Scottish Beagle Club 50th Anniversary Show 14th June 2014.

Naturally I was very honoured to be invited to judge at this special anniversary show and must thank my steward Mr. R. Morrison for his excellent guidance during the day. Happily co judge Miss P. Sutton and I were in agreement on our final decisions so our referee Mrs. K. Cooper was able to relax for the day. I was very pleased with my entry in general especially as fronts do seem to be improving and the majority of the hounds were moving very well from behind. The only point I did find was several of the hounds short in the leathers, i.e. not reaching the tip of the nose. Heads were generally well defined in stop and had that kind mild expression we all love.

Thank you to the committee for a welcoming day and to the exhibitors for the pleasure I had judging their hounds.

Veteran Dog. (10. 3A)

1. Jackson's Ch. Bayard Grafter. This lovely hound is rising ten but still moves as well as ever. Still has all the qualities that I have admired in the past. Lovely head and expression with dark eye and good leathers, good reach of neck, has kept his straight front and neat feet. Well balanced body with strong quarters and moved with reach and drive.

2.Walton's Ch. Riversong Haggai With Vigor ShCM. Another great favourite of mine moving out equally well, so sound and again well balanced and pressed very hard but this is a veteran class and the winner is two years his senior. Lovely to go over him again.

3. Parker & Stevens' Ch. Serenaker Devil In Disguise. As sound as a bell this lovely hound completing a lovely trio. A smart tri moves with drive, good head and expression, good reach of neck level topline and good tail set. Strong bone straight front and neat well padded feet, strong well muscled quarters. Minor Pup. Dog. (6. 1A)

1.Player's Lyndex Gone Postal. Just six months this youngster but moved out steadily and true both ways. Lovely dark eye good leathers and pleasing in head. A compact blanket tri with good bone, level topline and tail well set on. Good quarters and steady for his age. Lost out for best puppy dog on maturity. 2. Bell & Baker's Jarrowley Dreyfus For Alfadais. Attractive tan/white hound with good bone straight front and neat feet. Nicely shaped head with good length of leathers, kind expression with dark eye and good pigment. Moved well both ways with drive from his quarters. Just needs to settle with his handler, a promising youngster I note sired by the RCC winner.

3.Binks' Tannahill Maverick. Smart blanket tri again with a well shaped head . Well balanced in body with strong round bone straight front and strong quarters and level topline. Moved a little loose in front today.

Pup Dog. (10. 0A)

A class of quality puppies at various stages with some being steadier than others on the move.

1. Dawson & Goodall's Janfrey Randal Upon Rundle. A striking tri moving out well for his handler. Lovely head and expression good reach of neck, level topline and strong quarters. Good depth of body, and good tail set. Pleased to be able to award him BPIS with my co judge.

2.Phillips' Lanesend Segenhoe. Attractive tri moving very well both ways. Kind head and expression, good bone, straight front and neat feet. Level topline good tail set and a happy showman for his handler. 3.Brown & Ford's Raimex Barnaby. Lovely head and expression, dark eye and good length of leathers on this tan white youngster. Well off for bone with good front and feet, strong quarters and covers the ground with ease.

Junior Dog.(2. 0A)

Two complete opposites these youngsters. One a little on the lean side the other could do with a little less weight to compete in future.

1.Christie's Benroma Brabanzio a striking blanket tri who moves well. As I say could loose a little more weight to advantage however, well developed body level topline, good front and quarters and has a lovely dark eye and expression.

2.Stewart's Dughallmor Oh Daddy. This youngster is a smart tan white moving well with good quarters good straight front and tidy feet. Just needs to mature.

Novice Dog.(4. 0A)

1. Brown & Ford's Raimex Barnaby.

2.Buga's Macall Wallyb. A lovely tri dog with kind head and expression, good reach of neck into good shoulders. Straight front with good bone and neat feet. Level topline and tail set on well. Move well and will continue to do well I am sure as his handler progresses with him.

