

Collie Club of NSW – Championship Show  
Sunday 9th October 2011

Judge: Mr Robert S Bell (Vic) – **Show Critique**

Firstly I would to thank the Club members for allowing me to judge at this very important Show in the World of Collies here in Australia. Whilst I first judged for the Club back in September of 1978 (some 30+ years ago) I have seen many changes to our breed in both Australia and overseas in the time since I first started showing Collies and became interested in judging. Some changes have been for the better, such as grooming, presentation and handling, but the down side has mainly been the changes to the beautiful head that is required by our breed standard.

But let me tell you, I was pleasantly surprised by the many good heads I had the opportunity to go over today. Some lovely longer heads with a moderate breadth of back-skull, lovely placed eyes and ears giving some sweet dreamy expressions. I certainly trust that those showing dogs (and bitches) with the broader back-skulls and shorter heads are aware of what they need to do to improve their stock.

I was rather sorry that I didn't get the opportunity to speak with too many exhibitors after the Show and presentations; it was off to the airport for the return flight to Melbourne, but would you believe it finished up 2 ¼ hours late. Sincerely hope I didn't loose too many friends, with my placings and awards?

I thoroughly enjoyed my days judging and sincerely thank everyone for the very sportsmanlike manner in which my awards were taken; it will be a show I will remember with fond memories for many years to come..... Thank you all.

Sincerely,  
Robert (Bob) Bell

### **Collie (rough)**

**Baby Puppy Dog** – What a lovely class to start the day. These young fellows certainly looked the goods and put me in the right frame of mind for a great day of judging.

1<sup>st</sup> 'Craeburn Chase the Clouds' (Craeburn Kennels) – A very attractive youngster showing great potential, sweet head and expression, well put together, a bit of a handful, but showed like a trouper. Will be an interesting boy to see in time to come.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mirriyuula Worth Every Penny (T&A Jenkins) – Also a lovely youngster showing potential and a positive attitude. Nice head and expression.

3<sup>rd</sup> Kollylock Playboy (N Dewley) – Another young fellow with a way to go, but looks to be heading in the right direction.

### **Minor Puppy Dog**

1<sup>st</sup> Tyronelea Dark side of the Moon (S Jackson) – A lovely young Tri-colour, nicely balanced throughout with nice sound movement.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tyronelea Moonglow (B Hales) – A sable & White youngster, similar in type to the winner, but I preferred the movement of the first placegetter.

### **Puppy Dog**

1<sup>st</sup> Burdekin Big Bang Theory (M Woodbury) – A lovely young Tri-colour, with good head qualities and lovely expression, lovely neck, well balanced throughout with good sound movement. Excellent presentation and well handled.

2<sup>nd</sup> Swinbrad I Spy a Sinner (Morris & Dyer) – A Sable & White of lovely type throughout, still needs to finish in head, again well presented and well handled.

3<sup>rd</sup> Cathkin Song Sung Blue R&L Thams – An attractive Blue Merle of lovely colour, nice head and sweet expression, but lacked movement compared with 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in class.

### **Junior Dog**

1<sup>st</sup> Cathkin Alone inth Moonlight (G Jones) – Nicely put together Tri-colour, with nice head and expression, but could have been more masculine. Nicely handled and moved well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Albermayne Black Watch (G Gall) – Another nicely balanced Tri-colour, nicely put down and well handled.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vedamea Lightning Strikes (B&L Ryan) – Nice smart looking Blue Merle, sound throughout, but a little too strong in head for me.

### **Intermediate Dog**

1<sup>st</sup> Caldbeck Apache Blue (J&L Carver) – A very good stylish Blue Merle with lovely head and expression, well balanced throughout and nicely presented.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ch. Cathkin Howzat (G Jones) – A very nice Sable with good head and expression, well presented.

3<sup>rd</sup> Barcoo Guesswhos Comingtdinner (B Hales) – A good typey Tri-colour, well balanced, moved well, nicely presently and well handled.

