who ensured my ring ran smoothly all day and Secretary, Ray McDonald the rest of the committee who put on such a super and well run show.

The group judges had done their jobs well and I was given a lovely selection for the top awards. I thought my BIS selection good, but if anything the puppies were even more exciting and a real surprise to end my day, some of the best Veterans I have judged in some time all in the ring together!

BIS

Catching my eye was the top quality Pug, Mitchell's homebred boy, Cedilla Carry On Cowboy. Well shaped masculine head and expression. Excellent topline, giving the correct cobby outline, excellent rib, good movement, correct tail carriage. Very well balanced and standing well on good feet, my BIS. Into the Reserve spot the Rhodesian Ridgeback, Cox's homebred Ch Carlincox Pure Gold. Her movement attracted, so sound and with good drive and reach. Loved her correct outline, well balanced throughout and meeting the breed standard so well.

BPIS

For BPIS I was captivated by the charms of Greenwood's homebred Scottish Terrier baby of 6mths, Petmon Royal Gift, such a little character! Excellent breed type, loved her outline which commands attention, excellent quality jacket, soundly made with such a pleasing head and expression, so much promise. RBPIS went to Brooks & Cairns' homebred French Bulldog, Corursus Become The One. 11mth old, with a lovely headpiece, masculine but nothing over done, so well balanced. Good from all angles. He is soundly constructed and moves well as a result.

BVIS

From a top quality selection of group winners my BVIS was the Beagle, McBain & Steven's Redcap Bella Sorella JW ShCM VW. Lovely head and expression, good stern and so well put together in between. Liked her size and shape and on the move she could both motor and stay foot perfect. RBVIS was Thomas & Upton's Welsh Springer, Sh Ch Bowdonia Seraphina JW ShCM, loved her for her breed type, sound construction and effortless movement, driven by really strong quarters.

Chihuahau L/C

Junior D/B (5 Entry 1 Abs)

1ST: Jones' Flickan Figurine. Lovely little personality. Very nice head and expression, well constructed with a pleasing shape and size. Sound little mover. Good coat. BP

2nd: Dee's Lowenchi Molly Mae. Pretty headed and feminine. Rather stop start on the move today but good overall construction.

PG D/B (2 entries 0 Abs)

- 1st:** Cater's Pixels Moonlit Sea. Good breed type and so sound and really makes the most of herself as well. Loved her happy Chi temperament! BOB
- 2nd:** Lodwick's Royal William Bikin Dvor (Imp Svk). Heavier in style. Pleasing head and expression but just a little over done for me. Moved well.

Open D/B (4 Entries 2 Abs)

- 1st:** Jones' Flickan Frost. Liked his soundness and true movement. Good head and expression, nicely balanced. RBOB
- 2nd:** Lodwick's Ir Ch Pocopperro Amber Lily for Chantico. Pretty headed and nicely constructed. Moved soundly, just carrying a little extra weight.

Chihuahua S/C**Junior D/B (1 Entry)**

- 1st:** Dee's Clotham Breakdance for Lowenchi. I didn't see this lad at his best due to a loud and frightening disturbance just as he came into the ring. Good head but unable to really assess expression as he was a little spooked. Well-made but again his movement in the class was not his best. Started to improve by the challenge, when he had calmed down and moved better. RBOB

Open D/B (1 Entry)

- 1st:** Dee's Denique On The Rocks TAF. Lovely lad, impressed in head and expression. Beautifully constructed and moving well. Liked his type. BOB

Brian Goodyear Memorial AV Puppy Stakes

- 1st:** Reed & Pace's homebred Whippet Dejure A Dash of Hope. A quality exhibit with pleasing head. Well made with proud outline in stance, which he held well on the move. Sound accurate movement.
- 2nd:** Saich's German Spitz Mittel, Lincoly Simba. Pleasing type with a good head and expression. Well constructed and sound moving. Excellent harsh double coat.
- 3rd:** Hawkin's Boxer Boese Bubbalicious at Mellhawk.

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