

National Gundog Association Championship Show

Saturday 4th August 2012

I was thrilled to be elected to judge Pointers at this prestigious show, and though I found a great diversity of type, I was extremely impressed with the overall quality of my exhibits and many quality dogs went card less.

VETERAN DOG (3)

1st Wilson's Bonnygate Imperial Choice ShCM. Masculine black/white dog with stylish movement with reach and drive. Presented a pleasing picture both stacked and on the move.

2nd Wilcox's Sh Ch Pipeaway Zonic Tonic For Mervynjen JW. Another fit, well muscled veteran who just lost out to first as he was not moving as freely on the day. Attractive head and powerful, well balanced body.

3rd Stilgoe's Teisgol King Henry ShCM.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (16, 4)

1st Wilkinson's Hurwyn Masterchef. This pup caught my eye as soon as he walked into the ring. Beautiful head with soft, kind expression, balanced throughout with good angulation, moved freely and steadily for a young puppy. One to watch out for in the future.

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Fredrik. A promising youngster who just lost out to first, however, a worthy winner in a strong class. Pleasing head, well made and moved out well considering his age.

3rd Perkins' Kanix Fate Of Brent.

PUPPY DOG (6, 2)

1st Coggins' Droveborough Born To Bound At Gemrose. Exuberant, mature liver/white puppy who caught my eye when moving as he moved with great enthusiasm and drive, super head with soft eye and expression, balanced throughout. A worthy winner with a promising future. BP.

2nd Martin's Sunhouse Anything Goes. Masculine black/white dog, unlucky to meet the winner as he again was well put together with a pleasing head, good depth of chest but does not have the drive of the first when moving.

3rd Golding's Sharnphilly Louis Vuitton.

JUNIOR DOG (8, 1)

1st Harrison's Millpoint Heat Wave. Impressive dog who is balanced throughout, flowing lines with a balanced, elegant picture presented when stacked, good reach of neck, deep chest, well muscled throughout, expertly handled, which showed off his ground covering action.

2nd Perren's Mistin Pure Mischief. Unlucky to meet the winner of this class as he is a handsome, short coupled dog with a deep chest, good head with kind expression, moved out well in this strong class.

3rd Tibbs' Raigmore Shine From Afar.

YEARLING DOG(11, 2)

1st Barker's Flinthill Chocolate Thyme. Liver/white, handsome young dog, cracking mover, well constructed with typical Pointer head, easy winner who stood out with his good clean neck, correct shoulders and depth of brisket and neat tail.

2nd Clark & Rawlings' Meadowpoint Shout To The Top Of Indicium. Well made dog who initially did not do himself justice, but relaxed as the class went on, moved with driving powerful action on the move.

3rd MacManus' Luneville Harvest Moon.

NOVICE DOG (5)

1st Coggins' Droveborough Born To Bound At Gemrose.

2nd Perren's Mistin Pure Mischief.

3rd Ram's Gempoint Free N Easy.

GRADUATE DOG (7, 1)

1st Tait's Moordale Raindance. Compact dog who caught my eye on the move with his stylish driving action, covering the ground, lovely head with good reach of neck, well proportioned. Nit-picking, I would like a little more angulation behind.

2nd Best's Shadessett Keep On Believin For Bestina. Balanced b/w dog who lost out to first who had the more active, driving action. However, he is a pleasing exhibit, correct in head shape, shapely with good balance throughout.

3rd Stilgoe & Oliver's Teisgol Go Your Own Way JW.

POST GRADUATE DOG (19, 5)

1st Theobald's Tycarre Strangely Familyr JW ShCM. A favourite of mine who is pleasing in head, eye and expression, correct overall construction giving a balanced picture when stacked, lacked enthusiasm on the move in the challenge so lost out on top honours.

2nd Martin's Sunhouse Believe It Or Not JW ShCM. Slightly heavier mould than first, well made dog, masculine throughout, attractive head and expression, happy outgoing dog who held his topline on the move.

3rd Bradley's Teisgol King Alfred.

LIMIT DOG (12, 2)

1st Kirby's Haramander Shabby Chic ShCM. This class was extremely strong, filled with many quality exhibits who could change places throughout the shows. This dog won on overall balance and style, gorgeous head with soft expression, well muscled and looked like he could do a days' work. Res CC.

2nd Evans & Pavey's Joneva Diamond In The Rough JW. Very stylish dog who presents a beautiful picture of style and elegance, good chest and deep brisket, stunning head and profile, just lost out on the move to the first dog.

3rd Alcorn & Lynn's Afterglow Bare Face Lie At Kanix ShCM.

OPEN DOG (14, 4)

1st Hinton's Sh Ch Fleurfields Flambeau. Superb dog with everything going for him, well conformed, oozing style and strength, classic head, clean lines, good feet, muscled throughout, moved with drive and purpose. A worthy champion. Pleased to award the dog ticket to him and BOB.

2nd O'Neill's Jurwyn Some Might Say JW. Balanced dog who pushed hard for top honours, nothing overdone, excellent head, eye and expression, moved out well.

3rd Beesley's Sh Ch Birchleith Barbican Beau.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG (3, 1)

1st Stangroom's Lappakia Oasis Dream ShCM. Handsome, masculine dog who has a lovely head with soft appealing expression, well let down hocks and deep brisket, moved soundly and freely.

