

RRCGB Platinum Open Show 5th June 2022- Judge: Miss Rachel Tredwell (Shombay).

Many thanks to the hardworking RRCGB committee for their kind invitation and it was an honour to judge a breed Club Open show. My heartfelt gratitude to my lovely stewards Jenny & Dawn who kept me, & the ring running shipshape. It was a really relaxed and happy atmosphere and thank you to all that entered under me - I had a wonderful time judging with quality exhibits and thoroughly enjoyed my day.

Sadly, the weather didn't play ball and the show was held indoors, but we had a good ring size and those that moved well, did so marvellously. The majority of ridges and crowns were acceptable, and I also found mouths overall to be good with the correct scissor bite- but a few did have dirty teeth! I also noted that many needed a good pedicure- long nails can really turn a sound paw into a splayed foot. This is a hunting breed 'capable of great endurance with fair amount of speed' and a number of hounds lacked strong quarters and that essential muscle-tone and condition, which importantly gives them the drive from behind and the effortless gait that our breed requires. Tail sets in some are getting lower which does need to be watched. However, all temperaments were excellent and I was delighted with my final line-up.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1st Catharell & Larkin's -ASHARAA'S PERFECT MATCH WITH FAAHAC -nearly 8month liver with correct pigmentation. Stood alone, but worthy of his place. Strong masculine youngster with balanced overall construction and standing on strong legs and good feet. Enjoyed his time in the ring and confidently handled.

PUPPY DOG (4,1)

1st Doughty's -SAIMON'S PRAIDE VICTORIOUS BRABUS WITH RUBILTRA (IMP RUS)- 11month red wheaten of standard size. Took my eye as he entered the ring moving with drive & purpose. Well developed for age with correct masculine head with good ear carriage. Clean neck going into good lay of shoulder. Level topline with correct length to body. Well-schooled & handled. Will watch his future with interest as he matures and a pleasure to award him BEST PUPPY DOG & BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.

2nd Maylor's -RUBICON RED MARVELOUS BLACK PANTHER AT KAMILI (IMP MNE)- Another lovely 10month red wheaten growing evenly with plenty of substance. Pleasing head framed by good ears and correct dark eye. Slightly more compact than 1 but had good ribbing and well angulated hind quarters. Standing on good feet he moved out with purpose and was happily at one with his handler. I'm sure 1 & 2 will change places regularly.

3rd Lilly's -UMHLANDLA UBHUTI OMKHULU

JUNIOR DOG (7,2)

1st Doughty's -SAIMON'S PRAIDE VICTORIOUS BRABUS WITH RUBILTRA (IMP RUS)- see 1st Puppy Dog.

2nd Dennis' -SONNYPRIDE RUM AND RAISIN-13-month-old light wheaten youngster of different type. Such a happy boy with the kindest of expression and head of good proportions. Good shoulder placement with adequate ribbing and body length. Standing on strong feet & moved out nicely. Litter brother to 3rd.

3rd Digby's -SONNYPRIDE COOKIES AN CREAM OF INBAJSHA

YEARLING DOG (3)

1st Digby's -SONNYPRIDE COOKIES AN CREAM OF INBAJSHA- 13month old & at that teenage stage of development but he settled himself much better in this class after having much fun with his handler. The kindest of expressions with correct round dark eye & good head proportions. A little throaty but a strong neck with good width to forechest. Pleasing level topline and standing on tight feet. Presented with a super clean, gleaming coat & well handled.

2nd Edwards' -RUBILTRA KUBWA FARU- 16month old of finer build but still maturing. Attractive head with kind dark eye but would prefer slightly more underjaw. Clean strong neck going into a good lay of shoulder & good length of body with good tailset. On the move he had an easy flowing stride and he & his handler grew more confident as they settled round the ring.

3rd Picton & Ince's -PRIORPARK POINT AND CLICK

NOVICE DOG (2)

1st Digby's -SONNYPRIDE COOKIES AN CREAM OF INBAJSHA – see 1st Yearling Dog.

2nd Darnell's -RUBILTRA MITAA WIMBO AT JACQUIDON- 16month red wheaten with pleasing head. Nicely constructed with balanced proportions, well ribbed with plenty of bone. When moving and free standing he is a little weak in front pasterns which turns feet slightly out at the moment.

POST GRADUATE DOG (2,1)

1st Picton & Ince's -PRIORPARK POINT AND CLICK- 18month old liver, slightly finer in type but with good bone & balanced throughout his proportions. Good reach of neck with good ribbing & elbows tight to the body. Carrying his tail rather proud today but moved nicely in the ring covering the ground well.

