

I was delighted to be asked to judge at the Southern Afghan Club's 53rd Championship show on 7/12/2025. The SAC always have a welcoming, cheerful atmosphere. Thank you to the committee for putting on such a well-run show. A big thank you to my two stewards Pauline and Vikki, who kept the ring running smoothly and efficiently. I was looking for balance, type and movement. A few bitches were too fine with no bone or body. A few were far too overweight. It amazes me how people can show and still have knots in their dogs' coats under the armpits. On the whole, most had adequate front assembly and adequate shoulder placement. Not many had springy pasterns. They moved out but did not float. That said I was delighted with my final lineup. They were all feminine, balanced hounds of correct size and type.

Baby Puppy (no entries)

Minor Puppy (2)

1st Parsons – Shukriya the Memory Remains. 8-month shaded masked gold. Good head with chiselling. Big feet with springy pasterns. Super front assembly. Ringed tail. Well-bodied and muscled. Once settled flowed around the ring with effortless, long springy strides. RBPIs on referee's decision.

2nd Hughes - Istani Liza Minnelli Bl/M Pretty baby. Finer throughout than one. Showed and handled well.

Puppy 3 (0)

1st Parsons – Shukriya the Memory Remains

2nd James's - Cloudside Camomile at Simkhan. Sh/M gold with red saddle. Rangier puppy, full of exuberance. Gave her owner a hard time standing her. You have to love an Afghan! Saddle, ringed tail, Lovely Roman nose. Well bodied.

3rd Gunn & Cannon - Golddragon Bubble Bounce into Zushkhan (Imp ESP)

Veteran (6, 2abs)

1st Lancashire & O'Donnell Drishaun - Don't Gild the Lily CC BOS. My find of the day. Beautiful, stunning hound. Oozes breed type. At 7 years of age, she is in her prime. A joy to go over. Everything in the right place. Feminine typey chiselled head with dark triangular eye. Eastern aloof expression. Long neck into well-laid shoulders. Correct textbook balanced conformation. which she used to her advantage on the move. Good spring of rib and depth of chest. Correct feet and lay back of pasterns, low, strong hocks. Tip top condition. In typical Afghan style decided it was beneath her to challenge for BIS for the referee. Eventually, BOS in Show to a very handsome, stunning Bl/M gold dog.

2nd O'Donnell - Ch Drishaun Faith is Like a Lily for Javidan JW. Typey, feminine, beautiful, arrogant Brindle. Litter sister to 1st. Dark, well-shaped eye. Aloof expression. Deep chest. Balanced in shape, lovely outline.

3rd Adams - Ch Zandahar Just Tiger Lily JW ShCM VW

Junior (7, 2abs)

1st Dare - Sitana the Eternal at Lakarnadream JW. Bl/M silver. Beautiful typey

pretty bitch. Lovely, balanced body. Ringed tail. Correct front and rear angulation, which she used to her advantage on the move. One for the top drawer. I shall watch her career with interest.

2nd Humphreys - Drishaun Consider Me Taken. Pretty brindle of correct size and shape. Red saddle, ringed tail. Once settled, moved with purpose.

3rd Neilly & Moore - Cloudside Whispering Angel

Yearling (4, 3abs)

1st Goff - Drishaun Please Consider. Attractive black/brindle. Was 5th in a strong junior class. Balanced in outline. In excellent condition. Ringed tail. Once settled with her handler, you could see her lovely movement.

Graduate (3,3abs)

Brood bitch with progeny (1)

1st Sanghera - Tulak Driving Miss Daisy to Sitana. Beautiful, balanced S/M cream bitch. Lovely movement. It was a pure joy and delight to judge this class.

Congratulations to the breeders. She has produced lovely quality stock of correct conformation, type and movement. A credit to all the owners.

Post Graduate (3)

1st Lancashire & O'Donnell - Drishaun What Baby Wants. Typey S/M gold. Feminine, chiselled head with the prettiest long dark eyelashes. Balanced in outline. Tip top condition. Red saddle showing her pin bones. Ring tail. Dripping in coat. Strode out on the move.

2nd Humphreys - Joneca Eternal Flame. Sh/M Gold. Balanced in outline. Muscled. Moved well.

3rd Lorenzo Rivers - Prestigious How Will I Know

Mid Limit (1, 1abs)

Limit (9, 3abs)

1st Lancashire & O'Donnell - Drishaun A Gift of A Thistle (AI). S/M gold sparsely coated with deep red saddle. Attractive head with dark eye. Nothing to hide on this bitch. Well angled shoulders and upper arm. Balanced in outline. Correct feet.

Moved with free-flowing springy movement which covered the ground. Ringed tail. True Afghan. Very close decision in the final lineup. Delighted to award her the RCC.

2nd Sanghera - Sitana Love and Thunder. Sparsely coated, Balanced red bitch. Well off for bone. In excellent condition. Deep chest. Moved well.

3rd Lawson -Ball - Sitana Mystique at Zarcar

Open (6, 1abs)

Lovely open class of quality bitches. 1st Cross - Ch Syrdarya Lapsang Souchong with Gilari. Sh/M gold. Beautiful typey head with chiselling. Balanced in outline. Level top line. Moved with long, raking strides.

2nd Dowd & Malia - Ch Saxonmill Mirror Image. Bl/tan Attractive head and expression. Well-bodied in good condition. Moved well. Expertly handled. 3rd Lancashire & O'Donnell - Ch Drishaun Don't Call Me Baby

Rose Boyd-Coates - Judge