

Thank you to Blackpool Association for inviting me to judge the King Charles Spaniels at this years show and a very big thank you to my steward on the day who kept things flowing in the ring and her efficiency.

It was a very hot day from the start with a warm breeze but all the dogs coped remarkable well and there were no signs of any struggling to cope with the heat. There were a few who I felt were lacking body and substances and a few who are quite narrow throughout the whole body but hopefully these dogs will fill out with age and maturity. Temperament was very good on all dogs today which is great to see. All dogs under me today were presented in a clean and well-groomed condition. Just one thing we need to be aware of is that our breed is unique for their dome shaped skulls and there seems to be a few slightly flat skulls creeping in and with higher ear set when they are meant to be low set. But overall I think the breed is doing well

Puppy Dog 1<sup>st</sup>. Chacombe Harry On Downsbank (Mrs R Mochrie) – Tri who has a very good dome with low set ears with good furnishings, good dark eyes and a well place nose of good dark pigment, he is filling well under his eyes and has a good jaw with sufficient turn up at this age. He has a good width of front with nice straight legs and good bone, he has a good length of neck leading into well laid shoulders and leading into a good level topline which he kept on standing and moving, he has a sufficient spring of rib at this age and is well bodied and has good rear angulation, has low set tail and moved soundly round the ring and is in good coat, for the challenge of best puppy in breed he just seemed a little tired on movement and I wonder if the heat was just a little to much for him today.

2<sup>nd</sup> Chacombe Hendrix at Justacharma (Mr S C & Mrs G A J Smith) – Tri litter brother to number one not quite the dome to his brother but has low set ears, nice dark eyes and well placed nose, has good turn up of jaw, good width of chest with nice straight front legs with good bone, not quite the length of neck to his brother but again leads to a good level topline, well sprung ribs and good body, low set tail and good rear angulation, just not as settled today on the move but when he did settle he moved soundly. Present in good coat and condition

3<sup>rd</sup>. Mitapip Macallan (Miss S Maddison)

Junior Dog 1<sup>st</sup>. Justacharma Magic Retained (Mr S C & Mrs G A J Smith) – Tri whose head is ok but not quite the dome, has well feathered ears, good dark eye, well placed dark nose, well filled under the eyes, good width of jaw, sufficient width of front to still fill out, good straight front legs, good length of neck leading to level topline, still needs to mature in rib and at present this makes him look slightly long in body, low set tail, good rear angulation and moved soundly round the ring

Post Graduate Dog 1<sup>st</sup> Helmajon Sibelius (Mrs Abbott) – Blen boy who did give his handler today one hell of time in the ring with his enthusiasm. He has a lovely dome with low set ears that are well feathered, good dark eye and nose pigment which is harder to find in a Blenheim, he has a good width of front with good straight front legs, he has sufficient length of neck leading into well laid shoulders and a good level topline when standing but on the move today due to his enthusiasm he lost a little of the levelness, he has a good rear angulation, low set tail and was presented in good coat, once he settled he moved soundly and has an excellent temperament.

Limit Dog 1<sup>st</sup> Helmajon Rhapsody in Blue (Mrs Abbott) This boy I judged as a very young dog and he has not disappointed on examination again today. He was presented in excellent body, muscle tone and coat condition and presentation was second to none. He has an excellent dome which is not over done with low set ears that are well feathered, he has lovely dark eyes, well placed nose with dark pigment, has a good turn up of jaw with good width of muzzle and is well filled under the eyes. He has an excellent width of chest and nice straight front legs which are tight at elbow. Has a good length of neck leading to well laid shoulders and a firm and level topline which he also kept on the move, he has a good spring of rib a low set tail and good rear angulation. he moved soundly front and rear around the ring and never stopped showing with a happy temperament. Pleased to award him Dog CC and reserve best of breed.

