Welsh Kennel Club Sunday 19th August 2012

First I want to thank the WKC for inviting me to give CC's for the first time in the UK to my beloved breed. I also want to thank the exhibitors for trusting me with their lovely dogs knowing that I was going to disappoint the many & pleases the few. The appreciation given by the ringside after every class made the event exciting & created a nice atmosphere. A big thank to you all for your sportsmanship. Our hobby is of course a game & for the dog game to survive we must all try to make it interesting & fun, if not our sport have no future. Our hobby is under threat & the entries are falling. We must never forget that the social part of the dog game is what keeps it going so keep smiling. I look forward to see you all again soon.

MINOR PUPPY DOG:

1st Anthony's Jilony Red Arrow - an extremely promising youngster & there isn't much I would change on him, well schooled & moves like an old champion, beautiful head & expression & if he develops the way I hope, Jilony will have bred another champion;

2nd Tobin and Moss' Davigdor's Bit of Rough - of lovely type with an outstanding outline, does, however, need to develop in front, moves very well around.

PUPPY DOG

1st Tobin and Moss' Davigdor Rough and Tumble - puppy which pleased me very much, nice head & excellent outline, beautiful curves, a very promising young man who is well angulated both ends & moved very well when he wanted to, when this dog settles & if he develops the right way Moss & Tobin will for sure get a dog to be proved of;

2nd Martin's Sunhouse Anything Goes - dog for the future, well developed youngster & is built the right way, I did, however, prefer the neck & presence on 1 even if Anything Goes moved better in front.

JUNIOR DOG

1st Nelis' Freebreeze Yankee Clipper - it was a close decision between Yankee Clipper & Ace, I preferred the head on 1 & is more developed & moved better in front, I would, however, have liked him to carry his tail better;

2nd Smith's Fydal Ace - nice dog with excellent curves, I liked his outline & moved very well around the ring, on the day his front worked against him, needs a bit of time.

NOVICE DOG

1st Nelis' Freebreeze Yankee Clipper.

POST GRADUATE DOG

1st Thorpe's Kiswahili Rebus at Braegorse - there is a lot to like about this dog even if he is big, his head is exquisite & his outline is very pleasing, even if the tail is a bit disturbing, well developed in body, perfectly angulated & moves like a real stallion;

2nd Grantham and Moss' Kiswahili It's My Time at Kingspoint – similar in quality & type, but I preferred the front & movement of 1.

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LIMIT DOG

1st Harrison's Millpoint Top Hat N'Tails - I have liked this dog from the first time I saw him & was unfortunate to meet Dreams Are Free in such great form because I would have liked to give Hat N'Tails the CC, had one of the best heads on the day & is correctly angulated both ends, moves around the ring with style & presence & I would have been very proud of this dog if he had been mine, to be critical I would have preferred a bit more curves, but it is difficult to get it all. RCC;

2nd Adams' Ansona Simple Simon - high class dog which looked beautiful standing, has the right curves & a lovely profile, I prefer the head on 1 & I would have liked Simple Simon to drive better behind, we can fault them all & this dog is of course no exception, a lot to like about him.

OPEN DOG

1st Rose and Robinson's Sh Ch Nz Ch Robwyn Dreams Are Free at Ridanflight - was the star of the day, top class dog which has come in from New Zealand, it is amazing how many quality Pointers this small country has produced, Dreams Are Free has a lovely outline & is as sound as they come, I could use superlative after superlative to describe this beautiful dog, but since most of them have already been used by my colleagues, I will finish by thanking Steve for bringing this impressive dog to the UK, I was delighted to see him being placed third in the group, well done! CC, BOB;

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Lets Go Crackers - this dog pleased me enormously & I was glad the young & clever handler made it, she did for sure arrive at the last minute, I liked the head & his outline was superb, carried himself well on the move & if he just had had a bit more substance he could have gone all the way, is a first-class Pointer.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH

1st Siddle's Wilchrimane Maggie-Mae - a stylish & promising youngster with quite a nice head, well constructed & moves very well;

2nd Paton's Peakdale Silver Ribbon with Bunnahabhain - attractive bitch with a very good head for age, excellent angulation both ends, but topline a bit flat & tailset slightly high.

PUPPY BITCH

1st Dyer's Sharnphilly Juici Cuture - this is a star in the making & it is for sure one of the best livers & white Pointers I have seen, Juici Cuture has a wonderful temperament & conquered the class with style & presence, there is nothing stopping her on the move & looks a picture standing, beautiful head, what more do you want? another Sharnphilly champion in the making. BP;

2nd Martin's Sunhouse I Am What I Am - classy bitch with a lot of qualities, well made & moved very well, I did, however, prefer the neck & the style of 1.

JUNIOR BITCH

1st Smith's Fydal Ava - a lovely upstanding bitch with a good head, has a superb attitude & moved very well, there is a lot to like but to be critical I would have preferred a bit more of her, Ava moved like a little manneguin so it was no wonder I fell in love with her;

2nd Lathwell's Teisgol Its Your Chance for Tinchitamba - a lovely head & with superb temperament, excellent type & moved well, I liked her substance but preferred the style of 1.

NOVICE BITCH

1st Ward's Kiswahili Timely Nu Edition to Jakobstown - excellent type of bitch with a good head, well constructed even if I would have preferred her better developed in front, moved well;

2nd Shaw's Astonpark Fuel For Life - beautiful bitch, but would have preferred a more extravert temperament, except from that there is a lot to like.

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POST GRADUATE BITCH

1st Rankine's Tenshilling Rags To Riches at Fyldefair JW - a first-class bitch, feminine with a nice head, elegant with the right amount of substance, moved & presented herself well, was a contender for the RCC; 2nd Stilgoe and Bradley's Teisgol Lady Penelope - classy bitch, moves & stands very well, but I preferred the head on 1.

LIMIT BITCH

1st Martin's Gartarry Moon Light in Sunhouse - I have always been taken by this beautiful orange, type-wise she looks as if she was Kanix breed, but she does of course have nothing to do with us, I loved her outline & sparkle, has the right angulation both ends & moved around the ring like a princess, like all the other she had her faults, I would have preferred her slightly darker in eye & the tail carriage could have been a bit better, but all her plusses outweighed her weaknesses;

2nd Perkins' Luneville Honey Moon at Brent - it was a close decision in this class because this bitch is also straight up my street, has the style & outline I was looking for & moves like a light footed athlete, when you have two such beautiful bitches as Moon Light & Moon at Brent the finer points makes the difference, this bitch has a fantastic back end, but to be critical I could have liked her better developed in front & on the day could have been a bit happier, this made me place her 2nd.

OPEN BITCH

1st Elrington, Green and Cannon's Sh Ch Ansona Lucy Lockett - wow, as soon as this bitch entered the ring I was taken by her quality & type, I have admired her from ringside at many occasions & did for sure not disappoint me, a good head & her build is close to perfection, standing you can't fault her, but she could have had a bit more drive in the rear, out-moved by the RCC but I preferred the overall picture of Lucy Lockett. CC, BOS;

2nd Rose's Ridanflight Rangiora a top winning bitch in the UK, but was unfortunately not on top form on the day, hadn't quite recovered from her litter & looked a bit heavy, having said that, I don't want to take anything away from this beautiful bitch, is for sure one of my all-time favourites & will always be so, her presence & lovely curves will stay with me forever.

SIGURD WILBERG - judge

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