

CRUFTS 2013

Saturday 9th March 2013

Firstly, my sincere thanks to the exhibitors for such a fantastic entry. What superb quality, I was spoilt for choice in most classes and so sorry that many worthy winners had to go card-less. I must also apologise for not giving the dogs more time and more movement, but I had a strict time limit to adhere to. My thanks to my most efficient stewards, who worked tirelessly all day with me and without whom I would have struggled to keep to time.

I found the general type and quality in both dogs and bitches very high, although movement in some cases left much to be desired. Pointers need galloping exercise daily to build up muscle and strength to be able to do the job for which they were originally bred. Shoulder placement was mixed, but a vast improvement from when I last judged. I was concerned about head shape, especially in some of the orange and whites. I found the length of muzzle too short and skull too broad in a lot of dogs, giving a snubby appearance and not typical of the breed. Pointers are air-scenting dogs and need the length of foreface and wide flaring nostrils to be able to scent their game.

VETERAN DOG (9,2)

1st Wilson's Bonnygate Imperial Choice. A medium sized B/W. The oldest in the class at over 9 years, but well balanced with typical head and good body. Very sound on the move and in shown in good hard condition.

2nd Rose & Robinson's ShCh/NZCh Robwyn Dreams are free at Ridanflight. Another lovely Pointer. O/W Heavier than 1, but very typical of the breed and at 7 years old was very sound in all ways and did not show his years.

3rd Westaway's Penwest Palamedes B/W also 7 years old with typical head and good body. Well balanced, shown in good condition and again very sound on the move.

SPECIAL PUPPY DOG (13,1)

1st Beesley's Ridanflight Rhodri at Birchleith. Took my eye on entering the ring and I wasn't disappointed to go over him. O/W with good head and lovely expression. Good shoulders, body and quarters. Well muscled for a puppy and when he settled, moved with drive and soundness. Pushed hard for best puppy, but his day will come.

2nd Perkins' Kanix Fate of Brent B/W quality puppy all through, shown in good condition and very sound on the move. As 1, he should have a bright future.

3rd Booth's Kanix Garfunkel. Another sound and typical puppy from the same breeders as 2. Very similar in type and again very sound in all ways. Three puppies, all very close and all should go far in the breed. Sp

SPECIAL JUNIOR DOG (16)

1st Tobin & Moss' Davigdor Rough and Tumble O/W headed this big class of young dogs. Liked his head and expression. Well bodied with strong quarters and good tail set. Moved best in the class, but still has a lot of maturing to do.

2nd Golding's Sharnphilly Louis Vuitton L/W. Not so good in body as 1, but has all the essentials and was sound on the move. Will be another slow maturer.

3rd Martin's Sunhouse Anything Goes JW B/W and very similar in type to 2, but lost on movement.

YEARLING DOG (17,1)

1st Coggins' Droveborough Born to Bound at Gemrose JW L/W and what Pointer character. Took my eye on entering the ring and I wasn't disappointed to go over him. Filled the ring on the move, very sound and used his tail on the move. All Pointer and thoroughly enjoying his day out. Unlucky to meet such quality in the higher classes, but seriously considered for the Res CC.

2nd Harrison's Millpoint Heat Wave JW. B/W. Well constructed throughout. Good head, body and quarters, moved soundly and unlucky to meet one.

3rd Nelis' Freebreeze Yankee Clipper. O/W. Loved his head and expression. Good sound body and correct tail set. Unsettled on the move and had difficulty in assessing movement, otherwise he would have taken second place.

GRADUATE DOG (14)

1st Bell's Crookrise the Medlar at Owlspoint JW Good O/W Typical head and expression, good body with well turned stifles. Correct bone. Very sound and moved with drive. Won this class easily.

2nd Stokes' Hawkfield Mischief Maker for Guanabara JW ShCM B/W Lighter built than 1, and not quite the balance all through, but a true Pointer. Very sound and moved with drive.

3rd Bedson & Earl's Caithpoint Hot Chocolate. L/W. Nice dog set up, but lost to 1&2 on the move.

