

Pointers
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Having looked forward to this appointment, I have to say and I'm not the 1st person this year to comment on the constant criticism circulating about various exhibits especially my DCC winner and his alleged faults of which I have to say he has far fewer than have been pointed out to me. Being the 1st person in this country to produce a litter by him, I guess I was bound to come in for a certain amount of criticism and speculation coming up to this appointment. But what did surprise me that several exhibitors who have done particularly well under me in the past chose for whatever reason not to exhibit which I did find rather short sighted.

Having never been an advocate of the critique written from the breed standard or another type becoming increasingly popular the pointing out of faults in print as I find neither particularly constructive nor clever. Anyone can find a fault and anyone. I have always been led believe that you should concentrate on the positive rather than the negative, I had plenty of what is written in the standard so what is the point of repeating it. And yes I did find some light eyes, some poor toplines, one or two suspect mouths, I found the rear action in some of the bitches needs watching but i have taken this into account and placed them accordingly without undue criticism of individuals.

My dog CC & BOB SH Ch.NZ & Aust Ch Chesterhope Lets be Serious at Kanix. An impressive dog from any angle. Stacked I found him well made, masculine, athletic, curvey with all the angles and extremely fit, he moves with an open, easy, ground covering stride, he has grown in unison with his handler who in all fairness has had little credit from some quarters. I was pleased to watch them put on a polished performance and take best in show in some impressive company under one of our most experienced gundog specialists.

My BCC Porchet Midnight Affair at Medogold. A clean cut, well made, elegant b/w on the top of her form, one I have done well before and i have never seen her look better, she has a smooth ground covering action with purpose precision, drive & style, handled to get the very best out of her to beat some strong competition. Pleased to award her the all important 3rd and crowning cc,

RDCC Joneva Shooting Star at Djankey, a young b/w impressive on the stack again a series of curves, fit, masculine and upstanding with good body properties and overall make and shape, he has an effortless reachy ground covering stride with a lightness about his action, he didn't quite put in the performance of the cc winner. But then he is young and his day will come RDCC.

RBCC Joneva Waiting in the Wings from the same kennel as the RDCC, although never a prolific breeder this exhibitor continues to produce stock consistently close to the mark, this b/w not long out of puppy, is the most lovely make and shape, giving a most pleasing picture she stood over her ground and moved extremely well with a free and positive action, expertly handled to take the RBCC in hot competition.

I was pleased to see that several that played a major part in my higher placings and final decisions were prodgeny of those I have previously awarded CC's and RCC's.

Special Veteran dog (2)

1st.Andrews & Ledger. Ledgands Jedi Knight a b/w with pleasing head and body shape, he moved ok and was a little unsettled in the challenge through no fault of his own.

2nd.Fowler. Sh Ch Scobec Lookin Dapper beautiful headed b/w and an old favourite of mine, he wasn't quite sound, his owner told me later he had recently been attacked. I hope he makes a full recovery.

Minor Puppy dog (5)

1st.Carson & Dunne. Moorpoint Only The Lonely. An o/w built on lovely lines with a nice headpiece he moved well just seemed a little tense stacked which nearly cost him the class but when he relaxed gave a more pleasing overall picture.

2nd. Collins. Medogold Typhoon Ginger at Collholme a strong well made o/w that gave an impressive picture both standing and moving built on a larger frame which will take longer to fill. A close decision.

3rd.adams-heighway. Burslygrange Hugo.

Puppy dog (6,1)

1st. Cherry. Shanandi Masterpiece an o/w with the most lovely head & expression, stacked he looked a picture with a nice make and shape about him, seemed slightly overawed by the occasion but moved just well enough to win this class .

2nd.Tait. Tomlow Visual Effect to Moordale. L/w built on clean lines with everything about him to like nice head and body shape just needs to mature,

3rd.Siddle. Wilchrimane Obe Gold.

Junior dog (8,1)

1st Gordon. Hawkfield Dapper in Black, a stylish b/w with good head properties & a well made body with lots to like about him in fit hard condition he had a free easy positive stride and covered his ground well with purpose, and although I'm not an on the stack person he didn't do himself any favours in the challenge.

