

RICHMOND CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Sunday 9th September 2018

Many thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge at this lovely show. Also thanks to my two efficient stewards, and to the exhibitors for bringing their lovely Pointers for me to judge. On this occasion I found many that were overweight, particularly in the bitches. This completely spoils their lines when looking down on them, and trying to find the 'well spaced and prominent' haunch bones impossible. We still have a problem with feet and pasterns too, and with ears that are too large and thick. These may seem like minor points but they are all part of 'breed type' which can be too easily lost. Finally I like to see a nice tight eye in a Pointer, not showing haw. Having said that I must say I was pleased with all my winners and in a couple of classes I could have done with more cards.

VETERAN DOG (4)

1st Welch's Ir.Sh.Ch. Moolou Minstrel at Hookwood JW, ShCM. Nearly 8 year old b/w in fabulous condition. Lovely head and eye. Well angulated fore and aft, good in topline finished with a neat tail carried well. Drove round the ring using his low set hocks.

2nd Perren's Mistin Pure Mischief ShCM. 7 year old l/w. Pleasing head and expression. Good length of neck leading into correct topline. Well balanced body with deep brisket. Just not the movement of above although his profile movement was good.

3rd Bell's Crookrise The Medlar At Owlspoint JW, ShCM. 7 year old o/w. Long neck well arched, super ribcage with depth. Well boned legs and feet. Just not the angulation of the two above. Moved okay. Shown in fit, hard condition.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (2)

1st Razzell's The Artful Archer Of Hookwood. Almost 2 year old b/w. Liked this stylish boy although would prefer more work in head. Long neck flowing smoothly into well angulated forehand, well sprung rib cage with depth, good bend and width of stifle and low set hocks. He is beautifully balanced and shown in hard muscular condition. Moved well.

2nd Bowen-Brooks' Tenshilling Blowin Smoke. 17 month promising b/w youngster. I suspect he is at the in between stage right now. Liked his head and eye with high set fine leathers. He has a lovely length of stride in profile on the move. His day should come.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1st Adams, Adams & Scales' Fisherbloom Re'encountered. 8 month b/w. Liked his well balanced head with lovely dark eye and pronounced occiput. Nice puppy with good angulation. Reachy neck, well sprung ribs with depth of brisket. Lovely topline. Super low set hocks. Steady on the move. A little proud of his tail but he is only a baby. Very promising. BPD.

PUPPY DOG (1)

1st Adams, Adams & Scales' Fisherbloom Re'encountered.

JUNIOR DOG (6) Nice class.

1st Philo's Fydal Caprio At Salmonmist. 16 month o/w. Like the stamp of this young man. Lovely head with beautiful dark eyes, high set ears, well developed soft lip and flaring nostrils. Reachy well arched neck leading into correct topline, finished with well set neat tail. Lengthy sloping pasterns with well boned legs and feet.

2nd O'Neill's Tenshilling Biscuits JW. 17 month o/w. Very close decision between 1st and 2nd, really splitting hairs here. He too has a lovely head and eye, neat fine leathers set high, lovely turn of lip. Well balanced in body, moved well. These two will change places many times I'm sure.

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Audacity (ai) JW. 13 month o/w. Impressive looking dog with balanced angles, reachy neck flowing into good topline, super sweep of stifle with low set hocks. Well balanced head with a beautiful dark eye, soft lip and flaring nostrils. Just a bit too much of him all over for me.

POST GRADUATE DOG (9)

1st Razzell's The Artful Archer Of Hookwood.

2nd Rose's Ridanflight Roller Blade. Stylish b/w boy. Rangier than 1st. I suspect there is more to come from this dog given another year or two. He has a better head than 1st but not the movement, however he has a lovely stride in profile. Shown in hard, muscular condition.

3rd Bell & Maddox's Luneville Dazzling Diamond At Owlspoint JW. Liked this o/w. Well balanced in body, short coupled, shown in good muscular condition. A little proud of his tail on the move.

LIMIT DOG (9) This was a lovely class of quality dogs.

1st Dyer, Dyer & Oddie's Sharnphilly Secretariat JW. Just loved this b/w boy. He has a lovely well chiselled head with a beautiful soft expression. Fine leathers. He is so well balanced with lovely angles fore and aft. Super topline finished with neat tail carried well. Love his well muscled hindquarters with super turn of stifle and low set hocks. Well boned legs and feet with lengthy sloping pasterns. Well deserved RCC.

