

## **DUBLIN JOINT SABCCI/GCCFI show**

The joint SABCCI/GCCFI was held on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> at Knocklyon Community Centre; it was only our 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt at a double show and we had a reasonable entry of 82 cats with a good cross section of breeds. Our judges were, Helen Marriott-Power, Maria Chapman-Beer, Sarah Johnson, Phil Cornish - all show managers in their own right so we were well supplied with experience; (plus Phil's wife Gill is an experienced table worker) Rosemary Fisher, Sally Rainbow-Ockwell, and Keith Scruton. Keith tells me this is his finale as he's dropping out of judging now; glad we could get him before he retired!

The big drama of course was our unwanted visitor – storm Ophelia! Threats started coming through mid afternoon so we went all out to get Best in Show done a little early so everyone could get on their way. The BOV winners were brought up promptly; our judges Sarah Johnson, Phil Cornish and Sally Rainbow-Ockwell were all ready and waiting while judges Keith Scruton and Maria Chapman-Beer 'changed hats' and did BIS stewarding for us. Needless to say all the judges voted for different cats so we had to call in referee Rosemary Fisher to make the final decision. She picked out Martin O'Sullivan's gorgeous brown Burmese boy ALBA REGIA POLOSKA. Now I may be prejudiced (Brown Burmese were my first breed) but I think a good brown still takes a lot of beating, so personally I was thrilled. Congratulations Martin!

There are so many people who give their time and energy to making a show run that it is always difficult to know where to start. But this time I think I must start with my husband Wally; he is not a cat person - thinks we are all raving mad - but I was suffering from a painful bout of sciatica so couldn't get about (especially up stairs) so he came along to help and also did showday treasurer. Having already had to put up with my bad temper, field all the phone calls (which invariably come when I'm either up the garden doing the cats or about to have my tea) tripping over all the bits and pieces show managers have to store at home. Thank you, dear one.

I have to thank Lorna who rounded up volunteers; there are so many little jobs we rely on volunteers for, and she spends weeks beforehand lining people up. Then as GCCFI chairman ran the information table, did BIS announcements (sorry about the poor sound system). Oh – and exhibited 2 cats! Carmel and Caroline who ran the 2 results tables without a hitch, with their teams of hard workers; my pal Mary who ran the Pot Draw and made those beautiful BIS tiles; Dorothy who did that lovely lunch then ran the coffee shop with Jim and Klaus (thanks guys!) Hugh our Cup secretary who has to see all the cups are gleaming before presenting them; Teresa (who takes care of our facebook presence) ended up spending all Saturday afternoon with her sister trying to sort out our new BIS drapes (and what a nightmare that was!) decorated the cups table, then on Sunday helped out on the information and generally seemed to be everywhere at once helping out. But mostly of course my 'other half' Gloria, who is the hall management side of the show, organising the hall, sorts out stalls, doing all the running around locally, running Best in Show then as key holder has to stay to the bitter end, to sweep out the hall! Couldn't do it without you my friend.

Lastly of course, a huge THANK YOU to all our exhibitors and the beautiful cats which makes it all worthwhile.

Ronnie Brooks  
Show Manager

The overall winners were –

BEST IN SHOW PEDIGREE

Martin O'Sullivan's Brown Burmese male ALBA REGIA POLOSKA

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW

Elaine Murphy's Birman KAMASAKI SASHA SWEETDREAMS

BEST IN SHOW HOUSEHOLD PET

Norman & Anita O'Galligan's Ginger & White TIGGY

***The other BOV results may be found on the SABCCI and GCCFI websites.***