

**Cavaliers of the West**  
**07/05/14, Oakland, CA**  
**Judge: Dr. Andreas Schemel**

It was an honour and a pleasure to be asked to judge one of the Summer Specialities for the "Cavaliers of the West". Organisation and hospitality were second to none and I would like to thank everybody involved for a very special weekend in the lovely Bay area! This was the first time for me actually judging the breed in the western part of the United States and as expected the quality was high and presentation and temperaments did not leave anything to be desired. I found type in general excellent without too much exaggeration however like everywhere else in the world breeders have to keep a watchful eye on balance in particular avoiding shortness in leg and overdone heads. Despite a spacious ring quite a number of dogs did not stride out in a way I would have expected from their conformation and consequently – often hair-splitting decisions - were based on movement.

**Junior Puppy Dog (5)**

**1. Angel's Pride Just A Gigolo of Sumara** (Gentil) Mature Blenheim, scored on his beautiful head with melting expression, dark expressive eyes and wonderful dense pigment, decent angulation in front, okish top-line for age, moved with drive but still at touch close. **2. Ivyline Unnamed Confection** (Giampapa) Nicely balanced Blenheim, still very much a puppy but appealed for his shape and balanced outline, decent head and expression with super pigment, well angulated front and behind, just preferred slightly softer eye of 1. **3. Robin's Nest Deuces Are Wild** (Prodanovich) 5 month Ruby, still a true baby, pretty head and expression, ok in movement for age. **4. Belcarra Straight Shot Remington of Bear River Ranch** (Toepfer) Smart Blenheim with sufficiently soft expression and a bit heavy in stop for my liking, nicely balanced but needs to gain a bit more weight

**Senior Puppy Dog (4)**

**1. Forestcreek Braveheart** (Cline) Nicely balanced Blenheim of correct size and moderate in every way. Well balanced head with sufficient filling under the eye, dense pigment, and good reach of neck and firm top-line, sufficiently short in loin, excellent hind angulation, and attractive well broken markings, moved with drive. **Best Puppy Dog**

**2. Mayfield Charming Chester** (Mayfield) Blenheim built on the bigger side but well balanced and in no way coarse, masculine and still soft expression. Scored on his lovely balanced body and correct conformation and consequently moved well. **3. Hiddencreek Mason** (Green) Blenheim, a true Toy Spaniel, nicely balanced head with sweet expression, excellent neck and topline, attractive markings and coat is coming nicely, just needs to gain a bit more substance. **4. Ilow Du Jardin De Claire of Sumara** (Gentil) Nicely balanced Ruby, lovely rich colour, excellent head shape framed by well-set, decent angulation but another one who needs to gain more substance.

**Graduate Puppy Dog (4)**

**1. Del Sol One More Night** (McHenry) Heads a nice class of Benhims, attracts for his balanced outline and size, pretty head with soft expression, darkest of eyes, well angulated front and firm top-line, maybe a touch proud of his tail and could drive a bit more from behind but very pleasing overall picture. **2. Kabaret Take This** (Barrett) Nicely balanced with decent head and good pigment, ok in neck and top-line, moved and showed well but preferred expression of 1. **3. Cavernet Top Secret** (Sherrin) Mature of classical type, a touch long in loin, very pleasing head and expression, lovely ears, wished he would have made more of himself. **4. Shirmont Phenominal Phoenix** (Henry/Rosenberg) Good overall balance, unfortunately shows a touch of white in the eyes which slightly spoils his expression, good length of muzzle, well angulated, would like a bit more substance.

**Bred By Exhibitor Dog (2)**

**1. Ch Forestcreek Double O Seven, JW** (Cline) Simply eye-catching Blenheim of highest quality. In many ways reminds me of some of the great Kindrum dogs of the past! Balanced head with equally soft and masculine expression, wonderful neck and shoulder, short-coupled body with just the right amount of substance, wonderful coat and presented to perfection. Very regrettably in the challenged did not give his best, simply loved him! **2. Kells Need For Speed** (Wilkinson) Very attractive young Blenheim boy, all the essentials there but just needs time. Correct head with nice dark eyes, nicely balanced body with good angulation, attractive markings, promising coat, simply lost out on maturity. Good movement.

