

The Northern Boxer Club Championship Show

April 12th 2015

Judge - Mrs Margaret Joyce

An invitation to judge a speciality show is most certainly a once in a 'lifetime' judging experience. To judge 'The Boxer' in the UK is the dream come true. Thanks go out to The Northern Boxer Club for this opportunity. Together with my co-judge Mrs Sylvia F Crooks this certainly was a wonderful day. From the time we arrived at the show driven by David Crooks we were looked after by John, the very helpful Parking Manager. The Venue was in an Australian theme and made us feel welcome. The Chairman, President and Secretary soon made us welcome with tea and coffee. It was nice to meet up with Mr Arthur Butters after meeting him in Ireland in 2014 at Fermay Dog Show. Thank you to the Chairman Christine Beardsell, who I also noted as Show Manager, for setting a calm atmosphere before and after the show and during the show all went well with procedures. Thank you also to Vikki Van-Beck, Secretary & Treasurer, who from the initial expression of the letter of invitation through the formalities with the Kennel Club to judging on the day. You and your team made this important day a very exciting place to be. Thank you to The Northern Boxer Club for all your hard work behind the scenes. The catering was excellent as were the trophy displays. The 'blue mat' was excellent. I observed that the dogs moving and standing appeared to find it secure on the feet. Thanks to my Stewards Peter & Margaret - well done a good team of Stewards can make or break a show. I was delighted with their procedures. Thanks also to the photographer, Paul Hyde, who was professional at all times.

I was delighted with the overall depth of quality in the Breed. The entry was fantastic - thank you Exhibitors for your sportsmanship and the love you have for your dogs. This was displayed over and over again. We all love to win but if we go back to dog one, it was the love of this dog that was the basis of showing dogs. I enjoyed the 'free' gently bond of showing the dogs. This was obvious when looking at the heads for expression. There are trends in a few dogs creeping in around the world, over exaggeration in neck and hindquarters. This is often at the expense of poor front assembly. I liked the way the Exhibitors moved the dogs not too fast around the ring. I hope that my experience has given me a great opportunity to understand the Breed in more depth. Judges are always 'learning'.

Thank you The Northern Boxer Club, Christine, Vikki and the Committee. Well Done Exhibitors for making the experience so memorable. Thank you for your gifts they will be displayed for all to see. Your hospitality and friendliness to my husband and I was greatly appreciated. I wish the Club and all, continued success in the future.

Minor Puppy Bitch - 17 (1 Abs)

A wonderful class to start the day, sixteen young puppies full of Boxer zest for lift.

1st McCarthy & Gething's Jeddhi Ten Cents A Dance. Brindle & White. A very young bitch full of quality. Lovely expressive balanced head. Good height to length proportions. Moved well front and rear covering the ground well

2nd Pynegar & Murray's Berwynfa Kandy Krush. Brindle & White. Different in style to 1st, however good head piece balance and good rise of skull. Moved well, excellent feet, deep thick pads and arched toes

Puppy Bitch - 14 (2 Abs)

1st McDonald & Turner's Yeteb Brief Encounter. Brindle & White. Overall this bitch displayed good breed type, balanced in head and body. Good head proportions with a good length of neck into well laid back shoulders. Sound moving

2nd Huckerby & Dowell's Top Totti for Norwilbeck Bellchime. Brindle & White. A good square bitch, balanced head. Would like a little more in angulation in front, in excellent condition and moved maintaining an excellent topline

Junior Bitch - 6 (1 Abs)

1st Lowery's Knickerbox Glory. Red & White. A strong, young bitch with good square body proportions. Good angulation front and rear. Moved soundly fore and rear. A sound style of bitch
2nd Tarbett & Coxon's Olleyville Drama Queen. Brindle & White. A stylish bitch with good head piece. Good expression. Lovely neck with arch. Good firm topline. Moved with presence around the ring

Yearling Bitch - 12 (1 Abs)

Very good class overall. First three bitches could be places in 1, 2, 3 in a different order on different days

1st McArdle's Redmol Ina Pickle at McArmadales JW. Red & White. Square bitch with balanced head and good expression. Would prefer a little more angulation behind. Wonderful bone and feet
2nd Lott's Britesparke Pretty Mona Mai. Brindle & White. Well handled. Lovely head, expression and neck. Good hindquarters. A very showy bitch

Novice Bitch - 6 (1 Abs)

