Sunday 28th July 2013

I was greeted by a really nice entry, of this most athletic of breeds. I thought there was some variety in type today. We must try and avoid large over boned dogs, which depart from typical. On the plus side there was by and large good heads, which conformed to most of the requirements of the standard.

Most had good basic construction optimum for a galloping breed, although upper arm angulation in a few could be better, as they display a rather high stepping gait and lack a little in forward reach. Most of the movement was acceptable and these days in gundogs it is good to see muscle tone, well done. Presentation was good and temperaments were excellent.

MINOR PUPPU DOG (1)

1st Adams & Elrington's Ansona Albert Einstein. You don't have to be a genius to appreciate this young promising male with so much style, lovely head with lots of work in it, prominent occiput, good stop, dark eye, very good reach of neck, into fair lay of shoulders, would like a little more upper arm angulation to by hypercritical, strongish loin, good tail set good bend of stifle with moderately short rear pasterns, very good driving action going away, a little erratic and very puppyish coming towards me.

PUPPY DOG (2)

1st Blackburn-Bennett & Wilberg's Coralwood Kanix Mr T, Upstanding male, with so much style, has a very good outline, liked the type, good head proportions and shape, strong neck, into good shoulders, strong topline, with good tail set, best of bone and feet, really good mover. **Best Puppy**.

2nd Tait's Moordale Manhatton. Another really good youngster, super type of head with good work, decent length of muzzle, really good ear set, nice dark eye, good oval bone and feet, liked his body shape, good hindquarters, good mover.

JUNIOR DOG (4)

1st Watkins & Davies' Hurwyn Law N Order. B/W, Liked this balanced young male, a little bit on the pretty side for a male. Has a balanced head, with good shape to skull, pleasing breadth to skull, good stop, very nice dark eye, good length of muzzle, correct ear set, very good length of neck, good topline, and tail set, used his tail well on the move, good depth of chest, pleasing straight forelegs, gradual tuck up, good bend of stifle, has everything. Moved really well with drive.

2nd Booth's Kanix Garfunkel. B/W, Has a really good head shape, obvious occiput, good chiselling in skull, around the eye, would like a slightly darker eye, good dish and length of muzzle, very nice shapely neck, into good shoulders, a little less angled than 1 in upper arm, good body shape, but falls away just slightly over croup and slightly lower tailset, very well muscled strong hindquarters, another really good mover.

3rd Tait's Moordale Muskateer.

YEARLING DOG (6)

1st Martin's Sunhouse Anything Goes JW. Difficult to single out any one particular kennel but on reflection all the dogs from this kennel are notable in my mind for their excellent breed attitude, lively, active, tail slashing, full of energy, which takes your eye the minute they enter the ring, where some others look bored. Strikingly marked male of excellent type, very balanced head, good stop, muzzle, ear set, very good reach of neck, shoulders and topline, straight forelegs good feet, good underline, short coupled, excellent bend of stifle, in good textured coat, strong mover good precision & drive.

2nd Perkins' Kanix Fate Of Brent JW. Another really top class young male, excellent outline, lovely type, very good head and expression, good back skull, good shape to nape of neck, clean throat, good shoulder lay, deep chest, good tuck up, short coupled, with good bend of stifle, preferred his tail set over 1, nice tail, has good driving action, not as settled in front as 1, but lovely in side gait.

3rd Anthony's Jilony Red Arrow.

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POST GRADUATE DOG (6)

1st Cooper's Keepersfield I Have A Dream. Best mover in this class great in profile. A tallish square shaped male, with very good head proportions, nice dish, good rise over skull, good stop and ear set, very good reach of neck, good strong topline, held well on the move, good depth of chest, spring of rib, taut skin, short coupled, very good straight forelegs, just enough slope to pasterns, good feet, happy slashing tail, well angulated hindquarters strong hocks.

2nd Mitchell's Gartarry Moonshine Over Staxyll, medium sized dog, with good bone built on clean lines, plenty of work in head and muzzle, good stop, dark eye really good expression, thin ear leathers well pointed, really good reach of neck, good width of chest, strong couplings, perhaps front not quite as straight as 1 in forelegs, but good front action, well covered body, with good texture to coat, not quite the strength in hindquarters as 1, but still gave a good account on the move.

