

Hampshire Gundog Society

I would like to thank: the committee for allowing me the opportunity to judge at the show; all the exhibitors who entered and especially those that attended, given the unusual circumstances; and my steward, who was so organised and very helpful and efficient in keeping the paper work dry!

Setter English:

P(5.3) 1. Catton & Cook's Valsett Starlite Sky Storm with Ferngate NAF TAF. An eye catching, quality, well-angulated and balanced, 6 month old tri dog. Well-muscled for age. Overall movement won the class today. **BP**

2. Brown's Merleycopse Cinder Ella to Baystrider. There is much to like about this raw, friendly, feminine headed, bitch who has a sweet expression. She has good angulation front and rear, good spring of rib and a short-coupled body. Better presentation, and handling, would without doubt help achieve true potential as movement was difficult to assess. I am keen to follow her progress.

Special Yearling(3,2)

1. Thacker's (K.A) Hartsett Vanity Fair.

A well-presented, feminine 17 months orange bitch with substance and in good coat. She has good reach of neck leading into pleasing shoulders. Moved soundly - wish her feet could have been tighter and rounder and then she would have challenged stronger for BOB. **RBOB.**

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1. Thacker's (K) Swannery Sweet Dreams. Petite small framed light blue bitch. Fine head with angulated front and rear, would like to see a little more substance. Handled the wet surface better than kennel mate placed second, but didn't really show zest and panache on the move. More coat would have enhanced appearance and movement today.

2. Thacker's (K.A) Swannery Blue Rose. Small framed, well presented 5 Years old blue bitch in good coat with very fine head, good reach of neck and correct topline. A little more substance would enhance appearance. Movement hindered by slippery surface; front and rear quarters not as one, crabbing evident. Wish both these two had better feet.

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1. Harris, Bridgewater & Hoesksema's Bridgella's First Edition at Konakela JW.

A stunning, well presented, balanced, masculine, orange dog, with beautiful dark eyes and strong level top line. Strong round bone with good feet and straight front, deep chest with well ribbed body.

Excellent on the move and well handled. A truly worthy BOB and Group 4 winner. Handled with precision and perfection to show graceful movement with balanced reach and drive - perfect footfall and near horizontal slashing tail.

Grahame Ridsdill (Sharnyx)