

LADIES KENNEL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Sunday 11TH December 2016

I would like to begin by apologising to my exhibitors for the delay in submitting my report, as a result of ill-health. I thoroughly enjoyed this appointment, exhibitors were good natured and the dogs were well presented. As far as the breed is concerned generally, I am glad to see that heads are improving and there are fewer overdone boxy heads.

The Pointer head should be in definition in proportion to its body. Feet, however, are still a bit hit and miss. The breed standard describes the feet as "oval", "well knit" "arched toes" and "well cushioned". Would like to see more like this. It was also good to see fewer upright fronts, although there were a couple present. On the whole I felt the breed has improved since my previous appointment. I had some very good quality classes where placings could easily change on another day, and some where there just weren't enough prize cards.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (8 Entries, 2 Absent)

1st Mrs D & Miss J O'Neill's Chesterhope Thrill of the Chase (Imp NZ). Really liked this 8 month old boy; maturing nicely right through from his head to his tail. Well built all over, showing strength but elegance. Well-defined stop without being overdone, good eye pigment, wide soft nostrils, correct ear shape, well developed soft lip and a kind expression. Good length of neck into well laid back shoulders, plenty of spring of rib; brisket well let down to elbows, good strong oval bone, well balanced throughout and moved soundly. Well deserved BPIB and also won the Puppy Stakes Overall. Shall watch his career with interest.

2nd Miss C Hazeltine & Mrs S Welch's Hookwood Rocket Man. 6 months old B&W, nicely balanced throughout with sloping shoulders and good oval bone. Good bend of stifle and well let down hocks, moving soundly. Another good head. Unfortunate to meet the more mature dog on the day.

3rd Hope's Millpoint Simply Splendid

PUPPY DOG (2 Entries)

1st Gordon & Petherick's Hawkfield Strider. O&W dog, just 12 months, with plenty still to do, but with a lot going for him. Nicely balanced head, correct flew, wide nostrils, long arched neck into sloping shoulders, correct oval feet, and oval bone. Just needs to come together.

2nd Hazeltine & Welch's Hookwood Rocket Man

JUNIOR DOG (3 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Wilberg's Kanix Mario. O&W dog, typical of this breeding, good balance throughout, with a well proportioned head, ears of correct shape. Well laid back shoulders. Good oval bone, correct sloping pasterns, and well let down brisket. Should do well.

2nd Dyer, Dyer & Oddie's Sharnphilly Secretariat. Another well balanced dog, built on finer lines than 1st. With maturity will give him a run for his money. Well proportioned head, with correct muzzle, ear set and shape; long arched neck into well laid back shoulders; nicely made through to well let down hocks. Two very nice youngsters.

YEARLING DOG (6 Entries)

1st Macara, Jamieson & Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Legend at Cromasaig. O&W dog, I liked a lot. Well balanced throughout with correct graceful curves; correct head in proportion to body, good reach of neck, correct oval bone, layback of shoulder, and sloping pasterns. Lovely topline, good width of second thigh, bend of stifle and low set hocks. Would like to see him again when he has finished maturing.

2nd Collins' Colholme John Paul. B&W dog, that is beautifully balanced throughout and should develop into a very good mature example of the breed, he just needs more confidence and more training. He has all the correct elements required for a Pointer, with correct oval bone, low set hocks, well let down brisket, good topline, and another well balanced correct head without any exaggeration.

3rd Luke & Hinton's Fleurfield Jack Daniels

POST GRADUATE DOG (10 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Freebreeze over the Top at Spinray. Another very nice dog, L&W, good balance throughout, with a nicely proportioned head, showing a kind even expression. Good reach of neck and angulation fore and aft; correct oval bone and feet.

2nd Turnbull's Bonnygate Marquis o' The Glen at Beridew. This dog pushed hard being just as good as 1st in all respects. This dog is very typical of its breeding, well put together, looking like he could work well. Lovely head and expression, correct ears, angulation fore and aft, oval bone etc., Lost out on maturity.

