

Trudy Brown Albrecht Memorial Rally

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Judge: Geoffrey Porter (Ringcreevy)

I considered it a great honour to be invited to judge again over the CKSC USA National show weekend and what an entry awaited us, truly wonderful in these harsh economic times and falling entries. I remember as a young gun attending the Silver Jubilee show in 1985 at the lovely home in Prospect, Kentucky of the late Trudy Albrecht Brown so this made this show all the more special. As always the hospitality was superb and my thanks to the organising committee and joint show chairs, Paula Ayers and Brenda Martz for pulling together this marathon 4 day event of shows and educational seminars, the logistics of which must have been mind blowing. Having judged dogs at the UK Club show earlier this year I really was looking forward to comparing the dogs in the US and I certainly was not disappointed as there was quality in abundance. Some of the classes such as the Bred By, Junior Puppy Bitches and Opens were incredibly competitive with many quality ones leaving the ring unrewarded and I appreciated the way in which the exhibitors and spectators applauded the winners and the obvious good sportsmanship. There were few exaggerated blocky heads which to me are alien and presentation was excellent and there were some really well constructed dogs which were a joy to watch. Some looked good on the stack but disappointed on the move as is always the case, but these I am glad to say were in a minority. I apologise if I seemed somewhat slow in my final decisions but in this type of entry every dog deserves due consideration as the exhibitors have put a lot of effort, time and money into attending. My sincere thanks to Hollis Land who was such a helpful steward. Lastly the venue was excellent and the good company of fellow judges and friends throughout the weekend made the occasion all the more enjoyable.

Junior Puppy Dog (7)

1. Bonitos Companeros El Dorado (Magera) Slightly paler coloured Blenheim with a well developed frame and a good make and shape. Correct topline and tail set, pleasing overall angulation. He has an appealing head and eyes, a sound mover making the most of his attributes. **2. Forestcreek Button Fly** (Cline) A richer marked puppy close up to the winner, ideal for size, really dark pigmentation and eyes that could be a little larger but may develop with his head, a good sound mover with potential. **3. Piccadil Dream A Lil Dream** (York) A cosmetically beautifully marked tri, his black was black on a pearly white background without a hint of ticking. Sound moving, well made and very attentive to his handler, just a touch plainer in head pattern at present but when this hopefully develops he will be one to watch. **4. Darane Hellboy** (Kates) Small chunky Ruby of a lovely rich colour, sweet head and expression with large dark eyes, good bone and substance, moved happily, just hope he comes up on the leg a little more as he matures and grows coat.

Senior Puppy Dog (5)

1. Forestcreek Double O Seven, JW (Cline) My notes say a glorious headed puppy with huge dark expressive eyes giving that melting expression that singles this breed out while to top it all he has a perfect lozenge spot and a well broken rich coat. Not just a pretty face, he moved efficiently holding a good topline with a well carried tail and was so well balanced with just the right amount of bone for his frame. Best Puppy in Show and when it came to the challenge I could not resist him for Reserve Winners Dog, in no way demeaning the qualities of the older dogs, only wish he was mine! **Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy in Show, Reserve Winners Dog, Best Bred By Exhibitor Dog, Best American Bred Dog, Best Blenheim Dog**
2. Brookhaven Kid Rock at Almeara, JW (Whitmire/Ayers/Martz) Another quality puppy with many of the above qualities, excellent straight silky coat, elegant on the move holding a firm topline, very appealing expression and head type, one to watch. **3. Denham Superstorm** (Maddox) A richly coated Ruby appealing for size and type, short backed, a bit lighter in hindquarters at the moment and less well muscled but this should come with maturity. Typical slow maturing Ruby with an attractive expression and eyes, shows lots of promise. **4. Darane Frodo Baggins** (Kates) Small Blenheim, good shape and pleasing angles, correct neck and shoulders, dark expressive eyes, moved freely, now just needs to develop and mature in head, promising.

