

The SCGB's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary championship show took place on 7<sup>th</sup> August and was, I understand, its first outdoor show for at least half a century. The venue was also new to the Club and most exhibitors, taking place at the Dobermann's ground in Digswell, Herts. The weather, on the whole, was kind with a few showers during the day but show manager Gail Wise's choice of an anniversary gift to all attending exhibitors turned out to have been inspired – a SCGB branded umbrella in club colours of blue & white – and well used during the day!

The ring facilities on the ground were excellent; a newly laid floor provided two large rings and, whilst open-sided, was completely under cover. The overall entry was obviously affected by Covid issues and the plethora of shows being compressed into the final part of the year. SCGB entries normally top 200 but, given this year's issues, 116 exhibits was an excellent result for the organisers, especially when there were so few absentees on the day. Fittingly, for the Schnauzer Club in its anniversary year, the highest breed entry came from that size and was the breed's highest entry since 2015.

The judging panel of Pat Kidd (Giants), Caroline Wareing (Schnauzers) and Carol Wareham (Minis) had a representative selection of exhibits to choose from and sent through the Giant, Gerri Staples newly crowned champion, Riesenheim Taio Cruz to Ruffhaus, the Schnauzer, Ian Moore's Ch Miccosukees Never Forget at Fillipers and the Miniature, Barker's Crystalar You Drive Me Dazy.

Best in Show was the Schnauzer; an impressive male who owned the ring on the day. Good head, ears & typical expression, well laid shoulders and reasonable spring of rib. Short coupled, well muscled rear and moving well coming and going.

Reserve BiS went to the Giant; an upstanding example of the breed but not performing as well as I've seen him do so in the past but well deserved the RBiS.

Best Opposite Sex to the 17 mth Mini bitch; beautifully presented and eye catching when standing

In Puppies, three nice examples of their breeds, Cullen's 10mth old Giant, Philoma One Night Only, the Fletcher's 10mth Schnauzer, Fivepits The Companion Set and James' Miniature, 6mth old Surechanz Bullet Proof. After close inspection and moving, the Giant easily took the top spot of BPiS on movement.

Just the Schnauzer & Mini veteran challenged for BViS. Smee & Coleman's 9yr old Ir Ch Odivane Maid For Fun with Schnaubern SHCM meeting Bishop & Evan's 8yr old Nujax School of Rock. Have admired both in the past but on the day, BV went to the Schnauzer who had topped the bitches on the day to take her 3<sup>rd</sup> CC.

The Club's team, headed by Gail Wise & Secretary, Elspeth Kelly have to be congratulated, given all the challenges of the year, for presenting such an enjoyable day for exhibitors and visitors and making everyone feel so welcome.

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