

Three Counties Championship Show 2014

King Charles Spaniel

Judge: Mrs G Jane Lilley

We were very lucky that the newly drained ground had dried out enough for judging to take place outside. Added to this, as judging was almost due to start and like some kind of miracle, our ring was most efficiently close mown with just four minutes to spare! Proof positive that Three Counties genuinely cares about exhibitors. I had been greatly looking forward to my entry, all of which without exception, were utterly charming. How temperaments and soundness in movement have improved over the years! However, while realising that Charlies take a long time to mature, there were a fair number who, dare I suggest, seem to be verging on Cavalier proportions rather than being compact and cobby having the short backs and short strong legs so typical of the breed.

PD (4 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: HOUSE's Stonepit Bradley at Triciaville. Well balanced Tri with short neat natural tail. An energetic showman, who moved extremely well for his age with a spring in his stride. Beautiful head with dark expressive eyes and good finish to foreface. Well conformed all through with good topline and layback of shoulder.

2nd: SMITH's Justacharma by Magic Typey Blen with spot, already in excellent coat. Good for make and shape, he moved well, just needs a touch more confidence which should come with maturity.

3rd: AUSTIN's Dragonheart Fall Breeze

JD (8 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: FRY, D & JACKSON's Amantra Treasury. Cobby, well balanced Blen with spot, beautiful head, eye and expression, large wide nostrils and well finished muzzle. Good shape and substance with well laid shoulder. Very sound, free and positive on the move. Has everything to take him to the top.

2nd: JOHNSON's Tomodachio of Alambra (Imp) B/t with a very superior expression, in gleaming mature coat with the richest of tan markings. Well made all through Super mover, just a touch longer than the winner.

3rd: CHAMPION's Stonepit Buster Keeton At Lankcombe

PGD (10 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: HOUSE's Stonepit Earl Spencer at Triciaville. Charming well balanced Blen with good cobby body. Such a happy character with non-stop wagging tail, darkest of eyes and pigment, wide nostrils and good finish to foreface, very fit in good coat for his age. Such an energetic, willing showman, who moved to match the excellence of his make and shape with good length of stride. **RCC**

2nd: SCHEMEL's Tudorhurst Commodore. Handsome Tri, in superb coat and condition, cleanly marked with bright rich tan. Gorgeous head, eye and expression. Well conformed all through with good layback of shoulder and bend of stifle. Very good mover, covering ground in profile.

3rd: SALGUERO's Downsbank Fletcher

LD (9 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: SMITH's Headra's Truly Magic Is Justacharma. Supremely confident Tri of such a lovely size, type, make and shape. Big wide nostrils, lovely dark eyes, so well balanced being truly compact and cobby with well laid shoulders and bend of stifle. An enthusiastic showman, free and positive on the move, driving strongly from his hocks.

2nd: WALLHEAD's Sleepyhollow Trikki Dikki at Merida. Glamorous Tri with cleaner markings if not quite the confidence of the winner. Good finish to foreface, beautifully made all through with good layback of shoulder. He moved extremely well.

3rd: KENDALL & ASKINS' Headra's Wedgwood JW

OD (5 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: PORTINGALE & PENNINGTON's Tudorhurst Pirate King. Gorgeous B/t, obviously

enjoying himself to the full, leaping for joy on the move. So good for type, masculine with

lovely eye, expression, scoring on finish to foreface. A pleasure to handle as he is so well made all through with all the parts fitting so firmly and accurately into the whole, truly compact and cobby with well set and carried tail constantly awag. Very sound, free and positive on the move, driving from his hocks. A charming character who thoroughly deserves his title. **CC** which, I gather, is his second, **BOB**

2nd: KENDALL, ASKINS & VALLILA's Ch UK Fin Int Ch Headra's Chocolate D Lite Re (Imp) Tri. Well balanced, beautifully made and full of fun, compact and cobby with excellent body and topline with well domed head. Very good mover with non-stop happily wagging tail.

3rd: SALGUERO's Downsbank Bilbo Baggins

PB (5 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: WILLEY & SIDDLE's Penemma Misty For Me. Beautiful Blen, who holds herself with understandable pride. Loved her balance, very feminine, so good for make and shape with well laid shoulders and excellent body. So very sound, free and positive on the move. Most exciting. **BP**

2nd: DAWSON, JONES & LLOYD's Cwmhaf Te Kanawa. Tri with rich tan markings, lovely head and expression. Well made with good layback of shoulder and and firm front, just a touch longer in body than the winner. Not making the best of herself on the move, finding the exciting smells on the grass hard if not impossible to resist although she actually moves extremely well. A happy friendly personality. The promise is all there.

3rd: SOUTHAM's Penemma Millie The Minx

JB (6 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: STONE's Maynorth Back to Black. Very mature, cobby b/t so good for make and shape with short neat natural tail, well laid shoulder, firm body and even topline, in good coat and condition. Beautiful head and expression with big wide nostrils. Sound and steady on the move.

2nd: CHAMPION's Stonepit Lillian Gist at Lankcombe. Tri, so feminine and full of fun with non-stop wagging tail. Lovely head with a charming expression in her

dark eyes., Well made all through with good shoulders. Great showgirl, who moved well.

3rd: DAWSON & JONES' Celxo Creme de la Creme for Pomelo

PGB (4 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: JOHNSON's Hedra's Delphine at Alambra. Tri, so good for type with excellent body and shoulders, in splendidly mature coat, very fit in hard muscular condition. Very good mover.

2nd: AUSTIN's Baldragon Grace and Favor. Obviously enjoying herself to the full with non-stop wagging tail. Very sweet head with good finish to muzzle. Somewhat over-enthusiastic on the move but did enough to prove that at least she goes very well in front. Could do with more coat and body although she has an excellent spring of rib!

LB (7 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: LEWIS' Carleeto Sweet Melody. Very pretty, feminine Tri, so good for make and shape with well laid shoulder and good turn of stifle. Beautiful head with good finish to foreface. Super sound, free and positive on the move. **RCC**

2nd: STONE's Maynorth Love Song. Lovely headed Tri complete with spot. So beautifully conformed all through with excellent body, topline and coat. It is said that every dog has its day and this was not hers as she was all over the place on the move being anything but steady although did enough to prove that she can go very soundly when she chooses to concentrate on the job in hand.

3rd: WALLHEAD's Baldragon Becuz I'm Worth It to Merida

OB (5 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: PORTINGALE & PENNINGTON's Tudorhurst Black Swan. Very lovely compactly built b/t with deep rich tan markings, well shaped head and firm level topline. Excellent for size and type, make and shape with well angulated shoulders and turn of stifle. She moved very well with good reach in profile. **CC** Thought she looked very similar to the winning dog when they went round together and it transpired that they are litter brother and sister. A lovely pair.

2nd: WILLEY & SIDDLE's Penemma Sweet Dream. Blen and such a happy showgirl. So good to go over as she is beautifully conformed all through with good topline and shoulder. Just not in the best of coat currently but well deserved her place here.

3rd: AUSTIN's Baldragon May Bea Baby

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