

## CRITIQUE

9th April 2016

Many thanks to the NBMDC committee for the kind invitation to judge their Championship show and thanks to the exhibitors for an excellent entry providing an opportunity to go over so many good quality dogs. In quite a few of the classes there were some tough decisions and placings were made after splitting hairs.

Although some of the owners and handlers could perhaps have been warmer, the venue was perfect for the dogs and provided a spacious ring with a good, firm surface. However, thereby hangs a potential disadvantage; the floor was not in the least forgiving as it laid bare any potential issues with the dogs movement.

I was delighted with my main winners and especially a very beautiful young female who I had not encountered before. Although challenged for Best of Breed by the Dog CC winner in top form she could not be denied top spot.

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Principal winners were:

### Males

**CC and Best Opposite Sex** Mair, Hartley-Mair and Dybdall's Ch Meadowpark Vertigo

**Reserve CC** Law's Ecalpharas Gold

### Females

**CC and Best of Breed Miles'** Save Dallas Kiss For Jaybiem

**Reserve CC** Atherton's Athersbern Peronelle Blush

**Best Puppy** King's Elinside The Grandmaster

**Best Veteran** Miles' Ch Jaybiem Utwo

### Veteran Dog (1 entry)

**1st Miles' Ch Jaybiem Utwo - Best Veteran in Show.** An old favourite of mine who has more than surpassed his early successes in the show-ring by becoming one of the country's leading stud dogs. Impressively, today he sired the Best Dog, Best Puppy Dog and is grand-sire to the bitch CC and Best-in-Show winner. He continues to impress in the show ring, moving extremely well and with his delightful, gentle character cannot be ignored in any line-up. Well-presented, upper medium sized dog with excellent head and bone. He is well balanced fore and rear and continues to move very cleanly for such a big lad.

### Minor Puppy Dog (1 entry)

**1st Baldwin's Meadowpark First Class For Fortonpark.** 7 ½ months with good balanced shape. Excellent angulation with good short hocks. Attractive head with correct eye shape and dark colour. Happy temperament and excellent movement. Would prefer a bit more height to him.

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### **Puppy Dog (2 entries, 1 absentee)**

**1st King's Elside The Grandmaster – Best Puppy in Show.** A very stylish youngster who literally did not put a foot wrong. His movement for a puppy is a lesson in clean, open movement with good extension. 10 months upper medium sized with adequate bone and nicely balanced body. Excellent angles front and rear. His head is still developing with good ear placement and correct eye colour and shape. A youngster to watch for the future.

### **Junior Dog (8)**

**1st Wakeland's Shirdees Joe Dimaggio At Bramikdel.** 15 months, good sized male. Excellent clean movement with good drive from the rear, looks like he could keep going all day. Strong, masculine head for his age. Good angulation with correct lay of shoulder. Good spring of rib and depth of body. Totally sound temperament. A bit of a character who likes to let everyone know he is in the ring.

**2nd Phillips' Monalou Norwegian Star.** 13 months, upper medium sized male. Excellent balanced shape. Good bone and decent angles. Good head and eye shape. Shown in excellent condition.

**3rd Gurney's Monalou Just Call Me Oleg.** 14 months with beautiful head and bone. Lovely balanced outline. Good front with nice angulation but rear movement lets down an otherwise lovely dog.

### **Yearling Dog (4)**

**1st Mair, Hartley-Mair a& Dybdall's Meadowpark High Class.** 14 months, very mature looking for his age, upper medium sized male with beautiful head and gentle expression. Correct amount of stop with no exaggeration, good eye shape and colour. Best of fronts with lovely lay of shoulder and depth of chest. Excellent movement. Well presented in excellent condition but on the day seemed to be lacking in coat which made him look longer in profile. Another lovely dog from this kennel. Great things to come if he is to live up to his sire and grand-sires achievements.

