# CAVALIERS OF THE SOUTH DECEMBER 07, 2024 - ASHEVILLE, NC MIMI HODGES, MIMRIC CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIELS, USA

A heartfelt thank you to the Cavaliers of the South for the invitation to judge this year's December Asheville Show.

Kudos to the Cavaliers of the South and to the Exhibitors for supporting this storm-ridden area dealing with the horrific aftermath of Hurricane Helene. It was apparent that no detail was missed by our show chairs, the exhibitors were good sports and seemed to be enjoying themselves. While a smaller entry than normal, the quality was high. The business community of Asheville appreciated our support in tough times.

This show was dedicated in memory of our friend Carolyn Bolster, who we lost in October. Everyone wore a touch of purple (her favorite color), we awarded purple rosettes throughout the weekend and enjoyed a purple-decorated cake in her honor. RIP Carolyn.

# Mimi Hodges

#### DOGS

## **JUNIOR PUPPY DOG** (2)

- 1. **TEMPLAR'S NOT YOUR AVERAGE COWBOY AT NIGHTHAWK** (Morigi/Mitchell) Well broken, rich chestnut, with lovely coat and texture. Round correct dark eyes, good post sternum and chest with elbows close by his sides.
- 2. **LYNSFAIRE HAVING A PARTY** (Bright/Fairchild) Tri color a little longer cast, nice neck, correct ear-set. Wish there was a little more fill/cushioning which may come with age and maturity.

#### **SENIOR PUPPY DOG (3)**

- 1. **FIELDSEDGE SPOT ON** (Richards) Well-balanced front and rear, Mature for age. Well-broken, Deep rich chestnut on this Blenheim boy. Large dark eyes and handsome head. A little proud of his tail today. My best puppy male.
- 2. **FIELDSEDGE BURNING DOWN THE HOUSE** (Slusher/Slusher) Not quite the headpiece of 1, a deeper stop. Lovely neck, elbows by side and deep chest, a nice mover who traveled well coming and going, a little longer cast.
- 3. **CHADWICK IN THE HOT SEAT** (Eckersley) Moderate classic head, not as mature as 1 and 2, Balanced front and rear, giving his handler a bit of a ride today.

#### **GRADUATE PUPPY DOG** (3)

1. **STONEPIT MASTERMIND** (Gentil) This boy oozes with breed type, soft, sweet, boyish, gentle expression. He has very dark nose pigment and eye rims that pop. A smaller boy, short coupled, compact package. He is balanced front and rear with good angulation. Lovely side gait and profile with correctly set tail. A nice overall package with a very promising future. Wish he were mine! He tugged at me to award him **RESERVE WINNERS DOG** 

- 2. **KENJOCKITY SILVER KISS** (Weber) Well broken chestnut set on pearly white background, lots of potential, pretty head with nice pigment and ear set, good substance, growing still and slightly higher in rear at the moment which may level with age.
- 3. TASSAJARA WHOS ON FIRST (Northrop/Northrop) Deep deep rich chestnut on a coat of correct texture. Round dark eyes and pigment. His head is his fortune. A lovely cavalier temperament, happy boy who wagged all the while. Good length of neck. Traveling a bit close behind.... Growing into himself, a teenager who needs more time to settle, build muscle and mature.

