

The Pointer Club Championship Show

Saturday 19th April 2014

BIS and DCC: Watkins & Davies' Hurwyn Law N Order JW

RBIS & BCC: Dyer's Sharnphilly Lulu Guinness JW

RDCC: Walking, Grantham & Moss's Aspyre Follow Your Dreams to Kiswahili (IMP AUS)

RBCC: Evans and Pavey's SH CH Joneva Hazy Dazy Dream JW

BPIS & BPB: Ayres-Cousin's: Medogold My Kind Of Girl By Viracocha

BVIS & BVD: Gordon's Hawkfield Dapper in Black JW

DOGS: Judge - Val Kelly

Many thanks to the committee and members for the invitation to judge at this show, and also to my capable stewards who were exemplary.

I was pleased that the exaggerated sloping toplines, heavy course bone and broad skulls, which I find so untypical, were few and far between in this entry. Please don't lose sight of the finer points of the breed standard, thin leathers, arch to the neck, chiselled head, fine short coat, pronounced occiput and prominent haunch bones, high head carriage, lashing tail, etc. Without these our breed becomes a generic gundog not the aristocrat it should be.

I judged on performance and condition on the day not future potential or past performance and was thrilled with my final line up and could have easily given another set of green cards. Delighted my Dog CC was awarded Best in Show on referees' decision.

VETERAN DOG (4)

1st Gordon's Hawkfield Dapper in Black JW. B/W. Balanced head with soft expression, good angles front and rear, excellent width of second thigh, feet and bone, moved well to take BVIS

2nd Smith's Toberdoney Fergus at Fydal. B/W. Lovely head with wide nostrils, good spring of rib, short coupled, moved well keeping outline and lashing tail.

3rd Adams-Heighway's Burslygrange Hugo

MINOR PUPPY DOG (7)

1st Hazeltine's Hookwood By George. O/W Still a baby but what promise. Looked a picture standing with correct rear angulation, good width of thigh, feet and pasterns. Lovely arch and length of neck leading to sloping shoulders. Well handled.

2nd Howes' Millpoint Babe Magnet at Medogold. B/W. Different type to 1. Elegant neck leading to long sloping shoulders, good rear angulation, deep brisket, moved well for such a youngster.

3rd Goode's Millpoint Yeah Baby Yeah

PUPPY DOG (7)

1st Stilgoe's Teisgol I am the One and Only. B/W. Such a well balanced youngster with no exaggerations. Good length of neck, spring of rib, tail set on well. Excellent bone and feet. Moved well just needs to tighten in front action. BPD

2nd Hinton's Mursbrae Theodore by Fleurfield. O/W. Another very well balanced puppy. Lovely head and expression. Good reach of neck and excellent shoulder placement. Strong hindquarters. Moved and showed well once settled.

3rd Timothy's Anniezu Magic Moments

JUNIOR DOG (9)

- 1st Walkling, Grantham & Moss's Aspyre Follow Your Dreams to Kiswahili (IMP AUS). B/W. Stylish elegant dog, loved his head lots of work, masculine all through but with no coarseness. Well sprung rib, strong loin, in hard condition. Moved with high head carriage and positive flowing action using his tail. RCC
2nd Theobold, Phillips & Westaway's Penwest Pallaton. B/W. Liked this boy for his type and rock hard condition as always from this kennel. Lovely reach of neck, neat tail and set on well. Pushed 1st hard.
3rd Smith's Lypal Hanky Panky

YEARLING DOG (7)

- 1st Tait's Moordale Muskateer. Li/W. Lots of work in head and kind expression, short coupled, prominent haunch bones, dense short coat, lovely width of thigh, Moved well.
2nd Theobold, Phillips & Westaway's Penwest Pallaton
3rd Wall's Ansona Isaac Newton

MAIDEN DOG (5)

- 1st Wall's Ansona Isaac Newton. B/W. Well balanced young dog, good width of thigh, lovely head with dark eye and occiput. Moved well.
2nd Timothy's Anniezu Magic Moments. O/W. Good rear angulation, short coupled, neat tail, good head with desired stop and kind expression.
3rd Howes' Millpoint Babe Magnet at Medogold

NOVICE DOG (7, 1 abs)

- 1st Stilgoe's Teisgol I am the One and Only
2nd Wall's Ansona Isaac Newton
3rd Howes' Millpoint Babe Magnet at Medogold

DEBUTANTE DOG (4, 1 abs)

- 1st Stilgoe's Teisgol I am the One and Only
2nd Saunders' Teisgol Massalia. B/W. Very much a baby but nicely put together, no exaggerations, good bend of stifle, neat tail shown in excellent condition.
3rd Allen's Stoneygun Point at Me