**Junior American Bred Dog (2)**

**1. Darane Hellboy** (Kates) Lovely ruby, scored on his balanced outline, size and rich colour. Nicely balanced with soft expression, maybe a touch prominent in eye, moved with purpose and showed very well head. **2. Forestcreek Bradley** (Mitchell) Blenheim with excellent head with soft expression, good bone, a touch longer in cast, moved and showed well just preferred shape and size of 1.

**American Bred Dog (7)**

**1. Briarcrest Burberry** (Katz) Blenheim, stood out for size, shape and showmanship, head with softest expression, dark well shaped eye, correctly balanced muzzle, well arched neck and firm top-line, decent hind-angulation, well-kept full coat, moved with purpose. *Reserve Winners Dog, Best Blenheim Dog, Best American Bred Dog*

**2. Hathersage Intoxication, JW** (Fowler) Another quality Blenheim built on correct proportions, head with soft expression, sufficiently large dark eyes, scored on his excellent top-line and moved with purpose, but not quite the drive of 1, close decision, could carry a bit more weight. **3. Forestcreek Louisiana Lagniappe** (Cline/Mayfield) Glamorous Blenheim, scored on top-line and overall conformation, dripping in coat, true stallion but rather short in muzzle, excellent mover. **4. Lillium Quince at Crown Rose** (Rosenberg) Mature Blenheim with decent head and sufficiently soft expression, could do with a bit more filling under the eyes, well-constructed but a touch longer in loin, moved and showed well, slightly out of coat.

**Special Limit Blenheim Dog (6)** A rather varied class of all kinds of shapes and types.

**1. Mayfield Just Can't Wait To Be King** (Lunbeck) Certainly a big boy but in no way coarse, very glamorous truly balanced, attractive masculine head with soft expression, maybe a fraction longer in loin but still very balanced and moved with drive. **2. Covington Makers Fourty Six** (Mohn) Very nicely balanced, ok in head with sufficient length of muzzle, large expressive eyes, excellent top-line moved with purpose but not quite the animation of 1. **3. Kinvaar El Regalo At Cedarcreek** (Owens) True Toy Spaniel, scored on his shape and size, just enough length of leg, ok in head, a touch short in muzzle, showed and moved well but preferred shape of skull of 1 and 2. **4. Pascavale Kingsley** (Ayers/Martz) Heavily marked Blenheim, dripping in coat, which does not improve his outline, a touch short in leg, ok in head, showed well.

**Special Limit Tricolor Dog (1)**

**1. Luxxar Jumpin Jack Flash of Crossbow** (Schiffman) Up to size, sufficiently compact with beautifully balanced masculine head and typical expression, dark eye, good reach of neck, fraction long in loin, slightly heavily marked, shown in full bloom. *Best Tricolor Dog*

**Special Limit Ruby Dog (1)**

**1. Kabaret Take That Red** (Barrett) Very pleasing size and well balanced body, decent whole-colour head with soft expression, fraction heavy in stop and short in muzzle, super pigment, firm back, could do with a bit more weight, moved and showed well.

**Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (1)**

**1. Robin's Nest November Rain** (Prodanovich) Built on smaller scale and still not fully mature, ok in head, still needs to drop in body, moved well with correct tail carriage, sweet temperament.