## **BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG** (4)

- 1. **CH. ORCHARDHILL OVERANALYZED** (Venier/Venier) A short couple attractive tri color who catches your eye as he enters the ring. Broken coat (hard to achieve) who likes to show himself. A handsome bold headpiece. Good turn of stifle, topline. Good spring of ribs. **BEST TRI COLOR IN SHOW**
- 2. **TUDORR BRINGING HOME THE BLUES, JW** (Mixon/Mixon) Nice pleasing head, cushioning and pigment. Level topline on the go, a blanketed boy with very rich deep chestnut. Movement coming and away not as strong as my 1<sup>st</sup> place dog.
- 3. **CH. RIVERLEIGH HOT OFF THE PRESS, JW** (Dingman) A very classic moderate handsome head on this boy whom I have seen shown multiple times. Large dark eyes, dark rims and pigment. Level topline on the stack. Not himself today on the move...as I understand he had been scared by static shock the day before, tucking his tail and not moving out. Nice angulation front and rear.
- 4. **LYNSFAIRE AND I LOVE HER** (Fairchild) Another handsome classic head, very symmetrical markings making a pretty headpiece. Good rear angulation. Well broken, with a bit more leg under him. Needs to mature, chest drop and grow in more coat to complete the overall picture.

#### **AMERICAN BRED DOG** (1)

1. **TASSAJARA VOODOO RANGER** (Jones) Not flashy, but an overall nicely, well-made cavalier. A larger boy who is still maturing. Sporty, traveling with a level topline. Dark nose pigment and eye rims....with good top skull and ear set.

# **SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM DOG** (2)

- 1. **FORESTCREEK ANDY** (Madden/Cline) A glamourous boy, well broken with glorious silky coat. A look at me attitude, full of energy with nice reach and drive. Very nice topline and profile. Nice display gaiting around the ring....stacked well, shown to perfection. Would like a bit more cushioning in the muzzle to soften his overall expression ... A quality exhibit...vied for top honors.
- 2. TASSAJARA HIGH LIFE (Seidman/Seidman) Several qualities to admire, good topline on the move and stack. Good turn of stifle and a good post sternum and chest. A deeper stop than preferred but nice cushioning on an overall pleasing head.

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOR DOG** (2)

- 1. **FIELDSEDGE THE THUNDER ROLLS** (Slusher/Slusher) Nice bone on this larger broken tri color, who traveled strongly on the move. Good length of neck. A manly large head with dark eyes.
- 2. TRISTAN DOBRY ROK OF LYNSFAIRE (Fairchild) A very nice, sweet head, eye and expression on this blanketed tri. Correct round eyes with dark eye rims and nose. Short coupled. A very happy gay dog.

#### OPEN DOG (4)

"A fabulous class of beautiful well-deserved champions. All but one, I've been lucky to judge and have awarded wins in the past. A class who on any given day could and probably did, change places."

- 1. CH. FORESTCREEK THE SHOWMAN AT TUDORR, JW
  (Mixon/Mixon/Cline/Marshall) My cuppa of tea. Not overdone in anyway. Good topline
  standing as well as on the move, liked his bone and overall size and compact shape. A
  lovely headpiece with round eyes and nice cushioning. Dark pigment. Balanced front and
  rear. Correct coat texture. Unfortunately, he shut down, and lost in movement to the Bitches
  during final challenge, my pleasure to award this lovely Cavalier WINNERS DOG, BEST
  OPPOSITE SEX
- 2. CH. FALLING SPRINGS JUST YOU WAIT AT CROWNROSE, JW, AW (Rosenberg/Rosenberg) A strong strong mover. A very level topline held on the move and stack. Nice side gait and excellent coming and going as well. Well broken. Good top skull and ear set. Another who vied for top honors. Preferred the overall shape of my Winners and Reserve.
- 3. CH. FALLING SPRINGS BLACK FLAME AT MADRYN, JW, CTKN (Weeks/Weeks/Curley) This boy never shuts down showing. A very happy exhibit with great temperament. A handy size with a pretty profile and shape. Beautiful rich black coat with deep rich brown points in the right places. Prefer tail carriage and shoulders of 1 and 2. BEST BLACK AND TAN IN SHOW
- 4. CH TASSAJARA LAWS OF MOTION, AW (Seidman/McDonnell-Seidman) Another nice champion who I have admired. Well broken Blenheim with a sweet moderate head and expression. Deep chest. Lost his topline on the day and a bit out of coat.

