BASSET HOUND CLUB 7/8/21 DOGS

I was delighted and honoured to be asked to judge at this prestigious show. I would like to thank the exhibitors for such a good entry of quality hounds. My thanks to my very efficient steward who kept my ring going. There was no need to have the referee when it came to the top awards since I agreed with my co-judge for the final placings. I was happy to agree with the bitch Ir Ch Blevwils Ravishing Rita JW going forward for Best in Show. She edged it for maturity and I found her to be sound and impressive on the move. I was delighted to give her the BOB. RBIS and BOS was my male Newman's Woferlow Kylo Ren who I had earlier awarded his second CC. I feel the third is not far off. Best Puppy in Show was Cudlip's Woferlow Voyager to Harvidene. Really promising and I will be keeping my eye on him. Best Veteran was also the male Ch/Ita Ch Switherland Smart Image who was narrowly beaten in the Open class by my eventual RBIS winner. He is a lovely veteran. **PD.** (2) 1Cudlips Woferlow Voyager at Harvidene. B/B youngster.11 months. A very good example of type and substance. Caught my eye with his overall balance and type and elegant profile. Nicely shaped head, prominent forechest, good length of body ribbed well back and firm in topline. He was presented in excellent condition with well muscled quarters. Nicely angled back and front. Covered the ground moving soundly with powerful drive. This is definitely one for the future and I shall follow his progress. BPIS. 2. Ellrich's Malrich Living Legend. Another attractive hound red and white of 8 months.but also showed much potential and close to winner but just needing time to mature. Masculine head of pleasing proportions, nice leathers, good reach of neck. Well off for bone and substance. Prominent forechest. Well laid back shoulder, deep rib cage and well rounded quarters giving clean action. Moved with drive. **JD.** (3) 1. Freer's Switherland Blueberry Pie. Lovely eyecatching r/w youngster. with much to admire. Very good example of the breed in a youngster. Masculine outline with well proportioned head, good length of curled leathers and depth of muzzle. Elegant strong arched neck flowing smoothly into shoulder assembly. Good lay back of shoulders. Prominent forechest and length of ribbing carried well back. Level topline and pleasing muscular quarters giving clean driving action. Presents a pleasing outline standing and moving. RDCC. 2. Braithwells Clanwillow Diamond Miracle. Nice youngster of quality. Pleasing profile. Lovely head proportions. Good length of leathers, dark eye and sound bite. Strong bone and correct front fitting nicely into crook. Nice length of neck with desired shoulder placement. Good topline, deep rib cage, nicely shaped hind quarters moved with drive. 3. Freudenreich's Lockolea Rocket Man. (sorry no notes – exhibitor left the ring before I could take some) **PG.** (3, 1) 1. Freer's Switherland Dark Destroyer. 2 year old was a little shy to begin with but gained in confidence as he was shown. Very nice outline. Well shaped head, nice length of leathers, dark eye, correct bite Good length of neck flowing into shoulder assembly. Nice forechest and length of rib. Level topline. Muscular hind quarters and moved with good reach and drive. 2. Shadbolt's Sedonias Ram Raider with Akura.

Very smart two and a half year old. Presented a nice outline with well shaped head good length of leathers dark eye and good bite. Level top line and well sprung ribs. Nicely muscled hind quarters Good reach on the move. LD. (7,2) Archers Roamanbay Reddy to Rumble. Impressive R/W presented stunning outline. Beautiful head of correct proportions. Dark eye good bite nice length of leathers. Well filled crook. Good shoulder placement. Nice length of neck flowing into shoulder assembly. Good length of ribbing carried well back. Level topline. Nice bend of stifle and muscular rear end. Looked very impressive on the move with good clean action. 2. Williams Longmynd Cedric Smartson by Bromp. B/B nice outline. Well formed head, dark eye, good bite, well filled crook, level top line Elegant neck and good length of upper arm. Ribs smooth and rounded. Strong hind quarters giving good driving action. 3. Coultas Deucecoupe Duval. Handsome and substantial B/B. Impressive head good long leathers, dark eye. Scissor bite. Plenty forechest which filled crook. Good reach of neck, Nicely bodied with well sprung ribs, good topline. Well muscled quarters and moved well. **OD.**(7) 1 Newman's Woferlow Kylo Ren. Substantial B/B dog. Well presented. Masculine head with dark eye, ears correctly set and inward curling. Sternum fitted well into crook. Neck set on well laid shoulders and has good length of upper arm. Well sprung ribs extending back along a deep body with level top line. Has nicely angled hindquarters. Presented a pleasing profile standing and moving. DCC and RBIS. 2 Freer's Ch/ITA Switherland Smart Image. Very impressive R/W Appears levely in outline Pleasing balanced hound. Dark eye, long leathers, good bite. Well filled crook, long neck fits smoothly into shoulders. Good length of rib level top line. Lovely hind quarters. Moved well. BVIS 3. Armstrong's Lauralee Code Red. Nice B/B Masculine head, good bite, dark eye and well set ears. Prominent sternum. Good length of neck deep body, well sprung ribs. Topline held on the move. Nicely angulated hindquarters and low hocks. Moved well. Breeders Dog 1 Ellrich's Malrich Stand and Deliver. Mature and masculine. Presented beautifully. Had nice outline. Head with correct planes, dark eye, good mouth, Well filled front. Good length of neck, Deep body and nicely rounded ribs. Nice tail set. Firm rounded quarters. 2. Melbourne, Murray & Hirst's Diheath Jamaica. Nicely balanced hound with lovely profile. Pleasing head. Strong neck fits well into shoulder with plenty layback. Good ribbing, Deep body and well bent stifles.

Tommy Johnston (Judge)