BLACKPOOL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWSaturday 25th June 2016

I was satisfied with lots of the Pointers today, particularly the bitches. I have deliberated over various Standards of the breed & not found any wording that the Pointer should be overstretched with a 'ski slope' topline, just, the wording, which I expected to find, 'a series of graceful curves'.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (3)

1st Dyer & Oddie's Sharnphilly Secretariat, this 8 month has a beautiful head, kind eye, clean cheeks & good chiselling. Big nose & strong jaw. Dry arched neck flowing, through well coupled body, has bone & body all contributing to a typical outline. Went nicely;

2nd Watkins & Davies' Ansona Aladdin, 6 months, with good balance & outline. Nothing overdone & soundly put together. Does his job well even at this tender age. Presented in good order. He should come on well; 3rd Wilberg's Kanix Mario.

PUPPY DOG (4,1a)

1st Siddle, Crocker & Gardner's Wilchrimane Up To Tricks, well this boy surprised me. I really thought highly of him. Grand head proportions with lovely expression, marked stop with strong clean foreface. Has big nose & fine lip. Elegance throughout & all male. Really settled to his job & has the flowing outline to well set tail both standing & moving. Just right for size & weight with a super coat & skin of a thoroughbred. His is a baby & rightly so, which is the only reason he went no further. BP;

2nd Dyer & Oddie's Sharnphilly Secretariat;

3rd Batchelor's Wilchrimane Clickety Click to Kielderpoint.

JUNIOR DOG (2)

1st Macara, Jamieson & Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Legend at Cromasaig, impressive standing in outline, having type, charisma & balance. Good pigmentation & expression, balanced head proportions. Clean lines with correct bone & tight neat feet, on which he stands strong & true. Works with handler well with decent action out & back;

2nd Wilson's Joneva Just James at Djankay, lovely type with typical outline & correct coupling & good bum giving a shapely masculine Pointer silhouette. Just not the finish in body of winner or working with handler just as well so had to pay the price.

GRADUATE DOG (5,2)

1st Tobin & Moss' Davigdor Reference Point, this one was the most typical in outline, masculine but not coarse, with correct bone & substance. Holds his shape on the move, a decent chap;

2nd Tibbs' Fydal Beeswing at Raigmore, a tidy dog with type, not too long. Could have a touch more masculinity & bone. Just not working the ring on the move to present his assets to the best advantage; 3rd Wall's Meadowpoint Spirit Of Fire.

POST GRADUATE DOG (4)

1st Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Freebreeze Over The Top at Spinray, all male, a very honest sort with pleasing outline on the move with firm outline. Well set tail;

2nd Greed & McPherson's Raigmore Cosmic Star, could be stronger in hock & tail a little low set. Well muscled & decent body with good spring of rib. Would like more bone for balance; 3rd Wall's Meadowpoint Spirit Of Fire.

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LIMIT DOG (9,1)

1st Abbott & Wilberg's Larchwold Star Chaser at Kanix, very soundly constructed with muscular clean elegant lines. Does his job to advantage, just a touch long cast;

2nd Martin's Sunhouse Anything Goes, did not feel he was giving of his best, which was shame as he appeals in size & he is all Pointer. Decent dog to go over, very fit & muscled, not one who sits in a chair all day; 3rd Goode's Millpoint Yeah Baby Yeah.

OPEN DOG (4)

1st Wilberg's Kanix Fredrik, if you put this one in silhouette he could be no other breed. Some, males particularly, today were appearing rather flat backed & longer in loin, not this one who is a series of curves. Has work in his head, with definition of stop, a good eye, correct foreface ending with a good sized nose & open nostril. His personality & balanced angles allow him an easy ground covering performance, coupled with his overall balance he therefore won the class & his first CC;

2nd Siddle, Crocker, Medeiros & O'Neill's Sh Ch/Am/Can Ch Seasyde Chesterhope Bingo, built on a larger frame, but this smart chap has developed well to fulfill many breed characteristics. He can look over angulated behind as his handler has a tendency to over stretch him, when he stands & goes it is evident that he is balanced & has drive from strong enough hocks. A very worthy RCC;

3rd Macara's Kanix Kingdom over Cromasaig.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (6,2) Both very satisfying young girls with breed points.

