

I had been looking forward to judging bitches at the SAC show, which is held at a lovely venue, is well organised, and has such a good end of year atmosphere. My thanks too, for the kind attentive hospitality of the hard working committee members. What a good job they do.!

My stewards for the day were two with lots of experience - Tom Roberts and Yvonne Odell. Thank you both for keeping things moving and in order. One of the things I would like to see ended, is an exhibitor, often well known (or not), who stands with their exhibit in the line up but then lets a "runner" take over. Why not let the 'runner' do the full handling from the start.? No excuses like "I can't run".

The entries in early classes at championship shows for the last few years have been numerically low and disappointing in quality- which was evident today due to the low litter registrations of the recent past.

For me judging is about prioritising breed characteristics, conformation, and movement. I was looking for bitches with a style of high order and light on their feet moving with drive and extension. Often, a compromise has to be made when some elements are not present. Top lines should be level standing and on the move and these days one sees few exhibits that do both - and I think that is a common problem in the breed. It's there for ring siders to see at all the shows.

### **MPB 4(3)**

1st Della Rocca's **PRAMYA FABULOUS WAY UP**, black masked gold, sound enough coming and going, feminine bitch with a pretty head, well laid shoulder and desirable front and rear angles, gaited best in this class, perky mover, ring tail carried well.

2nd Bloor's **PASHTARI LADY CAVENDISH** black & tan of a pleasing type I am used to, good body condition, moved and showed quite well but not with the gait of the winner, topline needs to tighten up, attractive head shape with good eye shape and expression.

3rd Greenfield's **PASHTARI LADY WINDERMERE to PHLEZZI**

### **PB 3(2)**

Same as MPB

### **SPEC VET 7-10years 6(5)**

1st Metcalfe's **Ch CUBANBA NORTHERN STAR**, gold grizzle I have judged before, nicely constructed, good layback of shoulder, typey head and expression, in good body condition and for a veteran, moved freely with drive and extension.

Good topline for a veteran and a ring tail carried well on the move

2nd Hayes' **VALKOR SHE'S GOT THE LOOK OF SAKSFIFTH** brindle of pleasing type and in good body. Attractive head shape and expression. Quite stylish on the move with a well carried tail. Pressed the winner.

3rd Hitch's **Ch ZENDUSHKAS SPARKLING ROSE**

### **SPEC VET 10+ 3(3)**

1st Small's **METEWAND MAMABULA** cream domino, 11+ year old, lovely to go over, well laid shoulder and blend to withers, attractive head and expression, level topline on the move, sprightly mover which won her the class.

2nd Floyd's **Ch HUBSHE UZUME** black and tan of a lovely type, a really good body but a bit overweight which slowed her down. Well laid shoulder blended into the withers, good front angles, super coast and condition. Obviously well loved.

3rd Rhodes & Shaverneva's **Int Ch SHADOWFAX CIAO AGRIPPINA**

**JB 8(8)**

1st Dowd & Malia's **SAXONMILL LOVESTRUCK LUNA** never seen this bitch before and from the first look was drawn to lovely front angles placing the feet under the withers. One of the few with pro-sternum. Well laid shoulders blended into withers. reachy neck and head carriage, compact body with level topline standing and on the move. Excelled in head shape and type, pleasing eye shape and expression, ring tail carried well on the move, one of the few that was light on her feet. Neat presentation. This is one to watch for the future.

2nd Harding & Cowley's **KHASBEK LICENCE TO WIN AT ASHAHNI** I thought this bitch might be the class winner on the first run off, lovely shape and balance but somewhat taller than I like, lovely head and classy expression, reachy neck and good layback shoulder, longer cast than the winner, hook tail carried well, another one light on her feet, very stylish and beautifully presented.

3rd James' **GILARI VERMILLION VENUS**

**YB 7(5)**

1st Pascoe's **TIANZE CRYSTAL AT SARAKHAN** Black & tan of a pleasing type I am used to, balanced pleasing outline, plentiful coat beautifully presented, top line needs to be watched, typey head and expression, not the neck of the class second, moved stylishly with a well carried ring tail.