2<sup>nd</sup> Downsbank Indian Ink (Mrs R Mochrie) B/T - this boy has a well domed head with well set ears that are well feathered, large dark eyes, well set nose of dark pigment, good turn up of jaw and well filled muzzle and well filled under the eyes, good width of chest and good straight front legs, he has good length of neck, good topline which today he sadly loss when moving as he was not as settled today on moving but when he did move he moved well. Good spring of rib and well bodied, low set tail, in excellent coat, today he was a little unsettled on the move but when he was settled, he moved well.

Open Dog - 1<sup>st</sup> Ch Baldragon Shoots He Scores (Mrs C Bowles-Robinson) Tri boy who has a good head, well set ears that are well feathered good dark eyes and well set nose that is dark in pigment, he has good width of jaw and well filled under the eyes, he has good width of front, straight front legs, has sufficient length of neck leading to a level topline and well spring ribs, he is well bodied, has a low tail set and good ear angulation, he moved well round the ring today and was presented in good condition, Dog RCC

2<sup>nd</sup> Cofton Tap Dance (Mrs M & Miss E Kendall & Baker) Tri who is not quite as mature as number, he has a well dome head with low set ears which are well feathered, he has a good dark eye, well set nose of good pigment, has sufficient width of front at this age, good straight front legs, good length of neck leading to well-placed shoulders and good level topline, he hasn't quite got the spring of rib to the winner and needs a little more body to complete his overall outline, he has a low set tail, good angulation to the rear and moved soundly.

Puppy Bitch 1<sup>st</sup> Baldragon Remember Me (Mrs C Bowles-Robinson) Tri who has good dome for age, low set ears with good feathering, good dark eye, well set nose with good dark pigment, good width of jaw and filling well in muzzle and under the eyes, good front with straight legs, good length of neck leading to good shoulders and level topline, good spring of rib and well bodied for age, moved soundly front and rear, Best puppy and Puppy Group 3.

2<sup>nd</sup> Baldragon Pride of Place at Zilcan NAF TAF (Mr M Selby) Tri litter sister to 1<sup>st</sup> place and at this stage has the slightly better dome, has low set well feathered ears, good dark eyes and well set nose of good dark pigment, has a good width of jaw but not quite the fill as her sister, has good length of neck leading to well placed shoulders and good level topline, good spring of rib at this stage and well bodied, low set tail, just not as confident on the move as number one today but will watch to see how she matures and progresses.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Rignolla Devon Dreamer with Potbelli (Miss H & Miss G & Mrs C Rutherford) – This little blen was just 6 months old and at a very raw stage, but has a beautiful dome, low set ears good dark eyes and nose pigment, nice overall shape that will no doubt mature and improve as she matures, this owner got the dog moving well round the ring and she moved soundly and happily in one with her owner.

Junior Bitch 1<sup>st</sup> Headra's Killer Queen (Mrs M E Kendall) Tri who has a lovely dome, low well set ears with plenty of feathering, she has a good dark eye, well set nose, at present she still needs to fill out in the muzzle and under the eyes, her front is sufficient but needs to mature and she has good front legs, she has a good length of neck, a good level topline, with low set tail, she still needs to mature and spring out in body and at present she appears to look long due to this and lacking coat, she moved soundly for her handler but at times I did feel that she was being over stretched when being stacked which made her look longer than she is. Best Junior in Breed

2<sup>nd</sup>. Yeshalomi Jam and Jerusalem with Shardlow (Mrs JI Paradise) Blen a lovely girl who has not quite got the dome of my winner, her ears are well placed but she did tend to have them a little high when you looked at her, she has good dark eyes and good dark nose pigment, good width of front with straight front legs, she has sufficient neck length which led to a good topline, she is well bodied and low tail set, not quite as positive on movement as number one.

Post Graduate Bitch - 1<sup>st</sup> Chacombe Catch A Star for Seafar (Mrs L Ratter) Tri who has a very good dome with low set ears that were well feathered, she had a good dark eye and well set nose, she is well filled in muzzle and under the eyes, good front with nice straight front legs, she has a good reach of neck leading to well laid shoulders and a good topline, she had good spring of rib, good rear angulations and well set tail, she was in good coat and condition and moved soundly round the ring.

