Huge thank you to the SGRS for inviting me to judge the Special Awards classes at their 40th anniversary champ show, we were looked after so well and spoilt with a never-ending supply of delicious cakes! Thank you also to Ros for brilliant stewarding, to the committee members for the warm welcome, and to all the exhibitors that let me judge their lovely dogs.

SPECIAL AWARD PUPPY D/B (10 Entries, 1 Absent)

Gorgeous class of puppies in a variety of ages and phases of development. Loved my top 5 that could all swap places on another day.

1st Hill Miss P & Mrs S SANDAULA THIS WILL DO (AI)

(Drumkilty Take The High Road To Sandaula JW ShCM x Tamniarn Forget Me Not Sandaula JW ShCM)

One that needed a bit of time to settle and exhaust her seemingly boundless energy – but when she did, she wouldn't let me take my eyes off her. So very together for one so young, she moved effortlessly with long strides, straight and true coming and going. Lovely feminine head with kind expression, well off for bone and body, excellent proportions, and she has that special something that catches the eye.

2nd O'Gorman Mrs P & Mr S THORNYWAIT TOP NOTCH FOR BERRYMEADE

(Linirgor Tomich JW x Thornywait Cider With Rosie)

Such a lovely well-made girl, brimming with quality and very stylish. Nicely proportioned, she is well off for bone and substance whilst remaining elegant and feminine. A perfect picture standing and moved as her construction would suggest. Pushed very hard for 1st but felt as if she was flagging a little after a long day.

3rd Golder Mrs SC & Mr GS SUMMERAMBA JEROBOAM

(Sh Ch Ritzilyn Doctor Pepper JW x Summeramba Custard Cream)

Res Morss Mrs HVG XANTHOS FUTTERWACKEN

(Dutch Consolidation Spy Vs Spy x Desiderio Paso Doble)

Vhc Porter Mrs M & Miss S SHEARSTONE MUCK FE

(Sh Ch/Int Ch/NId Ch Dutchtab VD Beerse Hoeve x Shearstone Grace And Favour)

SPECIAL AWARD OPEN D/B (13 Entries, 9 Absent)

1st Pastusiak Miss K PRINCE CHARMING QDORE OF LABGOLD [ATC POL]

(Sh Ch Haydengold Keepa Secret With Garvin JW x Maybe Forever Canto De Amor)

Young boy with a presence that just commands attention. Having admired him from afar for quite some time I was delighted to get the chance to judge him, and he did not disappoint. Beautiful masculine head with kind expression, standing four-square with a straight front and rear, excellent proportions, body and bone. Fantastic seeing him take his first CC later this same afternoon – many more great achievements ahead for him I'm sure.

2nd Hill Miss P & Mrs S TAMNIARN FORGET ME NOT SANDAULA JW ShCM

(Sh Ch/Int Ch/Multi Ch Linirgor Pied Piper At Meiepere x Ch Tamniarn Sybil)

Lovely gleaming golden bitch with plenty of good points and full of personality. Dam to my 1st in Puppy, and they are very similar indeed. Nicely balanced and feminine, with good body, striding effortlessly around the ring.

3rd Sparrow Mr A & Mrs C HONEYMILL SAFFRON ANGEL

(Gembaek's Mixed Music to Summeramba (Imp DK) JW x Wynrita Scandalmonger)

Res Jones Mrs RL PURBARN XTREME MIZZLE OVER ROSKERRY

(Purbarn Under A Twister x Purbarn Nuts Hole Hazel Nuts)

Maria Saarniit (Meiepere)