

## **The Flatcoated Retriever Society Championship Show**

### **Held at The Kennel Club Building Stoneleigh Kenilworth**

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017**

It was a great privilege and honour to be invited to judge bitches at the 41<sup>st</sup> FCRS championship show especially as my wife Sue was also selected by the ballot to judge dogs, I am told it was a first for a husband and wife to judge the show together.

The Show committee had as usual made the hall look great, I know an awful lot of hard work goes into organising this show so they should take great credit for what was a fantastic show, the atmosphere around the rings seemed was as warm and supportive as ever with exhibitors seemingly taking my decisions in good grace in big classes.

I would like to thank the exhibitors who gave me a super big entry who kept myself and my stewards on our toes all day.

My stewards Harry Nelson and Ray Strudwick were brilliant and generous with their support to the exhibitors and myself during the day.

I was really pleased that the show management managed to extend the ring after the first class as it allowed the dogs to move more freely which I am particularly keen to see.

I thought the bitches were of a very mixed standard quite different in sizes head shapes and in particular the quality and lack of bone especially in the early classes. However having said that there was some lovely examples of the breed, and I was very pleased with the final line up.

Temperaments were excellent I didn't hear a cross word all day, I received a few sloppy kisses from our bright and active dogs enjoying their day out some perhaps a little too much and may benefit with a bit of ring practice.

My wife Sue and I agreed with the award of Best in Show to the dog who looked superb in the challenge and richly deserved his win.

#### **Veteran Bitch 15 (2abs)**

1. Whyte's Feldkirk Fashion. Is this bitch really a Veteran she certainly doesn't act like it probably the best mover on the day accurate and moving with the drive I really like to see, she presented a truly balanced profile in top condition, lovely typical head dark almond eye she has a terrific front construction, the tightest of feet, correct shoulder placement and lay back, well ribbed with short loin and well-muscled quarters, this is the second time I have been delighted to award this lovely bitch a RCC.
2. Calverley's Gwenadillo Seek A Wish JW. Not as racy as (1) but none the less full of quality really well made and well balanced pleasing head good shoulders and front, excellent bone well ribbed up short square loin very mature bitch shown in good condition.
3. Joyce's Stranfaer Lucy Locket JW. Smaller bitch lovely type really well constructed, feminine head good brisket, she has a well sprung rib and short loin, never stopped showing moved well.

#### **Special Veteran 5**

1. Rogers-Ball Starball Bobbies Girl. 10yrs Liver bitch in good coat although carrying a little weight over the shoulders, she showed well enjoying her day out, good head correct front, well ribbed up short loin, moved ok
2. Candler's Capeldewi Never On a Sunday. 10yrs bitch Lovely head, eyes and ear placement, good rear well up on her hocks moved well keeping a good topline.
3. Hutton's Jazzanraga Carisma. 10yrs Liver bitch, pleasing head again carrying a little weight but in good coat well sprung ribs short square loin.

#### Minor Puppy Bitch 11

1. Walker's Lizzlog Lady of Highgarden. Very typy young bitch, lovely feminine head just the right length of muzzle lovely expression good neck and lay back, good front with tight feet, good coat and condition, she is at that leggy stage but looks very promising.
2. Walker's Lizzlog Harpy's Gold. Peas in a pod these 2 sisters also I notice the reserve all very similar very immature but promising, this bitch has a very nice head neck and front, in good coat seemingly a little long in loin but as she matures this will come together as her undercarriage drops.
3. Goodman's Blacklake Isabella. Feminine typical head good front angulation well sprung ribs for a youngster needs time, moved well I liked her exhubriant behaviour!

#### Puppy Bitch 18 (2abs)

##### 3 nice bitches

1. Armstrong's Bitcon Precious Gift, Beautiful bitch very mature and up to size, she has a lovely head dark eyes correct length of muzzle well filled for a youngster, good reach of neck and well laid shoulders, good bone excellent pronounced brisket and tightest of feet, well ribbed up with short square loin well angulated stifles, moved accurately. Best Bitch Puppy just missed out on Best Puppy in show on the referee's decision, one to watch.
2. Ashcroft's Stranfaer Take it Easy to Keepersway. Beautifully presented balanced profile good head dark eye, plenty of bone excellent front, short square loin, good stifle, moved really well a really nice puppy.
3. Kearton's O'Flanagan Brogan's Legacy at Ravenhall, beautiful typy bitch lovely head and eye super reach of neck, well sprung short loin, one at the leggy stage but will come together I am sure.

#### Junior Bitch 22 (3abs)

1. Calverley's Gwenadillo Zoli. What a lovely young bitch should have a cracking future, beautiful typical head good eyes and ear placement, plenty of bone, excellent front construction, well developed body with short square loin and correct rear angulation, came as no surprise that she moved well with enthusiasm and drive.
2. William's Wistaston Another Love. Unlucky to come up against (1) in such good form, these 2 top class bitches will no doubt swap places in the future, beautiful profile loves showing off, lovely head and eye excellent brisket plenty of bone well sprung ribs short loin correct stifle and top line moved accurately perhaps not quite as much drive as (1).
3. Warrington's Bochilbarley Jasmine by Woodavens. What a naughty girl a real handful for her owner, but when she settled she showed her obvious quality, good head and eye, good front, short in loin and very well sprung ribs, good bone and tight feet. Movement was good once she behaved!

#### Yearling Bitch 25 (1)

1. Calverley's Gwenadillo Zoli.
2. Stevenson's Steelriver Sun Kissed JW lovely bitch typical to the breed, good head with dark correct shaped eye and well set ears, good reach of neck, kept a good topline and moved well in good coat presented well.
3. Simons Gwenadillo Montessori Coedylan. She looks so well balanced good in all parts of construction with a very pleasing head, moved well with drive.

