

Gundog Breeds Association of Scotland 14th November 2009

First of all I would like to say a huge thank you to the officers and committee for making me feel so welcome and for looking after me so well. The hospitality was first class.

The quality was mixed but in some classes there was an abundance of typy Pointers where there were some real hair splitting decisions. As always in the younger classes some were going through their awkward stage, and in the higher classes condition on the day had to be taken into account, particularly in the higher bitch classes presumably because of seasons and hormonal balances.

On the plus side I feel that front angulation has improved a lot in our breed which has also gone some way to improving profile movement. Also there are some beautiful heads and expressions. On the minus side the standard asks for hindquarters to be 'Very muscular. Well turned stifles. Good expanse of first and second thigh. Hocks well let down.' This is something we appear to be losing in our breed. Also because of the angle of the hindquarters we are losing the correct tail set. Finally, the standard asks for 'Haunch bones well spaced and prominent, not above level of back.' In some cases I couldn't find the haunch bones at all.

Puppy Dog (5)

1st – Rose & Williams Ridanflight Revelation. 11 month b/w. Lovely head and expression. Long neck. Good bone. Excellent width and sweep of stifle so lacking in some. Neat tail well set on. Moved okay considering he was rushed into the ring at the last minute. Just lost his topline in the challenge for Best Puppy.

2nd – Barker Flinthill Monty Don. 9 month b/w. Lovely head and eye on this puppy. Taller than 1st and will take more time. Another with good bone. Just preferred the sweep of stifle of 1.

3rd – Huxley Saregresi Fame of Gold at Woodfleet (Imp). 11 month o/w. Lovely type. Preferred the front construction of 1 and 2 on the day but I suspect this boy is at an in between stage.

Junior Dog (7)

1st – Yeo Thorncross Cornish Crusade at Trexon. 13 month b/w. Lovely outline on this dog when handler doesn't overstretch him. Pleasing well worked head with good stop showing a lovely expression. Reachy neck leading into well angulated front assembly. Good in topline and well sprung deep ribcage. Lovely tail set on well. Low set hocks. Moved well.

2nd – Martin Sunhouse Believe It Or Not. 13 month b/w. Made in bigger mould than 1. Well constructed dog with well boned legs and good feet. Reachy neck. Deep well sprung ribcage. Lovely moving dog.

3rd – Siddle Wilchrimane Black Ice. Another 13 month b/w. Very stylish dog. Lovely head and expression. Shapely body. Good profile movement but moving a shade wide behind today. Nevertheless a quality dog.

Yearling Dog (5)

1st – Rose & Williams Kanix Ace at Ridanflight. Very stylish 22 month b/w. Always liked this dog. Super head and expression. He has lovely lines with clean neck, good depth and spring of rib, excellent quarters, low set hocks, well boned legs and feet. Neat tail set on well. Moved well. Quality dog. Just found him to be a shade wide in front when it came to the challenge.

2nd – Tibbs Raigmore Dusk Till Dawn CW09. 19 month b/w. Another very stylish dog with a lovely outline. Pleasing head and eye with neat fine leathers. Superb neck and shoulders. Deep well sprung ribcage. Good feet and pasterns. Moved well with lovely carriage. Just preferred the head type and hind angulation of 1.

3rd – Wilchrimane Black Ice.

Post Graduate Dog (3)

1st – Yeo Trexon Tick Tack. B/w. Shapely dog with lovely hindquarters, good topline, deep brisket, good forechest. Lovely low set hocks. Neat tail. Would prefer more work in head but pleasing expression. Easy mover.

2nd – Klein-Woolthuis Haxalgate Balach Dubh. B/w. Stylish dog. Pleasing head and expression. Well shaped body with depth of brisket. Oval bone. Just not the movement of 1.

3rd – Priestly Toberdoney Tweed. L/w. This dog was absolutely determined not to cooperate with his handler, definitely in need of some ring training. He is a tall dog with well chiselled head, well turned lip and neat ears. Well boned legs, good feet and pasterns. Reachy neck. Deep brisket. Difficult to assess movement.

Limit Dog - (8)

1st – Udale Freddie Flintoff. Very stylish b/w. Typy dog who I have always liked. Really powered round the ring driving from his hocks. Love his head and expression. Excellent topline with well sprung rib cage. Just preferred front angulation of CC & RCC winners when it came to the challenge. Nevertheless a quality dog. Loved his profile movement.

2nd – O'Neill Hurwyn Some Might Say J.W. Another stylish b/w. Quality dog. Lovely chiselled head. Clean, reachy neck leading into good shoulder angulation. Good depth and spring of rib. Neat tail. Well boned legs, good feet and pasterns. Low set hocks. Moved well but not the verve or drive of 1 on the day.

3rd – Langford Papermill Cartridge. Another lovely stylish b/w. Love his well chiselled head with well turned lip. Lovely expression. Well shaped body. Moved well.

Open Dog (5)

1st – Westaway Penwest Palamedes. I have never seen this shapely b/w look better. He just flows through – a series of graceful curves as required by the standard. Pleasing head and expression. Super front and hind angulation. Well sprung ribcage with deep brisket. Super topline. Well boned legs and feet with sloping pasterns. Neat tail. He looked just right on the day. Moved well. Pleased to award him his 2nd CC.

