GUNDOG SOCIETY OF WALES CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWWednesday 15th October 2014

Delighted with my entry at this friendly & well run show. I was looking for sound dogs with breed type displaying Pointer character, feminine bitches & masculine but not overdone dogs. I am concerned with skull shapes in some of my youngsters, tails & tail sets have improved since I last judged.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (6)

1st Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Freebreeze Over The Top at Spinray, I/w, medium size, attractive head of good proportions, correct bone, pasterns & feet, good body shape. Just needs to tighten generally but very promising. Best mover in class. BP;

2nd Dolman's Freebreeze Lest We Forget, b/w litter brother to 1 with same attributes, just not so together on move, will take time to mature but plenty to like;

3rd Perkin's Brent Ticket For One.

PUPPY DOG (3)

1st Wilcox's Wilchrimane Bold Move for Merynjen, o/w, upstanding youngster clean lined, good neck, shoulders & topline. Kind expression, thin leathers. Much to like & most together of the three, less weight would lighten him on the move;

2nd Walkling's Aspyre Counting Sheep at Kiswahili, holds a lovely profile with a mature body for age & moved very well with drive. Prefer head shape of 1;

3rd Siddle's Wilchrimane C'Mon Norbert.

JUNIOR DOG (5)

1st Hinton & Lennox's Mursbrae Theodore by Fleurfield, handsome youngster with correct head shape flowing neck into shoulders, good tailset & strong hindquarters. Needs to tighten a bit on move but has a good action & gave a pleasing overall picture;

2nd Weaver's Anniezu Lovely Day, loved his stamp & beautiful graceful body, didn't always show to his advantage which was a shame as very promising. Think he was one who would have benefitted from being shown outside as only got glimpses of his long stride;

3rd Timothy's Anniezu Magic Moments.

YEARLING DOG (7)

1st Theobald, Phillips & Westaway's Penwest Pallaton, caught my eye immediately, medium size alert & active holding a good shape stacked & on the move. Kind expression, dark eye, good head shape. Nothing overdone, good hindquarters. Should be special with a bit more maturity, unfortunately lost his sparkle in the challenge;

2nd Walkling, Grantham & Moss' Aspyre Follow Your Dreams to Kiswahili, nice type not dissimilar to 1. Lovely head & eye, good flews. Mature for age & tanked round the ring;

3rd Adam's Ansona Albert Einstein.

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NOVICE DOG (2)

1st Tait's Moordale Muskateer, well constructed I/w, correct head & kind expression, deep chested, good bone, nice front, moved OK in profile but not happy in the hall;

2nd Timothy's Anniezu Magic Moments, good head & expression, correct body shape, placed in YD, just lacks a bit of oomph.

POST GRADUATE DOG (12)

1st Pattie's Hurwyn Masterchef, very eyecatching mature dog of excellent proportions & flowing lines. Handsome chiselled head, lovely eye & expression. Correct bone & moved well;

2nd Brown's Teisgol Think About It, slightly smaller stamp & not as mature as 1 but holds a pleasing outline on the move & standing. Good front, correct bone, sloping pasterns & good feet. Prefer more animation;

3rd Isherwood's Symitry Red Rascal.

LIMIT DOG (8,1)

1st Mitchell's Gartarry Moonshine over Staxyll, best I have seen from this handsome o/w, put down in excellent condition, now reaching maturity. Well shaped head, soft lip, melting eye & fine leathers. Good topline & tailset, correct bone, good feet & pasterns. Strode out on the move. Tough to meet the Open boys in the challenge;

2nd Oddie's Wilchrimane Igoyougo at Riowood, matured into a lovely dog, very well presented & in tip-top condition. Solid head with dark eye & kind expression, flowing body & covered the ground well on the move;

3rd Dodd's Raigmore Light Up The Sky for Lyncarda.

OPEN DOG (10,2a)

1st Harrison's Millpoint Heat Wave, b/w in super form & condition, mature & strong but in no way coarse, correct angles & muscletone. Head of good type & kind eye & expression. Never put a foot wrong, as one with his handler stacked & on the move. CC;

2nd Westron's Tenshilling Makin Whoopee at Aurichalcum, medium sized o/w with a melting expression, lovely dark eye, good flews & head shape, flowing body beautifully constructed. Unfortunately a bit unsettled so paid the price. RCC;

3rd Watkins & Davies' Sh Ch Hurwyn Law N Order.

