**CLUMBER SPANIEL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2021**

**Special Awards Classes**

Many thanks to the Clumber Spaniel Club for inviting me to judge the Special Awards classes at the Championship Show on Sunday, in place of judge Mr Ian Dawson who unfortunately was unable to attend the show. I thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of judging your beautiful Clumbers and was very happy to stand in at the last minute at this friendly and well run show.

**Special Puppy Dog or Bitch**, (1,0) 1st Mr & Mrs P & J Sheppard's Star Fidelis Isle Of Sancerre among Whissgig (naf taf). 10 month old puppy bitch. Stood alone but very worthy of her first place. She did settle once she got going. Quality Clumber bitch, feminine head developing nicely, good width of skull, clearly defined stop, correctly set ears, clean eye and good brow giving a thoughtful expression. Good lengh of neck set into well placed sloping shoulders. Body developing well of good proportions and balance. Nicely muscled rear quarters for a youngster. Moderate bend of stifle, strong hocks, neat, sturdy feet. Shown in lovely coat and condition.

**Special Junior Dog or Bitch** – no entries.

**Special Post Graduate Dog or Bitch**, (4,0) Four Clumbers all of good type and character.

1st Miss & Mrs E & J Hurst's Snow White Source Of Happiness for Creeaark. Two year old bitch, typical Clumber feminine head of good dimensions. Good width of skull, prominent stop, square muzzle, correct scissor bite, good depth of flews, dark amber eye, nicely developed brow giving a thoughtfull expression, well covered correctly set ears. Muscular neck set into sloping shoulders, sturdy upper arm, tight-in elbows giving a good lengh of forward stride, well sprung good lengh of rib, level topline, well muscled loin, good bend of stifle, well boned strong hocks. Firm rear quarters, ample muscle to 1st and 2nd thigh giving all good drive from the rear. Lovely stride. Nicely balanced bitch in all quarters. Hands on, found her to be very relaxed. Shown in good coat and condition.

2nd Mr & Mrs P & J Sheppard's Whissgig Crackerjack. 18 month old bitch of lovely Clumber type. Smaller frame than 1st place, but nicely balanced. Feminine head developing nicely, clearly defined stop, moderate depth of flews, correct scissor bite, kind amber eye giving a thoughtful expression, correct set slightly forward well feathered ears. Moderate lengh of back, muscular loin, well feathered tail carried neatly on the move, good bend of stifle, strong hocks giving good movement from the rear. Shown in good coat and condition. Lovely Clumber characteristics, very happy in the ring.

3rd Mr & Miss L & C Knowles Jackpotstud Running Late  
  
Res. Ms D Gascoine's Nivalis Augustus

**Special Open Dog or Bitch** (3-0) 1st Mr & Mrs C & C Page's Micklemess Fundamental. 5 years old dog. Strong sturdy Clumber dog of substance. Masculine head with strong Clumber features. Good width of skull allowing for plenty of brain room, good stop, heavy brow, neat dark amber eye displaying an inquisitive dignified expression, deep flews, correct scissor bite. Strong thick muscular neck into well placed sloping shoulders, well boned upper arm and forearm giving a good lengh of forward stride, deep chest, good spring of rib well covered and muscular. Level topline, muscular loin and 1st and 2nd thigh, well bent stifle on short strong sturdy hocks. Sound and balanced movement from all sides. A quality dog full of masculinity.

2nd Miss & Mrs E & J Hirst's Sh CH Creeaark Fantastica. 8 year old bitch. A sound balanced quality Clumber bitch. Strong Clumber head of good dimensions, defined stop, square muzzle, deep flews, correct scissor bite, clean dark eye giving a friendly expression, correctly placed well feathered ears, strong, good lengh of neck into well placed shoulders, chest of good width and depth, deep ribcage, well off for bone and muscle to front and rear quarters, held a strong level topline on the move. A happy, relaxed Clumber, striding out nicely.

3rd Miss & Mrs E & J Hirst's Sh CH Creeaark Artreyu, litter brother to 2nd place. I just felt that the bitch had the edge over her litter brother.

Judge – Sue Graves