Graduate Puppy Dog (6)

1. Hiddencreek Hugo Boss, JW (Green) A very stylish heavily marked dog moving round the ring with great panache. Correct head, not at all overdone, sweet expression with the desired dark eyes, lots of straight silky coat, reachy neck with his legs well under his body, a star for the future I am sure. **2. Elyzian Double Take**

(Arnold) A sleek coated B&T of very good type, pleasing conformation with a good neck and shoulders, good topline and tailset. Most attractive head and eyes which were large and dark, correct muzzle length, good rich tans, another showing much promise. **3. Aldachell Olmpic Gold at Huntland** (Land) A well-marked dog with dark expressive eyes and well set ears framing his head giving a sweet expression. Moved freely but could use some more coat and body which maturity should bring. **4. Luxxar Jumping Jack Flash of Crossbow** (Schiffman) Larger very well presented Tri, with dark eyes, a straight silky coat with bright rich tans, basically a sound moving dog who was plainer in head than those above at present.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (9) A good class.

1. Ch Mileslip Licorice, JW (Skidmore) Luxuriously coated B&T that stood out from the crowd, ideal size, short level back with adequate neck, such a happy willing showman making him a picture to watch going round the ring. Beautiful head and eyes with rich tans framed by long well set ears, masculine, but not overdone in head with the correct gently cushioned muzzle, one of the best I have seen in this colour for some time, **Best Black & Tan in Show** and **Award of Merit**, pressed hard for the top spot which could well have been his on another day. **2. Ch Orchardhill Why Wonder, JW** (Venier) Most stylish Blen with the usual correct conformation you expect from this exhibitor, eye-catching flowing outline, most attractive expression and eyes, well broken coat markings, could have carried a little more body today, true breed type. **3. Ch Brookhaven Believe It Or Not** (Ayers/Martz) A very well balanced Blen with so much to admire, particularly lovely head and eyes with the correct muzzle length. He pleased for conformation with a short level back and pleasing tail carriage, close up in this very competitive class, could just have put a bit more into his showing on the day. **4. Ch Pinecrest White Lightning, JW** (Eubank) A well broken Blen with superb large dark eyes and jet pigmentation with the added bonus of a lozenge. Very compact and free moving and willing to please his handler, a little more coat and body on the day and he may have gone higher, but a lovely type.

Junior American Bred Dog (4)

1. Brookhaven Morgan at Lanmar (Hubbard) A stylish sound Blenheim with a very pleasing expression, correctly made, presented in very good condition, dark eyes and pigment, soft face, a good parallel mover and a clear winner here. **2. Tudorr Tango** (Mixon/Mikulak) A well presented heavily marked Tri with the bonus of a white collar. Large dark eyes, good rich tan in the desired places, moving out well. **3. Blackfire Plaza Court** (McLaughlin/Kennedy/Weidig) Lighter framed Blenheim, richly marked, good lay of shoulder, needs to spring out in the rib and grow more coat. **4. Regis Bolynn Point Taken** (Holm) Smaller well broken tri, head a little plain at present and could be more masculine, happy on the move but needs time.

American Bred Dog (5)

1. Brookhaven Endless Journey (Crane) Correct handy sized Blen with lots to like, very pleasing outline, good neck and shoulders, short level back and good angles. Most attractive head and eyes, lovely coat for colour and the correct silky texture, moved steadily. **2. Brookhaven Jesse** (Parente) Short coupled richly marked Blenheim, neat size, attractive head and eyes, a touch short in muzzle for me, a happy sound mover. **3. Markley Double Play** (Storey) A well broken Blen with an attractive outline, good neck and shoulder line, compact shape, straight silky coat, while his eyes were dark they were rather weepy which detracted from his expression. **4. Almeara Kiss The Girls** (Whitmire) Larger heavily marked Blen, good head and eyes, straight silky coat, appealing expression, just a little too much of him for me.

