

GUNDOG BREED ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Saturday 11th November 2017

Many thanks to the committee for the invitation and their hospitality. Many thanks to my two stewards. I would also like to thank each and every exhibitor for the opportunity to judge their Pointers. I truly appreciate the time, effort and cost involved.

I was more than happy with both the quality and quantity of the entry. On the whole conformation was good which allowed me to concentrate on the finer Pointery points including rewarding correct tail carriage and action. As has been mentioned by other judges already this year I was saddened to find some bad mouths and kinks in tails, more than likely the Pointers in the showing are the future breeding stock and, in my opinion, these are traits that should not be carried forward. Most were well muscled with those that were soft in tone paying the price. Temperaments were good and I particularly enjoyed the typical baby Pointer antics.

VETERAN DOG (5)

1st Alcorn and Lynn's Sh Ch Afterglow Bare Faced Lie at Kanix ShCM. 8.5 year old who can still compete with the best. Lovely masculine head with good length of foreface. Kind expression, well set on thin leathers. Good length of neck leading into well constructed front with plenty of heartroom. Strong topline with ribs carried well back. Well boned dog with correct pasterns and feet. Shown in good fit bloom. Moved out very well covering plenty of ground with ease and making good use of his tail. Res DCC, Best Veteran in Breed and delighted to see him go Reserve Best Veteran in Show only beaten by my favourite Irish Setter Neita.

2nd Westron's Aurichalcum Lord Beckett of Castlepoint. This orange and white boy is almost 10 years old and very similar remarks apply as to 1st. This dog loves life to the full and is as fit and keen as ever. Lovely stamp of a dog and although he carried his tail a little high today he made good use of it. A great credit to his owner.

3rd Anderson Rowell's Stormy Lenny at Daledancer.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (7,1)

1st Langford's Fydal Cortese of Papermill. This 6 and a half month o/w stole my heart. Lovely baby with everything just right for his age. Super head with lovely dark eyes giving a very kind expression. Plenty of work and stop for one so young, nice thin leathers. Good bone, feet and balanced angles. Nicely muscled showing plenty of promising movement. One I will watch with interest.

2nd O'Neill's Tenshilling Biscuits. 7 month o/w dog whos head is beginning to break, nice dark eye and excellent length of foreface, good length of neck and balanced angles fore and aft. There is plenty to like about this boy who has super effortless profile movement. Slightly bum high today and moved a tad close behind.

3rd McCudden's Forthbourne Fifth Gear.

PUPPY DOG (4)

1st Gerrard and Galloway's Sharnphilly Santorelli with Carmandine. Almost 11 month B/W dog. Lovely head with kind, dark eye and super turn of lip. Good neck leading into correct front with good bone, feet and pasterns. Super spring of rib, well angulated, muscled hind quarters enabled him to move well for a youngster. Made good use of his correctly carried tail. Best Puppy in Breed. Delighted to see him secure Best Puppy in Show 3.

2nd Philo's Fydal Caprio at Salmonmist. 6 month old O/W who was VHC in the previous strong minor puppy class. A lot to like about this puppy from his good head, balanced angles and type. My notes say 'enthusiastic!' Gave his mum a hard time, but the patient, quiet handling will pay off.

3rd Dunn's Meadowpoint Look to the Star.

JUNIOR DOG (5)

1st Tibbs' Raigmore Beekeeper. 14 month neat O/W dog with a very appealing expression and lovely head. Good length of neck into well balanced angles fore and aft which showed up in his ability to move well. Super neat, busy tail which was carried and used well.

2nd Tobin and Moss' Davigdor Corn Master. 12 and a half month old O/W dog with a gorgeous head and melting expression. Good long neck leading into super angles. Good oval bone, slightly sloping pasterns and oval feet. Nice neat little tail. Needs to settle in movement to complete the picture and become more of a team with his handler.

3rd Mrs P and Miss E Tibbs and Chisholm's Raigmore Beeswax.

YEARLING DOG (2)

1st O'Neill's Sh Ch Chesterhope Trill of T Chase (Imp NZ) 19 month old o/w dog teeming with quality. Super pigment. Lovely young masculine head with kind dark eye. Strong, clean neck leading into super front with good forechest and heartroom. Strong, well shaped topline with ribs carried well back. Lovely depth. Good oval bone. Well shaped hindquarters with good muscletone allowing him to move well with plenty of freedom and drive carrying his tail correctly. DCC and BOB. Delighted to see him go BIS 3.

2nd Booth's Lundgarth Teal. 15 month o/w who stood reserve in the Junior class. Pleasant head and kind expression. Decent dog but immature in comparison to the winner.

GRADUATE DOG (5, 1)

1st Jamieson, Macara and Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix News Flash at Glenfinnan. 19 month liv/w upstanding young male who worked his handler hard. Lovely headed dog with well angled framework. Good bone and feet with super slightly sloping pasterns. Good hard coat and put down in fit condition. Really motored round the ring. Needs to continue to mature to complete the picture. Should have a bright future ahead of him.