3rd Bell's Crookrise The Medlar At Owlspoint JW.

LIMIT DOG (7)

1st Harrison's Millpoint Heat Wave JW. Loved this male, superb type, masculine, built on really clean lines, a really good mover with drive and reach a powerhouse, took my eye for his balance, really good head with correct breadth of skull and superb expression, excellent ear shape, superb reach of neck, good strong topline, deep well shaped body, good width of chest, strong oval bone, strong loin, good bend of stifle, good second thigh, strong perpendicular hocks, well muscled, Impressive.

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Fredrik. Stylish male with good outline, lots of work in head, nice dish, good occiput and ear set, very good body shape, very good reach of neck. Good width of chest and straight forelegs, super feet, strong loin, good bend of stifle, but not quite the width of second thigh of 1, good driving action, front not quite as precise as 1, try not to over stretch him when stacking.

3rd Martin Sunhouse Believe It Or Not JW ShCM.

OPEN DOG (6,2)

1st Hinton's Sh Ch Fleurfields Flambeau. Liked this good sized, typy male, sound and honest, impressed me from every angle, everything just flows for me, liked his head and expression, good reachy neck, very good forequarters, strong topline, good loin, group and tail set, good hind angulation and short strong rear pasterns, straight forelegs,. Moved really well, super in side gait covers the ground well, well presented and handled, just preferred the underline of 1 over 2. **DCC**.

2nd Evans & Pavey's Sh Ch Joneva Diamond In The Rough JW. There is actually nothing rough about this dog, a stallion of a male, different in type from 1, liked his typical head and dark eye, good ear set, strong neck, good shoulders and forechest, good front, nicely angled pasterns, really strong body shape, super tail set, strong sweeping hindquarters, moves with strength and purpose you have expectations of this dog when stacked and you are not disappointed when he moves. **RDCC**.

3rd Adams Sh Ch Ansona Simple Simon JW ShCM.

VETERAN DOG (1)

1st Wilcox Sh Ch Pipeaway Zonic Tonic For Merynjen JW Sh.CM Impressive male, a superb type that I really like. Lovely head with really good length in muzzle, good shape, aristocratic in bearing, lovely eye, good ear, strong neck, good shoulder, pleasing body shape, short coupled, good bend of stifle, moved really well behind with drive. In really good condition. **Best Veteran**.

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MINOR PUPPY BITCH (5,2)

- 1st Barker's Braithwaite Ever Thus At Flinthill. Strikingly marked, a pleasingly short coupled youngster with good substance on clean lines, sweet head and expression, good neck shape, carrying just the right amount of weight, in excellent condition, most mature in this class, moved quite well covering the ground with ease.
- 2nd Cannon, Elrington & Green's Ansona Grace Darling. Pretty bitch not quite the maturity of body, lacked the depth of chest of 1, has a pleasing outline, good reach of neck, good topline, and tailset. Moved well, really just needs time of course.
- 3rd Westaway's Penwest Pos Sybil.

PUPPY BITCH (6)

- 1st Guy & Hinton's Carmandine Cookie Crumble By Fleurfield. Wow I just loved both 1 and 2. I see 1 was sired by my CC winner. She is of really super type, excellent outline and short coupled, very nice head and expression, good length of muzzle, good back skull, excellent reach of neck, preferred the lay of shoulder of 1 slightly over 2, deep chest, good ribs, very good hind quarters well muscled, correct tail set, what drive and reach, classic text book movement, an exciting prospect expertly handled.
- 2nd Harrison's Millpoint Hopes N Dreams. Built on slightly bigger frame than 1, but absolutely beautiful, everything just runs together, stunning head, plenty of work in skull and around eyes, very nice eye colour with lovely expression, good reach of neck, good topline, deep chest, strong loin, nice spring of rib, lovely tail, moved well with drive behind a little unsettled in front.
- 3rd Robertson's Wynbury Thomasina By Fleurfield.