### **Australian Bred Dog** – Wow, what a class to assess.

1<sup>st</sup> & Res Challenge Dog/Runner-Up to Best of Breed - Gr. Ch. Burdekin Buy M Love (M Woodbury) – A lovely older 'classic' Sable & White with super head qualities with lovely expression. Beautifully balanced throughout, extremely well presented and handled.

2<sup>nd</sup> Baqilodge Zero in onme (Smith & Wilkinson) – Another lovely Sable & White of similar qualities as the winner, but I just preferred the movement of placed 1<sup>st</sup>.

3<sup>rd</sup> Jodivale Storyteller (S Jackson) – Again another nice Sable and White, with quality throughout but I just preferred the heads on the dogs placed ahead of this boy.

**Open Dog** – Wow, can the classes get any better.

1<sup>st</sup> Dog Challenge/Best of Breed/Best in Show Gr. Ch. Kazjs Sir Spence (J & C Mulcahy) – Again a lovely very ‘classic’ Sable & White with excellent head qualities with lovely expression. Beautifully balanced throughout, again, extremely well presented and handled. He gave me ‘goose-bumps’.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ch. Kirriloch Time Lord (S Buckley) – A stylish Tr-colour with lovely head and expression. Well balanced throughout, showed well, moved well and again nicely presented.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ch. Cathkin Caldly (C&N Roberts) – Another very good 7 year old Sable and White, nicely balanced throughout, would have liked to have seen him in full coat.

**Challenge Dog**

Gr. Ch. Kazjs Sir Spence

**Reserve Challenge Dog**

Gr. Ch. Burdekin Buy M Love

**Neuter Dog**

1<sup>ST</sup> Albermayne River Romance (A Chell) –

2<sup>ND</sup> Rixown U Charmed Me (J Shrubb) -

A nice couple of dogs, but I preferred the Tr-colour overall, the Sable & White placed 2<sup>nd</sup> didn't quite have the balance of 1<sup>st</sup>. Both had nice expression.

**Baby Puppy Bitch** – Another super class of lovely youngsters.

1<sup>st</sup> Swinbrad Jamaica Sensation (V&D Morris) – A lovely sweet feminine Tr-colour with dreamy head and expression. Nicely balanced and moved well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vedamea Walkin on Sunshine (B&L Ryan) – A lovely feminine Sable & White with sweet head and expression. Also nicely balanced and moved well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Kollylock Most Captivating (N Dewley) – Another good type of Sable & White youngster, but looks a much slower maturer.

**Minor Puppy Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup> Jodivale Ruby Tuesday (S Jackson) – A very feminine young Sable & White bitch with lovely sweet head and expression. Nicely balanced and moved well and nicely presented.

2<sup>nd</sup> Albermayne Midnight Sonata (J&L Carver) – An attractive young Tr-colour with a good head and expression, nicely put together.

3<sup>rd</sup> Kimtash Angel in thnight (R&L Thams) – Another nice young Tr-colour with a nice head and expression, but lacked top-line compared to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Puppy Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup> Swinbrad Shut up n Do It (V&D Morris) – An extremely attractive Sable & White with lovely head and expression. Very well balanced throughout, moved and showed well. This girl shows plenty of potential for the future.

2<sup>nd</sup> Rixown Amelias Dream (H Rixon) – Another Sable & White of nice breed type with good head and expression. Well balanced throughout but I preferred movement of the 1<sup>st</sup> placegetter.

3<sup>rd</sup> Albermayne Swing n Sing (P Worthington) – A sweet feminine Tri-colour, nicely balanced throughout, but very sluggish today.

### **Junior Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup> Rixown Its All Gess Work (H Rixon) – Lovely feminine Blue Merle with sweet head and expression, she took my eye immediately she entered the ring. Well balanced throughout, lovely colour and well presented

2<sup>nd</sup> Kazjs Dancing inthe Stars (J&C Mulcahy) – A very pretty Sable & White, again with nice head and expression, well presented and nicely handled.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vedamea Light my Fire (B&L Ryan) – Again a lovely Sable & White, with good head and expression, just a little strong in head for me.

