

Northern King Charles Spaniel Club Special Awards Classes

19/04/2026

Judge's Critique

I would like to thank the Northern King Charles Spaniel Club Committee for their kind invitation to judge the Special Awards Classes at their Championship Show. The gift of Prosecco and Scottish Tablet is very much appreciated.

Thank you to the exhibitors for their entry, giving me the opportunity to have hands-on experience of the breed. I am keen to learn about the breed and to understand the nuances of these characterful dogs. They are behind the re-instatement of my own breed, the Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, back 1928.

Thank you to my steward, Mea Kendall, for keeping the ring organised and me on track for time. A busy day for the club with a Championship Show, SACs, Open Show and AGM.

Special Award Junior Dog or Bitch (6, 1)

1st Bowles-Robinson's Baldragon's Golden Shot – What a difficult choice for my first class on the day between the 1st and 2nd places. This young boy at almost 10 months of age is showing so much promise. Dressed in a well-marked tricolour coat of good texture he made a lovely picture. His head is well balanced and developing well, good cushioning to muzzle, and turn-up of lower jaw. Lovely topline, good lay of shoulders and well angled rear quarters giving him strong movement coming, going and in profile. He took the class on a touch more maturity over my 2nd place.

2nd Jackson's Amantra Thatcher's Gold – What a super ruby boy, just 2 months younger than my 1st place. It felt like a mental toss of a coin when deciding between these two young boys. I came down on the side of maturity for my 1st place. This youngster has a super-rich colour to his ruby coat. This is complimented by a very well-defined head, good dome, and ear placement. He has a lovely shape and balanced outline with good structure to his body throughout, short in loin and cobby. Good length of neck and pleasing head carriage. His movement was free, precise, and correct, going parallel fore and back. He has a good action and drive in profile. I loved his look and character.

3rd Spall & Clark's Khatibi Ken Ya Believe I'm At Llapsttam

Special Award Post Graduate Dog or Bitch (7,3)

1st Smith's Chacombe Hendrix at Justacharma. Very handsome tricolour boy with lovely head properties, good shape and colour to well positioned eyes, masculine but not overdone. The head markings were very good with richly coloured tan points in all the right places. A good length to neck and well laid shoulders. Good fore-chest and spring of rib. He has good open nostrils, allowing him to breath well. His coat is well broken and presented in lovely condition. He moved strongly with good drive from the rear. Lovely overall shape.

2nd Mochrie's Chacombe Harry On Downsbank Another very handsome tricolour boy, litter brother to my 1st placed. Much the same can be said of this boy. He was a touch naughtier than his brother in the class, but gave enough for me to see his qualities. He has a lovely head. He has a level topline on the stand, and at times on moving, when on his best behaviour. Good

shape and make. He moved out well. He was playing up. giving his handler a hard time. His brother was more settled in the class. They both have promise of a bright future.

3rd Nolan's Chacombe Last Duchess

Special Award Open Dog or Bitch (5,2)

1st Abbott's Helmajon Rhapsody In Blue This boy is a well-boned and strongly made tricolour with a very well broken coat. Well presented. He has a lovely head of good proportions and good alignment of eyes, nose, and ears. Ears are of a good length and well feathered, completing the framing of his masculine head. He moved out well with drive from a firm rear. Lovely temperament.

2nd Dunford's Headra Bruce This tricolour boy has good head properties with lovely open nostrils and a balance to the overall shape. A lovely dome to the head and well-placed ears. He has well developed ribs and a level topline. He moves out well with drive. He has good overall angulation. I would have liked a slightly stronger rear.

3rd Smith's Chacombe Just Charming at Justacharma

End of Critique

Marian Mynott (Judge)