3rd Tannahill's Wynbury Walter Jack

LIMIT DOG (14 Entries, 2 Absent)

1st Siddle & Siddle's Wilchrimane C'mon Norbert. Dog CC winner. I was surprised to learn that this was the dog's first CC. He has matured nicely since I last judged him and is a fine example of what to expect from a Pointer. The appearance of strength and endurance coupled with graceful curves and symmetrical all over. All points correct, well defined head, nothing overdone, kind eye, good reach of neck, into well laid back shoulders with good length of upper arm. Correct oval bone and correct feet. Good expanse of second thigh, and well let down hocks. Moved soundly, but could have done with a bit more verve, which cost him BOB.

2nd Saunder's Teisgol Massalia. Another well put together dog, of a different type, making him heavier throughout than 1st. However, showed many of the correct attributes, such as nicely defined head, wide nostrils, kind expression. Good length of neck into laid back shoulders. Correct sloping pasterns and oval bone. Not as much angulation as I would like, but as he is balanced fore and aft he moved soundly.

3rd Tibbs' Fydal Beeswing at Raigmore

OPEN DOG (6 Entries)

1st Harrison's Sh Ch Millpoint Heat Wave JW SHCM. This dog was as usual immaculately turned out and expertly handled, showing to his best. Nothing flashy about him, but a sound example of beautifully balanced throughout, good angulation fore and aft, beautifully defined head, nothing overdone; good reach of neck into sloping shoulders, correct oval bone, and correct feet. Sinews strong and visible (not often seen these days), good expanse of second thigh. Moved soundly. RCC

2nd Hazeltine & Upton's Hookwood by George JW SHCM. Another well put together dog, moving soundly, well proportioned head with kind expression; good spring of rib.

3rd Westron's Sh Ch Tenshilling Makin Whoopee at Aurichalcum

VETERAN DOG – No entries

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME DOG (4 Entries)

1st Saunders' Teisgol Massalia

2nd Tannahill's Wynbury Walter Jack JW. Well put together, balanced throughout, but a little on the heavy side. Moved soundly.

3rd Wall's Meadowpoint Spirit of Fire

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (8 Entries, 2 Absent)

1st Harrisons' Millpoint Simply Scrumptus. A particularly hard class to judge, all very nice puppy bitches. The first three were clearly litter sisters, and very typy. Very nitpicking to separate and place, I am sure they will change places on many occasions. 1st won on overall balance, very well put together for one so young. She had good length of neck, a beautiful head with soft expression, correct ears and flews. Good layback of shoulders, oval bone, sloping pasterns and well let down hocks. Using her tail well on the move.

2nd Matthews' Millpoint Simply Bootiful with Sonham. Another quality puppy with all the same attributes, lost out for having a slightly narrower head.

3rd Fleetwood's Millpoint Simply I Catching

PUPPY BITCH (6 Entries)

1st Rankine's Gempoint Catch a Dream for Fyldefair. Very smart looking B&W bitch, well handled. Lots of quality points, well placed ears and correct shape. Good length of neck into well laid back shoulders, correct oval bone, good depth, sloping pasterns and well let down hocks. Moving soundly.

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Naughty Nancy. Another quality bitch from this kennel, very typical of their breeding. Well balanced throughout, with correct angulation fore and aft, helping her to move soundly, together with finer points such as well proportioned head, good reach of neck, layback of shoulder and oval bone, together with sloping pasterns and low set hocks. Good depth. Not as mature as 1st place, but will probably be tough competition when fully mature.

3rd Huxley's Woodfleet Wild is the Wind

JUNIOR BITCH (6 Entries, 3 Absent)

1st Dyer, Dyer & Oddie's Sharnphilly Makybe Diva. A very feminine bitch, winning the class on maturity, but still with some depth to come. Presented a well- balanced overall picture, with lots of quality points. Good reach of neck, angulation fore and aft, oval bone, plenty of second thigh. Should have a promising future.

2nd Elrington's Ansona Cinderella JW. Another very nice youngster, beautifully balanced throughout, well laid back shoulders, good length of upper arm, oval bone, sloping pasterns, good expanse of second thigh and bend of stifle, with low set hocks.

