

## Flatcoated Retriever Society Championship Show 2023

Judge Mandy Romeo- Dieste

My thanks to the JSSC for the invitation to act as referee and to judge the Junior Handling classes.

### **Junior Handling**

Well done to all the handlers. A couple were a little nervous, but I thought they did a great job with their dogs, keeping their attention and listening to my instructions.

#### 6-11 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Molly Davis

Aged 11. This is a very competent young lady, keeping control at all times yet also being kind to her dog. She was aware of where I was and kept her position well without obstructing my view of the dog. She moved her dog at just the right speed which won her the class and Best Junior Handler.

2<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Mercer

Also aged 11. Another good you handler who kept her dog in a good position and was aware of what was going on in the ring. I just felt that she could have moved her dog at a slightly faster speed to keep the movement flowing.

#### 17-25 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Yasmin Holliday

Another handler who coped well with our free standing breed. Very aware of my position dog standing four square. She showed me the teeth in a thorough manner and moved the dog well.

### **Referee Decision for BPIS**

I was later called in as referee for BPIS when the two scheduled judges could not agree.

The award went to Tagg's Oiyou Double Espresso.

At 11mths this girl is a little more together than the dog puppy. I liked her head and kind expression. She is balanced in body and has good depth of rib with nicely developed rear. She is in lovely coat and has good muscle for her age. On the move she was accurate and had free action.

The puppy dog was Ashcroft's Gunoak Ora's Myth. Just 9mths he gave a bit away in maturity and this reflected in his movement, where he was too busy having a good time! He has lots to like from his nicely moulded head down to his correctly set tail. He has a great coat and quality bone.

I will watch both these puppies with interest. Good luck with them.