2nd Stilgoe's Enzo Del Almojon Through Teisgol. This o/w boy is a real favourite of mine, so unlucky to come up against 1st. His head is exquisite and he has the darkest of eyes. Fine leathers and well developed soft lip. Long arched neck flowing into super topline finished with well set tail carried nicely. Just lost to 1st as I would prefer more slope to pasterns. Nevertheless he is a quality Pointer.

3rd Tannahill's Wynbury Walter Jack JW, ShCM. This is another quality boy. Stylish b/w with a lovely outline. Pleasing head with lovely eye and expression. Super feet and lengthy sloping pasterns. Deserved his place in this lovely class.

OPEN DOG (5)

1st Hazeltine & Welch's Just Wilburt By Hookwood JW, ShCM. Balanced, sound, and stylish, this b/w boy just flows through with the graceful curves the standard asks for. He was shown in hard muscular condition and has all the breed attributes. Loved his well worked head and soft, gentle expression. Lengthy arched neck, well angulated fore and aft, well sprung ribcage with depth, super topline ending with neat tail well set on. Excellent hindquarters with low set hocks which powered him round the ring. Well boned legs and feet. CC.

2nd O'Neill's Sh.Ch. Tenshilling Home Alone JW. Have always liked this impressive o/w dog. Another with lovely flowing lines and well angulated fore and aft. Super topline. Neat tail. Moved well. Just found him to be a tad broad in skull and he could do to lose a pound or two. Nevertheless a worthy champion.

3rd Wilkinson's Ir.Ch. Rock 'n' Roll Star Do Vale Carvoeiro. This lovely o/w boy won the RCC under me last time I judged. My opinion of him hasn't changed. He is a lovely balanced boy. So unlucky to come up against the two above. Would just like a slightly darker eye.

VETERAN BITCH (6)

1st Luneville Strawberry Moon. Almost 8 years old. Ultra feminine lemon/w. Classic well chiselled head with a lovely eye and expression. High set fine leathers. Well boned legs and feet with lengthy sloping pasterns, lovely neat tail, moved well with her tail lashing. BV and delighted to see her win Veteran Group 4.

2nd Isherwood's Pipeaway Satin Fire With Symitry. 8 years old. Love the shape of this o/w girl. Super head and eye, lengthy neck flowing into a good firm topline. Well boned legs and feet with lengthy sloping pasterns.

3rd Drake's Ansona Queen Of Hearts At Clamerkin ShCM. 7 years old feminine b/w. Solid black head with lovely chiselling. Intelligent dark eye and high set fine leathers. Good bone, well sprung rib cage, deep brisket. Moved well.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (5)

1st Anderson-Rowell's Little Owl Scandiaca For Daledancer (Imp). Really feminine 4 year old b/w girl with lovely chiselling in head, super dark eye, textbook ears and sweet expression. Well constructed with flowing lines from nose to tail. Lighter made but definitely Fit For Function. BSB.

2nd Roberts' Medogold Black Betty By Kananaskis. Litter sister to 3rd. Very nice 14 month old b/w. Liked her head and eye. Balanced in body with excellent angulation fore and aft. Neat tail carried well. Moved okay.

3rd Norbury's Medogold Bamalam. Litter sister to 2nd. 14 month old l/w with pleasing head and expression. Reachy neck flowing into slightly sloping topline. Well angulated front and rear. Moved okay.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (5)

1st Oddie's Sharnphilly Hello Dolly. Beautiful 7 month old o/w. Must have a bright future, she just flows through with graceful curves from nose to tail. She has the most exquisite eye and expression. Moved well. Nothing I would fault right now. Good luck with her. BP and delighted to see her take Puppy Group 2.

2nd Wilkinson's Stocksfell Seldom Seen. Another o/w beauty. 6 month old, again with flowing graceful lines. Nit picking between these two. This one may end up with a more feminine head but not the movement of 1 yet. Really liked these 2.

3rd Tobin & Moss's Davigdor Innovation. Feminine 9 month b/w. Long clean neck leading into a good top line. Well angled forequarters. Just needs to make up in her rearquarters but plenty time for this.

PUPPY BITCH (12)

1st Welch's Hookwood Billie. 9 month old b/w won this class on her balanced outline. She is rather plain in head at the moment but she has time for this to change. Neat high set ears. Well boned legs and feet. Moved well.