GRADUATE DOG (12)

- 1st Watkins & Davies' Hurwyn Law N Order JW. B/W. Loved this dog's style, type, overall balance and character. Everything in proportion from head to tail. In gleaming coat and rock hard condition. Good spring of rib, feet, pasterns and bone, and forechest. Flowed effortlessly round the ring with reach and drive. Delighted to award him the DCC. CC & BIS.
2nd Davis' Wilchrimane Xcel JW. Clean lines, masculine head, short coupled, muscular neck, neat tail, excellent musculature, elegant on the move.
3rd Tait's Moordale Manhattan

POST GRADUATE DOG (16, 1 abs)

- 1st Westron's Tenshilling Makin Whoopee at Aurichalcum. O/W. Loved his head, masculine without coarseness. Neat ears with thin leathers. Good bend of stifle, correct bone, good spring of rib, neat tail. Loved his type. Moved well to take 1st place.
2nd Dyer's Sharnphilly Aftershock. B/W. Stylish dog. Good feet and bone, bend of stifle, moved with reach and drive holding topline, well handled.
3rd Luke's Sniperay Royal William

MID LIMIT DOG (9, 2 abs)

1st Bedson & Earl's Caithpoint Hot Chocolate. Li/W. Pleasing in head and kind expression, neat ears, good angulation. Moved with drive and lashing tail.

2nd Martin's Sunhouse Anything Goes JW ShCM. B/W. As always from this kennel put down in excellent condition. Good feet and pasterns, bend of stifle, effortless on the move.

3rd Golding's Sharnphilly Louis Vuitton

LIMIT DOG (11)

1st Best's Shadesett Keep on Believin for Bestina. B/W. Balanced head with plenty of work, kind expression. Good angulation front and rear. Correct bone and feet. Kept his topline on the move, lashing tail. Shown in excellent condition and when relaxed presented a pleasing outline.

2nd Coggin's Droveborough Born to Bound at Gemrose JW. Li/W. Upstanding masculine dog. Balanced on the move covering lots of ground. Strength with elegance. Good shoulders, rear angulation and spring of rib.

3rd Whitham's Moordale Maritime at Sedgekirk

OPEN DOG (7, 2 abs)

1st Theobold's Sh Ch Tycarreg Strangely Familyr JW ShCM. B/W. Loved his head, dark eye, kind expression. Deep brisket, good spring of rib, strong in loin, effortless ground covering movement with lashing tail.

2nd Marsh's Ch Sharnphilly Redshank for Ratchda. B/W. Clean neck and good shoulders. Good spring of rib and depth of brisket. Good strong quarters and excellent muscle.

3rd Whistance's Esrews Serious Lord Jack ShCM

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG DOG (2)

1st Marsh's Ch Sharnphilly Redshank for Ratchda

2nd O'Neill's Hurwyn Some Might Say JW. B/W. Well balanced, lovely head and eye, shown in excellent condition.

BEGINNERS DOG (8)

1st Timothy's Anniezu Magic Moments

2nd O'Neill's Teisgol Carioca. Good stop and pronounced occiput, good bend of stifle, lovely condition.

3rd Tregaskis' Moenfair Choirboy

Judge - Val Kelly

BITCHES: Judge - Beryl Wright

Thank you to both stewards whose diligence in administrating my entry was greatly appreciated: both a great asset and pleasure to spend the day with. Additionally, thank you to all exhibitors for their entries plus, presenting their Pointers in excellent condition with the added bonus of good handling.

Since my last judging, my observation of the breed is that on the positive side, top lines in my bitch classes have improved however, on the negative side there are three obvious points that still need to be addressed. One is upright pasterns, which I have mentioned previously and is still prevalent within the breed. Please be aware that if the pasterns are not correct, it completely throws the dog in profile out of proportion, not to mention a stilted front action when on the move. The second point I wish to address is the over angulated and weak hindquarters making for low and ungainly movement. A few of my exhibits were so over angulated, it was hard to ignore especially under pressure however, they excelled in other aspects therefore, I placed accordingly. My third point is the lack of consistency within the breed when one could look at a line up and all bitches looked exactly like bitches, feminine, neat and graceful with no sharp edges. Therefore, on the day I chose my placings on what I believe conformed to the breed standard plus, what they could offer the future of the breed both in consistency and substance. Finally, I found the "kind" Pointer expression is happily back in place for most exhibits I judged and temperaments were second to none with most of my exhibits behaving impeccably.

