

CRITIQUE

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Great Lakes Bearded Collie Club for the invitation to judge the 2012 BCCA Great Lakes Regional Specialty. I really enjoyed judging for you today.

As reflected in my awards, I felt the overall quality was evenly distributed between dogs and bitches. For the most part, heads, eyes, ear set, pigment, bites, size, rib cage, expression, croups and coats conformed to the standard relative to physical characteristics and color. However, I did encounter sliding stops, soft coats, loins that were too long, narrow fronts, short tails and roached top lines. Balanced front and rear angulation is a definite requirement for this breed and while I observed many exhibits with good reach and drive there were still others who were lacking.

I was especially impressed with the veteran entries on how they have maintained the basic qualities they enjoyed as younger dogs and bitches. This is not only a testament on their overall quality of breeding but on the care given to them by their owners – congratulations!

6-9 Puppy Dog

1 - #101 Dunhill Super Star

I found this puppy to have a strong balanced head, a nicely arched neck, and a beautiful straight top-line. Although he moved well around the ring, I would have liked to see more reach.

9-12 Puppy Dog

1 - #107 Earnescliffe Newday At Kiltie

I felt a strong balanced head, a nice neck, and a straight top-line. He moved well around the ring, but needs more front extension.

12-18 Month Dog

1 - #123 Cameron's Moving Violations

A nicely proportioned dog who, in this class, showed me the best overall movement in terms of front and rear extension. Hands on, I found him to have a nice head, a strong top-line, a proper croup and tail set, and a harsh coat.

2-#127 Tailwind Designer Genes

This 2nd place dog showed me a slightly stronger head than the 1st place dog in this class, but today he did not show me the reach and drive that I like to see. Hands on, I found him to be slightly long in loin, but his overall outline and coat fit the standard. There was a little sag in his top line.

3 - #117 Legacy Song of My Heart Gone West

This dog showed me a well proportioned head and overall body, but had a slight roach in his top line. However, the last time I moved him he presented himself very well, thereby, convincing me to put him into third place.

4 - #115 Wigglesworth Zippitty Doo Dah

Overall, a very nice dog of good proportion in body and head, but I'd like to see more coat.

Bred by Exhibitor Dog

1 - #149 Bergerie's Born To Be Charming (Winners Dog)

Hands-on, I found this dog to have a strong, well proportioned head, good breadth and depth of chest, good substance, a proper croup and tail-set, and a close-fitting loin. Today he moved effortlessly showing me good balanced front and rear angulation, plus first-class ring presence.

2 - #143 Briarpatch Look What's Next

He too was nicely proportioned but I would like to have seen a tad more back skull. Today, although he moved soundly, he did not move as well as my 1st place dog.

3 - #141 Dunhill Lucky Star

A good moving young dog with a nice head and good front and rear angulation who needs to mature.

4 - #145 Nonsuch H'Air To The Throne

A nice dog with a good outline and a strong balanced head. Moved well.

OPEN DOG

1 - #163 Daybar It's a Fizzical Thing (Reserve Winners Dog)

A nicely proportioned dog with a beautiful head and coat and excellent overall quality. Today he did not move with as much reach and drive as I'd like to see.

2 - #159 Classical's In The Limelight

I felt a good head, good breadth and depth of chest and proper coat. On the move he showed good front and rear extension.

3 - #155 Raintree Toast With A New Vintage

I felt a nice head and good breadth and depth of chest. Today he did not move as well from the side as the 1st and 2nd placements.

4 - #157 XTC's Fabulous Casanova of Travistar

A nice dog who moved well. I would like to see more breadth of chest and more coat.

6 – 9 Month Puppy Bitch

1 - #102 Dunhill Rising Star (Best Puppy)

She showed very good front and rear extension for a 6 month old. Has a well proportioned head, good breadth and depth of chest, and a nice coat for a puppy of her age.

2 - #104 Manortonway Magical Moment

Moved well, but I found her to be slightly narrow in chest.

3 - # 100 Highlander A Chorus Line

Moved well, but I found her to be slightly high in the rear.

12 – 18 Month Bitch

1 - #122 Blessings Mik-Ren Here's Barking At Ewe Kid

She moved extremely well showing great front and rear extension, and looked as good coming and going. I felt a great head, good breadth and depth of chest, and a tight loin. Just needs more coat.

2 - #124 Tailwind Step Aside

Moved well. I felt a nice head, good breadth of chest, and a nice coat. Showed a slight dip in the top-line.

3 - #128 Get a Standing Ovation in Vogue Island

A pretty girl who moved well coming and going, but could use more reach and drive. I felt a slightly narrow chest.

4 - #116 Kinikia's Chocolate Fix At Lakewood

Did not move as well as the previous placements, but I felt a nice head and good coat.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch

1 - # 142 Dreamchaser Strathearn Legacy (Reserve Winners Bitch)

She showed me the best reach and drive in this class, an indication a good front and rear angulation. A lovely bitch with a nice head, good breadth of chest. Just needs a tad more length of body and more coat.