MINOR LIMIT DOG (2,1)

1st Grayson Wood's -FIADMA ANSON DONN AT ISIQA- nearly 4yr old strongly built with good bone. Kind expression with adequate head proportions. Clean neck with good length to body & ribbing. Would prefer tighter feet, but he enjoyed his time in the ring and was well-schooled.

LIMIT DOG (5,1)

1st Dickson's -GLOBALRIDGE RED CARNELIAN- A balanced nearly 4yr old red wheaten of moderate size with a gentle expression with no exaggeration. Good reach of neck which flowed nicely into the shoulder. Plenty of length of rib & loin and standing on tight feet. Moved straight & true.

2nd Rhodes' -PRIORPARK YOU CODA BE MINE OF METALROCK JW-At 18months, lost out to 1 on maturity. Nicely balanced male with good proportions. Attractive head, adequate forechest, enough length of body for his height and a strong & level topline.

3rd House's -DIAMONDRIDGE KEEP IT DARK FOR KEMGORDONI

OPEN DOG (4)

1st Storey & Piehl's -KIROMOL HEAVEN CAN WAIT (AI)- Beautifully presented red wheaten male from this well-known kennel. Typical masculine head with kind expression, correct eye & good depth of muzzle. Clean neck into good lay of shoulder, lovely forechest with tight elbows & feet. Good ribbing and correct tailset completed the picture of a soundly constructed hound. Well-handled and a very worthy **BEST DOG & RESERVE BEST IN SHOW**.

2nd Hurn's -DIAMONDRIDGE DARK DELIGHT OF MATIKIRIDGE- 2 ½ yr old red wheaten dog presented in lovely hard condition & strongly made throughout. Masculine typey head with good proportions, kind eye and expression. Rear quarters well-muscl'd and good turn of stifle. Lovely sound movement but not as enthusiastic today as 1.

3rd Vincent's -IMOLA I'M YOUR MAN AT JEMATTI

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (4,1)

1st Lilly's -UMHLANDLA UBHUTI OMKHULU- 11months. Pleasing head of good proportions with kind expression. Still a little raw and leggy at the moment but good layback of shoulder and length to body. Won this class on his good length of stride and purpose.

2nd Picton & Ince's -PRIORPARK POINT AND CLICK- see Post Graduate Dog

3rd Hall's -MATSUSHONA FIRE OPAL OF CYNAMI

VETERAN DOG (2)

1st Catharell's -CH FAAHAC FREE N'EASY JW ShCM- at nearly 8yrs old this well-known liver Champion male is looking in fine fettle. Soundly constructed and balanced throughout with good length of neck going into good lay of shoulder. Nice length to body and tight elbows. Kept his topline on the move. At one, as always with his handler. **Best Veteran In Show**

2nd Grayson Wood's -KIFANI LOKI BY INO WITH ISIQA- nearly 9yrs old in good condition. Soundly made with adequate bone. Good reach of neck into good length of body. Very happy to get back to his mum as he went round the ring which just affected the assessment of movement.

SPECIAL VETERAN D/B (1,1)

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (0)

PUPPY BITCH (4,1)

1st Carlton's -UMHLANDLA IMIFULA- 10month old red wheaten. Feminine head with expressive eyes. Nice shoulder placement with good depth of body for her age and good length to body. Rear angulation ok. Standing on good, tight feet, she moved with purpose and drive but tiring sadly in later class where she tended to roach her back.

2nd Griffin's -VELDTKAMMER IRRESISTIBLE- 11month red wheaten smaller in size to 1. Head still developing but lovely dark eye & pleasing expression. Well-proportioned body with plenty of bone. Feet need to tighten. Nicely schooled and happy outlook.

3rd Morais' -RUBICON RED MARVELOUS PEPPER POTS (IMP MNE) NAF- 10 months

JUNIOR BITCH (7,3)

1st Carlton's -UMHLANDLA IMIFULA- see 1st Puppy Bitch

2nd Thomas-Bassett's -BONFIREBEAU RED SKYE- 15month old red wheaten bitch with feminine head, kind expression & good ear carriage. Overall, a well-balanced compact hound with good tailset and a pleasing 2nd thigh who kept her topline on the move and once settled showed good reach & drive. Well presented.

3rd Maddox & Gethin's -RUBILTRA CHUMBA BIBI

YEARLING BITCH (3,2)

1st Movassaghi's -WHEATEN ROAD BOND GIRL (IMP BLR) NAF- 23month old red wheaten. Attractive head with dark mask but would prefer more depth of muzzle. Clean neck, deep brisket and well sprung ribs. Good body length & level topline which she held on the move.

