Sweepstakes Judging

Judges Comments

Thank you to the BTCA membership, and to the Sweepstakes exhibitors, for allowing me the rare opportunity of getting my hands on so many good Borders. Many of the classes carried quality well beyond fourth place, and the toughest part of my day was to have to narrow my choices down to only four.

I had decided well before hand that my choices would have to possess some absolutes...smooth, well set shoulders; strong top lines (both standing and on the move); ribs carried well back; straight tails carried properly; coats in proper length and condition; thick pelts; and solid temperaments. Good movement was essential as well, but because of the length of the grass, it was difficult to properly assess movement. Still, I tried to look for a dog that moved easily and soundly, on a loose lead.

Many thanks to the 2006 Specialty committee, especially Judy Donaldson and Trish Clute, for taking such good care of me. My ring stewards, Richard and Jeannette Lohman, were the best! They kept me, and the exhibitors, on track in a pleasant and efficient way.

It was far easier to judge the Sweepstakes than it was to write about it. Since so many of my recorded comments seem redundant, or inadequate, I have elected to only write of my top winners.

Debra Janes Blake

Sweepstakes Winners:

Best Junior in Sweeps:
CH Meadowlake Backwoods Shandy

Best Opposite Sex Junior in Sweeps:
Oban’s Jack of Hearts

Best Senior in Sweeps:
Bendywood’s Holly Berry

Best Opposite Sex Senior in Sweeps:
CH Wellswood All Fired Up JE

Best in Sweeps:
CH Meadowlake Backwoods Shandy

Best Opposite Sex in Sweeps:
Oban’s Jack of Hearts

Best in Veteran Sweeps:
CH Dunraven Cuddy’s Crag Bandit CD OA NAJ ME

Best Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweeps
CH Otley’s Reflections

Sweepstakes

Sweeps, Junior, 6-9 months Dogs (17 entries, 1 absent)


Sweeps, Junior, 9-12 months Dogs (12 entries, 0 absent)
1 67 OBAN’S JACK OF HEARTS. RN 09126704. 08-12-05. By CH Oldstone Franc - Oban’s Nala Lion Heart. Owner: Wendy Turner & Julie LaFreniere, Kittery Point, ME 03905. Breeder: Lucille M Collins & Julie LaFreniere. Best Opposite Sex Junior, Best Opposite Sex in Sweeps. JUDGES CRITIQUE: A dog that pleased me overall: proper Border outline, head, size and spannability, good length of coat and thick pelt. A correct dog throughout.


Sweeps, Junior, 12-15 months Dogs (7 entries, 1 absent)


2 71 KANDUS DEAL ME AN ACE. RN 07952301. 03-24-05. By CH Tenpenny Prince Andrew - CH Hideaway’s She Kandu It. Owner: Phillip C Klosinski., Toledo, OH 43613. Breeder: Phillip C Klosinski & Lynn D Looper.


Sweeps, Senior, 15-18 months Dogs (6 entries, 1 absent)


3 189 WOOLY BULLY’S DRESSED TO KILT. RN 07670301. 02-14-05. By CH Tenpenny Prince Andrew - CH Desperado’s High Caliber. Owner: Pam Wright., Springdale, AR 72762. Breeder: Pam Wright & Mark Leichty.

Sweeps, Junior, 6-9 months Bitches (23 entries, 2 absent)


Sweeps, Junior, 12-15 months Bitches (10 entries, 1 absent)
2 208 LNDI’S OTT TO BE LADY LUCK. RN 08168801. 05-04-05. By Ch Bendywood’s The Gambler - Ch Lndi’s Fox Trot. Owner: Linda Cribbs & Star Ott., Barstow, CA 92311. Breeder: Linda Cribbs & Star Ott.
4 110 RUSSETHILL'S NO TURNING BACK. RN 10684901. 03-23-05. By Russethill He Shoots He Scores - Russethill’s Tea For Two. Owner: Linda Hough., Sharon ON, CN L0G 1V0. Breeder: Linda Hough.

Sweeps, Senior, 15-18 months Bitches (8 entries, 0 absent)
1 222 BENDYWOOD'S HOLLY BERRY. RN 07328402. 12-21-04. By Ch TheGem Truth - Ch Bendywood’s Court Jester. Owner: Betsy Kirkpatrick & Cindy Peebles & Mary Ellen Moehler., Lynchburg, VA 245023552. Breeder: Betsy Kirkpatrick & Cindy Peebles & Mary Ellen Moehler. Best Senior. JUDGES CRITIQUE: This bitch was the right size for me, smooth through the neck and shoulders, good topline and tailset, good length of ribcage. I would give this bitch a bit more fill in the muzzle, but a pretty bitch overall.

Sweeps, Senior, 18-21 months Bitches (8 entries, 0 absent)

Sweeps, Senior, 21-24 months Bitches (3 entries, 0 absent)

Veteran Sweeps, 7-10 Years Dogs (6 entries, 1 absent)
Veteran Sweeps, 10-13 Years Dogs (3 entries)

1 197 CH DUNRAVEN CUDDY’S CRAG BANDIT CD OA NAJ ME. RM 14062902. 04-05-95. By Ch Standish’s Kissen’ Bandit - Ch Bever Lea Molly Malone CD NA ME. Owner: Richard & Jackie Kensler., St Augustine, FL 320958831. Breeder: Lisa Connelly & Charles Vance. Best in Veteran Sweeps. JUDGES CRITIQUE: A perennial favorite of mine from past specialties. He was good as a young dog, and has just gotten better with age. An excellent Border overall. A correct size, and easily spanned, he has not coarsened with age, nor lost his movement. A lovely dog in perfect condition.


Veteran Sweeps, 13 Years & Over Dogs (3 entries)


Best Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweeps.

JUDGES CRITIQUE: I loved her very proper Border outline, both standing and moving. Excellent proportions, correct size, strong topline, proper tail carriage, nice head, very sound coming and going. A very typey bitch.

Veteran Sweeps, 10-13 Years Bitches (8 entries, 0 absent)


Veteran Sweeps, 13 Years & Over Bitches (1 entry)


Veteran Sweeps, 13 Years & Over Bitches (1 entry)