

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Sunday 27th October 2013

A large entry which I felt reflected the varying types within the breed. Some dogs looked great when stacked but movement disappointed so difficult decisions had to be made. I was looking for alert pointer character, overall balance and driving movement with good head carriage and lashing tail and found this in my main winners.

Concerns – some bitches were heavy in body, some dogs wide in skull and a noticeable number of dogs and bitches were lacking in second thigh and sweep of stifle. Pointers are born to gallop so disappointed to find dogs that were soft and needed more muscle tone. But temperaments were good, most dogs appeared to be within the preferred breed standard height and most were presented and handled well. Upper classes particularly strong in both sexes.

PUUPY DOG 10 (3a)

1st Theobald, Phillips & Westaway's Penwest Pallaton, .a delightful b/w of 10months, moved soundly with attractive head carriage and lightness of step. Elegant with beautiful head and expression, good reach of neck and spring of rib, well balanced for his age. Lovely type and very promising. **BP**.

2nd K A & S A Weaver's Anniezu My Guy. 6 months, o/w, still raw and heavier boned than 1 but I liked his overall shape and construction. He moved well, enjoying himself as a puppy should.

3rd Adams & Elrington's Ansona Albert Einstein.

JUNIOR DOG 3

1st Booth's Kanix Garfunkel, b/w, who went round the ring with effortless gait, reaching out well. Still to mature and finish off but well set shoulders, gently sloping topline and correctly proportioned head.

2nd Tait's Moordale Manhatton, slightly more substantial than 1 and shorter coupled but everything in proportion, with deep chest and strong hindquarters.

3rd Abbott's Millpoint Dare to Dream for Mirasol .

YEARLING DOG 11 (1a)

1st Watkins & Davies' Hurwyn Law n Order, b/w, elegant, classy mover. Presents a pleasing picture stacked, with clean lines, lovely length of body. Beautifully chiselled head and skull, bright, alert expression. Should be worthy of top honours when mature.

2nd Westron's Tenshilling Making Whoopee at Aurichalcum, o/w , powered round the ring with great enthusiasm, driving from strong hindquarters. Striking head and expression.

3rd Tait's Moordale Muskateer.

POST GRADUATE DOG 10

1st Newberry's Pipeaway Forte Fortuna for Giulia, o/w, liked his type though handler didn't get the most from him. Deep chest, short coupled and compact all through. Classic head and good reach of neck.

2nd Mason's Freebreeze Figaro. o/w. Still not quite mature and preferred rear quarters of 1. Gorgeous head and expression and he moved with purpose and good head carriage.

3rd NJ & KM MacManus' Luneville Harvest Moon.

LIMIT DOG 12 (2a)

1st Dodds' Raigmore Light Up the Sky for Lyncarda, close decision between 1 & 2 but this o/w two-year-old boy just strode out round the ring as if he owned it and this driving movement and front reach won him **DCC**. His head is handsome and masculine without being overdone in skull, his hocks are well let down, pasterns sloping, strong topline, good second thigh and deep chest. He is just the size I like and in cracking condition.

2nd EE & G Whitham's Moordale Maritime at Sedgekirk. Really liked this b/w boy and he was close up for RCC. He is longer in body than 1 but beautifully balanced with alert, kindly expression. Moved smoothly with light, easy step and I hope he achieves top honours soon.

3rd Perkins' Kanix Fate of Brent.

OPEN DOG 9 (1a) Excellent class.

1st Theobold's Sh Ch Tycarreg Strangely Familyr, considered this b/w dog for top honours last time I judged but felt he needed more time. Now in his prime, he is a real gentleman, a sound, honest pointer, beautiful when stacked with gently sloping top-line, deep chest and correct hindquarters. Kind expression and perfectly balanced head, he moved soundly but did not quite have sparkle of CC winner. **RDCC**.

2nd Marsh's Ch Sharnphilly Redshank for Ratchda, this b/w has to be gone over to be appreciated. So well constructed and balanced and in tip top condition, hard as nails. Good length of neck and pleasing head and expression. Great on the move.

3rd Kirby's Harmander Shabby Chic.

PUPPY BITCH 13 (4a)

1st PR & D E Stilgoe's Teisgol Irinara, b/w 8 months with attractive head and expression, looked good stacked but movement a bit erratic especially in challenge. Good depth of brisket, top line, strong hindquarters and well let down hocks.

2nd Mason/s Penwest Plover Amon Nosam, b/w, just a baby at six months so lost out to maturity but beautiful type, everything in the right place and very appealing, with sweet expression.

3rd Westaway's Penwest Panstarr.

JUNIOR BITCH 12 (3 a)

1st Klein-Woolthuis Tenshilling Take it All to Haxalgate, elegant b/w, 17 months, best mover, in class. Balanced all through with lovely reach of neck, good front, and rear angulation, tight feet and correct pasterns, well presented.

2nd Burke's Kanix Gucci with Alcazar, mature b/w who won her place for sound movement but has nice spring of rib, and well angulated shoulders.

3rd P & J Reynolds' Pipeaway Cara Mia at Sannanselmo.

YEARLING BITCH 7 (2a)

1st Rose's Ridanflight Rhianna, pretty o/w with lovely length of neck and sloping topline, pleasing sweep of stifle and well angulated shoulders but would prefer more front reach on the move.

2nd Siddle's Wilchrimane Maggie-Mae, liver /white, preferred hindquarters of 1 but upstanding bitch with keen alert demeanour, well presented.

3rd Batchelor's Hookwood It's a Kind of Magic.

POST GRADUATE BITCH 23 (6 a) Difficult class because of varying types and some disappointed on move.

1st Barford & Booth's Kiswahili You Live in Me for Protanto, o/w, lovely to go over and very correct in construction, balanced fore and aft and with beautifully chiselled head and kind expression. Moved easily and confidently with good head carriage which won her the class.

2nd Kolbach's Wozopeg Paprika with Guanabara, could not resist the type, elegance and beautiful curves of this b/w though I preferred front of 1. Very pretty, just the size I like and moved easily with a light step.

3rd Smith's Fydal Ava.

LIMIT BITCH 16 (4a) Needed more cards here!

1st Blowers' Bonnygate Karriage Queen of Deadaway. Considered for RCC, such a sound mover, alert, 5 year-old b/w well proportioned, pleasing in size, sloping pasterns, moved freely with drive and style. Neat head and bright expression, in great condition.

2nd Ward's Kisahili Timely Nu Edition to Jakobstown. O/w of totally different type to 1, stylish mover, clean lines and striking head and expression. She reminded me of pointers I have admired from the past.

3rd Anderson-Rowell's Wyndhead Mette Marit.

OPEN BITCH 11 (4a) Beautiful class.

1st RJ & CS Perkins' Luneville Honey Moon at Brent. My star of the day – a true pointer from the end of her inquisitive nose to the tip of her neat, lashing tail.. Glorious head carriage, so alert, just flowed round the ring to win **BCC** (found out later it was her third) and could not be denied **BOB** for sheer elegance combined with strength. Stunning top line, and loved her length of neck, exquisite curves and intelligent, keen expression.

2nd Tibbs' Sh Ch/Ir Sh Raigmore Let It Shine . Unlucky to meet 1 but a worthy champion and could not be denied **RBCC** to add to her impressive tally though pushed hard by limit class winner. Wonderful to watch on the move, sweet expression, consummate show girl. Neat all through, lovely size. Moved with such drive.

3rd Siddle's Sh Ch Wilchirimane Ice Maiden.

FLO BARKER - Judge