

THE SOLID COLOURS Cocker Spaniel Assoc

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Special Awards Classes

Judge – Lynda Nicholas (Nickarlyn)

I would like to thank the officers and committee for inviting me to judge the Special Award Classes: my 2 stewards and of course many thanks to all exhibitors for giving me the opportunity to go over their dogs. There was a lovely atmosphere within the hall in contrast to the rather stormy weather that many endured on their journey to support their colour club. I was also honoured to “judge” the puppy walk – 4 fabulous very little ones plus 2 having some ringcraft practice.

SPECIAL AWARDS PUPPY (3,1)

Both 6 month old black babies who made their owners work pretty hard in the ring today. With a bit more ring experience they will both confidently “strut their stuff on the catwalk”

1 Thomas Claramand’s The Maverick. Black male shown in correct puppy coat for his age. Head still to develop, but dark kind eyes with tight rims gave a lovely expression. Good body proportions and angulations, with time on his side for his frame to develop and mature. Reluctant to move but showed me just enough to demonstrate that he can do it when he concentrates on the job in hand.

2 Turner Dartemis Bring on the Night. Feminine bitch puppy with a sweet expression. Good neck leading to well angulated shoulders. For her age enough bone and nicely sprung ribs, presents a balanced picture when stacked - just needs time to develop. A little erratic on the move but again showed me enough. Lovely happy temperament.

SPECIAL AWARDS POST GRADUATE (5,1)

1 Kew Withiflor Bird on the Wire over Wyllyeview. 20 months bitch with correct jet black jacket that gleamed - presented beautifully. Very feminine balanced head, lovely eye giving that sweet expression. Good neck leading into sloping shoulders and good return of upper arm. Compact body of correct proportions and whilst ultra-feminine she had strong bone, straight legs finished off with the best of feet. Nice rounded bum, and short below the hocks. On the move plenty of reach and drive from hindquarters.

2 Grist Kasordon Firestarter. Well-presented black male 2 years old. Handsome head with good muzzle, pleasing eye giving a gentle yet masculine expression. Muscular neck flowing into well set shoulders. Deep brisket with good front and rear angulations. square body with short loin and strong hindquarters. Correct body proportions would just like a tiny bit more of him. Once settled covered the ground holding his topline,.

SPECIAL AWARDS OPEN (2,1)

1 Turner Dartemis Fields of Gold. Gold bitch just out of junior and dripping in correctly textured coat. Correct stop and set/shape of eyes giving a sweet expression. Shown in good hard body condition. Well off for bone, balanced angulations front and back presented a pleasing outline. Moved soundly maintaining a level topline. A very outgoing young lady, with great breed temperament.