#### Novice Bitch 15

1. Lutner & Lutner's Telurn Be My Baby, Very typy but I liked here a lot, beautiful head very feminine good eye and ears placement, good reach of neck, possibly a bit long in loin but needs to fill out yet. Moved really well shown in super condition.
2. Hutchison's Highmill Calypso For Waverton JW Smaller bitch, shown in fit condition nice head, good front short square loin good rear quarters with well-muscled thighs. Moved well.

3. Richards Hameldowntor Moon River in Manhattan. Good head and eye prefer slightly less upright shoulder good feet, well sprung with correct loin, moved well.

#### Graduate Bitch 15 (3abs)

1. Joyce's Stranfaer Solitaire JW. Lovely example of the breed, smaller type but full of character and quality, lovely head good eye and neck, good brisket and front angulation short in loin, well developed rear quarters I just knew she would move well, she didn't disappoint, her time will come.
2. Romeo-Dieste's Yonsaff Vienna by Hopevalley. Lovely balanced bitch good head and eye, good shoulders and front well sprung ribs correct loin deep and square, tight feet strong correctly angulated quarters, a nice bitch moved ok.
3. Branscombe's Torinmill Gaelic Aurora. Another cracking bitch so well balanced lovely head, good eye and ear placement nice expression, well boned, tight feet moved well.

#### Post Graduate 33 (3abs)

1. Groom's Candiliz Black Velvet. Won this tough class on her super construction really well balanced, nice head, correct eye and expression, good reach of neck, good bone tight feet, ribs well sprung leading to short square loin with correct rear angulation and tail set. Moved accurately with enthusiasm and drive. Never stopped showing.
2. Savory's Ghilgrange Puzzle Pieces. Good head with good length of muzzle, excelled in front and rear angulation and muscled quarters, moved well.
3. Burr's Woodfinch Rubha Innis of Scheindubh, Lovely bitch well-presented and shown in good coat, plenty of bone, excellent front, well ribbed up and short loin. Moved really well with her handler.

#### Mid Limit 10 3(abs)

1. Gilchrist's Gloi Dubh Erin With Ardmhor. Good head and eye, well set neck and lay of shoulders with good brisket, deep bodied with good spring to ribs and short deep loin, correct rear quarters, moved with drive well handled.
2. Hutchison's Highammill Calypso For Waverton, Smaller bitch, good head super front assembly good bone tight feet short square loin excellent rear angulation moved well.
3. Brook's Flatham's Gaode Delbax From Castlerock (Imp Swe). Well made bitch with pleasing head good front construction, bags of bone, good feet excelled in rear angulation and well developed rear quarters, moved well with drive.

#### Limit 15 (2abs)

##### Lovely class.

1. Jones Seaheart Anneliese by Benvellyn. Lovely typical head, head well set in neck excellent lay of shoulder great bone, excellent rear angulation she was shown in tip top condition in heavy coat moved well with drive pushed for reserve cc.
2. Dalzeil-Scott & Scott's Branchalwood Strathwyvis (AI) Another top class bitch lovely head clean neck well laid shoulder showing off her terrific front, good feet, plenty of bone deep chested well sprung short loin good stifle and well muscled rear quarters moved well.
3. Gale's Willowswind Maias Wish, different in type to (1, 2) good head with long muzzle good reach of neck, tight feet, in good coat, moved with style and reach.

#### Open 14 (3abs)

1. Williams and Goodwin's SH Ch Wistaston Lovebird, I remember doing this one well as a yearling thinking she is one for the future, well she has done well a really super bitch, beautiful feminine head so typical with good eye and ear set, good reach of neck well laid shoulders great front with pronounced brisket, short coupled strong rear quarters tight feet, moved well, delighted her owner by awarding her the Bitch CC just a bit jaded with her movement in the BIS challenge

2. Henesey & Ostman's IRSH CH Caci's Posh and Sassy At Wrensmead (IMP SWE) One I have admired from the side of the ring classical head, really good brisket and front construction, good bone, well sprung ribs short square loin, good turn of stifle showed well.
3. Lutner's SH CH Beautyfield's Flashdance at Telurn (IMP DEU) JW Another top bitch she is a super bitch lovely head dark eye and kind expression, good front showed beautifully in full coat presents a balanced outline good topline at one with her handler.

#### Field Trial Bitch 1 (1abs)

#### Special Open Liver Bitch 14 (1abs)

1. Hutchison's Casblaidd Queen Bee at Waverton JW. Smaller bitch placed in earlier class typical head with correct eye shape, well sprung ribs short loin, good rear quarters level topline moved well.
2. Colson's Windyhollows Winnipeg, Dark Liver in good coat nice head well balanced bitch good topline in good coat moved well.
3. Knight & Jacob's Gemswin Disco Inferno JW. Well balanced bitch with typical head good front construction, short loin, well-muscled thigh showing well for her handler, moved ok.

#### Special Shooting Dog Certificate 4

1. Price's Casblaidd Queen of The Sky over Ruddleberry Kcwgdc Sdc. Liver Bitch pleasing head well ribbed upo short loin good bone and feet well muscled quarters with good bend of stifle
2. Hewison's Casblaidd Nutka. Smaller Liver bitch head ok well boned carrying a little weight for me, but happy with her show day.
3. Hewison's Kywidden Mally Trevisky From Casblaidd. Smaller neat lady with nice head and good reach of neck, tight feet short loin moved well just out of coat today.

Phil Goodman