2nd Generation American Bred Dog (5)

1. Oggbrae Don Ottavio (Bales) A very typical Blen displaying lovely breed type and stands four square. His conformation was good and he moved accordingly with good head carriage, attractive head and expression with warm dark eyes, a good one. **2. Jayba Southern Voices at Autumnhill** (Parente/Hayes) Many of the same remarks apply here, most attractive with vibrant rich well broken markings, level topline with good tailset and carriage, gentle kind expression, showed well and pressed the winner hard. **3. Nightingale Jackson Browne** (Birmingham) Slightly larger mature Blen with good bone, appealing head and face though I felt his eyes could be a shade darker, another sound moving dog who was well handled. **4. Chadwick Snow Drift at Woodbury, JW** (Redniss) Glamorous well broken Blen with plenty of silky well presented coat, good for size and type, dark eyes, a touch too short and blunt in muzzle for my taste.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (7)

1. Orchardhill Kid You Not, JW (Venier) I liked the size and balance of this dog and his kind gentle expression enhanced by his large dark eyes. Well marked coat in good order, moved out freely could be inclined

to fly his tail at times, possibly a young male thing. **2. Chantismere Caruso of Chadwick** (Eckersley) Another good one with much appeal, he also was well marked with rich chestnut (good to see when heavy blanketed markings almost seem the norm nowadays). Attractive head with a sweet expression, dark pigmentation, compact body, well ribbed, moved well enough but at times sloped off at the croup. **3. Evergreen Sorcerer's Stone** (Garstin) Similar size to the above but less mature and this counted in this class. Most typical head and pleasing soft expression, dark eyes, moved soundly, I feel there is a lot more to come with maturity. **4. Amantra Icicle at Marjorelle** (Conley) Another displaying good breed type and no mistaking his sex. Masculine head, the correct length of muzzle, good all round angulation and moved accordingly, now needs to grow more length to his coat to give that extra glamour and finish.

Special Limit Tricolor Dog (2)

1. Dreamvale Tri Your Luck at Parkbury, JW (Parker) Very well conditioned dog with his well broken coat in lovely order, compact and an ideal size, typical head and eyes with good rich tans. Impressed on the move with his steady topline and well carried tail where he had the edge over #2. **2. Brookhaven Smoke and Mirrors at Granlaurel** (Painter) Slightly smaller and again well broken and clearly defined colours, admired his size and type if a touch too short in muzzle for me..

Special Limit Ruby Dog (5) A difficult class, every dog had good points which had to be balanced against their shortcomings, one I really liked in body had a heavily frowned expression which loses the softness we all strive for.

1. Mileslip With A Little Luck of Tailgate (Skidmore) Upstanding dog with plenty of coat which could be darker, I felt point for point with his dark expressive eyes, darkest pigment and general overall balance and free movement he had the edge in this class. **2. Sevenwoods Wildberry** (Shidler) A better size than #1, typical head and outlook, correct length of muzzle, would prefer a slightly darker eye, long ears framed his head, stylish sound mover, a close decision. **3. Harana Shakin Stevens** (Bucy) The best head and expression in the class, smaller compact dog with deep rich colouring but had not the neck and layback of shoulders of those above. **4. Cambridge Ruby Dream** (Magera/Mitchell) Another appealing greatly for size and type, vibrant rich coat colouring, which could do with a bit more length, darkest pigment and eyes, moving well once he relaxed just inclined to slope off in topline while standing.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (4)

1. Blackfire Simple Twist of Fate (McLaughlin/Weidig/Kennedy) Attractive dog with a pleasant outlook, pleasing size, good topline and tailset, well let down hocks, coat of good texture but not a lot of it. His gentle expression and lovely eyes just gave him the edge, I am sure he will mature well. **2. Canidan's Collision Course** (Gentil) Liked everything about this young dog bar his head at at the moment as he is so well made and angulated allowing him to move with drive. If that head breaks and cushions up he will certainly be one to watch as everything else is there, frustrating for his owner at present as she feels the same. **3. Brookhaven Bob Bailey** (Schilling) Well coated dog of a good size with plenty of substance, typical expression but tans could be richer and I would prefer a larger eye. **4. Denham Black Jax** (Gear) A similar size to #3 but coat a little unruly here which did not help his outline, I liked his head and general type, with a little more attention to his coat I am sure he could place higher.

Open Dog (12) What a class.

