

SHCGB Championship Show 2013 Results and Critiques

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Leich, Leich & Koops Ch Forstal's Pabornik

SHCGB CH SHOW 2013

DOGS: CATHERINE LEWIS. ENTRY 69 DOGS, 75 ENTRIES

BITCHES: SUE KNOWLES. ENTRY 102 BITCHES, 108 ENTRIES

DOG CC: CH FORSTAL PABORNIK

RES DOG CC: CH ZIMA SKAGWAY

BICTH CC: GALEENAA AV VARGEVASS

RES BITCH CC: PENKHALA'S KYRA

BEST PUPPY DOG: RIGRUNNER DIAMOND GEEZER FROM NASHANESSEN

BEST PUPPY BITCH: AZGARD KAY

BEST VETERAN DOG: JEDEYE NEMO OF MANITOU AT SASSICAIA

BEST VETERAN BITCH: CH FASTER XHOSA SPIRIT

BIS: CH FORSTAL PABORNIK

RBIS: GALEENAA AV VARGEVASS OF FORSTAL

BOSIS: GALEENAA AV VARGEVASS OF FORSTAL

BPIS: AZGARD KAY

BVIS: CH FASTER XHOSA SPIRIT

DOGS:

SPECIAL VETERAN DOG (1,0)

1ST: SKIMARQUE FIRST CONTACT

VETERAN DOG (7, 2)

1ST: JEDEYE NEMO OF MANITOU AT SASSICAIA

2ND: CH NORTHWAPITIS SUMMIT AT AZGARD

3RD: FORSTAL'S SMOKEY

RES: CH ACECAS GREASED LIGHTNING

VHC: PRINCE OF THE FIVE VALLEYS OF KOBUK

MINOR PUPPY DOG (3,0)

1ST: EVERSEPP'S CASPAR BEAR AT KERIQUEL

2ND: KOHOUTEK ZANDER

3RD: KOHOUTEK ANGELUS

PUPPY DOG (10,0)

1ST: RIGRUNNER DIAMOND GEEZER FROM NASHANESSEN

2ND: RIGRUNNER JUNILEE FLOTILLA

3RD: SASSICAIA'S BUZZ THE FUZZ

RES: ZILLVERANI'S OLYPIC SUN

VHC: AZGARD TUURI

HC: AZGARD TERRA
C: KOHOUTEK ZANDER

JUNIOR DOG (7,0)
1ST: CHATANIKA'S WILD WHISTLER
2ND: DESHKA'S GHOST DYR
3RD: SNOQWALMIE JUPITER MAKANNI
RES: SASSICAIA'S LIGHTNING FRIGHT
VHC: AZGARD TUURI
HC: THREEC'S TONY STARK
C: ARCTICTREK'S FLASHING BLADE

YEARLING DOG (11,0)
1ST: ICEBEX THE FIRST AVENGER
2ND: RYKALOV'S LENNY
3RD: SHAYTAAN'S CAORUNN AT CEANNBEINNE (Imp Can)
RES: CHEFFIN'S PAN TO ZARCHENSKI (Imp Can)
VHC: AMAROK AV VARGEVASS OF FORSTAL
HC: OSOCHILLI'S CAPE CANAVERAL
C: RYKALOV'S ROCKY GIBRALTER

MAIDEN DOG (1,0)
1ST: SYBASPRINTER BUICK McKANE

UNDERGRADUATE DOG (5,2)
1ST: SPIRELLS ALEXEI AT KORSVIG
2ND: ICYNIGHTS SONS OF ANARCHY
3RD: NASHANESSEN PYRAMID AT ZARCHENSKI

POST GRADUATE DOG (8,2)
1ST: CHAROITE RAVEN'S BREW
2ND: SASSICAIA IRISH MIST AT CEANNBEINNE
3RD: NASHANESSEN'S DIRTY HARRY AT SNOWTREKKA JW
RES: FORSTAL'S NUNATAQ OF SNOWSPEEDER
VHC: CHATANIKA DON'T STOP ME NOW
HC: MAYZEMU NORTHERN HANIA

MID LIMIT DOG (4,2)
1ST: NORTHTRAIL SON OF ANARCHY JW
2ND: ICYNIGHTS MIST A BLUE AT CEANNABEINNE

LIMIT DOG (11,1)
1ST: FORSTAL'S XANOOK
2ND: PENKHALA'S ARION
3RD: RIGRUNNER SLIDER
RES: ZILLVERANI GYPSY TRIAD
VHC: AZGARD RICHARD CEE JW
HC: SALAZKA'S FALCO AESALON
C: NASHANESSENS'S STANLEY