2<sup>nd</sup> Chacombe Just Charming at Justacharma (Mr S C & Mrs G A J Smith) Tri with a good head but not quite as well domed or filled as number one, good dark eye, well set nose, good width of jaw but not quite as well filled in the muzzle or under the eye as the winner, has good neck length, good level topline and well low set tail, just needs to fill out and a little more coat to fill the pictures, moved soundly for her owner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Helmajon Clara's Romance (Mrs Abbott)

Limit Bitch - 1<sup>st</sup> Chacombe Gladys Deacon at Cavallibrook JW (Mrs K F Ryan) Tri who has a lovely dome with low set ears that are well fringed, she has a good dark eye, well set nose of good dark pigment, has a good turn up of jaw with good width and is well filled in muzzle and under the eyes, good width of front with straight front legs, has a good length of neck leading to well laid shoulders and level topline, well sprung in ribs and in good body and muscle condition, has good rear angulation and she moved soundly and happily round the ring, today she came without her clothes but could not be denied the RCC.

2<sup>nd</sup> Headra's Killer Queen (Mrs M E Kendall) Tri who has a good dome, good dark eyes and well-set nose, she has sufficient width of front and good front legs, nice level topline with well set tail and good ear angulation, today she was without her coat and needs a little more body and muscle tone to complete the picture.

3<sup>rd</sup> Cofton Part of Your World (Mr R S & Mrs R K Baker)

Open Bitch – This class was the surprise of the day with 4 lovely females but today my 1<sup>st</sup> place winner just could not be denied her win.

1<sup>st</sup> Am Ch Clussexx Hail Her Reign (Mr J & Mr D Hubbard & Johnson) My notes started with exquisite, this female has an excellent dome that is well filled without being overdone, she has low set ears that are well feathered, she has good dark eyes with well place nose that is of dark pigment, she has an excellent width of front with good strong straight front legs, she has an excellent length of neck that is carried proudly, leading to well laid shoulders and good tight elbows, she has a perfect topline which she kept when standing and moving round the ring, she has a well sprung rib and is short and compact in body with excellent body and muscle condition, she has good rear angulation that when she was on the move just powered her round the ring, she is in excellent coat that was presented to perfection and she never stopped showing – please to award her the CC and Best of Breed.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ch Baldragon Fame Game at Ricksbury JW (Mr B Rix) Tri who unfortunate to come up against my winner today but she has a good head with low set ears with good fringes, good dark eyes, well set nose, good width of muzzle that is well filled and well filled under the eyes, good length of neck leading to good shoulders and level topline, well sprung ribs and in good body and coat condition, well set tail, move soundly round the ring but today she just lacked the sparkle I have seen in the past.

3<sup>rd</sup> Aldoricka Sweet Victoria (Mrs D M Bailey)

Veteran Bitch

1<sup>st</sup> Cofton Reach for The Stars (Mrs Abbott) Tri who has a lovely well domes head with low set ears with plenty of fringing, good dark eye, well set nose of good dark pigment, good jaw, well filled muzzle, good width of front with good straight front legs, had good length of neck leading to well laid shoulders, good level topline and well set tail, good rear angulation, slightly out of coat but nothing to hide, moved soundly round the ring, Best Veteran in Breed.

2<sup>nd</sup> Toyswood Starlight Express (Mrs T Potter) Tri who is in full coat and presented in good condition she was a little unsettled on the table to start with but soon settled once gentle being gone over, she had a good dome with well set ears, good dark eye and good dark well placed nose, good width of jaw which is well filled in muzzle and under the eyes, good length of neck, good level topline which was kept on standing and moving, low set tail and good rear angulation, moved soundly once settle but not the confidence of the winner today.