1. Ch Melrose Gold for Bonitos Companeros (Magera/Mitchell) From the moment this lovely Ruby swept into the ring with his head held high, I knew he was bound to be in contention as he was so eye-catching with his presence and charisma. Glorious head and eyes, longest ears, created neck combined with a compact body. His coat for colour length and texture was superb and he just shone under the lights, this combined with his showmanship, faultless movement and overall balance, gave him the class, *Winners Dog, Best Ruby in Show*, and eventually *Best in Show*.

2. Ch Aranel Revelation (Wells) Brilliant Blen type you associate with this breeding, wonderful huge dark expressive eyes and the true melting expression. Another dog with a well broken coat with rich chestnut, compact in body and moved soundly in all directions, on another day he too could easily have won the top award most deserving of his *Award of Merit* today. **3. Ch Pascavale Jackson** (Cline) By the same sire as #2 I see, again lovely breed type. A heavier marked dog with the richest coat colouring, darkest pigment and eyes, gently cushioned muzzle and all framed by the longest full ears, compact and well made and did all that his handler asked of him. **4. Ch Angel's Pride Love Vegas of Sumara** (Gentil) A well broken Tri with so many

good points, ideal size and a real Toy Spaniel, moving and showing so well. I liked his gentle expression, lovely warm dark eyes and rich mahogany tans, to be hyper critical I perhaps would like him a little more masculine but deserved his place in this hot competition. **Best Tricolor in Show**

Senior Open Dog (2)

1. Ch Mayfield Ace of Hearts (Byroads/Mayfield) This 8 year old was still moving and showing with the best of them. Such a pleasing type, with a really typical head and expression and still retains his impressive outline.

2. Closeburn Graham Macinnes (Trad) A fine upstanding Ruby of the same age, rich coat colouring, dark eyes and pigment, he too could move out freely, a lovely boy.

Junior Puppy Bitch (13) What a class full of quality and this augers well for the future.

1. Foxwyn Tell Me A Story (Fox) Exquisite little Blen that just filled my eye from the moment she entered the ring as she was so balanced, elegant and confident, allowing her to sail round the ring head held high with reach and drive. Prettiest of expressions, large dark eyes, surely destined for the top, narrowly gave way to BPB on maturity. **2. Kean Pristine of Valentyne** (Keane Splitting hairs here as she too would have been a worthy winner. A chunky little bitch full of type with rich colouring, such a pretty head and eye and jet pigmentation, well let down hocks, spirit level topline, she too must be assured of a bright future. **3. Dallarock Dora** (Geldermann) Yet another appealing so much for type, soft gentle face, lovely eyes, pleasing for make and shape, a little start stop in movement today and a touch overawed with the proceedings, when she gains her confidence she will be another one to watch. **4. Mimric Move Over Boys** (Hodges/Perkins) Sweet faced little bitch who ticks all the boxes, maintains her topline on the move, hard to fault on today's appearance, will battle it out with those above in the future not to mention a number that left the ring without a card.

Senior Puppy Bitch (6)

1. Glencross Cailin at Shirmont (Henry) A quality well marked tri, lovely rich tans and dark expressive eyes, compact shape with a good depth of chest, pleasing tail carriage, moving and showing well today. **Best Puppy Bitch**

2. Rutherford Byoncee (Jones) Well broken Blen excelling in conformation as she is so well made she had to move correctly. An ideal combination of substance and elegance, thought she would be my winner when she first came in, however, her head needs time to cushion up and soften and then she will be hard to beat. **3.**

Denham Over The Moon (Maddox) Sweet faced B&T, with large dark eyes so essential in this colour, bright tans, basically well made and moved well, just needs to level out in topline but so much to like. **4. Linrica Femme Fatale** (Liu) Sweet faced Blen, pleasing make and shape, lovely deep colour, sound happy mover, it's all there, just needs time

Graduate Puppy Bitch (6)