OPEN DOG (7, 0)
1ST: CH FORSTAL PABORNIK
2ND: CH ZIMA SKAGWAY
3RD: CHAROITE PYEWACKET
RES: AMICAL CASSACK
VHC: ZAISAN ZARRAN VILKAS AT KORSVIG
HC: DESHKA'S TOGO DYR AT SASSICAIA
C: LINCOLN WHITE AT TSARITSA

BITCHES:
SPECIAL VETERAN BITCH (7,2)
1ST: CH FASTRAX XHOSA SPIRIT
2ND: FORSTAL'S ROBIN
3RD: ORLOV CHARITY AT SNOWTREKKA
RES: WOLFSPRIT MINI SENSATION
VHC: AZGARD PUMPKIN AT SUTARKA

VETERAN BITCH (9, 2)

1ST: AZGARD TANGO WITH SNOWPAWZ
2ND: KERIQUEL RAZORLIGHT
3RD: RAJARANI SHARAPOVA
RES: RIGRUNNER HELLO MOTO
VHC: FORSTAL'S BORDER REIVER FOR JANSKCOO
HC: CH RAJARANI ANASTASYA
C: AZGARD PUMPKIN AT SUTARKA

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (4,0)

1ST: KOHOUTEK BUFFY
2ND: KOHOUTEK DARLA
3RD: POLARCREEK MOUNT TORNADO
RES: POLARCREEK MOUNT MISTAYA

PUPPY BITCH (10,0)

1ST: AZGARD KAY
2ND: RIGRUNNER DIAMOND JUBILEE
3RD: KOHOUTEK BUFFY
RES: KOHOUTEK DARLA
VHC: AMICAL EE-LAHAN-MOR
HC: FORSTAL'S PEPPER
C: EVERSEPP'S KONIAQ FENNA

JUNIOR BITCH (6,1)

1ST: CHATANIKA'S RACEY RIPLEY
2ND: AZGARD TALVI
3RD: SNOQUALMIE LUNA BREEZE
RES: AMICAL SNOW WHITE
VHC: SALAZKA'S KALISTA OF LESAMIAN

YEARLING BITCH (8,1)

1ST: WINTERDANCE EVANESCENCE
2ND: ICEBEX IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH
3RD: KERIQUEL MERIBEL
RES: AZGARD CASCADE
VHC: SNOWWARRIORS APHRODITE
HC: RYKALOV'S BONNIE AT TRAILFIT
C: SHAYTAAN'S FALLEN ANGEL TO ZARCHENSKI (Imp Can)

MAIDEN BITCH (2,0)

1ST: PENKHALA'S CHULYIN
2ND: SYBASPRINTER DESDEMONA

UNDERGRADUATE BITCH (8,1)

1ST: FORSTAL'S SHUSKA
2ND: KERIQUEL COURCHEVEL
3RD: CHAROITE CHERRY KAMMA
RES: SKIMARQUE ANNA PAVLOVA
VHC : PENKHALA' S KINGUYAKKI
HC : TRELOWEN MINIONS AT KHANDIKHAIN
C: RAJARANI KACHINI AT CAYUGAWOLF

POST GRADUATE BITCH (16,0)

1ST: RAJARANI KOKO FOR ALEPENKYE JW
2ND: OSOCHILLI SWEET ALABAMA FOR LESAMIAN
3RD: FORSTAL FOREST
RES: POLARCERREK FORBIDDEN LOVE FOR RAGAPAWZ
VHC: TAIMA ASTRO
HC: SKIMARQUE ANNA PAVLOVA
C: ARCTICTREK FANTASTIC MS FOX

MID LIMIT BITCH (7,2)

1ST: GALEENAA AV VARGEVASS OF FORSTAL
2ND: AMICAL MIKA
3RD: SKIMARQUE SILVER SNO QUEEN
RES: ACECA'S WILD HONEY

VHC: DESHKA ECHO DYR

LIMIT BITCH (16,1)

1ST: SKIMARQUE SILVER SNO STAR
2ND: POLARCREEK A FINE ROMANCE WITH MEDICINEHAT
3RD: ICYNIGHTS WHITE WITCH JW
RES: PENKHALA'S NAKODA
VHC: SALAZKA NYMPHADORA TONKS OF LESAMIAN
HC: NASHANESSEN'S PONYS PASS AT COLDSPELL
C: RIGRUNNER CANDYBAR IN WIGHTFLIGHT

OPEN BITCH (15,1)

1ST: PENKHALA'S KYRA
2ND: SALTARELLO PERFECT FIT WITH ELLEONIA
3RD: AZGARD GREAY MOUSE
RES: RIGRUNNER CLAMSHELL
VHC: LASKA'S YLLYSSIA AT TSARITSA
HC: CH ICYNIGHTS MORNING MIST
C: RAJARANI ZORA FOR SNOSTOPIN

