

SOUTH WALES CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Saturday 7th October 2017

I would like to thank the officers and committee for the invitation to judge at SWKA. I had two excellent stewards who kept proceedings moving so well. Thanks also to the exhibitors for the sporting atmosphere and for a quality entry. Sadly some good dogs went cardless in some of the classes. On the negative side I found a couple of suspect mouths and some dogs in soft condition. Ours is a galloping breed and needs to be 'Fit for Function'. All temperaments were good and there were no exaggerations.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (6).

1st O'Neill's Tenshilling Biscuits. O/W just over 6mths old. A real baby but deserved his first place. Moved out well, some looseness in front movement but to be expected at this age, head still developing but has a lovely eye and expression. Full of confidence and shows great promise.

2nd Hazeltine and Welch's Pytchley Chasing The Dream For Hookwood. B/W of 7mths. Handsome puppy who looked a picture when stood. Nice head, neck and shoulders. Movement slightly erratic in front but will improve with maturity. Another with promise for the future.

3rd Macmanus' Luneville Divas Diamond.

PUPPY DOG (8)

1st Blackburn Bennett's Kanix Obi at Stargang. 10mths O/W. Very stylish dog who won this class on his maturity and balance. Has a striking head and expression. Good length of neck and well placed shoulders. Good body and good bend of stifles. Well set on tail which he used on the move. He covers the ground with ease. BPIB.

2nd Macmanus' Luneville Divas Diamond. O/W of 9mths and was 3rd in previous class. Not as forward as winner but is very promising. Head still needs to break but will come with time. Good neck and shoulder placement. Moved out well. Flies his tail at times.

3rd Saunders' Phlynnies Prince of Thieves.

JUNIOR DOG (10).

1st Jamieson's Kanix News Flash At Glenfinnan. Liver/W. This dog is so eye-catching. Handsome head and kind expression. Good length of neck with excellent shoulder placement and depth of brisket. Excellent movement fore and aft, he covered the ground with ease with reach and drive. In good hard condition. Pleased to award him the CC.

2nd Walkling's Flavio Del Almojon At Kiswahili (Imp Esp). O/W who has a stunning head and expression. Lovely flowing lines and moved out well using his tail with a side to side action. Another with a promising future, just not as forward as first.

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

YEARLING DOG (4).

1st O'Neill's Chesterhope Thrill Of T Chase (Imp NZ). O/W who looked a picture when stood. Has a beautiful head, slightly arched neck leading into well placed shoulders, good feet and sloping pasterns. Moved and handled well. Used his tail on the move. Has a bright future.

2nd Astbury's Millpoint Simply In Step With Dorbury. B/W dog, unplaced in previous class. Needs time to mature but deserved his place in this class. Has a nice outline and kept his topline on the move. Pleasing head and in good hard condition.

3rd Booth's Lundgarth Teal

POST-GRADUATE DOG (11, 2abs) A lovely class, some good dogs unplaced.

1st Lathwell's Tinchitamba A Waiting Game. Impressive B/W of lovely type. Nice head and expression. Good length of neck and shoulders. Enthusiastic mover who covers the ground. Has a gleaming coat and in hard condition. Good tail set which he uses correctly. Considered him for higher honours.

2nd Rose's Ridanflight Roller Blade. B/W. Close up to first. Lovely type with a handsome head and expression. Good angulation front and rear. Moved well, just needs time.

3rd Saunders' Teisgol Double Trigger

LIMIT DOG (10, 1abs) Another lovely class.

1st Rayner, Spinks and Pringle's Freebreeze Over The Top At Spinray. Liver/W who has matured so much since I last judged him over two years ago. Has a lovely head, with a kind eye and expression. Well bodied and in muscular condition. Good bone with correct feet and pasterns. Moves well and in tune with his handler. Pleased to award him the RCC.

2nd O'Neill's Tenshilling Home Alone JW. O/W who is typical of this kennel. Handsome dog with a good head and expression. Good reach of neck and shoulder placement. Deep brisket with correct heart room. Good feet and pasterns. Moved out well.

3rd Hazeltine and Welch's Just Wilbert By Hookwood JW ShCM

OPEN DOG (7)

1st Wilberg's Kanix Mario (AI) Typy O/W with a handsome head and soft expression. Lovely outline and presented in hard condition. Well balanced with a good bend of stifle. Moves very well and kept his topline on the move.

2nd Welch's SH CH/IR SH CH Moolou Minstrel At Hookwood. B/W who is a worthy show champion. Has a lovely head and typical of this kennel. Pleasing outline when stood, with nothing exaggerated. Moves and is handled so well. Close up to first.

3rd Walkling's Aspyre Follow Your Dreams To Kiswahili JW, ShCM (Imp Aus)

VETERAN DOG (1)

1st Theobald's SH CH Tycarreg Strangely Familyr JW ShCM B/W almost 8 years old. Good head with a melting expression. Good neck and shoulder placement. Moves well, keeping his topline on the move and using his tail all the time. Good feet with sloping pasterns. A worthy show champion.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME DOG (1)

1st Anderson-Rowell's Daledancer Silver Fame. O/W who has a lovely head and expression. Good neck and shoulder placement. In lovely hard condition. Good front and rear angulation. Moves well, tends to fly his tail at times. A good honest sort.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (8,1abs) Lovely class.

