

The SCWT Club of GB Open Show South

Held 27th March 2022

Judge Brian Moles (Celtannia)

Many thanks to the committee of the SWCT Club of GB for inviting me to judge at this year's Open Show South and to all those exhibitors who sacrificed their 'Mothering Sunday' to support the Show. Thanks also to Spencer and Claire for their excellent stewardship. It was my absolute pleasure to go over some lovely Wheatens today and some difficult choices had to be made in the larger classes. Unfortunately the cold and damp weather prevented the use of a larger outside ring, which would have benefited the movement of some exhibits. Mouths on the whole were correct but a few level bites were found. Some tight tails spoiled the overall balance on a couple of exhibits... this is becoming more common in our breed and it's not for the better.

Veteran Dog (1:1)

Puppy Dog (1:0)

1st Herberts SAFFINI SMOOTH OPERATOR AT JULIBIDD. What a great way to start the day, this super youngster caught my eye as he entered the ring, compact, good for size and at 10 months unlikely to grow on much more. Excellent presentation, gently handled to show off his qualities and a typical happy Wheaten disposition. Straight front, level topline, good tail set on top, super neck and shoulder placement and moderate angulation gave a very pleasing outline, excellent scissor bite and a coat of lovely colour only further added to his many attributes. A bright future should lay ahead. Happy to award him Best Reserve Dog and later he just pipped his litter sister to Best Puppy in Show, well done.

Junior Dog (1:0)

1st Woodhalls CALVENACE PAINT IT BLACK. Irish coated boy, just over 12 months, his handler struggled to take control, so my assessment was limited but he certainly had a good bite and nice dark pigment, quality jacket that will hopefully sport more colour as he matures.

Yearling Dog- No entries

Maiden Dog- No entries

Novice Dog (1:0)

1st Balchins BRIDGESTONES RED CINNABAR. Loved his expression and cut a good outline, well handled with a lovely coat that will only get better. Excellent topline, good mouth with scissor bite, nice dark eye, well set ears, Side movement looked good but would prefer straighter fore and aft.

Graduate Dog (1:0)

1st Hookway and Masons DENZILLY GOLDEN COMPASS. Another well presented male of 3 years with a super coat of glorious waves and excellent colour. Good for size, great topline with lovely lay of shoulder, nice pigment, moved ok but would prefer a tidier front.

Special Beginners Dog (1:0)
1st Balchins BRIDGESTONES RED CINNABAR

Limit Dog (3:0)

1st Charletons's HOUSE OF SOFTY INDUS (IMP SWE). This boy really caught my eye, still only 2 years of age and I'm sure more promise to come. Excellent soft coat, with rich wheaten colour coming through, beautifully presented, super mouth, straight front, excellent deep chest, good for bone, perfect sized male for me, masculine but not course. Lovely balanced outline, moderate in all areas as the standard requires. Very good head and great expression. Precise, happy and confident movement. Just my type. Delighted to award him Best Dog in the challenge & later he just had/did enough to land the prize of Best in Show, many congratulations.

2nd Hanna's KINAELAN KILMORE. Really compact boy covered in a super silky coat of luscious waves. Excellent pigment, dark eye, good topline, well balanced boy overall, lovely small neat and high set ears. A little close behind today, I'm sure he would have preferred an outside ring to bring out the best of him.

3rd Cole and Coopers OLICANAROCKS ROMBALD. Up to size boy of 3.5 years, coat a little woolly but colour ok. Good topline, shorter coupling would be more desirable. Nice big teeth with correct bite. Movement erratic and lacking in reach.

Open Dog (4:1)

1st Grime-Watsons JANEYJIMJAMS JEM DEVLIN. Such a pleasing outline, correct size and very well balanced boy. Very good mover and well handled to bring out the best of him. Loved his coat, so nice to touch and with perfect colour too. Great topline held on the move and tail bang on top. Easy winner in this class.

2nd Tilley's JANEYJIMJAMS JUBILEE STAR AT STARZAK SHCM. Not quite as masculine as 1st place but again sporting a super coat of colour and correct texture. Good mouth, straight front, compact, would prefer a little more behind the tail but he moves with confidence and was very well presented and handled.

3rd William's FLAXELA LIVING LEGEND OF GWENDONYDD. Up to size boy of 6 years, nice wavy coat, great neck, well set and correctly carried tail, mouth ok, moved well when settled but a little close behind today.

