

Midland Irish Setter Society Open Show 13th July 2024

Many thanks to the Officers and Committee for the invitation to judge this Breed Club Open Show. Baginton is one of my favourite venues for this type of show as it always seems to enable a lovely atmosphere and today was no exception. We were blessed with the weather, not so sure about the occasional music from the nearby houses but the dogs seemed to take it all in their stride. All dogs were clean and well presented, didn't hear a grumble from any of them and only 1 dog barking occasionally – turns out that was an English Setter! Thank you to the exhibitors for accepting my awards so graciously and special thanks to my 2 very able stewards. I really enjoyed my day, especially the delicious lunch – the best food I have ever had at any dog show in my 45 years of judging!

VD 3 (1 abs)

1. Prangle's Heathclare American Dollar JW ShCM ShCEX VW

Lovely head with raised brows and dark expressive eyes. A well made masculine boy but no coarseness, he has a lovely straight front, strong bone, good tight feet. Coming up to 8 years old and still showing a firm topline, rugged quarters and moved with drive, holding his shape and using his tail. Well presented in full glossy coat.

2. Corless's Swiftlark Second To None with Magembay. Another 8 year old who is still looking good with a lovely dark coat. Liked him for shape and type. Pleasing head and expression. Moved out freely using his well angulated quarters and showing good tail carriage and action.

MPD 3

1.Lorrimer's Gwendariff Disco Dancer - This eye-catching young pup is so well balanced. Gorgeous head with soft expression. Elegant reach of neck, clean shoulders leading into firm gently sloping topline and excellent tail set. Good straight front, strong bone and neat feet (which I found as I judged the rest of today's entry isn't often the case!) Moved out soundly with such style – from his high head carriage to excellent tail action he holds his shape so well. Delighted to award him Best Puppy in Show

2.Full's Henaleas Go West at Teignestuary - This young boy is much rangier than class winner at the moment. Good for size and with well-developed quarters. He still needs time to grow into his frame. Pleasing head and expression. Lovely rich dark coat.

3. Murray's Henaleas Maximilian with Derrydore

PD 5 (2 abs)

1.Bott's Bardonhill Return To Sender - Nicely balanced puppy presenting pleasing outline when stacked. Maturing on the right lines with good ribbing, firm topline and strong quarters. Attractive head with dark eye. When settled moved well but not as positive in front action at the moment as the Minor Puppy winner. Well presented with a lovely dark coat.

2.Murray's Henaleas Maximilian with Derrydore - Good make and shape to this pup. Pleasing head and expression. Good bone. Much more immature than class winner but has a good frame to build onto as he matures

3.Davison's Bardonhill Love Me Tender

JD 5 (3 abs)

1.Holehan-Green's Loganrish Tiger - Well grown young dog with plenty of substance but not overdone. Masculine head with dark expressive eyes. Good forehead, deep in chest and strong topline.

Moved soundly showing drive from his strong quarters but tends to lose his outline on the move.

2. Russell's TiroenTouch Of Magic by Settesoli - Balance youngster of good breed type. Overall of pleasing make and shape with correct front, lovely reach of neck leading into clean shoulders. Not as forward as the class winner but has plenty of time.

YD 1

1. Robinson Slater's Kerryfair Misty - Presents a good outline with balanced angulation, strong topline leading into correct tail set. Lovely head and expression. Sound and stylish on the move with very neat front action. Only just out of junior and still a little immature, well boned but would benefit from carrying more weight.

ND. 5 (1 abs)

1. Bott's Bardonhill Return To Sender
2. Russells's TiroenTouch Of Magic by Settesoli
3. Davison's Bardonhill Love Me Tender

GD 12(6abs)

1. Parson's Quensha Thinking Out Loud at Bransett JW - Lovely balance to this boy, well made throughout with no exaggerations. He has plenty of bone and body but still retains his racy appearance. Appealed in head and expression. He is correct in front and clean over neck and shoulders which flow into his gently sloping but firm topline. Strong well angulated quarters gave sound driving movement, - in fact for me he was one of the best moving dogs here today. Beautifully presented in good coat and muscular condition. Reserve Best Dog

2. Corless's Swiftlark Invincible JW - A rangier frame than class winner and not looking quite as well balanced. Well angulated fore and aft, good reach of neck, pleasing depth and ribbing. Really liked his head and expression- this along with his free and easy ground covering action won him this place in this class.

