

SCWT Club of GB Championship Show – 20th October 2024 Judge's Critique – Breed Classes Judge Ken Francis (Sawheaten)

To be elected to judge by the Members for your own breed is indeed an honour and I was very much looking forward to this appointment, thanks to all who supported the Club by entering their dogs. The Committee and all who helped should be pleased to see that their hard work paid off as the show appeared to run well. I think a larger ring would have been an advantage, however we were sharing the hall with another breed; most coped well with the acoustics of the venue but a few were unsettled. Whilst I tend to block out what is happening outside of the ring I was aware of applause for the class winners which I am sure was appreciated. My thanks to the stewards (Gavin & Sandy) for their assistance in keeping the ring running smoothly.

I was pleased with the overall quality of the entry, on this occasion the bitches were stronger than the males. It was good to see baby puppies enjoying themselves and I hope the new exhibitors continue with their show career. Presentation was reasonably uniform and I was pleased to see that in the main no coats were over stylised, wheatens should be overall moderate and unexaggerated. I think that we are losing bigger teeth and rear movement needs to be watched.

Baby Puppy Dog (4.0)

1st Gale's Calvenace Shake Your Groove. Masculine head, nice dark eye, medium sized ears. Good reach of neck, proportionate body, sufficient angulation. Nice coat colour. Moved as one would expect of a youngster, tested his handler's skills!

2nd Jutting's Janeyjimjams Jinja Zinga. Similar comments apply, lots to like, preferred ear size of 1. Steven's Crofftysofty Bee Brave. Another nice youngster, good tail set, needs to settle on the move which will come in time.

Baby Puppy Bitch (3.0)

1st Fallon's Crofftysofty Bee Yonce. Very feminine puppy, pretty head with dark eye and pigment. Used ears to advantage. Animated on the move, sometimes a tad high stepping due to watching handler, this will settle with age. Good coat in colour and texture. Best Baby Puppy in Show. 2nd John's Dohoci Cariad. Finer in body, coat coming through nicely, good reach of neck, preferred rear of 1.

3rd Cooper's Janeyjimjams Jinja Rogers. Another feminine puppy, coat of good colour, movement will settle.

Veteran Dog (4.0)

1st Dowdy's Ch Greentree Gold Mombo to Denzilly (Imp USA) One I have awarded a CC to before and although 8 years old he is as good now, if not better than when I last judged him. Straight front, level topline, good angulation. Masculine unexaggerated head, scissor bite, small well set ears which he used to advantage, well set tail which never stops wagging. The complete package topped off with a coat of correct wheaten colour and wave. Moved straight with reach and drive, flowed round the ring. Well deserved BV, BVIS, DCC, BIS! Congratulations.

2nd Patterson's Ch Snowmeadow Saul's Symphony to Gavleash. 7 year old male, paler in coat colour than 1, with good texture. Good pigmentation, strong head, sufficient angulation, would have preferred a bit more enthusiasm on the move.

3rd Tilley's Janeyjimjams Jubilee Star at Starzak VW. 9 year old male with a good head, nice coat texture, level topline.

Special Vintage Dog (3.0)

1st Blandford's Ch Janeyjimjams Joshua. Coat of good colour, texture and wave, self coloured ears. Good head, nice bite. Straight front, moved with animation and drive.

2nd Fallon's Ch Janeyjimjams Jenson JW ShCM. At 14 years old this male still retains many nice breed attributes and is a credit to his owner and breeder.

3rd Bristow's Denzilly Sweet Destiny for Avard ShCM. Unlucky to meet the first two in this class. Good head, dark eye, squarely built. Soft coat but preferred the colouring of 1&2.

Minor Puppy Dog 0 entries

Puppy Dog 0 entries

Junior Dog 0 entries

Special Beginners Dog (3.0)

1st Amel-Azizpour's Crofftysofty Hay Jude. Nice sized dog, dark eye, good bite. Soft coat, pale colour age appropriate, would prefer better topline leading to tail set. Could benefit from being moved at a quicker pace.

2nd Mullholland & Howell's Denzilly Mr Trickster (AI) Masculine head, small ears, good pigment., good angulation. Coat of good colour and texture just would have preferred more of it.

3rd Woolley & Mossblad's Amivista's Bunch Excuse Me (IMP NLD) Good head, with nice black nose, tail set a bit low. Coat needs to be allowed to grow.

Post Graduate Dog (3.0)

1st Crofftysofty Hey Jude.

2nd Harries' Manawyddan Beautiful Noise. Exuberant irish coated male, honest head, good pigment, moved ok. Ribs a bit too well covered !3rd

3rd Amivista's Bunch Excuse Me (IMP NLD)

Limit Dog (5.0)

1st Brooks' Loofasha King of the Pippins (AI) Strong head, nicely set ears, dark eye, good bite. Nice reach of neck, well laid back shoulders, level topline, good tail set with plenty behind. Soft, paler wheaten coat, straight in front, good angulation, once settled animated on the move.

2nd Gent's Calvenace House of Fun. Decent head, good earset, nice bite, smaller all over than 1 and not as masculine. Soft coat with waves, steady on the move.

3rd Balchin's Bridestone Red Cinnabar. Good outline, nice dark eye, scissor bite, well set ears. Not as straight and positive on the move on this occasion.

Open Dog (3.3)

1st Hookway & Masons Denzilly Golden Compass. Loved his masculine head, good pigment, nice bite. Proportionate body, straight front, well sprung ribs. Lovely soft wavy coat of good colour, one of the nicest coats of the day. Moved with reach, drive, light on the move, handler got the best out of him. 2nd Grimes & Watson's Janeyjimjams Jem Devlin. Proportionate head, dark eye and pigment, preferred dentition of 1. Deep colour of coat with a nice wave, slightly heavier bodied than 1. Honest mover but not as forward going as 1.