STUD DOG (1,0) – JUDGE: SHEILA LUXMOORE-BALL

1ST: RIGRUNNER SLIDER

BROOD BITCH (2,0) – JUDGE: SHEILA LUXMOORE-BALL

1ST: FORSTAL'S ROBIN
2ND: RIGRUNNER HELLO MOTO

BRACE (1,0) – JUDGE: SHEILA LUXMOORE-BALL

1ST: BRADLEY'S BRACE

CRITIQUES – DOGS

Many thanks to the Committee of the SHCGB for inviting me to judge this very special show, and to the exhibitors for their entries and the way they accepted my decisions with such good sportsmanship. I was delighted to be able to go over so many well constructed dogs, and it is heartening that people are obviously taking functionality as the basis of their breeding programmes. It is important not to forget type, however, and I did find fewer dogs with really typy, fox-like heads and correctly shaped ears than I have in the past.

I would like to say a special thank you to Bruce Hall, who stepped in to steward for me at short notice and did a really brilliant job of keeping me organised!

Special Veteran Dog

1st Allen's Skimarque First Contact (1, 0 Abs)

A lovely 12 ½ year old gentleman having a really great day out. Excellent shoulder angulation with equal length of scapula and upper arm, correctly shaped feet with well sloped pasterns and strong, oval, medium bone. Lovely head shape, gentle expression and well set ears. Correct ribcage, flattened on the sides, long, nicely sloping croup and correctly set tail carried nicely. On the move he was a little uncoordinated and over excited, but once settled he had a long, elastic stride and he still had good muscle tone despite his age.

Veteran Dog (7, 1 Abs)

1st Davidson and Rolston's Jedeye Nemo of Manitou of Sassicaia

A smart, typy dog in very good body condition, well covered with hard flat muscle. Overall proportions spot on with correct length of leg and body. Very good feet, nicely sloping pastern. Good oval, medium bone giving an overall impression of a middle of the road working animal. Head classic with finely chiselled head and well shaped ears and obliquely set eyes. Topline level and strong with a correctly arched loin, angulation correct front and rear with equal bone lengths and correct croup and tailset. Coat quality good. On the move he had light steps which carried him round with reach and drive. He was a little uneven in his front movement, but very sound and true behind.

2nd Barry and Grisbrooke's Ch. Northwapiti's Summit at Azgard

Another well made and workmanlike dog who was a pleasure to go over. Angulation front and rear correct and balanced with equal bone lengths. Strong, level topline with nicely arched loin, ribcage correctly flattened on the side and correct length. Leg length just right with sturdy pasterns and well padded feet. Head a little stronger than 1 with nicely shaped ears and an open, honest, friendly expression in his eyes. Ears could have been set a little bit higher. On the move he was sound and free striding with plenty of reach.

3rd Burrell and Fletcher's Forstal's Smokey

One of my long time favourites, I was very pleased to be able to go over him today. Beautiful foxy head and expression with high set ears and obliquely set, almond shaped eyes set on an arched neck held proudly. Overall he gives the impression of balance with good angulation front and rear, moderate bone, a nice sloping croup and a strong topline.

Moved very well with a lightfooted stride and was very sound all round. Excellent muscle for his age. He was quite unsettled in the hall, and as a result didn't show himself off at his best, sadly it just wasn't his day.

Minor Puppy Dog (3, 0 Abs)

1st Sargent's Eversepp's Caspar Bear at Keriquel

Striking 8 month old lad who showed great maturity in his outstanding length of stride, soundness coming and going and muscling. A dog in really lovely condition, well presented and handled. Excellent layback of shoulder, with equal lengths in scapula and upper arm, absolutely correct leg length and strong, well angled pasterns leading to well padded, nicely shaped feet. Body good length, well ribbed with flattened sides to ribcage. Loin well developed, correctly arched and with plenty of muscle. Could use a little more rear angulation, but this will come as he matures. Really lovely eye set, good facial planes. Temperament happy, friendly and eager to please.

2nd Alfonzetti and McLennan's Kohoutek Zander

A very pretty youngster with a sweet, kind expression. Correct bone all through, moderate and balanced with good length of leg and proportions. Shoulder correctly angulated, perhaps a little short in the upper arm but he has plenty of growing to do, topline level with a good loin and nicely sloping croup. Nice head, ears set high and the right shape, almond eyes obliquely set, overall a foxy look to him. Pasterns correct length but somewhat straight, feet could be larger and more oval. Lacking in muscle and condition, needs to body up and develop. Movement was very uncoordinated and rather erratic, he seemed to be giving his handler a hard time. Once he matures and muscles up he should do very well.

