DARLINGTON CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW Sunday 15th September 2019

I had been looking forward to this appointment and I was not disappointed. Thank you to the Society for their invitation and hospitality and thank you to all the exhibitors for bringing their beloved Pointers, I truly appreciate it.

VETERAN DOG (4,1)

1st Ms G W Abbott Millpoint Dare to Dream for Mirasol. 7 year old upstanding gent of good balance and shape. Classic head with kind expression. Flows into a body of good depth with quality bone and feet. Nice topline and tail. Shown in good condition although coat was a bit soft. Performed well to win this class but unfortunately seemed a bit tired and paced in the challenge for Best Veteran.

2nd Miss H McCready Aus Am Can Ch Fugelere Sirocco at Tukeglen (imp Aus) 10 year old B/W dog of great character. He is extremely fit and gave a very enthusiastic performance. I found him less balanced in his angulation with his croup becoming a little steep with age. Very expressive short tail. Kindest expression and a credit to his owner.

3rd Mrs J Best. Shadesett Keep on Believin for Bestina.

MINOR PUPPY DOG – NO ENTRIES.

PUPPY DOG (1,0)

1st Master S J Layton. Joneva Born to Thrill. O/W 11 month old dog who stands in a good frame with quality bone and feet. He will take time to finish physically but all the essentials are there and he is particularly eyecatching on the move with his super cadence and self balance. Well moulded masculine head with super dark, kind eye. Long neck into good shoulders, ribs carried well back with strong topline, topped off with a decent tail well carried and used correctly. Only beaten for Best Puppy by a super bitch puppy.

JUNIOR DOG (9,2)

1st Miss A Oddie. Sharnphilly Boondoggle. B/W 14 month old quality, compact, shapely dog. He has a super outline that just flows. Beautiful masculine head with lovely kind dark eyes, neat fine leathers and classic moulding. He flows into a strong, lengthy neck into good front assembly with matching hindquarters. Ribcage is carried well back with good depth. Correct bone and feet. He is a dog that just flows through his curves and is a handy size. Moves with accuracy and power. Res CC.

2nd Mrs A Lowe. Lowsmoor Crazy for You. 14 month old O/W dog who gives the impression of power with his angles which although moderate are balanced which allows him to move well. I would prefer more length of foreface to balance his masculine head. Nice dark eyes. Strong neck and topline, good bone and feet and shown in super muscular condition.

3rd Ms K Tregaskis Moenfair Sanguineum Luna.

YEARLING DOG (6,1)

1st Jamieson, Macara and Blackburn- Bennett. Kanix Peri Peri with Glenfinnan O/W 16 month old, mature for his age up to size male in super condition. Pleasant head with more work to come, neat ears and kind dark eye. He is well constructed with good oval bone, tidy feet and great depth. Everything fits together nicely. Moved well and beginning to come into his own.

2nd Mrs A Lowe. Lowsmoor Crazy for You.

3rd Ms K Tregaskis Moenfair Sanguineum Luna.

POST GRADUATE DOG (12,3)

1st Mrs M Gerrard and Mrs L Galloway Sharnphilly Santorelli with Carmandine JW 2.5 year old B/W dog who is coming to maturity. This boy was my Best Puppy last time I judged and I'm pleased to see he is progressing nicely. Lovely shapely dog with good head and kind, dark eye. Long neck into good deep body with correct front and powerful hindend. Presented in good muscular condition which showed up in his movement.

2nd Mr and Mrs J Tibbs. Raigmore Beekeeper JW. 3 year old O/W compact dog with balanced angles. Nicely balanced head with kind expression, neat ears. Strong clean neck into good shoulders, good depth through body to powerful hind quarters. Comes alive on the move using his neat tail correctly. Really coming to himself now. Shown in fit condition. Just preferred the topline of 1.

3rd Mrs S Langford. Fydal Cortese of Papermill.

LIMIT DOG (9,1)

1st Miss H Blackburn-Bennett. Kanix Obi at Stargang. 2.5 year old quality O/W dog. Classic masculine head with kind dark eyes. Neat, correctly set ears leading into lengthy neck, correct front and strong topline. Good oval bone with tight, well cushioned feet. Good rear angulation with good width of stifles. Nice neat tail. Moved well although seemed unsettled in the challenge.

2nd Mrs R M C and Miss R Martin. Sunhouse Chips Ahoy. 3 year old dog of bigger build than 1. He is of good make and shape and shown in great condition. Good masculine head with deep stop and plenty of work, I would prefer a darker eye and more length to his neck but that said he has great depth and carries his ribs well back. Good bone, sloping pasterns and neat tail. He performed well and is a credit to his owner breeders.