1. Kean Ultraviolet, JW (Keane) She is a shining light! All quality Blen, such a good shape, compact yet with all the correct angles, particularly good turn of stifle, richest chestnut, superb head and eyes, elegant sound mover. I liked her and I am sure she's destined for the top. **2. Brookhaven Mystic Sky** (Ayers/Martz) Such a happy eye-catching little bitch full of breed type, level topline, compact in body, sweet expressive face with lovely eyes, for total balance I would like a little more muzzle, that said she's all quality. **3. Jayba Knockout, JW** (Lander/George) Another neat well broken Blen with very good conformation, very attentive show girl wanting to please, presents a good outline on the move added to which she has lovely dark pigmentation and eyes, close up. **4. Pinecrest Flamin Gogh** (Eubank) Much less mature bitch with the loveliest of heads, just needs more coat and body to complete the picture as she was a little on the leg today, moved well just now needs time to mature and come together.

Novice Bitch (3)

1. Autumnhill California Dreamin (Parente) Sweet headed little Ruby with an elegant outline, correct neck and shoulders, level topline, dark pigment and lustrous eyes, moved well enough but could show with a little more enthusiasm. **2. Nightingale Bewitching** (Mulligan) Attractive headed Blen with dark pigment and eyes of a lovely rich colour, short deep body, a real Toy Spaniel, moved out freely. **3. Acadiana Magic Bells** (Tatum) A larger type tri whose movement was rather erratic today making her hard to assess, good for coat colour and tan, a touch strong in head.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (6)

1. Ch Pinecrest Destiny's Child, JW (Eubank) This Blen had the edge in expression in this class as her eyes and face are truly melting all framed with the longest ears. She holds a level topline on the move and moves

well, I feel her best is yet to come. **2. Ch Mimric Moonstone, JW** (Hodges/Perkins) Another beautifully proportioned Blen brimming with type and I see she is royally bred and it shows, superb head and expression, large dark eyes, glamorous ears, so typical and appealing and moving well with drive, a hair splitting decision again with #1..**3. Ch Starmarc I Believe, JW** (Hooper) This time a quality Tri with so much to like, presented in full flowing coat with rich tans, jet black and pearly white markings, sound balanced mover. **4. Ch Piccadil Destined To Be Rich, JW** (York) Yet another top quality Blen Champion with good proportions, loveliest head and eyes, and as sound as a bell and so well schooled for the ring. I am sure all of these bitches could swap places on another day.

Junior American Bred Bitch (4)

1. Denham Moonstruck (Maddox) A compact Blen full of breed type, excels in make and shape, good round bone, attractive head and eyes and a few freckles which did not detract, she was the most together on the move here. **2. Valentyne Vanilla Sky** (O'Brien) Most attractive Blen, kind dark eyes, correct expression, many of the same comments apply to her as #1. I liked her compact shape, good bone, tail set and topline. Very little to choose between these two. **3. Brookhaven Rainy Night in Georgia at Lanmar** (Hubbard) Heavier marked Tri with many qualities, rich tan, kind face, dark eyes, needs to gain confidence and make more of herself on the move. **4. Shirmont Delightful Caper** (Henry/Rosenberg) A lighter framed Blen needing time to mature in body and spring out in the rib and grow coat. Attractive head and eyes, moved well enough.

American Bred Bitch (9)

1. Primrose Hearts Afire (Lovett) Although in between coats I thought this little Blen bitch was the epitome of bred type as she was so correct without any exaggerations. Such a classic gentle head with a gently tapered muzzle giving a feminine pretty expression, short level back, good tail set and carriage, spirit level topline which just gave her the edge here. I am sure when back in coat she will complete her Championship. **2.**

Brookhaven In The Garden, JW (Ayers/Martz) Another very neat bitch with a good depth of chest, well broken markings, pretty head and eyes, correct rear angulation, moved out freely but not quite the topline of #1.

3. Piccadil Gone With The Wind (York) This well made bitch is very hard to fault as her conformation is spot on allowing her to move with freedom and drive. Most typical in head and eyes, good earset and a good show attitude there was very little separating these first 3 in this strong class. **4. Caddo PC** (Dodson/Henry) Another Blen of overall pleasing breed type, sweet expression, slightly less mature than those above, excellent pigment and expressive dark eyes, moved well enough but could have been a bit more enthusiastic here.

