

Hampshire Gundog Society 20 March 2016

English Setters.

All exhibits were well presented and demonstrated good temperament, though the puppies were full of 'fizz', possibly due to the bitterly cold wind. Movement was disappointing in some, in spite of having a generous sized ring in which to show dogs' gait to good advantage.

Puppy (3)

1 Loakes' Rachdale Painted Lace at Goldbirch. BPIB. 10 mth old blue bitch, Very balanced with lovely outline, pretty head. Elegant head with dark eye, well ribbed up, low hocks and neat feet.

2 Mellish's Wattlewood Silver Arrow to Monbrec. 7 mth old BB dog. Well boned, balanced head with reach of neck leading into broad chest, well-sprung ribs, strong loin, good spring of rib. A little close behind on the move, which will hopefully improve as he muscles up with maturity. Lost out on maturity to 1

3 Wilson's Wattlewood Gold don't Rust

Junior (3, 1 withdrawn)

1 Loakes' Bournehouse Sash of Gold at Goldbirch. OB bitch, 17 mths. Elegant overall, expressive head set on long neck. Good depth of rib, low hocks, neat feet. Correct silky texture to coat.

2 Gwilian & Bozier's Albadora Second Thoughts of Victoriaview. 1yr old dog, his handler had to work hard to show him at his best! Still needs to mature overall, but correct angulation, level tail carriage. When he settled, gaited very well with lovely free-moving stride.

Graduate (6, 2 abs)

1 Deering's Skylark of Rosetimber. BoB, shortlisted by the BIS judge. OB bitch, 21 months, very well balanced and feminine. Excellent angulation front and rear, good breadth of chest. All contributing to lovely movement, even stride with reach and drive. Well muscled up, looks as if she could go for miles!

2 Loakes' Bournehouse Sash of Gold at Goldbirch. Not moving so well in this class.

3 Mellish's Walshaw Blinded by Love for Monbrec

Postgraduate (2)

1 Loakes' Bournehouse Sash of Gold at Goldbirch

2 Mellish's Gemsett Pole Position for Monbrec. 3yr old dog, well-constructed overall. Masculine in appearance, good bone, moved well

Open (2), 1 abs

1 Bennet's Mariglen Blue Star. RBOB. 3yr old BB dog of good size and substance. A touch heavy in head, but body-wise showed satisfactory balance. One of the best movers of the day (helped by good muscletone), his effortless ground-covering stride complemented by good tail carriage and tailset

Hilary Jones
(Judge)