3rd Mr and Mrs M Lathwell. Tinchitamba a Waiting Game.

OPEN DOG (7,0)

1st Jamieson, Macara and Blackburn-Bennett. Sh Ch Kanix News Flash at Glenfinnan. 3 year old Liv/W dog who stands over his ground. Super masculine head with plenty of work, good length of foreface and a kindly expression from warm eyes. Correctly set ears. Clean lengthy neck into super front with good length of upper arm. Good width and well filled chest. Good oval bone, pasterns and well cushioned feet. Shapely topline, great depth to chest with ribs carried well back. Shapely hindquarters with neat tail. I see when I last judged him I commented that he needed to mature to complete the picture and should have a bright future – This he has now done. Moved out really well and owned the ring. DCC. BOB. Delighted to see him perform in the group ring and be shortlisted in a strong group.

2nd Mr and Mrs J Tibbs. Fydal Beeswing at Raigmore. 4.5 year oldO/W dog. Another very nice, typy dog from this kennel. Good masculine head with good dark eye and neat ears. Strong lengthy neck with good deep front. Good quality oval bone with long, slightly sloping pasterns. Neat, compact, deep body with balanced angles fore and aft. Neat active tail. Moved with plenty of verve.

3rd Mrs M C Gerrard. Hookwood Showpiece at Carmandine JW.

VETERAN BITCH (2,0)

1st Mrs C Guy. Carmandine Cookie Crumble by Fleurfield JW. O/W 7 year old bitch with a pretty feminine head, good stop and lip with kind dark eyes. Nicely arched lengthy neck leading into good front and deep chest. Ribs carried well back with shapely topline. Balanced angles fore and aft and neat tail. Moved well with enthusiasm and performed better than the dog in the challenge for Best Veteran to go Best Veteran in Breed.

2nd Mr and Mrs C and A Hewitt. Sunhouse As You Like It. B/W 8 year old bitch. Another nice bitch who was just a little more matronly on the day. Nicely put together with feminine head and dark kind eye. Deep bodied with balanced angles and neat tail.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (2,0)

1st Mrs M C Gerrard. Chesterhope C'mon Over to Carmandine (imp NZ) Superb 7 month old O/W bitch. Quality through and through from head to tail. Pretty head with plenty of work with kind bright expression from dark eyes. Well set ears, long clean neck into super front with good length of upper arm. Good bone and tight knit feet. Shapely topline with ribs carried well back leading into shapely hindquarters and neat tail. Moved well with youthful exuberance and a 'look at me' attitude. An absolute star who gives me goosebumps. BP. PG1. Delighted to watch her win the puppy group.

2nd Misses G and H Hall. Gartarry A Million Dreams. Another pretty 9 month O/W bitch of more substance than 1, similar remarks apply. Slightly shorter in foreface and slightly steep in croup at the moment. Not as together on the move as 1st but two very nice puppies.

PUPPY BITCH (3,1)

1st Mr and Mrs J Tibbs Raigmore Worth the Wait. 11 month O/W bitch. Very typical typy bitch from this kennel. Compact, workmanlike and stylish. Maturing into herself nicely. Pretty head, lengthy, clean neck into deep chest, well angulated fore and aft. Well ribbed back and carrying a bit more weight to advantage. Neat, well shaped tail. Moved with purpose.

2nd Ms L Hall. Gartarry Sweet Dreams. Pretty 9 month old O/W bitch. Litter sister to 2nd in minor puppy. Another very nice puppy with a very pretty head with kind dark eyes. Good depth to body and smooth strong topline into neat short tail. Good oval bone, sloping pasterns and tidy feet. Just a bit softer in condition than 1. All 4 bitch puppies are top draw.

JUNIOR BITCH (4,0)

1st Mr and Mrs M and S Oddie, Mrs S Dyer. Sharnphilly Serendipity. 14 month old B/W bitch. Feminine version of her litter brother who took the Res CC. Nicely moulded feminine head with good stop and kind dark eye. Nicely arched clean neck leading into super front with good length of upper arm. Good width of chest giving good heartroom and particularly enjoyed her leg to body ratio. Good depth, well ribbed back, shapely topline and neat tail. Matching well muscled hindquarters. Shown in great condition and pushed hard for further honours.

