

East of England Championship Show

Friday 8th July 2011

My first CC judging appointment – thank you to all exhibitors, spectators and stewards for your support. The Open and Limit dog classes were particularly strong and there are also some excellent young dogs coming up. I found that overall, the dogs were better than the bitches, many of whom were in soft condition. I found a number of level bites and some exhibits seemed rather long in body while others were overweight and lacking in muscle. I also had a concern about height and size as there were a number fairly substantial dogs and bitches and I wondered how agile they would be running across rough terrain. I was looking for alert pointers that moved with good head carriage, using their tails and showing reach at front and drive from rear and many looked good on stack but disappointed on move. But on the plus side, temperaments were sound, heads, feet, fronts and shoulder angulation generally good and I was very pleased with my winners, especially my BOB who went Gundog Group 2.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (5)

1st Macmanus' Luneville Harvest Moon, b/w. 8 month boy who impressed with overall shape and maturity.

Deep chest and strong hindquarters with balanced head and lean neck set cleanly into well laid back shoulders. Bouncy on the move but did enough to show he had drive and reach. BPD

2nd Mason's Freebreeze Figaro, 8 months o/w, similar type to 1 but more elegant with beautiful head which he carried well on the move. Just needs time to grow into himself but very promising.

3rd Walkling's Kiswahili Man of Our Times.

PUPPY DOG (6)

1st Tait's Moordale Match Point, well-made o/w, 10 months, short coupled and lovely shape all through with deep chest, neat tail and handsome head. Unfortunately not settled when moved in puppy dog challenge.

2nd Saunders' Sharnphilly Royal Prestige, b/w, 10 months boy with good clean lines, mature for age. Just preferred head and compactness of winner.

3rd Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Tenshilling it's Now or Never at Spinray.

JUNIOR DOG (12, 2a)

1st Stilgoe's Teisgol Go Your Own Way, b/w, presenting a pleasing, balanced picture on stack and moved steadily. Strong, muscular neck set cleanly, deep brisket with good topline which he kept on the move.

Happy boy.

2nd Esrews Sir Walter Raleigh, b/w, more substantial, and rangier, taller dog than 1 and still to come together. Particularly liked his head and expression and gently sloping topline.

3rd Hambling's Chaseover the Moon.

YEARLING DOG (8,2a)

1st Theobold's Tycarreg Strangely Familyr JW, loved this b/w boy and considered him for RCC but just felt he needs more time to mature. He is elegant but strong all through with deep brisket, well laid back shoulders and plenty of heart room. Classic head with kind eye, well set ears and correct length of muzzle. Moved effortlessly round the ring with style and reach.

2nd Whitham's Moordale Maritime at Sedgekirk, sound, honest b/w, unlucky to meet 1 on such form. So well-constructed fore and aft with good reach of neck, pleasing topline and strode out well.

3rd Stilgoe's Teisgol Go Your Own Way.

GRADUATE DOG (3)

1st Tait's Moordale Beach Boy, o/w, good mover, holding his head high and using his tail. Short coupled and compact, well-muscled and with beautiful head and expression.

2nd Tibbs' Raigmore Skeewiff JW, b/w, larger dog, not as steady on move as 1, needs more time to mature. Liked his head and expression.

3rd Ram's Gempoint Boot N Toot.

POST GRADUATE DOG (7, 1a)

1st Huxley's Saregresi Fame of Gold at Woodfleet (Imp), o/w dog, still to come together but in tiptop condition, moved with head up, lovely type. Lovely head and dark pigment, short coupled with strong topline and neat tail.

2nd Adams' Ansona Simple Simon JW ShCM, happy b/w, presenting a striking picture on stack and elegant outline with well let down hocks and neat tail but preferred winner's front.

3rd Marsh's Sharnphilly Redshank for Ratchda.

LIMIT DOG (13, 2a) Lovely class.

1st O'Neill's Hurwyn Some Might Say JW, very sound b/w, moved steadily with purpose. Liked his overall shape and balance, deep chest and powerful hindquarters. Excelled in head with kind expression. Just didn't sparkle in the final challenge.

2nd Tibbs' Raigmore Dusk Till Dawn JW CJW 09, b/w, preferred hindquarters of 1 and this dog still needs time to fully body up. But he won his place for his type and pointer character, moving with enthusiasm and style.

3rd Smith's Lypal Pukka Tukka ShCM.

OPEN DOG (7, 1a) Some outstanding dogs in this class.

1st Beesley's Birchleith Barbican Beau, my star of the day, CC, BOB and G2. This 5-year-old b/w is in his prime and a series of graceful curves as the breed standard describes. He is the size I prefer with a head that is unmistakably masculine but well-proportioned with a kind expression. He is perfectly balanced from head to tail and flows round the ring, keeping his topline, with power and elegance. In splendid condition and a fine representative of the breed.

