

BORDER UNION CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

SATURDAY 15th JUNE 2019

I thoroughly enjoyed my first appointment to award CC's in Pointers, a breed I have been so very passionate about for nearly 30 years. Thank you to Border Union Committee for inviting me, their wonderful hospitality and providing me with a huge grass ring on the day, giving the dogs ample room to move, and the sun shone! I was extremely pleased with my entry over all. Thank you to the exhibitors for entering and taking my decisions so sportingly.

I was looking for exhibits that not only displayed true pointer type, a combination of features that add up to make our beautiful pointer unique, but also dogs that were soundly constructed and that in being so moved very well. I felt some dogs were over handled, looking great on the stack, only to fall apart on the move. There were several that were too wide in front, with short upper arms and lacking fill when viewed from front. On the whole exhibits were in great condition and presentation was very good. But a few I'm afraid were not so good and in serious need of a good groom and bath! I cannot see the point of getting up at the crack of dawn, driving many miles, spending hard earned money, only to present a dog to the judge in this way. Temperaments were lovely and only a couple of suspect mouths.

PUPPY DOG (3, 0)

3 youngsters all at different stages of development.

1st Master S J Layton's Joneva Born To Thrill. Nice head on this 8 month old o/w with the kindest and most gentle expression, dark expressive eyes and lovely deep pigment. Lovely long arched neck. Would prefer a little more angulation fore and aft and needs to fill his frame. Won today on his lovely light ground covering movement and super shape on side profile on the move, very sound coming and going, well muscled and well presented and handled. BPD.

2nd Mrs A Lowe's Lowsmoor Crazy For You. Another lovely o/w, larger build than one, beautiful head with chiselling and lovely stop, kind expression, super front and sloping pasterns, deep chest lovely oval bone, super body condition, just piped at the post today on the movement of one.

3rd Mrs M A & Mrs F Wilkinson & Barker's Flinthill Sunny Spell

JUNIOR DOG (10, 1)

1st Miss G Mr K Miss L Adams & Scales' Fisherbloom Re'encountered. 17 Months old B/W Super head with lots of work in it and lovely kind expression, long neck, well laid shoulder and lovely return of upper arm with matching angulated quarters, well ribbed back with good spring and short loin, good top line and lovely tail, well conditioned and muscled, moved out really well, driving from his short strong hocks.

Piloted by an excellent handler. Another close up to top honours. Will have a bright future.

2nd Mrs V Carson-Dunne's Bradgate Victory Parade. Loved this B/W, caught my eye, not one I have seen before, very close up to my winner and similar comments apply, beautiful forehand, oval bone and sloping pasterns with matching angulated rear, short hocks, stunning on the move (when settled) won him 2nd in this large class. Gave handler a very hard time, but she did a great job with this exuberant and happy outgoing youngster. Lovely condition. One to watch.

3rd Mrs L, Mr A, Mrs J & Mr J Jamieson, Macara & Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Peri Peri With Glenfinnan

NOVICE DOG (3, 0)

1st Mrs V Carson-Dunne's Bradgate Victory Parade

2nd Mrs A Lowe's Lowsmoor Crazy For You

3rd Mr G & Mrs D M Mackay's Sharnphilly Hot Fuzz

POST GRADUATE DOG (11, 0)

- 1st Mrs P Smith's Sniperay Lord Lambourne via Tzaziki. Liver & white with the most super construction, loved his long neck, excellent lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, deep chest, well ribbed back and short loin. Lovely top line, held on the move. Very well conditioned and muscled. Moved very well, sound.
- 2nd Miss M Saunders' Phlynnies Prince Of Thieves Jw. B/W with a super head and kind eye, well constructed, pushed winner all the way, just preferred overall movement and balance of one today.
- 3rd Mrs J Best's Bestina Balbenach

LIMIT DOG (6, 0)

Loved this class, such depth of quality in ALL of the exhibits, and for me the class of the day!

