

BMTC Open show 2023 results & critique.

25th February 2023

BB & BIS Bennett's Eaglespur Full of Charm

RBB & RBIS Straughan & Cripps' Talanors Time to Shine at Mannikai

BD & BOS O'Neill's Megellan Artemis Argentis

RBD Spain's Ch. Talanors Diamond Tornado

BPB & BPIS Plant's Spring Wren at Plantocracy

BPD Gray & Travis' Clanmarshal Edwardian Star

BVIS Barlow's Nightfury Bold Venture, JW ShCM

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Judge elect had to withdraw from this appointment so, with good notice, I was asked if I would be prepared to bring forward my 2024 appointment. This I was happy to do. I am sure that Suzanne will get as much pleasure from judging next year as I did this year. A warm welcome awaited me together with a quality entry. Bites were all good as was colour although the lovely rich tan markings were, naturally, beginning to fade in some of the older dogs.

Veteran Dog (3:2) 1. Straughan & Cripps Talanors In For A Treat. Spritely, well-muscled 7 year old. Handsome, wedge shaped head. Dark eye. Good ears. Long, strong Neck. Good depth and spring of rib. Correct top line with slight

arch over loin. Moderate angulation to front and quarters. Moved well.

Minor Puppy Dog (1) 1. Mallinson's Holtaire Rasmus. Raw baby of 7 months. Pleasing head, perhaps a bit full in eye. Ears were fine. Long neck, well-made front and quarters. Correctly set tail. In good body condition, short loin. Appeared rather uneasy and was having some comment to make!

Puppy Dog (1) 1. Gray & Travis' Clanmarshal Edwardian Star. Happy chap with delightful temperament. Pleasing head with length to foreface, would prefer better ear carriage. Good length of neck, adequate lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Good body, deep ribs. Moderate quarters. Nice outline. A bit proud of his tail rather today. Moved with purpose. Best Puppy Dog

Junior Dog (0)

Beginners Dog(0)

Post Graduate Dog (2) 1. Bunning's Ysabelkid Dusty Fog. Tall well-balanced dog of 20 months. Dark, almond shaped eye. Long, clean neck. Well laid shoulder with upper arm bringing forelegs well under his body. Deep ribs. Muscular, well-made quarters with good bend to stifle. Correctly set and carried tail. Moved well and professionally handled. 2. Bratcher's Rattustrap Dark Matters at Carnifex. Smaller dog with nice outline. Pleasing head, dark eyes but ears were somewhat wayward! Balanced angles front and rear. Level top line with rise over loin. Not the movement of 1. Carried his tail rather high.

Limit Dog (3:2) O'Neill's Megellan Artemis Argentis. Smart looking, 4 year old. Handsome, balanced, head. Dark, sparkling eyes. Keen expression. Good ear set. Clean crested neck. Strong top line, deep ribs, short sturdy loin. Clean well laid shoulders. Muscular quarters. Shown in good, fit condition. Presented a lovely outline and was alert and on his toes. Moved well. Best Dog & Best Opposite Sex in Show.

Open Dog (5) 1. Spain's Ch. Talanors Diamond Tornado. Nicely marked 6 ½ year old of standard size. Dark, well-shaped eyes, alert expression. Good shoulder and front. Deep chest. Strong top line with rise over the loin. Short, Well set and carried tail. Muscular quarters with good bend to stifle. Moved well. Happy temperament. Reserve Best Dog. 2. Barlow's Ch Talanors Time for Magic. Slightly smaller in stature than 1 but retaining substance. Wedge shaped head, neat ears, set well. Dark eye. Strong neck to well laid shoulder. Deep chest, well-angled quarters. 3. Plant's Plantocracy Bold Bruce.