JUNIOR BITCH (5,1)

- 1st Martin's Shadesett Serendipity At Sunhouse. O/W Very nice, for size and shape, moved really well, stunning head, occiput, work in skull, dish good shape of muzzle, really good neck, clean in throat, nice topline and underline, good set on of tail, pleasing oval bone, presented to perfection, so stylish.
- 2nd Best's Bestina Betty Boop. B/W slightly longer in ribs than 1, a good type, very nice feminine head, lovely expression, good neck & shoulders, strong topline, in super condition, not quite as extrovert as 1, but had the best reach and drive on the move in the class.
- 3rd Kelly's Fleurfield Faith Of Kelval.

YEARLING BITCH (4,2)

- 1st Dyer Sharnphilly Juici Cuture JW. L/W really balanced bitch excellent outline, lovely head, good ear set, strong reachy neck, good shoulders everything just blends together, gentle slope to topline, good ribs, good tail set, best of legs and feet, shortish loin, has strong well bent hindquarters with good rear pasterns, decent muscle tone. Moved well, very promising.
- 2nd Hewitt Sunhouse As You Like It. Smart, B/W strikingly marked, different in type than 1, a short coupled bitch with lovely head and expression, good work in skull, pleasing balanced muzzle, strong shapely neck, good lay of shoulders, good depth of chest, falls away a little over croup, and could have a little more hind angulation. Moved quite well.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (10,2)

- 1st Martin's Sunhouse I Am What I Am JW. I just love this medium sized bitch, so short and sound, really good head, true type, with the correct plains and length of muzzle, lovely reach and shape to neck, super shoulders and topline, tail was the only thing I didn't particularly like, good front legs well under the body, good ribbing, and loins, pleasing bone and angle to pasterns, good hind angulation. Takes your breath away on the move, fabulous, beautifully presented, good attitude.
- 2nd Dunn Meadowpoint Talihina Sky. Heavier bitch, very respectable, not quite the freedom in movement of the winner and could be a little firmer in body. Has a good head with gradual stop and good expression, good ear set, very well put together, lovely reach of neck, good shoulders, strong topline, good width of chest and depth, strong hindquarters with good width. Moved quite well.
- 3rd Barford & Booth's Kiswahili You Live In Me For Protanto JW.

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LIMIT BITCH (13,2)

1st Dunn's Meadowpoint Spirit Dancer ShCM. Very nice balanced bitch with a very good outline, carrying just the right amount of weight, super head, lovely work, good dish, pleasing back skull, good neck length, shoulder and ribs, strong loin, good topline and tailset, excellent bend of stifle, good perpendicular hocks, pleasing straight forelegs. Moved really well with forward reach and drive.

2nd Grime & Byrne's Ansona Jenny Wren At Enryb. I loved this bitch, just made me smile, so stylish and a lovely type, moderate size, looks great when stacked, has a balanced head with muzzle, looks a tad broadish/flat in foreskull head on, nice eye colour, super shape to neck, good shoulders, bone and feet, good spring of ribs, decent hindquarters, moved well with drive, but not quite the easy stride of the winner, a little disappointed in her skittishness at times, but she exudes energy.

3rd Evans & Pavey's Joneva Hazy Hazy Dream JW.

OPEN BITCH (5)

1st Siddle's Sh Ch Wilchrimane Ice Maiden JW. Just stunning, so beautifully put together and so nicely balanced, loved her head, with dark eye and super expression, good stop, correct ear leathers, pointed and set well. Super neck shape, good conformation, ribs and strong loin, has straight forelegs, good strong hindquarters with width and good second thigh, strong rear pasterns. You can see the muscle definition & sinews clearly. Where she scores heavily for anyone to see is in the strength and resilient movement, a real powerhouse of text book precision, super head carriage, use of tail, quite outstanding in profile gait. She is the total package. **BCC BOB** and **Gundog Group 1**. 2nd Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch Kanix Chilli. Another really first rate bitch, I really like her type, lovely head, so much work in head, dish, balanced muzzle, very good reach of neck, good shoulders and topline, lovely tail, a little longer in body proportions than 1, excellent conformation, good hindquarters, A1 movement. **RBCC**. 3rd Dyer's Sharnphilly Auckland JW.

CHRIS BEXON - Judge

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