- 1st Mrs J & Mrs M A Luke & Hinton's Fleurfield Jim Beam ShCM. Stunning head on this 4 year old liver & white well chiselled with dark brown kind eyes and melting gentle expression, wide nostrils, correct stop and pronounced occiput. Oozed quality. Long arched neck set into a beautiful forehead with well laid shoulder and matching return of upper arm, perfectly set elbows, lovely sloping pasterns and neat feet, with arched toes and short nails, deep chest with fill from the front and depth from the side, well ribbed back with spring of rib and short strong well muscled loin, super top line and tail set, powerful quarters, with great expanse of first and second thigh, lovely bend of stifle, short strong hocks. Oval bone. He powered around this large ring with great enthusiasm, displaying wonderful ground covering reach and drive when viewed from any angle, and lashing his well set on tail. His muscles rippled under his excellently conditioned coat, which gleamed. He was a series of graceful curves, and at one with his handler and not over handled in any way. He quite simply took my breath away. He never stopped giving his all. Could not deny him top honours. Proud to award him the CC & BOB. One I would love to own.
- 2nd Miss W J Gordon's Hawkfield Audacity JW (AI). Super O/W, another with a lovely head, well chiselled and dark kind eyes, lovely long arched neck and lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, well ribbed back and short coupled, sweeping stifles, very well conditioned both body and coat. Lovely dog, so happy on the move, a dog whom I strongly considered for the RCC.
- 3rd Mrs L, Mr A, Mrs J & Mr J Jamieson, Macara & Blackburn-Bennett's. Kanix News Flash At Glenfinnan

OPEN DOG (4, 0)

- 1st Mrs J & Mrs M A Luke & Hinton's SH CH Fleurfield Jack Daniels. Super Liver & White, lovely head with kind dark eye, again another from this kennel with that is so well put together, super forehead and rear quarters, a series of graceful curves, super top line and tail set, well conditioned and muscled. Moved with drive and purpose, looked like he could work all day. A very worthy champion and could not deny him the RCC today behind his litter brother, two beautiful dogs.
- 2nd Mrs D & Miss J O'Neill's SH CH Chesterhope Thrill Of TChase (IMP NZ). Adored the head on this o/w he has the most lovely dark eye and soft and gentle expression with super pigment. Lovely long arched neck, great top line and tail set. He is well ribbed back and short coupled, with lovely depth of chest, when viewed from front and side, neat well placed elbows but for me personally I would prefer slightly more angulation fore and aft. Moved well coming and going, but today lacked the enthusiasm of my CC & RCC. Beautifully presented and handled.
- 3rd Mrs J Radcliffe's Sniperay Verandi

VETERAN DOG (1, 0)

- 1st Mrs J Best's Shadesett Keep On Believin for Bestina. This 9 year old B/W stood alone, but well deserved his first place. Gorgeous well-chiselled head, lovely make and shape, not looking any bit his age, moved effortlessly on a loose lead around this large ring. His handler had a hard time keeping up, but she did! Pleased to award him BVIB. Lovely dog.

PUPPY BITCH (8, 0)

1st Mrs L Hall's Gartarry Sweet Dreams. What a little cracker she is, 6 months O/W and I later learnt her first show today! Beautiful head with lovely dark eye, wide nostrils and well chiselled head, long arched neck, good top line and super little tail that never stopped, this pup so enjoyed herself, never stopped showing and was not over handled in any way. Good natural angles fore and aft, well ribbed back and short coupled, deep chest when viewed from front and side, neat elbows, sloping pasterns and arched feet, short strong hocks, sound happy mover when settled and the handler could get her to focus! My BPIB. Looked a picture in the Puppy Group.

2nd Mrs S, Mr & Mrs M & S, Mr B Dyer, Oddie & Oddie & Cole's Sharnphilly Serendipity. 11 month old B&W Pretty head and kindly expression, with lovely dark eyes, nice make and shape, but would prefer more return of upper arm to give her slightly more reach in front, moved ok, unlucky to meet winner today on such top form.

3rd Mrs A Lowe's Lowsmoor Half A Sixpence

JUNIOR BITCH (6, 3)

1st Mr & Mrs J Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Petunia At Stargang. O/W with lovely head, lovely reach of neck and well laid shoulder, neat elbows, deep chest, well ribbed and short coupled. Presented in excellent condition and Very well handled. Loved her happy outgoing nature and super ground covering movement, considered for the RCC.

