The Pointer Club Championship Show 21st April 2012

Dog Judge: Mrs Linda Wilson (Bonnygate) **Bitch Judge:** Mrs Pamela Tibbs (Raigmore)

DOGS:

Many thanks for the invitation to judge Dogs at this Show, and also to my capable stewards. As I have said before I love all Pointers but on the day you have to judge to the Breed Standard. I am worried about where the breed is going. We are still seeing many dogs with incorrect angulation of the hindquarters giving low tailsets and high tail carriage which completely spoils the lines of this breed. These dogs don't have the width of thigh or turn of stifle required because of the angle of the pelvis. Also, where are the beautiful chiselled heads with expressive eyes and fine leathers? On the plus side, temperaments were excellent and the majority were shown in hard muscular condition. I hope the foregoing comments aren't taken in a negative manner as they are only meant to be used constructively for the future of our beautiful breed.

VETERAN DOG (6)

1st Welch's Ir Sh Ch Hookwood Top Marks JW ShCM. Super fit 9 and a half year old b/w which showed in his excellent driving movement. Very balanced with nice head and expression. Good length of neck, super topline leading into a well set tail of correct length.

2nd Wood's Ch Stockend Jameson. Almost 8 year old b/w of smaller build than 1st. Another very fit veteran. Lovely head and expression. Long neck leading into a good body shape. Neat tail set on well. Good moving dog.

 3^{rd} Stilgoe's Teisgol King Henry ShCM. 9 year old b/w shown in super hard condition and gleaming coat. Not as positive on the move as 1^{st} and 2^{nd} .

MINOR PUPPY DOG (9)

1st Martin's Sunhouse Anything Goes. 7 month old b/w. Quality puppy with super profile movement. Lovely head and expressive eyes. Good in topline, well angulated fore and aft. One to watch.

2nd Gordon & Stokes' Wozopeg Sesame (Imp.Hungary). Very nice 8 month I/w. Another with a good head and expression although to be critical would prefer a darker eye. Super neck and shoulders, good forechest, deep brisket with an excellent topline finished off with a well set on neat tail.

3rd Coggins' Droveborough Born to Bound at Gemrose. Substantial 6 month I/w. Liked his head and eye. Good in outline with super feet and pasterns. Not so settled on the move as above but he is only a baby.

PUPPY DOG (6)

1st Harrison's Millpoint Heat Wave. Quality 9 month b/w with a beautiful head and expression. Lovely fine leathers which are sadly lacking in so many. He is well angulated fore and aft, super topline with a well shaped tail set on correctly giving him the lovely flowing lines required for our breed. Good feet and pasterns. Needs to tighten up in front movement but he has plenty of time for this. **Best Puppy Dog and Best Puppy in Show** over a very nice l/w bitch.

2nd Dodds' Raigmore Light Up The Sky for Lyncarda. Beautiful 10 month o/w. A very close decision between these two. Another with a beautiful head and eye. Super shapely outline, again with the flowing lines required. Sloping pasterns, super low set hocks. Lovely neat tail set on correctly. 3rd Coggins' Droveborough Born to Bound at Gemrose.

JUNIOR DOG (15)

1st Smith's Fydal Ace. 13 month b/w. Lovely head and expression. Long neck, shapely body, good quarters, excellent topline finished off with a neat well shaped tail. Sloping pasterns and super low set hocks. Lovely on the move when he settled.

2nd Mason's Freebreeze Figaro. Stylish 17 month o/w. Classy dog with a lovely head and expression. Curvaceous body shape with well muscled hindquarters. Deep brisket. Correct feet and pasterns. Neat tail although would have preferred better carriage. Steady mover.

3rd Roberts' Kanix Dante's Inferno. Neat 16 month o/w. Nicely constructed and a super moving dog. Just not the scope of those above and would prefer less depth to muzzle. Super shaped tail set on well.

