Northern and Midland Beagle Club Championship Show

 Many thanks to the committee for their kind invitation and for their usual great hospitality which means that it is always such a pleasure to attend their shows in whatever capacity. Also sincere thanks to my very efficient and courteous stewards; their help was much appreciated.

 I found the entry to be very mixed both in terms of quality and type and that the difference in the depth of quality between dog and bitch hounds has become even more worrying. One wonders why there is such a disparity which has become increasingly prevalent over several years and which results in a very limited choice of suitable stud dogs.

 On the plus side I did find some promising younger dog hounds and I was generally pleased with my main dog winners. The four bitches in contention for the RCC, after I had awarded the CC to a beautiful young lady, were all outstanding in my opinion and were worthy not only of little green cards but big ones also!

 I was pleased to see that fronts were much improved along with toplines and tail carriage but that heads in some exhibits were losing the desired soft expression and some males were lacking in masculine outlook Temperament amongst the hounds was faultless and it was disappointing that several were let down by their owners failing to keep them at the correct weight.

MPD 2

1.Ms M Pocklington-Hall`s Bayard Bee Good “ Small but perfectly formed” immediately came to my mind on going over this charming tan and white baby. At 6 months he showed so well and moved steadily and soundly. . Well balanced head with soft expression and dark eye. Compact in body with strong topline and just the right amount of bone and substance for his size. 2. Mr & Mrs M W & J S Goldberg`s Molesend Giorgio Tri boy out of a larger mould and very raw at the moment. His head is a little plain for now and needs to mature and fill out. Pleasing outline and good length of neck and correct tailset. He moved out well in profile but was a little excited on the move which resulted in his throwing his front at times.

PD 2

Two lovely puppies who although of different types are both super specimens of the breed.

1.Mr D R Craig`s Davricard Gaultier Very attractive tan and white nearing the end of his puppy career and maturing nicely. So well balanced and displaying good length of neck , level topline and perfect tailset. Moved very soundly with plenty of drive. Best Puppy Dog 2. Mrs N C A Firth`s Nictoney Intuition Super type of beagle showing masculinity without any hint of coarseness. Well shaped head with soft expression and excels in length of neck and layback of shoulder. Unfortunately was refusing to cooperate with his handler on the move so it was difficult to properly access his movement.

JD 3

1.Mr & Mrs M W & J S Goldberg`s Rossut Villein At Molesend The more I saw of this young beagle the more I appreciated him. He was presented in perfect condition carrying just the right amount of weight and fits the standard so well, free from any exaggeration. He is compact in body with good depth of chest and plenty of heartroom along with level topline and straight front. He moved accurately both coming and going and I was pleased to award him a well earned CC. 2.N Intuition 3 Mr Brian & Mr P Jones` Stormpasture Saddlesoap

YD 1

1. Miss C Jones Clairdale Fusilier. Stood alone in this class but presented an impressive picture of a young fit male beagle in great condition and responding to handler so admirably. Well constructed throughout with good length of neck and laid back shoulders plus correct feet and good angulation. His well developed quarters enabled him to cover the ground with ease and I had no hesitation in awarding him the RCC

ND 1(a)

GD 2

1.N Intuition (getting his act together in this class>) 2. Miss A M Phillips Lanesend Redcap Bushranger. Quality boy of pleasing type but going through that in between stage and not helping his handler today. Masculine head with soft expression and dark eye. Absolutely beautiful neck and shoulder placement and good depth of body and forechest coupled with plenty of substance and bone. Moved well in profile but erratically in front.

PGD 3 (1a)

1.Mr Eric & Mrs Julie Jones Molesend Colt (AI) (Ay2) Free showing tan and white with well balanced outline and soft expression. He has a dead level topline and correct tailset and straight front. Moved soundly. 2.Mrs Vanessa & Mr Mark Murphy Davricard Picasso At Rhosyndu. Compact boy with nice masculine head and lovely reach of neck. A lot to like about him but sadly was plaiting in front movement today.

MLD 3

1.Mrs M Hunt Bondlea Woodlark Strong masculine hound with plenty of bone and substance. Well balanced head with dark eye and pigmentation. Good forechest and depth of body along with nice angulation. Strong quarters rendered him able to move around the ring with ease.2. Mrs M J Kingsland Redcap Doctor Strange. Close up to 1 and very little to choose between the two of them. Similar in type but slightly longer in body. Great reach of neck and lay back of shoulder plus good angulation, Covered the ground with impressive reach and drive 3.Mrs Sue Bell-Thomas & Mr Alun Thomas Amorpapaver Jupiter.

LD 3

 A very mixed class in type and age.

