

Smooth Collies

Thank you to the friendly committee for the lovely welcome, and thank you Tony for your efficient stewarding. It was disappointing to see an entry of 18 Smooths reduced to just 8 on the day, but there was sufficient quality present to make it a pleasurable occasion and I was thrilled to see my BOB go through to BIS on the referee's decision.

Veteran (3,2)

1. Lister's Ch Eridor I'm Mr Blu At Newarp (imp). A grand old b/m 'gentleman', approaching his tenth birthday, who needs no introduction. He is still able to move soundly keeping his topline level. Sometimes he appears a little lack lustre but today he was on his toes and his expressive ears made all the difference to his overall expression. Pleased to award him BD/RBOB/BVIB/BOSIS.

Puppy (1,1)

Junior (2,1)

1. Peacock's Blamorder Back To The Start For Saraneth. 17 month tri b of correct size with good conformation though a trifle long in loin. Good reach of neck and ample angulation fore and aft with neat feet. Balanced clean head of good length but would prefer more underjaw and sweeter eye. Showed well and moved freely with drive.

Postgraduate (3,1)

1. Benton's Oakestelle Venus de Milo. B/m b of correct height/length ratio with lovely clear colour. Elegant and well balanced bitch with great ring presence. Quite liked her as a puppy and she is maturing into a real eye-catcher with so many of the good qualities of her dam. Super construction with good reach of neck and good forechest, ample angulation and sufficient depth of chest. Balanced head of good length with flat skull, sufficient underjaw and superb ear placement and carriage. To be critical would prefer slightly sweeter eye. She stood and showed with dignity and moved soundly with good drive. A well deserved BB/BOB and BIS.
2. Glover's Oakestelle Indie Rock At Stormsett. Tri sister to class winner. Similar qualities but preferred ear carriage of Venus. A little unsettled today.

Limit (4,1)

1. Burton's Glencorrie Sunsationelle. 7 ½ years sable b, so typical of the breed. She has elegance and ring presence with well balanced head and sweet expression though would prefer ears a tad tighter. Good angulation and depth of chest, with good forechest, and level topline. Moved freely. RBB/BVB.
2. Benton & Woods' Oakestelle Vivaldi. Tri brother to Venus and Indie, again of similar type. Head a little heavy for me and failed in expression though good body shape with sufficient substance, depth of chest and spring of rib. Excitable on the move. RBD.
3. Leach's Manordeifi Dionysus At Hilltarn.

Open Dog (2,2)

Open Bitch (3,2)

1. Lister's Manordeifi Miss Daisy At Newarp JW. Three year old tri b with good conformation and correct angulation fore and aft, level topline and plenty of heart room. Clean and well balanced head of good length which handled well. Although she was a little unhappy in the hall and a bit overweight, this did not detract from her sound movement.

The BIS challenge was between the b/m Smooth b Oakestelle Venus de Milo and the tri Rough b Bermajo Black Pearl At Bellcot. As the Rough judge and I begged to differ on BIS, the referee was called and I was delighted when he gave the nod to the Smooth Collie. I was in agreement with my co-judge that all other major awards should go to the Roughts.

Pat Hutchinson (Judge)