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National Gundog Association
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Spaniel (English Springer)

DCC 1639 - Sh Ch Sandylands Stand N Deliver (Mrs T E Topliss)
RDCC 1604 - Greg De Les Tres Llacunes (imp) (Mr C & Mrs J Gledhill)
BCC 1637 - Beresford Stand on Ceremony (Mrs T E Topliss)
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BP 1648 - Spuffing Bellini (Mrs J Weyman)
BV 1605 - Peasblossom Valentino (Mrs S Graham)
BSB 1625 – Clentonian Pitch Perfect (Mr R & Mrs J Reynolds)

I very much enjoyed judging a super entry. My thanks to my wonderful stewards who keep the ball rolling and ensured that the winners made the groups in time. My thanks also to the exhibitors who brought some really lovely Springers under me.

I found the Springers to be mainly pleasing in breed type, well made and sound. Luckily, with judging the breed frequently at home and overseas, my breed preferences are no secret, and consequently I was greeted with an entry full of the type I like and appreciate. The majority of exhibits were sound and moderate with no swan necks, sloping topline or those narrow heads with low ear sets resembling Cockers. There were plenty of happy Springers with great temperaments, who were happy to be there, not always the case with this breed.

Of course, nothing is perfect, and there were, as always, a few light eyes and some straight upper arms but luckily these were in the minority.

465. Spaniel (English Springer) - Veteran Dog

Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

1ST 1605 - Peasblossom Valentino (Mrs S Graham)

L/W 7 years old. Elegant gentleman of correct breed type. Pleasing balanced head with width of skull, chiselling and a lovely eye and expression with a good ear set. Has a decent length of neck that is strong and well muscled. His body is balanced and he has a reasonably angled upper arm and good rear. I would like a little more forechest and substance. He has a strong topline, with a well set tail and muscular quarters. Size wise he is at the top end of the scale. His movement was sound with purpose and plenty of push on the move. Has super bone and feet and was in lovely condition, his weatherproof coat was beautifully presented. Won **Best Veteran**, by a grey whisker!

466. Spaniel (English Springer) - Minor Puppy Dog

Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

1ST 1645 - Peasblossom Eros (Miss P Watts)

B/W baby of 7 months. He is a confident lad, with a pleasing head with sensible width of skull and lovely dark eye and soft expression. His forequarters are good and he has a well angled rear, and was

therefore sound on the move. Typical for his age with plenty of maturing and body development to come but the essentials are there.

467. Spaniel (English Springer) - Puppy Dog

Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

1ST 1644 - Dexbenella Livin The Dream (Mr S P & Mrs W M Walker)

Attractive L/W puppy of 11 months. Young lad who is mature for his age and has reached full size. He presented a balanced outline overall. His head is developing nicely for age, although still needs to break, but there is width and depth and enough work in it. His expression is pleasing and will improve further as his eyes darken. Excellent forehand, with well placed shoulders and plenty of upper arm. He has enough forechest with good spring of rib, decent loin, and strong bone with well padded feet. Well angled hindquarters and stacks of well textured coat. Moved soundly and happy enough, after several strides when he remembered he had a tail!

2ND 1645 - Peasblossom Eros (Miss P Watts)

468. Spaniel (English Springer) - Junior Dog

Entries: 5 Absentees: 1

Nice class.

1ST 1636 - Beresford Stand N' Stare (Mrs T E Topliss)

Exciting 14 months old L/W lad, full of breed type, with just the right development for age. His beautiful head has enough width and depth and will mature further and is complemented by a good eye and expression. He has pleasing forequarter construction and plenty of forechest for age, with a level topline. His strong sound hindquarters enabled him to move with purpose and balance with good footfall. Well off for bone. He could be tidier in front but is just a teenager as yet. Sports a correct weatherproof coat.

2ND 1611 - Eastriding Royal Gold (Mrs K Jenkinson)

Striking L/W, just out of puppy. He has a balanced outline and is very well constructed all through. I found he had a lovely springer head with a good expression. Has a strong topline and is sound on the move. Well presented weatherproof coat, with a sensible amount of feathering. He was close up to winner, but just not as forward at present. He is another young man with lots of potential.

3RD 1635 - Beresford Stand at Ease (Mrs T E Topliss)

RES 1646 - Meonstoke Woodpecker at Grosbreuil (Mrs D West)

469. Spaniel (English Springer) - Novice Dog

Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

1ST 1636 - Beresford Stand N' Stare (Mrs T E Topliss)

2ND 1635 - Beresford Stand at Ease (Mrs T E Topliss)

L/W. Another highly typical youngster, brother to winner. He has the same super outline with a pleasing head and eye, great bone and well put together. Obviously the naughtier of the two brothers once he learns to co-operate on the stack and get it together on the move he will push his sibling harder. Very much a teenage Springer in behaviour at the moment!