POST GRADUATE DOG (13)

1st Grantham & Moss' Kiswahili Quantum of Solace at Kingspoint B/W headed a nice class of young dogs. Balanced all through. Liked his head and expression. Good body & quarters and very sound on the move.

2nd Allen's Kanix Daniel. B/W. A smaller dog than 1 and slightly longer cast. Typical head and expression. Well put together. Good shoulders and muscled quarters. Moved soundly and with drive. Won his place on his true Pointer type.

3rd McManus' Luneville Harvest Moon B/W and well balanced all through. Prefer a longer muzzle, but liked the rest of his head and expression. Liked his body and couplings and sound on the move.

MID LIMIT DOG (11)

1st Marsh's Sharnphilly Redshank for Ratchda B/W headed a quality class of dogs. Typical head and expression. Clean neck and good shoulder angulation. Well bodied and strong quarters. No exaggerations. Very sound on the move, using his tail correctly. Shown in hard condition. Could see him doing the job he was bred for. CC & BOB.

2nd Whitham's Moordale Maritime at Sedgekirk. B/W unlucky to meet 1. Liked his head and expression. Not quite the balance of 1, but true Pointer type. Very sound on the move and used his tail. His day will come.

3rd Stangroom's Lappakia Oasis Dream ShCM O/W Shorter coupled than first two. But typical head and expression. Good body, shoulders, quarters and again very sound on the move. Can't afford to carry any excess weight. Three very nice dogs.

LIMIT DOG (15)

- 1st Theobald's Tycarreg Strangely Familyr. B/w medium sized dog, but what quality! Loved his head and expression. Correct shoulder placement. Good body with well let down brisket. Good quarters with well turned stifles. Very sound on the move, but not quite the ring presence of the CC winner. Res CC.
- 2nd Harrison's Millpoint Top Hat N Tails JW ShCM B/W Heavier in build than one, but a typical Pointer all through. Again very sound on the move, carrying and using his tail correctly.
- 3rd Tibbs' Raigmore Dusk till Dawn JW CJW. Young B/W judged him as a raw puppy, but saw potential there and said he needed a lot of time. Has matured well and has typical head and expression. Very sound on the move but not finished yet. Still has more potential.

OPEN DOG (16,1) What a class of Champions. What a privilege to judge. I was splitting hairs.

- 1st Hinton's Sh Ch Fleurfield Flambeau O/W lovely dog to go over. Full of Pointer type. Correct head and expression. Good shoulders, body and quarters. Correct bone. Moved with drive with correct tail and action. Very close for CC.
- 2nd Evans & Pavey's ShCh Joneva Diamond in the Rough JW O/W unlucky to meet 1 and a very close decision. Another beautiful dog. I loved his head and expression. Correct in body structure. Would have preferred harder condition and just lost out in hind movement to one.
- 3rd Blackburn-Bennett's Kiswahili Martin at Kanix. Another quality O/W and unlucky to meet the first two. A worthy Champion and full of Pointer character and quality. Typical Pointer all through and so sound moving. Three quality dogs.

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG DOG (6)

- 1st Marsh's Sharnphilly Redshank for Ratchda.
- 2nd Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Forest O/W Well made, but slightly smaller dog. Typical working Pointer. Very sound on the move, but a shade plainer all through than the show bred Pointers, but deserved his place on his soundness.
- 3rd Westaway's Penwest Palamedes.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME DOG (12)

- 1st Davis' Wilchrimane Xcel O/W was reserve in Junior. A smaller dog, but very striking and sound. Would have been higher placed in Junior if he had settled.
- 2nd Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Forest.
- 3rd Stangroom's Lappakia Oasis Dream.

VETERAN BITCH (16) Another lovely class, I was spoilt for choice.