### **Intermediate Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup> Cathkin All That i am (K Shipman) – A very feminine Blue Merle with attractive head and expression, nicely balanced throughout. Showed and handled well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ladevale Just Trinity (T&A Jenkins) – A lovely Tri-colour with sweet head and expression, also well balanced throughout.

3<sup>rd</sup> Cathkin Shes a Knock Out (G Jones) – An attractive Sable & White. A lot to like about her overall, a pity about the flighty ears.

### **Australian Bred Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup> & Bitch Challenge - Ch. Cathkin Wink na Smile (G Jones) – An extremely attractive Sable & White with good ring presence and sweet feminine head and expression. Nicely balanced throughout, but could be a tad shorter in body for me, lovely size, well handled and nicely presented.

2<sup>nd</sup> Albermayne Simply Irristable (P Worthington) – An attractive Tri-colour with lovely head and expression and also nicely balanced throughout.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vedamea Heir All about me (V&D Morris) – Another nice Sable & White with good head and expression, nicely balanced.

### **Open Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup> Baqilodge Quite So (Ms M Bester) – A nice honest Tri-colour bitch, nice head and expression, well balanced, in lovely coat.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vedamea All Ado About You (B & L Ryan) – Also a nice Sable & White, quite attractive throughout, but a little strong in head for me.

3<sup>rd</sup> Cathkin Ugiveme Butterflys (G Jones) – A nice feminine Blue Merle, nice head and expression, but a whisper too much 'stop' for me. Nice colour.

### **Veteran Bitch (7-10 Yrs)**

1<sup>st</sup> Ch. Kollylock Blue Belinda (N Dewley) – Avery feminine Blue Merle bitch with good head and expression, Nicely balanced and beautifully presented.

### **Veteran (10Yrs & over)**

1<sup>st</sup> Ch. Rixown My new Charm (H Rixon) – A super 11 year old Shaded Sable and White, again with good head and expression, nicely balanced and very well presented.

### **Challenge Bitch**

Ch. Cathkin Wink na Smile

### **Reserve Challenge Bitch**

Rixown Its All Gess Work

### **Neuter Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup> Ch. Maurville My Anniversary (GG&PY Overington) – A lovely sized Sable and White, sweet head and expression, nicely balanced and very well presented.

### **Collie (Smooth)**

### **Intermediate Dog**

1<sup>st</sup> & Dog Challenge - Ch Collegiate Colonel Blimp (D Knox) – A lovely rich Sable & White boy with a great head and expression. Well balanced, very sound on the move and well handled.

### **Challenge Dog**

Ch Collegiate Colonel Blimp

### **Minor Puppy Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup> Eridor Little Ms Bossy (J Witt) – Lovely feminine Sable & White bitch with good head and sweet expression, well balanced of correct size.

### **Intermediate Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup> & Reserve Bitch Challenge - Ch Foxbell Fashion Plate (J Cook) – A classic Sable & White bitch with excellent head and sweet expression, beautifully balanced, good sound movement and well handled.

### **Australian Bred Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup>. Bitch Challenge/BOB/Runner-Up to BIS - Ch Foxbell Finished Neatly (J Cook) – Another classic Sable & White bitch with super head qualities and sweet expression, beautifully balanced, beautiful muscular condition and moved so soundly and nicely handled. It was hard to keep my eyes off this bitch. To me she has that ‘wow’ factor.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ch Talcott Morning Glory (S&J Stoney) – Another super smooth bitch of lovely breed type throughout, lovely head and expression, very well balanced and was a pleasure to watch on the move

### **Open Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup> Ch Collegiate Im Stardust (S&J Stoney) – Another nice typical smooth bitch, with correct shaped head and lovely expression. Again well balanced throughout.

### **Challenge Bitch**

Ch Foxbell Finished Neatly

### **Reserve Challenge Bitch**

Ch Foxbell Fashion Plate

**Neuter Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup> Ch Jedford Call To Duty (JY Smith) – A lovely Sable & White with good head and expression, nicely balanced throughout, but she is a bit overweight for me.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ch Eridor Sway Me Smooth (J Witt) – A good dark Blue Merle bitch, again good head and expression, and nicely balanced throughout.