

## DARLINGTON 2023

### KING CHARLES SPANIEL

A lovely quality entry awaited me .I was pleased with my winners , many classes entailed hair splitting decisions .So much has been said recently about ‘things not been what they were’and the poor quality in the ring .All I can say personally is that in both sexes if the main winners hadn’t been there, there were several other exhibits I would have been more than happy to award the CC to .We have to remember that life has changed , dog showing has changed .In our breed we no longer have the exhibitors of yesteryear who ran larger breeding programmes and were able to offer stud dogs of different lines .Sadly in this last couple of years we have lost some knowledgeable long stand exhibitors .Our numbers may of reduced and yes we are in desperate need of new younger exhibitors to take the breed forward .But I feel we are holding our own as can be seen today when two KCS carried the breed mantle in both the group and a stakes class -lets be proud of our wonderful breed

### VETERAN DOG (4-1)

Who says veteran Charlies can’t hold their own , these three showed with the zest and vigour of dogs half their age .All are a credit to their owners -let’s not forget the lovely B/T veteran in open dog and the veteran bitch winner

1 GOODWINS CH DIGGLE DANDELION-Blenheim of such beautiful breed type so short and cobby , shown in lovely condition. Good bone and cobby and width of chest Broadest of skulls which is well shaped ,masculine expression good nose set with correct cushioning .Moved with vive and purpose BEST VETERAN -closely followed by

2 SIDGWICKS PAULIAN WHERE’S WALLY -another lovely boy , tri who could give the youngsters a run for their money , he is built on clean lines .when shaped body with excellent spring of rib .Lovely headpiece with well-shaped dome .Another who moved with such purpose and is an excellent showman.

3 HUNTERS MAYNORTH SHADES OF HEAVEN AT HOOEBARTON

MPD -NO ENTRIES

PD -NO ENTRIES

### JUNIOR DOG (6-0)

1 BOWLES ROBINSONS TOM DES TROIS MAILLETS BALDRAGON-such an attractive Blenheim who has caught my eye from the ringside and did not disappoint today .He is so well constructed well laid shoulders excellent top line and short backed .He has a good reach of neck which adds a degree of elegance when moving .He moves with drive , in this class he moved with a slight skittish attitude. However, in the challenge really pulled it together and showed to perfection was rewarded with RCC.

Heard later he won 2<sup>nd</sup> in the RCC Stakes -Well done !

2 SMITHS JUSTACHARMA JUST MAGICAL-Blenheim dog , masculine boy .Good bone and so well made with excellent body Moved with purpose and drive .broad skull offset by large dark eyes and well-padded muzzle.

3 CLARKES MITAPIP SPECIAL EDITION AT POLTOMIC

### POST GRAD DOG (4-0)

1 CONSTABLES TUCHERISH ANDREW CARNEGIE-B/T –.Smaller build with excellent lay of shoulder and good head carriage , well-made body and firm hindquarters which he used to advantage .A melting expression with such lovely cushioning and well-set nose .A happy little showman.

2 BAILEYS ALDORICKA THE HUSTLER-nice boy who was a trifle unsettled ;He has to be handled to appreciate his lovely width of chest and depth of body .Good headpiece well domed skull full over eyes and well-defined stop .Put down in excellent condition.

## 2 BAKER & KENDALLS HEDRAS JIM BEAN

### LIMIT DOG (4-1)

1 SMITHS JUSTACHARMA SO MAGIC -tri who scores on confirmation really stands foursquare , correct top line and well ribbed .Masculine broad head with the best of expressions , lovely eyes and beautifully cushioned muzzle. Moved so well before and aft .He is so well balanced .He really is the complete package , could find nothing to beat him today .CC and BOB and was delighted when he came third in strong Toy group later in the day - congratulations to his owners.