2nd Wall's Meadowpoint Spirit of Fire. 3 year old b/w dog. Heavier all through but a very honest dog who is at his best when moving in a powerful and effortless way. Good balanced angles with plenty of bone, good pasterns and feet. Strong topline and great depth. Happy dog and super fit.

3rd Nelis and Mason's Freebreeze Let's Do It.

POST GRADUATE DOG (7,1)

1st Hall's Gartarry You Shook Me. 2 year old b/w dog. Super shaped head with plenty of work and neat ears, lovely length of foreface. Kind dark eye. Long elegant neck leading into good front assembly with good bone, pasterns and feet. Strong shapely topline supported by well sprung ribcage carried well back. Correct balanced angles allowing him to move freely. Nice young dog.

2nd Luke's Teisgol Far Horizon for Fleurfield. 3 year old o/w dog with a melting expression in a well worked head. Possess' nice angles and similar remarks apply as to 1st but was in softer condition. Used his tail well. 3rd Wilson's Bonnygate Master Ghillie.

LIMIT DOG (7,2)

1st Critchley, London and Heaton's Shadybrook J Hoover at Whipspan (imp USA). 2 year old o/w elegant dog. Super young masculine head with kind eye. Lovely long neck leading into clean correct front with well shaped bone, feet and lengthy slightly sloping pasterns. Well shaped topline with ribs carried well back and good depth of chest. Drove round the ring powered by well shaped quarters and tail. Another super young dog that I considered for further honours.

2nd Luke and Hinton's Fleurfield Jack Daniels. 2 year old liv/w heavier built than 1. He has a good shaped masculine head with good turn of lip. Strong neck leading into well angled front and matched by well turned stifles and rear quarters. Firm topline held on the move. Close decision.

3rd Timothy's Anniezu Magic Moments at Sousacroft.

OPEN DOG (5)

1st Gerrard's Hookwood Showpiece at Carmandine. 4 year old o/w A very neat and tidy honest dog with good head and kind eye. Good length of foreface. Neat thin leathers. Good length of neck leading into strong well shaped topline. Well balanced fore and aft which allowed him to move correctly with freedom. Used his tail well. A new one to me and I liked him.

2nd O'Neill's Tenshilling Home Alone JW. 2.5 year old o/w dog. A very kind and cheeky expression comes from this well shaped head although to be fussy I would prefer a slightly stronger foreface to match his back skull. Another neat package with slightly more angulation fore and aft than 1 but 1 had better pasterns. Very fit boy who was a bit keen of his tail today. Close decision.

3rd Tregaskis' Moenfair Choirboy.

VETERAN BITCH (4)

1 Mason's Sh Ch Freebreeze As You Like It ShCM. 10 year old lem/w. Classic Pointer who I have always loved. Super feminine head with lovely length of foreface. Nice elegant neck leading into a well angulated front with good length of upper arm. Great depth of brisket with plenty of heartroom. Well shaped bone, sloping pasterns and good feet. Still holds her topline well and topped off with a neat well used tail. Carries her years lightly.

2nd Fairbairn and Madigan's Misperros Jumanji of Carmelfair. Another favourite of mine. 8.5 year old o/w. Slightly heavier built bitch but similar remarks apply. Super class of older ladies proving the longevity of this breed. A credit to their owners.

3rd Brooksmith and Adams' Smartbay Vintage Gold ShCM.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (9,5)

1st Siddle and Crocker's Wilchrimane Pirouette. 7 month old o/w bitch who is coming together nicely. Shapely young head with good length of muzzle. Nice clean neck. Well angulated front and quarters. Strong correct bone with good pasterns and feet. Topline a bit flat not helped by reverse coat stroking. Moved well with good reach and drive for one so young.

2nd McGilp's Forthbourne Firefly. Close decision between these two. Another nice o/w with an appealing head although a little short in foreface. Clean angles with a lot to like about her. Nice young bitch who moved well.

3rd McDougall's Wyndhead Village Gossip.

PUPPY BITCH (7)

1st Hinton and Lennox's Keepersfield Christelle. Almost 12 month old b/w bitch. Creates a lovely shape. Well boned puppy with super angles and a lovely neat tail. Well balanced head with lovely dark eye and neat ears. Super depth with ribs carried well back. Moved very well covering plenty of ground. Will watch her progress with interest. BBP.

2nd Dyer and Oddie's Sharnphilly Vera Wang. Almost 11 month old b/w bitch. Another lovely headed bitch leading into long, clean cresty neck. Clean shoulders, good bone and lovely sloping pasterns. Good depth and heartroom with ribs carried well back. A shade longer than 1. Powerful hindquarters with great width of stifle. Topped off with a neat little tail. Moved well with purpose. Very close decision.

3rd Tibbs' Sharnphilly Escada at Raigmore.

JUNIOR BITCH (3)

1st Siddle and Crocker's Wilchrimane Frankel (AI) 13 month o/w bitch. Mature with lovely breed type. Well balanced head with plenty of work and lovely turn of lip and kind dark eye. Long feminine neck leading cleanly into well angulated front with lovely forechest. Good depth with curvy underline. Well turned stifles. Good hard coat. Moved round the ring with style. Close up for further honours.