470. Spaniel (English Springer) - Graduate Dog

Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

1ST 1613 - Pinhays Pie in the Sky (Mr C Kibby)

14 months L/W. Like several today he was very much at the awkward teenage stage. His head is pleasing

in shape and balance but eye could be darker, this may come later. Good front construction but would like a shade more development in chest. He is going through a coat change at the moment as you would expect for a young boy. He's sound enough on the move but would like more reach and drive. Maturity will make a noticeable difference to him.

471. Spaniel (English Springer) - Post Graduate Dog

Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

1ST 1629 - Peasblossom Brogan at Gaolachcara (Ms Stevenson)

2 year old typical L/W of quality. He has the correct shape and balance in outline throughout. His beautiful head had width, strength and plenty of work in it, with a correct stop, strong muzzle and wide nostrils. He has dark eyes and a super, soft expression. Decent length of neck flowing into excellent front construction with plenty of strength and copybook angulation. Well sprung ribs with a super deep body, and a sensibly angled rear. He has a strong topline and a pleasing tailset. Good bone with deep well padded feet. His coat is weatherproof and well presented. Overall he is in strong fit condition and therefore was able to move out with power, soundness and good footfall.

2ND 1625 - Clentonian Pitch Perfect (Mr R & Mrs J Reynolds)

A L/W 4 year old of lovely breed type who is a good size. He has a correctly shaped and well chiselled head and his expression is soft with a super dark eye of correct shape. He has a balanced outline and is well made all through. Has sensible hindquarters, not over angled, with good bone and feet. Moved soundly.

3RD 1617 - Hunterheck Fade to Black (Mr M & Mrs A Le-Clerc)

472. Spaniel (English Springer) - Limit Dog

Entries: 5 Absentees: 2

A very competitive class of three super males.

1ST 1619 - Gleadbury It Is Destiny for Anacapa (Mrs H Merry)

2 year old impressive L/W. He is all male, typy and very mature with a balanced outline. Probably strong enough in head for some but I appreciated the lovely male strength and the required work in it. He has pleasing head planes with correct stop, with super dark eyes and soft expression. His forequarters are impressive, strong and well angulated with plenty of chest development and muscular loin. He has a proper length of neck, with a level topline and well set tail. His hindquarters are muscular but would like him better let down behind. Moved out well with strength and power. Well prepared coat that is fit for function.

2ND 1647 - More Than Amazing Wanna Be A Gangster at Spuffing JW (Imp Bel) (Mrs J Weyman)

Super L/W/T lad and so close up to winner. He's got plenty of breed type, with a pleasing masculine head, well shaped skull, with chiselling and a good stop. Super tight eyes, dark with typical expression, well set ears and clean throated. Has a decent, strong neck with excellent front construction, and has impressive upper arm. His body is well balanced with good topline and tailset and plenty of muscle on his well angled quarters. Obviously has a super temperament and is a happy mover, going soundly and with purpose. Just lost out on strength of coupling today.

3RD 1626 - Meltarose Midshipman (Mrs E Rowlinson)

473. Spaniel (English Springer) - Open Dog

Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

1ST 1639 - Sh Ch Sandylands Stand N Deliver (Mrs T E Topliss)

L/W dog now in his prime. Glorious for breed type, and exactly what a Springer should be. The phrase

beginning "Highest on the leg and raciest in build etc....." is absolutely him. Well balanced masculine but clean head, all Springer and nothing cockery here helped by a correct ear set which is missing in many. Super dark eyes with a really beautiful expression. Proper length of neck, not too long and an excellent forequarter. He has plenty of forechest and spring of rib. Body is balanced with a strong topline and beautiful well muscled hindquarters, decently angled but not overdone. Well prepared weatherproof coat and quietly and intelligently handled. All that said, the icing on the cake is his happy movement. Completely copybook and what the standard demands swinging from the shoulder and covering the ground effortlessly! **CC and BOB** and was delighted to watch him win 4th in an exceptional group.

