

THE SETTER AND POINTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

3rd November 2012

I would like to thank the committee for asking me to judge this prestigious show. There was only a small number of dogs and bitches up to Post Graduate classes that I thought fitted the Pointer standard. The standard says – “The tail of medium length, thick at the root growing gradually thinner to the point. It should be carried on a level with the back with no upward curl, with the dog in movement the tail should lash from side to side”. Some tails went up like flag pole and were thick from start to finish. Quite a few exhibits had no turn of stifle; some with no width of thigh and no muscle. Hocks that knocked together on the move were also in evidence, as were ‘houndy’ heads and ears. Some exhibits were way over the height standard.

VETERAN DOG (1)

1st Wilson's Bonnygate Imperial Choice ShCM: 9yr old B/w dog , went round the ring like a youngster. I liked his well shaped head, strong neck onto good lay of shoulder. Well bodied and still has a good strong back end. Tail straight off his back. Lovely angulation, moved with real drive. A lot to like.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (7)

1st Beesley's Ridanflight Rhodri At Birchleith: O/w, 8 months old. Quite mature for his age. Good shaped head, would have liked smaller ears. Strong muscular neck, sound front. Strong all round, moved very well, tail just above level.

2nd Barford & Booth's Kanix Garfunkel: B/w with a lovely shaped head, correct ear set. Well bodied all round. Not quite as good on the move as 1 but used his tail well.

3rd Watkins & Davies' Hurwyn Law N Order.

PUPPY DOG (8, 2abs)

1st Davis' Wilchrimane Xcell: O/w good headed youngster. Correct front and shoulders. Just needs to body up. Lovely shaped hindquarters. Needs to move at a steady pace to keep his tail straight out. Moved very well. Best Puppy

2nd Adams' Ansona Peter Pan: classy B/w Head shape to like. Arched strong neck, well laid back shoulders. Good in body, depth and width of thigh. Tail just above back, moved well.

3rd Anthony's Jilony Red Arrow

JUNIOR DOG (10, 1abs)

1st Harrison's Millpoint Heatwave JW: A b/w youngster with real promise. Classic head, good earset. Arched muscular neck onto good lay of shoulder. Well sprung ribs. Lovely outline. Used his hindquarters to move with real drive and lovely use of his tail from side to side.

2nd Coggins' Droveborough Born To Bound At Gemrose: Liv/w. Another striking youngster. A lovely typey head. Neck shoulders, front and body all correct. Strong hindquarters, moved with drive

3rd Martin's Sunhouse Anything Goes.

YEARLING DOG (3)

1st Bell's Crookrise The Medlar At Owlspoint JW: O/w young dog with well defined head, bright eye and kind expression. Long muscular arched neck, good lay back of shoulder. Well covered body, strong hindquarters, well turned stifles. Moved well carried tail a little high.

2nd Smith's Fydel Ace: B/w with good shaped head. Not as good in neck and front as 1. Strong back end. Moved quite well.

3rd Ward's Amberpoint Tumblin Dice

NOVICE DOG (3)

1st Adams' Ansona Peter Pan

2nd Anthony's Jilony Red Arrow: O/w with lovely shaped head. Preferred the front of 1. Well sprung ribs, well turned stifles, good width of thigh. Moved well.

3rd Ram's Gempoint Free N Easy

GRADUATE DOG (5, 2abs)

1st Roberts' Kanix Dante's Inferno: O/w, very sound dog in lovely condition. Good head, neck and correct shoulder. Plenty of depth and spring of rib. Good angulation. Used his tail well on the move. Moved well.

2nd Ram's Gempoint Boot N Toot: B/w, preferred the head of 1, but it was ok. Good in body, well covered, moved quite well.

3rd Ward's Amberpoint Tumblin Dice.

POST GRADUATE DOG (10, 1abs)

1st Bradley's Teisgol King Alfred: B/w very balanced dog. Good outline from head to tail. Well formed head, strong muscular neck, good lay of shoulder. Well sprung ribs, good width of thigh. Moved well with drive using his tail well.

2nd Best's Shadesett Keep On Believin For Bestina: B/w dog with lovely shape of head, kind eye. Good reach of neck. Well laid shoulder, good depth of brisket. Well sprung ribs. Preferred the movement of 1.

3rd Guy's Carofel Just A Minute.

LIMIT DOG (7, 1abs)

1st Welch's Moulou Minstrel At Hookwood JW ShCM: A b/w dog with loads of style and in lovely condition. A classic Pointer head, pleasing eye and expression. Strongly built dog, good front and shoulder well sprung ribs, strong hindquarters. Moved very well with good reach in front and driving from behind. Used his tail well. Dog CC

2nd Harrison's Top Hat N Tails JW ShCM: Another dog with class and style. In top condition. A lovely classic shaped head with good dark eye. Sound front, good feet. Well angulated shoulder, good depth of brisket. Well shaped dog of correct size. Lovely topline, strong hindquarters, good turn of stifle. Another good mover using his tail well. A dog that will trouble the best when he reaches full maturity. Res CC

3rd Martin's Sunhouse Believe It Or Not JW ShCM

OPEN DOG (6, 3abs)

1st Adams' Sh Ch Ansona Simple Simon JW ShCM: A b/w dog in top condition and top quality. Pleasing head and neck flowing into well laid shoulders. Lovely flowing lines. Good muscular hindquarters. Moves well keeping his top line and using his tail.