#### **BITCHES**

#### **JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (3)**

- **1. FALLING SPRINGS FIRST STARLIGHT** (Curley) Very cute shape on this wee black and tan. Rich tan in the correct locations. Good angulation front and rear, turn of stifle. Sweet head and expression. Being picky could ask for a larger eye. A promising future I predict on this nice puppy. **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**
- 2. DULANEY UPTOWN GIRL (Dingman) Pretty tri color puppy bitch. Good bone and size. Beautifully marked, jet black on pearly white. Balanced front and rear. Showed well.
- **3. LYNSFAIRE LETS PARTY** (Fairchild) A larger, rangier puppy with good rear angulation. Well broken, level topline on the move, but lost it on the stack. Suspect she will be able to hold it as she matures and builds muscle.

#### **SENIOR PUPPY BITCH** (3)

- 1. **FALLING SPRINGS BRAND NEW MORNING** (Curley) Very happy wiggly small puppy! Feminine head and smaller in build with a nice rear angulation. Nicley marked and broken.
- 2. **MIDORI'S FLOWERS AMBROSE** (Glasgow) My notes say nice neck twice! Good level topline moving and stacked. Round dark eyes. Rich deep chestnut. Would like more substance and needs weight.
- 3. **RIVERLEIGH LOVED BY THE MUSES** (Dingman) Nicely marked girl with a Blenheim spot. Large round eyes. A little straight front and rear but balanced.

# **GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH** (3)

- 1. **KRYSTLE BLUE VELVET AT SAINTBRIDES** (Burkley/Torgersen) Pretty moderate bitch, a sweet expression we desire.... with BIG eyes and shallow stop. Moderate and balanced angulation front and rear. Carried a level topline.
- 2. **CLAYMOORES DIVINES REASON TO BELIEVE** (Weber) Another pretty girl, nice cushioning in the muzzle with correct ear set with ears framing. Very nice turn of stifle in the rear. Prefer a little larger eye.
- 3. **LIVELYOAK GRATITUDE AT STORMCASTEL** (Mullis/Borton) Beautiful neck flowing into a nice topline held in the stack and on the move. Shown and presented well. Pretty moderate head and round eyes.....being picky I would like more bone and substance.

## **NOVICE BITCH** (1)

1. **KINGDOMRUN SPRING MAGNOLIA** (Degan/Degan) Deep rich pigment and chestnut on this Blenheim girl who at the time of the show had lost her coat. Pretty head and eye.

# **BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH** (2)

- 1. **CH. ORCHARDHILL DIVERSIFIED** (Venier/Venier) Quite the showgirl this one. Perfectly presented and shown. Today she was a bit excited and full of energy as she strutted her stuff which unfortunately caused her to be on the muscle and proud of her tail. Perfect on the stack. A moderate headed bitch, pretty and not overdone in anyway, with a well tapered muzzle. Good front and rear angulation, nicely laid shoulder with correct movement coming and going. One I really looked at for top honors. Much to like and admire. Another lovely breeding from this breeder.
- 2. **CH DARANE OTHERWORLDLY** JW, AW (Kates) A lovely headed specimen on this bitch. My notes say, "prettiest head on the day so far"! Unlucky to be against #1 today. Well broken, rich coat color with correct texture. Prefer the proportions and croup of 1.

#### **JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH** (2)

- 1. **NIGHTINGALE FROM ME TO YOU** (Burkley) A moderate bitch of quality. Nice pretty head with full muzzle and sweet expression. Balanced front and rear. Nicely marked. Look forward to seeing her mature.
- 2. **FIELDSEDGE THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME** (Slusher/Slusher/Smith) A smaller bitch with loads of breed type. A cute, sweet head that catches your attention,

eyes, muzzle, ear set and pigment. Nice shape. Needs more time to feel brave and move out with confidence.

