

WEST OF ENGLAND SCOTTISH TERRIER C 29.9.17

I was honoured to be asked to judge the West of England Scottish Terrier Club's Autumn Open Show at Failand Village Hall particularly as it marked the culmination of a memorable weekend organised by the club to mark its 70th anniversary featuring a most impressive and enjoyable commemorative dinner the evening before at the Walton Park Hotel with its old-world charm and spectacular views over the Bristol Channel. I was extremely pleased with the excellent entry and relatively few absentees on the day although I was very conscious of the fact that I had been invited as a result of the unfortunate ill-health of the original judge, Sheila Maw, a very senior and well respected judge in the breed and one of a generation of judges that today's and future judges must strive to emulate. Best in show and Best Dog was Beckton's three-year-old Glengracie Galileo, Reserve Best Dog and RBIS was Earl's Eskwyre Tom Foolery at Rolanka, Best Bitch and BOS was Walker's Beareveur Cassia and Best Puppy Luig's Tatuin Tom Riddle. **Special Triers D/B** (2) 1 Tyler's Divadell Room At The Top, nicely balanced three-year-old dog with a good harsh coat, low to ground with a good strong rear end, well presented and moving out well. 2 Hill's Skircoat Sicilienne of Tahgmor, good square three-year-old bitch with plenty of bone and substance, not quite the balance of 1 but moving and showing well. **MPD** no entries. **PD** (1) 1 Luig's Tatuin Tom Riddle, playful 10-month-old black dog, alert and friendly with a correct front, nice head and neck with a pleasing layback of shoulders, deep chest, good rear angulation and nice tailset in a harsh coat, well presented, could be a little shorter in back but should mature well, moved and showed well. **JD** (1) 1 Luig's Tatuin Tom Riddle. **ND** no entries. **GD** (3, 1 absent), 1 Corney's Of Stonegarth Shaken Not Stirred At Rylinson, impressive, very well presented 18-month-old wheaten dog who pressed hard for the honours in the challenge, liked everything about him, super coat and condition, short backed and deep chested, good layback, alert and interested and moving well, will watch his future with interest. 2 Rees' Rabbonai Ringleader At Miacarla, black dog of good substance and well presented, strong deep front and well developed rear, good angulation all through, not the fluid movement of 1. **LD** (4) 1 Chick's Brueik All The Aces, well balanced black with style and presence, good front, nice head, good shoulder placement and layback, low to ground, deep chest, short coupled and good rear, moved and showed well. 2 Walker's Beareveur Perseus, very smart and well presented wheaten, liked his overall outline, head and tailset, plenty behind the tail, just preferred the overall quality of 1. 3 Divadell Room At The Top. **OD** (7) My class of the day, an excellent line-up of well presented dogs, 1 Beckton's Glengracie Galileo, outstanding dog with class and quality, everything balanced and in the right place, smart head, neck and ears, well laid shoulders, super front, short back, well muscled and well angulated rear moving out with purpose, **BD** and **BIS**. 2 Earl's Eskwyre Tom Foolery At Rolanka, pushed my winner all the way, another smart and balanced dog in excellent coat and presentation, short backed, just not as low to ground as 1. 3 Hill's Rolanka Pass The Buck To Benartybrae. **VD** (2) Two fine veterans with plenty of bone and substance that I have judged and placed well previously. 1 Rees' Rabbonai Gilead At Miacarla, at nearly eight-years-old a fine specimen with good overall outline, plenty of substance, still alert and positive in movement, good harsh coat, well muscled

and nicely angulated. 2 Hill's Polwick's Black Tourmaline of Tahgmor, a fine Scot who has served the breed well, lots to like but at 11-years-old giving too much away to 1. **MPB** no entries. **PB** (1,1) **JB** (2) Two nice bitches of different types and qualities. 1 Norton's Divadell Izzy Whizzy, smartly presented 13-month-old with elegance and style, in good proportion throughout yet engagingly mischievous, appealing head, with level topline, in good harsh coat, should mature to a quality bitch. 2 Hill's Skircoat Semibreve At Tahgmor, 16-month-old of mature build with good deep front, neat ears and head, well angulated fore and aft, moved and showed well, little longer cast than 1. **NB** (2,1) 1 Sykes' Sandbourne In Your Dreams, 22-month black, alert and agile, moving with drive when she concentrated, very nice to handle on the table, good shoulder placement, fair length of neck, could tighten and settle to advantage. **GB** (5,2) 1 Emmins' Miss Catastrophe Du Moulin De Macgregor, attractive bitch with super head, good neck, shoulders and layback, short backed, neat tailset, showing and moving with style and panache. 2 Weall's Wringtonbell Ready To Rock, another quality bitch in very good harsh coat and well presented and with excellent body and substance, difficult to separate 1 and 2 as both had distinct qualities but just preferred the overall outline and movement of 1. 3 Skircoat Semibreve Of Tahgmor. **LB** (4) Another close call with two bitches of similar qualities. 1 Walker's Beareveur Cassia, outstanding mature three-year-old, super head, short backed, deep bodied with chest taken well back, very square overall outline, so very well balanced and with a quality finish, moving out with drive, **BB** and **BOS**. 2 Corney's Rilynson Aruba Arehucas, very similar quality bitch, full of style and extremely well presented, excellent outline, just preferred head of 1, showed well in the challenge to take **RBB**. 3 Straw's Glengracie Galiene Shaolin. **OB** (4,1) Sykes' Benartybrae Apache Tear, solid and sound six-year-old bitch with pleasing head, ear and eye, well ribbed up and nice length of back, good angulation and square outline, moving out well and keeping a level topline. 2 Walker's Benartybrae Salsa Avec Beareveur, like 1 a bitch I have admired previously and she offers similar appeal, smart throughout with a particularly well developed rear giving excellent propulsion on the move, shown very well, just preferred the overall finish of 1. 3 Skircoat Sicilienne Of Tahgmor. **VB** (2) How audacious! How can you have a mother and daughter in veteran both over ten and both looking and showing as well as this. 1 Corney's Rylinson Island Princess, a quality bitch in pin-sharp coat reminding me of the legendary Ch Glenecker Gracie, and like her retaining her quality looks to a ripe old age, at 13 she is a super balanced shape retaining a level topline, with good dentition for her age and still plenty of bone and substance, **BV**. 2 Corney's Rilynson Sunshine Princess, similar style and quality from this elegant ten-year-old with the same excellent presentation and an impressive alacrity when on the move. **BBE D/B** (7,3) 1 Rylinson Sunshine Princess. 2 Divadell Izzy Whizzy. 3 Beareveur Perseus. **NBBE D/B** (10/3) 1 Brueik All The Aces. 2 Benartybrae Apache Tear. 3 Luig's Stalwart's Game Of Thrones. **STECs Rescue class** (6, 2) 1 Brueik All The Aces. 2 Beareveur Perseus. 3 Rolanka Pass The Buck To Benartybrae. **Memorial Stakes Class** (6, 3) 1 Beareveur Perseus. 2 Rolanka Pass The Buck To Benartybrae. 3 Skircoat Semibreve At Tahgmor.

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