YEARLING DOG (12)

1st Evans & Pavey's Joneva Diamond in the Rough JW 21 month o/w. Real stallion of a dog. Super balance and very mature for age. Lovely head and expression. Long neck. Well angulated fore and aft. Good depth to brisket. Would prefer better tail shape. Moved okay but I feel would have benefitted from a larger ring.

2nd Barrs-Gordon's Panoply Perfect Choice. Lovely 19 month b/w with super head and beautiful expressive eyes. Fine leathers. Long neck leading into shapely well balanced body. Well boned legs and feet. Shade upright in pasterns. Super topline finished off with neat tail set on well. This was a close call between these two.

3rd Barker's Flinthill Chocolate Thyme. Quality 20 month I/w. Another with a beautiful head and expression. Shapely outline. Good feet and pasterns. Correct bone. Neat well shaped tail.

MAIDEN DOG (10)

1st Harrison's Millpoint Heat Wave.

2nd Martin's Sunhouse Anything Goes.

3rd Smith's Fydal Ace.

NOVICE DOG (7)

1st Harrison's Millpoint Heat Wave.

2nd Tait's Moordale Match Point. O/w. This dog has a lovely shape and is well boned. Nice head and expression. Good in topline, depth and spring of rib. Well muscled quarters. Moved okay although not with much enthusiasm.

3rd Smith's Fydal Ace.

DEBUTANT DOG(6)

1st Harrison's Millpoint Heat Wave.

2nd Stilgoe's Teisgol Just by Chance. Substantial b/w. Good head with a kind expression. Well turned stifle. Good bone. Moved okay.

3rd Anderson Rowell's Stormy Lenny at Daledancer. Real workmanlike b/w. Neat build with good neck and shoulders and well muscled quarters. Lovely low set hocks. Moved well.

GRADUATE DOG (4)

1st Stilgoe's Teisgol Go Your Own Way JW Quality medium size b/w with lovely head and expression, fine leathers, good length of neck leading into a curvaceous body shape finished off with a neat tail. Well boned legs and feet, low set hocks. Moved well. Tail carriage could have been better.

2nd Mason's Freebreeze Figaro.

3rd Anderson Rowell's Stormy Lenny at Daledancer.

POST GRADUATE DOG (12)

1st Whitham's Moordale Maritime at Sedgekirk. A favourite of mine. Super elegant b/w of medium size. A real athletic boy with the flowing lines of the Pointer. Love his head and expression, neat fine leathers, good reach of neck into a super topline with a neat tail set on correctly and used well. Lovely quarters with good turn of stifle and low set hocks. Moved well with lovely head carriage. Considered for RCC but just lost out on maturity.

2nd Theobald's Tycarreg Strangely Familyr JW ShCM. B/w. Another favourite of mine who just didn't make the most of himself on the day. He is such a typy dog. Medium size with a gorgeous head and expressive eyes. Neat fine leathers. Long neck leading into a shapely body. Still needs to mature. Moved okay. 3rd Desmond's Medogold Daramoon over Kajesola. B/w. I have always liked this dog. Super shapely body with beautifully muscled quarters. Pleasing head and expression. Excellent feet and pasterns. Good hard topline. Shown in tip top condition.

MID LIMIT DOG (6)

1st Adams' Ansona Simple Simon JW ShCM. Elegant b/w with no exaggerations. Long neck, well angulated front and rear, good topline leading into a well set and carried tail of good shape. Pleasing head and expression with high set fine leathers. Moved well. Has perfect footfall in his profile movement although to be hyper critical would just like a bit more reach in front. However a worthy **RDCC** winner. 2nd Harrison's Millpoint Top Hat N Tails JW Curvaceous outline on this b/w. He flows through to his excellently muscled quarters. Lovely low set hocks. Well balanced head with kindly expression. Shown in tip top condition. Just not the movement of 1st.

3rd Sumner's Hawkfield Loves A Scoundrel. Another elegant b/w. Lovely head and expression. Super well muscled condition. Just a bit lighter on the hindquarters than those above and prefer slightly shorter tail.