2nd – O'Driscoll Fowington Five Bob Note J.W. This b/w was so unlucky to meet the winner. Many of the same remarks apply but on the day 1st just had the flowing lines I was looking for although I prefer the head shape of 2. Super neck and shoulders leading into a correct topline. Well sprung ribcage with depth. Good feet and pasterns. Very stylish and sound moving dog. RCC.

3rd – Moulding & Marsh Sh.Ch. Billsborough's Bright Moon J.W. Heavier built b/w of different type. Liked his head and expression. Well angulated fore and aft. Good feet and sloping pasterns. Preferred the toplines of those above but nevertheless a worthy champion.

Puppy Bitch (9)

1st - Barker Flinthill Daisychain. 9 month l/w. Very neat puppy with pleasing head and expression. Clean, reachy neck leading into excellent angulation of shoulder and upper arm. Deep well sprung ribcage for a puppy. Good topline. Neat tail. Good feet and pasterns. Moved well. Best Puppy.

2nd – Wilkinson Flinthill Forget Me Not. B/w litter sister to above. Similar remarks apply to this stylish puppy. Just not as steady on the move today as her sister. I am sure these two will change places many times.

3rd – Gadsby & Lynn Afterglow Angel Face with Kanix. 6 month b/w. What a poppet. The baby of the class. Shapely body with a superb turn of stifle and width of thigh. She is a little plain in head as yet, and please, please trim the tip of her tail.

Junior Bitch (5) – Junior is a difficult class in our breed as so many of the dogs are at the ‘legs and wings’ stage.

1st – Martin Sunhouse Believe In Me. 13 month b/w. She is bigger than I like but well deserved to win here. Very shapely outline with a pleasing head and expression. Well angulated fore and aft. Well boned legs. Low set hocks. Very sound on the move. Shown in tip top condition.

2nd – Udale Crookrise Old Lace. 13 month b/w. Shapely body showing forechest. Prefer the femininity of this bitch but she doesn’t have the maturity or movement of 1. Needs time. Not keen on her tail.

3rd – Yeo Trexon Run To The Hills. 16 month b/w. Pleasing bitch but another that doesn’t have the balance in body yet.

Yearling Bitch (8)

1st – O’Driscoll Fowington Caracas. 21 month b/w. How this bitch has come on since I last saw her. Super balanced outline with flowing lines from nose to tail. Loved her head and expression. Excellent topline, deep brisket, good forechest, well set on neat tail. Lovely low set hocks. Went well. RCC.

2nd – Anderson-Rowell Wyndhead Mette Marit. 22 month o/w. This bitch is a real favourite of mine. She was so unlucky to meet 1. Ultra feminine head and expression. Lots of work in her head. Long neck. Shapely body with well turned stifles. Low set hocks. Moved well. I feel she is at an in between stage. Definitely one to watch as she matures.

3rd – Smith Raigmore Dawn Chorus. 19 month b/w. Another very nice bitch. Long clean neck leading into a shapely body. Sweet head and expression. Low set hocks. Good feet and pasterns. Unsettled on the move.

Post Graduate Bitch (13)

1st – Young Hawkfield Tiara. Liked this b/w bitch last time I judged her and she is maturing nicely. Sweet head and expression. Long neck. Well boned legs leading into good feet and pasterns. Lovely outline although to be critical would prefer more definition of hock. Moved well.

2nd – Westaway Penwest Philana. Very sweet l/w. Lovely outline although I would prefer more ‘fill in’ where the neck flows into the topline. Very feminine bitch with a shapely body. Neat tail. Moved well.

3rd – Ross Lyndfil Lady Liberty at Beagmhor. Nice b/w of different type. Just preferred the rear quarters of above.

Limit Bitch (10)

1st – Tibbs Raigmore Let It Shine J.W. I have loved this o/w since I first set eyes on her. She is not the finished article yet but nevertheless she well deserved her win today. An ultra feminine bitch who just screams Pointer at you. Beautifully chiselled head and lovely eye and expression. Small fine leathers. Long clean neck. Shapely body with well turned stifles and low set hocks. Moved round the ring with beautiful head carriage. What a picture. CC (her second) & BOB.

2nd – Rose & Williams Ridanflight Rangiora. Another favourite of mine. O/w. Feminine head and expression. Good reach of neck flowing into a well angulated body. Lovely quarters with good sweep of stifle. Neat tail. Just not the carriage on the move of above.

3rd – Tobin Davigdor Patience. Another lovely o/w with a bigger frame than those above. She has lovely lines with super neck and shoulders, topline and tail. Unlucky to meet 1 and 2.

Open Bitch (10)

1st – MacManus Crookrise Arran at Luneville. I have never seen this o/w look better. Very clean lines. Sweet feminine head and expression. Small thin leathers. Long neck. Well boned legs. Sloping pasterns. Moved well. When it came to the challenge would just prefer better sweep of stifle and tail set.

2nd – Huxley Woodfleet Siennarain. Thought this feminine l/w would be my winner today but she was not at all settled on the move. She is a favourite of mine with a sweet head and expression. Shapely body with lovely neck. Super quarters with low set hocks. Good feet and sloping pasterns. Well set on beesting tail.

3rd – Dyer & Dyer Sh.Ch. Sharnphilly Complimentary. This b/w is a very worthy champion. She is a very sound moving bitch with lovely flowing lines. Well angulated fore and aft. Good forechest. Lovely feet and pasterns. Low set hocks. Just not the elegance in neck of those above.

Linda Wilson - Judge.