

Scottish Beagle Club Open Show – Sunday 6th October 2019

Firstly, I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge their Open Show and I would also like to thank the exhibitors for bringing me some lovely hounds for me to go over. I had some difficult decisions to make in some classes. Overall condition on most was good although I am a little concerned about rear movement on the bitches. A special thanks to my stewards who kept the day flowing nicely.

VD (2,1) 1. Fallon & Watson, Newlin Anchor Chief AW(S) SHCM what a lovely hound to start my day, tnr dog not showing his age of 11yrs, lovely length of neck going onto good shoulders, ribs well back and level topline held. Well-muscled quarters which showed in profile movement, could not deny him BVIS. A credit to his owner. PD (6,2) 1. Craig's Davricard Jacob, another lovely tnr dog of only 10mths, one which I have admired at the ringside, showing great promise and ticks all the boxes, lovely type from head to foot, correct head and shape with soft expression sitting on good length of neck, loved his front assembly and over the body, ribs well back and holding a level topline at all times, sound solid movement which I could watch all day, was pleased to award him BPD, BD, BPIS & BIS, One to watch!! (2) Findlay's Rhiconich Domino, open marked 10mths tri dog, slightly heavier built than one with correct shaped head, would like to see slightly more length of neck but again good front and looking well over the body, sound solid quarters standing on nice tight feet. Preferred overall balance of 1. (3). Binks Tannahill New Discovery **JD (1)** 1 Snedden's Newlin Quickstep at Hardexpen, 12mths tri dog of good proportions, lovely head, neck and front, showing good angulations throughout, well-muscled, liked his profile movement but didn't seem at one with his handler today. **GD (5,3)** 1 Findlay's Rhiconich Domino 2 Snedden's Newlin Quickstep at Hardexpen **PGD (4,1)** 1 Findley's Fallowfield Adored at Rhiconich, faded tri of good proportions, well-muscled, sound mover, preferred his topline and tail set (2) Snedden's Fallowfield Evolution at Hardexpen, quite a strong head for me but good solid sort, good movement in profile and correct angulations. Thought he looked slightly heavy in front today. (3) McAulay Finmorlan Rufus **LD (4.1)** 1. Findlay's Rhiconich Rhys, head of good length and shape, showing correct stop. Liked his shoulder placement and muscle tone, would like to see more of a level topline on the move but showing good drive from behind. Well handled. (2) Snedden's Fallowfield Evolution at Hardexpen (3) Binks & Stewart Beighleigh Bilberry **OD (2)** 1. Binks CH Tannahill Kent, black blanket tri of lovely type, good bone all round with correct angulations, clean over the shoulders, ribs well back with good tuck-up, correct ear and tail set and nice tight feet. Would like to see slightly more second thigh, put on a solid performance but shame to meet my BD in good form RBD, just pipped by the bitch for RBIS 2. Findley's Rhiconich Jarvis, another black blanket tri, stronger head than one but of good shape and length, with correct ear set. A balanced hound with good movement in profile and coming and going, preferred length of neck and head of 1. **VB (5,1)** .1 Hartland's Newlin Inkspot at Fairleedale, 8yr old open marked tri of good sort, nice soft expression with good stop and correct ear set. OK for neck length and well off for bone, liked her rear movement, slightly wide in front today which lost her BVIS. 2. Arden's Barterhound Rosebud at Madika, another 11yr old not showing her age, loved her attitude to showing. Finer build to this bitch than 1 but all in proportion, loved her free stack, moved well in profile just a little close behind. 3. Bink's & Stewart's Dughalmore Tallulah Bell. **PB (5,3)** 1. Craig's Davricard Saffron, 9mth old tri bitch with a lovely soft expression, good straight front, loved her over the body and rear assembly, well off for bone and nice tight feet, sound movement in profile and coming and going for one so young.

Would personally just like a bit more neck. BPB. 2. Binks Tannahill New Fashion, 8mths black blanket tri of finer mould than one, lovely length of neck and front assembly, nice tight feet, slightly longer cast, level topline held on move, showing good profile movement, just preferred 1 over the body. **JB (6,1)** Very close between first two 1. Binks Tannahill Look Lively, another black blanket tri from this kennel and still a puppy, nice head with a soft expression, good dark pigment and correct length leathers. Quite plain over the body in markings but a nice outline and good movement. Just felt she needs to tighten which I'm sure will come with maturity. 2. Findlay's Rhiconich Helena, tnw bitch with nice round bone, loved her soft expression and length of neck, maturing nicely and showing good muscle tone for age, she just had a tendency to throw her front today. 3. Binks & Stewart's Dughallmore Peggy Sue. **GB (5,2)** 1. MacDonald's Finmorlan Ruby, quite a solid type of good shape, correct angulation throughout, good head and neck going onto correct shoulders, she was my best mover in class, a bit uneasy at times. 2. Morrison's Bowerswell Lamm Tarra, tnw of finer mould than one, liked her head piece and rear angulation, solid profile movement, just toed in slightly in front today. 3. Burgess Rosroden Hell Shes Agoodun. **PGB (6,2)** 1. Binks & Stewart's Devinbrae She's On Fire, open marked tri, lovely shape to this hound and best mover of the class, well off for bone, good lay of shoulder and correct rear angulation, would just like to see a bit more neck. 2. Fitzpatrick's Blunderhall Moonwalker, another nice houndy type with a good outline over the body, good bone and nice tight feet, sound front movement just a tad close behind. 3. Hartland's Franjean Check Me Out at Fairleedale (IMP Pol) . **LB (7,2)** Best Class of the day 1. Findlay's Rhiconich Primrose, this bitch caught my eye on entering the ring, on the stack she looked the picture with everything in the right place. Beautiful head and expression with a lovely arch of neck, she is so sound both ways and in profile, level topline held at all times. Was a hard decision for BIS but just preferred balance of my dog on the move in the challenge. 2. Binks Dialynne Popcorn, another sound bitch on the move with good reach and drive, slightly heavier head with an appealing expression and dark eye, lovely bone, nice tight feet, good straight front, well ribbed back and good tuck-up. Preferred head piece of one. 3. Arden's Madika Spot On JW ShCM AS(G). **OB (3,2)** 1. Bowerswell Fara, faded tri houndy type, good shoulder placement and rear angulations, short backed with correct tailset, free flowing profile movement, carrying a bit too much weight today.

Brace (3,1) 1. Ardens, moved well together and showing a happy pair of hounds. Well matched and moved out well together coming and a going. In sync around the ring, very well handled. 2. Hartland, another nice set of hounds, one a bit more forward movement than the other so slightly out of sync but well handled.

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