King Charles Spaniel Association Open Show Judge; Jeannie Coupland

First the floods, then Storm Dennis and on the day it was Storm Ciara- so I would like to thank all those brave exhibitors and committee who managed to struggle through the storm to this new venue-made all the more pleasant when the electricity was restored.

The entry was, as a result sadly marred by absentees. I was nevertheless rewarded with quality exhibits. I was especially heartened by the numbers of whole-colours - after so many years of being in the minority their numbers and quality are increasing – broken-colours as always prevail although we must watch that they do not lose the "pearly white ground" required by the Standard. Temperaments without exception were excellent, as was presentation.

I would like to thank the King Charles Spaniel Association for their invitation and hospitality and also my two capable stewards for their invaluable help.

MPD- (4) 1 Tonner's Headra's Tigger at Halbinsel – 8mths well broken Tri, much to admire, correct shoulder placement, short level back, good bone and feet, pleasing head with dark eye, muzzle still needs to fill, true and happy mover, rib and chest well developed for age, loved his balance and outline.

2 Mochrie's Downsbank Hepworth – 8mths Blenheim, short coupled with level back, good skull, low earset, dark eyes

and dark pigment, coat flat and coming in nicely, not as mature as 1 and on the day a reluctant mover.

3 Cavella Oliver Twist

- PD-(1) 1 Arundel's and Southam's Chacombe Fin very lightly marked Tri of 11mths in good coat. Mature for age with deep body and ribs already well sprung. Generous head of classic proportions and expression, dark eyes good width of muzzle. Good bone and feet, level topline with correct tail carriage, well angulated rear resulting in true movement. Could shorten in loin to improve but a quality exhibit. Best Puppy Dog and Best Puppy In Show.
- JD -(1) Mochrie's Downsbank Jeffrey well marked Tri of 15mths. Masculine without any hint of coarseness, lovely size, quality head with good dome and stop carried on a proud arched neck, well laid shoulders, short firm topline, true front –excellent hind angulation and short parallel hocks giving strong driving effortless movement. In the challenge could not be denied top honours –a thoroughly well deserved Best Dog and Best In Show.
- ND- (3,2a) 1 Mochrie's Gino Od Dvou Orechu Downsbank(imp CZE) 22mths Ruby. Broad skull with soft expression, dark eye and good pigment. Flat coat of rich colour. Well sprung ribs. Still young and so has maturing still to do-notoriously slow with this colour. Happy mover.
- PGD- (1) 1 French and Traynor's Mitapip Elusive Ruby 3 yrs Ruby, maturing well shapely body with developing rib, bone and substance. Pleasing head with dark pigment. Moved happily with correct tailset.

- LD- (2) 1 French and Traynor's Celxo Vermouth On Ice 3 yrs lightly marked Blenheim in full coat. Good skull with defined stop. Dark eyes. Cobby body with depth and substance. Well laid shoulder, proud head carriage, level topline held on the move with tail level and wagging. Accurate mover fore and aft. Res Best Dog.
- 2 Tonner's Headra's Inspiration At Halbinsel- Lightly marked Tri of 4yrs. Bright tan and sparkling white in full flowing coat. Pleasing head properties giving soft appealing expression tends to bunch on the move which spoils his topline –shame as he is a good type and is very attractive standing.
- PB-(1) 1 Mochrie's Downsbank No Inkling- B/T of 10mths. Glorious head on good neck, stylish mover. Bright markings. Immature at present and needs to fill but her shapely body and good rib promises well will look forward to seeing her when she matures. Best Puppy Bitch.
- JB-(2,1a) 1 Stewart's Mildred Snitzer Marchog- just out of Puppy another that needs time and still looking very much the baby. Feminine B/T with good bright tan, low earset, straight front, level topline unfortunately was unsettled and erratic on the move.
- YB-(2,1a) 1 Stewart's Poltomic Peppermint Patty With Marchog -Ruby 15mths –fabulous outline, nice neck, well laid shoulders and level back. Head well domed, well set ears. Good bone for age, compact feet, flat coat of a rich and

gleaming colour. Moved proudly and with precision. v. promising.

PGB (3,2a) 1 Stewart's Marchog Minta Buckle -2yrs richly marked B/T. Classic head properties with dark eyes and glorious soft expression. Lovely size with a cobby, short coupled and well covered body. Flat coat of good texture and condition. Moved easily with a level topline and correct tail carriage. Res Best Bitch.

LB -(1) 1 Southam's Cavella Camelia- 3yrs lightly marked Blen. Feminine but with bone and substance, excellent head with good dome and width of muzzle, dark eyes, good nose placement. Textbook front and good rear angulation. Moved steadily with level back. Told this was her first show! Best Bitch.