2nd Westaway's Penwest Palamedes: B/w with such a classic typey head. Well shaped expressive eye, neat ears. Well constructed front, level topline, short coupled. Strong muscled & well balanced hindquarters. Moved very well.

3rd Kirby's Haramander Shabby Chic ShCM.

VETERAN BITCH (3)

1st Macpherson's Viomillen Evasoevian By Medogold: 9yr old. Good head, lovely shape all round. In good condition. Moved well.

2nd Cardiff's Prosperity My Fair Lady ShCM: 8yr old Lovely head and eye. Just not as good on the move as 1.

3rd Stangroom's Janeryl's Desert Flower at Lappakia ShCM.

FIELD TRIAL BITCH (1)

1st Blowers' Bonnygate Karriage Queen Of Deadaway (AI) B/w lovely head and eye. Clean through neck and shoulder. Strong quarters, moved with drive.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (8, 1abs)

1st Wilkinson's Black Caviar: Pleasing feminine headed b/w youngster. Lovely shape all round. Good reach of neck, well laid shoulders. Well angulated hindquarters. Moved well.

2nd Bell's Ridanflight Runedo With Balintyne: A sweet o/w bitch with a well shaped feminine head. Well balanced and good in outline. Took time to sort her movement out then moved very well using her tail.

3rd Kelly's Fleurfield Faith of Kelval

PUPPY BITCH (7, 2abs)

1st Welch's Droveborough Go For Gold By Hookwood: B/w bitch, well shaped head, dark eye, well set ear. Lovely condition. Moved with drive, tail a little high.

2nd Siddle's Wilchrimane Maggie Mae: L/w, attractive feminine head. Long neck, good spring of rib. Hindquarters well muscled. Moved with drive, tail a little high.

3rd Anthony's Jilony Here's Hoping.

JUNIOR BITCH (7)

1st Brooksmith's Nightgold Blackavar: Blanket b/w. Lovely little bitch. Feminine head, lovely dark eye. Long clean neck onto good shoulder placement. Good depth of brisket. Strong hindquarters, moved well using her tail.

2nd Vicarey's Chelsliam Piccalo: Another blanket b/w . Pleasing head, reachy neck, well placed shoulders, sound front. Good turn of stifles. 1 just had the edge on movement.

3rd Welch's Hookwood Solar Star JW

YEARLING BITCH (9, 2abs)

1st Dyer's Sharphilly Juici Cuture JW: Liv/w, loved her type and outline. Classic feminine head, reachy neck onto well placed shoulders. Strong quarters good turn of stifle. Moved with real drive using her tail well.

2nd Jones & Hinton's Pippalee Georgia by Fleurfield: O/w. Well constructed quality bitch with a lovely head neck and top line. Excellent Hindquarters, positive mover.

3rd Barford & Booth's Kiswahili You Live In Me For Prontanto JW

NOVICE BITCH (6, 1abs)

1st Welch's Droveborough Go For Gold By Hookwood

2nd Anthony's Jilony Here's Hoping: B/w. Pleasing to the eye. Sound bitch with good head and eye and kind expression. Strong neck, good lay of shoulder. Good depth of brisket. Moved well using her tail.

3rd Purdy's Nightgold Snowdrop.

GRADUATE BITCH (2)

1st Dolman's Flinthill Golden Thyme At Zebee: O/w. Liked her lovely classic head and over all outline. Strong neck and good topline. Well turned stifles on strong quarters. Good positive movement.

2nd O'Neill's Tenshilling Viva Las Vegas JW: Strong o/w with everything in the right place. Not as positive on the move as 1.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (10, 2abs)

1st Anthony's Jilony Texas Rose: This b/w bitch took the ring over. Super feminine head, lovely eye shape making sweet expression. Just the right size with good outline and balance. Good length of neck, shoulders sloping and well laid back. Good spring of rib. Used her strong hindquarters to move with drive using her tail well.

2nd Cherry's Chaseover Twinkling Star At Shanandi: Another classy quality bitch. Super head with melting expression. Good reach of neck, correct shoulder placement. Good spring of rib. Hindquarters well muscled. Covered the ground well with good tail action.

3rd Vicarey's Jilony Just Unique.

LIMIT BITCH (20, 7abs)

1st Harrison's Millpoint To Have N To Hold JW: B/W bitch of outstanding quality. Classic head, strong muscular neck onto well placed shoulders. Good depth of brisket. Good angulation front and rear. Moved with purpose.

2nd Evans and Pavey's Joneva Hazy Hazy Dream JW: Pleasing head, good front and shoulders, well angulated. Longer in body than 1. Good turn of stifle. Moved well, tail a little high.

3rd Lowe's Lowsmoor Storms River (ai).

OPEN BITCH (8, 1abs)

1st Siddle's Sh Ch Wilchrimane Ice Maiden JW: O/w bitch that just oozed class. Quality feminine head with good eye and expression. Correct earset. Long sloping shoulders. Excellent body shape. Topline held on the move. Moved with real drive, lovely tail action. Quality feminine bitch. Bitch CC, BOB, Best In Show.

2nd Harrison's Sh Ch Medogold Be My Baby At Millpoint JW: Liv/w. Another quality bitch. Lovely well defined head, lovely eye. Well set ears. Neck of right length and slightly arched. Well laid back shoulders. Good spring of rib. Strong hindquarters used well for driving action. Tail of medium length good lashing action.

3rd Hinton's Fieldstone Fascination With Fleurfield.

A very close class.

STUART TAIT - judge