

BOSTON CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Friday 10th January 2014

Thank you to Boston was inviting me to judge & to the exhibitors for their generous applause after each class. Thank you also to my excellent stewards.

I have been absent from the Pointer ring in the UK for a good few years now which meant all the dogs were new to me. I don't like to complicate things by having preconceived ideas before I judge but simply judge as see them on the day.

As expected, with no tickets on offer, the entry on the day was not numerically strong. Perhaps this is why it was difficult to find consistently in type. It may be that in the years I have been absent from the ring there has been an overall change in kennel type. I did endeavour to find dogs with movement, balance & Pointer character & while it may be true that there are no 'perfect' dogs one should always strive to find them. I felt that some heads were notably broader in skull than I remember & there were few with the lovely flowing lines you expect in a pointer. However, on the plus side handling was considerably better than anticipated & some of the younger handlers certainly know how to move their dogs to advantage.

PUPPY DOG (4,1a)

1st Adams & Elrington's Ansona Albert Einstein, b/w, almost 12 months, full of pointer type & character, loved his attitude, very confident & alert, balanced overall with stop well defined, wide nostrils, excellent neck & shoulders, looking so balanced in profile, has strong lengthy pasterns & correct oval bone, the desired short hocks which he flexes so well on the move, lovely youngster;

2nd Saunders' Teisgol Massalia, attractive puppy of good type, masculine head & expression. Moved steadily but less positive on the move than the winner;

3rd Browne's Scobec Dream Lover.

JUNIOR DOG (1)

1st Tait's Moordale Muskateer, quality young l/w, masculine head with kind alert expression & dark eye, good body proportions & overall balance, in firm hard condition, moved well in profile. **RBD**

POST GRADUATE DOG (5,1)

1st Beesley's Ridanflight Rhodri at Birchleith, well developed balanced head on this o/w, defined stop, fine leathers, kind expression, he has a clean slightly arched neck with good topline and tailset, a short hard coat, a fine example of the breed & I would expect him to have an exciting future, really liked this youngster;

2nd Welch & Hazeltine's Hookwood Only Me, another impressive youngster, lengthy neck & good layback of shoulder. Pretty head & expression. Well angulated rear. Preferred the scope & movement of one;

3rd Ram's Gempoint Boot N Toot.

OPEN DOG (9,2)

1st Evans & Pavey's Sh Ch Joneva Diamond In The Rough, very stylish dog, kind in expression with correct balance between skull & foreface, lovely long slightly arched neck, superb layback of shoulders with brisket well let down, he has well sprung ribs & well turned stifles, lovely flowing lines from nose to tail, really well balanced in profile, held himself well on the move but probably to be seen at his best moving around a large outside ring, quality dog. **BD & BOB**;

2nd Harrison's Millpoint Top Hat N'Tails, stunning head on this b/w. He flows from nose to tail. Shoulders well laid. Excellent sloping pastern with well arched toes. On the move he covers the ground effortlessly. Quality dog who deserved his place. Liked him a lot;

3rd Adams' Sh Ch Ansona Simple Simon.

PUPPY BITCH (2)

1st Dyer's Sharnphilly Legally Blonde, stunning young bitch, lovely head with correct stop & pronounced occiput, fine leathers, clean neck leading into long sloping shoulder which were well laid back, good spring to her ribs, slightly arched loin, has everything going for her at the moment all she needs now is to mature, handled very well to show off her attributes, lovely free easy stride on the move, good head & tail carriage, superb young prospect, her owner has won the lottery here, I loved her & was delighted to award her **BB & BPIB**;

2nd Welch's Oxfordacres Trinity, pretty head on this young bitch, kind feminine expression, good clean reach of neck with a slight arch, well ribbed body with short loin, strong firm quarters, moved out well around the ring but preferred the movement in profile of the winner.

JUNIOR BITCH (2)

1 Purdy's Medogold Puttin' On The Style, these two youngsters were difficult to split here, both were full of quality & Pointer type. I thought this was an extremely attractive young bitch, a well balanced feminine head of excellent proportions, lovely flowing line from nose to tail, good width in first & second thigh, well let down hocks. She won here on her overall balance on the stack. Just preferred her over the neck & shoulders but a difficult decision, was really splitting hairs here;

2nd Harrison's Millpoint Hopes N'Dreams, such a beautiful head on this lovely o/w, this is where she definitely excels, carries herself so well on the move, covering the ring with a free easy stride, correct oval bone with strong lengthy pasterns, perhaps a shade longer in the loin than 1, good expanse in first & second thigh, lovely attitude & character, these two bitches will change places I am sure throughout their career.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (3,1)

1st Wilson's Bonnygate Lady Annie, liked this bitch for her overall construction, lovely head, well defined stop, good balance between skull & foreface, fine leathers, not a big bitch but well balanced with lovely oval bone, strong well developed quarters, well let down hocks, would prefer to see her a little less stretched in rear when set up, however only my personal preference;

2nd Roberts' Fanmatrix Dashing Dancer, pleasing head, good stop & wide flared nostrils, strongly made all through but retains her femininity, correct oval bone, excellent substance & depth of brisket, good overall balance, good muscle tone, attractive bitch who was very well handled.

OPEN BITCH (6,3)

1st Dyer's Sh Ch Sharnphilly Juici Cuture, such a delightful bitch to go over, sound & well constructed from nose to tail, liked the way she moved around the ring with an unexaggerated stride, feminine head with the correct balance between skull & foreface, lovely expressive eyes, well defined stop, she really excels over the neck & shoulders, looking so beautifully balanced in profile, strong lengthy pasterns & correct oval bone, lashing tail on the move, fine short hard coat, a bitch of obvious quality. **RBB**, the puppy just stole my heart;

2nd Evans & Pavey's Sh Ch Joneva Hazy Hazy Dream, attractive o/w, very eye-catching with lovely clean lines. Pretty head & kind eye, good body construction, nice feet & legs, sloping pasterns, really liked her type & general conformation, very well made & certainly has quality, was a little unsettled on the move;

3rd Welch's Droveborough Go For Gold by Hookwood.

MARGARET BROWN - judge