3rd Alfonzetti and McLennan's Kohoutek Angelus

Litter brother to 2, and many of the same comments apply. He has a pleasant head, perhaps a little too much stop, well shaped ears and eyes and a good length of neck leading to correctly angulated shoulders. Better shaped feet than 1 and good strong pasterns. Excellent rear angulation, croup and tailset. He has a slightly roached back at present which he held on the move, hopefully this will settle with age and work. Again, rather underweight, lacking in condition and muscle and very unsettled on the move. I am sure things will change as he matures and develops.

Puppy Dog (10, 0 Abs)

1st Keen's Rigrunner Diamond Geezer from Nashanessen

This lovely white boy was a stand out winner in the class, he really caught my eye from the start and didn't disappoint me when I went over him. Very nice head type for his age with well set, tall ears that he will no doubt grow into and kind, obliquely set eyes. Balanced and refined with super bone, really good balanced angulation and a strong, level topline with an excellent arch of loin. Legs and feet just right, well sloped pasterns of good length. Well muscled and in super body condition. Sound coming and going, with a long, easy stride, this lad is definitely one to watch in the future.

2nd Redwood's Rigrunner Jubilee Flotilla

This youngster has very good body proportions with correct, balanced angulation front and rear, a well muscled, arched loin and a super rib cage. Very nice bone, leg length and feet, with good slope of pastern. Croup correctly sloped and of a nice length, tail could perhaps be set a little lower. Head overall heavier than 1, and ears would be better set higher, but his eyes are a lovely shape and correctly set. On the move he was sound and light footed but not as steady as 1 coming and going.

3rd Davidson and Rolston's Sassicaia Buzz The Fuzz

A sweet, raw baby with a really lovely happy temperament. Good length of neck, very nice topline and length of loin, correct angulation front and rear and equal bone lengths all round. I really liked his long sloping croup, great proportions and overall balance. Lost out to 2 because he wasn't able to settle on the move and was very erratic coming and going. With a bit of practice he should do very well in future.

Junior Dog (7, 0 Abs)

1st Robertson's Chatanika's Wild Whistler

A very workmanlike grey and white boy who was an effortless mover with a truly floating, reachy stride and completely sound, single tracking gait coming and going. Still quite a raw youngster with lots of maturing to do, but quite together in himself and very promising. Head well constructed, with perhaps a little too much stop and width, but a lovely obliquely set eye and good earset. Neck strong and well arched, of good length. Shoulder bone lengths equal and muscling developing nicely. I would expect his shoulder to increase in angulation as he matures and muscles up some more. Rear angulation correct and bone lengths all equal. Rib cage, loin and croup spot on, tail well set and carried. Bone medium and oval, with good sloping pasterns and strong well padded, correctly shaped feet.

2nd Riley and Parker's Deshka's Ghost Dyr

I was really taken with this lovely lad, a striking Isabella white with a really good outline and oozing breed type. Everything in the right place, well proportioned and absolutely correct in bone, balance and size. Lovely fox-like head with high set, well shaped ears, correct facial planes and really nice eyeset. Another really good mover who covered the ground well and was light on his feet. Sound coming and going, showing an ability to single track. Angulation front and rear balanced, with correct lengths of bone and the right angles front and rear. Loin and ribcage in proportion to each other, well sloped croup and good tail set. Front pasterns could have more slope.

Sadly lost a higher placing because he was lacking in body and muscle. Once he matures and bodies up he should do very well indeed.

3rd Downey and Last's Snoqwalmie Jupiter Makanni

Another very honest looking boy who could easily be overlooked but who has a great deal to like. Nice head with obliquely set eye and good facial planes, especially good neck, correct length and leading into a superb shoulder with

very good angulation, well laid back upper arm and decent muscle. Ribcage of good length and shape with flattened sides, rear angulation balanced and bone lengths equal all round. Loin was in proportion to his rib cage, strong but could have a little more arch. Croup correct slope, but could be a bit more sloped and the tail set a little lower. Bone and feet really good, nice shape, well padded and strong. Pasterns a little to straight. Side movement was reachy and sound, but coming he was throwing his front legs out to the sides. I would expect this to improve with maturity and work.

Yearling Dog (11, 0 Abs)

1st Cunningham's Icebex The First Avenger

A tall boy who won a very strongly contested class on his outstanding movement and correct overall construction and soundness. His coat was very good quality, beautifully prepared and presented. Really superb angulation front and rear, absolutely balanced and correctly proportioned. His leg length to chest ratio was excellent, with a flexible body, good length of loin and nicely sloped croup leading to a good tailset. Neck of correct length, carried well, overall he gave an impression of power but was quick and light on his feet. Head could be a little more foxy in look, perhaps a little deep in muzzle, and ears could be higher set with inner edges parallel, but facial planes good and eye set and shape was correct. Feet were well shaped and padded, and overall his muscle tone and body condition was outstanding. It was a pleasure to put my hands on him.

