



Norman Courtenay Best in Show

NORTHERN IRELAND BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB SHOW **REPORT**

Saturday 9th December 2023

This year's show was the Bobby Kinkaid Memorial Show. Bobby had been the President of both the Northern Ireland and East Antrim Border clubs, an indication of the esteem in which Bobby was held within the fancy. Bobby was one of the genuine fanciers who just loved his birds and meeting up with friends at the shows.

The show was well supported and it was lovely to see some of Bobby's friends who no longer had birds make the journey just to be there. The club very much appreciated the sponsorship of the special awards for the show by Bobby's three daughters, Ray, Jacqueline and Roberta, and to have all three of them present at the presentation of the awards on what was a day of very mixed emotions for them. Also, thanks to Norman Courtenay, Bobby's son-in-law for the beautiful special rosettes which he sponsored for the show.

Judge Geoff Qua was at the show hall early on the Saturday morning and judging started on time. Norman Courtenay had benched a very strong team of birds and Geoff eventually settled for a lightly variegated yellow cock belonging to Norman Courtenay for best champion and best in show, and how appropriate was that on this special day. N. Courtenay also had third best champion with a clear buff cock and fourth best champion with a lightly variegated yellow hen.

Jim Harvey also had a very good show taking second best champion with a clear buff hen which was best clear. Jim also had sixth best champion with a cinnamon variegated yellow hen and seventh best champion and best white with a variegated white hen. Fifth best champion went to Martin Flynn's heavily variegated yellow cock, and Martin also had best champion green with a yellow hen. Jackie Patterson had best champion cinnamon with a buff cock.

Joe and Luke Walsh took best novice with a lightly variegated yellow cock and the partnership also had sixth best novice with a green buff cock, and seventh best novice with a variegated white hen. Seamus Davidson also had a good show taking second best novice with a buff variegated cinnamon hen, fourth best with a lightly variegated yellow cock and fifth best with a heavily variegated yellow cock. Craig Hewitt had best novice clear and third best novice with clear yellow cock. Caolan Keenan was best junior.

Wilson Beggs (show secretary)



Best Novice Joe & Luke Walsh



Best Junior Caolan Keenan



Norman Courtenay with Bobby Kinkaid's three daughters.

2024 Show Saturday 14th December Judge

Mr. K Guilda