2nd Generation American Bred Bitch (3)

1. Oggbrae Donna Elvira (Bales) Slightly larger bitch, but she has a very typical head and expression, well broken marking, good bone and rear angulation, could put a little more into her showing. **2. Autumnhill Catching Fire** (Parente) A richly coated ruby, good for size and type, short level back, gently cushioned muzzle, warm dark eyes and good nose pigment, she too could have been happier. **3. Nightingale Walkin' On Sunshine** (Mulligan) Well broken Blen with a pretty head and eye, rich markings on a pearly white background, moved well enough but for total balance I would like a little more length of leg.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (8)

1. Cedar creek Isa Jewel (Owens) Such a balanced richly marked Blen who immediately catches the eye. Hard to fault in conformation with all the angles and yet she is compact, level topline and good tailset, such a correct expression and lovely dark eyes, moved with drive and purpose, I am sure she will go far. **2. Orchardhill Ever After** (Venier) Very correct Blen in all departments as always, is very well made with a particularly good lay back of shoulder and presents a flowing outline on the move where she comes into her own. An attractive head and eye but I feel that her expression could be even more enhanced with a touch more cushioning under the eyes which may come. **3. Covington Sassy Pants** (Mohn/Smith) Heavily blanketed Blen that really catches the eye as she has so much style and panache. Gorgeous head and eyes which were really lustrous, crested neck, level topline and moved so well, for total balance she could be a fraction shorter in back but a lovely type. **4. Linrica Sugar Baby** (Liu) A size smaller and again there is so much to like, super outline, kind gentle expression, dark eyes and a good earset, moved effortlessly, a little out of coat but close up.

Special Limit Tricolor Bitch (5)

1. Prima Quartett Bloody Mary (Bronowicka) I really liked this heavier marked Tri with the added bonus of a good broad white collar. Her shape and conformation are ideal, she has the kindest of expressions with dark eyes and rich tan points and just the correct width of blaze which can make all the difference to the expression.

A free active mover holding her topline and tail carriage a worthy *Award of Merit, Best Tricolor Bitch*. **2.**

Benchmark Shameless (Hoorman) A slightly longer heavily marked bitch with a sweet head and eye, long full ears, lots of bone and substance moved round the ring freely, close up but #1 on the day had the edge in tailset.

3. Sherah Burlesque (Crommett) Smaller compact bitch with good markings, lovely dark eyes with pleasing rich tans, moved well enough but not quite so elegant as those above. **4. First Capital Daisy Mae** (Arnold) A much less mature well marked bitch with good colours but lacking a bit of body and substance here, moved adequately but still needs time to come together.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (4)

1. Darane My Darling Clementine at Chewereek (DePhillip) A sweet headed bitch with a lovely face and eyes with a good ear set, rich Ruby colouring. Compact in body, presented a pleasing picture going round with her firm topline. **2. Liane's Xaviera, JW** (Poti) Elegant bitch with an impressive outline which she holds on the move, particularly good neck and shoulder line. Pretty head and eyes and a typical expression, a sound active mover. **3. Dawnaquinn Paint The Town Red** (Magera) I liked this richly coated bitch but she was carrying a shade to much weight on her shoulders that made her a bit matronly, most appealing expression, darkest eyes, a happy sound mover. **4. Brookhaven Lucky Penny** (Schilling/Ayers) Attractive headed bitch but very out of coat here which made her appear rather pale. I liked her expression and eyes, I am sure when in full bloom she is a different prospect, moved freely.

Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (1)

1. Rutherford Venus W (Jones) Although alone this was a typy B&T with many good breed points. Gently cushioned muzzle, dark eyes and a kind expression. Basically she is well made and moved accordingly, but today she was bang out of coat and although she has nothing to hide it made her look very adolescent, would like to see her in full bloom. *Best Black & Tan Bitch*

Open Bitch (13) What a class, 13 entries and all Champions it was an honour to judge them, only wish I could have rewarded more.