2nd,Brice. Willowdrove Jigsaw Lee. My notes say another smart b/w with similar attributes to winner giving the same overall picture although not quite the head of the one, I see they are by the same sire

3rd.Naden Wychwood Love Over Gold.

Yearling dog (6)

1st. Wilson Joneva Shooting Star at Djankay - **RCC**.

2nd. Moulding & Marsh Billsborough Bright Moon. A recently crowned b/w liked his head, he had a good overall make and shape, although his movement was free and ground covering he was messing around which spoilt his front action and not giving the purpose of the winner.

3rd. Tarling Esrews Orange Fantasy.

Novice dog (6,2)

1st. Cherry. Shanandi Masterclass. A well headed b/w with a lot to like about him, he has a good scopey reachy stride, still a puppy not really together in his movement, but on saying that found him very much a pointer. **BPIB**.

2nd. Naden, Wychwood Midsomer Knight. Res in m/p a b/w although he has good body proportions in a slightly smaller mould than the winner he just needs time to fill his frame and get it together on the move.

3rd. Smith Camelflair Corbie.

Graduate dog (4,2)

1st. Curran. Hurwyn Jack Snipe. A smart b/w with all the essentials not a big dog but he has more than enough about him, he went with plenty of style and covered his ground well just needs to steady up coming towards,

2nd. Stilgoe. Teisgol Tanzanite. B/w built on similar lines to the winner he stood and went well just preferred the head qualities of the winner.

Post Graduate dog (6,1)

1st. Wilcox. Pipeaway Zonic Tonic for Merynjen. An o/w with a good make and shape built on lovely lines he looked a picture on the stack and i found him similar in many respects to my dcc winner, but he was carrying a shade too much weight over his loin and lacked muscle tone which hampered his chances for further consideration

2nd. Morgan & Bott. Hurwyn Trick Of The Night for Quensha.. On the stack this b/w looked quite striking a balanced dog he was well handled to get the best out of him, in lovely form & condition, i thought he had a slightly better headpiece than the winner he just didn't make the best of himself on the move.

3rd. Theobald. Tycarreg Silver Finn.

Limit dog (11,1)

I have to admit I found this class quite difficult to judge with most of the dogs having a lot to commend about them but none really on top form today which you should expect in a class like this

1st.Twyman. Bracendown Good Buddy. Mature l/w with pleasing head properties he has a good overall make and shape stood over his ground and moved out well just carrying a shade too much weight over his front end today spoiling the overall picture.

2nd.Isherwood. Symitry Russian Roulette. O/w built on nice flowing lines, although not as masculine as in head as one, he had a good reachy neck into a good body shape with all the right angles just found him a bit lacking in muscle tone today.

3rd.Kenney-Taylor. Rodale Reflection at Highshann.

Open dog (5)

1st. Wilberg,O'neil & Blackburn-Bennett. Sh Ch.Aust & NZ Ch Chesterhope Lets Be Serious at Kanix. **CC, BOB and BIS.**

2nd.Anthony. Jilony Strongbow. Upstanding mature b/w with all the essentials, correct head, body shape and movement one can expect from this kennel, just seemed to flag slightly when called to challenge for the RCC.

3rd.Crawte. Sh Ch Leascliffe Cutty Sark.

Veteran bitch (5,1)

A lovely class to judge 4 bitches with a lot to commend about them and all looking really well.

1st.Naden Sh Ch Trendmere Dark Star over Wychwood ShCM. This is the 3rd time I have judged this lovely bitch even as a veteran she looks good, she has retained all of her qualities in head body and movement and put on a strong performance to win this class,

2nd.Isherwood. Pipeaway Focus Fixation with Symitry. An elegant o/w that has retained all of her lines & curves, stacks and moves well.

3rd.Preece, Sh Ch Pipeaway Solar Corona over Harvestlade.

Minor puppy bitch (9,2)

1st. Mcgrath. Sanmarlitch Cairns Opel. O/w with a most appealing head, make & shape lovely lines & overall conformation, moved well for one so young

2nd. Ballie & Earl. Medogold Speak Softly. On initial inspection I thought this b/w would be my winner liked her head and overall type she moved well just not the flowing lines of one at the moment.