3. Christie's Benroma Brabanzio.

Grad. Dog. (10. 0A)

Quality in the class with several hounds left unplaced but not disgraced.

1. Kingsland's Redcap Right Said Fred. Striking tan hound full of quality and moving with vigour, drive, and soundly both ways. Kind head and expression good reach of neck into well placed shoulders. Strong level topline, good quarters and moves so well.

2.Carmichael's Kernebridge Bombadier. An open marked tri hound with kind head and expression, dark eye, good neck and shoulder. Level topline strong straight front and neat feel. Moves so well both ways keeping his topline.

3.Calikes' Newlin Kestrel JW ShCM. Another lovely balanced tri hound so sound. Kind head with mild expression, and good length of leathers. Level topline and compact body strong quarters and moved out well.

Post. Grad. Dog. (12.0A)

1.May's Janfrey Osborn. Smart mature tri dog moving out very soundly using his strong quarters to advantage. Good head with mild expression, good reach of neck into well laid shoulders, good front and strong round bone. Maturing well with good depth of body, level topline and good tail set. 2.Carmicheal's Kernebridge Bombadier.

3.McBain & Stevens' Bondlea Layman. Another smart tri moving out well for his handler, nicely balance with good depth of rib, strong quarters. Good bone with straight front. Limit Dog. (10. 2A)

1. Tofts' Jarrowley Dashwood. The overall balance of this open marked hound is superb. Moves soundly and true in both directions. Kind expression with dark eye good head with nice length of leathers. Nicely arched neck into good shoulder lay, lovely straight front with strong round bone and well knuckled feet. Quarters well muscled, and with well bent stifle. Pressed hard in the challenge. Pleased to award him RCC.

Calikes' Franjean N Newlin's Team Spirit (Imp Pol) ShCM. Another broken tri full of quality moving out with ease. Well off for bone, straight front and good quarters, level topline and good tail set. Pressed hard in this class and is confirming his early promise – I had the pleasure of judging him as a baby.
Goldberg's Molesend Kaftan JW. Smart mottled tan white hound moves very soundly. Kind head with dark eye and soft expression. Balanced in body with strong well developed quarters. Level topline and good tail set.

Open Dog. (10. 0A)

1. Walden & Thornton's Ch. Nedlaw Rupert With Maplelayne JW. A really free flowing hound on the move given every chance by his handler, a joy to watch this tan/white hound. Equally pleasing to go over. Kind head and expression with dark eye and good pigment, good reach of neck, good depth of rib well matured in the body with level topline and good tail set. Strong round bone, straight front and neat feet. Well muscled quarters and good bend of stifle. Pleased to award him the CC and RBIS on the joint decision.

2. Cuthill, Parker & Stevens' Serenaker Othello JW. Another sound hound this tri moving with drive from his strong quarters. Good front and feet, level topline good tail set. Just looked a shade stuffy in the neck today.

3. Hunt & Norris' Shercroft Flinders JW ShCM. This broken tri hound is again so sound and well balanced but just doesn't present himself to advantage unfortunately. Just my cup of tea but did not give of his best, well off for bone, good head and expression. Straight front with neat well padded feet and well muscled quarters.

Dog CC. Walden & Thornton's Ch. Nedlaw Rupert With Maplelayne JW. Reserve C.C. Tofts' Jarrowley Dashwood.

Joint judging with Pat Sutton.

Best In Show Craig's Davricard Moonlight. A very smart tri bitch so sound and moving out well to press the dog hard for the top honours. Lovely head and expression good reach of neck and good depth of body. I note from her breeding that I awarded her dam RCC last time I judged. Reserve BIS Walden & Thornton's Ch. Nedlaw Rupert With Maplelayne JW. Best Puppy In Show Dawson & Goodall's Janfrey Randal Upon Rundle. Best Veteran In Show Jacksons' Bayard Grafter.

Judge Barbara Roderick.