3rd Herbert's Saffini Smooth Operator at Julibidd. Good head, dark eye and pigment, ears well set. Proportionate body, slightly heavy in shoulder and would prefer more neck. On the move was a bit of a handful.

Champion Dog (1.1)

1st Charleton's CH House of Softy Indus (IMP SWE) ShCEx. Masculine head dark eye, good pigment, big black nose, good reach of neck led to well laid shoulders. Level topline, good tail set and carriage. Beautiful coat, good colour, texture and wave. Straight front, good angulation, well sprung ribs. Fluent, balanced, light movement. In the challenge he did not match the DCC winner for rear drive. RCC.

Veteran Bitch (5.2)

1st Ateyo's Kanjuley Scarlet Rose. Irish coated bitch, coat silky in texture with good colour and wave. Proportionate head with well set, self coloured ears, dark eye. Lovely reach of neck, level topline well set tail. Good angulation. Flowed around the ring. I liked her a lot.

2nd Mason's Emalot Livin on a Prayer. Nice head, well set self coloured ears, decent spring of rib, sufficient angulation, good colour of coat. Preferred the movement of 1.

3rd Howell's Abiqua Wild Piannisima. Finer in head, good pigament, paler in coat would have preferred more wave and length. Well angulated.

Special Vintage Bitch (4.2)

1st Hughlock's CH Janeyjimjams Jolene at Keevasdream VW. Strong head, good pigment, big black nose. Proportionate body, good angulation, held topline on the move. Coat of good colour, wave and texture.

2nd Wright's Karisyike Tip Top Too Ticky To Abbeymead. 12 year old bitch, still in nice condition, slightly larger overall than 1. Coat soft with a decent wave. Not as animated on the move.

Minor Puppy Bitch (1.0)

1st Thoburn's Northridge Wolf Bluff. Liked this one as soon as I saw her enter the ring. Balanced, proportionate build, good angulation. Feminine head, big black nose, dark eye, good dentition. Good topline which she held on the move. Lovely tail set. Good spring of rib. Coat maturing nicely. When settled a nice mover. Will be interested to see her progress. Best Puppy Bitch and Best Puppy in Show. Well done.

Puppy Bitch (1.0)

1st Davies' Brynhir Betty Boop. Nice head plains, ears well set, dark eye, big black nose, excellent bite. Well sprung ribs, decent angulation. Paler coat as expected at this age, would prefer more of it. Not settled on the move today.

Junior Bitch (4.1)

 1^{st} Grimes & Watson's Keevasdream Purple Bliss For Spudler. Good outline, good head, big black nose, well set ears. Nice reach of neck, good lay of shoulder, well sprung ribs. Effortless movement, with reach and drive.

2nd Mapson's Abiqua wild Burlesque, similar comments apply. Feminine bitch, much to like, not as positive on the move today.

3rd Rogers' Kizzahala Strega Sun Witch. Head and body proportionate, slightly larger built. Coat soft, but paler. Unsettled on the move.

Special Beginners Bitch (1.0)

1st Walsh's Crofftysofty Hay Siri. Pretty bitch, well set small ears, dark eye, unexaggerated head, good bite. Coat is soft developing wheaten colour. On the move unsteady.

Post Graduate Bitch (5.1)

1st Hammond & Evans Calvenace Ruby Tuesday. Nice honest type of bitch, decent reach of neck, good ear set, proportionate build. Soft wavy coat, moved ok when settled.

2nd Hammond & Evans Calvenace So What (AI) Nice type, good size, Decent body, good coat, not as settled on the move as 1.

3rd Ronan's Denzilly Poppet Magic (AI) Caught my eye when entering ring, feminine bitch, smaller in size but proportionate, pretty girl, moved nicely but then unfortunately became unsettled.

Limit Bitch (12.2)

By far the best class of the day, some nice girls had to go unplaced.

1st Munn's Snowmeadow Treacle Toffee. This bitch stood out for me in this class, unexaggerated but so feminine. Beautiful head, super pigment. Her crowning glory is her coat, soft, correct colour and waves. Lovely head, proportionate build, good front, well laid back shoulders. Daisy cutting movement completed the picture. BCC, RBIS, BOS.

2nd Dowdy's Denzilly Waking the witch (AI) Finer built than 1, lovely feminine head, well set small ears. Good reach of neck, laid back shoulders, level topline. Nice rear angulation. Coat maturing nicely. Moved well flowed round the ring. RCC.

3rd Thoburn's Northridge Hold Your Horses. Another compact unexaggerated bitch with a darker wheaten coat, head planes good, well off for bone. Decent movement, but not as dynamic as first 2.

Open bitch (4.2)

1st Bradford & Hobson's Bonney Abiqua Wild Desert Whispers (IMP USA) Feminine attractive bitch, good head planes, nice ear set. Good front, nice reach of neck, decent angulation, short coupled. 2nd Charleton's House of Softy Indi Janeyjimjams (IMP SWE) Balanced bitch, unexaggerated, slightly longer cast than 1. Pleasing head, dark eye, good coat texture.

3rd Springford's CH Keevasdream White Linen JW. Another attractive bitch, feminine head with small ears, level topline with tail on top, darker wheaten wavy coat. Not as steady on the move as I have previously seen her.

Champion Bitch (2.0)

 1^{st} Munn's CH Snowmeadow Suzy Sixpence. Unexaggerated, proportionate bitch with a straight front, level topline held on the move. Pretty head, good pigment. Nice tail set and carriage, moved with reach and drive.

2nd Paton's CH Denzilly Raspberry Beret. Pretty head, dark eye, well set ears, good coat. Reach of neck led to level topline. Economical in her movement, not giving her all today.

Ken Francis (Judge)