**Open Dog (5)**

**1. Ch Melrose Gold for Bonitos Companeros, JW** (Magera/Mitchell) Ruby of immense quality, scores on his balanced outline and simply glamorous condition, classical equally masculine and typical head with just the right amount of stop and length of muzzle, head framed by wonderful long ears, very good reach on neck and firm top-line, coat presentation second to none, pulled all the stop in the dog challenge but for BIS had to give way to the bitch who just gave that little bit more on the move *Winners Dog, Reserve Best in Show, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Ruby in Show*

**2. Ch Turretbank Magic Spell** (Green/Sloan) Mature black and tan shown in full coat, nicely balanced head with softest of expression, large eyes with melting expression His head is his fortune, good neck and sufficiently firm top-line, moved with drive. *Best Black & Tan in Show* **3. Covington True Blood** (Gonyo/Mohn) Nicely balanced Blenheim of excellent overall type, decent head with sufficient filling under the eye, dark expressive eyes, excellent angulation front and behind, a touch out of coat at the moment, moved and showed well. **4. Ch Royalmark Crystal Blue Persuasion at WynDancer** (Barrett) Mature Blenheim, ok in head and expression, sufficient filling under the eyes, a touch longer in loin, shown in full coat, moved with sufficient drive.

**Junior Puppy Bitch (4)**

**1. Brookhaven Bless Your Heart at Sorella** (Green/Savage/Ayers) Very pretty Blenheim girl with sweetest feminine expression, super body shape for age, very good angulations, attractive markings, full of herself and friendliest disposition. **2. Ilan Du Jardin De Claire** (Gentil) Very pleasing Black and Tan baby, already very nicely balanced body with excellent substance for age, head ok for age and colour, moved and showed with confidence. *Best Black & Tan Bitch* **3. Ivyline True Confection** (Giampappa) True baby, ok in balance and size, pretty head, ok in conformation, puppy coat, unfortunate age, should do well if she fulfils early promises. **4. Kells Big Bang Theory** (Wilkinson) Lightly marked Blenheim girl quite up on leg and truly going through the gangly stage pretty head, still needs to settle in topline, simply needs time.

**Senior Puppy Bitch (3)**

**1. Tudorr La Dolce Vita** (Mixon/Cline) Ultra-feminine Blenheim stood out in this class for outline and balance, just the right substance for age, mature but in no way overdone, lovely head with sweetest expression, dense pigment, excellent side gait, showed well. *Best Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy in Show*

**2. Mayfair All You Need is Love** (Oboyski) Very good overall type, nicely balanced feminine head, decent body with good medium bone, still needs to settle in hind action, promising youngster. *Best Tricolor in Show* **3.**

**Roseglen I Believe In Magic** (Colombo) Nicely balanced Tricolour, despite lacking substance already good balance, ok in head proportions but needs to fill under the eyes, still needs to improve in hind action.

#### **Graduate Puppy Bitch (3)**

**1. Covington Hot Dish at Rockcreek** (Steagall/Mohn) Very pleasing Blenheim with lovely outline, neck and firm top-line, nicely balanced feminine head with sweet expression, super pigment, long leathers and very attractive markings, presented in wonderful condition and moved well. **2. Blue Moon Cavaliers X-Tremelly Sweet at Kolaci** (Legerretta/Gray) Another quality Blenheim young bitch, not quite the outline of 1 but still balanced, very pretty face framed by long ears, dense pigment, moderate bone, ok in coat, moved with purpose, simply unfortunate to meet 1. **3. Kabaret Double Halo** (Barrett) Pretty Blenheim, truly feminine, nice compact outline, still needs to drop in body, ok in head, a touch too short in muzzle for my liking.

#### **Novice Bitch (1)**

**1. Nottinghill Annalise** (Barnfather) 6 year mature Blenheim presented in wonderful condition and gleaming coat, she is certainly a big girl but in no way coarse and still elegant, truly feminine head with melting expression, wonderful personality of friendliest disposition.

