

THE FIELD SPANIEL SOCIETY OPEN SHOW SPECIAL AWARD CLASSES: 17 OCTOBER 2021

My thanks to the committee for this invitation to judge the special award classes at this friendly breed show and to the exhibitors for supporting me with a lovely entry. It was a real pleasure to judge one of my all-time favourite breeds. All the exhibits were new to me.

SP JUNIOR D/B (3) 1. Holgate's Nadavin Exclusive. 11m liver bitch. Sweet Fieldy head with a good mouth. Lovely neck into well placed shoulders. Nice bone. Correct body shape and topline. Moved OK in the small space. A quality puppy who just needs to mature in head and body but she has everything there to do well. Well schooled. 2. Webber's Fecimus Country Roads To Trevoris. 15m liver bitch. A nice sized bitch with stronger bone but I just preferred the head on 1. Otherwise, the same comments apply and I am sure they will swap places in the future. 3. Porter, Russell and Palm's Bogdogs Brynneth At Winsbrook. **SP POST GRADUATE D/B (7,2)** A really mixed class. 1. Reece's Kingsmist Phryne Fisher At Broomeece. Smallish 3 year-old liver bitch. Feminine head, with nice body shape. Well bodied. Although lacking furnishings. Moved true both ends, maintaining her good topline. Presented well by her young handler. 2. Bebb-Sutton's Sonnetend Spellbinder By Cochen. 21 month old liver roan dog. He is big and strong and the initial impression was that he looked overdone in the company of finer bitches, however I kept being drawn back to him. He has such a handsome, typey head but without coarseness. Great bone and substance, he had a good topline and tail carriage which he maintained whilst cruising around the small ring with ease and some style. One I will watch. Has to be good for the breed. 3. Moore's Nadavin Yaling For Gemelbet. **SP OPEN D/B (9,2)** A lovely class headed up by three super liver bitches. I was really splitting hairs and would gladly have taken any of them home. 1. Holgate's Sh Ch Nadavin Wenhaver JW. 5 year old that I remember grabbed my attention as a puppy. She has matured into a beautiful bitch. Again, lovely type, beautiful, quality head, good eye and low set ears. She has a gorgeous neck leading into well laid back shoulders. Lovely straight front, ample bone, correct body shape and topline. Lovely friendly temperament. Presented to perfection and expertly handled. She moved well to easily win **BEST SPECIAL AWARDS**. 2. Bennett's Nadavin Ursella With Jesham, 7 years. Not surprised to see she is from the same breeder as she is very similar in type and form to 1. Lovely bone and body with a great topline and tail set. Lovely neck and front section. In great form, she also moved soundly and true. Just preferred the head of 1. 3. McVitty's Sh Ch Sonnetend Faith.

Judge: John Goodwin (Serendel)