1st Elrington's Ansona Cinderella, this one is a very smart bitch who knows her job & shows her sound construction with her fluid ground cover & positive footfall. Has good proportions, good return of upper arm, providing forechest, short coupling & has smooth curvy outline;

2nd Dyer & Oddie's Sharnphilly Makybe Diva, very stylish & exciting on the move. Presented in beautiful condition with good skin & gleaming coat. Just preferred forechest & loin of winner; 3rd Huxley's Woodfleet Wild Is The Wind.

PUPPY BITCH (5,3)

1st Dyer & Oddie's Sharnphilly Makybe Diva;

2nd Hewitt's Droveborough's Miss Marple, 10 month pretty bitch. Sound coming, but not always concentrating. Pleased to see handler didn't push her she has plenty of time & should finish well. Coat a little soft at present.

JUNIOR BITCH (5)

1st Evans & Pavey's Joneva Mrs Bridges, just my sort, before I really knew her breeder, I placed her ancestor in the group at Crufts & she has the same qualities in abundance. Skeletally constructed so well & with muscular definition which all adds up to free economical movement. Firm with short loin of good width. Will be surprised if she doesn't go to the top, when mature. She is a junior & is just right for age;

2nd Siddle & Kruger's White Squall Seasyde Iced Tea, another who has the quality & type to take her right up there. Lovely curvy bitch. Nothing overdone. Two gorgeous Pointers headed a rewarding class to judge; 3rd Turton's Joneva Mollie Malone for Hollybirch.

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GRADUATE BITCH (6) This again was a class of good ones to take the breed forward.

1st Bond's Joneva Asterea, beautiful bitch with exquisite headpiece. Elegance of neckline through a body with correct angles, quality bone & feet. Strong quarters. Has the finish & bloom to gain her the RCC & BJ. Not surprised to learn she is sister to junior winner, so alike;

2nd Lowe's Lowsmoor Shiralee, lovely balanced performance determined her place in this excellent line up. Lovely type of bitch who stands displaying the essentials required. Has head, body, bone & outline; 3rd Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Kestrel.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (7,1)

1st Mackay's Federica Fanfare at Woodglade, well if this owner doesn't know a Pointer, nobody does & this lovely bitch won this class with ease. Lovely head with correct skull, excellent stop & strength in foreface with open nostril to take scent. Feminine, has depth & spring of rib to short developed loin. Good width of thigh with muscle to depict she is used. Has such reach & drive, with maturity she will go far;

2nd Booth & Asjad Malhi's Protanto First Direct, fit & sound, a touch long in loin but very worthy of her place here:

3rd Goode's Medogold Bonny Ivy.

LIMIT BITCH (9,1)

1st McGilp's Ridanflight Ruby Tuesday at Forthbourne, eyecatching outline, a true series of curves. Fit muscled bitch in prime order. Strong yet elegant. Goes with drive, but takes a lot of steps to cover the ground, probably because handler is going a touch too fast. Most appealing all through;

2nd Bell's Ridanflight Runedd with Balintyne, very correct with gorgeous head & kind, confident eye. Fine leathers. Clean throughout, with elegance & flowing topline, no ski slope here. Good tailset & croup width & muscular quarter;

3rd Kelly's Fleurfield Faith of Kelval.

OPEN BITCH(5,1) As one would want a class of quality to get your hands on.

1st Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch Kanix Chilli, have never had my hands on this one before, but have admired her from the ringside. She is everything I expected & that bit more. Just a well made girl with correct foot fall from true construction & such a lovely shape. Everything flows, just right for size with bone & body that says everything is in the right place. A true Pointer in outline. Because she is made so well there is not wasted energy on the move with positive foot placement. The finished article who I was confident to send through to the group, where she performed to take G4 in the super group. CC & BOB, well done;

2nd Dyer's Sh Ch Sharnphilly Juici Cuture, have judged this one & recognised her qualities. Beautifully handled to express her qualities. Has a lot to offer, they can't all win & felt the winners just were displaying a touch more 'Pointer' today;

3rd Rose's Ridanflight Rhonwen.

VETERAN BITCH (3,1)

1st Dunn's Meadowpoint Spirit Dancer, 7½ & still can move with ease & grace. In good condition. Presents a balanced picture, very decent bitch;

2nd Heaton's Brackenstyle Deuce, lovely bone & typical in head. Looking good for her 9 years. Start to act her age a touch on the move now. Obviously looked after well.

Judge - PATSY HOLLINGS

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