3rd Hawkes & Robinson's Theadom Canopus

YEARLING BITCH (9 Entries)

1st Evans & Pavey's Joneva Mrs Bridges. Another class full of quality bitches, making my decision very difficult. At the risk of sounding boring, this young lady won on her overall balance and quality, although I would prefer a little more length of leg. This did not affect her ability to move soundly and happily around the ring. Beautiful head with a dark eye, and lovely expression, nothing overdone. Nicely set on ears, correct shape. Correct oval bone and oval feet. Expertly handled as usual.

2nd Cobden's Hawkfield Bronze for Alozia. Another well balanced quality bitch, with all the same qualities as 1st, just a little lighter in bone, and second thigh.

3rd Bond's Joneva Asterea JW

POST GRADUATE BITCH (13 Entries) This was a super class, all these beautiful bitches promise a good future for the breed. Could swap places on another day.

1st Hinton's Fleurfield Dances on a Dream JW. Beautifully put together, lovely head of correct proportions, nothing overdone, lovely expression; neat, correctly set on ears. Good reach of neck into nicely sloping shoulders, correct oval bone and sloping pasterns. Good spring of rib, well let down brisket, good length of loin. Good breadth of stifle and well let down hocks. Moved happily and very soundly. Very typical of this successful breeder and handler.

2nd Brooksmith & Adams' Nightgold Blackavar. Another quality bitch of similar shape and build, all the same comments apply; really nit picking, preferred front of 1st.

3rd Blowers' Fydal Blown Away to Deadaway

LIMIT BITCH (9 Entries, 2 Absent)

1st Smith's Lypal Once Upon a Time JW. Another class of lovely bitches. Nicely proportioned head with kind eye. Good reach of neck into laid back shoulders, good topline on the move, correct oval bone, sloping pasterns. Good spring of rib and depth of brisket.

2nd Mackay's Federica Fanfare at Woodglade. Another lovely bitch built on finer lines than 1 but with all the same qualities. Lacking some depth in brisket left her in 2nd place, but nit picking again!

3rd Welch's Oxfordacres Trinity by Hookwood JW SHCM

OPEN BITCH (12 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Stuckey's Sh Ch Medogold Coralie of Pendan JW SHCM. What can I say? I have loved this bitch since first encountering her at an Open Show early last year. I gave her the Gundog Group and she went BIS. She has truly lived up to my expectations of her, and I was delighted to give her a 6th CC today. She oozes quality, from her beautifully balanced head right to the tip of her correct tail. She has a lovely soft expression, and a temperament to go with it. All the graceful curves are there, coupled with strength and endurance. She started the day early in a JH class and ended it in the Group showing her socks off and getting short-listed in a very strong group. Fit as a fiddle. Lovely neck into a good topline. Excellent angulation fore and aft, good depth and spring of rib; oval bone, correct feet, low set hocks. Would have taken her home. Perfect. Bitch CC and BOB

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's SH CH Kanix Chilli. Another bitch I have judged before and liked a lot, she was unlucky today to come up against my winner. All the same excellent qualities, but I preferred the head of my winner. More nit-picking.

3rd Brooksmith & Adams' Medogold Kiss n' Tell JW SHCM

VETERAN BITCH (3 Entries)

1st Dunn's Meadowpoint Spirit Dancer SHCM. An 8-year-old Bitch moving soundly and enthusiastically around the ring, clearly enjoying her day out. Best Veteran.

2nd Brooksmith & Adams' Smartbay Vintage Gold SHCM. 9 years old and also enjoying her day out, not quite as sound on the move.

3rd Roberts & Roberts' Hawkfield Sea Siren

GOOD CITIZEN BITCH (3 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Brooksmith & Adams' Nightgold Blackavar. See above.

2nd Blowers' Fydal Blown Away to Deadaway, beautifully presented and handled, pretty well proportioned head, long neck, oval bone, sloping pasterns, good spring of rib, well let down brisket.

CHRISTINE NADEN - Judge