- 1st Westaway's ShCh/Ir ShCh Penwest Paza O/W What a lovely little bitch, just the sort I like. Beautiful head and expression with dark eyes. Good shoulders, body and quarters. Correct bone structure. Moved around the ring so soundly and enjoying her day out.
- 2nd Lowe's Lowsmoor Echo Falls. Another favourite of mine. B/W lovely size and conformation. Well balanced and moved soundly.
- 3rd Knowles' ShCh Dovehayes Facsimile JW ShCM Lemon/W slightly larger than the first two, but what quality. Loved her head and expression and lovely balanced body. Just lost on hind movement to first two, but three lovely bitches and I was splitting hairs to place them.

SPECIAL PUPPY BITCH (16,1) What a beautiful class. I needed two or three sets of prize cards.

1st Rose's Ridanflight Rhonwen O/W bitch. What quality and what potential in one so young. Beautiful head and expression. Long clean neck and correct shoulder placement. Good body and brisket. Strong well angulated quarters. Very sound on the move. Just need to tighten in front movement. This will come as she matures. She must have a bright future. Best Puppy and was told afterwards that my dog puppy winner was her litter brother!

2nd Anthony's Jilony Heres Hoping. B/W Very unlucky to meet 1. Good head and expression. Correct body, shoulders and quarters and again very sound on the move. Another to go far.

3rd Knowles' Dovehayes Gavotte. L/W but what quality. I needed to go over her to appreciate her. Beautiful and typical head and expression. Not quite so mature in body as first two, but is well balanced and very sound and positive on the move. Another with a good future ahead of her. Three quality puppies.

SPECIAL JUNIOR DOG (14,1)

1st Rose's Ridanflight Rhianna O/W and litter sister to my Puppy winner. As like as peas in a pod and same critique applies. Absolutely stunning and won this class easily. What a litter this must have been!

2nd May's Amiryck Black Pearl B/W and unlucky to meet 1. Good head and expression and soundly constructed. Liked her sound movement.

3rd Yeo's Pipeaway Fanci Flora at Trexon O/W Stood third in a class on high quality bitches. Liked her head and expression. Correct body and well muscled. Quite mature and again very sound on the move.

YEARLING BITCH (21,2) Again, Spoilt for choice here.

1st Lenaert's Lux/Hun/Mold/Cyp BIS Ch Weimpoint Keep Smilin WJW EJW O/W. Lovely little bitch. Correct head and expression. Beautifully bodied and correct bone structure. Very sound on the move, driving off her hocks and thrashing her tail.

2nd Anthony's Jilony Texas Rose Another quality B/W from this kennel. Again, typical head and expression. Correct shoulder placement. Good body and quarters and moved soundly and with drive.

3rd Hall's Gartarry New Moon O/W. Slightly taller than other two, but correct bone. Nice head and expression. Good angulation and well balanced. Another sound mover and just splitting hairs between these three.

GRADUATE BITCH (12)

1st Womersley's Wilchrimane Fame n Fashion. Another quality O/W. Liked her size. Good head and expression. Well balanced body and well muscled. The best of movers and used her tail on the move. A worthy winner.

2nd Wilson's Bonnygate Lady Annie. O/W and very close to one. Slightly finer boned than one, but correct head and nice expression. Good balanced body and well turned stifle. Just slightly lacked second thigh and so not quite the same drive off her hocks as one.

3rd Tarling's Plaslyn Strike a Pose at Esrews B/W and slightly heavier build than first two. Liked her head and expression. Good body and back end making her move very soundly, thrashing her tail in true Pointer style. Three good bitches.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (18,3) Another high quality class.

1st O'Neill's Tenshilling Viva Las Vagas JW O/W Correct head and expression. Good angulation fore and aft. Correct bone and feet and well bodied up. Very sound on the move. Res CC.

2nd Rankine's Tenshilling Rags to Riches at Fyldefair JW ShCM. Another O/W from the same kennel as 1. Just preferred the head and expression of 1, but splitting hairs. Very close and could swap places at any time.

3rd Bradley's Teisgol Lady Penelope. B/W and a larger bitch than first two and slightly different type. Correct construction all through, but not overdone. Won her place on her sound movement.