2nd Mrs B Wilkinson's Stocksfell Seldom Seen. Super pretty head on this O/W, loved her long arched neck, for me not quite as balanced in profile as my winner, moved soundly and happy.

3rd Mrs S E Booth's Ragus Go Truly At Lundgarth

NOVICE BITCH (4, 0)

1st Mrs A Lowe's Lowsmoor Half A Sixpence. Pretty headed lemon & white, super front and pasterns, good oval bone, deep chest and well ribbed back, moved ok.

2nd Miss W J Gordon's Hawkfield Flibbertigibert. O/W with sweet head and gentle expression, at that raw stage, would prefer more depth in chest, but this should come as she matures, moved ok.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (11, 3)

This was a super class of bitches, I was spoilt for choice.

1st Mrs C Guy's Carofel On Silent Wings JW. B & W who's gentle expression just melted me, feminine pretty well chiselled head, with excellent proportions and prominent occiput, lovely kind eyes. Long arched neck, super lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, sloping pasterns and arched neat feet. Correct body proportions, well ribbed back and short coupled. Deep chest to elbow, when viewed from front and side. Well muscled and angulated quarters with correct first and second thigh, and lovely short strong hocks. Excellent presentation, her short hard coat shone. This bitch just wanted to GO! And when allowed she moved with such power & drive, yet still light and elegant lashing her tail, enjoying every minute of her time in the ring. Just beautiful. She reminded me of a former Champion that I had bred, so many of the same qualities. Proud to award her the CC.

2nd Mrs V & Mr M & Mr K Norbury & Adams' Medogold Bamalam at Heartbury JW ShCM. Another beauty! liver & white, lovely head and eye, with the sound construction and movement I was looking for. Moved exceptionally well. Expertly and gently handled. Definitely one to watch for the future.

3rd Mrs A D Matthews' Medogold Tartini with Sonham JW ShCM

LIMIT BITCH (9, 0)

Yet another super class

1st Mrs V & Mr M & Mr K Norbury & Adams' Medogold Milkshake at Heartbury JW ShCM. 3 year old B/W, again another lovely bitch from this breeder, oozed quality, beautiful head, well chiselled and kind expression, stacked she was a picture, beautiful natural matching angles fore and aft, long arched neck, deep chest, ribs well sprung and from point of chest to her last rib was two 3rds of her overall length, her short strong loin and well muscled quarters with excellent expanse of first and second thigh and super short hocks made up the other 3rd. Powerful and accurate mover, with super top line and tail carriage, at one with her excellent handler. Pleased to award her the RCC.

2nd Misses Z E & E V Faulder & Jones's Fleurfield Heavens Hill. This bitch caught my eye on the first go round... B/W with lovely head and dark eye, everything I was looking for stacked and moving, and boy did she, with wonderful reach and drive. I had never seen her before, later learnt she was the litter sister to my Dog CC & RCC, She needs to be campaigned more! Lovely bitch.

3rd Mrs P Tibbs' Sharnphilly Escarda at Raigmore JW

OPEN BITCH (5, 3)

1st Mrs K & Mr S Bond's SH CH Joneva Asterea JW. Super B/W with a gorgeous head and lovely kind eye, beautiful arch to neck and excellent lay of shoulder with correct return of upper arm, she had excellent body proportions, super quarters, topline and tail set, moved out very well on a loose lead round this large ring, very hard and fit condition. A very worthy champion.

2nd Miss H Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Orient at Stargang. O/W little stonger in the head than my winner, but still feminine, super pigment, lovely make and shape, but not quite the front construction of my winner. Very well handled and presented.

VETERAN BITCH (2, 1)

1st Mrs A M & Mr C Hewitt's Sunhouse As You Like It. B/W of 7 1/2 years young! Lovely head and eye, stood alone but deserved her first place, shown in hard fit excellent condition. Moved well.

JAYNE HARRISON - judge