3. Davison's Bardonhill Million Reasons

PGD 5 (1 abs)

1. Harris's Zakhan's Rough Diamond by Konakakela JW - Not a big dog but so well balanced and for me full of breed type. Presents a balanced racy outline when stacked and, unlike many, holds this shape so well on the move. He has a balanced head with plenty of work, good eye shape and colour giving kind and alert expression. Good reach of neck, clean over the shoulders, correct topline and tail set. He is long from hip to hock with short rear pasterns. He moves with style and drive, has precise footfall coming and going and uses his tail well. Pleased to award him Best Dog and eventually BIS

2. Jones's Gwendarriff It's Just A Rumour - Another quality boy showing great breed type. Bigger frame than the class winner but still with good overall construction. Sound and happy on the move but not as tidy as the class winner.

3. Berry, Morris & Fitzmaurice's Brinara Country Boy

LD. 9 (3 abs)

1. Milligan- Bott & Bott's Thendara Tiger Dance – well, this boy certainly gave his handler a hard time. Different type to the other exhibits here today so an interesting class to judge. Very elegant in profile with good reach of neck leading into well angulated shoulders, straight front, gently sloping topline and strong quarters. When finally settled moved well showing drive and style which won him this class. Beautifully presented in super coat and condition.

2. Gisby's Sutereseet Rum Tum Tugger – Lots to like about this mature boy. Short coupled, well ribbed and muscular in loin with correct topline and tailset. Good front, strong quarters which he used to advantage on the move. Lovely head and expression. Another with a lovely coat.

3. Corless's Swiftlark Spellbinder

OD. 5 (4 abs)

1. Harris & Hoeksema's Blazing Bronze Happy Clappy sings Konakakela JW - Presented in full coat - a lovely outline stacked and really appealed to me for type. Confirmation was good all through from his reachy neck to his well-developed quarters and short rear pasterns. Lovely head and expression. Moved out with style holding his shape and with excellent tail carriage and action. However, he was not so positive on his hind action and I would prefer to see much tighter feet so had to give way to the younger dogs for higher honours,

VB. 1

1. Stevenson's Lochlorein True Detective is Andley – feminine well balanced girl with a pleasing flow of outline from her elegant neck to her well set tail. Typical head with such a lovely expression. In super coat and condition for 9 yr old. Nice to see that she still has sparkle on the move and showed drive and style albeit sometimes a little erratically! In the challenge for BVIS she was more collected and precise which won her this award.

MPB. 2

1. Jones's Gwendariff Rhianna - Very promising puppy of excellent make and shape and already with some substance but still retaining her femininity. Loved her head and cheeky expression. A well

balanced girl with good fore-hand assembly and nicely muscled hindquarters. Exuberant on the move, but once steadied moved soundly and with style. BPB. Was beaten for BPIS by her litter brother who was so much more collected both when standing and moving. However, this one the one I would have liked to take home!

2.Humphreys Henaleas Makinyourmindup – Another lovely puppy, not as forward as the class winner. Eye catching shape in profile and pleasing overall balance. Feminine head and expression. Moved happily but needs to tighten in front which should come as she matures and develops in chest and brisket.

PB.4 (1 abs)

1.Grisby's Marlland Lily On The Vallet by Sutereseett – Liked this girl for her type, size and overall construction and balance. She has an excellent front, strong bone and neat feet. Lovely head with well defined stop, dark expressive eyes and raised brow. In lovely coat and condition. Moved out well

2.Bott's Bardonhill Marie's The Name - Promising pup. Good ribbing, short strong loin, correct topline and well angulated quarters. A little unsettled on the move which will improve as she gains more confidence and tightens in front. Today I preferred the head of class winner. Beautiful rich dark coat.