1st Sadler's Taramark Heavens Messenger (Imp Aus). Brindle & White. A smaller style bitch, elegant, soft expression and moved well. Would prefer more in hind-quarters
2nd Lott's Britesparke Luna Moonbug. Red & White. A strong style of bitch that loved to show herself off. Good head into good neck. Great feet and depth of pad. Square in body

Debutante Bitch - 10 (1 Abs)

1st Pynegar & Murray's Limubox Foolforce. Brindle & White. A good head piece with correct proportions. Lovely expression with good length of neck flowing into shoulders. Good body and chest. Moved with good reach and drive. Considered in CC and Reserve CC
2nd Hobson's Allerz Maid In Black by Nickerbox. Brindle & White. A very sound bitch, with good head piece. Lovely arch of neck. Good bone to well arched feet

Graduate Bitch - 13 (5 Abs)

1st Nelson & Connell's Borestone Sex On Fire. Brindle & White. A well balanced bitch with good head showing a pleasing expression. Carried herself well around the ring and fore and aft when moving
2nd Pynegar & Murray's Berwynfa Deja Vu. Brindle & White. A stylish bitch with good head piece. Good length of neck into well laid back shoulders. Preferred the movement on 1st on the day

Post Graduate Bitch - 19 (4 Abs)

A wonderful entry of bitches with good depth of quality

1st Tonkin, Pellow & Pellow's Rosanyos Madre Mia JW. Red & White. A quality sound bitch with balanced head proportions. Good stop and rise of skull. Good breadth of front, square in body. Moved well with firm topline. Considered for the CC & Reserve CC
2nd Myles' Boxadore Hoedown Throwdown. Brindle & White. A well balanced square bitch. Little between 1st and 2nd however prefer the angulation of winner. Lovely head with well padded muzzle, deep stop and good rise of skull. Maintained a firm topline on the move

Limit Bitch - 21 (4 Abs)

A super class with many bitches displaying many breed hallmarks

1st Drinkwater's Sulez Luvlijubly. Brindle & White. This bitch enjoyed the ring so much. She used her beautifully balanced and expressive head to capture the moment. Lovely bone and feet. Movement sound and covered the ground effortlessly around the ring. Considered 3rd in the CC and Reserve CC line-up
2nd Burnett's Sushe Too Posh To Push. Brindle & White. A lovely square bitch, good neck and topline. Pleasing head. Likes her square body however would like more return in upper arm. Deserving of her second place in a good class

Open Bitch - 9 (1 Abs)

A great class of mature bitches. So many good bitches with too little tickets on the day to share around!

1st Huckerby & Dowell's CH Panabolo Specially for Norwilbeck Bellchime. Brindle & White. A lovely bitch that was free from extremes all over. She caught my eye for balance. Balanced feminine head. Good wide mouth, skull in correct proportions to a well padded muzzle. Good length of neck. Strong firm topline and well let down in rear. Good set on of tail. Good movement front and rear. BITCH CC & BOS

2nd Parker & Martin's CH Olleyville Ophelia JW ShCM. Brindle & White. Another lovely bitch shown so well. Different style to 1st but displayed Boxer type. She excelled in expression and movement. Topline was firm with good rear quarters. Body just a little heavier than 1st however still was elegant and could see these two bitches doing battle at other times. RESERVE BITCH CC

Veteran Bitch - 16 (3 Abs)

A wonderful entry. Thank you Exhibitors. These bitches were a credit to owners and handlers. Such depth of quality with these mature Boxer bitches

1st Jones' Kevanor Precedence JW. Brindle & White. A definite stand out in a class of lovely 'seniors'. Well handled. Free from all exaggerations, she was a definite consideration in CC and Reserve CC line-up. Square in body, lovely balanced head, full of expression. Good mouth, lower jaw, broad and upper lip placement excellent. Angulation balanced fore and behind. Covered the ground with ease.

2nd Stewart's CH Berwynfa Bom Chicka Wah Wah for Boxyjen. Brindle & White. A beautiful headed bitch with lovely arch of neck. Good bone and feet. I thought she was not as square as 1st. Well bodied, good set on of tail. She moved well fore and behind and maintained a firm topline. Well handled.

3rd Carter's Susancar Anita Outfit JW. Red & White. I mention this bitch for over ten years in age she still displayed excellent breed type. A square boxer, free from all exaggeration

Margaret Joyce