

# Belfast Championship Show

## Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012

My grateful thanks to the Officers and Committee of this Northern Ireland Society for the opportunity of judging at their prestigious show. Although the exhibits might have been lacking in number they were most certainly not lacking in quality and type. However, I continue to be disappointed in the lack of muscle condition in the majority of our working gundogs. I was pleased that my prime winners presented in good muscle tone which complemented their movement. I was saddened to find some very soft exhibits which, in some cases, reflected in their lazy casual action. My thanks to those exhibitors from both sides of the Border and to who made the journey from the main land to give me the pleasure of going over their dogs.

### **PUPPY DOG (3)**

1<sup>st</sup> Martin's Sunhouse Anything Goes. Neat puppy presenting a typical outline she was correct in occiput, eye and muzzle. Straight front, well off for bone and on sound feet. Strong, firm topline, good angles fore and aft, the best on the move in this class.

2<sup>nd</sup> Nuttall's Peakdale Silver Frost. Typical in outline, head and eye, with firm top line, fore hand angulation as well as rear. I just preferred the heart room of winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tobin & Moss' Davigidor Rough & Tumble.

### **LIMIT DOG (2)**

1<sup>st</sup> & RCC Alcorn & Lynn's Afterglow Bare Face Lie at Kanix ShCM. 3 year old dog presenting a sound, typical and balanced outline he excelled in skull proportions, eye, muzzle, straight front, well off for bone and on good sound feet. Displaying an adequate forehand angulation, firm top line and hind quarters. Moved with drive and passion.

2<sup>nd</sup> Martin's Sunhouse Believe It Or Not JW. Another with typical outline with adequate fore and rear angulation. Correct in head and expression, front and feet and well off for bone. I just preferred the profile outline of winner.

### **OPEN DOG (3)**

1<sup>st</sup> & CC Adams' Ansona Simple Simon JW ShCM. A sound, balanced and typical young dog he excelled in head and expression, clean neck and plenty of heart room. Sound forehand angulation, firm top line and loin, correct croup, set of tail and rear angles.

2<sup>nd</sup> Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch Kiswahili Martin at Kanix. A dog of substance with pleasing skull proportions, leathers and neck. Straight front and on sound feet, excelled in topline and hind angulation. He just lacked the finesse of winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Andrews & Ledger's IE/DE/LU/CENT/INT Sh Ch Ledgands Magic N Mayhem EW'11.

### **PUPPY BITCH (2)**

1<sup>st</sup> & BP Martin's Sunhouse I Am What I Am. Smart, typical and balanced baby she excelled in skull proportions, eye and leathers. Clean neck flowing into neat shoulders. Firm topline and well angulated fore and aft. The best on the move in this class.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bell's Ridanflight Runedd with Balintyne. A charming baby with typical expression, front and feet and angles fore and aft. She needs time to settle.

### **JUNIOR BITCH (1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Fleming's Carmandine Kimono of Glenariff. Stood alone but presented typical skull proportions, eye, muzzle and expression. Clean fore chest, good forehand assembly, topline and hind angulation. Moved well.

### **POST GRADUATE BITCH (1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Tobin & Moss' Davigdor Tiara. Presented a typical outline with correct occiput and muzzle, angles fore and aft. Lacked some animation on the move.

### **LIMIT BITCH (5)**

1<sup>st</sup> & RCC. Wood's Wilchrimane Lets Dance at Penbro. B & W bitch. Presented a typical outline she excelled in skull proportions, leathers, neck, fore chest and lay of shoulder. She held firm topline standing and on the move. Well turned stifle which she used to advantage on the move. Well presented and well handled.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Martin's Gartarry Moon Light in Sunhouse. A quality bitch of type and balance she pressed the winner all the way. I just preferred the outline of one.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Andrews & Ledger's Sunny Side Up at Ledgands.

### **OPEN BITCH (3)**

1<sup>st</sup> CC & BOB Elrington, Green & Cannon's Sh Ch Ansona Lucy Locket. This bitch excelled in all departments. She presented a clean, quality, typical and balanced outline. She excelled in skull proportions, eye, leathers and expression. Clean arched neck flowed into well laid shoulder. Straight front and on well padded feet she was well off for bone whilst retaining her femininity Well held top line, standing and on the move, good hind angulation which she used to propel herself around the ring displaying that typical slashing tail action so admired in this breed. A bitch of substance with quality yet feminine all through.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Andrews & Ledger's IE/DE/NL/LU/INT/Cent/ Sh Ch Aurichalcum Miss Tified Ledgands JW IR CE EW'11  
A sizable bitch of substance she excelled in head, and expression, top line and hand angulation. She moved well but was unable to challenge the winner on such form today.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Chilli.

**Di Arrowsmith - judge**