

DUBLIN JOINT SABCCI/GCCFI show 2019

The joint SABCCI/GCCFI was held on Sunday October 20th at Knocklyon Community Centre. Our judges were, Val Anderson-Drew, Daphne Butters, Peter Collin, Alison Lyall, Barbara Prowse, Joan Smith and Jon Trotter We had a good entry of 91 cats and it was very rewarding listening to the judges' comments on the overall standard of our cats; they were particularly enthusiastic at the quality of the Maine Coons and the British -- well done to the breeders and owners!

Everything went very smoothly this year, apart from when I put my phone through the washing machine 3 days before the show; I had to use an old one that had problems with the volume control so that was – interesting. There was a rather embarrassing hiccup when ALL the ladies toilets were out of action for part of the afternoon! So, ladies in need had to brave the gents for a while till the hall caretaker came to our rescue!

Best in Show ran very smoothly with Gloria as usual at the helm - apart from some excitement when a certain Maine Coon lady decided to go exploring and jumped down from the judges table; then changed her mind and jumped up – into her BIS pen! (I wonder which cat training class she goes to?)

Overall Pedigree winner was Eileen Dealey's British Lilac ALIMURS BOOMER
Reserve Maura Lenihan's Asian Ticked Tabby male CH COOMAKISTA MACDONAGH.

Best Non-Pedigree was Liz McCarthy's Blue SH kitten GORM;

Best Pedigree Pet Brid O'Callaghan's Red & White LH MAXIMUS

Many congratulations to all concerned.

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. The Saturday set up is the testing time for volunteers so my most grateful thanks to Liam Hughes who put up all the outside notices – a horrible job which Liam quietly does every year, no fuss puts them up then takes them down the next day, Thank you Liam; Amy Weldon who did all the running around jobs including the Best in Show drapes which is a job everyone hates.

I am awaiting a knee replacement so can't get up and down the stairs so my eternal thanks to Ger Bowles who came up from Cork on Saturday to help with the set up and spent Sunday running up and down the stairs on my behalf –she must have been exhausted at the end of the day. Big thanks to 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, and the Pot Draw, did BIS announcements - and exhibited 2 cats! Carmel and Caroline who ran the 2 results tables without a hitch, with their teams of hard workers; Lavinia who also came up from Cork for the day to do ShowDay treasurer; Dorothy who did that lovely lunch then ran the coffee shop with Jim and Klaus (thanks guys!) Karen for sorting out all the publicity and the press; Ademir for helping with the vetting in, Hugh our Cup secretary who worked hard on the results table. 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

All BOV and BIS results may be seen on the SABCCI and GCCFI web sites