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| <b>Best of Breed:</b>    | Charleton's <b>Ch House Of Softy Indus (Imp Swe) ShCEx</b>                       |
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| <b>Best Puppy:</b>       | Lines-Barrett & Barrett's <b>Abiqua Wild In My Blue Jeans</b>                    |
| <b>Best Veteran:</b>     | Munn's <b>Ch Snowmeadow Suzy Sixpence</b>  |
| <b>Best Sp Beginner:</b> | Amel-Azizpour's <b>Crofftysofty Hay Jude</b>                                     |

Firstly, I would like to thank the Show Secretary & Committee for the invitation to judge at this extremely well-run show. I would also like to thank my very efficient ring stewards Ann & Graham for keeping the ring running smoothly. I enjoyed judging the breed again and trust you will take my observations in the spirit they are meant. Although the majority of exhibits had a scissor bite the "Large Teeth & Strong Jaw" required by the breed standard are disappearing and this was my biggest concern today. For decades the breed has lived with the frequent occurrence of the two dropped front teeth, positioned in the lower jaw, unfortunately today I also found a considerable number of exhibits with small teeth. I feel it will be a tough call to rectify this situation, but it is a problem breeders need to look at addressing before poor bites become commonplace. On a positive note, the breed standard describes the Wheaten as being a "Medium Sized Terrier" so it was pleasing to observe the vast majority of the exhibits present today fell within the correct height range of 18 – 19 ½ inches, with bitches somewhat smaller. Although I appreciate many good dogs can fall outside the ideal size range, I do think it is important that breeders continue to be mindful that the wheaten was bred to be a working terrier and do not allow them to become overly large & heavy. Finally, I would like to thank the exhibitors for the sporting way they accepted my decisions. All dogs entered were a credit to their owners, well presented having excellent temperaments without exception.

#### **SpBD (1)**

**1 Amel-Azizpour's Crofftysofty Hay Jude.** Just over 12m, good overall balance & size, neat ears, dark hazel eyes & good dentition. Enough neck leading to correct shoulder placement. Topline still needing to strengthen. Very soft coat of clear wheaten colour. Moved out well for a youngster.

#### **PD (1)**

**1 Lines-Barrett & Barrett's Abiqua Wild In My Blue Jeans.** I really liked this young dog, he has many virtues. All male just short of 12m. Masculine head, decent stop, correct dentition. Well placed shoulders, level topline. Well bodied for age & short-coupled. Coat presents as age appropriate, soft with lovely wheaten colour. Moved out with confidence displaying positive rear drive BP.

#### **JD (3,1)**

**1 Hanna's Teaghlach Angel Kinaelan (Imp Esp).** 14m Super head properties on this young lad, expressive ears, dark hazel eyes & good stop. Excellent pigmentation all through. Strong muzzle, good bite. Balanced in profile & has a neat front. Beautiful Irish coat, already displaying a lovely sheen & wave. Steady mover.

**2 Amel-Azizpour's Crofftysofty Hay Jude**

#### **PGD (1,1)**

#### **LD (3)**

**1 Herbert's Saffini Smooth Operator At Julibidd.** Presents a picture of masculinity without being course & heavy. Loved the head on this lad, correct stop, strong muzzle & excellent dentition, correct ears for size & set. Dark hazel eyes of correct shape. Strong neck leading to laid back shoulders, Straight forelegs, excellent depth of chest, well sprung ribs & short coupled. Moved out well & covers the ground with purpose when focused. His coat is soft but still has some maturing to do to complete the picture **RCC**

**2 Balchin's Bridestones Red Cinnabar.** Another with great head properties & good bite. Correct length of neck leading to well laid-back shoulders. Level topline & good tailset. Well bodied & well off

for bone, longer cast than 1. Mature coat, soft & sporting a loose wave. Moved out soundly, covers the ground well

### **3 Gent & Williams' Calvenace House Of Fun**

#### **OD (4)**

**1 Charleton's Ch House Of Softy Indus (Imp Swe) ShCEX.** Super masculine head without coarseness, flat skull, strong muzzle & correct dentition. Excellent length of neck, which is slightly arched, leading into well placed shoulders. Level topline, great tailset & carriage. Deep chest with well sprung ribs. Alert & on his toes today. Moved out with reach & drive covering the ground with minimum effort. His crowning glory is his beautiful coat, soft in texture with an abundance of loose curls. Not overly exaggerated in anyway. Well-handled to **CC & BOB**, Congratulations on being shortlisted in the Group.

**2 Taylor's Ch Eblanahalls Silkbeard At Raisingsands.** A very worthy champion who has many attributes to admire. Super masculine head with correct ear set & carriage. Liked his overall balance, he has well laid-back shoulders & well angulated rear. Another with a lovely coat, soft, loose waves & correct wheaten colour. Very steady on the move but the class winner had the more positive movement on the day.

#### **3 Hanna's Ir Ch Kinaelan Kilmore**

**Res Grimes-Watson & Watson's Janeyjimjams Jem Devlin**

**MPB (3)** Two super puppies of different type, both should have promising futures

**1 Grimes-Watson & Watson's Keevasdream Purple Bliss For Spudler.** At just 7m old she put on an impressive performance. Good head properties and correct dentition. Lovely length of neck leading to well placed shoulders. Tail set & carriage correct. When moving she already covers the ground well, she has a very neat front. Very soft coat, clear wheaten colour.