LIMIT DOG (9)

1st Wood's Stockend Winchester. This I/w is another favourite of mine. He is so well balanced and moved accordingly. Lovely head and expressive eyes, neat fine leathers set on high. Super topline with a neat well shaped beesting tail which he used beautifully. Close up for RCC.

2nd Alcorn & Lynn's Afterglow Bare Face Lie at Kanix ShCM. Thought this boy might have been my winner. Another with flowing lines from nose to tail. Sound moving dog made in a larger mould than above. Pleasing head and expression but would have preferred a darker eye. Super low set hocks but shade upright in pasterns. Superb profile movement.

3rd Sumner's Hawkfield Lets Get Rowdy JW ShCM. Very nice b/w with a lovely head and expression. Fine leathers. Long neck leading into well angulated body, good topline and neat tail set on well. Liked him.

OPEN DOG (10)

1st Beesley's Sh Ch Birchleith Barbican Beau. This b/w just 'fits the bill' for me. No exaggeration anywhere. Medium size with every part flowing into the next, he is so well balanced with a superb topline and tailset, deep brisket, good spring of rib, well angulated fore and aft. Pleasing head, expressive eyes and lovely fine leathers. Shown in tip top condition and such an easy mover. **DCC**. Just a shame he lost his 'get up and go' in the challenge for **RBIS**.

2nd O'Driscoll's Sh Ch Fowington Five Bob Note JW Another unexaggerated b/w shown in excellent condition. Lovely expressive eyes, neat fine leathers, balanced head. Nicely constructed dog who flows through, deep brisket, well sprung ribs, moved well.

3rd O'Neill's Hurwyn Some Might Say JW B/w with a good head and expression. Stylish and well constructed. Doesn't really want to make the most of himself in the ring.

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG DOG (2)

1st Westron's Aurichalcum Lord Beckett of Castlepoint. This o/w won this class on his superb movement. He is a very stylish dog shown in hard muscular condition. Impressive looking dog. Scored on width of thigh and steady movement.

 2^{nd} Marsh's Sharnphilly Redshank for Ratchda. Good b/w shown in super hard condition, medium size. Preferred the head and expression of this boy but just not as steady on the move as 1^{st} .

FIELD TRIAL DOG (2)

1st Wood's Stockend Winchester. 2nd Wood's Ch. Stockend Jameson.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (4)

 1^{st} Miller's Shadesett Better Believe It. This b/w settled so much better in this class. He has a good head and expression. Nicely shaped body, well boned legs and feet, sloping pasterns. Shown in good condition. 2^{nd} Anderson Rowell's Stormy Lenny at Daledancer.

3rd Roberts & Easton's Fanmatrix Serious Sirius. Shapely I/w shown in well muscled condition albeit a shade light on the hindquarters. Would like more working in head and depth of muzzle but has correct fine leathers. Good feet and pasterns.

Linda Wilson (Dog Judge)

BITCHES:

I would like to thank the Club for the invitation to judge bitches at their Championship Show. An honour indeed. Thank you also to the exhibitors for such a lovely entry and to my stewards for their help in keeping things moving.

Overall I was pleased with the quality of my entry although there were some with incorrect front angulation and upright pasterns. Not only does this lead to incorrect front movement but having no 'springs' to counteract the impact of this galloping breed can lead to unsoundness. I also like a bitch to look feminine and did find a few that were very 'doggy'. However overall the quality was good and I was very pleased with my final line-up.