**2nd Hughes' Waldershelf Causing Kaos.** 23 months top-sized male who still has some way to go to fill his frame. Attractive head with more to come. Good bone for his size. Good angulation front and rear. Held his topline well on the move. Moves very freely with nice drive.

**3rd Wakeland's Shirdees Joe Dimaggio At Bramikdel**

### **Novice Dog (2)**

**1st Mead's Debemi Lucky.** 16 months, medium sized boy with adequate bone. Attractive head with kind expression. Correct stop and eye shape. Good angles and moved freely with nice drive from the rear. Needs some time to mature

**2nd Perks' Kernow Festival Buzz.** 12 months, who has some maturing to do. Attractive head and expression. Enough bone for his size. Nice happy temperament but could do with some ring training to help his cause.

### **Graduate Dog (2)**

**1st Miles' Kernow Claptons Greatest For Jaybiem.** 2 years, medium sized male with a lovely head and good substance. Good bone for his size and good angles front and rear. Head not exaggerated with correct stop and eye shape and colour. Moved well with good drive and tidy front.

**2nd Robson's Trudaleaze Majik Spell.** 2 years, upper medium sized male with attractive head and adequate bone. A bit hesitant to start but settled down and moved well with excellent topline on the move.

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### Post Graduate Dog (7, 1)

**1st Law's Ecalpharas Gold – Reserve CC.** 16 months, upper medium sized male with superb bone and substance for his age. Beautiful breed type. Arguably had the best outline and balance of all the males today. Lovely masculine head with correct stop and eye shape....no exaggeration. Excellent angulation front and rear, good spring of rib and perfect tail-set with nicely rounded croup. Moved well with good drive from the rear but let down by slightly untidy front. Presented in excellent condition and well handled. An excellent prospect for the future.

**2nd Hastings' Bernemcourt Liv'n On A Prayer.** Upper medium sized 2 year old with most beautiful head. True, gentle Bernese expression with perfect ear placement and correct eye colour and shape. Very stylish mover especially in profile. Good bone, nice angles, really coming into his own now. Shown in beautiful condition and presented perfectly.

**3rd Marsden & Robertson's Trudaleaze Aint I Adorable.** 3 year old. medium sized. Attractive head. Adequate bone and good angles. Moved freely with good drive.

### Limit Dog (7, 2)

**1st Round's Collansues Black Magic.** Top sized 4 ½ year old. Excellent breed type and oozed masculinity. Great bone and substance in a compact body. Good angulation front and rear. Excellent head piece with strong backskull and strong muzzle. Correct stop and eye shape but eye colour could be better. Moved very well in the class but let down by untidy front movement in the challenge.

**2nd Green's Alpenspirit Pure Pleasure For Arvella (Imp Can).** An attractive 3 year old import. He has a very handsome head with excellent kind expression. Good angulation both front and rear and has a pleasing profile. He moves well in profile but would prefer more positive rear movement.

**3rd Scott's Welshbern One Vision At Scobern ShCM.** A handsome 3 year old who has come on leaps and bounds since I last saw him. Nice balanced body shape and nice masculine head. Good angles and good depth of chest. Good movement and well presented.

### Open Dog (9, 2)

**1st Mair, Hartley-Mair & Dybdall's Ch Meadowpark Vertigo - CC and Best Opposite Sex.** A quality dog who has more than fulfilled his early promise since I judged him last in Junior class. Upper medium sized dog of excellent substance. Very handsome head, broad back-skull and strong muzzle with beautiful kind expression and matching temperament. Lovely dark eyes with correct almond shape. Excellent bone without being overdone. Nice angulation front and rear. Moves effortlessly around ring with real style. In super coat and condition and as usual for this kennel handled to perfection. A well-deserved champion who is now stamping his quality on his offspring.

**2nd Deik's Int Ch Star Is Coming Z Deikowej Doliny.** 4 years, an attractive dog with good substance and bone. Plainer head than the winner. Good outline, compact and balanced with good forechest. Good angulation front and rear. Moved well but lacked the drive and enthusiasm of the winner.

