

## CLUMBER SPANIEL LEAGUE OF VICTORIA – MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

### DAVID IRVING CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW - 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2007 - Judge TONY TAYLOR (Maursett - UK)

May I thank the Officers and Committee for inviting me to judge at this show. Both Maureen and I were exceedingly well looked after and I would encourage other judges to take up the invitation and enjoy some typical Australian hospitality. I was particularly impressed with the purpose built venue and I know many people will be envious of the superb, affordable, facilities available in Victoria to dog exhibitors.

I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to look at my favourite breed in another continent and commend the exhibitors and breeders for their hard work and dedication in maintaining the breed in the Southern Hemisphere.

I would encourage all breeders to carefully consider the improvement of bites as an important factor in their breeding plans, although I do appreciate the difficulties given the number of dogs available.

Both Maureen and I were kept apart during the shows and we were intrigued to learn that we had both come up with almost identical selections and comments in our judging book – perhaps we have been married for far too long!

#### **Puppy Dog**

1<sup>st</sup> & Best Puppy in Show

Dr H & Miss J Irving's

**Erinveine Zeroud**



Both handler and dog are, I understand, new to showing, but they should both have confidence in their future potential. This 10 month old dog has a good head with an appealing expression. I would have preferred a darker eye although this may come with maturity. Good topline and length of back. Tight feet and correct tail set.

**Junior Dog**  
1<sup>st</sup>

B & S Courtney's

**Erinveine Expert  
Witness**



Good head, depth of chest and length of back. Not in the best of coat on the day and was a bit proud of his tail on the move. Would prefer tighter feet and a better front.

**Intermediate Dog**

1<sup>st</sup>, Best Intermediate &  
Reserve Dog

Dr H & Miss J Irving's

**Ch Erinveine Veni Vedi  
Vici**

A close contest between two litter brothers. Pleasing head and expression. Correct feet, good length of back and tail placement and good turn of stifle when stood. Moved ok.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Mr, Mrs & Miss  
Teniswood's

**Ch Erinveine Vide et  
Crede**



Litter brother to 1. A decent head, well boned with deep chest. Unfortunately, head markings gave the appearance of ears set high on the head and this did detract from his overall appearance. Good coat, but preferred the movement of 1

**Australian Bred Dog**

1<sup>st</sup>

B & S Courtney's

**Ch Dewgold Snow Storm**



Heavily marked, but masculine, dog, with good body, turn of stifle and angulation. Well boned and moved well. Correct tail set and tight feet.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Ms C Thompson's

**Ch Benbowin Larry**



Somewhat plain in comparison to 1, but with a pleasing expression. Good depth of chest.

**Open Dog**  
1<sup>st</sup>

Mrs D Chisman's

**Ch Dale End Jordie**



Good masculine head and expression with strong neck. Correct shoulder angulation and turn of stifle but didn't move with the drive which his construction suggests he possesses.

**Veteran Dog**

1<sup>st</sup>, Best Veteran, Dog  
Challenge & Best  
Opposite Sex in Show

Dr H & Miss J Irving's

**Gr Ch Erinveine Judge**



I liked this one a lot and he certainly proved to be a credit to the Veteran class. Good strong masculine head, spring of rib and correct shoulder angulation. Powered round the ring belying his 9 years.

**Junior Bitch**

1st, Best Junior, Bitch  
Challenge & Best in Show

Dr H & Miss J Irving's

**Erinveine Exculpatory**



This young, 14 month old bitch, caught my eye as soon as she came into the ring and I was not disappointed when I was able to get my hands on her. A lovely feminine bitch, but full of substance with good head, expression, dark eye, with excellent front shoulder placement and turn of stifle. Moved with drive and was true fore and aft. One I would certainly have been happy to take home with me.

**Intermediate Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup>

Ms C Thompson's

**Benbowin White Gold**



Unfortunately, this 2 1/2 year old bitch was rather nervous today and did not give of her best. Nevertheless, she did have feminine head with a pleasing expression and moved well due, not least, to her excellent muscle tone.

**Australian Bred Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup> & Best Australian Exhibit

Dr H & Miss J Irving's

**Ch Erinveine Tyntagyl Rose**



Good length and correct topline. Good turn of stifle, pleasing head and expression. A bit down on her pasterns, but moved well.

2nd

Dr H & Miss J Irving's

**Ch Erinveine Unanimous**



Quite heavily marked bitch, head ok, well muscled with good turn of stifle.

**Open Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Bitch, Best Open & Runner Up to Best in Show

Dr H & Miss J Irving's

**Ch/NZ Ch Taniwha Wainui**



Pleasing head and expression, strong neck, good topline and tail set. Rear angulation and stifles were good leading to positive rear movement, but I would have preferred a better front which detracted from the many overall qualities of this bitch.

**Veteran Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup>

Mr Mrs & Ms  
Teniswood's

**Ch Erinveine Oak**



7 year old bitch with pleasing head and expression, dark eyes, good length of back and turn of stifle. Carrying a little too much weight for my liking.