3rd.Carson & Dunne. Moorpoint Maybe Baby.

Puppy bitch (9,2)

1st.Tarling. Esrews Van Laurel. O/w built on the most lovely clean lines with everything about her to like loved her head & expression and overall make & shape and like the dog puppy, not quite as mature in body & movement or projected as well as some, she had all of the essentials I was looking for in a pointer puppy. **BPB**.

2nd.Wilberg & Blackburn-Bennett. Bradgate Mystic Mauka at Kanix. I have stood in front of and behind this b/w several times this year I find she is improving in head & body shape she moved well and looks impressive in side profile, just not the body shape of winner.

3rd.Yeo. Willchrimane Desert Rose at Trexon.

Junior bitch (10,3)

1st.Evans & Rawlings. Joneva Waiting in the Wings - **RBCC**.

2nd.Milford. Saramander Tangerine Dream. A new one to me and I thought she was going to be a shade heavy but she was just carrying the last of her puppy fat & needs to firm up, on closer inspection I found her to have a lovely head & expression, good neck into a well shaped body with good angles.

3rd. Anthony Jilony Locomotion.

Yearling bitch (5,3)

1st.Barker Flinthill Wild Thyme. A well made b/w with a lovely shaped head & expression well moulded body in good hard condition and muscle tone giving her good a good stride looked well in profile movement

2nd.Symonds Tomlow Shall We Dance to Tanofei. A well made compact b/w liked her make & shape good turn of stifle and went well not the head qualities of 1,

Novice bitch (4,2)

1st.Evans & Rawlings Joneva Waiting in the Wings - **RBCC**

2nd.Stangroom. Medogold Wannabe Posh for Lappakia. B/w, vhc in a strong puppy class, built on a larger frame therefore taking longer to fill, stood over her ground well and moved ok.

Graduate bitch (4)

1st Blackburn-Bennett. Chesterhope North n Breeze at Kanix. Sired by the BOB and has many of his qualities an o/w stacked she has a clean cut impressive outline moved out with great style, still young just needs the finish of body that only time & maturity can bring.

2nd.Ward Jackson. Haramander Paint It Black. A b/w more mature than 1 with a good make & shape she moved well just not with the scope & freedom of winner.

3rd.Mcgrath Millpoint For Your Eyes Only.

Post Graduate bitch (7)

1st.Coggins. Medogold Bewitched to Gemrose. A smart b/w turned out in impressive form as one comes to expect from this exhibitor, she has a good head, neck and lovely body properties, in fit hard condition moved out well to win this strong class.

2nd.Bastin. Shanandi Katarina to Jarobede. Judged this o/w as a puppy and she is improving all the time, she has the most appealing head & expression, and on the stack she pretty much fills the eye, just needs to get it together with her handler on the move.

3rd.Crawte. Leasecliffe Lariana.

Limit bitch (11,2)

A pleasure to judge this strong class which, with open bitch, contained some lovely bitches.

1st.Grime & Byrne. Ansona Fool Britannia at Enryb. I have to admit this b/w has not attracted me from the ringside, but on closer inspection I was pleasantly surprised she is much more appealing and feminine than she first appears. Her head is well shaped with a good kindly eye, in fit hard condition she moved out with great purpose to win this extremely strong class.

2nd.Hambling. Shanandi Tabasco with Chaseover. I have never seen this b/w look better she was spot on for body condition, looking very well on the stack, although she moved with much style, just not with the purpose & muscular condition of one.

3rd.Guy & Walker. Teisgol Phoenix at Carofell.

Open bitch (6,1)

1st.Bond. Porchet Midnight Affair at Medogold - **BCC** - her 3rd.

2nd.Twyman. Bracendown Buds Of May. I found this l/w very appealing and at one stage thought she would be my winner, again a bitch with the most lovely head shape she is so well made & flows from one body part to another she moved extremely well but in the final run off the winner pulled out all stops to take this strong class.

3rd.Peakdale Joy of Kelval.

Judge - Steve Rose (Ridanflight)