Veteran Bitch (4:2) Two lovely 8 year olds. 1. Barlow's Nightfury Bold Venture, JW ShCM. Lovely outline. Neat ears, dark eye. Deep chest. Well bodied. Matching angles to front and quarters with correct top line. Moved well. Best Veteran in Show. 2. Boot's Ttombowor Princess Phoebe for Harliboo. Slightly larger girl, enthusiastic on the move. Good head shape with dark eyes. Reasonable Ears. Nicely made front and well-constructed quarters. Preferred the shorter body of the winner. Moved well.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2) 1. Plant's Spring Wren at Plantocracy. Best Puppy Bitch. At just 6 months old, she

was a little unsure to start but soon gained confidence. Lovely shape. Attractive head, long neck. Dark eyes. Strong top line to correctly set and carried tail. Well-built quarters. Needed to settle in movement but got her act together in the challenge for Best Puppy in Show. 2. Entwistle's Holtaire Runa. 7 months old presenting a nice outline. Shiny coat of good texture but, unfortunately, she wasn't settled on the move. Well angled quarters, needs to strengthen in front which will come with maturity. Pleasing head and expression. Ears need to settle.

Puppy Bitch (2) 1. Watkins' Rooksblack Midnight Bella. Lovely outline, in good condition. Wedge shaped head with correctly shaped, dark eye. Would prefer better ear carriage. Long neck to good front, deep chest. Well angled quarters. Movement was a bit erratic. 2. O'Boyle's Plantocracy Goddess Gloria. Long, well-shaped head of finer build than 1. Dark eyes. Good neck. Deep brisket. She appeared of good construction but, sadly, was not happy being handle so not easy to assess. Her reluctance also impacted on her movement. I do hope she gains confidence.

Junior Bitch (2) 1. Sharpe's Rosettia Keepsake. Quality bitch with a good outline. Attractive well shaped head. Dark almond shaped eye. Correctly set and carried ears, although one ear appeared to still be settling. Good length of neck with crest. Well-made front with good lay of shoulder and forelegs well under her body. Deep ribbing with good top and underline. Muscular quarters. Correctly set and carried tail. Good coat texture. Free mover. Considered for top honours. 2. O'Boyle's Rattustrap Happy To Be Here at Ruffagga. Enthusiastic show girl with

delightful temperament. Good head with length to foreface. Would prefer better ears. Dark eyes, good neck. Strong top line with correct rise. Well angled quarters. Preferred the more settled presentation of 1.

Beginners Bitch (0)

Post Graduate Bitch (5) 1. Bennett's Eaglespur Full of Charm and, indeed, she is. Quality 2 ½ years old. Super, long, well balanced head, neat, correctly carried ears, dark almond shaped eyes with good expression. Clean, crested neck and deep, well sprung ribs. Strong bone and good body condition. Muscular well-made quarters with good bend of stifle and correctly carried tail. Presented a lovely profile with good top and under line. Sound on the move holding her outline. My find of the day – Best Bitch and Best in Show. 2. Lomas' Hurrockheath Miss Emmeline. Neat bitch similar in outline to 1. Nice ear set, dark sparkling eyes. Compact body. Good top line. Well set tail. Preferred the hind construction of the winner. 3. O'Boyle's Plantocracy Hermione at Ruffagga

Limit Bitch (1) 1. O'Neill's Magicus Silvestris Sweet Bonnie at Magellan (Imp) Delightful bitch of 17 months. Neat, elegant outline and gleaming coat. Attractive head, dark eye, neat ears. Strong neck. Deep chest, good underline, solid top line. Well-made quarters with good bend of stifle. Correctly set and carried tail. Good temperament.

Open Bitch (6:1) A quality class which made decision making challenging. 1. Straughan & Cripps' Talanors Time to Shine at Mannikai Reserve Best Bitch & Reserve Best in

Show. Solidly built but retaining elegance. Sparkling, well-shaped eyes, strong clean neck. Well set ears. Deep chest and good forechest. Matching angles fore and aft. Shown in lovely body condition. Good temperament. Moved well. Slightly smaller in stature than the rest in the class 2. Rudd's Digelsa Dark Velvet. Similar in shape and outline to 1. Balanced head, dark eyes with lovely expression. High set ears. Clean neck to good shoulder and front. Strong, well angled quarters. Moved well. 3. Olbinson & Kelly's Rattustrap Citra at Carapast

Junior Handling 6-11 Years (1) Ch.Talanors Time for Magic. Expertly shown by her young, 8 year old handler who paid attention and listened to instructions. Her dog was sympathetically handled on the table and moved around the ring at the correct pace. Well done.

Brace (3:1) 1. O'Neils. Well-matched twosome who moved in unison 2. Spain's. Another well matched pair but the younger girl decided she was not going to co-operate!

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