GSD Club of Devon Open Show.

Saturday 27th October 2012

I would like to thank the GSDC of Devon for inviting me as replacement judge for Marianne Davis, who was taken ill a week before their October Open Show. Thank you to my stewards Pat, Cyril and Erica for the smooth running of the ring. My appreciations go to the exhibitors that attended on such a bitterly cold day, gave me the opportunity to go over their dogs, and accepted my decisions and verbal critiques with good grace.

MPD (1e,1a). PD (1e).

1st Hensley & Swift's Monksley Kohana at Zuberg (Conbhairean Wotan x Monksley Becca). Upper medium size and strength sable 11mths male. Medium strong expressive head with good-pigmented mask. Good type. Borderline chest depth and a little raw and rangy at this stage in his development. Slight steepness in upper arm and pasterns. Good hind quarter angulations. High tail set gives the impression of a short croup but it is of good length though a shade steep. Good underline. Sound coming and going. Good steady gait which could be more ground covering. **BPD** & **BPIB** JD (1e.1a).

YD (3e,3a).

PGD (5e,3a).

1st Roe's Garavic Legend (Enzo degli Achei x Garavic Elky). Over medium size strong well-boned black and tan 2½ yrs male. Medium strong expressive head with dark eye. Very good type, borderline depth of chest and just sufficient length of foreleg, but good length and proportions in harmony. Very good fore and hind angulations. Good wither, clean lines, very good length and angle of croup. OK coming and going. In the gaiting phase showed freedom of movement to display an effortless flowing ground covering gait. In the run-off for BOB he had a change of handler which affected his performance. **BD**

2nd Minhinett's Belezra Torino (Ch Clokelly's Lagos x Shila vom Murrtal). Top size and strength black and tan 3yrs male. Well-pigmented with a strong expressive head. Very good type with good balanced proportions. Good wither. Good over and under lines. Slight steepness in the upper arm and the croup. Stands straight front and back. Elbows out a little coming, sound going away. Displays a good steady gait maintaining his lines, but his action could be more ground covering. OD (8e 6a).

1st Cross & Minhinett's Romainville Charlie (Romainville Ziggy at Dericky x Magic of Romainville). Over medium size and strength, of good type with balanced proportions, black and gold 6yrs male. Medium strength head with well-pigmented mask and alert expression. Good wither. Good clean lines, firm back and loin into a well-angled croup which could be a little longer. Upper arm of good length but a shade too slanted. Sound away and back. Good athletic movement keeping a firm overline which gained him his place.

2nd Powell's Garavic Liberty (Enzo degli Achei x Garavic Elky) Topsize and strength black and tan 2½ yrs male. Very strong without being coarse expressive head with dark eye. Well-boned and substantial with much masculinity. Very good type

and exhibits in stance the desired balanced proportions and harmony. Good wither. Very good fore and hind angles. Good length and placement of croup. Good breadth and substance of thighs. OK coming, slightly close going. Displays an effortless ground covering gait, but carrying excess weight and in soft condition, causing him to roll over the back and the loin on the move, which showed more the longer he gaited around a large grass ring.

1st Hensley's Zuberg Lotti (Ch Lararth Houdini x Zuberg Deenika). Medium size and strength black and tan 9½ yrs female. Attractive feminine head with alert expression. Very good type and harmoniously proportioned. Good angulation of the fore and hind quarters. Well-angled croup could be a shade longer. OK viewed away and back. She still has very good freedom and harmony in her movement at this age and keeps her lines on the move.

2nd Minhinett's Venpatra Topaz (Jutone Senator x Jutone Quanda). Upper medium size medium strength black and paling gold 10½ yrs female. Strong yet feminine head showing a good expression. Shade short coupled, little deep in chest and just sufficient length of foreleg. Slight steepness in front angulation, very good hind angulation. Well-moulded croup. Maintains her overline at a steady trot with slight restriction of the forehand reach.

MPB (3e 3a).

VD/B (4e 2a).

PB (2e 1a)

1st Swift's Monksley Kitchi (Conbhairean Wotan x Monksley Maizie). Medium size and strength black and tan 11mths female. Good type, well-knit with very good harmonious proportions. Attractive expressive feminine head with dark eye. Could be more self-assured. Slight steepness in front, good hind angulation. Displays good clean lines in stance and in movement. Good length of croup which could be better angled. Stands straight in front and behind. OK away and back. Free moving effortless gait in spurts, would benefit from more training for a large ring. **BPB** YB (4e 3a)

1st Hopkins,Murthi, Meaton & Yates's Lornstone Lutea (Ch Clokellys Lagos x Lillet od Petkovica). Medium size and strength black and tan 19mths female. Alert feminine head with a shade light eye but does not detract from good expression. Exhibits very good type harmoniously proportioned. Good wither, firm back and loin, croup good placement but could be a shade longer. Good balanced angles of the fore and hind quarters. Good over and under lines. OK away and back. She was held back at times on the move which caused her to high step in front, when given her head she displayed effortless fluent ground covering movement. Just needs to body up a bit, which should come with maturity, to make a very good adult. PGB (4e 2a)

1st Minhinett's Jaxsungate Jaffa (Romainville Charlie x Venpatra Topaz). Upper medium size and strength black and gold 3yrs female. Good head with good alert expression. Good type displaying good proportions. Good length slightly steep upperarm. Firm through back and loin into good croup placement. Good outline. OK away and back. Good ground covering enduring gait flowing freely.

2nd Santoro's Lornstone Moonbeam (Gollygobble Bert x Kalbeshan Quisqa). Medium size and strength black and tan 2½ yrs female. Mask just sufficient but does not destroy the general harmony of her strong yet feminine head and lively expression. Very good type displaying the desired balanced proportions. Well-knit firm and dry. Good clean lines in stance and in movement. Good angles front and rear. Good wither, firm back and loin into a well-moulded croup. Sound away and

back. Free moving effortless trot in spurts, but never really got her act together and was out-performed by the 1st female.

OB (7e 5a).

1st Jackson's Veneze Gabriella (Ch Elmo vom Hühnegrab x Vicky von Grafenbrunn). Medium size and strength black and rich gold 2yrs female. Expressive feminine head. Very good type displays desired balanced proportions and harmony. Good clean overline in stance and in movement, good underline. Upper arm could be fractionally longer. Good hind angulation. OK going, toes in slightly towards. Tail is a little too long. Gaits effortlessly with freedom and harmony of movement, the consistency of her performance gained her **BB** & **BOB**.

2nd Hensley's Fahra vom Amulree (Zamp vom Thermodos x Asparky vom Amulree). Upper medium size and strength black and gold 6½ yrs female. Stop lacking a little but does not detract from good expression. Good type, shade deep in chest and just about enough length of foreleg. Slight steepness in front. Croup of good angle but could be a shade longer. Good hind angulation. OK coming, close going. Good ground covering gait but not the fluidity of the 1st female.

Judge Jean Hiscox