**2 Hanna's Kinaelan Cuineache.** 6m Irish girl with lots to like. Strong head but remaining feminine. Good dentition & dark hazel eye. Well angulated front & rear. Well bodied for age & short coupled. When stacked she presented a great outline. Body coat currently red & harsh being correct for her type & age, her soft silky Irish coat starting to become evident on her head & legs. A little overawed today by the noisy annexe environment, which unfortunately made her movement difficult to assess.

#### **3 Caldwell's Kinaelan Labhandarblu**

#### **PB (1)**

**1 Mapson's Abiqua Wild Burlesque.** Loved her size & shape. Super expression with correct dentition & dark hazel eyes. Good length of neck, well placed shoulders & level topline which she retained on the move. Well angulated rear which she used to advantage covering the ground with ease.

#### **JB (3,1)**

**1 Lui's Eblanahalls Kiss Curl JW.** Scored in overall shape & balance. Feminine bitch with super head properties & correct dentition, lovely length of neck, leading into well laid-back shoulders. Level topline, correct tail set & carriage. Covered the ground well displaying good profile movement but today she could have been neater coming towards. Lovely soft coat of clear wheaten colour.

**2 Taylor's Raisingsands Girl In Amber (ai).** Another feminine bitch with good head properties. Ears small & well set. Good bite & dark hazel eyes. Enough neck, slightly arched. Firm level topline which she retained on the move. Neat front movement & she covers the ground well. Coat has lovely soft curls & strong wheaten colour. To enhance her overall balance, I would prefer a little more length of leg.

#### **PGB (4)**

**1 Munn's Snowmeadow Treacle Toffee.** 2yrs & I liked her very much, very natural in appearance & not exaggerated in anyway. Lovely feminine expression, flat skull, defined stop, strength to muzzle & good bite. Good length of neck, correct layback of shoulder, level topline. Deep chest & ribs well sprung. Profile movement displays effortless reach & drive. Coat soft with large loose waves, colour to come but time is on her side.

**2 Hughlock's Keevasdream Ballerina Blue JW.** Another 2yr old who has many positive attributes, feminine head, good dentition & dark hazel eyes. Lighter body frame than 1. Lovely length of neck, well angulated front & rear which reflected in her movement as she covered the ground well. Soft, silky coat of good wheaten colour, wave developing nicely.

#### **3 Grant's Dannebriel Me And My Girl (ai) JW**

**Res Thoburn's Northridge Hold Your Horses**

**LB (10,2)**

**1 Bradford, Hobson & Mapson's Azydeco Abiqua Wild Dernier Paradis (Imp USA).** Loved this girl for her size & overall balance. Scored in strength of head but still has a super feminine expression. Correct dentition, neat ears & dark hazel eyes. Lovely length of neck leading into well placed shoulders, straight front & strong level topline. Well sprung ribs & correct short coupling. Moved out well, displaying positive rear action & also retaining her topline on the move. Very well-presented, soft coat of clear wheaten colour. **RCC**

**2 Tilley's Brynhir Born To Boogie At Starzak JW.** Another young lady who is balanced & well put together. Very nice head properties with correct stop & bite. Enough neck, Well laid back shoulders. Short coupled. Good tailset & carriage. Steady mover with well angulated rear. Pretty coat, soft & clear wheaten colour.

**3 Bradford & Hobson's Bonney Abiqua Wild Desert Whispers (Imp USA)**

**Res Lui's Eblanahalls Gold Limerence JW**

**VHC Macgregor's Kirktonhill A Touch Of Snow ShCEX**

**OB (7,1)**

**1 Charleton's House Of Softy Janeyjimjams (Imp Swe).** Litter sister to my DCC. Super bitch to assess & presents a pleasing outline. Excellent head proportions, & unmistakably feminine. Correct eye colour, strength to muzzle and good bite. Lovely length of neck leading to correct shoulder placement, strong level topline. Correct depth of chest and ribs well sprung. Nice tail set and carriage. Correct bend of stifles. Soft, silky coat with desired loose curls. Moving out with reach & drive she covered the ground with ease, well-deserved **CC**

**2 Howes' Ch Flaxela Flirtini At Daisymaes JW (ai).** Another lovely bitch with many positive attributes. Correct for size & presents a balanced outline. Very good head properties with feminine expression, strength to muzzle and good bite. Neck slightly arched, shoulders well laid back & ribs well sprung. Nicely angulated rear. Correct tail set & carriage. Moved out soundly but not as positively as 1 today who was on top form.

**3 Barrett's Saffini The Sweetest Taboo**

**Res Lui's Eblanahalls Honeytrap JW**

**VHC Munn's Ch Snowmeadow Suzy Sixpence**

**VB (1)**

**1 Lui's Thistlebe Them There Eyes At Eblanahalls ShCM ShCEX.** 11yrs , Great for type & overall balance, spot on for size. In lovely body condition a credit to her owner. Very feminine, good head properties with neat ears. Nice length of neck & still has a good topline, well angulated front & rear. Pretty coat, soft, loose wave & clear wheaten colour. Steady mover.