SOLID COLOURS COCKER SPANIEL ASSOCIATION OPEN SHOW 28.4.12

Thank you to the Officers and Committee and to my efficient stewards for a lovely day at Roade. Most of all thank you to the exhibitors for such a lovely entry of so many quality dogs. It was an honour for me to judge them; there were some classes where masculine dogs came up against feminine bitches and vice versa, which resulted in some very close decisions.

BIS: Warrington's Zakova Hypnotist JW. RBIS: Gain's Molkara Magician JW. BOS: Young's Canyonn Classic Harmony. BPIS: West's Sheigra Sundae Best. BMPIS: Costello's Judika Arizona. BVIS: Marris-Bray's SH CH Helenwood Irresistabelle.

Red, Gold, Liver, Liver & Tan: Sp P (3) 1 West's Sheigra Sundae Best. Masculine headed dog, dark expressive eye, up to size but well put together with bone and substance, tight feet, good ribbing, level topline, good tailset, in lovely coat and condition, strode out well. 2 Thomas's Claramand Arrifana Apollo. Another nice gold dog, well chiselled head, dark eye and gentle expression, good neck and shoulder, well boned legs and tight feet, strong body, he just needs to gain more confidence on the move, close up to 1. 3 Marris-Bray's Helenwood Kaiser.

Sp J (2) 1 Young's Canyonn Classic Illusion JW. Balanced dog of nice type, charming head with kind expression, good front and feet, well placed shoulders, bone and substance, short deep body well sprung ribs, level topline, short hocks moved well in lovely condition. 2 Blackley & Solero's Wightroche Gemstone. Lots to like about this pretty gold bitch, feminine head and dark eye, good angulation front and rear, reachy neck, good ribs, well bodied with level topline, moved and presented well.

Sp G (4, 2) 1 Young's Canyonn Classic Harmony. Lovely eye catching balanced golden girl of lovely type, feminine head with melting expression, good neck and shoulders, legs and feet, short deep body, level topline, in first class condition she moved well with style, felt she just had the edge over her litter brother today. 2 Hartnett's Glenntree Gondolier. Strong headed golden boy, lovely dark eye, well built dog with good bone and substance, really enjoyed his day, tail did not stop wagging, moved out well.

Sp O (1) 1 Hutchings Cascadia I Chico at Beechtops. Masculine headed red dog, strong boned legs with tight feet, well made, compact well ribbed body, presented in good coat and condition, moved well when settled.

Black, Black & Tan: Sp P (7, 2) 1 West's Sheigra Sugar Daddy with Donmyl. Lovely headed male with dark expressive eyes, good reach of neck, well put together with ample bone, substance and depth of body, level topline, well-angulated rear, moved positively and presented well in good coat. 2 Webster's Asquanne Gracedieu. 3 Costello's Judika Colorado.

Sp J (3) 1 Costello's Judika Full Moon. Eye-catching black dog I have judged before, he has matured well, super head and charming expression. good neck, deep chest, wellsprung ribs, well muscled hindquarters, level topline, lovely mover and so well presented and handled. 2 Hutchings Beechtops Double Take. Black bitch, pretty head and expression, nice type, well made front, short compact well ribbed body, with good topline and width over loin, in good coat and condition, moved soundly. 3 Marris-Bray's Helenwood Amabovvered.

Sp G (9) 1 Gain's Molkara Magician JW. Well marked black and tan, masculine head and eye, deep forechest, well boned legs and tight feet, lovely neck and shoulder, good spring of rib, short coupled width over loin, well angulated hindquarters in first class condition, moved so well around the ring with presence. 2 Costelllo's Judika Full Moon. 3 Thomas's Claramand So La-De-Da.

Sp O (1) 1 Blackley & Solero's Glenntree Ruby Slippers JW Sh CM. Feminine elegant black and tan girl, lovely outline, attractive head, dark eye, good lay of shoulder, short coupled, width over loin, well angled rear, moved with drive off short hocks with immaculate presentation.

Any Solid Colour: Sp MPD (2) 1 Costello's Judika Arizona. Black and tan dog, good markings, lovely head and eye, well put together with well-boned legs and catlike feet, short coupled, level topline, moved well and presented in super coat and condition. 2 Thomas's Fendrove Clowning Around at Claramand. Another nicely made black and tan boy, good head and eye, level topline, good ribs, short coupled, a little apprehensive on the move but went well when settled.