2nd Drake's Sh Ch Clamerkin Crystal Mountain JW ShCM, b/w, scores in head and expression but not quite the elegance of 1. An eye-catching dog, strongly built but not too big, with lovely sweep of hindquarters, correct front and gently sloping topline. He was impressive moving round the ring. RCC.

3rd O'Driscoll's Sh Ch Fowington Five Bob Note JW.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (7)

1st Tibbs' Raigmore Dusky Moon, loved this sweet liv/w girl, she just lost to maturity in puppy bitch challenge and should have a bright future. Deep chest, strong hindquarters, balanced for age, pretty head and expression. Naughty but nice!

2nd MacManus' Strawberry Moon, lem/w, stronger built than 1 and still to come together. But essentials in right place, lovely curves and clean topline, moved well for her age.

3rd Turton's Tanglebrook Madrilen.

PUPPY BITCH (5)

1st Udale's Dowbiggins Coco Pop, liv/w, beautiful type moved smoothly and with head up, really enjoying herself and this won her BP overall. She has elegant neck, sloping pasterns, good spring of rib and topline, well let down hocks and plenty second thigh and neat tail. Should do well for owner.

2nd O'Neill's Ten Shilling Viva Las Vegas, o/w, more substantial than 1 with better front angulation and more mature but I preferred winner's movement and type. This pup is well constructed with good shoulders and strong topline, moved steadily and has attractive head and expression.

3rd Ainsworth's Soxette Regal Mae Hem.

JUNIOR BITCH (5) Splitting hairs between 1 & 2, very striking litter sisters, both mature for age and well-handled to bring out the best in both to win over a lovely bitch in third place.

1st Siddle's Wilchrimane Ice Maiden, o/w classic head, muscular neck and well laid back shoulders, deep chest with sloping topline and good hindquarters. Moved soundly.

2nd Siddle's Wilchrimane Ice Crystal, o/w, preferred her sister's head and front but this bitch's smooth and effortless movement round ring was impressive.

3rd Whitham's Penwest Pride of Sedgekirk.

YEARLING BITCH (7)

1st Wilson's Bonnygate Lady Annie, o/w, free and easy mover, scenting air, presented in hard condition. Lovely head and bright, alert expression, still to mature but all the essentials there.

2nd Craik's Scobec Ice Maiden, o/w, not as alert as 1 but lovely type, long, elegant neck set cleanly into good front, neat tail, sweet head and expression. Moved well.

3rd Coone's Bonnygate Lady Whisper of Valleypoint.

GRADUATE BITCH (8,2a)

1st Blowers' Bonnygate Karriage Queen of Deadaway, b/w, won this varied class for fluid, relaxed movement. Compact and well-muscled, beautiful shape, strong front and spring of rib and powerful hindquarters.

2nd Dunn's Meadowpoint Spirit Dancer, b/w, slightly taller than 1 but still a good size, well-constructed and balanced presenting a pleasing picture, movement steady.

3rd Cooper's Keepersfield Mama Mia.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (10, 4a)

1st Barrs-Gordon's Panoply Black Diamond, b/w, compact girl, neat tail, nicely put together, pretty head. Enjoyed some high jinks on the move but alert and keen as she went round the ring.

2nd Turnbull's Bonnygate Krystal Roses at Beridew (AI), preferred overall shape and construction of this girl but just a little bit soft and not enthusiastic on move today.

3rd Walton's Galema Gael at Pointmoor.

LIMIT BITCH (13, 3a) Three lovely bitches.

1st O'Driscoll's Fowington Six in the City JW, this o/w girl strode out round the ring, tail lashing, looking for action . She is hard as a rock all through, a working machine but beautiful as well! Long muscular neck, strong topline, well set shoulders and plenty of heart room, good hindquarters and as a bonus, pleasing head and expression. Just preferred size and neatness of CC winner in challenge. RCC

2nd MacManus' Crookrise Moondance at Luneville, very pretty o/w girl, beautiful head and expression. Lovely type, moved well, strong front and deep chest, neat tail, well let down hocks but I preferred topline and style of 1. Won over another lovely bitch for her flowing curves.

3rd Mason's Freebreeze As You Like it.

OPEN BITCH (11,1a) Unfortunately, some in this class distracted by weather conditions.

1st Huxley's Ch Woodfleet Siennarain, beautiful liv/w, shouts pointer from her pretty head to the tip of her wagging tail, just the size I like, so balanced and neat on stack, nothing exaggerated. Mature, hard condition, alert and keen. She couldn't care less about noise from torrential rain outside - head up, tail going and she was off round the ring! Just lost out in final challenge to dog's eyecatching curves and elegance. CC

2nd Dyer's Sh Ch Sharnphilly Complimentary, b/w, compact with lovely spring of rib and front and back angulation. Moved soundly and well, worthy of her title, but preferred type of 1.

3rd Ainsworth's Soxette Regal Mantissa Mae.

Breeders competition Tenshilling.

FLO BARKER - Judge