VETERAN BITCH (5, 1)

1st Lowe's – Lowsmoor Echo Falls. One I have given high honours to before and she didn't disappoint on the day. Beautifully balanced "honest" bitch, compact, sound and not overdone in anyway offering a pleasing profile, with good width of thigh and excellent hindquarters: for-quarters equally as good leading into slightly sloping pasterns: one that certainly must have 'hands on' to appreciate her virtues. Overall a very feminine and well turned out 9 year old in extremely good condition for her age. A lot to like about her!
2nd Shaw's - Sativus All About Eva At Astonpark. Another veteran bitch in excellent condition throughout. Very nicely shown and handled showing good length of neck, top line and width of thigh.
3rd Bedson & Earl's – Medogold Speak Softly.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (11)

1st Ayres–Cousin's - Medogold My Kind Of Girl By Viracocha. BP and BPIS: Well done and what a little beauty with her ultra femininity and balance: perfection in profile with confirmation plus, movement spot on. Balanced from the tip of her nose to the end of her tail: handled gently to display her beautiful movement. One that I considered for high honours. Should have an excellent future: a lot to like about this youngster
2nd Brooksmith's Medogold Kiss N'Tell – Wow, another promising youngster standing true with the added bonus of being the litter sister to my BP. Showing long reach of neck: good top line, which held well on the move, good quarters and beautiful lines in profile. My notes say "another elegant and feminine youngster with sound movement". I have no doubt both bitches will swop places many times.
3rd Stuckley's – Medogold Coralie Of Pendan.

PUPPY BITCH (6, 1)

1st Brooksmith's – Medogold Kiss N' Tell
2nd Welch's – Oxford Acres Trinity. A rather mature youngster with plenty of substance and bone, offering good lay back of shoulders, top line and width of thigh.
3rd Lidgley's – Tanglebrook Lillyanna

JUNIOR BITCH (10, 1)

1st Dyer's – Sharnphilly Legally Blonde. Plenty of substance and bone particularly liked her front quarters with her slightly sloping pasterns, good layback of shoulder; good reach of neck and well defined head. Well handled to first place.

2nd Pimblett's – Pennine Pastiche. A flashy bitch with plenty of substance and bone very much in the mould of the latter day Pennine lines. If thoughtfully bred from has a lot to offer future Pointers.

3rd Barker's – Braithwaite Ever Thus at Flinthill.

YEARLING BITCH (9, 1)

1st Harrison's – Millpoint Hopes and Dreams JW. My notes say, well put together both fore and aft, balanced head with a gentle expression: excellent width of thigh: plenty of bone and substance. When stood four square particularly liked the profile with the tail following through from the top line, which held well on the move. Shown and stacked to give a pleasing profile well let down at the elbow and as norm for this kennel, moved with drive and confidence.

2nd Guy & Hinton's – Carmandine Cookie Crumble by Fleurfields JW. Another lovely bitch with similar attributes to my first placing.

3rd Barker's – Braithwaite Ever Thus at Flinthill.

MAIDEN BITCH (9, 0)

1st Aires-Cousin's - Medogold My Kind Of Girl By Viracocha.

2nd Stuckley's - Medogold Coralie of Pendan. Very nice youngster offering good quarters both for and aft and a well balanced profile. Good reach of neck and well balanced head with soft expression. Certainly a lot to like about this bitch and one that has a lot to offer the breed.

3rd Salt's – Pennine Passion.

NOVICE BITCH (5, 0)

1st Brooksmith's – Medogold Kiss N' Tell

2nd Stuckley's - Medogold Coralie of Pendan.

3rd Herbert's – Millpoint Maybe Baby

DEBUTANTE BITCH (7, 1)

1st Pimblett's – Pennine Pastiche.

2nd Crawte's - Leascliffe Lorelei. A smart lady with an excellent length of neck and well laid back shoulders, pasterns slightly-sloping, which adds to an excellent profile: handled and moved round the ring with style: another day will challenge the best.

3rd Stilgoe's Teisgol Irinara.

GRADUATE BITCH (6, 2)

1st Howe's – Medogold Here Comes The Girl JW. Lovely feminine head with kind expression: long muscular neck: shoulders well-laid back: nice lines both on the move and stacked: slightly sloping pasterns that just finish off the picture. A very nice quality pointer carrying the consistent stamp of this kennel. A great deal to like with this bitch and one that should do well and improve even more with maturity!

2nd Wilkinson's – Hurwyn Black Caviar. Similar attributes to my first placing but just lacked the sparkle on the move. Nevertheless, a very feminine young lady.