VETERAN BITCH (8, 1)

1st Turnbull's Juennerfly Angelica at Beridew

One I have judged before and at nearly 9 is still in fabulous condition. She moved with style and drive and indeed could show some of the younger ones how to move. A credit to her owners

2nd Macmanus' Crookrise Arran at Luneville

Very stylish bitch with lots of pointer type. Lovely head with neat ears. Good depth of body. Another in good condition

3rd Grime & Byrne's Sh Ch Ansona Fool Brittania at Enryb JW

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (10, 0)

1st O'Driscoll's Fowington One Won One

Strongly made 8 month baby. Good head with lovely thin ears. Good neck into well laid back shoulders. Great depth and ribs for one so young. Excellent bone. Good feet. Tail well set on. Sound on the move. 2^{nd} Collins' Sobranya Attribution

Caught my eye as she entered the ring for her pure pointer type. Very much a baby at just 6 months but just right for her age. She has a lovely overall shape and a beautiful head and expression. 3rd Howes' Tyremy Hearsay by Medogold

PUPPY BITCH (12, 4)

1st Dyer's Sharnphilly Juici Cuture

What a stylish baby this is. Just 6 months but never put a foot wrong. Loved her overall balance. Beautiful head and expression, neat ears. Nice neck and shoulders. Strong quarters with good width of thigh. Hocks well let down. Moved with style and drive. **Best puppy bitch & reserve best puppy in show**. Just lost out on maturity to the dog but i am sure we will hear more of this young lady.

2nd Clark & Rawlings' Hawkfield Spinayarn over Indicium

Another youngster that i liked a lot. Lovely head and expression. Well balanced overall. Good quarters. Moved well.

3rd Sumner & Gordon's Hawkfield Chinwag

JUNIOR BITCH (15, 2)

1st Smith's Fydal Ava

Really fell for this little lady as she oozes pointer type. Just out of puppy but beautifully balanced with a stunning head and expression and the thinnest ears. She is ultra feminine but still strongly built. Good bone. Excellent feet and pasterns. Moved easily with soundness and drive. Pushed hard in the challenge but just needs a bit more maturity to complete the picture. Her day will come.

2nd Dunn's Meadowpoint Talihina Sky

Larger type who won this class on her excellent movement. She has great depth, strong quarters with good width of stifle. Good head with a gentle expression. Shown in excellent condition.

3rd Edmondson & Robertshaw Crookrise Agathis

YEARLING BITCH (17, 3)

1st Barford & Booth's Kanix Calypso by Kiswahili

Beautiful bitch of excellent type. Loved her head and expression with plenty of dish. Great overall outline with well laid back shoulders and sloping pasterns. Good spring of rib with plenty of heart room. Good hindquarters . Moved with plenty of drive.

2nd O'Neill's Tenshilling Viva Las Vegas

Just carrying a bit of extra weight which spoiled her outline. Lovely head and expression. Great depth. Moved well.

3rd Dolman's Flinthill Golden Thyme

MAIDEN BITCH (12, 0)

1st Smith's Fydal Ava 2nd Collins' Sobranya Attribution 3rd Howes' Tyremy Hearsay by Medogold

NOVICE BITCH (10, 3)

1st Smith's Fydal Ava 2nd Dyer's Sharnphilly Juici Cuture 3rd Clark's Hawkfield Spinayarn over Indicium

DEBUTANT BITCH (9, 3)

1st Martin's Gartarry Moon Light in Sunhouse

Nicely headed bitch. Good bone and depth. Correct feet. Moved well but just tends to be a bit proud of her tail

2nd Barford and Booth's Kiswahili You Live In Me for Protanto

Typey bitch with a lovely head and expression. Good depth and second thigh. Neat tail. A bit upright in shoulder and straight in pastern which spoiled the overall picture.

3rd Lambert's Smartbay Vintage Gold

GRADUATE BITCH (8, 2)

1st Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Chilli

Strongly made bitch with a lovely head and a great reach of neck. Good bone, correct feet and pasterns. Lovely lines both standing and on the move.

2nd Coone's Bonnygate Lady Whisper of Valleypoint

A lovely bitch with clean lines shown in tip top condition. Correct shoulders and pasterns. Good spring of rib. Strong quarters.good tail, well set on. Moved with style.