NOVICE BITCH (7,2)

1st Movassaghi's -WHEATEN ROAD BOND GIRL (IMP BLR) NAF – see 1st Yearling Bitch

2nd Carlton's -UMHLANDLA IMIFULA – see 1st Puppy Bitch

3rd Thomas-Basset's -BONFIREBEAU RED SKYE

POST GRADUATE BITCH (5,1)

1st Storey & Piehl's -KIROMOL TIP TOE AND GO (AI)- Super red wheaten bitch with so much to like. Plenty of substance & bone but keeping her femininity throughout. Lovely length of neck and good lay of shoulder. Level topline and moved powerfully and true.

2nd Dickson's -GLOBALRIDGE ETHULO. More compact than 1 but a balanced bitch with a kind expressive outlook. Clean neck and ample forechest. Good length of ribbing and standing on good feet. Thoroughly enjoying her day out with her handler and well-schooled.

3rd Thompson's -GLOBALRIDGE RED CORAL AT SONNYPRIDE

MINOR LIMIT BITCH (4,1)

1st Lawless & Catharell's -KINABULA'S MENT TO BE FOR FAAHAC- Liver nose bitch with pleasing outline and balance. Strong neck, good layback of shoulder, deep chest and elbows close to the body. Used herself well on the move to win this class. At one with her handler.

2nd Darling Steele's -SONSTRAAL WALKING SUNSHINE WITH SHARUFA- **A pretty bitch with the sweetest of expressions. A different type of hound than 1, finer in bone but with a shapely outline. Good length of body and well ribbed. Standing on strong legs but pasterns and feet could be tighter. Moved well in profile and nicely handled.**

3rd Hicks' -NUTHOUSE SOME LIKE IT HOT

LIMIT BITCH (7,3)

1st Storey & Piehl's -KIROMOL COME UP AND SEE ME – **A smart red wheaten who really does fill the eye. Longer in body but plenty of bone and substance without any coarseness. Attractive head of correct proportions. Strong clean neck and quarters with well let down hocks. Standing on the best of compact feet, she glided round the ring.**

2nd Storey & Piehl's -KIROMOL MANDOLIN WIND- **Such a pretty girl! Lovely light wheaten bitch with good head and the kindest of dark eyes. Well-constructed with fair length of neck leading into a good sloping shoulder and good depth of chest. Well- handled but just lacking the enthusiasm on the move today than 1.**

3rd Hall's -MSINGI ALL ABOUT ME OF CYNAMI JW

OPEN BITCH (5,1)

1st Cox's -CH CARLINCOX PURE GOLD JW- **Liked this young lady when judged her as a puppy and she did not disappoint as she has matured. This lovely red wheaten excels in all departments. Feminine head with correct proportions, excellent front and feet. Good reach of neck into correct shoulder placement and return of upper arm. Well ribbed back, strong through the loin to powerful quarters with good width. Good bend of stifle. Moved with great accuracy and drive and just kept on showing herself off. Presented in superb, gleaming condition.**
BEST BITCH & BEST IN SHOW.

2nd Storey & Piehl's -CH KIROMOL MIDSUMMER SPIRIT JW- **Another eye-catching quality champion bitch. Pretty head of correct planes and super expression. Deep chest and good length of ribbing. Good bend of stifle & well let down hocks. Covered the ground effortlessly.**

3rd Hicks' -NUTHOUSE QUEEN OF CLUBS JW

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (6,2)

1st Thomas-Bassett's -BONFIREBEAU RED SKYE – **see Junior Bitch**

2nd Movassaghi's -WHEATEN ROAD BOND GIRL (IMP BLR) NAF – **see Yearling bitch**

3rd Hall's -MSINGI ALL ABOUT ME OF CYNAMI JW

VETERAN BITCH (6,4)

1st Hurn's -ABAYOMI THE LIGHT FANTASTIC OF MATIKIRIDGE- **8 ½ yr old bitch. Elegant lady in super condition with such a kind expression. Within standard size with no exaggerations, good turn of stifle with well let down hocks and standing on lovely tight feet. A joy to watch her still power round that ring happily strutting her stuff.**

2nd Hall's KENQUINCE PISONIA OF CYNAMI ShCM VW – **Super alert expression on this 7yr old red wheaten bitch. Quite long legged but height to length ration ok with a good spring of rib. Presented in a lovely hard condition and nicely handled.**

BRACE (1,1)

PROGENY (1)

1st CH KIROMOL MIDSUMMER SPIRIT JW – **Lovely to see 'Mum' and her 3 offspring together. Full of quality & breed type. A great class to end the day.**