HOME COUNTIES COCKER SPANIEL CLUB 20 OCTOBER 2013

My thanks to the society for inviting me to judge this well run show. Thanks also to my very capable stewards.

MPD [1] 1 and BPD Pops Manacas Ideas For Life With Bocablue, gold, well grown youngster with lovely bone and sufficient substance, super head with his liquid brown eyes hold a melting expression, straight front to good feet, well laid shoulders, firm topline to good croup and tailset, a little unsettled to begin with but moved out well once he settled.

MPB [4] 1 Herds Quintavia Fairy Dust Promising young lady with a super head and expression, well constructed front with well boned legs and good feet, compact body shape, enough spring of rib for age, sound and active mover. 2. Parkers Moya Black Petrs At Weyhill 8 mth black, another one with a most pleasing head and expression, good front with straight forelegs to well padded feet, sound mover just not quite as active as the winner, 3. Turnbulls Soroden Special Addition

PD [4,2abs] 1 Wyeths Fendrove Dizzee Rascal 11mth b/t. I liked the overall shape and balance of this dog, good head shape, correct bite, low set well furnished ears, clean neck, ribs well sprung for age, shown in good coat. However I found his front movement slightly exaggerated, I hope with maturity he collects himself together.2. Felsteads Chancegate Class Master, looking good in profile, compact body with good front and rear angulation, level topline to good croup, movement a little narrow when coming towards me.

PB [7,2abs] 1 and BB, BP, BIS and BPIS Drivers Courtmaster Songbird, absolutely gorgeous young lady, she had an air of confidence about her which showed in her head carriage and attitude, feminine chiseled head with a kind expression, correct bite, eyes of good colour but could be a little tighter however this should improve as her head matures, elegant neck, to well laid shoulders, good spring to ribs and well covered frame, moderate angulation and strong hocks, so sound from all directions and remarkably coordinated for such a youngster, never stopped showing right through to the end. In good coat and well handled. Would have taken her home in a flash! 2. Harris Melgrove Me and My Girl, quite different to the winner being a little shorter on the leg, appealing head and expression, well laid shoulders, in good coat and condition, effortless mover with good drive. 3. Wyeths Fendrove My time

JD [1] Wards Wensum Black Lightening, medium sized square black dog with good bone and substance. Immaculately presented, handsome head with dark eye, long well feathered ears, good topline, broad loin, moderate bend of stifle, strong quarters and short hocks allowing for good rear drive. Considered him for RBD but looking slightly immature in the challenge.

JB [3] 1 Felsteads Chancegate My Girl Annie Pleasing in profile with super and substance, I would have liked a more proportionate head as she is a little short in muzzle, ribs well sprung with good width of loin, well angulated quarters, most positive mover in the class. 2 Heights Fourtails Fenland Dawn, gold

girl whose head I preferred over 1, movement was sound and true but a better tail carriage would have added to her appeal . 3 Mercers Lilo Clarissa Bell

MD [0]

MB [5] 1 Hutsons Stobytil Eliza Doolittle 9 mth roan who was just a little more settled than the 2nd placed b, pretty head with good eye shape, correct bite, body developing nicely with good spring of rib for age and a level topline, well presented with good furnishings. 2 Wards Wensum Some Like It Hot. Black bitch who stacks up well, head needs to develop, very good front and feet, shown in very good coat and condition, not as settled or as positive on the move as my winner.3. Chancegate My Girl Annie

ND [0]

NB [8] 1 and RBB Crowleys Ashalon Kiss 'N' Run, 17 mth roan, so much to like about this girl, very smart and a beautiful shape, liked her head with good eye shape and colour, willing expression, good nose pigment, lovely feet, short body with well bent stifles, animated and free mover, 2. Wensum some Like it Hot 3. Kerrys Claramand Beauty in Blonde at Corbeara

PGD [5,3abs] 1 Pops Manacas Some Might Say at Bocablue. b/w dog with an appealing head and expression, pleasing overall but feet could be tighter and whilst he has decent bone I found him a little light in body which made him look a touch long, however with his strong quarters and short hocks he produced some of the best ground covering movement of the day and easily outmoved the dog in 2nd place. 2. Wests Sheigra Stargazer JW, stacked up this gold d was stunning, on going over him I found his coat to be perfectly groomed and his construction sound, he has a beautiful head and eye, compact in body with good spring of rib, however today he could not match the outstanding movement of the winner.

PGB [6,2] 1and RBB Wests Sheigra Shining Star JW liked this 2 yr black very much she has a stunning outline with everything where it should be, of immaculate presentation, lovely head with dark eye, long lobular ears, good neck and shoulders, firm topline and loin, moved with merry action.2. Pilkingtons Molkara Vuvuzela, black, loved the head on this girl which exuded femininity and alertness, short body with well covered ribs, moderate angulation, good tail carriage, close up to the winner but I just preferred 1's front and feet. 3 Herds Quintavia Rock N Rose

LD [3.1abs] 1 Moorats Sunnerset Moonlight Dancer 5 yr old black, smaller framed than 2nd but in proportion, classis outline with good bone although would have liked just a touch more length to his neck, in very good coat with well furnished ears and tail, tighter in front movement than 2. Harris Melgrove Carbon Copy, well muscled black, decent head with dark eye, well boned forelegs, good lay of shoulder and matching rear angulation, coat a little wavy. Moved well in profile but rather loose coming and going.

LB [2] 1 Rihoy Sunnerset Over The Rainbow 3 yr black who is pleasing in outline, feminine head, long well feathered ears, clean neck, good bone and substance, would have liked a little more forechest and although she was sound I felt she lacked the reach and drive of others in the challenge.2. Hutsons Carmelfair Tarrarrah At Stobytil, clearly this girl didn't want to be here today! She is well presented with a very nice head and expression and pleasing overall shape, firm topline and muscled quarters, rather reluctant to move.

OD [3] 1 and BD, RBIS Pilkingtons Molkara Crystal Knight At Brimbeck ShCM Cracking black that I have seen before, super head and expression with well developed skull, bright eyes, correct bite, clean neck, compact body with well developed forechest and deep brisket, correct croup, shown in good coat and condition. Splitting hairs between 1 and 2 and RBD Wests Sheigra Sugar Daddy With Donmyl JW, another beautifully presented black who is most definitely male,, coat gleamed under the lights, excellent bone and body, beautiful feet, moved out well off strong hocks, I just found his head a little strong for my preference but little else to fault him on. 3 Rihoys Sunnerset Moonlighting.

OB [1,abs]

SBD/B [6,3] 1 Drivers Beckaby Lunar Shadow 5 yr blue d, another confident exhibit from this exhibitor, good overall shape, masculine head, good eye and nose pigment, well constructed front assembly, well angulated quarters, moved with good drive. 2. Manacas some Might Say at Bocablue 3. Corbeara Quartz.

VD/B [5] 1 and BVIS Hutsons Genavieve Dream Warrior at Stobytil, couldn't believe this dog was 8 years old, his condition and movement belied his age, excellent front construction with good forechest and well boned forelegs, topline has remained firm and loin in strong, moved out well. 2. Drivers Springstein Stars Delight at Beckaby 8 yrs b, lost out to the winner on her feet which could have been tighter, however like the winner, movement and condition belies her age as she is sound and still moves with some verve. 3. Pops SH CH Manacas High on the Hog SH.CM

Bridgette Bodle