VETERAN DOG (4,1)

1st Wilkinson's Hurwyn Harris Tweed, an old favourite still as handsome as ever, compact but all male, lovely head & eye, moved with enthusiasm with a lashing tail. BVD;

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Lets Go Crackers, in tremendous form, looks no age at all, good head & topline, moved well. Unlucky to meet 1;

3rd Anderson-Rowell's Stormy Lenny at Daledancer.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (1)

1st Brown's Teisgol Lady Of Beauty, pretty 6 months liver with good head shape, ears & set correct, balanced body, good angles, moved & handled well.

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PUPPY BITCH (3)

- 1st Reed's Millpoint Must Be Love, mature pup, well put together, pleasing head, good shoulders & front, bit rolly polly on move but positive which won her the class. BPB;
- 2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Pride N Prejudice, sparky eye catching solid black, nice type, well put together, clean lines, good legs & feet. Needs time;
- 3rd Flint's Wynbury Golden Chalice by Fleurfield.

JUNIOR BITCH (11,1)

- 1st Barker's Flinthill Sunshine Suzy, stylish bitch. Classy head giving good expression through kind eyes, thin leathers set well. Sweeping flow to neck & topline, strong hindquarters & moved well. One to watch;
- 2nd Wilkinson's Stocksfell Remember Me, although a bit raw she has all the essentials, lovely head & clean lines, correct bone, feminine, improved her placing by her positive & powerful movement; 3rd Dykes' Raigmore Starlet at Briartor.

YEARLING BITCH (9,2)

- 1st Wilkinson's Hurwyn Rock On Ruby, o/w, so typical of this kennel. Best of heads, eye, lip & front melting expression. Well bodied up & strong hindquarters. Covered the ground but played up on the move in the challenge;
- 2nd Westaway's Penwest Pica Pica, I/w, correct body shape & type, just preferred head & eye of 1. Moved well fore & aft, very sound;
- 3rd Preece & Gilding's Harvestslade Diamond Dream.

NOVICE BITCH (4)

- 1st Dyke's Raigmore Starlet at Briartor, not a big one but well proportioned & presented an attractive picture, dark eye, thin leathers & cleaned lined. Strode out on the move with enthusiasm;
- 2nd Reynold's Pipeaway Cara Mia at Sananselmo, attractively headed bitch with correct body shape & good feet & pasterns. Still needs to fill her frame to complete the picture. Lacked enthusiasm on the move which cost her 1 place;
- 3rd Preece & Gilding's Harvestlade Diamond Dream.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (15,2)

- 1st Hall's Gartarry New Moon, such a balanced feminine bitch not overdone in any way. Classic head with dark pigment, well set ears, thin leathers, flowing neck. Moved purposefully, & shown in excellent condition;
- 2nd Rankin's Tenshilling Rumour Has It Fyldefair, another lovely bitch, beautifully balanced with flowing lines & well muscled. Correct bone, good front, feet & pasterns. Just preferred head of 1. Moved with purpose;
- 3rd Udale's Dowbiggins Olympic Gold.

LIMIT BITCH (11) Loved this class absolutely spoilt for choice.

- 1st Smith's Fydal Ava Delightful, o/w, just coming into her prime. Well chiselled head, dark eye, lovely thin leathers, curvaceous body, well muscled clean lines, good feet & pasterns. Moved well with lashing tail. RCC;
- 2nd Barford & Booth's Kiswahili You Live In Me for Prontanto, my surprise of the day, loved this mature bitch, well proportioned, not overdone but oozed Pointer type, good picture stood & on the move. Just wished she had been to weightwatchers;
- 3rd Anderson-Rowell's Wyndhead Mette Marit.

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OPEN BITCH (8,1)

1st Siddle's Sh Ch Wilchrimane Ice Maiden, truly a bitch to fill the eye from her well chiselled head through her flowing lines to her strong hindquarters, taught body feels strong & well muscled yet she has such feminine grace. On the move she is as one with her handler has a smooth driving action, never falters & has never looked better. CC, BOB & RBIS;

2nd Dyer's Sh Ch Sharnphilly Juicy Culture, another from the top drawer with so much to admire. Excellent body shape, good head & movement to match 1; 3rd O'Neill's Tenshilling Do It Again.

VETERAN BITCH (3,1)

1st Tibb's Ch/Ir Ch Raigmore Let It Shine, o/w, 7 years old still in her prime. Attractive head shape, dark eye, curvaceous in body with clean lines, feminine, gives a sound account on the move just pipped in the challenge. BV;

2nd Lowe's Lowsmoor Echo Falls, b/w 10 years young, still in excellent body shape & condition with strong hindquarters & moving soundly.

GERALDINE O'DRISCOLL - judge

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