DARLINGTON CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW Sunday 15th September 2013

A super entry. Movement was difficult to assess due to the rain & cold however I feel the breed has improved since I last judged, I didn't find many oversize & only one bad mouth but still feel front angulation needs to be watched.

VETERAN DOG (2)

1st Westaway's Penwest Palamedes, b/w, this 8 year old appealed for type, well shaped head & eye, reachy neck into well placed shoulders, short coupled, moved straight & true;

2nd Wilcox's Sh Ch Pipeaway Zonic Tonic for Merynjen, 9 years o/w, looking in fine fettle for his age, pleasing head with good stop & eye, moved well. Preferred outline of 1.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (4)

1st Adams & Ellerington's Ansona Albert Einstein, 8 months b/w with masculine head, nice dish & occiput, well bodied, correct topline, a little long in the loin but moved well when settled, nice type;

2nd Walkling's Aspyre Follow Your Dreams to Kiswahili, 7 months b/w, super head, good dish & stop, liked his overall conformation. Movement difficult to assess giving his handler a hard time. Pleasing type, am sure when mature will trouble the best;

3rd Smith's Lypal Hanky Panky.

PUPPY DOG (3)

1st Walkling's Aspyre Follow Your Dreams to Kiswahili, behaved so much better in this class;

2nd Huxley's Aurichalcum Evan Knows Its Woodfleet, 10 months o/b, pleasing head & eye, good depth of brisket, moved well. Preferred overall shape of 1;

3rd Smith's Lypal Hanky Panky.

JUNIOR DOG (6)

1st Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Dom, o/b, won this class on his soundness & stylish driving movement with lashing tail, well worked head, in good condition, good conformation, correct topline, well muscled with prominent second thigh, loved his overall shape & type;

2nd Booth's Kanix Garfunkel, b/w, heavier type, good head & depth brisket, well sprung rib, short coupled, strong oval bone, moved well;

3rd Sillence's Tomlow Déjà Vu.

YEARLING DOG (6)

1st Pattie's Hurwyn Masterchef, o/b, this dog has to be handled to be appreciated, such a beautiful expressive head, well set ears, reachy neck leading into well placed shoulders & upper arm, well off for body & bone, moved with strong driving action & lashing tail;

2nd Watkins & Davies' Hurwyn Law N Order, b/w, typical head from this kennel, well worked & soft expression, lovely shape, moved well with drive, smaller frame than 1;

3rd Perkins' Kanix Fate Of Brent.

POST GRADUATE DOG (8)

1st Fowler's Royal Velvet, I/w, wow what a stunner, I absolutely fell for this boy, has everything in the right place, absolutely beautiful head & expression from where everything flowed, reachy neck, well laid shoulders, depth brisket, well ribbed, short coupled, sweeping stifle, good bone, pasterns & tight feet & to top it all, moved effortlessly & well, sound & just my type. **DCC**, his 3rd;

2nd Guy's Carofel Just A Minute, b/w, well worked head, well angulated front & rear, well off for body & bone, moved soundly;

3rd Sutton's Whinbarrow Persian War.

LIMIT DOG (13) Pleasing class.

1st Coggins' Droveborough Born To Bound at Gemrose, I/w, loved this boy, a good honest dog, one from the 'old school', the type of those in the ring when I had my first Pointer, not overdone in any way but masculine with it, love his head, front angulation, lovely depth of chest, well angulated fore & aft, moved well showing himself to advantage. Pushed hard for top honours;

2nd Martin's Sunhouse Anything Goes, b/w, another good mover, well worked head, good ear placement, well made throughout, a little longer than 1;

3rd Welch's Moulou Minstrel at Hookwood.

OPEN DOG (7)

1st Evans & Pavey's Sh Ch Joneva Diamond In The Rough, stylish o/w, headed a super class shows himself off to perfection, such an aristocratic head, masculine but not overdone, lovely dark eye, well made fore & aft, well turned stifle, good bone & therefore moved with drive, well deserved Ch. **RDCC**;

2nd Adams' Sh Ch Ansona Simple Simon, b/w, another well made boy with pleasing head, reachy neck, short coupled, well angulated hindquarters, moved with style & drive, nice type. Just preferred head of 1; 3rd Hinton's Sh Ch Fleurfields Flambeau.

