

2016 CKSCC NATIONAL SPECIALTY

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Judge: Frank Kane, UK

It was a great pleasure to be invited to judge the national show of the Canadian Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club. The breed has had more than its fair share of problems in the past years and it has taken its toll, world-wide, with declining entries. On this occasion, the depth of quality in the bitches and in the final four for the challenge for Winners Bitch were all of lovely quality.

Throughout the entry there were some with the current trend of domed skulls, deep stops and short muzzles - which are seductively attractive, but untypical. Rear action was the other main problem.

I must thank Susan Smith and Peter Schwark for their hospitality and unstinted energy - truly human dynamos for the Club!

Best In Show and Best Of Winners: YOU'RE MY SUNSHINE VOM KANINCHENGARTEN – 2 years. (Arel Aramis X Tequila Sunrise Vom Kaninchengarten) Breeders: Anika & Stephan Stahl; owner: Cornelia Hansen.

Best Of Opposite Sex and Best Veteran: GCH MINGCHEN PACIFIC BREEZE - 9 years. (Covington Paydirt X Maryne Pagan Moon) Breeder/owner: Louise Pearce.

What a lovely pair they made for type and quality.

Select Dog: CH MILETREE CARNIVAL – (Ch. Miletree Constellation X Ch. Shirmont Birthday Carousel) Breeders: Peter & Ruta Towse; owners: Dr. Bruce & Shirley Henry and Robert & Elaine Whitney. 6 years old. Lovely quality and type and very sound on the move. A touch heavier than the Best in Show winner, who had the bloom of youth on his side.

Select Bitch: CH ALDERGLEN SIREN SONG – (Arel Renaissance X Ch. Mingchen Canadian Girl, CGN) Breeder/owner: Susan Thompson. 20 months. Quality bitch of lovely type. Not yet fully developed in chest so her front action could be tighter but she is full of quality.

Award Of Merit: GCH MELROSE GOLD FOR BONITOS COMPANEROS – (Bonitos Companeros Unbelievable X Bonitos Companeros Marlene Detrich) Breeders: Jorge & Melanie Kolb; owners: Barbara Magera & Elaine Mitchell. Wonderful coat and colour and a lot of quality and type. I'd prefer just a little more leg for proper balance.

Award Of Merit: BARRINGTON'S PARISIAN BLONDE - (GCh. Hartscontent VSOP at Birchrun X Ch. Barrington's Lady of Blairquan) Breeder/owners: Pat & Harry Barrington. (see critique under Bred by Exhibitor Bitch class)

Frank Kane

MALES

JUNIOR PUPPY MALE (2 entries)

1) MIDSUMMER LONE STAR, 7 months. (Ch. Kinvaar Son of a Gun X Midsummers Roses are Red) breeders: Kim & David Hergott; owner: Judy McArthur. Tricolour, at an awkward age and needing to level out in topline, not helped by him carrying too much weight. However, he has good type in head and eye, is well ribbed and moves soundly.

2) RIVERHAUS PRO ARIS ET FOCIS, 6 months. (Liane's Humpti Dumpti X Riverhaus It's Our Party) breeder: Patricia Wright; owners: Leigh & Alex Brennan. Lighter built Blenheim who carries himself with elegance. Good colour, well broken. At the moment rather plain in head and going close in rear. Lovely temperament. Like the winner, at an awkward growth stage.

SENIOR PUPPY MALE (1 entry)

1) BARRINGTON'S GRANDSON, 11 months. (Ch. Kinvaar Son of a Gun X Barrington's Santana Gypsy Queen) Breeder/owners: Pat & Harry Barrington. Blenheim, heavily marked. In beautiful condition. I liked his skull and foreface with correct amount of stop, but his eyes are too prominent. Good topline, held on the move. Hocks could be stronger. Correct in bone, but I'd prefer more angulation in front assembly.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR MALE (2 entries)

1) CA CAMBRIDGE RUTLEDGE, 2 years. (Ch. Melrose Gold for Bonitos Companeros X CA Cambridge Rough Diamond) Breeder: Elaine Mitchell; owners: Barbara Magera & Elaine Mitchell. Black & Tan, brightly marked and in beautiful condition. A toy spaniel in type, size and balance. And a happy extrovert temperament. I'd prefer more layback to shoulder which would give him a little more neck. Good skull and eye but foreface a little short. Went well, and was **Reserve Winners Dog**.

2) CARRIAGEHILL ALL ABOUT FOREVER (Lavenderhill Diamonds are Forever X Ch. Jewelcraft Carmendy) Breeder/owner: Judy McArthur. (unfortunately we received no critique on this entry)

OPEN BLENHEIM MALE (2 entries)

1) YOU'RE MY SUNSHINE VOM KANINCHENGARTEN, 2 years. (Arel Aramis X Tequila Sunrise Vom Kaninchengarten) Breeders: Anika & Stephan Stahl; owner:

Cornelia Hansen. Top-quality dog full of breed type in head, size, proportion, coat and colour. Add to this excellent movement and you have a very good package. Looked a picture, and was **Best In Show, and Best Of Winners.**

2) BEKENHALL SHIRMONT HE'S THE TICKET, 5 years. (GCh. Miletree Joshua X GCh. Beckenhall Blue Suede Shoes) Breeder: Frankie Hall; owners: Dr. Bruce & Shirley Henry, Elaine & Robert Whitney. Beautiful head, eye and expression. Good proportions but rather over-angulated in rear, resulting in weak hocks and rear action. Good front. A little reluctant to give his best on the move, showing in his tail carriage.