2nd Murray's Rykalov's Lenny

A very pleasing white boy, again excelling in his movement, with super reach and drive, light on his feet, sound coming and going with a correct single track as he got up to speed. Medium and balanced all over, with good bone and well proportions, he impressed me with his overall quality. Correct head with some chiselling, obliquely set eyes and high set ears of good size. Tips could be a little more rounded to be ideal. Arched neck of correct length, falling down to good, well angulated shoulders and a lovely rib cage with flattened sides. Super arch to loin, really good croup correctly sloped and with nice length. Tail set on and carried well. Needs to muscle up to be at his best, but I am sure this will come with time.

3rd Wakker's Shaytaan's Caorunn at Ceannabeinne (Imp Can)

This lovely white boy had the best head of the class, really fox-like and finely chiselled with high set, well shaped ears, good facial planes and almond-shaped, obliquely set eyes full of fun. Good length of neck, leading to a very good shoulder with equal bone lengths and a generally strong front assembly. Back and ribcage correctly shaped with a nicely flattened side and a well developed loin with good tuck up. Rear angulation balanced with the front, bone lengths good. A little more slope to the pelvis would complete the picture here, but this will come with maturity as he muscles up. Really good medium bone, very well made feet and correctly sloping pasterns. In profile he moved freely and with reach, covering plenty of ground. Coming and going he was playing up his handler somewhat, just a little more ringcraft needed to settle him on the move – he has plenty of time to settle as he matures.

Maiden Dog (1, 0 Abs)

1st Amphlett and Sym's Sybasprinter Butch McKane

Still very much a youngster at 18 months old, but already showing a lot of promise. Overall I was impressed with his good body condition and muscle, and this showed in the length of his stride when going round the ring. Angulation front and rear was correct and balanced, legs strong with medium, oval bone, good length of pasterns and very well shaped feet. Topline good, with a slight arch to the loin. Croup could be a little longer, and tailset a little lower. Head was nice, with correct stop and obliquely set eyes, but ears could perhaps be a little higher set. He has a super neck, and is generally balanced and medium all through. He was rather erratic coming and going when moving, but I am sure this will improve with time and practice. Very well deserved 1st even though he was on his own today.

Undergraduate Dog (5, 2 Abs)

1st Reeves' Spirells Alexei at Korsvig

This little lad was a real eye catcher and I was very impressed with him. Super fox-like head with correct facial planes, obliquely set eyes, lovely high set, correctly shaped ears and a mischievous expression. Nice length of neck, leading to very good shoulder with correct bone lengths and angulation. Really excellent topline with a lovely ribcage of good shape and a strong loin of correct length, well muscled and arched. Croup could perhaps be a little longer, but sloped well. Hind angulation was also good, and he is very balanced. Feet and pasterns well formed. On the move he was light-footed and single tracked well coming and going. If I was to be critical I would like to see a little more length of leg all round, but he was tippy, functional and sound. A really super boy.

2nd Jones and Mihulka's Icyknights Sons Of Anarchy

A tall, flashy dilute black and white who has plenty of presence in the ring. Strong head with a sweet expression, excellent earset, well set eyes, good facial planes. Neck well shaped and of good length, leading gracefully down to a shoulder with equal bone lengths. I would like to have seen a bit more layback of upper arm to balance his really super rear angulation, but he does tend to stand on tiptoe and so stretch his shoulder straight, which gives a slightly false impression. Temperament was lovely, friendly and bright, really enjoying himself. Legs and feet excellent, with good bone. He had a tendency to drop his topline and hollow his back when standing, but it came level on the move. I would prefer a longer, more sloping croup and lower tailset. Moved with drive and covered plenty of ground.

3rd Wooliscroft's Nashanessen Pyramid at Zarchenski

This happy boy was presented well muscled and in hard condition. Well angulated front and rear, balanced and with medium bone, he presented a picture of athleticism. A little plain in his head, he could do with a bit more stop to give a foxier look, but length of muzzle and backskull were balanced and in proportion to the rest of him. His ribcage was excellent in length and shape, loin well developed and strong, and croup correctly sloped and of good length. Topline

was rather arched and he wasn't really able to relax and settle into a good outline, he was obviously having too much fun. Lightfooted on the move, but not the reach or drive of 1.