Sp MPB (2) 1 Warrington's Fendrove Funny Girl at Zakova. Black and Tan bitch, well marked, appealing ultra feminine head and sweet expression, good bone and tight feet, nicely angulated, width over loin, good topline and tail set in lovely coat, she moved well with confidence on her first outing. 2 Brown's Mweenish Moonshine Miranda. Compact black bitch with substance, feminine head, good legs and tight feet, excellent barrelled ribs, not the topline of 1 but moved well in good coat and firm condition.

Sp PD (4, 1) 1 West's Sheigra Sundae Best. 2 Hillary's Sheigra Mr Snuggles. Nicely put together black male, well shaped head and kind eye, ample bone and substance, good ribbing, presented well, not so positive on the move as 1. 3 Marris-Bray's Helenwood Kaiser.

Sp PB (1) 1 Webster's Asquanne Gracedieu. Short, compact balanced black bitch, lovely appealing feminine head and expression, nice type, good neck and shoulder, well ribbed, short in loin, level topline with well angulated rear, immaculately presented, moved more positively in this class.

Sp J (3) 1 Young's Canyonn Classic Harmony. 2 Costello's Judika Full Moon. 3 Marris-Bray's Helenwood Amabovvered.

Sp N (2) 1 Walker's Charbonnel Etiquette of Brackenjack. Feminine, attractive black bitch, sweet head, expressive eye, well put together with good quality ribs, short coupled, width over loin, level topline and tailset, in beautiful coat and condition, merry on the move. 2 Blackley & Solero's Wightroche Magical Knight. Well marked Black and tan dog, good head and eye, ample bone, tight feet, well angulated front and rear, well sprung ribs, level topline, in immaculate coat and condition, moved well.

Sp G (8) 1 Young's Canyonn Classic Harmony. 2 Thomas's Claramand So La-De-Da. Stylish Black and Tan, feminine appealing head and eye, good neck and shoulders well-made ribs, strong topline, correct tailset, in lovely bloom, moved with drive. 3 Marris-Bray's Helenwood Black Ice.

Sp PG (6, 1) 1 Warrington's Zakova Hypnotist JW. Black dog with fabulous chiselled head and gentle expression, well boned legs, tight feet, deep well sprung ribs, short bodied with substance, strong topline, good bend of stifle he drove around the ring with style in full perfectly presented coat. 2 Webster's Asquanne Grail. Balanced black dog, nice type, typical head with gentle expression, good neck and shoulders, compact, short in loin, well angulated rear, moved positively and presented in first-rate condition. 3 West's Sheigra Swing On A Star JW.

Sp Beg (8, 4) 1 Reed's Delindere Shez Dazzling. Gold bitch pretty head, tight eye good bone and feet, nice neck and shoulder, well sprung ribs, short coupled, level topline, bend of stifle, short hocks in lovely coat, flowed around the ring. 2 Amatt's Molkara B'Daring. Masculine headed black dog with depth and substance, good width, holding a level topline, moved out and presented well. 3 Hutchings Beechtops Double Take.

Sp OD (3, 1) 1 West's Sheigra Starstruck JW. Pleasing headed black dog, lovely eye, good substance, and width, short-coupled with good rear angles, strong mover in firm condition. 2 Gostelow's Domneva Dionysus. Good head and eye, nicely made with substance and width over loin, in good coat just not the movement of 1. **Sp OB** (1) 1 West's Donmyl Dominica at Sheigra JW. Good head and expression, ample bone and feet, straight front, well-laid shoulders strong in body with barrelled ribs cockery and exhuberant on the move, well presented coat.

Sp V (4, 1) 1 Marris-Bray's Sh Ch Helenwood Irresistabelle. What can be said about this lovely feminine bitch that hasn't already been said, appealing head and eye, straight front, well placed shoulders, has depth and width with good ribs and so well balanced all through, extremely merry and positive on the move holding a level topline. 2 West's Sheigra Sixties Song JW. Lovely Black and tan girl with good markings, attractive head and lovely expression, good angles, level topline and in good condition for her age, she was so exuberant and merry on the move. 3 Reed's Claramand Thriller Queen for Delindere.

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