**3rd Griffiths, Orme & Miles' Ch Jaybiem Y'Euben Chozen JW ShCM.** An attractive 4 year old of excellent type. Great substance and outline. Attractive head with correct stop and eye shape. Strong bone and good angulation. Moved with real drive but a bit too proud of his tail.

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### **Veteran Bitch (4, 1)**

**1st Place's Monalou Dutch Affair.** 7 year old substantial girl shown in excellent condition. Attractive head with correct stop and eye shape. Moved well. Good balanced body shape with good angulation front and rear and excellent bone.

**2nd Shopland-Reed's Kyleburn Night Prelude.** 11 years young and looking good. Very attractive girl with pretty head and adequate bone for her size. Nice balanced body shape and good angulation all round. Great movement for her age. A tribute her owner and breeder.

**3rd Mead's Monalou Good Day Sunshine.** 7 years of finer type. Adequate bone for her size with an attractive head and sweet expression. Moved well once settled but didn't seem to like the concrete floor.

### **Minor Puppy Bitch (2)**

**1st Baldwin's Fortonpark Lilly's Delight.** 7 months old, very impressive baby with excellent, substantial body. Very attractive head with unexaggerated correct stop and good eye shape and colour. Lovely earset. Excellent clean movement for such a youngster. One for the future.

**2nd Riley's Blumental Just Stella.** 7 months old and did very well for her first foray into the show ring with no previous training, Head and body need to develop but pleasing outline with adequate bone. Good angles. Pretty head with good eyeshape and gentle expression. Sweet puppy.

### **Puppy Bitch (5 entries, 2 absentees, 1 withdrawn)**

**1st Grayling's Lujento Gloria Swan Song.** 11 months, substantial girl with excellent strong body and bone. Good balanced outline. Strong head with good muzzle but still totally feminine. Excels in movement, she really powered round the ring.

**2nd Sharp's Monalou Maggie May.** 9 months with pretty but strong enough head. Excellent strong body, nice balance with excellent angulation. Lovely clean movement. Needs a few months to mature some more.

### **Junior Bitch (6, 1)**

**1st Granger's Shirdees Harlow Jean Of Shadybower.** 15 months, upper medium sized girl with substance and body to match. Enough bone to balance the picture. Excellent eye shape and colour. Lovely kind temperament. Excels in movement, very positive and powerful. Needs to mature.

**2nd McCormick's Monalou Star Princess.** 13 months medium sized girl with a bit more maturing to do. Very attractive head with excellent eye shape and colour. Good bone for her size. Nice shape and balance but still immature. Excellent movement, nice and clean front and rear.

**3rd Jeffries' Esslinbern Binda Hip Hop.** 17 months, very attractive girl, lighter build but with adequate bone. Nice balanced outline. Lovely free movement.

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### Yearling Bitch (5, 2)

**1st Bird's Kernow Let It Be At Cullumbern JW.** 19 months. Boy did this girl play up on the day. She made her handler work very hard for her placing. Despite her attempts to throw the class she is a very attractive, substantial girl who won the class on her excellent type and balanced body shape. Good angulation and excellent bone. Very attractive head and kind expression...although maybe not appreciated by her handler on the day!! Excellent movement.

**2nd Green's Waldershelf All About Edna.** 23 months, bigger girl with attractive head. Lacking in coat on the day which did her no favours. Good angulation front and rear. Excellent topline which she holds on the move. Good clean movement. Needs to mature.

**3rd Jones & Grayling's Lujento L'wren Bacall With Welshbern.** 23 months and out of coat. Attractive head with correct eye. Good angles with nice depth of chest and spring of rib. Excellent movement.

### Novice Bitch (2, 1)

**1st Stormberne Ain't No Sunshine.** 2 ½ years, very attractive girl with beautiful head and kind, typical Bernese expression. Good strong body with decent angulation front and rear. Excellent colouring, very rich tan. Notes say "very typey".