3rd Anthony's – Jilony Here's Hoping.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (13, 1)

- 1st Cooper's - Keepersfield Mama Mia. A little fidgety on the day but nicely handled, stacked and shown. Graceful, feminine curves, which once settled offered a balanced profile both fore and aft, which gave her the first placement.
- 2nd Brooksmith's - Nightgold Blackavar. My first impression was long and sleek however, once I went over her I was surprised at how balanced she was especially on the move on the day. Quite a striking young lady reminiscent of her sire and one that I couldn't ignore.
- 3rd Moore's – Porschet Truffle

MID LIMIT BITCH (6, 1)

- 1st Dyer's Sharnphilly Lulu Guinness JW. My CC. Winner and Wow, what an elegant girl. I have said before and I will say again, “a kennel that I believe has an eye for excellent consistency and I have to say, a handler who brings out the best both stacked and on the move”. This beautiful bitch is my idea of how a feminine Pointer should look flowing with graceful curves and no sharp edges: not overdone in anyway. There is no way she could be mistaken for a dog from her kind and soft expression through to her excellent quarters both fore and aft. Needs to be “hands on” to appreciate the quality of this young lady.
- 2nd Harrison's - Millpoint To Have N'To Hold JW. Another lovely bitch with the stamp of this kennel. Handled, shown and stacked well to offer a well balanced profile. Just unfortunate she came up against my first placing.
- 3rd Martin's – Sunhouse I Am What I Am JW ShCM.

LIMIT BITCH (9, 1)

- 1st Gordon's – Hawkfield Giddy Kipper. A very striking bitch with good forequarters, reach of neck and well defined head. Held her top line on the move.
- 2nd Brooksmith's - Nightgold Blackavar.
- 3rd Anthony's - Jilony Texas Rose

OPEN BITCH (11, 0)

- 1st Evan's & Pavey's – SH CH Joneva Hazy Dazy Dream JW. My RCC very well handled and stacked aristocratic bitch with long reach of neck balanced by a well defined head and lovely soft expression. Good lay back of shoulders and top line, plenty of drive on the move.
- 2nd Dyer's – Sharnphilly Juici Cuture JW. Another very nice sound bitch from this kennel with similar attributes to my first placement. When stood four square particularly liked the profile with the tail flowing through from the top line, which held well on the move.
- 3rd Howe's - SH CH Medogold Double Dizzy JW ShCM.

BEGINNERS BITCH (4, 0)

- 1st Brooksmith's - Nightgold Blackavar.
- 2nd Stilgoe's – Teisgol Irinara. Moved and shown well showing plenty of substance and bone: standing four square offered a good top line plus, a good width of thigh.
- 3rd Dunn's – Meadowpoint Spirit Dancer ShCM.

Judge - Beryl Wright

Special Award Classes

I would firstly like to thank the committee for the opportunity to judge the first of these Special Award Classes with the Club. Also thank you to the exhibitors for an excellent entry of dogs I was given. There were a lot of dogs that were a pleasure to go over, many had excellent ring presence and looked at home in the show ring.

PUPPY DOG OR BITCH (8,7)

1st Brooksmith's Medogold Kiss N' Tell. 6 month liver and white bitch. A well balanced bitch with a level topline. Feminine head with alert and pretty expression. Good turn of stifle with front angulation to match. Shown with correct movement as she moved with drive and grace, with tail lashing from side to side correctly carried.

2nd Harrison's Millpoint Yeah Baby Yeah. 6 month liver and white dog. Another well balanced puppy with flowing curves. Deep brisket which occupancies a good angulated front. Good rear angulation that powered the drive on the move, with tail being used. Places of these two puppies could change on another day.

3rd Kiddy's Millpoint Baby Charm

POST GRADUATE DOG OR BITCH (13,11)

1st Watkins & Davies' Hurwyn Law N Order JW. 2 years black and white dog. A well built dog with strong curvy lines. Strong head with muscular neck going down to a strong front with deep brisket, flowing down to a well angulated and muscled rear. Won this class on his movement as he moved with drive and purpose, flew around the ring.

2nd Moore's Porschet Truffle. 2 years liver and white bitch. Been over this bitch before, she was more relaxed this time. Well sprung ribs which came from a well angulated front flowing lines all the way to the tip of the tail. Graceful and well driven movement.

3rd Dunn's Meadowpoint Spirit Dancer ShCM

OPEN DOG OR BITCH (5,0)

1st O'Neil's Tenshilling Viva Las Vegas JW. 3 years orange and white bitch. Kind expression with well placed ears, deep chest from well laid shoulders with sloping front and rear angulation. Free flowing correct gait using her tail well.

2nd Barford & Booth's: Kanix Calypso by Kiswahili. 3 years orange and white bitch. Good reach of neck, flowing lines with a level topline accompanied by good rear angulation and she moved with purpose and drive.

3rd Moore's Pharises Sirius

Judge – Jennifer Nicholls (Stonesview)