VETERAN BITCH (1)

1st Lowe's Lowsmoor Echo Falls, 8 years b/w, what a sweetie, in beautiful shape & condition, pretty head, well angulated throughout, lovely bone & depth of chest, moved happily. **BV**.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (8)

1st Smith's Lypal Once Upon A Time, 7 months o/w, pleasing head & expression, nicely angled throughout, good reach of neck & well angled upper arm, well sprung ribs for one so young, good topline, good set to tail, moved steadily & well to win this class. **BPIB**;

2nd Wilkinson's Hurwyn Rock On Ruby, o/b, what a delightful 6 month old, sweetest of heads, dark pigmentation, super reach of neck leading into well laid back shoulders, good front assembly, well off for bone & body, correct pasterns, pleasing turn to stifle, has everything to produce sound & flowing movement. Unfortunately she decided to bounce instead! She will trouble the best in the future; 3rd Dyer's Sharnphilly Legally Blonde.

PUPPY BITCH (6)

1st Smith's Lypal Once Upon A Time;

2nd Robertson's Wynbury Thomasina by Fleurfield, 11 months b/w, pleasing classic outline, good head & dark eye, straight front, well sprung ribs & deep brisket, good bone & tight feet, moved well, lovely type; 3rd Bedson's Marinapoint Heart Rebounds to Caithpoint.

JUNIOR BITCH (12)

1st Guy & Hinton's Carmandine Cookie Crumble by Fleurfield, o/b making a beautiful outline, well worked head, nicely dished, super reach of neck into well laid shoulders, deep brisket, good topline & elegant stifles, strode out well, one to watch;

2nd Lowe's Lowsmoor Little Karoo, b/w, beautifully compact & nicely shaped bitch, sweet head & feminine expression, good shoulders & front, good front, sloping pasterns, moved well & true; 3rd Udale's Dowbiggins Olympic Gold.

YEARLING BITCH (4)

1st Wilkinson's Hurwyn Black Caviar, such a pretty bitch, sweetest of heads, good stop & occiput, expressive dark eye, good reach of neck into well laid shoulders, straight front & deep brisket, short in loin & strong in stifle, well muscled, stood strong on her hocks used to advantage on the move;

2nd Hewitt's Sunhouse As You Like It, b/w, well shaped head & eye, good earset, straight front, good topline, moved well. Not quite the elegance of 1.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (9)

1st Jones' Pippalee Georgia by Fleurfield, lemon/w, stood out in this class for elegance & style, out of the same mould as Junior winner, similar in head, reachy neck, well angled front assembly, sweeping stifles & hocks well let down, super in outline, moved really well in the wild wet conditions;

2nd Whitham's Penwest Pride of Sedgekirk, o/w, another elegant girl with a beautiful expressive head & eye, pleasing front with well shaped upper arm, well spring rib. Had to give way to the elegance of 1; 3rd MacManus' Luneville Strawberry Moon.

LIMIT BITCH (11)

1st Evans & Pavey's Joneva Hazy Hazy Dream, o/b, this was what I was looking for a true Pointer in every sense, maybe a tad tall for a bitch but her qualities outweigh this. Such a delightful well worked head, nice dish, dark eye, reachy neck flowing into well laid shoulders, strong straight front, deep brisket, correct topline leading to strong muscular quarters & strong hocks, cat feet, well muscled beneath her racy lines & moved out well with purpose & drive & a lashing tail. **BCC**, her 3rd, & **BOB**;

2nd Martin's Sunhouse I Am What I Am, b/w, a really classic bitch of the type I expect from this kennel, liked her a lot, just unlucky to meet 1 on top form. Everything to like about her, lovely head, shoulders & front, super topline, strong quarters with good bend of stifle, well boned & muscled, consequently moved with drive:

3rd Lowe's Lowsmoor Storms River.

OPEN BITCH (9)

1st Siddle's Sh Ch Wilchramine Ice Maiden, lovely bitch to handle a series of flowing lines & graceful curves. Pleasing head, good reach of neck into well laid shoulders, strong muscular & well bent stifles, strong in hock didn't put her all into her movement. **RBCC**;

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch Kanix Chilli, I rather liked the head & expression of this o/b, well made throughout & looked good from most angles, made a lovely outline, another with strong well developed quarters, preferred the overall elegance of 1, well handled;

3rd Madigan's Misperros Jumanji of Carmelfair.

ANGELA MORGAN - Judge