2ND 1604 - Greg De Les Tres Llacunes (imp) (Mr C & Mrs J Gledhill)

5 Year old L/W with great breed type, another class act and close up to winner having many of the same attributes. He is masculine, balanced and soundly built all through, with a super head, all male but nothing overdone and a glorious dark eye and expression. Well made front assembly, plenty of rib and a strong compact body with a correct topline. Lovely bone and strong workmanlike feet. The best of hindquarters well let down and short strong rear pasterns. Moved happily, with a lovely flowing stride and good footfall. Typical weatherproof coat with a sensible amount of feather. Beautifully presented and handled. **RES CC**

3RD 1613 - Pinhays Pie in the Sky (Mr C Kibby)

474. Spaniel (English Springer) - Special Beginners

Entries: 4 Absentees: 0

1ST 1625 - Clentonian Pitch Perfect (Mr R & Mrs J Reynolds)

2ND 1618 - Hunterheck Lost in A Spell (Mr M & Mrs A Le-Clerc)

B/W young lady of 3 years. She has a pleasing feminine head, with a lovely dark eye and expression and correct ear set. She is a good shape and size, with a decent length of neck, well angled forequarters with a compact neat body with enough angle behind. Good bone and feet and a sensible amount of well textured coat. Moved soundly enough but would have liked more purpose today.

3RD 1617 - Hunterheck Fade to Black (Mr M & Mrs A Le-Clerc)

RES 1614 - Pinhays Pride and Joy (Mr C Kibby)

475. Spaniel (English Springer) - Veteran Bitch

Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

Two 8 year old quality litter sisters, both typical and hard to separate in this class.

1ST 1609 - Ir Sh Ch Clentonian Pandemonium JW ShCEx OSW VW (Mrs M Hydon)

B/W compact balanced bitch of good size. She has a beautiful feminine head with plenty of fluting and chiselling and lovely eye and expression, and very much in the style of the Teesviews from way back. Has a moderate length of neck flowing into a well laid shoulder, although I would like a touch more upper arm. There is enough forechest, and she is well ribbed, short coupled with well angled quarters. Her quarters are properly angled with short rear pasterns, good bone and feet. Sensible amount of weatherproof coat, well presented. She moved soundly, covering enough ground.

2ND 1623 - Clentonian Picture Perfect (Mr R & Mrs J Reynolds)

L/W and so close up. Many of the same remarks apply. She is a well made typical Springer lady, with a lovely eye and expression, strong and balanced body, moderate all through and not overdone in any department. Today the femininity of her sister just tipped the balance in her favour.

476. Spaniel (English Springer) - Minor Puppy Bitch

Entries: 0 Absentees: 0

477. Spaniel (English Springer) - Puppy Bitch

Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

Another competitive class headed by 2 quality sisters!

1ST 1648 - Spuffing Bellini JW (Mrs J Weyman)

11 months L/W, - a most exciting young lady, so full of classic breed type. Beautiful feminine head with balance and plenty of work in it. She has a lovely dark eye with a soft expression and proper ear set. Correct forequarter construction with a strong tapering neck, her body has balance and is well ribbed back with a good topline. Well angled hindquarters with plenty of strength enabling her to move in an impressive and coordinated fashion. Well conditioned weatherproof coat. **Best Puppy**

2ND 1630 - Spuffing Daiquiri at Gaolachcara (Ms Stevenson)

Like her sister this L/W youngster has plenty of breed type. Feminine and balanced all through, her head is not quite so developed as her sister as yet, but her eye and expression are lovely. There is a decent length of neck with strong, well angled forequarters, pleasing body and strong rear. She moved with plenty of purpose and I loved her musculature. She was in lovely coat. Very close up to her sister.

3RD 1600 - Dexbenella Believin Dreams at Derrindee (Miss D De Carteret)

478. Spaniel (English Springer) - Junior Bitch

Entries: 5 Absentees: 1

Quality class.

1ST 1637 - Beresford Stand on Ceremony (Mrs T E Topliss)

L/W 14 month old, who I see is the daughter of the BOB winner. Unsurprisingly she has many of the same virtues. She excels in breed type, and has a feminine head with a classical expression. Her neck is strong, well arched and of good length, flowing into a great lay of shoulder. Her topline is good with strong moderate quarters, and she is well off for bone. She is purposeful and sound on the move and well handled to showcase her many qualities. Well balanced all through. Although she is very much a showgirl, she is also completely fit for function.

Whilst still young in development she was mature enough to take on some super winners from the older classes to win the CC. She is all Springer and should have an exciting future!

2ND 1612 - Eastriding Royal Style (Mrs K Jenkinson)

12 months lovely L/W and the overused phrase "unlucky to meet winner" would be an understatement! Another super, typical young lady with a balanced outline and everything where it should be. She has a gorgeous head and expression although eyes need to darken. Great front construction, strong well made body with beautiful hindquarters. Neat rear pasterns and well boned. She has a weatherproof coat and was in super condition. Moved soundly and was well handled.

