Bath Championship Show Saturday 23rd June 2009

I really enjoyed this appointment, lovely weather for the dogs & a large enough ring to appreciate them moving. Overall I found that movement was good, with my winners displaying sound free movement with lovely head carriage & carrying & using their tails correctly. On the minus side I found some incorrect mouths & some exhibits in poor condition & soft muscle tone not conducive to sound movement.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (7) Three lovely pups, it was a joy to go over them.

1st Yeo's Thorncross Cornish Crusade, typy puppy, balanced head with kind eye, neat in ear, straight front, ribs carried well back, well made in quarters, nice turn of stifle, presented a good shape both standing & on the move, overall a quality youngster who I think has a bright future. BPD;

2nd Siddle's Wilchrimane Black Ice, good youngster as was the third in this class, lovely head & shape, moving out well with a good stride using his tail. Not just as strong in quarters as 1; 3rd Osman's Wilchrimane Ace Ventura.

PUPPY DOG (3) In this class of three youngsters all were at the legs & wings stage which did not enhance their overall shape & movement & in view of this it would be harsh to over criticise any of them.

1st Pimblett's Hilldon The Navigator;

2nd Lawton's Pipeaway Sun Magic;

3rd Petrovic's Flashy Boy of Hookwood.

JUNIOR DOG (8,2a)

1st Tibbs' Raigmore Dusk Till Dawn, what a stylish young dog, combines elegance & soundness, lovely balance in head with kind eye & neat ears, long clean neck into well placed shoulders, correct feet & pastern, rib carried well back, strength over loin, nice turn of stifle, sound free movement & what a lovely character, I am sure we shall hear more of this youngster. RCC;

2nd Rose & Williams' Kanix Ace at Ridanflight, exciting young dog, lovely head & eye with neat well placed ears & kind eye, lovely balance in head & body with lovely carriage on the move using his tail, full of type & promise, I look forward to watching the future of these two young males;

3rd Theobald's Kiswahili Kai at Tycarreg.

NOVICE DOG (8,2)

1st Kiswahili Kai at Tycarreg, quality young dog, third in a very good junior class, lovely head with nice moulding & neat ears, clean neck, nice shoulder, sound on the move holding his shape & using his tail;

2nd Whistance's Esrews Serious Lord Jack, lovely head & eye. Not just as together as 1 on the move;

3rd Warford's Hampsbeck Newtons Pride.

POST GRADUATE DOG (21,1)

1st Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Floyd, this young dog is teeming with type & balance, lovely moulding beneath eye, nice turn of lip, neat well placed ears, soft wide nostrils, arched neck into well placed shoulders, good front, legs & feet, oval bone, ribs carried well back, strength in quarters which he used moving out on a free easy gait holding his topline with correct head carriage & using his tail. CC & BOB over a very good bitch;

2nd Smith's Toberdoney Fergus, lovely headed liver dog whom I have always liked, correct bone & front, strength in quarters. Just would not behave for his handler on the move; 3rd Sherwin's Hawkfield Black Tie.

LIMIT DOG (13,1)

1st Udale's Freddie Flintoff, loved his type & shape, balanced head with kind eye, neat in ears, good depth of rib carried well back, strong well made quarters, lovely head carriage & tail action, moved with drive on an easy stride, very well handled, at one with his handler, I really was spoilt for choice in my final line-up, with some lovely dogs to choose from;

2nd O'Neil's Hurwyn Some Might Say, stylish dog full of quality & type, lovely head with plenty of work beneath the eye & kind expression, wide nostrils, neat ears, clean arched neck, good in front & feet, oval bone, ribs carried well back & strength in quarters, nice turn of stifle, moved soundly on a free stride. Rather unsettled & not showing his best;

3rd Andrews & Ledger's Ledgands Magic N Mayhem.

OPEN DOG (4)

1st Twyman's Bracendown Good Buddy, mature well made dog of good type, lovely outline, excellent front, clean neck into well placed shoulders, moved soundly with drive holding his shape, in lovely condition;

2nd Tuite's Porschet Dark Knight, lovely headed dog, with kind eye, straight front, good shoulder placement, strong in quarters, moved with drive; 3rd Howes' Medogold Funtime Frankie.

