

Referees Report
NEFRA Championship Show 6th November 2011.

Best in Show:

Two lovely dogs presented to me by Judges Mrs. S. Oxford & Mrs. H. Wilson. It was a very close decision, after going over the two exhibits they both presented lovely profiles, however watching them move I felt that the dog just 'edged it' on the day in movement as the bitch came straight from the C.C. challenge possibly slightly tired and not showing the drive & animation of the dog when moving.

B.I.S. Wisbey & Eaton's SHIREDALE MEADOW SAFFRON IN HAZELMERE
A dog with typical head, dark eye, Good reach of neck, good bone & tight feet. well angulated shoulders & good bend of stifle. Lovely in profile standing and on the move with correct tail carriage, moved true both coming & going. Showed his socks off all through the challenge.

Was pleased to see the judges place the Bitch CC winner as Reserve B.I.S.

Best Liver in Show:

Again two nice dogs, both have won much in their show careers to date. Although the coat of the dog was in better condition today & shining beautifully, I felt the construction and movement of the bitch to be better, she was presented in really hard condition which was evident as she powered round the ring.

B.L.I.S. Hewison's HARVEST MOON OF CASBLAIDD

Junior Handling:

6-11yrs: (2,0)

Two extremes here 1 child handling a puppy the other a veteran, both ages with their own particular challenges.

1st :- Emily Powell (age 11yrs) Handled the puppy well, was aware of the dog standing square at all times, constantly talking to and encouraging the dog (although tail wagging was a step too far!). Moved the dog centrally on mat although with erratic movement associated with puppies. Constantly checked the position of the judge.

2nd :- Abi Powell (aged 8yrs) Handling a veteran who really didn't want to help her! Aware of dogs front feet position when standing needs to check back legs too. Watched the judge when moving her dog, his movement was straighter than 1st, however a tip for the future, the mat is for the dog to run on rather than the handler.

Well Done to Both.

Junior Handling:

12-16yrs: (1,1)

1st:- Chloe Morley (15yrs) A veteran of junior handling at NEFRA events and it Shows. She is a confident handler always aware of the judge and positioning herself accordingly. The dog was presented squarely to go over and feet re-positioned as necessary. Stopped baiting dog so head & expression could be assessed. Talk and encouraged dog whilst standing and on the move. The dog moved straight & centrally on the mats.

Well Done!

Brace Class: (5,0)

1st :- GREEN'S pair (10yr old & 2 ½ yr old) A pair of balanced dogs who stood side by side to be assessed and had the best movement as a pair around the ring, movement true both coming & going.

2nd:- KNIGHT, JACOBS & HOLMES Brace A well matched pair but not as together in movement.

3rd :- SLACK'S Brace.

Judge: Karen Joyce (Stranfaer)