

SABCCI 2014 SHOW MANAGERS REPORT

The 61st annual SABCCI show was held on Sunday 19th October 2014, back in our usual venue of Knocklyon. We were getting a bit anxious on the lead up to the show as the local school has been greatly extended, and now included what had been our car park! Luckily everyone seemed to crack the maze of the new car parking and got to the hall safely.

The weather in the previous few days had been terrible, but luckily by the Sunday it had calmed down and was just a bit windy, which was a relief.

We had a Craft Fair again this year with a large variety of goods for sale but for some reason very few people seemed to use it or even browse around so perhaps we'll give that a miss in future.

Our judges this year were Mr John Hansson, Mrs Pat Perkins, Dr Bruce Bennett (from Scotland) and our own Caroline Wren. The entry numbers were down sadly but there was plenty of variety and at least it meant there was plenty of room in the hall!

Every year we ask the public to vote for their favourite pedigree and non pedigree cat, and it always proves hugely popular, this year was no exception.

The winners of the Publics Choice were –

PUBLIC'S CHOICE PEDIGREE

Mirella Kusmierz' GR & SUP CH BULARI BUBU-COONS (Maine Coon)

PUBLIC'S CHOICE NON PEDIGREE

Clodagh Hayde's YODA (Black & White SH Kitten)

BEST IN SHOW

B.O.V. results are available on the Club website

PERSIAN

Mrs Wall's SHEERBLISS ARABELLA (Exotic F)

SLH

Ms Kusmierz' GR & SUP CH BULARI BUBU-COONS (Maine Coon M)

BRITISH

Ms Fokina's CH BONAPART FROM VIA LATTEA (Blue M)

FOREIGN

Miss Henson's SPHYNXALIENS ROCKY ROAD (Sphynx)

BURMESE

Mrs Sluiters' TARA GR CH & TARA GR PR ALDEBIZ GINCHIKARA (FN)

OVERALL BEST IN SHOW –

Ms Kusmierz' GR & SUP CH BULARI BUBU-COONS

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW

Mrs Wall's SHEERBLISS ARABELLA (Exotic F)

NON PED

Mr & Mrs O'Galligan's TIGGY (Ginger & White)

No Show can run smoothly without the help of a band of faithful volunteers, who turn up year after year for very little reward. Our wonderful vets Mark Heffernan and Aoife Caulfield who made vetting in a pleasant and relaxing experience for one and all; Betty who checks all the entry forms for errors, organises vetting in, runs the information table, counts the 'Public's Choice' votes – which is a marathon job in

itself! – Carmel, running the results table with her band of hard working volunteers, Grace and Liam Hughes who came along to help set up on Saturday and worked all day Sunday; Karen who organised the publicity, including interviews with RTE 1 for the Pat Kenny show; Dorothy Jack, a new face to the cat fancy, took on the catering with a superb lunch for the workers and some delicious cakes and scones in the café – Klaus, Annie and Jim Stephens were her willing assistants. Georgina who judged the non ped Best in Show then went on to commentate the Pedigree Best in Show. Lorna and Ken Taylor ran a successful Pot Draw, Hugh Gibney at the trophy table, Imelda Tranker ran the popular children's corner, Tony for the beautifully designed catalogue cover. Mostly my heartfelt thanks to Gloria who was there from the start of Saturday setup; acted as vetting in steward first thing Saturday, worked on the accounts during the day, stewarded for Georgina for the non ped Best in Show then went on to run the Pedigree Best in Show! And still there when it came to clearing up after the Show. I could never have done it without you Gloria thank you, thank you!. To our judges and stewards, and especially to you the exhibitors and your beautiful cats THANK YOU for coming and making it a special day

Ronnie Brooks

Show Manager