2nd Tobin and Moss' Davigdor Bee Wyched. Just over 12 months liv/w bitch. Nicely made compact bitch with a lot to like about her. Very similar remarks apply to that of her litter brother who was placed in the corresponding male class. Needs to settle and lift her tail on the move.

3rd Wallace's Sonstraal Only One Wish.

YEARLING BITCH (6,2)

1st Elrington's Ansona Cinderella JW. Almost 2 year old b/w. Neat compact bitch with well made head with good turn of lip. Clean neck leading into well angulated front, good oval bone, sloping pasterns and well shaped feet. Balanced hindquarters and tidy tail. In tremendous fit bloom, moving round the ring economically.

2nd Huxley's Woodfleet Wild is the Wind. 22 month b/w built on slightly racier lines than 1. Nicely shaped head with alert expression. Long neck leading into good shoulders and well angulated front, matched by her well shaped hindquarters. Well sprung ribcage carried well back. Another fit, well muscled exhibit. Close decision.

3rd Callander's Kelval Kuga of Shambellie.

GRADUATE BITCH (4)

1st Dunn's Meadowpoint Spirit of Love JW Sh CM 3 year old b/w that I awarded Best Puppy in breed to 2 years ago and she has matured nicely. Good stamp, typical of this kennel. Lovely head with dark kind eye. Good oval bone, sloping pasterns and well cushioned feet. Well shaped topline. Hard coat. Well angulated fore and aft. In fit hard condition moving effortlessly around the ring.

2nd Hewitt's Droveborough's Miss Marple. 3 year old liv/w. Similar remarks apply as to 1 and a close decision. Another good stamp of bitch with a pretty head, strong neck leading into well constructed front assembly. Firm topline, nicely sprung ribs. Well angulated hindquarters. Moved around the ring with purpose.

3rd Anderson Rowell's Little Owl Scandiaca for Daledancer (imp Slov).

POST GRADUATE BITCH (10) Super class.

1st O'Driscoll's Fowington Risque. 3 year old b/w mature bitch. Super, well shaped head with dark eye and thin leathers. Clean neck leading into super well angulated front with lovely length of upper arm. Quality oval bone, correct sloping pasterns and good feet. Super depth and heartroom. Ribs carried well back. Nicely shaped hindquarters with well developed first and second thigh. Nice neat tail used correctly. In super condition. Moved well with great drive. Seriously considered for further honours.

2nd Dyer and Oddie's Sharnphilly Makybe Diva JW. 2 year old b/w bitch giving just a bit too much away in maturity today. Very pretty head with the darkest of eyes. Long neck leading into good front with quality oval bone and well cushioned feet. Good depth with ribs carried well back sweeping into well turned stifles and good hocks. Moved out well using her very neat tail. Great animation.

3rd Blowers' Fydal Blown Away to Deadaway.

LIMIT BITCH (5)

1st Wheldon and Earl's Caithpoint Here and Now. 3 year old elegant o/w. This young lady has come on so much since I judged her as a puppy and now reminds me so much of her mother who I gave the CC to (and gave her father the CC with BOB on the same occasion) Classic head with noble bearing, long neck leading into sloping shoulders and good length of upper arm. Quality oval bone, slightly sloping pasterns. Would prefer tidier feet. Correct depth and heartroom with ribs carried well back. Lovely shaped powerful hindquarters and neat tail. Shown in fit hard condition. Moved with great verve and importance.

2nd McManus' Crookrise Diva by Luneville. 4 year old b/w with a lovely well proportioned head with neat thin leathers. Long neck leading into good lay of shoulders. Would prefer a longer upper arm. Good forechest, heartroom and depth of brisket. Quality oval bone, pasterns and well cushioned feet. Firm topline into shapely hindquarters. Moved well although would prefer her to lower her tail.

3rd Brooksmith and Adams' Nightgold Blackavar.

OPEN BITCH (9,1)

1st McGilp's Sh Ch Ridanflight Ruby Tuesday at Forthbourne. 3 year old stylish o/w. I have admired her from the ringside and with hands on she did not disappoint. Classic head with good length of foreface, lovely dark pigment and kind eye. Neat thin leathers. Long, clean, cresty neck. Lovely clean shoulders with good length of upper arm. Quality oval bone, slightly sloping pasterns and well knitted feet. Good depth of brisket, plenty of heartroom, good spring of rib and carried well back. Well shaped topline with the required slight rise over the loins. Hindquarters well shaped and strong. Topped off with neat tail allowing her to stride effortlessly around the ring with verve and animation. BCC.

2nd Evans and Pavey's Joneva Mrs Bridges JW. 2 year old b/w built on heavier lines than 1. Another star from this well established kennel. Lovely headed bitch with kind dark eye. Long neck. Good front with correct length of upper arm, good oval bone, sloping pasterns and well cushioned feet. Good depth and forechest, flows nicely into curvy hindquarters. Put down in super condition and shown to advantage. Res BCC.

3rd Brooksmith and Adams' Sh Ch Medogold Kiss N'Tell JW ShCM.

WENDY GORDON - judge