

I was delighted to have been picked out of the hat to have judged the Special Feature event at the Northern Open Show this year on the 8th November 2014, it is and has always been one of my favourite club events of the year to attend, and the committee again did not disappoint this year, and at the time of writing this I am looking forward to drinking the lovely bottle of pinot grigio presented to me by Roz Dunne, for future reference it is my favourite of the whites.

The seven westies present this day have given me the numbers I need to apply to the B list, this event is a well needed one for our up and coming judges to gain more entries, and also give them the experience of judging at a club event.

My over all winner from the Special Open Dog or Bitch category was West's Ch Tomlyndon Eager Earnest, and excellent example of a strong male, impressive head and expression, fantastic layback of shoulder, and perhaps the most impressive feature being the strong bone on this young champ. Excellent rear angulation, which propelled him with drive around the ring, what a fantastic mover! I was delighted to hear he was later awarded best in show in the main event, he has done so well in his early years, and I don't believe we've heard the last of him.

Other winners in the special feature were Lancaster's Clanester Careless Chimes from Special Post Graduate Dog or Bitch, and Dunne & Howden's Charosmack Cracking Ice, two young bitches to look out for in the future.

In the puppy walk Strand & Hand's showcased their young 5 month old bitch, who seemed to enjoy her debut, and certainly did not disappoint her owners.

Thank you to all who entered under me, it was a very enjoyable day out.

Darren Pearson (Winoski)