OPEN BLACK & TAN MALE (1 entry)

1) BONITOS COMPANEROS BULLETPROOF, 2 years. (Pik Bube Vom Paulinenhos X Melrose Joy for Bonitos Companeros) Breeders: Marcus Kirschbaum & Klaus Vorderstrasse; owners: Barbara Magera & Elaine Mitchell. Well marked with excellent coat and colour. He needs to fill out in rib cage and chest. Good head type. Carries himself well. Rather wide in front action.

BITCHES

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (2 entries)

1) BONITOS COMPANEROS MEDUSA, 6 months. (Bonitos Companeros Unbelievable X Bonitos Companeros Cleopatra of Pinecrest) Breeders: Marcus Kirschbaum & Klaus Vorderstrasse; owner: Wayne Emberton. Blenheim, beautiful quality and type. Heavily marked but richly colored. Well made which shows on the move. Excellent topline. Correct skull and stop but she has maximum lip for my taste. However, I thought her a lovely puppy.

Best Puppy in Show.

2) KRESSIDA VOM WELFENHOF, 7 months. (Vin Diesel Vom Welfenhof X Zazou Vom Welfenhof) Breeder: Simone Frankeberg; owner: Su Ann Quah. Very pretty, feminine puppy with good movement and temperament. Not the tail set of the winner. A little too much stop and dome at the moment.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (1 entry)

1) FLEURDELYS QUEEN OF HEARTS, 10 months. (Fleurdelys The King's Stallion X Fleurdyls Dowager Countess) Breeder: Karine Paquet; owners: Barbara Theobald & Karine Paquet. Blenheim, feminine, with rich colour. Needs to fill out generally at the moment. Foreface a little long. Good skull and correct in stop. Shows too much white of eye.

12-15 MONTHS BITCH (2 entries)

1) DIAGO'S MOONSTRUCK, almost 15 months. (GCh. Revelry's Blue Moon Rising X Revelry's Diago Seduction) Breeder: Diana Crago; owners: Lorraine Fever & Diana Crago. Blenheim. I loved her for size, balance and type. Compact toy spaniel, well-made and this is evident in her sound action and topline. Pretty head, of correct skull, stop and with large, large dark eyes. Not in her

best coat or colour, but I liked her enormously and think she will have a good future.

2) GLENORCHYS HOLIDAY AT SIGMA CHI, 12 months. (GCh. Miletree Carnival X Riverrun Glenorchys Flashdance) Breeder: Ann Chambers; owners Wendy & Peter Aalders & Elaine Whitney. Taller bitch, of good colour and well broken up. At the moment a real teenager in body and head, needs time to finish - at the moment a little plain. Sound action.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (6 entries)

1) BARRINGTON'S PARISIAN BLONDE, 2 years. (GCh. Hartscontent VSOP at Birchrun X Ch. Barrington's Lady of Blairquan) Breeder/owners: Pat & Harry Barrington. Small compact toy spaniel in lovely coat. Excellent color, well broken. Pretty head with correct skull and stop, but shows just a little white of eye. Moved well. Tail set just a little low but she is full of breed type and quality and was **Winners Bitch** on head and rear action.

2) CA CAMBRIDGE EFFIE, 2 years. (GCh. Melrose Gold for Bonitos Companeros X CA Cambridge Ruff Diamond) Breeder: Elaine Mitchell; owners: Barbara Magera & Elaine Mitchell. Ruby, lovely size and very good colour and topline. Needs a little more confidence but won the place on size, expression and tail carriage.

3) SIGMA CHI MARIGOLD OF SHIRMONT, 2 years. (GCh. Miletree Northern Star X Ch. Sigma Chi's Unchained Melody) Breeders: Robert & Elaine Whitney; owners: Dr. Bruce & Shirley, Robert & Elaine Whitney. Blenheim, a bigger stamp, but very sound movement, and good rib cage and color. Tail carriage too high. Good head type and lovely eyes. Could be a touch more feminine in head, but I think she has a lot of breed qualities.

4) BIRCHRUN'S LUCKY BLUE SAPPHIRE, 19 months. (GCh. Hartscontent VSOP at Birchrun X Ch. Birchrun's Lucky Summer Charm) Breeder/owners: Joan & Don Robinson. (No critique as the judge was only asked to critique the first 3 in each class)

OPEN BLENHEIM FEMALE BITCH (2 entries)

1) BONITOS COMPANEROS UHURA, 2 years. (Aranel Genesis X Bonitos Companeros Ultr Sweet) Breeders: Markus Kirschbaum & Klaus Vorderstrasse; owners: Barbara Magera & Elaine Mitchell. Lovely toy spaniel in size, proportion and balance. Good colors. I'd prefer her to be a little flatter in the skull but lovely eyes and expression. Very good rib cage, bone and topline. Good front action. Could be a little firmer in rear. Full of quality. **Reserve Winners Bitch.**

2) ROSE ARBOR'S DANCE TO YOUR HARTSCONTENT, 18 months. (Sheeba Giorgio Armani X Rose Arbor Joyful Blessing) Breeder: Betzie Smith; owners: Glen & Linda McKinnon. Bigger stamp of bitch, a little long for balance. Very good rear action. A little deep in stop. Looks a teenager at the moment and can

tighten up in front action.