2nd Maber's Sharnphilly Toggi With Hookwood. Well balanced and stylish 6 month b/w, was Reserve in Minor Puppy but went much better in this class. Preferred her head to 1 above but not the movement yet.

3rd Goodwin & Smallwood's Tyremy Havana. Very nice 9 month l/w. Has a lovely well balanced shape. Pleasing in head. Hocks set low. Would just prefer a better eye.

JUNIOR BITCH (8)

1st Preece & Gilding's Harvestslade Lesedi La Rona. Really liked this 12 month feminine o/w with pretty head and eye. Wide flaring nostrils. Flowing outline, well angulated front and rear, excellent topline finished with a neat tail set on well. Moved on a good stride.

2nd Watkins, Phillips & Gordon's Hawkfield Audacious (ai) JW. 13 month o/w. Shapely girl with everything in the right place. In profile her outline is stunning but she could do to lose a few pounds. Good topline, neat tail. Lovely head and dark expressive eye. Moved well.

3rd Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Gartarry All That Jazz At Spinray. Very typy 17 month b/w. Another I 'like but lost out to those above on maturity. She has a lovely well chiselled head and dark eye with intelligent expression. Flaring nostrils. Lovely body shape, just needs to drop in brisket. Good feet and pasterns.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (12) A lovely class of quality bitches.

1st Perkins' Brent Hothouse Flower. Beautiful o/w with feminine well chiselled head, lovely curve of lip, and gentle expressive eye. High set neat leathers. Another with flowing graceful curves from nose to tail. Well boned legs and feet with lengthy sloping pasterns. Moved on a good stride with perfect footfall in profile.

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Saunter JW. Love this lemon/w. She flows from nose to tail. Very feminine in head and lovely soft expression. Neat fine leathers. Reachy neck. Super topline with neat tail set on well. Lovely angulations, well sprung ribcage with good depth. Excellent turn of stifle and low set hocks. Shown in hard muscular condition. She has just one problem - she will show or she won't! This time she let herself down on the final across and back by dropping her tail and refusing to co-operate.

3rd Westaway's Ridanflight Raisen. Very nice b/w. Has come on a lot since I last judged her. Pleasing head and eye, with lovely turn of soft lip. Long arched neck flowing in to a super topline with neat tail set on well. Shown in hard muscular condition. Moved well.

LIMIT BITCH (6)

1st Blowers' Fydal Blown Away To Deadaway. This o/w girl epitomises the 'Pointer'. From her well chiselled feminine head to her neat tail set on correctly she just flows with graceful curves. Her outline is copybook. When she moves she comes alive with her light effortless movement and lovely head carriage, tail lashing. CC & BOB.

2nd Dyer, Dyer & Oddie's Sharnphilly Makybe Diva JW. Another beauty, this time b/w. Feminine well chiselled head with the most glorious eye and expression that just draws you in. Neat fine leathers set high, and well shaped turn of soft lip. Long neck leading into a lovely topline finished with a correctly set tail. Super ribcage with depth, well angulated fore and aft, super hindquarters with low set hocks. Moved well. RCC.

3rd Norbury's Medogold Milkshake At Heartbury JW. Another favourite of mine. B/w feminine girl. Well balanced head with lovely eye and expression. Excellent reach of neck flowing into topline. Well angulated fore and aft with well sprung ribcage and good depth. Moved on a good stride.

OPEN BITCH (6)

1st Brooksmith's Sh.Ch. Medogold Kiss 'n' Tell JW, ShCM. Beautifully balanced l/w. Nothing exaggerated here. Pleasing head and expression. Textbook body shape with all the angles in the right places. Well boned legs and feet, with sloping pasterns. Moved out well.

2nd Guy's Carmandine Cookie Crumble By Fleurfield JW. O/w with gorgeous head and dark expressive eye. She has a lovely turn of lip and high set ears. Reachy neck into well balanced body. Lovely topline with tail well set on. Super feet and pasterns. Could do to lose a pound or two. Moved well.

3rd Purdy's Medogold Puttin' On The Style For Cascagnia JW. Feminine b/w with classic head and dark eye. Reachy neck, well angulated fore and aft, good spring of rib and depth. Well boned legs and feet. Steady on the move.

LINDA WILSON - Judge