Post Graduate Dog (8, 2 Abs)

1st Hannam's Charoite Raven's Brew

A boy who came to the show in his underwear and was showing off all his good structure as a result. He was a picture of perfect body condition and muscling and this showed in his easy, far reaching, sound movement. All angles balanced front and rear with equal bone lengths in shoulder and rear assembly. Really good arch of neck, with head set on nicely and an eager, interested expression. Eye set was good, head very masculine, ears could be a little higher. Firm topline, held on the move, very nicely shaped ribcage with a strong, flexible loin. Feet well padded and pasterns correct length, well sloped. A very workmanlike dog with everything in the right place.

2nd Wakker's Sassicaia Irish Mist at Ceannabeinne

Another happy lad with a great temperament who seemed to be enjoying his day out. Presented in good body condition and with plenty of muscle. Nice head, but I would prefer less stop to give a more fox-like impression. Earset good and facial planes correct. Very well angulated in the shoulder, with a well laid back upper arm and scapula of matching length. Shoulder girdle well muscled and strong. Rib cage was correctly flattened on the side and his loin was arched, strong and of good length. I would have liked to see a longer, more sloping croup and a lower tail set. Rear angulation was balanced with his front and feet especially good quality with well formed pads. His pasterns appeared straight in the stand, but sloped correctly on the move. In profile he showed good reach and drive, perhaps not quite the light footed movement of 1.

3rd Winter and Unwin's Nashanessen's Dirty Harry at Snowtrekka JW

A dog who had really good, medium characteristics, not flashy and very workmanlike. Lots to like, he has a very nice topline with an arched loin and good ribs, correct bone and a nicely sloping croup. Leg length and proportions absolutely correct, and pasterns strong with a good slope. Perhaps slightly flatter feet than would be my preference. He has a really meltingly sweet expression, nice head shape and lovely eyes, but his earset could be a little higher. Overall a dog I liked a lot, and really took my eye. Tail carriage very high on the move, showed a lot more reach in front than in the rear when moving in profile.

Mid Limit Dog (4, 2 Abs)

1st Marvin's Northtrail Son Of Anarchy JW

This young dog was one of the stars of my day, he was everything I was looking for and it was a pleasure to go over him. He has an ultra tippy head with high set, correctly shaped ears with the inner edges parallel, obliquely set, almond shaped eyes and an alert expression. Leg length and body proportions were spot on, and his angulation front and rear was both correct and balanced. Moderate and not overstated, he seems to have everything in the right place.

Presented in good body condition, fit and well covered. Neck of nice length, strong topline with a well formed, flexible loin, and a very well sloped croup with tail set correctly. Legs and feet strong but in no way heavy. Pasterns at times appeared a little straight when standing but sloped correctly on the move. Movement was light footed, even and reachy in profile, and sound coming and going with a correct single track. Despite a slight lack of physical maturity I considered him strongly for the RCC, and he was unlucky to meet up with two such mature Champions on the day.

2nd Wakker's Icy nights Mist A Blue at Ceannabeinne

This lad was brilliantly outgoing, loving his day out and glowed with fun. He moved around the ring with drive and style, covering plenty of ground and showing a long, elastic stride. He does have a tendency not to flex at the hock, which affected his drive somewhat. He excels in his front, with a very good shoulder, well angulated, and has a super shape of chest and ribcage. His pasterns and feet are good, bone medium and body proportions correct. Topline was a little more sloping, both in the stand and on the move than ideal. I really liked his foxy head with its high set ears, obliquely set eyes and mischievous expression.

Limit Dog (11, 2 Abs)

A really lovely class with good dogs all down the line – I needed more firsts!

1st Leich, Leich and Koops' Forstal's Xanook

This dog was in truly outstanding condition, muscles long, flat and hard, body well covered but no excess flesh, feet hard and well padded, overall he gave the impression of a well oiled machine. Angulation front and rear correct with equal bone lengths and balanced all through. Right up on his toes, full of life and poised for action. Nice foxy head with a kind expression, well set almond shaped eyes and good proportions of muzzle and backskull. Ideally his ears could have been a little higher set. Topline firm and held well on the move, with a superbly well defined, arched loin and a good long croup sloping down to a correctly set, fox brush tail. Leg length to chest depth just right, and front pasterns both strong and well sloped. On the move he was light on his feet, sound and single tracked perfectly. He seemed to lack animation a little in the challenge, which was a great pity.

2nd Gardner's Penkhala's Arion

One of my all time favourites, just a really beautiful boy, oozing breed type and moving effortlessly with fluid, easy steps around the ring. Absolutely sound coming and going, single tracking correctly with no energy wasted. His head is absolutely fox-like and finely chiselled, with perfectly set ears, shaped correctly with straight inner edges held parallel and set high. Another dog with really super body to leg length ratio and correct medium bone, correct length of rib cage, well defined loin and a super sloping croup. Tail set very good. Angulation front and rear even and very nice, pasterns strong and well sloped, feet fit and of good shape. Lost the top spot in this class because he lacked the hard muscular condition of 1, with a good season's work behind him there is no reason he shouldn't go all the way to the top.

