

The Irish Setter Club of Scotland Championship Show

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Special Awards

My sincere thanks to the committee of this forward thinking club for their invitation to judge these Special Awards classes – what a superb idea. I was afforded excellent hospitality and the show had the friendliest atmosphere. I am grateful to those who entered their dogs for my consideration.

SY (14) Three really excellent youngsters topped this class, with only on the day performance and attitude separating the places, what exciting prospects they are both individually and for the breed. 1 Sturrock's Forfarian I'm Sexy An I Know It. Precocious young chap, full of verve and excitement. Grand head and great overall balance for such a baby. He possesses a super forehand, excellent lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Great bone and substance as you would want in a youngster with a lot of growing to do. Well ribbed back, correct topline, leading to strong quarters with admirable width to second thigh. On the move he had complete co-operation with his handler doing all he was asked, producing a very sound accurate action with a great side gait. A bright future lies ahead, I am sure. 2 McNeil & Boyd-McNeil's Gwendariff I'm a Showoff. Another top quality youngster possessing an imposing outline. Typical all through, well made and balanced and in great condition. Was just a tad teenager-ish and uncooperative today but with maturity of body and mind he will go on to great things. 3 Sturrock's Forfarian Hey Sexy Lady.

O (19) 1 Limpus' Shenanigan She's The One For Karidell JW. The first two in this class were very close up, delighted to see they gained high honours later in the day under the main judge. This b is excellent to go over, so correct in all departments. Loved her head and sweet expression. Reachy neck to fine shoulders. Well developed in forechest. Strong topline and croup leading to correctly set on tail. Hindquarters well angled and muscled. On the go around she produces a great length of stride using her hocks correctly to produce a strong driving action. 2 Hunter's Fairhaven Louise Montbatten at Braidmount (Imp Swe). Close up to the winner, a quality exhibit from the top drawer. She really impressed me when going over and didn't let down on the move. In a hair splitting decision between this two I just felt she was carrying a shade too much weight. 3 McNeil's Sh Ch Glencarron Shakatak.

David R. Alcorn (Judge).