1.Mrs K M B & Mr S M Lovatt Bjornhagen Sweet Bay Leaf J W Sh.cm Shcex Almost a veteran and beginning to show his age but I felt the best overall here. He has a nicely shaped head and well balanced outline with level topline and pleasing angulation.Moved adequately 2. Mr Jim & Mrs Julie Woodcock Molesend Verdict At Roddwood Tan and white of a smaller mould who showed so well for his handler. In great condition and nicely constructed with level topline, decent neck and neat feet. Moved accurately.

3. Miss Kyra L A Harrison Rundle Raspberry Roulade.

OD 2

1.Miss C Jones Ch Newlin Preston To Clairdale J W Free showing eye catching tri boy at one with his handler and determined to make the most of himself. He is masculine all through but not coarse in any way and has a pleasing head with soft expression , super angulation and correct feet. He really comes into his own on the move with lots of reach and drive. I just felt he was a little loaded on his shoulders today. . 2. Miss D Taylor Deaconfield Kingcraft Another lovely type of beagle with lots to like about him. He is very nice to go over being very well balanced and constructed. He was shown in super condition carrying just the right amount of weight which emphasised his clean outline and lovely front assembly. Moved soundly though not with quite the freedom of 1,

VD 4

Great to see the oldies enjoying their day and impatiently waiting for their sausages!

1.Mrs M Hunt & Miss J Norris Ch Shercroft Apollo J W Shcm. Nearly 9 years and his tail never stopped wagging ! Tan and white who still retains his superb construction, level topline and good depth of body. Substance combined with round bone complete the picture. Won this class on his sound movement. BVD and BVIS 2. Ms S J Dawson & Mr S J Goodall Ch Janfrey Randal Upon Rundle J W Shcm What a joy to see this 10 year old literally bouncing around the ring and full of vim and vigour. Lovely head with soft expression and well set leathers leading into a pleasing arched neck and correct shoulders. Moved with great reach and drive in profile but not as accurate in front movement as 1.

3.Mrs Vanessa & Mr Mark Murphy Black Royal At Rhosyndu VW

MPB 2

1.Mrs A Tofts Jarrowley Opal. Absolutely charming tan and white baby who has the sweetest of expressions complemented by dark eyes and pigmentation. She is very feminine but has the correct amount of substance and bone for her size. Stunning outline and excels in neck and shoulder properties along with neat feet and well rounded quarters for her age. Moved soundly. 2. Mr M W &Mrs J S Goldberg Molesend Gingerbread. Another feminine and white but slighter in build than one and her head needs to mature. I liked her overall body shape and movement in profile although a little close behind at the moment.

PB 2

1.Mrs C Tanner Felinoak Flansi Nansi Super type of young beagle bitch maturing beautifully and in tip top condition. She has a classic feminine head framed by well set leathers and pleasing depth of muzzle. So well constructed with required length of neck and well laid back shoulders leading to straight topline and correct tailset. She moved perfectly in all directions and was a clear winner of Best Puppy Bitch and BPIS.2, Mrs N C A Firth Nictoney Gingerbread Very pretty tan and white with such a feminine outlook and lovely dark eyes and pigmentation. Smaller and less mature than one but all is in proportion. Nice level topline, correct tailset and neat feet. Moved well and soundly.

JB 4

1.Mr D R Craig Annavah Belinda Of Davricard I loved everything about this quality bitch who was presented in super condition and who showed beautifully. She has lovely feminine head , well shaped with good depth of muzzle and dark eye. Her body is compact with good forechest and ample heartroom and has pleasing rear angulation. She moved so soundly and pressed very hard for top honours.2. Miss L A & Mrs PJ Havard Dufosee Julianna Avec Annavah Ultra feminine tan and white who oozes quality. Especially admired her beautiful feminine head and expression with the darkest of eyes and pigmentation. Another of a smaller mould but with appropriate bone and substance for her size..Moved soundly holding her topline well. I just preferred the overall balance of 1. 3. Mrs J & Mr K E Lennard Butterow Unity

YB 4

1.Mrs V M Davies Annavah Nocturne At Barrvale. Yet another top quality young bitch destined I`m sure for top honours ! Shown in great condition she is so well balanced with a classic outline and super length of neck leading to laid back shoulders and strong topline. Her head is well proportioned and feminine. Her front is straight, her rear well angulated and her movement sound and free. 2. Mrs C Tanner Felinoak El Koko Loko Slightly rangier young bitch but with a lot to like about her. Soft expression, good forechest, level topline and nice round feet. Her well muscled quarters enabled her to drive round the ring but she was moving a little close behind today. 3. Mrs A Statham Serenaker Paloma At Brigam

NB 7 (2a)

A really difficult class to judge as types and sizes were so varied and phantom pregnancies didn`t help !