2 - # 144 Bergerie's London Royal Wedding

Moving she showed me good front and rear extension. I saw a good overall outline but I felt too much substance and too much loin.

3 - # 136 Meadows' Forever True

She did not have the reach and drive as the #1 & 2 placements. I felt a good head, good breadth and depth of chest, and a proper coat.

4 - #138 XTC's I Like To Move It Move It

A pretty bitch with a good breadth of chest with a proper loin but could use more coat. Today was not her day to move out.

Open Bitch

1 - #158 Wildwood Kinikia Hear Me Roar (Winners Bitch / Best Of Winners)

Today she impressed me with her reach and drive, an indication of correct front and rear angulation. Her movement on the down and back was just as good as from the side. I felt a very nice head, good breadth of chest, a very nice tight (short) loin, and a good harsh coat.

2 - #160 Dunhill Innovation

A lovely bitch with good balanced reach and drive. I felt a very nice head, good breadth of chest, a good harsh coat, but her loin was a tad longer than my 1st placement.

3 - #152 Meadows' Follow You Home

An "old fashioned" beardedie", with a nice overall outline and tight loin who moved well from the side and down and back. Just needs more substance.

4 - #156 Classical's Playin' With Fire

Very nice, possessing much of the same qualities as the #3 placement except that her breadth of chest was a tad narrow.

7 – 10 Veteran Dog

1 - #227 GCH Cameron's Blue Berber (Best Veteran, Award Of Merit)

He showed me great reach and drive and looked good coming and going. I felt a great head in terms of size and proportion, good breadth of chest, and a strong top-line.

2 - #229 CH Tailwind Papaw Ride 'Em Cowboy

I felt a good head and great substance. Is in great shape for his age.

10 – 12 Veteran Dog

1 - #233 CH Thymewinds Hocus Pocus

He felt at home in the ring and moved very well for his age. I felt a nice head. His top-line is getting a little soft.

12 – 14 Veteran Dog

1 - # 239 Bluweirie's What A Journey

He moved well. I saw a soft top-line and I felt a nice coat.

7 – 10 Veteran Bitch

1 - #226 CH Meadows' Simply Charming (Award Of Merit)

She showed me very good reach and drive and looked good coming and going. I felt a great head in terms of size and proportion, good breadth of chest, a proper croup and tail set, and a harsh coat. Her top-line was level.

2 - #228 CH Meadows' Nothing So DeLightful CD, NAJ, RA

She moves well. I felt a proper head and felt she was in great shape.

10 – 12 Year Veteran Bitch

1 - #234 CH Moonstone Back in My Heart

I saw a good top-line, felt she could have more reach, and felt a proper head. She has aged well.

14 & Over Veteran Bitch

1 - #238 CH Meadow's Nothing Simple

I saw a great top-line for her age and she moved well. I felt a nice proper head.

Best of Breed:

#195 GCH Briarpatch Just One Look HT

A great dog and expertly handled. From the side he exhibited excellent reach and drive with excellent head, neck, top-line and tail carriage; he out-moved the rest of the field on this day – coming and going he was flawless. Hands on, I found him to have a strong head of good proportion and size, proper coat, great substance and breadth and depth of chest and a super outline consisting of nice arched neck, level top-line, proper front and rear assemblies, with proper rear foot placement and a well bent stifle.

Best Of Winners:

158 Wildwood Kinikia Hear Me Roar

Critique found in Open Bitch.

Best Of Opposite Sex

#206 GCH Sweetwater's Pink Ribbon

Overall, I found her to be a very fine bitch, with proper body proportion and a beautiful head. She moved well exhibiting good reach and drive, not quite as fluid today as my Best of Breed, and looked good coming and going. Very feminine with beautiful expression.

Select Dog:

#193 GCH Dunhill Dedication

He moved well with good reach and drive showing me good balanced front and rear angulation and a level top-line. I felt a strong head, good breadth and depth of chest, and a correct harsh coat. He was a serious contender.

Select Bitch

#200 CH Dunhill Satisfaction

She moved well from the side and coming and going. I felt a nice strong head, good breadth and depth of chest and a correct harsh coat.

Award of Merit:

#227 GCH Cameron's Blue Berber

Critique found in 7 – 10 Veteran Dog

Award of Merit

#226 CH Meadows' Simply Charming

Critique found in 7 – 10 Veteran Bitch

Award of Merit

#187 GCH XTC's What Brown Can Do For You?

He moved well. I felt a strong head, good breadth and depth of chest, and a proper harsh coat.

Award of Merit

186 CH Britannia Sparkles After Dark

She moved well. I felt a strong head, good breadth and depth of chest, and a proper harsh coat.

Award of Merit

209 CH Bergerie's Slavador Dahli

I felt a strong head, a tight loin, good breadth and depth of chest, and a proper coat. A nice big boy.

Stud Dog

#191 GCH Lakewood Forever Cool

His puppies showed good over-all quality and basic similarity to each other and their father.

Maturity

#238 CH Meadow's Nothing Simple

A grandparent with 1st and 2nd generation puppies who too passed quality and similarity.