1st Stoke's Hawkfield Castaspell Over Guanabara. Liver/w of just 7mths. A real baby who enjoyed her day. Lovely expression, head still developing. Good length of neck and shoulder placement. Good spring of rib. Some looseness in movement, but can be forgiven at this age. Well handled and has reach and drive for such a youngster. Very promising

2nd Perkins' Brent Hothouse Flower. 8mths B/W Very close to first and preferred her head at this stage. Good angulation front and rear. Moved soundly using her tail. Kept her topline on the move.

3rd Rayner, Spinks and Pringle's Gartarry All That Jazz At Spinray

PUPPY BITCH (5,abs1)

1st Tibbs' Sharnpilly Escada At Raigmore. Very sweet B/W of 10mths. Typy youngster. Good bone, feet and pasterns. Nice bend of stifle. Short coupled and once settled she moved well keeping her topline. Used her tail correctly.

2nd Stilgoe's Teisgol Oriana O/W of 10mths. Different type to first and has a lovely head and expression with well turned flews. Nice dark eye. and well set on ears. Good shoulders and topline, short in loin with a good bend of stifle. Moved satisfactorily. First is more mature at this stage.

3rd Rayner, Spinks and Pringle's Gartarry High Society At Spinray.

JUNIOR BITCH (5)

1st Siddles and Crocker's Wilchrimane Frankel (AI). Beautiful O/W of 12mths. Has a wonderful outline when stood and is a series of graceful curves. Classic head and expression. Good length of neck leading into well placed shoulders. Ribs well sprung with a deep brisket. Well angulated front and rear. Correct tail set and uses her tail correctly on the move. Lost out to higher honours on maturity.

2nd Nelis' Freebreeze Easy Virtue. B/W aged 17mths with typical lines from this kennel. Lovely head and has a melting expression. Nice outline when stood. Good bend of stifle, correct feet with sloping pasterns. Needs time and lost out to first on maturity.

3rd Fewster, Rossiter and Mitchell's Sonstraal Only An Illusion.

YEARLING BITCH (4)

1st Elrington's Ansona Cinderella JW. B/W bitch who has no exaggerations and is a lovely type. Clean outline with a pretty head and kind expression. Deep brisket and correct heart room. Tail set on well and uses it correctly. Moves well and handled expertly. Her time will come.

2nd Fewster, Rossiter and Mitchell's Sonstraal Only An Illusion. O/W who was third in previous class. Longer cast than first but not overdone in any way. Pretty head with well set ears. Good bend of stifle. Moves well.

3rd Huxley's Woodfleet Wild Is The Wind.

POST-GRADUATE BITCH (15, 4abs). Another fabulous class, wish I had more prize cards.

1st Gordon's Hawkfield Saunter, Lemon/w who looks outstanding when stood. Has such a pretty head and very classic pointer. Good length of neck and correct shoulder placement. Well angulated front and rear. She comes into her own on the move and used the ring to her advantage. Surely has a bright future. Considered her for higher honours.

2nd Blowers' Fydal Blown Away To Deadaway. O/W who was close up to first and similar remarks apply. Well constructed with a sweet head and melting expression.. Moved well fore and aft.

3rd O'Neill's Fyldefair Sky Full Of Stars Over Tenshilling.

LIMIT BITCH (11,1abs)

1st Evans and Pavey's Joneva Mrs Bridges JW. This stylish B/W bitch is another one who is not overdone and has such an elegant outline when stood. Lovely head, with correct ear set. Good length of neck and shoulder placement. Good bend of stifle and tail set which she uses on the move, covers the ground well. In superb condition and handled expertly. Pleased to award her the BCC (her 3rd) and BOB.

2nd Smith's Fydal Bedazzle. Very pretty O/W of a nice size. Beautiful expression, clean lines and a series of graceful curves. Good front with well sprung ribs. Correct tail set. Moved very well.

3rd Wheldon and Earl's Caithpoint Here And Now.

OPEN BITCH (10,1abs) Another class where I was spoilt for choice.

1st Rose's SH CH Ridanflight Rhianna. Gorgeous O/W who has a stunning head, good reach of neck and good shoulder placement. Correct front and good bend of stifle. Has a pleasing outline when stood, kept her topline on the move. Good tail set. Pleased to award her the RBCC.

2nd Brooksmith and Adams' SH CH Medogold Kiss N Tell JW ShCM Liver/w of different type to one. A quality bitch with no exaggerations. Has a super gleaming coat. So well balanced and moves out well. At one with her handler. In her prime.

3rd McGilp's SH CH Ridanflight Ruby Tuesday At Forthbourne

VETERAN BITCH (5,1abs)

1st Anderson-Rowell's Wyndhead Mette Marit ShCM O/W aged 10years and an old favourite of mine. She gets better with age and is a credit to her owner. Has the sweetest of heads and is of a nice size. Lovely outline and moves like a youngster.

2nd Mason's Freebreeze As You Like It ShCM. Another pretty lemon/w aged 10yrs. Moves well and is also in super condition. Uses her tail on the move. Will swap places with first in veteran classes I'm sure.

3rd Skinner's Tycarreg Sassy Fontaine at Juennerfly

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME BITCH (6)

1st Anderson-Rowell's Wyndhead Mette Marit ShCM

2nd Stilgoe and Oliver's Asterhope Lightening Star Via Teisgol JW. B/W with a nice head and expression, good shoulders and depth of brisket. Correct bend of stifle and tail set. Moves very well and keeps her topline on the move. Just preferred head of first but a nice type of pointer.

3rd Mason's Freebreeze Curtain Call.

RUTH FRANCIS - Judge