3rd Redwood's Rigrunner Slider

I have admired this dog from the ringside for a while and he didn't disappoint me when I went over him. Lovely refined head with nice facial planes, well shaped ears and a kind expression. Especially good shoulder with a strong topline and a nicely arched, well muscled loin. Good long, sloping croup with correctly set and carried tail. Body proportions very good, medium, oval bone and particularly well made, padded feet. Super pasterns. Overall an impression of power coupled with moderation which impressed me. Side movement was very long striding, reachy and sound, coming and going he flexed a little more at the wrist than ideal, but very much deserved his placing in this strong class.

Open Dog (7, 0 Abs)

1st Leich, Leich and Koops' Ch. Forstals Pabornik

An absolute stand-out winner from the moment he walked into the ring, this superb dog really draws the eye and I was delighted to have had the chance to see him in the flesh and in such good form. Beautiful fox-like head with obliquely set eyes and high set ears, arched, strong and graceful neck, and an absolutely text-book shoulder with strong but moderately boned legs make up his front. Pasterns are correctly sloped and his feet just the right shape with well developed, well conditioned pads. His rib cage is just the right length and depth, nicely sprung at the spine but not too wide and correctly flattened on the sides. His loin is well defined, arched and strong, with a good tuck up to allow him to double up at the gallop. His croup is long, slopes just enough and has his tail set on well down to allow correct carriage. Angulation front and rear is balanced and moderate, his rear pasterns are the right length and his hocks are neither too high nor too low. On the move he just sailed around the ring with a marvellous, effortless gait, and single tracked perfectly coming and going. A truly superb dog and one I was delighted to award the DCC. My co-judge agreed that he should go on to BIS.

2nd Luxmoore and Luxmoore-Ball's Ch. Zima Skagway

Another superb dog who was a delight to judge. This was the first time I had seen him in real life and it was so good to be able to go over him, as his dark colouring can hide his excellent structure. Very slightly lighter overall than 1, and very elegant and typy as a result. Real quality and refinement coupled with power and superb muscle and conditioning sum this lad up. I loved his length of neck, well arched, his foxy head and keen expression. Angulation all round is correct and moderate, with bone lengths all equal. Leg to body ratio is absolutely correct, pasterns sloped and feet tight and well padded. His topline is firm and shows a really good loin, with a nice arch and a correct slope of croup. A well made hind assembly gives him plenty of drive on the move, and he is very steady and sound. Just lost out to 1 coming towards me as he was a little less clean in his movement, very unlucky indeed to come up against 1 in such outstanding form. A truly lovely dog. RCC

3rd Hannam's Charoite Pyewacket This dog really excels in his construction, with everything in the right place and just the structure needed to carry him effortlessly across the miles. He is an understated, medium sized lad who just has "moderate" written all over him. Again, he has a really good shoulder, with a correctly laid back upper arm and equal bone lengths. His hind angulation is also correct and balances his front perfectly. His topline is firm and his loin well developed and of good length. Legs are strong but in no way coarse, his feet and pasterns are really super, and his croup, tailset and carriage and general deportment are outstanding. His head is correct, with obliquely set eyes and ears of a good shape. For me, a little bit more refinement would be the icing on the cake, but he is masculine without being coarse and has a gently mischievous expression. On the move he was a joy to watch, with long, elastic strides and very sound single tracking coming and going. I have no doubt that he will have his day very soon.

CRITIQUE- BITCHES

BITCHES: SpV (7). 1. Ch. Fastrax Xhosa Spirit. BVIS. Wonderful condition and shape. Good foxy head. Level topline held on the move. Really nice girl in wonderful condition. Excellent mover. 2. Forstals Robin. Again good shape and make. Parallel fore and aft. Strong mover. Good condition. 3. Orlov Charity at Snowtrekker. Another nice girl. Good shape and condition.

V (9). 1. Azgard Tango with Snowpawz. Rangier Type. Parallel fore and aft. Foxy head, beautiful angulation fore and aft. Good depth of body and tail carriage. Moved very well. 2. Keriquel Razorlight. Nice girl. Level topline. Good slightly sloping pasterns. Equal angulation fore and aft. Good mover. 3. Rajarani Sharapova. Good condition and make. Sweet head.

MPB. (4). 1. Kohoutek Buffy. Pretty little red girl. Parallel fore and aft. Equal good angulation and level topline. Good suckle tail carriage. Moved strongly. Good reach and drive. 2. Kohoutek Darla. Another good strong mover. All the above comments apply here. 3. Polarcreek Mount Tornado. Rangier girl with level topline. Good looking girl Overawed with the situation, but did move very well when she settled. Both handler and dog learning together.