# **AMERICAN BRED BITCH** (5)

- 1. **INGOLD IN THE NAVY** (Pickett) In my final cut, I have been lucky to see this girl mature and grow into a quality young adult. Good spring of ribs, correct bite, good angulation front and rear. Moderate head, with very pretty eyes. Much to like.
- 2. **NIGHTHAWK JINX YOURE IT** (Mitchell) A very short-coupled bitch. Level topline, nice turn of stifle. Deeper stop.
- 3. **CHARDOMONT SPECIAL EDITION** (Greak/Comer) Well tapered muzzle pretty girl but not the sweet of expression or eyes as 1 and 2. Good level topline and moderate length of neck. Correct proportions.
- 4. **TUDORR A PIECE OF MY HEART** (Mixon/Mixon) Very nice bitch, with pretty moderate head and tapered muzzle. Good rear angulation. Did not hold topline today.

## **SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH** (2)

- 1. CHADWICK LOOKING FOR TROUBLE (Eckersley) I smiled inside as this small but mighty bitch came into the ring. She held her topline in the class, bitch challenge as well as the final challenge for Best In Show. A nicely made bitch, with good correct proportions. A lovely headpiece with very sweet expression. She presented herself to her advantage and was correct coming and going. Her overall shape, profile, movement and type caught my attention and very proud to give top honors on the day. WINNERS BITCH, BEST BLENHIEM IN SHOW & BEST IN SHOW
- 2. **KINGDOMRUN RUN FOR THE JULIP** (Degan/Degan) Unlucky to meet 1 today. A pretty bitch with moderate head. Deep rich chestnut. Needs a bit of weight at the moment. Nice length of neck. Longer cast.

## **SPECIAL LIMIT TRI BITCH** (2)

- 1. **LOOKOUT IN THE STILL OF THE NIGHT** (May/May) Nice overall shape, compact, lovely head and eye. Coat silky and in good condition.
- 2. **WINDKISS SUMMER LOVIN** (Kates/Patkowski) Moderate overall bitch. Taller and a bit long in the loin. Nice topline on the move. A bit loaded/heavy in the shoulder.

#### **SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK AND TAN** (1)

1. **FIELDSEDGE MAGIC CARPET RIDE** (Slusher/Slusher/Smith) Nice rich tan points on rich black coat. Dark pigment. Needs more fill and cushioning.

## **OPEN BITCH** (3)

 CH TASSAJARA JALAPENO PEPPER (Seidman/Seidman) Lovely breed type. Perfect size, very feminine bitch with a breathtaking head, large dark eyes and pigment. Lovely correct silky coat well broken. Enduring temperament. Nice rear angulation. <u>RESERVE</u> <u>WINNERS BITCH, BEST BRED BY AND RESERVE BEST IN SHOW</u>

- 2. **CH GRANASIL MOCHA OF SUMARA, JW** (Gentil) A lovely ruby with an eyecatching eye and head. Deep rich ruby who moved soundly coming and going away. Nice topline on the moved but not able to hold today on the stack. **BEST RUBY IN SHOW**
- 3. **CH. FALLING SPRINGS CROWNROSE BLACK VELVET** JW, AW (Rosenberg/Rosenberg) Enjoyed seeing this lovely bitch again, lovely expression and head on this black and tan. Shiny silky coat and dark tan points. Correct movement away and to. I like her overall size.

## **SENIOR OPEN BITCH** (1)

1. **DARANE TRUE COLORS** (Kates) Almost 10-year-old bitch who moves soundly around the ring. Lovely head and eyes with correct ear set. Needs a little more cushioning but head is appealing non the less. Nice proportions and strong rear. Perfectly level topline and outline on the stack and move.

#### **VETERAN BITCH** (1)

1. **CH DARANE RED SONJA,** JW (Kates) A 15-year-old crowd pleaser. No one would guess her to be 15 years of age. Her dark eyes looking at you .. from her greying ruby brows look just the darker. She loves to show, holding her topline and she and her handler make a great team. **BEST VETERAN IN SHOW**