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My thanks must go to this Society for the kind invitation to judge at their show, plus to my steward, Geraldine Dodd, who kept things running very smoothly throughout the day.

BIS, the SCWT, Saffini the Sweetest Taboo, so well balanced this young lady caught my eye as soon as she entered the ring. Put down to perfection she is so typy, well balanced and moving well with her free and graceful action. This was all topped off with a coat of excellent texture. Interesting to note, I awarded her sire, Ch Greentree Gold Mombo to Denzilli, a puppy group win in 2016 when he then went on to win BPIS. Res BIS the English Setter, Goldbirch Hearts Desire JW, this exquisite tri bitch simply oozed femineity. She has a beautiful head and expression, good length to her neck, is well angulated at both ends and moves freely with a slashing tail. She was putting just as much in at the end of the day as to the beginning when I judged her in my first class. BPIS the Dobermann, Pursang Shimmy Shimmy Ya, no mistaking the sex of this young lad, this Br/t is all male. He is well balanced, sports a beautiful outline, has ample bone and muscular quarters which he used on the move. RBPIS the Ridgeback, Carlincox Jersey Royal, this 10 month girl has all the breed attributes in spades, she's quality all through, very promising. BVIS the Cesky, Ch Ashleyheath's Black Thunder ShCM ShCEdx VW, I have judged this 10 yr old male on a previous occasion and the same remarks apply. He is the ultimate show dog, his movement is spot on being brisk and vigorous and he's turned out to perfection. If ever a breed just gets better and better as the years go by, it's this one. Res BVIS the English Setter, Phensett Firefly, this o/b has a melting expression and is so well balanced; her showmanship belied her 8 years. In fantastic coat, she has a clean outline and carries herself well.

English Setters

Limit (2) 1st G Hearsts Desire. BIS. 2nd Juldene Line of Duty, a handsome o/b male in good order, he has a good length to his head, strength all through with ample width of second thigh but his movement was a little sluggish today.

Irish Setters

Puppy (2) 1st Quensha Thinking out Loud at Bransett, this 11 months pup has plenty of work in his masculine head, a moderate length of neck, enough depth, and excellent angulation. He has strong loins, neat feet and a gleaming coat. This sound pup moved very well. 2nd Quensha Remember the Name, sharing many of the attributes of his litter brother who stood first, he's not got quite the strength in his hindquarters.

Junior (1) 1st Riverbrue Ophelia Winky, at 12 months old, this muscular lad paints a very pleasing picture on the stack. He has a beautiful head and expression, good width and depth of chest, plenty of bone and a coat in excellent condition. He moved well coming but not quite as good away.



Open (1) 1st Forfarian Flutter yer Lashes at Bransett, very appealing head on this beautiful 3 yr old bitch. She has a good reach of neck, well angulated shoulders, is good for ribbing and has strength in her quarters. She's well balanced and stands on strong limbs, moving well all ways. Pleased to see she later took **Group 3**.

Cocker Spaniels

Puppy (2) Two super puppies. 1st Harbethol Look Magical Tyme, very B/R male, loved this sturdy chap. At 9 months paints a compact and well-balanced picture. His dark eye sets off cleanly chiselled skull, ample bone and well-rounded quarters. Moving off well. **BP**. 2nd Griffial Make it Count; this beautiful 11 months B/R bitch appealed very much. She has a melting expression on her typy head, is well ribbed up and has moderately angulated quarters. Just not the strength in pasterns as 1st.

Junior (2-1) 1st Zakova Baloo Moonshine at Sabaloo, at 17 months this B/r bitch has a good head and eye, good front angulation, short loin and strong topline and neat feet. She is carrying a little too much weight today. Res BOB.

Post Graduate (6-3) 1st Sheigra Special Secret with Balambeck, solid black, this young lady looked like she could do a days work without losing that glamour we have come to expect from a "show" Cocker. She might have left her best jacket at home but she's moderate all through with nothing overdone and moving off with drive. 2nd Zacova Sundance at Kyd at Sabaloo, another solid black of a completely different type to 1st a well balance male whose masculine head and dark eye gives a good expression, good shoulders and chest with well-muscled quarters. Absolutely dripping in coat, rather too profuse. 3rd Stobytill Bootylicious. **Open** (2-4) 1st Stobytill After the Storm, this B/r male has a handsome head, clean neck, sloping shoulder, lovely unexaggerated quarters, moving off with drive, lovely coat and presentation, pleased to award him **BOB.** 2nd S Special Secret with Balambeck.

English Springer Spaniels

Puppy (5-1) 1st Dexbenalla It's Only Me, a very promising B/W male at just 7 months. He has strength and symmetry all through with ample bone on his sturdy limbs. Correct in skull and foreface, dark in eye, medium length of neck, good for shoulder and hind angulation and stands on neat feet. Moving off well I feel he is one to watch. **BP**. 2nd Tiroen to Have and to Hold, at 6 months old this L/W is another very appealing baby. Feminine head with good ear placement, enough depth of chest, hocks well let down without over angulation, moved off well. 3rd Tiroen Typically Brago (JKC)

Post Graduate (4-2) 1st Spuffing Prosecco, I judged this youngster last year as a pup and the same remarks apply; she's coming along nicely at just over a year on. Good for head and expression, well feathered ears of correct length plus she has a pleasing outline being compact and strong. 2nd Dexbenella Fenella at Shersona, nicely made 3 ½ yrs L/W who's well developed all through. Good angulation at both ends plus a correct topline and tailset.

Open (6-4) 1st Petronella Fleur De Lilly Avec Tiroen, mature L/W bitch with a pleasing outline with strength all through. She has a nice head with correct muzzle and medium length of skull. Her shoulders are well back and is good for bone and ribbing with a good topline and strong loin. Her quarters are muscular, powering her around the ring, pleased to award her BOB and to see she was placed Group 4. 2nd Petronella Exclusive with Brago, this L/W/T appealed in front with a good depth of chest and well laid shoulders. She has strong quarters, neat feet and is well handled. However, she is a tad long cast.

Judge: Penny Sands