

Midland Counties Championship Show

Thursday 28th October 2010

I want to thank all the exhibitors for this fabulous entry for my first time awarding CC's and the sporting way you accepted my awards. The breed is up there as one of my most favourite breeds and in many respects today confirms pride of place in its 'sheer beauty of form' and the athleticism that naturally goes along with it. You can't always find everything that you are looking for in most breeds and it was certainly true today and compromise comes very much into play. Most of the exhibits were new to me which I really enjoyed and makes for a more challenging experience. I was not disappointed with the overall standard which I am glad to say was quite high, with many really good dogs losing out, which has given me much food for thought. Also on the positive side movement was quite good and presentation was excellent. I am not keen on the regularity of cathedral fronts and lack of upper arm length / angulation though. Whilst temperaments were good I was disappointed with one or two that moved with the tail between the legs. This is not correct for a Pointer and nothing looks better than to see lashing tails going from side to side.

BOB & DCC: Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch Kiswahili Martin At Kanix.

RDCC: Wilcox's Sh Ch Pipeaway Zonic Tonic For Merynjen JW.

BCC: Evans & Rawlings Sh Ch Joneva Waiting In The Wings JW.

RBCC: Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Beatrice.

BP: Wilberg's Lokmadi Martina At Kanix.

PUPPY DOG (10,2)

1st Stilgoe's Teisgol Go Your Own Way. B/W male won this class on his quality of movement. Has a very nicely balanced head, with good stop, plenty of work in skull, correct thin ear leathers finish the head off. Has a moderate length of neck, good shoulders, plenty of oval bone, good depth of chest and well ribbed up, coat condition and texture was good. Best Puppy Dog.

2nd Theobald's Tycarreg Strangely Family. Another really positive youngster, with correct head, lovely dark eye, clean around the eye, would like just a shade more length of muzzle though, pleasing construction, decent topline and tailset, all helping to form a good outline, nice to see some forechest, good pasterns and feet, Moved quite well, but with not quite the purpose yet of 1.

3rd Tarling's Esrews Here's Gordon.

JUNIOR DOG (8)

1st Adams & Grime's Ansona Simple Simon Jw. Loved this super, balanced male attractive head, good stop, eye colour and shape excellent. Has a clean neck fitting into decent shoulders, gentle slope to topline, deep brisket, with good hind angulation, medium length of rear pasterns. Boy can he move. Correct daisy cutting action good drive from the rear. What a superb future this male has.

2nd Guy's Carofel Just A Minute. Another stylish youngster of good type, preferred the head of 1, not quite the length of foreface, presents a balanced picture, has arched neck which I like, pleasing topline and tail set, correct body shape, good oval bone, superb feet, excellent hind angulation with second thigh. Shown and presented in gleaming coat and condition. Covered the ground well, although not quite all there yet in front, but very promising.

3rd Anthony's Jilony Thriller.

POST GRADUATE DOG (14,2a)

1st Warford's Lappakia Desert Passion For Lakespar. Stylish well made male, very good shape to head, arched neck, would like a little more angulation of upper arm, gentle slope to top line, deep brisket, has a minimum tuck up, strong loin, good tail set, excellent hindquarters, Moving very well with drive using his tail well, good head carriage on the move. A picture of elegance and soundness, lots to like.

2nd Whistance's Esrews Serious Lord Jack. Another first rate youngster with a lot of the similar qualities of 1, loved his head, medium breadth of skull, correct muzzle, good ear set and shape, has a decent stop, good neck length, perhaps a shade longer in back than 1, but has a short strong loin, good angle to croup, has excellent bone, straight forelegs, good bend of stifle and moves with drive, shown in good condition.

3rd Marsh's Sharnphilly Redshank For Ratchda.

LIMIT DOG Really good class full of mature, typical males in the peak of condition. The first Three in this class could change places on any other day. (13,1a)

1st Anthony's Jilony Just Amazin JW. B/w First class very good type, pleasing shaped skull, dark eye, giving a good expression, excellent neck length and well laid shoulders, strong oval bone straight forelegs, superb feet really tight toes, very good spring of ribs, strong loin, pleasing hindquarters with short rear pasterns, probably the best muscled dog here today, moves with drive and precision, put in a superb performance.

2nd Smith's Lypal Pukka Tukka. Another upstanding male, with a balanced head, good eye placement and shape, very good stop, pleasing expression, moderate length of neck, compared to winner, has gentle slope to topline, best of bone and feet, lacks a little in hind angulation compared to 1. Shown in good coat and condition. On the move he has positive drive and good head carriage, although his tail carriage could be a fraction lower for me.

3rd Whiting's Rodale Ringleader JW ShCM.

OPEN DOG Outstanding class. (6,1)

1st Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch Kiswahili Martin At Kanix. A free flowing O/W mature male, superbly presented, has all the grace, elegance and strength you would want, lovely type, loved his expression, excellent shoulders, bone and feet. Good length of back with good spring of rib, strong loin, good hindquarters, with decent muscle tone. Moved with precision, and drive. CC and BOB.