3rd Dunn's Meadowpoint Spirit Dancer ShCM

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POST GRADUATE BITCH (19, 3)

1st Barford & Booth's Kanix Calypso at Kiswahili

2nd Evans & Pavey's Joneva Hazy Hazy Dream JW

Bigger type of bitch with good overall shape and bone. Nice neck and shoulders. Moved with style and drive.

3rd Blowers' Bonnygate Karriage Queen of Deadaway

MID LIMIT BITCH (7, 0)

Spoiled for choice in this class. Some lovely bitches who could change places on another day.

1st Anderson-Rowell's Wyndhead Mette Marit ShCM

Have given this bitch a res. Cc as a youngster and she is fulfilling her earlier promise. She is maturing nicely and I think her best is still to come. Such a feminine bitch with a beautiful head and expression. Shown in best bib & tucker. So balanced. She moved effortlessly round the ring to win this tough class. 2^{nd} Siddle's Wilchrimane Ice Crystal

Another beautiful bitch who was unlucky to meet the winner. Lovely pointer type with great depth of chest & good forefront & spring of rib. Strong well muscled quarters. Moved with drive. Splitting hairs between these two.

3rd Weaver's Anniezu Everlasting Love

LIMIT BITCH (13, 0)

1st Elrington, Green & Cannon's Ansona Lucy Lockett.

Beautiful, ultra feminine bitch who never put a foot wrong. Not overdone in any way and just shouts type and style. She has the most beautiful head and kind eye. Neat, thin ears, correct crest leading into a lovely neck and shoulders. Good front, correct sloping pasterns. Good depth, spring of rib. Strong quarters with well let down hocks. She owned the ring moving with style and drive and could not be denied top honours which I believe gives her crown. A worthy champion! Delighted that my co-judge, Linda Wilson agreed with my opinion thus giving her the top spot. **BCC and BIS**

2nd Barker's Flinthill Daisychain

Another top drawer bitch. So full of type and with such a melting expression. Lovely thin ears. Nice neck and shoulders. Great depth. Moved with style.

3rd Turnbull's Bonnygate Krystal Roses at Beridew (ai)

OPEN BITCH (10, 0) Alovely class where my winners could change places on another day.

1st Siddle's Wilchrimane Ice Maiden JW

Lovely o/w bitch with everything in the right place. She is a strong bitch but still feminine. Good head with thin ears. Great depth and good spring of rib. Good front. Correct feet and pasterns. Hocks well let down. Moved with drive. Would just like her handler to relax a bit and let the bitch show herself off. She has it all there. **RBCC**

2nd Wilkinson's Sh Ch Flinthill Forget Me Not JW

Lives up to her name and this was a very close decision between 1 & 2. Another lovely bitch who is ultra feminine and shown in tip top condition. Beautiful head and expression. Good body shape with lovely spring of rib. Neatest of tails. Stylish mover who was sympathetically handled.

3rd Sh Ch Flinthill Wild Thyme JW

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG BITCH (3,0)

1st O'Driscoll's Fowington Six In The City

A lovely bitch shown in hard condition. Beautiful head with kind expression and thin ears. Correct bone and feet. Good depth and spring of rib. Neat tail. Moved with great drive.

2nd Macmanus' Crookrise Arran of Luneville.

3rd Blowers' Bonnygate Karriage Queen of Deadaway.

FIELD TRIAL BITCH (2)

1st Huxley's Ch Woodfleet Siennarain

Quality I/w bitch who is not overdone in anyway. Melting expression with neatest of ears. Moved well driving round the ring. A worthy champion.

2nd Blowers' Bonnygate Just A Madam from Deadaway

Typey bitch shown in lovely hard condition. Beautifully balanced throughout and looking great for her age.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (10)

1st Dunn's Meadowpoint Talihina Sky

2nd Dolman's Flinthill Golden Thyme

3rd Carford & Booth's Kiswahili You Live In Me for Protanto

Pamela Tibbs (Bitch Judge)