

## Judges Report Schnauzer Club of Great Britain Open Show 1 August 2015

Absolute pleasure to be invited to judge Miniature schnauzers at this Sub-Group Open show. As always, there is a warm and friendly atmosphere at this well run Club show, held in a smaller venue with a homely feel. I would like to thank my attentive and helpful stewards for their enthusiasm and assistance throughout and helpfulness towards the exhibitors. May I also thank the chairman, for his Bonhomie and capturing the Joie de vivre with photo memoirs of the occasion. Finally, if you will excuse me for running with the French theme a little longer; I cannot let this moment pass without passing my compliments to the President and Chef de Cuisine: who seems to surpass his culinary highs at every occasion.

I was pleased to receive an entry of 36 dogs with 23 present. I was quite impressed with the standard, type, movement and presentation today. Having not been around the breed shows for a while, it was especially good to see so many new faces and dogs and all enjoying the occasion. Indeed, I believe there was only one dog present that I have seen before. It also came as quite a surprise to be told the owners of my BIS and BP, are each their owners' first venture into Dog showing. It bolds well, I feel, for the breed and the Club that newcomers are being warmly drawn into the breed and succeeding in strong, experienced competition and I hope you will agree.

Class 23        VD/B    1 entry

1. Williams, Santonshire Mr Sandman BV 9 ½ years old strongly built dog still moving out well and enjoying himself. Good strong head with nice dark eye and expression.

Class 24        PD 2 entries

1. Hooker and Corinium's Elljaye Alright I'm Hooked. Good size with nice square shape. Liked his neck and shoulders blending into sloping topline. Head developing well with good length of muzzle. Moving freely.
2. Aylings' Quickpaw Telegram Sam. Smaller quite square and appealing type. Very dark black body with lovely pewter silver furnishings to legs but silver points not present on eyebrows. Had a fairly harsh coat and using ears well when settled. Not quite so strong in rear movement.

Class 25 PD 3 entries 2 absent

1. Armstrong's' Wundai Rythm and Blues. BP and Best Puppy & BOS in Show. Really strutting his stuff! Quite a live wire, propels himself forward with keen drive and brisk movement from sound construction throughout. Good size with matching body presenting a square outline with medium harsh coat. Good head with neat ears. Good to see him go Best puppy in show. Most up for it mini for me today.

Class 26        JD        4 entries 3 absent

Browns' Malenda Monteray. RBD. Darker P/S, with very nice, robust, strong boned but compact construction, outline and enough style. Good angles front and rear with good layback of shoulder. Decent forechest. I would prefer a tad more reach of neck. Strong head, good expression with dark

eyes and ears dropping to temples. Correct scissor bite. Good ribbing. Free flowing on the move, sporting a nice straight tail. Not quite pushing hard enough unseat the more stylish BOB winner.

Class 27          PGD      3 entries

1. Armstrongs' Touseerok Cheeky Connor. Presenting a very nice outline almost square and well ribbed. Very good clear medium dark P/S coat with good furnishings. Strong head with good bite. Nice expression when ears used. Tail well carried. Could have been a bit more enthusiastic overall.
2. Parker and McDonald's Silversocks Scaramonga . Black with great topline. More elegant type. Would have preferred a slightly shorter body. Has good body coat and good furnishings with colour carried fairly well down legs. Another with a nice head. Ears somewhat larger but used well. Straight tail.

Class 28          OD        6 entries 2 absent

1. Bishop and Evans' Nujax School of Rock. A larger framed, quite striking and stylish B/S boasting a very good headpiece. I was pleased to make him my Best of Breed. Really dark black pattern to his coat with matching very dark eye pigment. Good harsh coat. His head is of good length and strength with neat ears complimenting the overall outlook and appeal. Fair forechest. Good length of neck with good angles front and rear setting off his stylish outline. Decent turn of stifle. Moving out strongly. Would have preferred to see him in tighter coat.
2. Malenda Mohave. Substantial contrast in size between these two dogs. Smaller size, compact very square shape with level topline. Harsh coat. Good quality and well off for breed type but I would have preferred a longer neck which possibly could have been helped by closer trimming. Good straight tail.

Class 29          MPB      2 entries

1. White's Schnaustar She's The One. Sweet feminine expression presenting a nice outline with medium harsh coat and moving nice and square.
2. Breese's Brumist Miss Congenialty, Quite the baby. Really pretty with nice neat ears, petite and square. Dense black colour and good furnishings but coat could be harsher. A bit unsettled and I would prefer cleaner rear action.

Class 30          PB 1 entry – absent

Class 31          JB 2 entries 1 absent

1. Vasquel's Lady Yana De Chelines Quite a sweet and smart Black and Silver of good colour. Nice head and using ears well would prefer a harsher coat.

Class 32 PGB 8 entries 1 absent

Strongest class of the day which gave me a lot to think about particularly the choice between these two quality bitches.

1. White's Ashencruz Carousel at Schnaustar. Strong stylish bitch with matching expressive head, dark eyes, neat ears. Strong robust body with forechest, excellent ribbing and bone. Moved out firmly and carries her tail well. Has a lovely harsh coated dark P/S jacket to complete the picture. Showing alertness consistently with style.
2. Leen's Malenda Myosotis. Quite a close call here, as I was very taken with her feminine, more compact and cobby shape, so typical from this kennel. She was a bit unsettled when making my final placing and lost way to tad more sloping topline, firmer movement and consistent composure of 1. Nevertheless, a well balanced bitch moving out with good reach and drive. Has good length of head, dark eye, good expression, noticeable forechest, good depth of chest and good neck. Sporting a harsh coat and a jaunty straight tail.

Class 33 Open Bitch 3 entries 1 absent

1. White's Victorious Star Karamel at Schnuastar. Best Bitch, BOS. Very smart and square. Good size and well proportioned throughout. Good front and rear angulations', good neck and firm topline, good depth of chest with strong rib. She is well muscled, moving soundly with style. Has a deep, solid coloured, harsh black coat which is carried down into good furnishings. Her excellent head with very good bite, dark eyes, with well set ears and "schnauzery" expression particularly appealed. Well set tail.

2. Bawden and Brown's Sybray White Lace To Khanate. Outstandingly harsh coated white of really good type and colour with good dark eye. Larger framed, good long head, well ribbed and more strongly built throughout. Preferred more compact body and more sloping topline of 1.