

# Judge's Critique AICSS Breed Open Show, May 2014

## ***Judge: Irene Grant (Marcolem)***

My thanks to the committee of the AICSS for inviting me to judge their Open show on 17/5/14. It was a huge honour and a great treat for me. My sincere thanks also to the exhibitors who entered and showed on the day for allowing me to go over their dogs. Thanks also to Marie, my best friend, who stewarded on the day and kept us all on our toes and Jagen who was a great help also.

I found quality to be excellent, movement to be generally good, tail carriage to be excellent and coats were well groomed and clean without exception.

My critique, (as much of it as was rescued from the four corners of the field due to the wind) is as follows:

**Class 1.** Baby puppy, dog or bitch. No entry.

**Class 2** Minor puppy dog. 2 entries. Both absent.

**Class 3** Puppy dog. 1 entry

Puppy dog. 1. Conway's Chantique Errol Flynn of Alwaycon. 10 months gsw. Lovely young dog, lovely head pattern, beautiful eye and ears on top, good reach of neck, shoulder and angulation, moved and showed steadily. **Best puppy in Show**

**Class 4.** Junior dog. 3 entries. 2 absent.

Junior dog. 1. Carr/Colclough, Donohill back from the Bronx. 13 months old s/w. Excelled in head and eye. Ears right on top giving beautiful expression. Well coated and showed non stop. Would have preferred a little more drive on the move but he is still very young.

**Class 5.** Intermediate dog. No entry.

**Class 6.** Open dog. 9 entries. 3 absent

Open dog. 1. Hodsons Moyhill Ace of Clubs. 2 year old tricolour. I really liked this boy. Masculine dog with plenty of bone and substance. Head handled well with good stop, good underjaw and lovely dark eye. Bit slow to use his ears which i forgave when all else was taken into account. Great reach of neck, good shoulder and length of body, good spring of rib. Covered with harsh black coat and tans nice and rich. Moved well coming and going. Pleased to award him **Best Dog**

2. Watkinsons, Into the rough at Tegan. 4 year old b/m. Honest sound dog, with a lot to like. good ears and expression. Moved and showed well.

3. Carr/colcloughs Donohill Nat King Cole.

4. Ball, Durham Ladys King

**Class 7.** Champion dog. 2 entries. 1 absent.

Champion dog. 1. Hollywood/Waterhouse Ch Amalie Lynmead Love to Hug. 3 years old gsw. Have admired this boy many times from the ringside. A privilege to go over him, presented in lovely coat

and condition with everything as it should be, not in tune with his handler today, possibly distracted with proceedings outside the ring? Accordingly just lost out on top spot to a very good tricolour but couldn't be denied **Reserve Dog**.

**Class 8.** Veteran dog. No entry.

**Junior handler.** 1. Sean Ralph,. 14 year old who sympathetically handled his exhibit, showing her both moving and standing to advantage. Well done, stood alone but a very worthy 1st and best junior handler.

**Class 12.** Minor puppy bitch. 1 entry. Absent

**Class 13** puppy bitch. No entry.

**Class 14.** Junior bitch. 6 entries. 3 absent.

Junior b. 1. Kellys Rowlands Abbie the Beautiful Lass. 14 months old s/w. lovely head and eye, ears on top. Loved her expression, nice conformation allowing her to move well, very attentive to her handler.

2. Walls Birkmyre Blue Bouquet. 17 months old b/m. Different type to 1, found her a little heavy in ear which spoilt her expression for me, moved well.

3. Kings Monsolana Lime Flavour of Rossbethany. 16 months b/m. Glamorous girl who had left her coat and her confidence at home today. Will look forward to seeing her when she finds them.

**Class 15.** Intermediate bitch 2 entries.

Intermediate b. 1 Seales Rowlands Blaithin Beag. 22 months old b/m. nice eye and ear carriage. Super coat and condition, moved well.

2. Watkinsons Macortofts Rose for my life at Wassail. 22 months s/w. Lovely girl, could have reversed her placing here today but was totally disinterested in proceedings. Lovely head, eye ear carriage and expression, loved her make and shape. Moved well.

**Class 16.** Open bitch. 12 entries. 2 absent.

Open b. Wonderful class, could have done with a few more cards as quality was so high. Split hairs - literally between my first and 2nd placings.

1. Battigans Myafreya Gold of Roclynn. 6 yo Beautiful shaded sable b. Classic head with darkest almond eye, correct stop and perfect ear carriage. Loved her conformation, lovely reach of neck, good shoulder and length of back with slight rise over loin and good turn of stifle. Was inclined to be a bit playful on the move but when corrected moved out beautifully. **Best Bitch and Best In Show**

2. Walls Birkmyre Blue Diamond. 4 yo b/m b. Another super quality girl. Pushed hard for first place, beautiful expression, just found her to be slightly narrower in foreface than my winner. Presented in tip top condition. Moved with power and drive. **Reserve Bitch and Reserve bis.**

3. Farrells Belrah Popcorn Surprise.

4. O'Briens Belrah Maggies Delight at Domlin.

**Class 18.** Veteran bitch. No entry.

**Class 19.** Brace 2 entries. 1 absent

Brace. 1 Drewerys Brikazie no Bling needed for Elshadene *and* Demelewis Fable Moon over Elshadene.

**Class 20** Best tricolour. 3 entries.

1. Ball. Rosschell Kiss'n the Dark at Durham.
2. Seales Wassail French Princess at Rowlands.

**Class 21** Best blue merle. 3 entries 1 absent.

- 1 Kings Monsolana Lime Flavour
2. Seales Rowlands Blaithin Beag.

**Class 22** Best sable and white 5 entries. 1 absent.

Sable and white. 1 drewerys Brikazie No bling needed for Elshadene.

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