

KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB OPEN SHOW 26/9/09

What a splendid affair this show was, held at the Baginton village hall and thanks to very pleasant weather we had a good outside ring which allowed every dog a chance to do itself justice.

This show had a good feel about it, lots of smiling faces, charming dogs, delicious home made food all supplied by members and an enthusiastic number of helpers. The show was opened by the Chairman Mrs Shealagh Waters of Maibee fame and I was introduced as the judge by the Club President, Mr Norman Brown who was proudly celebrating his 82ndbirthday on the day. He was roundly cheered.

The entry was 88 from 75 dogs and there were 12 absentees. Points which struck me on the negative side were the number of dogs which had a more rounded apple skull than a true dome without which the true KC expression is not possible. Also, too many lacked the spring of rib needed to achieve having a "compact cobby" dog and I was surprised at how many there were which had little width in chest even as adults.

However I was lucky enough to find some lovely quality dogs which pleased me in the line ups for Best Of Sex. BIS Smith's Blenheim dog Justacharm He Is Our Magic JW, Res. Res BIS was also a dog, Fry & Jackson's Amantra Regalist BOS same owners Ch. Amantra Winterberry BPIS was Waters & Robins Maibee Theo NAF & BVIS Salguero's Tewhit Thespian.

VD(1) 1st T. Thespian well bodied Blenheim, perhaps not in his fullest jacket but he is all male in head which is sufficiently domed, eyes a good size and colour, backline level and he is fairly compact. His side action is so good side on & he was in excellent body.

MPD(3) 1st & BP M. Theo, this tricolour really captured my attention from the outset. He is so shapely, his neck is well arched, the backline dead level, the tail undocked and carried low and

he has super hindquarters. I loved his head, the dome is good, his eyes are so dark, they are large and his expression would melt snow. In sparkling jacket he was one of the best movers of the day. I hope he fulfils this early promise and if he does he will have a glittering career.

2nd Mochrie♦s Downsbank Spruce 3rd House♦s Stonepit Mr Adorable at Triciaville

PD(3) 1st Gillhespy♦s Tucherish Sundance very much the shape that appeals to me. Certainly compact, well set on neck which he uses to give him an air of importance. His back is firm, the ribs have enough spring for his age and he has a light, balanced confident stride. His black and tan jacket shone with wellbeing and he shows promise. At present he needs to fill out in body and widen in chest. He has lovely shaped and coloured eyes with a good muzzle finish.

2nd Waters & Robins♦ Maibee Geoffrey 3rd Salguero♦s Downsbank Bilbo Baggins

JD(3) 1st Askins♦ Amantra Charman with Headra this handsome tri owns a large headpiece and such good sized, very dark eyes framed with low set ears. Enough neck, nice spring and depth of rib, a little too long in loin to achieve the compact look. He was in good bloom and has a confident side action as he moves around the ring. 2nd Fry & Jackson♦s Amantra Chieftan

3rd Coupland♦s Tucherish Johan Sebastian

ND(3/2) 1st Fry & Jackson♦s Amantra Cheerfulness bit of a misnomer by name as he was far from cheerful and a bit reluctant to move out more than a few strides. Clearly one which will benefit from some ring training. He is fine to go over on the table, lovely size, well boned, good bodylines with a decent chest and a very good headpiece. It is domed, the eyes large and dark and his muzzle is almost square. However, I♦m sure he is worth spending a little time on.

GD(3) 1st Mochrie♦s Khumai Jazzmason Imp NZL a very promising yearling, b/t, almost square in proportions, ample neck, backline like a spirit level, enough angulation both ends and he has a light, easy stride as he circles the ring. I liked his head shape. It is nicely domed, the stop is well defined, the eyes a very good size, round and lovely colour which when added to his well filled muzzle and good turn up add to his charm. Could do well 2nd Askins♦ Headra♦s Chocolate D♦Lite 3rd Waters & Robins♦ Maibee Debonaire

PGD(6) 1st Leach♦'s Amantra Carte Blanche a lively, happy Blenheim in very good body and coat. perhaps a trifle longer in loin than I like but he is good in neck, level in back has an excellent spring and depth of rib with a fair width in chest I liked his head type, good dome and stop, nice width in under jaw, a good turn up but his ears could lie closer to his cheeks. His side action is smooth but disappointingly he needs to strengthen in pastern which is apparent when his action is fore viewed. **2nd Maddison♦'s Alambra Rich Ruby**

LD(6/1) 1st & Res BIS A. Regalist, tri with the best head, eyes ears and expression so far. Lovely for size and substance, excels in hind quarters which he uses to great effect in his profile action. On the up and down he was less exuberant though still quite sound. I thought he looked a real toy spaniel with an air of classiness. **2nd Rushton♦'s Tiflin Tudor Royal JW 3rd Singleton♦'s Andrew de Melcourt Von Celxo**

OD(3/2) 1st Maddison♦'s Tucherich Angelo, a lightly marked blenheim which surprisingly for an OD entrant looked in need of some refresher ring training to show his construction off to better advantage. He has a good head, well defined stop, loved his eyes for size, shape and colour, well filled up below the eyes and a decent nose. He has a good ribcage, ample width in chest and lovely feet.

