

Driffield Champ Show 2017

Large Munsterlander

Not the best of days weather-wise but thanks to all exhibitors for not only taking it all in good part but also presenting your dogs in as clean as condition as possible considering the wet and mud. This is a breed I always enjoy judging, temperaments, without exception were sound and biddable, the majority of dogs are well muscled and look as if they are more than capable of doing a days work, almost all were in their best coats. The friendly, supportive atmosphere around the ring made for a most enjoyable day, thank you for accepting my decisions with the grace that is sadly missing around some breed rings these days.

MPD (1): 1. Jenks' Celtaur Polar Light, 7.5 months, well grown for age, mature masculine head with good eye colour, strong neck into well laid shoulder, good in forechest & correct depth, strong well boned legs with little knuckle left so not much more to grow up on, feet ok, just needs to fill his frame, coat coming along nicely, very exuberant on the move but when settled a little I could see his movement was ok for his age, BPD.

JD (1): 1. MacGregors Ekkolander Snowstorm, nice size dog with a good head and kind expression, excels in forechest with good depth and spring of rib, clean slightly arched neck into correct shoulder placement, moderate rear angulation, strong topline which he holds well on the move, his tailset is correct and he holds his tail straight off his back, moved with drive, one to watch for the future I think.

LD (4,1abs): 1. Grooms Brockchime Comet of Grunjagen last time I judged I gave this boy his class, he has only improved in the 2 years since. An upstanding, all male dog, he has a lovely head with a good dark eye giving him a soft, gentle expression, excellent forechest, depth of chest and spring of rib, well ribbed back, strong gently arched neck, correct front assembly with moderate angulation, matching rear angles, strong bone, feet have tightened since I last judged him, strong level topline with correct tailset, well muscled hindquarters, unfortunately his handler is unable to move him at present and a change of numerous runners did this boy no favours on the move today, he did settle enough for me to see his good sound driving movement but it cost him in the challenge and had to settle for the RCC, I'm sure once his handler is fit again this boy will gain his title, he certainly deserve to 2. Lloyd & Smiths Crumpsbrook Bayleaf von Rulander smaller in size than 1 but nicely made and presenting a balanced picture, correct moderate angulation front & rear, good topline & tailset, would prefer a slightly more masculine head, moved soundly 3. Hargreaves Ghyllbeck Monsignor

OD (8,2): 1. O'Connell & Ogles Ch Raycris Quite the Charmer, two years ago this boy lost out to my BOB, today was his day, he has really grown into himself and is now the finished article. Nice size boy with a lovely head and expression, gently arched neck of good length, well laid shoulders, correct forechest & depth, well sprung ribs, strong legs down to good tight feet, moderate angulation, sound movement with reach and drive holding his topline, in good coat with good feathering, CC & BOB 2. Jenks Kalabagh Lightening slightly smaller than 1, but many similar comments also apply, lovely head, good forechest, well off for bone without being overdone, tight feet, another sound positive mover. 3. Taylor's Sh Ch Ichbin Jester of Tattay

PB (1): 1. Hargreaves Ghyllbeck Ramruma, what a lovely puppy, 10 months old, smaller in size but still has a little growing to do, prettiest head & expression with a lovely dark eye, strong clean neck into well laid shoulders excellent topline & tailset, enough bone to be strong but retaining femininity, good feet, coat and furnishings coming along really well, such a sound, positive mover for a baby, would like to see a

fraction more length of leg to give that finished balance but in the challenge I couldn't deny her RCC, BPB & BPIB, I will watch her future with interest.

YB (1): 1. Hewitts Brockchime Frolicsome, nice head with lovely expression and eye colour, would prefer a little more length of neck to balance her but she has a good strong topline although tailset is a little low, correct angulation front and rear and was probably the best muscled of all the exhibits today, movement was ok when she wasn't crabbing

PGB (4,1): 1. O'Connell's Raycris Hey Jude my notes say "super girl", she was my find of the day, kindest head and expression, good neck and correct front assembly, well boned legs and tight feet, strong topline and correct tailset, in good coat and feathering, wouldn't want her any bigger but she is so well balanced but she really comes into her own on the move, best mover of the day, she's so true coming and going, in profile she covers the ground with ease and style, pleased to award her the CC, her first but I'm sure others will follow, amazed to learn later that this was only her second ever show having been returned to the breeder, she's definitely a keeper! In the challenge the dog just had a little more ring presence 2. Foreman's Celtaur Aquarius Lake of Toberworry smaller size girl with a pretty head of good proportions with correct eye colour, a neat little bitch with good angulation front and rear, holds her topline well on the move which is sound and positive. 3. Ross's Celtaur Albany Lake

LB (4): 1. Kitchen's Crumpsbrook Rather Regal two nice bitches who could, and probably do, swap places on another day. 1 has a lovely head and expression, good reach of neck, would like a little more forechest but has good depth and is well ribbed back, correct moderate angulation front and rear and moved out very well in the downpour that was now upon us! 2. Butler's Ichbin Jaunty of Jendella's similar remarks apply, better in forechest than 1, well coated, not as positive in movement as 1 but still moved well 3. Ogle & Butlers Ursel vom Ahler Esch at Raycris

OB (1): 1. Tordoff's Sh Ch Raycris Quite Unique at Crumpsbrook, pretty head with good dark eye, strong neck into well laid shoulders, well off for forechest with correct depth and spring of rib, good front angulation but would prefer slightly more rear angulation, strong legs down to good feet, was toeing in a little on the move but moved well in profile

GCB (3,1): 1. Butler's I Jaunty of J, 2nd in LB 2. Leeming's Ashlowrick Ladies Day at Iscadu, nice head with good eye colour, would like a little more length of neck, angulation front and rear are ok, good topline & tailset, in good coat, good feet, moved ok but a little wide in front coming toward me.

Elaine Bradley (Judge)