2nd Mrs A Lowe. Lowsmoor Half a Sixpence. 14 month old LEM/W bitch. Deep body colour to this lemon. She has a stronger head than 1 but still feminine. Deep stop and warm eyes giving good expression. Long neck into deep chest and well angulated front. Good bone and pasterns with well shaped feet. Compact body with lengthy ribs and shapely topline. Strong over loin. Good width of stifles which gives strength to movement. Topped off with a nice tail. Put down in good condition.

3rd Mrs L and Miss S Clinton. Ragus Go Merrily for Oramiss.

YEARLING BITCH (7,0)

1st Mrs B Wilkinson. Stocksfell Seldom Seen. 19 month old O/W bitch of super make and shape. Lovely feminine head with plenty of work and good dark eye. Nice thin leathers. Good long, clean arched neck leading into good forequarters. Good oval quality bone with resilient pasterns and cushioned feet. Good depth of chest and well ribbed. Shapely topline and good tail. Shapely well muscled hindquarters. Just needs a bit more maturity to be at her best.

2nd Mrs C Guy. Carofel On Silent Wings JW. 2 year old B/W bitch of smaller stature than 1. Very pretty feminine head with plenty of work and neat thin leathers. Good long clean neck into good front assembly. Good oval bone with sloping pasterns and neat feet. Enough depth and shapely topline. Well turned stifles. In good condition and nicely muscled.

3rd Mrs J Radcliffe. Sniperay Smitten.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (8,3)

1st Mr and Mrs G Pimblett. Bestina Butterfly at Hilldon. 2 year old blanket black bitch. Compact bitch with good head showing correct length of foreface. Nice dark kind eye. Good arched neck leading into correct front with good length of upper arm. Good depth of chest with correct heartroom. Short coupled into balanced hindquarters with good width of stifles. Beautiful little well shaped tail. Moved well but could carry less weight to advantage.

2nd Miss L Rayner, Miss P J Spinks and Miss Pringle. Gartarry All That Jazz at Spinray. 2.5 year old B/W bitch. Pretty headed bitch with good stop. Long clean neck into decent front. Would prefer slightly more depth but this should come with maturity. Shapely topline, ribs carried well back. Balanced hindquarters although would prefer slightly more width of stifle. Put down in good condition and moved well. 3rd Mr C and Mrs J Huxley. Vernum Ventulus Celtic Rose at Woodfleet (imp Hun)

LIMIT BITCH (11,4)

1st Mr C and Mrs A Hewitt. Droveborough's Miss Marple. 4 year old Liv/W bitch who owned the ring today. Loved her size and handiness. Good feminine head with good length of foreface. Nice thin leathers. Long clean neck into well angled front assembly. Good heartroom and depth of chest. Strong, shapely topline with ribs carried well back into strong loin. Firm shapely hindquarters with good width of well turned stifles. Good oval bone, sloping pasterns and well shaped feet. Lovely well set on shapely tail. This bitch really came alive on the move with her purposeful active movement driven by her fabulous tail action. Delighted to award her her first CC. Hope at least two more come her way, she deserves it. BCC. 2nd Mr J Blackburn-Bennett and Mr A Macara. Kanix Pertunia at Stargang. O/W bitch of 16 months who stands over more ground than 1. Feminine head with more to come with maturity, nice dark eye and expression. Long neck into super front construction. Great depth with good heartroom. Shapely matching hindquarters with well set on tail. Good oval bone with sloping pasterns and well shaped feet. Super make and shape who pushed hard but just preferred the more mature bitch on the move. 3rd Mrs J M Blowers. Fydal Blown Away to Deadaway.

OPEN BITCH (6,1)

1st Miss H Blackburn-Bennett. Sh Ch Kanix Orient at Stargang. 2.5 year old O/W bitch. Litter sister to the Limit dog winner. Super quality again from this kennel. Love this bitch for her make and shape from her well shaped feminine head with kind dark eye, deep stop and thin leathers. Long clean neck into good front with good length of upper arm. Quality oval bone, resilient pasterns and well shaped feet. Good depth and width of chest allowing good heartroom. Shapely topline. Good strong hindquarters with well turned stifles of good width. Nice neat well shaped tail. Put down in super condition and moved well. Pushed hard for the CC. Pleased to award ResCC.

2nd Mrs A Lowe. Lowsmoor Shiralee JW. Almost 5 year old O/W bitch. Similar comments apply. Slightly broader in head. Kind soft expression. Good neck and front assembly. Good make and shape, just a shade longer than 1. Strong well shaped quarters. Showed well and in good condition. 3rd Mrs R M C Martin and Miss R Martin. Sh Ch Sunhouse Cheerio.

WENDY GORDON - judge