Veteran Bitch (5:4)

1st Lui's THISTLEBE THEM THERE EYES AT EBLANAHALLS SHCM SHCEX VW. Looking a lot younger than her 9 years, super outline, so well balanced and of correct size. Coat of flowing waves just further enhance the attraction. Good mouth, deep chest, level topline, lovely moderate rear angulation, excellent shoulder and straight front. Moved well around the compact ring, albeit just a little close behind.

2nd Atyeo's KANJULEY SCARLET O'HARA. A very close 2nd to the above, this girl could well swap places on another day. Very pleasing to go over, good head, feminine girl of 9 years, attractive coat with rich colour, a little longer cast than 1st but moved around the ring with aplomb. Good reach and drive behind. Well set tail, level topline, correct size.... liked her very

3rd Herberts CALVENACE SHE'S THE ONE AT JULIBIDD. Another girl that is nice to go over, very feminine and lovely sweet expression. Moved well both ways. Good head, earset and tail. Would prefer a less dense coat and a tad more length of leg.

Puppy Bitch (1:0)

1st Barrett's SAFFINI THE SWEETEST TABOO. Lovely correct size, just right for me. Great coat for her age and so much to like with this youngster. Excellent topline, well positioned tail, straight front, good for bone, super bite, liked her confidence around the ring, just need to watch her front movement.

Junior Bitch (5:1)

1st Fallons MANAWYDDAN BIZZY LIZZY. Wow, what a super looking girl, she really ticked all the boxes. Feminine, compact and very well balanced. Best of coats for age with a golden hue, super mouth with correct scissor bite. Happy to show off her lovely attributes, she was a delight to go over. Very well handled. I predict a bright future for this young lady. Reserve Best Bitch

2nd Lui's EBLANAHALLS GOLD LIMERENCE. A tad smaller than my preference and coat needs to be allowed to grow on but that said, she has lots of virtues to like. Moves very well in side profile, excellent bite, super feminine, best of shoulders, well set tail with plenty behind. Slightly shorter coupling would complete the picture. She should do well in future. 3rd Wards DENZILLY I PUT A SPELL ON YOU. Just over 12 months and sporting a good coat of lovely colour. Attractive youngster just a tad bigger than I like, very good mouth, nice neat outline. Needs to settle on the move.

Yearling Bitch (2:1)

1st Lui's EBLANAHALLS GOLD LIMERENCE.

Maiden Bitch (1:0)

1st. Dudfields KIZZALA HELLO DOLLY. Up to size and profuse coat of rich colour but lacking any fall which rather ruins the wheaten expression. Suspect this was the first time in a show ring for this 2 year old girl and her handler, the lack of skill/training to stand the bitch made going over her very difficult. However she did move true going away and towards. Worth considering ringcraft training.

Novice Bitch- No entries

Graduate Bitch - (1:1)

Special Beginners Bitch- No entries

Limit Bitch (2:0)

1st Charletons HOUSE OF SOFTY INDI JANEYJIMJAMS. Just perfect for size, lovely coat of abundant loose curls with depth of colour coming through. Super outline with no exaggerations. Good positive movement with reach and drive. Good bite, dark pigment, deep chest. Worthy winner of this class.

2nd Johns DOHOCI A TASTE OF HONEY. 4.5 years old bitch on the smaller side, would prefer more leg and neck. She excelled in pigment, correct scissor bite and a good coat. Her lack of confidence in the ring showed through in her movement.

Open Bitch (7:1)

1st Springfords KEEVASDREAM WHITE LINEN. What a super girl!.. best of outlines, great jacket on her, falling in loose waves with just the right shade of wheaten for me. So pretty and feminine. Correct bite, level topline, perfect angulations front and rear. Tail didn't stop wagging. She also benefited from excellent and considerate handling that increased her appeal further with sure footed movement around the ring. Could have taken her home with me. A well deserved Best Bitch and later Reserve Best in Show. Congratulations. 2nd Francis' CH SAWHEATEN KISS FROM A ROSE. Another lovely bitch that made this class a hard one to judge. Excellent movement as a result of her correct construction. Good for size, moderate all over, lovely mouth, tail on top and carried correctly. Nice small ears on her very pretty head. Well handled. So much to like, a very worthy champion. 3rd Hanna's IR CH KINAELAN FINLANDIA GILLA. Refused critique.

Progeny- No entries

Brace (2:1)

1st Charletons HOUSE OF SOFTY INDUS & HOUSE OF SOFTY INDI JANEYJIMJAMS. Super pair of sibling Wheatens moving in total unison. A pleasure to witness. Hats off to their owner/handler.

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