

North East of England Irish Setter Club
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Judges Report – Bitches

It was a pleasure to judge this show. I thank you all for the wonderful entry of 106 Bitches, making 151 Entries, at a time when there were four Championship Shows scheduling Irish Setters within two weeks. Maybe the show secretaries could get together on this as it seems such a shame for a society to suffer because of a crowded show calendar at certain times of the year.

Some of the early classes were a little disappointing with a high number of absentees, but there were some top quality bitches and hard fought classes later in the day. I felt I had to be more forgiving on movement today as at times it was difficult to assess as, understandably, a lot of bitches did not like the mats or slippery floor between in this venue.

I was very pleased with my Bitch CC winner the newly crowned **Sh.Ch. Withersdale Ivy** winning (I think her 4th CC) Reserve Best in Show today. I am sure that her breeder, the late Chris Sones, would have been thrilled to see her looking so beautiful. Reserve CC was **Sh.Ch. Sametsuz Honey Trap** and Best Puppy Bitch and Reserve Best Puppy in Show **Silvagem Pearl of the Orient**.

Many thanks to my two efficient and hardworking stewards and to the rest of the Committee for a most enjoyable day.

Minor Puppy Bitch (9 Entries 3 Absent)

1. Martin **Silvagem Pearl of the Orient** a mature girl for her 6 months with lovely deep body, I liked her front angulation and strong hindquarters. Very pretty head and expression. Moved okay when she settled with correct tail-set on the move. RBPIS
2. Naylor & Morrison **Anlory Durize**. Giving her handler a hard time today. Not so forward as 1 despite being a little older, but a clean outline standing, lovely body and strong over quarters.
3. Barker-Bell **Balintyne Foolish But Fun**

Puppy Bitch (11 – 5a)

1. Stephenson **Drumwhaur Heart of Gold** at almost 11mths, this girl won her class on her steady & controlled movement, coping well with the matted floor. Gently sloping topline gave her the edge on outline and I preferred her head over 2nd. Starting to cast her coat.
2. O'Connor **Caispern Miss Eyre** would have been my winner standing, soundly constructed throughout and with excellent body properties although a squarer finish to topline than 1. Was well coated and excellently presented. Not co-operating well on the move today though - a shame.
3. Naylor & Morrison **Anlory Durize**

Veteran Bitch (5)

1. Hunter & Brown **Sh.Ch. Laggan Shoshoni Maiden** This beautiful bitch at 10 years has retained her elegance, shape and style. Thank you for bringing her under me again. The last time I judged her she was way out of coat and paid the penalty, so it was lovely to be given

the opportunity to judge her again. Feminine and pretty in head with lovely eye shape. She was shown in superb condition and moved steadily to win over another favourite of mine.

2. O'Connor **Ir.Sh.Ch.Caispern Miss Bennett** I have always loved this girl. Now 9 years old she was presented superbly and in full coat and moved well. Today just looking overall a little heavier than 1 and so overall not quite so elegant.
3. Box **Fernstart Irish Melody**

Junior Bitch (17 – 7a)

1. Chorley-Newton & Chorley **Outfoxed by Kerryfair** Feminine, pretty, dark coated young bitch who moved steadily. She is racy in outline and soundly constructed with nothing to hide as in-between coats as were so many in this class
2. Barry **Jonola Little Star at Lindalloch** Super moving bitch with lovely hind angulation. Handler had a tendency to overstretch her in front and she looked so much better when pulled back. Again between coats.
3. Burton **Atron Tiffanie at Redhara**

Special Yearling (10 - 3a)

1. Wilkins **Margretwoods Kitty Cat JW** Love the name! Clean over neck and shoulders. Just coming into her adult coat now and looking well, I liked her shape and clean lines when standing and she moved okay.
2. Watt **Shenanagin Shooting Star** More mature in body than 1, and again nicely balanced throughout and moved steadily.
3. Henderson **Sametsuz Secret Affair JW**

Maiden (18 – 10a)

1. Cowell & Stuart-Cook **Dawnglo Cinderella** I liked this girl who was reserve in Yearling. Probably older than most in this class and taking her time which is no bad thing. She is now maturing nicely. Pretty in head and striking in outline and she has a nice bend of stifle. Was very well handled, and moved steadily to win the next class too.
2. Stephenson **Dreamwhaur Heart of Gold**
3. Burton **Atron Tiffanie at Redhara**

