

First of all a heartfelt thank you to the Committee of the Cocker Spaniel Club for their kind invitation to judge the Ed Simpson Memorial Classes at the Club Championship Show this year. I felt very privileged and enjoyed every minute. A big thank you also to Debbie Grice and Peter Pavey who made sure I made no procedural mistakes and who were very kind and helpful. Last but not least a big thank you to all the exhibitors who entered their dogs and gave me the privilege to go over them.

Progeny (7,4)

1. Bond's Sh Ch Olibond Remember Me, a blue dog I have always liked very much for his type, his head and his strong bone. His progeny consisted of two blue dogs and one blue bitch. The dogs clearly showed their sire's type, especially in their lovely heads. The bitch was lovely but still a bit immature in head. All three dogs excelled in bone, compactness in body and layback of shoulder. The sire has clearly passed on his type and good qualities.
2. Thomas' Abercrombie of La Vie Magnifique for Claramand. A lovely blue dog of excellent type, excelling in compact body and strong bone. He has a lovely masculine head, good spring of rib and nice tight feet.
His offspring consisted of a group of three, two blues and an orange, very homogeneous in type and body. There were some slight differences in head type but I understood that these were the very young offspring of his first litter. All three of them excelled in short compact bodies and were very well muscled.

Brace ((10, 2)

1. Share-Jones' Two lovely reds with gorgeous, nearly identical heads with excellent expression. Both were well constructed with nice strong bone and beautiful coats. They were presented very well and moved well and very disciplined together.
2. Young's Again two reds, beautiful in type, construction and coatquality. Moved very well and disciplined together. Perhaps slightly more different in head than the first couple but very similar in type. It was a hard decision and I felt privileged to have these beautiful reds in my ring.