2nd Wilcox's Sh Ch Pipeaway Zonic Tonic For Merynjen JW. Loved the type of this masculine dog, beautifully balanced superb head and expression, longish neck of super shape. Very good shoulder angulation, short back, excellent spring of rib, good angle to croup and tail set, straight forelegs, pasterns and feet. Looks good in profile movement, strong outline with a topline held firmly.

3rd Rose & Williams Sh Ch Ridanflight Rockhampton.

PUPPY BITCH (7)

1st Wilberg's Lokmadi Martina At Kanix. Lovely puppy, I see sired by my BOB winner, a real chip off the old block, lovely size and shape, excelled in outline and natural balance, excellent angulation fore and aft, strong topline, deep chest, shortish loin, what a mover, so collected out moved everything in the class with a positive action. Has good substance but retains a touch of elegance with those superb feet to die for.

2nd Warford's Teddyhawks Heaven Scent With Lakespar. 11 months of age and the most mature looking in the class today, what a really good bitch, so well put together, has a very good skull and muzzle decent stop and kind eye, has a long neck, but lacked a little bit of shape for me, correct topline, prominent haunches and good tailset, very good hindquarters, lovely bone, lacks the width of chest of the winner at this stage.

3rd Baker's Lokmadi Frances Partridge.

JUNIOR BITCH (11,2)

1st Elrington, Green, Cannon & Maw's Ansona Lucy Lockett. Wow, I just loved this short coupled bitch, just shouts breed type and with a classic outline, so stylish, I loved her head and expression, so pretty, pleasing length of head to muzzle, good occiput, excellent ear set, strong shapely neck, lovely depth of chest, pleasing bone and feet, good spring of rib, strong topline, good loin, croup and tailset, excellent hind angulation, moves with reach and drive. Superb prospect very exciting future awaits. Superbly handled.

Litter sister of my Junior Dog winner.

2nd Dyer's Sharnphilly Auckland Jw (Mrs S & Miss S Dyer) Another really lovely bitch a favourite of mine, Slightly taller than 1, but a lovely type, superb outline everything just flows together, Head, neck, shoulders, topline, front legs well under brisket, good bend of stifle, strong hocks, shortish rear pasterns, On the move today just didn't seem to have the drive of 1.

3rd Tobin & Moss's Davigdor Tiara.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (20,3)

1st Vicarey's Jilony Just Unique. Liked this super B/W bitch, which was on top form today, with a pleasing outline, excellent head shape, dark eye, very good length of neck, strong and well shaped, good shoulders, perhaps a shade long in back for some, moderate length of loin, deep chest, good bend of stifles with moderate length of hocks, covers the ground in style, strong good drive and forward reach, pleasing rear extension.

2nd Turnbull's Bonnygate Krystal Roses At Beridew (Ai). I loved this type of bitch, with a super head so well balanced, very good neck and shoulders, strong topline, deep chest good undercarriage, shortish loin, very good hind angulation, moderate length of hocks, not quite the same positive drive as the winner who was on top form today, but gave a very good account and with a certain style.

3rd Dyer's Sharnphilly Skylark.

LIMIT BITCH (16,4)

1st Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Beatrice. Loved this bitch, so beautifully put together with that touch of style and class, lovely breed type, so much work in her skull, lovely dish faced appearance to her muzzle, good ear set to frame her head, lovely expressive eyes. Strong lengthy neck, good confirmation, deep chest with enough width, good spring of rib, strong loin, best of bone, resilient pasterns and super feet, good tail set and carriage. Moved so true with text book reach and extension, good drive, head and tail carriage quite superb, Res CC.

2nd Bedson & Earl's Medogold Speak Softly. Slightly heavier type than winner, with a lot of style, very feminine, has a lovely outline, short coupled, very good oval bone, pleasing feet, not quite the same reach of neck as the winner, but this did not detract unduly. Good topline and croup. Has excellent forechest, very good hindquarters, with super muscle tone, Moved very well, putting in a positive performance.

3rd Anthony's Jilony Dancing On Air.

OPEN BITCH (15,3) What a fantastic class, it was not a disgrace to be placed at the lower end of the line up with all five being high quality bitches, performance on the day was crucial.

1st Evans & Rawlings Sh Ch Joneva Waiting In The Wings JW. Outstanding bitch, of first class type, cannot deny her text book movement, superb construction, shown and handled very well in excellent coat and condition. What more can I say, but she came, saw and conquered.

2nd Grime & Byrne's Ansona Fool Britannia At Enryb JW. Another fantastic shaped bitch, such a superb outline, oozes breed type, lovely head and expression, such a good length of neck, strong, good depth of chest and shape of undercarriage, strong deepish loin, good hindquarters, lovely bone excellent tight feet, nit picking at the end of the day, just a fraction short of the drive that the winner had, but still from the top drawer.

3rd Rose & Williams Sh Ch Ridanflight Rangiora.

Chris Bexon - Judge