### Graduate Bitch (3)

**1st Miles' Save Dallas Kiss For Jaybiem – CC and Best of Breed.** My notes said "stunning" ... and she is. This girl came late into the ring and I was a bit puzzled at her showing in Graduate class as she totally oozed quality. On the day she was the complete Bernese picture. Pleasing, balanced outline with not a thing out of place. Excellent bone and substance. Excellent depth of chest. Strong but feminine head with lovely dark eyes and gentle expression. Excellent angulation all round with good spring of rib, excellent topline and nicely rounded croup. Moved with complete ease and no exaggeration. Beautifully presented in good coat and gently handled to perfection (NB over-handlers!!). I absolutely loved this girl. Her outstanding, balanced profile won over the dog in the Best of Breed challenge.

**2nd Thomson's Trudaleaze She's Gorjus.** 3 years old, slightly long caste girl with pretty head. Good angulation all round. Finer boned than winner and slightly untidy front movement.

**3rd Perk's Bernfawr Hot Spice.** 3 years old, carrying a pound or two too many which had an adverse effect on her front movement. Attractive broad head and lovely expression.

### Post Graduate Bitch (7 entries, 1 absentee, 1 withdrawn)

**1st Marsden & Robertson's Trudaleaze Majik Potion.** Medium sized, 2 years old. Good bone and nice outline with excellent topline. Nice angulation and depth of body. Moves very well ... easily the best mover in the class. To be hyper-critical she could use more stop as it tends to give a more plain look to the head.

**2nd Edge's Monalou Maid To Measure.** 3 years old, very typey girl. Medium sized but with excellent substance. Attractive strong but feminine head. Top line suffers a bit standing but she moved very well. Well presented in excellent condition.

**3rd Abbott's Meadowpark Dream Come True With Kingstonka.** A girl I admired very much as a puppy and she has turned out very nicely. Attractive and typey 2 ½ yr old. Beautiful head and expression. Excellent body shape and outline. Good angulation all round. Front movement not as clean as 1st and 2nd.

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### Limit Bitch (12, 2)

**1st Atherton's Athersbern Peronelle Blush – Reserve CC.** 4 year old, strong but very feminine girl. Excellent substance and outline. Very attractive head with correct stop....nothing exaggerated. Beautiful kind expression with correct eye shape and colour. Good angulation all through with excellent broad back end with nicely rounded croup. Very positive movement with good drive. Took Reserve CC on her type and substance.

**2nd Edge's Monalou Iced Queen.** 5 year old with great substance. Lovely type with excellent bone and strong body. Strong but attractive head. Less angulation than 1st but adequate. Moved well. Shown in excellent condition.

**3rd Griffiths, Orme & Slade's Jaybiem Vou Doo At Potterspride JW.** Another 5 year old with great substance and bone. Excellent movement where she holds an excellent topline. Good angulation. Attractive head with correct stop.

### Open Bitch (11, 1)

**1st Mair, Hartley-Mair & Dybdall's Ch Meadowpark Just A Dream.** 2 ½ years, very stylish girl shown in tip top condition. Very attractive head with lovely expression. Nice outline with correct topline which she holds stacked and on the move. Nicely angulated front and rear with lovely correct tail set. Comes into her own on the move where she covers ground with total ease. Beautifully presented.

**2nd Gurney's Ch Monalou Fanny Craddock.** 4 ½ years, substantial girl with the most gorgeous, feminine head and expression. Strong body all through with good substance. Good angles throughout. Moves very positively with clean movement front and rear. Well presented in excellent condition.

**3rd Grayling's Lujento Genoa Name.** 5 year old who I admired as a puppy and has lived up to her potential. Very attractive and typey girl with great bone and substance. Beautiful head with kind expression. Good angulation front and rear with good spring of rib and plenty forechest. More than held her own in a very strong class.

Judge – Tom Kelly (Belhof)