3.Sansom's Bardonhill Little Sister

JB. 6 (1 abs)

1. Bott's Bardonhill Pacific Rose - Well-built young lady of lovely type. She has good reach of neck, deep in body, short strong loin and

already has well developed second thigh and strong quarters. A very sound mover with precise rear action. In lovely coat and condition

2.Holehan- Green's Loganrish Tiger Lilly Pearl - Elegant and racy in outline with excellent reach of neck flowing through to correct topline and tailset. Very feminine with super head and expression. Pleasing front action but not so positive on her rear as the class winner.

3.Webb's Alolfrana Whole Lotta Love with Redeshka

YB. 2(1 abs) - 1.Prangle's Clonageera It's A New Dawn at Heathclare JW, Lovely head on this girl, feminine and balanced with plenty of work, low set ears and raised brow. Dark expressive eyes of correct shape. She has good forechest and depth of brisket, moderate angulation fore and aft. Moved happily but a little proud of her tail today and has a tendency for close rear action – needs to be in harder condition.

NB. 3 (1abs)

1.Bott's Bardonhill Pacific Rose

2. Jones's Gwendariff Rhianna

GB. 10 (4 abs)

1.Humphreys Riverbrue Ophelia Bongos at Henaleas - Great outline on this girl with everything fitting together so well with no exaggerations. Not a big girl but a lovely neat feminine package, balanced throughout, well angulated and such a pretty head and expression. Very pleasing on the move with sound front and rear action, showing drive and forward extension and the bonus of a correctly carried, ever wagging tail. Reserve Best Bitch

2.Hall's Riverbrue Ophelia Love Glennara JW – Bigger build than her litter sister who was the class winner but still retains her feminine outline and their qualities are very similar. This girl had the advantage

of carrying a really lovely coat but was not as positive on the move as her sister today.

3.McDonald's Quensha Galway Girl

PGB.3

1.Holley's Gwendariff Thistle Be Jills at Wynjill. Quality bitch built on flowing lines. Appealed for her overall make and shape with straight front, good depth, and well ribbed body. Excellent quarters, long from hip to hock with short rear pastern, well defined second thigh and excellent bend of stifle. Shown in top class condition with a fabulous dark coat and good muscle tone. Really liked this girl and thought she may win top award today but although she moved ok her action was not as tidy and she didn't hold her profile shape quite as well as some of the others in the challenge.

2.Parson's Forfarian Flutter Yer Lashes at Branset – Lovely head with really dark eyes. Longer on the leg than class winner but still well balanced and presents an elegant outline. Sound and collected on the move with precise footfall. Not the coat of the class winner today.

3.Bott's Bardonhill Carry On Cleo JW

LB. 4 (2 abs)

1.Hall's Glennara Cherry Cola JW – Very feminine but with substance. Presented in full coat. of lovely colour. Good overall confirmation that for me fits the breed standard very well with everything flowing so smoothly together. Lovely head and eye, reachy neck and firm, gently sloping topline leading into strong wide quarters. Moved soundly, stylishly and with drive on a nice even stride using her tail, and in profile she showed good forward reach and held her outline very well. This won her this class and Best Bitch When challenging for BIS she seemed to be flagging a little and was pipped for BIS by the dog who was still full of beans. RBIS

2.Heather's Sixoaks My Fair Lady - from a bigger mould than class winner and a little rangier and longer cast but still presenting a pleasing outline and not overdone in any way. Good angulation fore and aft and once in her stride she used her well-developed quarters to advantage on the move. Feminine head and expression. Just preferred the finish of class winner

OB.8

1.Humphreys Alolfrana Miss Daisy at Henaleas JW – Feminine, medium sized girl. Balance head with low set ears, raised brow and dark expressive eyes. Flowing lines, well ribbed with good depth, correct topline, short muscular loin and strong quarters with lovely sweep of stifle. She moved with enthusiasm but was a little wide in front.

2.Frampton & Piggin's Sh Ch Riverbrue Cloudburst over Strathmead-quality bitch and although she is longer cast than class winner she still presents a typical outline. Well angulated shoulders, good length of neck, very good front, firm topline and well set tail all fitting together so smoothly. Moved well. Close decision but I just I preferred the head of class winner.

3.Heather's Sixoaks Leading Lady

Judge – Linda Taylor