#### **Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (4)**

**1. Astarring Ought To Be A Lawra** (Flowers Foster) Very pleasing Blenheim with balanced outline, head with feminine expression, very good angulation front and behinds, shown in full bloom and moved well. **2. Little Enjoy** (Tyler) Blenheim, scored on her lovely shape, size and balance, feminine head with slightly exaggerated expression, a fraction full in eye, presented in full coat and moved and showed well. **3. Ch Autumnhill Desire Me, JW** (Parente) Quality Ruby, scored on her wonderful outline and correct conformation, pleasing head with feminine expression, dark expressive eyes, according to her construction moved well, unfortunately rather out of coat. **Best Ruby Bitch** **4. Bear Rivers Sure Shot Kimber** (Toepfer) Tricolour built on slightly longer cast, pretty face with sufficient filling, needs to settle in topline, lovely markings.

#### **Junior American Bred Bitch (1)**

**1. Dallarock Dora** (Geldermann) Young Blenheim of immense quality, simply oozing type and just right for substance for age, in no way overdone, really pleased the eye with her soft expression and balanced outline, certainly does not disappoint on the move and covered the ground with ease, full of confidence and sweetest temperament, should have a bright future. **Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show**

#### **American Bred Bitch (2)** Two quality Blenheim bitches.

**1. Tassajara Forestcreek A Fortune** (Cline) Very attractive feminine bitch shown in full bloom, scores on her wonderful outline, elegant neck and firm top-line, head with melting expression framed by long ears, moved with sufficient stride and drive, showed all the time. **2. Brookhaven Sexy Sadie, JW** (Ayers/Martz) Ultra-feminine with lovely head and expression, sufficient filling under the eyes, dense pigment, very nicely balanced body, top-line not her strongest point, moved and showed well.

#### **Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (5)**

**1. Forestcreek Pippa M** (Mixon/Cline) Ultra-feminine, a touch out of coat but nothing to hide here, wonderfully balanced outline and gentle lines, very pretty head with softest expression, dark eye of correct shape, size and darkest colour, short firm back, decent hind-angulation. Deep rich color. **2. Linrica Femme Fatale, JW** (Liu) Another quality Blenheim, a touch longer in cast but still beautifully balanced, very pretty head with classical profile, excellent reach of neck, sound quarters, well-kept beautiful coat, preferred outline of 1 but close decision. **3. Loranka's Seraphim at Cuddlemore** (Moulton/Heafey) Mature lightly marked Blenheim, head with honest expression, good reach of neck, sufficiently firm top-line, well presented and shown in full coat. **4. Jayba Valentina** (Lymans), Blenheim, lovely outline, shape and size, so much to like on her but expression rather spoilt by largish slightly bulging eyes, well kept coat and moved and showed well.

#### **Special Limit Ruby Bitch (1)**

**1. Blue Moon Cavaliers Queenie My Love at KoLaci** (Legerretta/Gray) 14 months, good substance and shape, head with dense pigment and wonderful soft expression, rice colour, moved and showed well.

#### **Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (1)**

**1. Robins Nest HRH Kiss Me Kate** (Prodanovich) Solid girl of honest type, nicely balanced head with sufficient filling, dark well shaped eyes, long well feathered ears, ok in neck and top-line, shown in full coat of correct silky texture, moved with sufficient drive, wonderful temperament.

#### **Open Bitch (2)**

**1. Covington Elphaba** (Mohn/Gonyo) Mature Blenheim built on wonderful floating lines, despite being more graceful and regal than pretty in expression, she has got a wonderful feminine head, going over her she reveals a sound body with correct angulation and just the right amount of bone and substance, according to that her movement is effortless and she covers the ground with ease, attractive markings and wonderful coat are the icing on the cake. **Winners Bitch, Best in Show, Best Blenheim in Show, Best American Bred in Show** **2. Brookhaven In the Garden, JW** (Ayers/Martz) Pretty Blenheim of excellent overall type and feminine expression, for me a bit heavy in skull and a touch short in muzzle, excellent top-line, wonderful coat and condition, moved with sufficient drive, lots of charming attitude.

**Veteran Bitch (1)**

**1. Castlemare Sophia Grace, C-RE, C-CD** (Barton) Most charming graceful lady of gentle disposition, still wonderful soft face and melting expression, still in firm condition and in wonderful coat, a credit to her owner.

***Best Veteran in Show***