

SABCCI 2010 SHOW REPORT

The 57th SABCCI Show was held on 17th October 2010 at Knocklyon Community Centre, our usual venue

We had a magnificent entry of 125 cats (including 4 on exhibition) – is this a record, I wonder? We had a lovely day for the Show with plenty of visitors, who had some extras this year to keep them amused. We had a Speakers Corner (ably run by Karen Sluiters) with a grooming demonstration by Maura Lenihan and a talk by behavioural expert Jim Stephens, two very popular subjects with plenty of advice for members of audience. We also had a large tombola and raffle, both organised by hard working Betty Dobbs who seems to turn her hand to anything.

Our judges were Val Anderson, Daphne Butters and Monika Forster from UK and Lotte Borch from Denmark. Because we had such a high entry we also had to call in the services of Margaret Baker to judge some of the Non Ped Open classes and pedigree miscellaneous classes – thank you Margaret.

The highlight of the day of course was the Best in Show, organised as smoothly as ever by our secretary Gloria Hehir, and compared by Margaret Baker, after she had finished judging – we do like to get our moneys worth from our judges!

The Best of Group winners were:

Best Persian

Ms Tetiana Sezina's Exotic Kitten CATSCASTLE MARQUISE

Best Semi Longhaired

Sharon Saville's Maine Coon Adult CH. COONTASTIC TANGERINE DREAM

Best British

Martin O'Sullivan's British blue Kitten SLAIBH NOTSO

Best Foreign

Amy French's Singapura Neuter CH. ISMISHA YES VIRGINIA

Best Burmese

Ken and Lorna Taylor's Blue Tortie Burmese kitten BACKCHAT SILVER WHISPER

Best Oriental

Mrs Anderson's Choc Tortie Oriental Kitten COOMAKISTA BANDIA DATHUIL

Best Siamese

Teresa Monahan's Seal Point Kitten COOMAKISTA SIODAH

Best Non Ped and Best In Show Non Ped

Clodagh Hayde's ginger & white Kitten OLLIE.

BEST IN SHOW PEDIGREE

Sharon Saville's Maine Coon Adult CH. COONTASTIC TANGERINE DREAM

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW

Teresa Monahan's Seal Point Kitten COOMAKISTA SIODAH

The GCCFI now offers a further certificate to the overall best in show, which meant TANGERINE DREAM was awarded a further Grand Challenge and this in fact made him up to GRAND CHAMPION.

Well done to Sharon on such a beautiful boy and congratulations on your well deserved success.

Any Show stands or falls on the help given in the background so extra thanks go to chairman Tony Forshaw for help and moral support and all those wonderful signs both outside and in the Hall – not forgetting the delightful front cover of the catalogue also designed by our talented chairman.

To Alice Forshaw always a calming influence in the background; Karen who also did the publicity; Hugh our indefatigable cup secretary who had to clean many of the cups returned on show day; Aedemir doing Vet steward, Elizabeth who did those bags for you to

take away your litter – even things like that have to be done by someone but is always taken for granted; Sue who produced those wonderful results sheets so we didn't have to mark up loads of catalogues; Carmel for the smooth running of the table; she makes it look so easy but it isn't – take my word for it! Annie who ran the childrens drawing competition, Gloria who was running around doing all the odd jobs when she wasn't doing BIS and of course Alison our treasurer who was also sorting out and chasing up, when she wasn't counting money! Our wonderful vets John Bainbridge and Mark Heffernan who turn up at the crack of dawn every year without a word of complaint. My thanks to all our stall holders especially those who come along to support us year after year, Judges and stewards who had a really hard working day but mostly to our exhibitors and their beautiful cats without who there wouldn't be a Show. Have I missed anyone out? Probably – there are so many wonderful people who come along and give freely of their time, thank you one and all.

Ronnie Brooks

Show Manager