2 STEWARTS MONLEON MADE BY MAGIC FOR MARCHOG-a Blenheim who I have admired in the past ,who was unlucky to meet 1 on such top form .He is elegant yet is masculine beautifully shaped skull with well set dark eyes .Moved well both in front and aft , well-turned stifle .Held a lovely profile when moving demonstrating how well balanced he is

3 MADDISONS JUSTACHARMA NORTHERN MAGIC

### OPEN DOG (7-2)

1 SMITHS CH JUSTACHARMA MAGIC GOES ON -a glamorous tri who was set down in pristine condition with a lovely coat .He excels in head properties well domed skull large dark eye and melting expression .Moved with poise and confidence on good firm limb .Today he had to bow to his kennelmate whose wonderful breed type beat all comers

2 BOWLES ROBINSON CH BALDRAGON SHOOTS HE SCORES another-glamorous champion .I love his gentle expression and his large dark eyes. And cushioning Excellent bone and well-shaped rib cage Well arched neck and good head carriage .He moves effortlessly around the ring with firm back movement.

3 GILLHESPY & KIRSCHBAUN CH BONITAS COMPANEROS DELUXE  
CHARDONNAY

### VETERAN BITCH (1-0)

1 HUNTERS TOVARICH THOMASINA AT HOOEBARON – this lady certainly enjoys her time in the ring .Cobby bitch of nice proportions .Broad skull with nice ear set.

### MINOR PUPPY BITCH (1-0)

1 ROBINSONS MARCHOG MOLL FLANDERS-ruby baby with the most outgoing temperament .well made with excellent body for age , well sprung rib , good head carriage promising head properties with dark eye and well-shaped skull .Moved well( when she wasn't having fun ) and with drive for one so young .She should have a promising future.

### PUPPY BITCH (1-0)

1 KENDALLS HEADRA EDITH -my notes say ‘ultra feminine ‘ and she is ..very pretty bitch who sadly stood alone today which is a shame as she could trouble the best .Ideal size , good

reach of neck and level top line .Really stepped out and moved with confidence for one of her age .Should have an exciting future BPIB

#### JUNIOR BITCH (2-0)

1 STEWARTS MARCHOG MUFFINS FOR TEA -B/T she presented such a lovely overall shape both standing and moving .So well constructed good shoulders and nicely boned Well shaped rib .Moved well with strong back movement .Feminine headpiece as one would expect given her age has still some maturing to do but should in time trouble the best.

2 CONSTABLES MITAPIP RUBY ROMANCE -pretty bitch who wasn't quite as advanced as one .Lovely colour and promising coat .Scored in head properties good dark eye and well-set nose .Well shaped dome .Moved well and effortlessly -another who maturity will only enhance.

#### POST GRAD BITCH (6-3)

1 BAILEYS ALDORICKA SWEET VICTORIA -this feminine tri bitch is so well balance short back and level top line which she holds so well when moving .Attractive Nicely set nose , correct cushioning with excellent turn up of jaw. With future maturity should trouble the best  
2 CONSTABLES MITAPIP NIGHTSHADE -another feminine bitch who is nicely constructed with good bone and nice feet .Attractive head with well set ears .Firm body and top line , moved well before and aft has correct angulation.

#### 3 SINGLETONS WALDOR FLICK AND SWISH

#### LIMIT BITCH (4-2)

1 BOWLES ROBINSON BALDRAGON WORTH RUSSIAN FOR -quality tri bitch built on such clean lines Well laid shoulders and cobby chest and firm body .Regal head carriage .Skull is broad and well-shaped , correct ear placement good eye creating nice expression .Showed well and stepped out with drive ,Pushed the top winners hard.

#### 2 BAILEYS ALDORICKA SWEET VICTORIA

#### OPEN BITCH (4-1)

1 RIXS CH BALDRAGON FAME GAME AT RICKSBURY -I gave this tri bitch BPIB last time I judged and has she fulfilled her early potential .Beautiful bitch whose excellent quality and breed type cannot be overlooked ;I put in my notes 'true toy spaniel ' and that encapsulates to me what she is .She is so cobby with excellent width of chest and well-shaped rib cage ., she maintains her top line at all times .Beautifully domed skull , dark eye sweet expression with lovely cushioning .Moved so well really covering the ring-Could not be denied BCC

2 CLARKES CH MITAPIP SWEET ROSEY FOR POLTOMIC -ruby bitch of a nice size , good bone with well-shaped body and good firm top line .Sweet feminine expression dark eyes and well set nose .Presented in beautiful coat , when moving the long grass and bumpy

ring gave an illusion of her having a short leg until one realises it is due to her abundance of coat .Nice bitch RCC

3 STEWARTS POLTOMIC PEPPERMINT PATTY WITH MARCHOG

JENNIFER MATCHES (JUDGE )