PB. (10). 1. Azgard Kay. BPIS. A little showgirl pie. Excellent equal angulation. Sloping pasterns. Wonderful foxy head with high ear set. Level topline and good tail carriage. One to watch. Excellent mover. 2. Rigrunner Diamond Jubilee. Another nice girl. Level topline. Hocks well let down. Equal angulation and sloping pasterns. Tail a little tight but excellent mover. 3. Kohoutek Buffy.

JB. (6). Three really nice girls here. First and second absolutely splitting hairs here. 1. Chatanika's Racey Ripley. Excellent equal angulation. Level topline and tail carriage both held on the move. Nice foxy head and good ear set. Hocks well let down and sloping pasterns. Another to watch. 2. Azgard Talvi. Same comments apply to this beautiful girl. Another to watch for, will go far. 3. Snoqualmie Luna Breeze. Another excellent mover. Pretty foxy head. Correct proportions all round. Just a little shy on the day.

YB. (8). 1. Winterdance Evanescence. Really nice girl. Lovely shape and make with excellent equal angulation. Head held well with nice crest. High ear set. Low set hocks and sloping pasterns. Held herself well and moved very well. Deserved this class. 2. Icebex in the Valley of Elah. Another good shape and make. Pretty foxy head. Parallel fore and aft. Good depth of chest. Tail carriage well held and good mover. 3. Keriquel Meribel. Another nice girl. Good proportions. Good mover. Unfortunately when standing had a slightly sloping topline on the day.

MB. (2). 1. Peniquel Meribel. Nice girl. Good shape and beautiful correct topline. Nice sloping pasterns. Good mover. 2. Sybasprinter Desdamaona. Good foxy head. Nice angulation but very anxious on the day. Hope she settles with time.

UB (8). 1. Forstal's Shuska. What a nice little girl she is. Good angulation. Movement is a joy to watch. Great topline with slight slope over the loin. Good crest to neck and correct tail carriage. Great almond eye. Unfortunately seen a lot of soft round eyes on the day. Well deserved this class. 2. Keriouel Courchevel. Another very nice girl. Really liked her. Again splitting hairs on these two. Same comments as winner. Just a little apprehensive which gave her second place. 3. Charoite Cherry Kamma. Again another nice girl. Well made. Good topline and angulation. Sloping pasterns. Moves well.

PGB. (16). 1. Rajarani Koko for Alepenkye JW. Lovely head with nice almond eye. Pretty moderate girl. Good shape and make. Level topline with slight rise over the loin. Nice looking girl. Good mover. 2. Osochilli Sweet Alabama for Lesamian. Beautiful foxy head. High ear set and almond eyes. Nice level topline and good equal angulation. Nice depth of chest. Another good mover. 3. Forstal Forest. Nice girl, well put together. Good topline. Another good mover.

MidLB. (7). 1. Galeenaa Av Vargevass. CC, RBIS and BOS. What a beautiful little girl. Wonderful proportions. Equal angulations. Hocks well let down. Slightly sloping pasterns. Good tail carriage. Beautiful foxy head with almond eyes and tight lips. Wonderful crest. Excellent mover, a joy to watch. Worthy winner. 2. Amical Mika. Another well angulated girl. Good rise over the loin and slight slope to the croup. Good pasterns and hocks. Moved very well. 3. Skimarque Silver Sno Queen. Another nice girl with good crest to her neck. Level topline and parallel fore and aft.

LB. (16). 1. Skimarque Silver Sno Star. Very nice girl all moderate proportions. Good equal angulation. Parallel legs and slight sloping pasterns. Pretty head, high ear set. Correct level topline with rise and fall. Nice tail carriage. Held herself well both standing and on the move. Excellent mover. 2. Polarcreek a Fine Romance with Medicinehat. Another nice girl with beautiful foxy head, almond eyes and high ear set. Good level topline held well standing and on the move. Well let down hocks and sloping pasterns. Equal angulation. Excellent movement. A pleasure to go over. 3. Icyknights White Witch JW. Another very nice girl. Very similar to second. Same comments apply. Another good mover.

OB. (15). 1. Penkhala's Kyra. RCC. What a lovely little girl she is. Super angulation all round. Really nice slightly sloping pasterns. Level topline with correct rise and fall of crou held well both standing and on the move. Good pretty feminine head. Excellent mover. Nice and steady with strong drive. 2. Saltarello Perfect Fit with Elleonia. Another pretty girl with correct proportions. Level topline and sloping pasterns. Correct parallel legs fore and aft. Good drive and reach on the move. 3. Azgard Grey Mouse. Another pretty foxy head. Correct proportions all round. Moved very well. Three worthy winners here.

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