VETERAN DOG (2) Two most lovely worthy champions, although of different type both have qualities to admire, both in lovely condition & moving out on a good stride driving round the ring in style, such a shame the winner did not stay to challenge for BV.

1st Flint's Sh Ch Casilex Bucks Fizz;

2nd Welch's Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Hookwood Top Man.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (8,2)

1st Welch's Hookwood Back To Black, pretty b/w, lovely head & eye, nice outline & moving well for a baby;

2nd Tannahill's Wynbury Antonina, lovely puppy with a pretty head & lovely shape, moved nicely;

3nd Knowles' Bluemantle Sea Pearl to Dovehayes.

PUPPY BITCH (9,1)

1st Blackburn's Bennett Kanix Beatrice & 2nd Cooper's Kanix Buttons, litter sisters who have similar qualities, both have lovely heads & kind expressions, both have a lovely shape & carriage on the move, but 1 just has the edge in firmness of movement at this stage & that little extra spark that also won her BP;

3rd Stagg & Sansom's Teisgol Gemini.

JUNIOR BITCH (7,2)

1st Anderson's Rowell Wyndhead Mette Marit, very feminine o/w with lovely head & kind eye, neat in ear, nice turn of lip, clean neck, moving on an easy stride with correct head carriage; 2nd Smith's Raigmore Dawn Chorus, stylish & feminine, lovely head of correct proportions, neat in ear & kind eye, long arched neck, ribs carried well back, balanced flowing lines, lovely on the move, unsettled in this class but went on to win another in which she seemed more at ease; 3rd Walton's Galema Gael at Pointmoor.

NOVICE BITCH (8)

1st Tibbs' Raigmore Dawn Chorus;

2nd Cardiff's Prosperity Sheer Elegance, her name suited her well, lovely feminine bitch who has a sweet head & expression, lovely outline & moved on a free stride covering her ground with a nice carriage;

3rd Kellimer, Waters & Stillgoe's Ruby Rosehyde.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (22,1)

1st Tibbs' Raigmore Let It Shine, and shine she certainly does, she is stylish & full of type, lovely head with plenty of work beneath the eye, kind expression, neat well placed ears, soft open nostril, arched neck into sloping shoulders, ribs carried well back, nice turn of stifle & lovely outline, everything about her flows, balanced on the move, I am sure she has a shining future. RCC & I am sure her day will come;

2nd Tobins' Davigdor Patience, most lovely o/w whom I have often admired from the ringside, she has quality & elegance, lovely head & beautiful shape & balance both standing & on the move. Just wish she had a little more spark to finish the picture; 3rd Huxley's Woodfleet Lookin for Trouble.

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LIMIT BITCH (18,1)

1st Edmondson's Crookrise White Lace, beautiful o/w who oozes type & character, classical head with neat well placed ears, kind eye, nice turn of lip, soft open nostril, nice length of pastern & good feet, ribs carried well back, strong slightly arched loin, well muscled quarters, no straight lines on this lady, she drove around the ring with lovely head carriage & using her lovely bee-sting tail, in fit hard condition as a Pointer should be. CC, her third, this bitch is certainly fit for function;

2nd Barker's Flinthill Jenny Wren, lovely bitch of type & quality, lovely head with kind eye & expression, nicely balanced in body & in firm muscle, moved out on a good length of stride, just unlucky to meet 1 on such form;

3rd Blackburn-Bennett's Bracendown Buds Of May.

OPEN BITCH (7,1)

1st Barker's Sh Ch Flinthill Wild Thyme, loved her type & overall quality, she has a most lovely head & expression, deep ribs carried well back, strong well developed quarters, firm in muscle & free & easy mover, correct head carriage, a very worthy Ch;

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's Chesterhope North 'n' breeze at Kanix, lovely bitch who took my eye for her overall shape, lovely head & eye, firm in muscle, moved soundly on a good stride; 3rd Pimblett's Pennine Paparazzi.

VETERAN BITCH (1)

1st Twyman's Wherathy Storm Bird at Bracendown, this bitch could show some of the younger ones about fitness of muscle, movement & carriage, she has lovely balanced lines both standing & on the move, in lovely condition. Such a shame she did not stay for BV.

GRAHAM INGHAM - judge