



SCWT Club of GB
Championship Show – 20th October 2024
Judge's Critique – Brace, Progeny, Special & Junior Handling Classes
Judge Sophia Barrett (Saffini)

Thank you to all the exhibitors who entered the stakes classes today, it was such a pleasure to go over your dogs. There was a good atmosphere around and within the ring and I thoroughly enjoyed my day. On the whole I had a lovely cross section of dogs to go over, as expected temperaments were excellent and the presentation consistent. I would also like to thank my Steward for his help.

BRACE (5 entries)

1st Mrs Jane Charlton – Dog and bitch, very typey with nice coats of good length and colour working the ring confidently with their handler. A pleasure to judge.

2nd Mr S & Mrs S Munn – Two bitches, again typey with pretty feminine heads and coats of lovely texture beautifully presented. Not as steady on the move as 1st but definitely attentive and enjoying their time in the ring.

3rd Mrs J & Mr G Grimes & Watson – Confidently and sympathetically handled, dog and bitch moving well together. Typical wheaten outlines with coats of good colour.

PROGENY (1 entry 2 absent)

1st House of Softy Indus Janeyjimjams (Imp Swe) Wow what a team! Dogs and bitches of varying stages of development all carrying correct coats of good colour moving well together. Making good use of the ring they demonstrated good movement. The sire to all these dogs has certainly made his mark.

SPECIAL PUPPY (1 entry)

1st Thoburn: Northridge Wolf Bluff – 8 month old puppy bitch. Although she stood alone she was worthy of her first place. She is lovely in profile with good length of back and looks balanced. Beautiful soft coat of good colour and texture, typical for her age. Feminine head with strong muzzle and good dentition, head well covered with coat hiding dark expressive eyes. She has nice shoulders and good straight front. Tail is bang on top with strong rear and good angulation which showed in her movement. At first she was a bit erratic on the move but once the handler slowed down she moved more positively. Pleased to see her go Best Puppy in Show.

SPECIAL OPEN STAKES (23 entries 7 absent) This was an interesting class to judge and gave me a bit of a headache as the age ranges went from Junior right through to and including veteran. I shortlisted to eight and easily found my winners, although I wish I could have awarded more places as the quality was so high.

1st Hookway & Mason: Denzilly Golden Compass – 5 year old male. Looking good in profile strong with deep chest and good length of back. Loved his coat it has lovely waves and good wheaten colour. Strong masculine head with dark hazel eye with lovely dark rims. Adequate length of neck leading into good shoulders, his chest is well down and ribs well sprung. He gives the impression of a strong dog which showed today as he powered around the ring at a good pace holding his topline and tail up.

2nd Munn: Snowmeadow Treacle Toffee – Love this bitch strong but feminine. Her coat is so soft and profuse covering her well made frame. Beautiful straight front well laid back shoulders, she is short in ribbing which is well sprung. Strong rear with good angulation. She is moved at a steady pace and has good movement fore and aft. Lovely to see her awarded the BCC and Reserve Best in Show.

3rd Dowdy: Denzilly Waking The Witch – 20 months, Finer in type to second and still maturing. Her coat is soft and open the colour is developing. Excellent presentation, enough coat showing her lovely shape. Gorgeous head, feminine with correct proportions. She has good dentition. Lovely neck with well placed shoulders and good front. Good rear angulation with hocks well let down. Once she applies herself she is a lovely mover with good reach and drive. Every time I asked her to move she was consistent and was happy to award her third place. Delighted to see her awarded RBCC later on in the afternoon.

Junior Handling 6 – 11 Years

1 Cara Woolley – Demonstrating good knowledge of her dog and using the ring effectively. The dog stood calmly for the assessment and she had good control whilst moving around the ring. Just remember to look up to make sure your judge hasn't moved position. Well done.

Junior Handling 12 – 16 Years

1 Eliza Mason – Both dog and handler looking very smart on entering the ring stood her dog ready for inspection, constantly checking dog was showing to best advantage. Good knowledge of dog and very aware as I was moving around dog for inspection. Using space in ring effectively and excellent handling skills. Congratulations.

2 Peggy Stevens – Did a great job as a first timer. She moved her young dog with confidence. Has the makings of an excellent handler, well done.

Wheaten Junior Handler of the Year

Eliza Mason