

**Manchester.....12.9.2015.....Brian Fox**

I attend few shows, so don't exactly have my finger on the pulse, but it is disappointing to experience the fact that cat shows are in decline – and not through lack of effort on the part of the organisers. I do not believe, as some would have it, that economics is the reason. The fancy has been spread so thinly, by so great a number of shows, that each one is a nail in the coffin lid of others, and the extensive diversification of breeds, and continuing addition of new breeds, has resulted in small (and empty) classes, and an ultimate lack of competition, which – at least, I believe – has brought disinterest. I wish us well!

**Class 515, Burmese, Grand Premier, Female Neuter Premier (1)**

GP: Keady's Ch. & Pr. Shivarene Shalimar (30.4.'12). Lilac of medium size and firm muscle, a little overweight, with a balanced and evenly-tapering tail with rounded tip. Short, finely-textured coat, of slightly oatmeal hue. Head is broad, with gently rounded top and brow, well set and shaped ears, and a medium wedge with blunt muzzle. Large, expressive eyes, set obliquely. In profile, the correct, unexaggerated nose break, short and straight nose, and a level chin.

**Class 839, Burmese Maiden Adult (2)**

1<sup>st</sup>: Holt & Higgins' Nemoz Bippity Bopittyboo (13.11.'14). Chocolate female, of medium size and firm flesh, but not typical posture. Correct tail. Good head width, and slightly rounded to the top and brow, with well-set ears, and a medium wedge framing very good, yellow eyes that give a typical expression. An unexaggerated nose break, and almost straight nose, though the muzzle profile recedes very slightly.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Giles' Silky Majesty Quintessential (25.9.'14). Chocolate male lacking size, but elegantly proportioned, and firmly muscled, with a balanced tail. Good head width and ear-set, with a medium wedge, and deep-yellow eyes that could have a little more distinctive top line slant. Correct nose break, slightly curved nose, and a muzzle profile that recedes a little.

**Class 974, Marjory Stafford Memorial Class, Adult (7)**

1<sup>st</sup>: Pointon's Sebrume Razzle Dazzle (6.2.'14). Chocolate Burmese female

**Class 975, Marjory Stafford Memorial Class, Kitten (4)**

1<sup>st</sup>: Brownrigg's Hemlock Hudson Mohawk (21.2.'15). Oriental Spotted Tabby male

**Class 976, Marjory Stafford Memorial Class, Neuter (8)**

1<sup>st</sup>: Holden & Holden's IGr Prlsadoryou Phoenix (24.10.'14). Maine Coon Silver Tabby male

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