3RD 1620 - Daenerys Girl on Fire at Dexbenella (Mr L E Nicklin)

RES 1633 - Meonstoke Wild Thyme (Mrs K C Taubman)

479. Spaniel (English Springer) - Novice Bitch

Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

1ST 1648 - Spuffing Bellini (Mrs J Weyman)

2ND 1630 - Spuffing Daiquiri at Gaolachcara (Ms Stevenson)

3RD 1615 - Pinhays Princess Sarah (Mrs J I Kibby)

480. Spaniel (English Springer) - Graduate Bitch

Entries: 6 Absentees: 1

1ST 1603 - Dexbenella Dream of Dreams (Mr C & Mrs J Gledhill)

Extremely typical L/W 2 year old. She is a good size, with a balanced outline and feminine all through. Her head is well balanced with a pleasing expression and super dark eyes. She has a strong tapering neck of good length with great forequarters and well developed chest. Good hindquarters with decent strength of second thigh so consequently moves powerfully and soundly. She has correct bone and was in good coat.

2ND 1606 - Daenerys Winter Solstice at Fecimus (Mr J & Miss A Harrison & MacBain)

feminine 14 month old. She has a pleasing head with lovely expression. Good outline, muscular forequarters with good upper arm and has excellent bone and feet. Has a strong topline with plenty of width of quarters but doesn't need any more angulation behind. Moved soundly but was somewhat wayward on occasion!

3RD 1615 - Pinhays Princess Sarah (Mrs J I Kibby)

RES 1618 - Hunterheck Lost in A Spell (Mr M & Mrs A Le-Clerc)

VHC 1650 - Cobhay Heavenly Hydrangea JW Bel Jch Bjw 24 (Mrs J, Mrs D & Miss P Williams & Toublic)

481. Spaniel (English Springer) - Post Graduate Bitch

Entries: 1 Absentees: 1

482. Spaniel (English Springer) - Limit Bitch

Entries: 9 Absentees: 2

Excellent class of quality and type, headed by two typical and very similar bitches.

1ST 1610 - Barecho Fame Queen at Eastriding (Imp Swe) (Mrs K Jenkinson)

3 year old L/W bitch of lovely breed type. She has a lovely feminine head of correct shape with plenty of work complimented by a beautiful expression and dark eye. Super outline, neat and compact, with sensible length of neck and strong body. Her front angulation is pleasing all through and matched by a strong, wide and well let down hindquarter. She moved soundly with a high degree of purpose. Weatherproof coat well presented and with a sensible amount all round.

2ND 1598 - Carlyquinn Winter Storm JW (Mrs H Cokell)

Another super type of bitch. She is well balanced all round. Her sweet feminine head is balanced, and she has an eye that is well shaped but still needs to darken. Her strong neck flows into well placed shoulders, but I would prefer more upper arm. She has super strong hindquarters that propelled her soundly round the ring. Immaculately presented and handled.

3RD 1627 - Petranella Tipping the Wink JW (Ms C P Savell)

RES 1602 - Chanangel When You Believe at Shersona (Mrs Sde & Miss MD Frusher & Slack)

VHC 1649 - Spuffing Prosecco (Mrs J Weyman)

483. Spaniel (English Springer) - Open Bitch

Entries: 7 Absentees: 2

1ST 1628 - Sh Ch Melverly Iridescent (Mr R J Smith)

Hard to believe this young L/W/T lady is only 3 years as she is very mature for her age and quite the full package. Her head is well balanced and feminine with super dark eyes that give a typically appealing expression. I would just prefer a shade more fluting through the stop. She has a strong neck of correct

length, flowing into a beautifully made forehand. Lovely deep ribs and great body, strong topline and powerful deep quarters that she uses on the move. Her bone is strong without being clumsy. She was moved well at a good speed and stacked to show off her many assets. Well presented coat that was of good texture. RES CC and pushed the CC winner hard.

2ND 1632 - Meltarose Madeleine at Meonstoke (Mrs K C Taubman)

Quality L/W of 5 years. Another lovely type, who was strong but feminine and well made all through. She has a pleasing balanced head, with the desired chiselling and good foreface. Has a typical Springer eye and expression, and correct ear set. She has a sensible length of neck, good shoulders and well angled hindquarters, set off with a proper tail set and carriage. Her bone is clean with decent feet and she moved soundly with purpose. In beautiful coat and condition with striking clear markings.

3RD 1638 - Sandylands Send My Love (Mrs T E Topliss)

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