Sp.O B/t or Ruby (4/1) 1st Mochrie♦'s Downsbank Rupert richly coloured ruby which is so well constructed. Certainly cobby with a firm level backline, very good hindquarters for angulation and muscle development and he is a lovely size for a male. Pleasing skull, his eyes are dark and a good size and his profile action with good head carriage carried the day. **2nd Gillhespy♦'s Lorphil Copper Sunrise JW 3rd Salguero♦'s Chacombe Lorcan**

Sp.O Tri or Blenheim (4) 1st & BIS J. How He Is Magic JW this totally charming Blenheim just grabbed my attention immediately I sent them around and I knew he was going to be very hard to beat. On the table he has style, shape, balance, lovely size, is really cobby with a decent chest yet remains refined in outlook. Beautifully domed skull, well defined stop , good depth of muzzle and such dark, expressive eyes. In excellent coat he out moved everything else and his presence

made my job easier. Believe he is sitting on 2 CCs and should be a worthy titleholder. 2nd Andrew De M.V.C. 3rd Waters & Robins♦ Maibee Louix

VB(1) Gillhespy♦s Lorphil Copper Cream what a lovely ruby this is to go over on the table. Has an air of style and good breeding about her. Pretty head, lovely eyes and ears, enough neck, level backline and very good angulation both ends. Her coat is straight and soft to the touch. I thought she would be BVIS but in the challenge she had thrown the towel in on the move, the drive had gone and she looked fed up. A pity.

MPB(5) 1st Fry & Jackson♦s Cherry Pie by Amantra a very promising little tri with a beautiful head, eyes large and dark, lovely nose and good turn up. Her ears are well set and frame her face correctly. She has a useful neck, nicely sprung ribs, her back is level and her side action is so smooth and even striding. 2nd Waters & Robins♦ Maibee Imelda NAF 3rd Mochrie♦s Downsbank Valentina

PB(4/2) 1st & BPB Coupland♦s Tucherish Clemency very pretty tri with such appeal in head. It is well domed, the muzzle has depth and width, very good nose placement and large dark eyes all combine to give a winning look. She is well bodied, a little long in loin with a well set and carried tail. Lifts her front feet a little too high but this was probably more joi de vivre than anything else as she was showing off. 2nd Gillhespy♦s Tucherish Lucretia Borgia

JB(4/1) 1st Fox-Shone♦s Amantra Charlene another tri and won here primarily on her lovely body shape, size and good forechest. She has a good neck, holds herself well and was the steadiest in side action. Her head is balanced, very good eyes for size and colour and she was in good coat.

2nd House♦s Stonepit Sophie Tucker at Triciaville 3rd Juniper♦s Othmese Dhu Dorcus

NB(5/1) 1st Searle♦s Stonepit Penny Royal a beautifully coated and groomed tri in sparkling form. Must appeal for her head ♦ it is so well shaped, a clear dome, large, dark almost lustrous eyes, and a good square muzzle with a well placed nose. Both in stance and moving her back is firm and level. Could be a bit straighter in front action but side on she takes the eye. 2nd Gillhespy♦s Tucherish Sebastienne 3rd Juniper♦s O. Dhu Dorcas

GB(3) 1st & Res BB Willey & Siddle's Maibee Charlotte Rose of Penemma what a lovely little example of the breed this ultra feminine headed tri is. She has an air about her, everything fits so well so she is shapely, well balanced proportions, has excellent weight of bone, perhaps a shade overdone in loin but the back is level and the croup line good. Spotless jacket and side on she showed drive and balance. Her head I loved, a true dome, big dark eyes giving that "look" and low set ears almost caressing her face Delighted to give her the res. Best bitch spot.

2nd Harvey's Rocquencourt Rosetta Royal at Rivermoor 3rd A. Charlene

PGB(6) 1st Askins' Amantra Charmful at Headra somewhat out of coat but it only served to show how well put together she is. I felt she had the best head, eyes and expression in this class, is a lovely size, fairly short coupled and lovely side action. 2nd Smith's Justcharma Something Magic 3rd Waters & Robins' Maibee Olivia

LB(6/1) 1st Hunter's Kingsleigh Pink Fizz at Hooebarton this tri almost threw the class away as she will persist in standing with a dip behind the withers. However, on the table she handled so well, good angles, lovely spring of rib, a decent width in chest, nice bend of stifle and the smoothest profile action in the class. Her head is charming, the expression so good from those lovely eyes and her muzzle finish pleases. 2nd Coupland's Tucherish Wild Antoinette 3rd Stone's Maynorth Irresistible JW

OB(3/1) 1st & BOS Fry & Jackson's Ch. Amantra Winterberry lovely type, beautiful head eyes and expression. I liked her size and shapely balance and she comes into her own as she circles the ring showing good drive and keeping her shape so well. 2nd Stone's Maynorth Simply Heaven SpOp B/t or Ruby (6/1) 1st Waters & Robins' Maibee Lynette this is a deliciously headed b/t whose coat positively sparkled in the sunlight. Loved her size and outline, sweetest of expressions from an excellent head, more than useful neck and a delightful, happy temperament. Not quite so steady on the move as the winners in the challenge. 2nd Coupland's Tucherish Michaela 3rd Juniper's Lewiscarol Ameratto

Sp Op Tri or Blenheim (4/2) 1st Bailey♦s Maibee Margot at Aldorocka a really delightful Blenheim with a temperament which can only attract people to the breed. Tail wagging constantly doesn♦t hide the fact that she is well made, has a very good head, beautiful eyes and expression and looks totally feminine. Moves out well but could be a bit tighter in front. 2nd Juniper♦s Kasamanda Luck Be a Lady of Lewiscarol

R.Evans Memorial (1) 1st A. Regalist

Brace (2) 1st Gillhespy♦s well matched pair who moved in unison. 2nd Smiths.

Albert Wight (Judge)