

HAMPSHIRE GUNDOG SOCIETY – SHOW REPORT 2017

More than 10 years ago I retired as Show Secretary for HGS and I certainly did not expect to run a dog show again. However, all that changed when Mo Rees was rushed into hospital and resigned from the Committee. We are delighted she has made a complete recovery.

Most of the hard work had already been done, so my task was relatively easy. Both shows ran smoothly, thanks to our Show Manager, Mandy Longhurst (She really is worth her weight in gold!) our hard working committee and stewards.

Our BIS Judge in March was Pam Blay. Her BIS was Boutell & Bewbridge's Irish Setter: Lynwood Lark in the Dark.

RBIS was Walker's SWD Valentismos Tizi. BPIS went to Coghlan's GSP Soellis Smug Doug followed by Loakes English Setter Goldbirch Wings of Desire as RBPIS.

In July Shelagh Walton awarded top honours to King & Eccles Irish Setter: Cataluna Hickory at Byztsar and RBIS to Page's Clumber Spaniel Micklemess Fundamental. BPIS was awarded to Stone's Field Spaniel: Sonnentend Sunday Girl and RBPIS was Page's Clumber Spaniel: Micklemess Just an Illusion.

It is a sad fact that the days of large entries at Open Shows are over. Many Canine Societies are no more and aspiring judges are finding it difficult to obtain judging appointments to enable them to gain experience and climb the judging ladder. Too many Societies, in an effort to save money, are asking people to judge five or six breeds. As an exhibitor, I have to admit I would rather have a Breed Specialist or an All-rounder who has some knowledge of my breed.

To this end, we decided to try something different for our Shows in 2018. We have tried to give the breeds that bring us the largest entries, a breed specialist for both shows. The rest of the breeds we divided into pairs. The plan was that they got a Breed Specialist at one show and an All-rounder at the other and we have also given every breed at least four classes. Looking at the schedules for this year, we have not done too badly!

Our plea for a new Show Secretary has been answered, but more of that later.

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