MID LIMIT BITCH (15,3)

1st Nicholls' Lockmadi Francis Partridge at Stonesview O/W of sound construction. Liked her head and expression. Body well made and balanced. Good quarters and second thigh. Drove off her hocks and won first on her sound movement.

2nd Fairbairn & Madigan's Misperros Jumandi of Camelfair O/W of similar type to one. Again, liked her head and expression and same remarks apply as one and very similar. Just preferred one but it was splitting hairs.

3rd Bradford & Booth's Kiswahili You Live In Me for Protanto JW O/W again very typey and very similar to first two, just preferred the movement of 1&2, but three very nice bitches.

LIMIT BITCH (15) Another quality class and I was spoilt for choice.

1st Evans & Pavey's Joneva Hazy Dream. High quality O/W. Correct head and expression. Good shoulder angulation, body and quarters. Well balanced all through and very sound on the move. I loved her and a shame she was in such good company, but she will have her day I am sure.

2nd Turnbull's Bonnygate Krystal Roses at Beridew B/W more compact than 1, but of the high quality that usually comes from these kennels. Typical head and true Pointer expression. A little straighter in shoulder than 1 but well balanced and moved soundly with plenty of drive.

3rd Lowe's Lowesmoor Storms River B/W of similar type to 2, but slightly longer cast. A true Pointer in all respects and very sound. Three bitches all very close and could always change places.

OPEN BITCH (18,2) What a class of champions and I am so sorry that I didn't have more sets of prize cards to award.

1st Tibbs' ShCh/Ir ShCh Raigmore Let It Shine JW. New to me but have watched her development since a puppy and was not disappointed to go over her. Loved her head and expression. Good balanced body and strong quarters. So sound on the move and all Pointer type. Bitch CC.

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's ShCh Kanix Chilli. Very unlucky to meet 1. A worthy champion. Loved her O/W ticking. Excellent in head and expression and good body. Shown in good condition. Moved with drive. A true Pointer. Just lost out to 1 on body maturity, but it was splitting hairs.

3rd Rose's Sh Ch Ridanflight Rangiora. Another beautiful bitch. A shade heavier than first two, but a lovely type and so sound. It was a privilege to be able to judge such high quality bitches.

FIELD TRIAL BITCH (4)

1st Blowers' Bonnygate Just a Madam for Deadaway O/W and a favourite of mine. A smaller bitch, but so well constructed with the correct bone feet and pasterns. Shown in hard condition and is quite often in the awards at the trials. A well deserved win.

2nd Blowers' Bonnygate Karriage Queen for Deadaway B/W slightly bigger bitch but very similar in type to 1, but very sound and a true Pointer. Gained a reserve in Limit today as well.

3rd Huxley's Ch Woodfleet Siennarain. L/W and not quite the balance and quality of 1&2 but very sound and thoroughly deserved her place here.

SPECIAL WORKING BITCH (5)

1st Edmondson & Robertshaw's Ch Crookrise White Lace. O/W All Pointer and full of character. Well balanced all the way through and very sound on the move. Loved her true Pointer temperament and was full of herself in the ring. A worthy winner.

2nd Soderling's Int Sh Ch Sunhouse believe in Sweden. B/W all the way from Sweden and qualified on pheasant. Typically Pointer and very sound. Again, I liked her character and well deserved her place.

3rd MacManus' Crookrise Arran at Luneville O/W and a larger bitch than 1 but very much of the same type. A true Pointer and thoroughly deserved to be in the line up.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME BITCH (11)

1st Mason's Freebreeze As You Like It JW, O/W of the quality expected from this kennel. Lovely head and expression and well balanced body. Good tail set and moved soundly.

2nd Roberts' Hawkfield Sea Siren. Again, a true Pointer type, but not quite the body and coupling of 1. Moved soundly.

3rd Stangroom's Medogold Wannabe Posh for Lappakia JW B/W and heavier bitch than first two, but had a balanced body and moved well. Deserved her place here.

Maggie Northcott - judge