1. Ch Bentwood Chloe of Forestcreek, JW (Cline/Harrison) Such a superb Blen bitch as she is so compact, well made and displays so much breed type. A most beautiful head and eye, cushioned face but not overdone and fabulous long ears, what a lovely picture she made going round the ring displaying her steady topline and correctly carried tail. Her coat was luxurious and well presented, ideal bone and substance for her size, moved so well and showed with a steady self assurance, this bitch could win in any company, pressed hard for the top spot but the dog had a bit more gas in the tank after a long day *Winners Bitch, Reserve Best in Show, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Bred by Exhibitor in Show, Best Blenheim in Show, Best American Bred in Show*

2. Ch Bonitos Companeros Gianna Nannini, JW (Adair) Another superb Blen who had everything going for her. Richest chestnut, fabulous head and eyes with the truly melting Cavalier expression, I loved her make and shape and her compactness. Her tail came straight off her short level back, showed so well making the most of her attributes, most impressive in this star studded class. *Reserve Winners Bitch*

3. Ch Grandville Butterscotch Kiss of Infinidad (Laliberte) Ultra glamorous showy Ruby who cuts a striking silhouette going round the ring with her flowing outline, proud head carriage and never faltering topline. She was presented in fabulous coat and fringes which was the icing on the cake. While her eyes were large and dark my preference would be for them to be slightly more forward facing to give that truly melting open look and a touch more muzzle, that said, point for point such were her qualities she was a worthy *Award of Merit* winner. *Best Ruby Bitch* **4. Ch Jayba Black Eyed Susan** (Lander) Mature well marked Tri with so much to like, really well made with the desirable round bone, short deep body with good shoulder placement and she too had a flawless outline on the move. She has a lovely definition of colours with really rich tans, attractive head and eyes perhaps not quite so feminine as those above nevertheless quality plus in this class.

Senior Open Bitch (3)

1. Grantlley Moon Lighting at TruElegance (Cromer) Classic breed type here and I see by a favourite sire of mine. Fabulous eyes and rich pigment at 8 ½ she still has what it takes moving with grace and elegance **2.**

Angel's Pride Nautical Nancy of Chadwick (Comer/Greak) 11 years young and still enjoying her showing, a lighter marked Blenheim with long ears and many good breed points, made the most of herself on the move. **3.**

Chadwick Idol Gossip (Storey/Eckersley) At 7 years she was the baby of the class, grand head and eyes, well broken rich coat, firm topline and she moved well enjoying being in the spotlight.

Veteran Dog (4)

1. Closeburn Dougal Sinclair (Fairchild/Beard) Fabulous boy for 11 displaying lovely breed type and he still retains a good outline. Most attractive head and expression with lovely soulful eyes, moving so freely here, I am sure his owners are very proud of him **2. Chadwick Jack In The Box** (Storey) Compact short backed Tri of 11 ½ and he too was full of quality moving and showing with some style, he still has his bright tan, another who is a credit to his owners / breeders **3. Closeburn Graham Macinnes** (Trad) A fine upstanding Ruby with rich coat colouring. A soundly constructed dog with a generous head and large dark eyes making the most of himself on the move, I feel I may have met him before. **4. Chadwick Star Spangled Banner** (Taub/Eckersley) Grand old gent enjoying his time in the ring, a lighter marked Blen who was a little curly on the day, moved happily, this breeder is to be congratulated for producing longevity in her breeding programme.

Veteran Bitch (4)

1. Ch Twickenham That's Amore of Mimric (Hodges) Superb little Blenheim belying her 10 years, so pretty and appealing, huge dark eyes set in the prettiest head framed by long ears. Such a good shape and size with an ideal outline, not just a pretty face I see she has also been a good producer. A worthy *Best Veteran in Show*. **2. Grantlley Moonlighting at TruElegance** (Cromer) See Senior Open Bitch. **3. Chadwick Idol Gossip** (Storey/Eckersley) See Senior Open Bitch. **4. Angel's Pride Nautical Nancy of Chadwick** (Comer/Greak) See Senior Open Bitch.