



BRITTANY CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
SPECIAL CLASSES
30th September 2018

JUDGE: Mr D Knights (Lelaps)

Class SY : Ad Astra: Special Yearling Dog or Bitch Entries: 10 Abs: 2

1 st	Sanbosier Naos at Laurremar	Mr M & Mrs L Poole
2 nd	Challowmoon Noah	Mrs D M Mooney
3 rd	Bonapartist Orchid of Lyndfil	Mr M & Ms L Graham & Mr G Denwood
RES	Challowmoon Naya	Mr A & Mrs S Coveney
VHC	Sanbosier Niru	Mr & Mrs L Brown

Class ST: Sandy Massie Memorial: Special Open BCGB TAN Dog or Bitch Entries: 5 Abs: 2

1 st	Sanbosier Naos at Laurremar	Mr M & Mrs L Poole
2 nd	Hawkwise Land Agent	Mr S Wright
3 rd	Rochus Lottie	Mr B & Mrs D G Davies
RES		
VHC		

Class SO: Peter Green Memorial: Special Open Dog or Bitch Entries: 11 Abs: 2

1 st	Rochus Moet	Mr J & Mrs B Anderson
2 nd	Bonapartist Lancelot	Mrs B J Hargreaves
3 rd	Rochus Juliet	Mrs K Southern
RES	Tarward Olmo	Miss A J Lay
VHC	Sh Ch Tillybirloch Jem	Mr A & Mrs S Coveney

Critique by Judge David Knights

I would like to thank the Committee for giving me the opportunity to judge your unique breed and the exhibitors for their entries. Although not a gundog owner, my interest in this breed stems from when I first started showing dogs and would travel to shows with our friend Andrea Wilson who owns Brittanys. A few years later she encouraged me to attend the breed specific seminar and judging assessment. This is my first appointment for the breed and I was delighted with the entry of 25, of which 19 were present on the day. My initial thoughts are that the breed is very mixed for type making my two larger classes a real challenge. The vast majority of dogs were in excellent hard muscled condition, something for a breed described as workmanlike I would consider essential and were presented in good condition with excellent temperaments. I think size and proportions must be a real challenge for breeders as there were a number who were either slightly longer in body or taller than the ideal height, with a couple having slightly longer muzzles giving the head a look more akin to one of the spaniel breeds. I had not seen any of the dogs entered under me before today and was very pleased with the main winners of all three classes who I felt all exhibited excellent breed type and were sound examples more than capable of a day in the field.

Special Yearling Dog or Bitch (10 entries, 2 absent)

1st. Poole's Sanbosier Naos at Larremar. 15 month old male of good size giving the cobby look I was after. Balanced head with good muzzle to skull proportions, parallel head planes and a good shape of eye. Very good front and good depth of chest reaching to the elbow. Excellent top line with a nice short loin sloping away slightly at the croup and a good tail set. Good feet. Excellent movement with the short stride I was looking for. Overall an excellent example of breed type, balance and soundness and one more than capable of a day in the field. I was happy to award him first in this class and the next.

2nd. Mooney's Challowmoon Noah. Male of good proportions giving an excellent square outline. Good typical head with balanced proportions. Good front and moderate rear angulation. Good top line and nice short loin and good croup and tail set. Correct moderate bone with enough substance to retain masculinity. Another example of good breed type who moved well.

3rd. Graham and Denwood's Bonapartist Orchid of Lyndfil. Very promising puppy with a feminine head and overall balanced cobby outline. Lovely front with good feet and nice moderate rear angulation. Excellent movement. Carrying a bit of puppy fat today but I imagine in maturity this bitch will be a real star and was in strong contention for a higher placing.

Res. Coveney's Challowmoon Naya

VHC. Brown's Sanbosier Niru

Special Open Tan Dog or Bitch (5 entries, 2 absent)

1st. Poole's Sanbosier Naos at Larremar.

2nd. Wright's Hawkwise Land Agent. Mature male of good proportions giving a nice square outline. Balanced front with moderate rear angulation. Excellent top line although would prefer a little more slope in the croup as slightly flat. Very good feet. Excellent movement and presented and handled beautifully. Although of good size he is maybe a touch heavier boned than I would prefer with the class winner being more moderate.

3rd. Davies and Ashcroft's Rochus Lottie. A bitch with a nice head and good eye shape. Good top line and moderate rear angulations. Not as good in front as the winners but overall exhibits good breed typical qualities.

Special Open Dog or Bitch (11 entries, 1 absent)

What a wonderful class to judge.

1st. Anderson's Rochus Moet. Beautiful cobby dog with excellent typical head and expression. Good shoulders and well rounded deep chest. Excellent top line, slightly rounded croup and lovely short loin. Moderate rear angulation. Excellent round feet. Solid muscled condition. Excellent movement. Couldn't fault him today. I was informed afterwards that he had won his 3rd CC recently and am not surprised and a quality dog with excellent breed type, balance and movement.

2nd. Hargreaves' Bonapartist Lancelot. Another quality dog, slightly smaller than the winner but of good square proportions and retaining masculinity. Another in hard muscled condition with good moderate angulation. Balanced typical head with short muzzle. Excellent movement with nice short stride. A very close decision between him and the winner.

3rd. Southorn's Rochus Juliet. Up to size for a bitch but feminine head and expression and another with a good square outline. Good shoulders, excellent topline and good depth of chest. Ok feet. Moved well today.

Res. Lay's Tarward Olmo

VHC. Sh Ch Tillybirloch Jem

David Knights (Lelaps)