1.N Gingerbread. 2.B Unity Larger, houndier type of beagle than 1 but who retains her femininity and is very well constructed. Not so glamorous from the ringside but she is a delight to go over. Super length of neck and lovely laid back shoulders. Straight front and pleasing head with low set leathers. Moved with plenty of freedom. 3.Mrs M Kingsland Winner Takes It All To Redcap

GB 3

1.Mrs M J Kingsland & Mr N Stevens Redcap The Locomotion with Talbotrise. Really like this type of beagle with plenty of bone and substance and nicely rounded body and quarters.She is still very much a young lady and not overdone in any way. Lovely balanced head and good forechest which is frequently missing these days.Super length of neck and strong topline. Moved with reach and drive. 2. B. Unity 3. Mrs P J & Miss D V Banks Serenaker Margarita at Forgebanks

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 Two nice tan and white bitches with little to choose but just preferred

 head of !.

Miss D Taylor Deaconfield Lyric Well balanced throughout and nicely constructed with pleasing body shape and good depth of chest. Attractive head with dark pigmentation. Good rear movement but pinning in slightly in front. 2. Miss C Kelly & Mr K Macdougall Molesdend Wistfulat Mackhovie Slightly finer in head and body than 1 but she was still however well balanced with level topline and correct tailset and carriage. Moved soundly and steadily.

 MLB 7

 1. Mrs M Hunt Dufosee Iyla at Bondlea JW Clear winner in this class.

 She was presented in immaculate condition carrying just the right amount

 of weight. She is a quality bitch not overdone in any way with lovely

 conformation and a pretty head framed by low set leathers, good length of

 neck leading to correct shoulders and dead level topline. She moved

 soundly and accurately both coming and going.

 2. Mrs L Richmond Canowindra Fair Eva. Well balanced tan and white

 Clearly enjoying her day out. Feminine head and expression with well

 shaped muzzle. Decent neck and shoulders coupled with good

 angulation and well developed quarters.

 Canowindra Fair Eva 3. Mrs S Bell-Thomas & Mr Alun Thomas

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 LB 8 (1a)

1.Mrs S Arden Annavah Star Above Madika Aw(B) Quality bitch making the most of herself both standing and moving and handled to perfection

Shown in hard condition and displaying lovely crested neck and best of

shoulder placement and rear angulation. On the move she really comes

Into her own and covers the ground with reach and drive looking as if she

could go all day. To be hyper critical I feel that just a tad more weight would

complete the picture.

 2. Mr M W & Mrs J S Goldberg Molesend Dormouse JW. Different type to

1 but such a lovely example of a more petite and very feminine tan and

 white bitch maturing so well. She has the prettiest of heads and is in such

 good proportions throughout in super condition and just the right amount

 of bone for size. Moving she was very correct with straight front and parallel rear but could not quite match the stride of 1. 3. Mrs P J & Miss D V

Banks Forgebanks Raindrop

OB 8

A lovely class with some great movers !

 1.Miss L A & Mrs P J Havard Ch Annavah Princess Tiana. She fits the

 standard so well in that she is sturdy and compactly built and then has that

 extra quality and grace that just gives her the edge over some super

 bitches which are putting in such strong challenges.

 Her head is perfectly balanced with the softest of expressions

 and her length of neck in proportion to body is just right . Lovely straight

 front with round bone leading down to perfectly rounded feet, super

 body shape and level topline held well on the move. She moves so

 accurately both coming and going and in profile has reach and drive with

 front and rear moving in complete harmony. BCC and BIS.

 2. Ms H Deans Ch Gempeni Cornflower Shcex. Another top quality bitch of

 a larger mould but retaining her femininity. She was shown in lovely

 condition and handled to perfection..Nicely shaped attractive head with

 mild expression leading to super crested neck and well laid back shoulders

 Good depth of chest allowing for plenty of heartroom, strong topline, well

 padded feet and properly muscled hind quarters. On the move she really

 comes into her own covering the ground with impressive reach and drive

 but still with accuracy. Her movement today earned her a very hotly

 Contested RCC and RBIS.

 VB 6 (2a)

 1. Mrs S Arden Madika Spot On JW Shcm Aw(P) What a happy, alert

 beautiful lady enjoying every moment in the ring and so wanting to please

 her handler –they obviously have an enviable rapport! She has a pleasing

 feminine head and good forechest and well rounded ribs. Her well muscled

 quarters were used to advantage to enable her to power around the ring

 on a quest no doubt for the sausages ! BVB 2.Mrs G Ambridge Tiger

 Lily Blossom. At nearly 10 years this tan and white was giving a lot away in

 age but was shown in great condition and was another enjoying her day.

 She has a really attractive head and her outline is well balanced with good

 neck and shoulders and a level topline which she holds well on the move.

 Moved well and a credit to her owner. 3..Mr J & Mrs J Woodcock

 Roddwood Rhea

 Maureen Henningsson- Dundas (judge).

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