Novice (12 – 6a)

1. Cowell & Stuart-Cook **Dawnglo Cinderella**
2. Burton **Atron Tiffanie at Redhara** was 3rd in the Junior class. Quite mature for her age and and larger than above, shown in very good coat for her age and presented lovely condition. In shape I liked her when set up but just not my ideal in head. Very well handled
3. Gisby **Balbriggan Ace of Hearts by Suteressett**

Undergraduate (3 - 2a)

1. Burton **Atron Tiffanie at Redhara**

Graduate (13 – 3a)

I was spoilt for choice in this strong class and I liked all five I placed with some lovely bitches going cardless

1. Pollard **Grayrigge Mairona JW** I have often admired this pretty bitch for her lovely clean outline. Prettiest well chiseled head with dreamy expression. Showed and moved precisely with correct set-on of tail. Was beautifully presented and handled sympathetically.
2. Nevitt **Romarne Jessica JW** was so close up to 1. Dark coated girl. Loved her head and expression. Nice bend of stifle. Shown in excellent condition.
3. Pollard **Grayrigge Mairona JW**

Post Graduate (13 – 4a)

1. Hillocks **Janola Liberty X JW** Although quite extreme in type she was definitely mine! - I loved her. Still quite young to head this class, but exquisite in head with well shaped dark eyes and shown in wonderful bloom. Beautiful outline when set up and she moved steadily,
2. Naylor & Morrison **Anlory Valpolicella JW** this ultra sound bitch was shown in hard muscular condition and I loved her size, shape and strongly constructed hindquarters. She moved well. A shame she was just casting her coat today and I preferred the head of 1.
3. O'Connor **Caispern Miss Austen**

Mid Limit (12 – 1a)

For sheer depth of quality across almost all exhibits here, this was my best class of the day. I would have been happy to have given 1st to any of the 5 placed.

1. Kings **Kirkavagh Jumilla JW** Overall an outstanding bitch. Shown in full coat and beautifully presented as always from this kennel. Prettiest head and soft expression with lovely earset. Clean over the neck and shoulders. In the final run-off I felt she did not cope so well with the floor on the move. At 3 years old she has so much time on her side but still pushed the eventual CC & Res CC winners extremely hard.
2. **Northamber Baccarat via Kerryfair JW** Lovely outline, super body and condition she showed well, followed closely by another bitch I have always admired.
3. **Lynwood Sealed with a Kiss JW**

Limit (13 – 4a)

1. Kavanagh **Withersdale Ivy**. Stood out in this class. Feminine without being overdone in any way at all. She moved well with strength from her hindquarters and using her tail giving a lovely profile when moving round the ring. Presented immaculately, carrying just the right amount of weight and shown in full coat. I had to choose an overall winner on the day and for her size, gently sloping topline, exquisite head type and soundness in movement she was overall my ideal. CC & RBIS Congratulations.
2. Rance & Oakley **Caspian Modesty JW** A very pretty headed bitch who is cleanly constructed over neckline, again of medium size in good coat and was well presented.
3. Pollard **Grayrigge Grace O'Malley JW**

Open (8 – 2a)

1. Henderson **Sh.Ch.Sametsuz Honey Trap** very well known and a most worthy show champion. Slightly taller bitch than my Limit winner. I loved the lines on this bitch when standing and I preferred her head type to 2nd here, but in the final run off for best bitch, although she moved soundly and with drive, I felt that she dropped off a little over the croup when viewed moving in profile, Nevertheless a most worthy Res CC winner today.

2. Hunter & Brown **Sh.Ch.Braidmount Geisha Girl** another lovely bitch. Superb in construction and body condition Really moved well with lovely tail action to gain her place in a tough class.
3. Ciechonska **Sh.Ch. Aoibheanne's Piaffe JW**

Special Beginners (7)

1. Williamson **Corricas Corinth at Kirwilldale** was VHC in the large Post Graduate class where she looked a little immature but here she looked well. Elegant type and showed in very good condition. Firm topline and neat feet. Nicely angulated hindquarters and pretty head and expression.
2. Burton **Atron Tiffanie at Redhara**
3. Morrison **Laurieston Snowdrop**

Marita Bott (Bardonhill)