2nd Stilgoe & Oliver's Teisgol Go Your Own Way JW. Balanced dog, mature with good clean neck, well set shoulders, pleasing head and expression.

VETERAN BITCH (6)

1st Guy's Sh Ch Teisgol Phoenix At Carofel JW. A worthy champion presented in good hard condition. Hard to believe she is now a veteran. Handled expertly to show off her stylish movement.

2nd Turnbull's Juennenfly Angelica At Beridew. Beautiful bitch who lost out as she is carrying a little too much weight over her shoulders, lovely lines and pleasing attractive head.

3rd Knowles' Sh Ch Dovehayes Facsimile JW ShCM.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (10, 2)

1st Wilkinson's Hurwyn Black Caviar. Oozes quality and femininity. Balanced and elegant. I predict a fabulous show career for this youngster. Lost out in the bitch puppy challenge due to age.

2nd Anthony's Jilony Here's Hoping. Another beautiful puppy bitch who lost out to first due to uncertainty on the move, just needs to gain confidence and this well made puppy will get top honours.

3rd Stilgoe's Persei's Ace Of Hearts Through Teisgol.

PUPPY BITCH (7, 1)

1st Dyer's Sharnphilly Juici Cutre. Super in outline and on the move, full of style and character, well balanced with good head and expression, handled impeccably.

2nd Yeo's Pipeaway Fanci Flora At Trexon. Balanced and flowing orange and white bitch who pushed hard for top honours, stylish mover, covering the ground well.

3rd Martin's Sunhouse I Am What I Am.

JUNIOR BITCH (14, 4)

1st Fleming's Carmandine Kimono Of Glenariff CW12 CJW12. Smashing bitch, short coupled with good turn of stifle, sloping pasterns and tight feet, elegant with flowing lines, moved soundly, just needs to mature for top honours.

2nd Barford & Booth's Kiswahili You Live In Me For Protanto. Slightly longer cast bitch, kind, soft expression, balanced and elegant, moved with style and drive, beautiful head and melting expression.

3rd Perren's Mistin You Wear It Well.

YEARLING BITCH (12)

1st Dolman's Flinthill Golden Thyme. Small but perfectly formed! A picture of balance and symmetry with lovely flowing lines, happy free mover.

2nd Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Trinity. Beautiful bitch who just missed out through the positive drive and movement of first. Lovely head, neck, well laid shoulders, moved well in this big class.

3rd MacManus' Luneville Strawberry Moon.

NOVICE BITCH (8)

1st Tarling's Plassllyn Strike A Post At Esrews. Well balanced, feminine bitch who was handled expertly to show off her virtues, deep chest and well let down hocks, moved with drive and style.

2nd Yeo's Pipeaway Fanci Flora At Trexon.

3rd Green's Hawkfield Rumour.

GRADUATE BITCH (9, 2)

1st Turton's Tanglebrook Madrilen. Classy bitch with chiselled head and kind expression, well laid shoulder, a pleasing picture when stacked and moving.

2nd Rankine's Tenshilling Rags To Riches At Fyldefair JW. Very feminine bitch, shown expertly to enhance her many good points, classic head, well muscled, moved with style.

3rd Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Agathis.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (19, 4)

1st Bradley & Stilgoe's Teisgol Lady Penelope. Well grown bitch who is balanced throughout, very attractive head and expression with dark eye, shown to perfection which enhances her many qualities.

2nd Radcliffe's Sniperay Star Turn. Shown in lean, hard condition. Beautiful shape with quality head and kind expression, balanced throughout.

3rd Barford & Booth's Kanix Calypso By Kiswahili.

LIMIT BITCH (18, 4)

1st Evans & Pavey's Joneva Hazy Hazy Dream JW. This was a challenging class and many worthy dogs went cardless. This bitch won on her overall balance and style. Quality head, elegant bitch who I am sure will have her day for top honours soon.

2nd Rayner & Spinks' Spinray Miss Saigon ShCM. Beautiful moving bitch with excellent conformation and pleasing head. A favourite of mine but lost out today as she lacked her usual exuberance.

3rd Parsons' Pipeaway Daffodil Lil.

OPEN BITCH (11, 5)

1st Rose's Sh Ch Ridanflight Rangiora. This fabulous bitch could not be denied top honours today as she did not put a paw wrong! She is style and elegance personified. She is a series of graceful curves and flowing lines and is a very worthy champion. BCC.

2nd Tibbs' Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Raigmore Let It Shine JW CW10. Very feminine orange/white bitch with an illustrious career and she showed perfectly today. Unlucky to meet the first place.

Res BCC.

3rd Anthony's Jilony Dancing On Air.

GOOD CITIZEN BITCH (7, 2)

1st Blowers' Bonnygate Karriage Queen Of Deadaway (ai). Well made bitch who shone in this class, balanced and shown in hard condition.

2nd Stangroom's Janeryl's Desert Flower At Lappakia ShCM. Honest, well made bitch who showed her socks off to win this class. Hard to believe she is a veteran.

3rd Brooksmith's Smartbay Vintage Gold.

Mrs Susan Welch - Judge