2nd Locket-Davies' **BONDOR GOLDEN AGE OVER RHAZMAKH** I thought this bitch was classy on the move, silver brindle with reachy neck topped with a lovely head and eyes. balanced proportions and well presented. Close decision but lost out to winner on tail,

3rd Lancashire & O'Donnell's **SHIMALMA MANGO SUNRISE OVER DRISHAUN**

**MB 2(2)**

1st James' **GILARI VERMILLION VENUS** shaded masked gold of pleasing type, she met tough competition in the junior class, nicely balanced to go over and a shaded masked head of quality, well presented, lots to like but needs to put more effort into moving. Well presented.

2nd Woodward & Oakley's **LAAVAS OPPORTUNITY SCENT** black and cream of a pleasing type, no glaring faults, pretty head with unusual attractive marking, reachy neck, earnest mover.

**NB 4(2)**

Same as Maiden bitch

**GB 7(6)**

1st Barley & Hitch's **ZHIVIAS SUNRISE SURPRISE OF ZENDUSHKAS** shaded masked red of a most super type, lovely to go over and so feminine, great head and expression, won this class fairly comfortably, firm topline, positive mover with type and style in bundles, a star of the future.

2nd Waggett's **JUST FOR YOU De KOULANGAR AT CLENAGH** a classy type of bitch, gold with all the breed attributes, quite a balanced outline, good level topline, ring tail carried well on the move, did not put in enough effort to beat the class winner

3rd Coombes' **ZILBEC ZILANDRA**

**BROOD B with PROG 2(1)**

1st Beck's **Ch METEWAND ONLIONE AT ZILBEC** Lovely bitch to go over and a classy line up of progeny to be proud of.

**PGB 15(11)**

1st Barley & Franklin-Barley's **ZHIVIAS NYGHT SILHOUETTE** black of lovely feminine compact proportions, at times we all saw flashes of brilliant movement and sometimes a bit erratic, full of vitality and awkward to cooperate with her handler, solid firm top line standing and moving, fair spring of rib and a brisket to the elbow, just the right angle of croup with ideal tail set on, tight ring tail and well carried. She was a whisker away from the top spot but had to settle for Res CC.

2nd Sanghera's **SITANA JOSHILA** a gold bitch of super type, well bodied and lovely to go over, desirable front and rear angles, reachy neck, complete with ring tail, moved out well but today did not have the sparkle of the winner, well presented

3rd Green, Barley & Powell's **GARAMOND WINEBERRY AT SOCHERA**

**MLB 7(6)**

1st Moon's **MARINGO DROP DEAD GORGEOUS** a lovely black & tan of a type that I am used to, all the breed characteristics arranged in an outline that is both balanced and functional, lovely head piece set on a reachy neck, just the right angle of croup and well set on ring tail carried well on the move. moved soundly with drive, won this class comfortably.

2nd Reid & McMaster's **ZILBEC ZELESSIA AVEC SEAPONDS** brindle of lovely shape moving with spring and very light on her feet, good drive and extension, excellent head and expression, ring tail, well presented and handled, unlucky to meet the class winner today

3rd Hughes' **GEZANCOL SAVING GRACE**

**LB 12(9)**

1st Small's **GARAMOND SPICEBERRY** black and tan of somewhat heavier type, a tad over weight which I think affected her performance on the move, nicely proportioned of a type that is familiar to me, broader in head than I like, but showing all the breed characteristics and well presented.

2nd Cheesman's **ZARAM ZARIA** a brindle of pleasing outline and balance with a reachy neck topped by an attractive headpiece with good expression, plenty of drive and enthusiasm, smooth gait with drive and extension, well presented. Pushed the winner hard.

3rd Greenfield & Race's **CALAHORRA FROM THE VIENNAWOODS**

**OB 11(10)**

1st House & Hinchliffe's **Ch JODAK'S PASSION IN BLACK** one I was not familiar with, a black with noticeable creamy white feet, oozes quality, balanced outline, comes to life on the move, handled and presented to perfection, so light on her feet moving with spring and style, covered the ground well when gaitting the ring. deserved the CC on this performance. I was thrilled that my co-judge agreed she would go Best in Show.

2nd Traversari & Hartigan's **ALTSIDE LALA SUZY** I was taken with the look and type of this quality bitch, feminine and just the right size and type, compact body with good front and rear angles, light on her feet and a stylish mover. she just could not match the enthusiasm of the winner. lovely presentation.

3rd Edwards & Appleby's **Ch VALKOR DARE TO STARE**

**JUDGE : Graham Parsell ( Harlextan)**