OPEN TRICOLOUR BITCH (1 entry)

1) MARDIGRAIS SECRET AT SIGMA CHI, 2 years. (Ch. Kinvaar Son of a Gun X Ch. Sigma Chi TNT at Mardigras) Breeders: Lynne Oslach & Elaine Whitney; owners: Elaine Whitney & Theda Pretsell. Lovely size and type, with very good angulation in front and rear and moves well. Flat skull and lovely eyes. Needs a little more fill under the eyes. Could carry herself with a little more elegance but she is a very good bitch.

OPEN BLACK & TAN BITCH (1 entry)

1) EMBEE JEWELCROFT MIDNIGHT LUAU, 18 months. (Ch. Embee's Mischief Managed X Embee Brinklow When Sparks Fly) Breeder: Mary Beth Squirrell; owners: Bonnie Sands & Mary Beth Squirrell. Of good size and proportion, and good colours. A teenager, and can firm up in topline. Good head type. Eyes a little prominent. Moves with good stride. A little close in her hocks going away.

VETERAN BITCH (2 entries)

1) GRAND CHAMPION MINGCHEN PACIFIC BREEZE, 9 years. (Covington Paydirt X Maryne Pagan Moon) Breeder/owner: Louise Pearce. Beautiful bitch, brimming with breed type. Beautiful colour and rich in colour. Lovely head type. Good eyes. In excellent condition. Really good quarters which she uses well. Just a touch wide in front but a top class bitch and my pleasure to make her

Best of Opposite Sex.

2) CHAMPION MINGCHEN CANADIAN GIRL, 9 years. (Covington Paydirt X Maryne Pagan Moon) Breeder: Louise Pearce; owner: Susan Thompson. Heavier type, with rich coat and colour. Excellent head type with beautiful eyes. Not the rear or topline of winner.

BABY PUPPY

MALES

1) SIGMA CHI'S GEORGE AT JIMARY, almost 6 months old. (Ch. Jimary's William of Diana X Ch. Sigma Chi's Lily Marlaine) Breeder/owners: Elaine Whitney, Mary Lou & James Dymond. Tricolour, very forward and coordinated on the move. I hope he will not grow much more, but judging on the day scored on the move and in topline. Simply built. Good skull and eyes.

2) GLENIRE'S ULRIC THE ODDBALL. 14 weeks. (Ch. Glenire's Odo the Hero X Glenire's Jacaranda) Breeder/owner: Valerie Toth. Black and Tan. A real baby but full of promise. Appealed in head and eye. Needs time for coordination. Excellent temperament.

FEMALES

1) BURBROOK WUG ROYAL SHENANIGANS, 4 1/2 months. (GCh. Wug's Royal Oak, CGN X Burbrook Summer Forever) Breeders: Peggy Wallace & Lisa Lott;

owner: Lisa Lott. Lovely balance and movement, and very sound and true on the move. Good colours, well broken. Correct skull and stop. Scored on topline on the day over another lovely baby.

1) MARDIGRAIS SONG SUNG BLUE, 4 months. (Ch. Kinvaar Son of a Gun X Ch. Sigma Chi's TNT at Mardigras) Breeder: Lynne Oslach; owners: Wendy & Peter Aalders & Lynne Oslach. Very pretty Blenheim, rich colour. Excellent movement. Not as forward in body or over the croup as the winner but I think she is full of quality and promise.

3) MARDIGRAS TO THE MOON AT SIGMA CHI, 5 months. (GCh. Miletree Carnival X Mardigras Be My Valentine) Breeder: Lynne Oslach; owners: Bob & Elaine Whitney. Bigger stamp and very forward. Excellent colours, and a lozenge. Sound moving, looking long at the moment - a typical stage for the age, and like the two above her she is full of quality.

Best Baby Puppy in Show: BURBROOK WUG ROYAL SHENANIGANS

ALTERED

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1) VICTORIAS WANDERING TRIPPER, 3 years. (Hebe the Wanderer X Victoria's Out of this Whirl) Breeder: Victoria Phillips; owner: Wendy Aalders. Blenheim, with compact body, good rib cage. Needs more angulation in front. Refined head. Tail carriage too high.

ALTERED FEMALE

1) FALCONCREST QUE SERA SERA, 3 years. (Ch. Behabre Mackie PCD, RN (GB) X Ch. Sushine's Jolene at Falconcrest) Breeder/owner: Barbara Theobald. Lightly marked and with too much ticking in her coat for my liking. Correct in skull and stop. Eyes too prominent and show white. Sound movement with good top line and tail carriage.

Best Altered in Show: FALCONCREST QUE SERA SERA