

GUNDOG SOCIETY OF WALES CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Wednesday 12th October 2016

Firstly I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge at this well run and friendly show and my stewards for keeping things running smoothly. I found the quality in many of the classes varied quite considerably. Many males were well up to the preferred height. This is not something new as such specimens were in the ring 30 years ago although not in such numbers. Although this is something which breeders should take into consideration when choosing a suitable sire, I do not consider this in itself should detract from the specimen if it presents a balanced picture. Unfortunately many were overdone in every department. A pointer should display strength and stamina but still possess the series of graceful curves, style and that aristocratic air which sets the breed apart from many of the other Gundog breeds. To comment on the breed in general, tail set and carriage needs close attention. Also some feet although of a correct shape were open, not with well arched toes.

There were also a few which bordered on cat-like. Also some specimens had had too much pudding which detracted from the overall look and some lacked muscle tone. I would also urge exhibitors to show their dogs on a loose lead and not strung up which totally spoils the picture of a Pointer in full flow. The above comments are intended as constructive criticism and I must add I was happy with my principal winners.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (2, 1a)

1st Jamieson's Kanix News Flash at Glenfinnan, l/w, 6 months on the day. Stood alone but promising youngster. Loved his dam. Pleasing head with good bone and feet and angulation. Needs time to develop. Moved well for age.

PUPPY DOG (4,2)

1st Wilberg's Kanix Mario, o/w. Mature puppy. Presented a balanced picture. Good all through and steady on the move. Should have a bright future.

2nd Gordon & Petherick's Hawkfield Strider, o/w. Another that needs time. Preferred tail carriage and movement of 1.

JUNIOR DOG (3)

1st Marsh's Ratchda Rock Thrush, l/w. Stylish young dog; good bone and feet and correct all through; correct tail carriage; moved well; considered him for top honours.

2nd Hall's Gartarry You Shook Me, b/w preferred overall balance and tail carriage of 1; pleasing head and overall a nice young dog; steady on the move.

3rd Kirby's Pipeaway Master Design JW

YEARLING DOG (5)

1st O'Neill's Tenshilling Home Alone, o/w. Balanced dog; pleasing size; lovely head with melting expression; well constructed throughout; tail carriage on the move distracted but good coming and going.

2nd Macara, Jamieson & Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Legend at Cromasaig, Stylish Pointer shown to perfection; good substance; preferred overall balance of 1; steady on move but tail carriage distracted.

3rd Harrison's Millpoint Formula One JW

NOVICE DOG (2,1)

1st Cooper's Trosnant Shadow of Dreams, b/w. Good head, bone and feet and angulation; a bit wide on front standing and on the move.

POST GRADUATE DOG (6,1)

1st Turnbull's Bonnygate Marquis O'The Glen at Beridew, b/w. Well balanced dog of correct proportions; pleasing head with kind expression; good bone, feet, correct angulation front and rear and good on the move; not overdone in any way but all dog.

2nd Timothy's Anniezu Magic Moments, o/w. Built on bigger lines than 1, but generally presented a pleasing picture; not as positive on the move as 1.

3rd Scholes' Pipeaway Antonio Manchini at Rossgilde

LIMIT DOG (11,2)

1st Tregaskis' Moenfair Spicewood Summer, b/w. A lot to like; all male but not overdone in any department; good head with melting expression; good angulation and tail set; steady on the move.

2nd Theobald, Phillips & Westaway Penwest's Pallation JW SHCM, b/w. Similar remarks to 1 apply; correct size and not overdone in any regard; good head and expression; clean through neck and shoulders; correct bone, good angulation and tail set.

3rd Isherwood's Symitry Red Rascal.

OPEN DOG (7,1)

1st Watkins & Davies' Sh Ch Hurwyn Law N Order JW, b/w; in my opinion, overall a lovely specimen of our breed; beautiful flowing lines – the series of graceful curves I was looking for; oozing quality; substance without a hint of coarseness; beautiful head with melting expression, moved well; I was told I gave him his first RCC when last I judged the breed and was happy to add another CC to his collection; BOB.

2nd Harrison's Sh Ch Millpoint Heat Wave JW SHCM, b/w. Liked his overall balance and general substance; moved well; a worthy champion.

3rd Tregaskis' Moenfair Spicewood Summer.

VETERAN DOG (5,3)

1st O'Neill's Hurwyn Some Might Say JW, b/w in beautiful condition; handsome head and melting expression; plenty of substance and sound all through. Oozing quality and a picture on the move RCC.

2nd Adams' Sh Ch Ansona Simple Simon JW SHCM, b/w; built on finer lines than 1 but presented a balanced picture with good body properties; another worthy Sh Ch; preferred head of 1.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (4) Two promising puppies.

1st Rankine's Gempoint Catch a Dream for Flydefair, b/w; good all through with correct bone and feet; good angulation; steady on the move;

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Naughty Nancy, b/w, just 6 months but promising youngster; very feminine but not lacking in any department; not as steady on the move as one but time is on her side. Two for the future.

3rd Barker's Flinthill Orange Princess

PUPPY BITCH (6,1) A lovely class.

1st Elrington's Ansona Cinderella b/w; beautiful feminine bitch with classic lines; feminine head with melting expression; correct body properties with good angulation; another with the series of graceful curves and that illusive quality; moved well; interested to learn her sire was my BOB winner; RBCC and BP; will follow her show career with interest.

2nd Dyer & Oddie's Sharnphilly Makybe Diva, b/w; another lovely bitch with, I feel, a bright future; plenty of bone and neat feet; plenty of substance and angulation; another that was steady on the move.

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Saunter.

JUNIOR BITCH (7,2)

1st Isherwood's Symitry Iced Ginger, o/w. Stood out in this class. Another very feminine bitch with lovely head and melting expression; pleasing all through; giving her handler a hard time but, when settled, moved true.

2nd Baker & Baker-Roullier's Desfrisa Flirtini, b/w. Built on heavier lines than 1 but deserved her placing; plenty of substance and angulation all through; moved steadily.

3rd Metcalf's Darkridge Busy Bein Fab'u Lus

YEARLING BITCH (6,1)

1st McGilp's Sh Ch Ridanflight Ruby Tuesday at Forthbourne, o/w. Beautiful, feminine bitch; presents a lovely picture; beautiful head with kind expression going into good shoulders with good bone and feet; another with plenty of substance without a hint of coarseness; good on the move; expertly handled. Happy to award her BCC.

2nd Barker's Flinthill Fidelity, l/w. Very pretty bitch with good head and pleasing expression; good angulation front and rear; correct bone and feet and good tail set; steady on the move.

3rd O'Neill's Flydefair Sky Full of Stars over Tenshilling

NOVICE BITCH (6,1)

1st Rankine's Gempoint Catch a Dream for Flydefair.

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Nectar, o/w. Just 6 months and giving her handler a hard time but full of promise; lovely feminine puppy; lovely head and expression; put together very well all through; when settled moved well.

3rd Metcalf's Darkridge Busy Bein Fab'u Lus

POST GRADUATE BITCH (13,2)

1st Brooksmith & Adams' Nightgold Blackavar, b/w. Presented a pleasing outline; good bone, feet and angulation; moved true

2nd Wheldon & Earl's Caithpoint Here and Now, o/w. Very feminine; plenty of substance without any coarseness; good tail set; preferred movement of 1.

3rd Gerrard & Bell's Carmandine Call My Bluff

LIMIT BITCH (11,3)

1st Mackay's Federica Fanfare at Woodglade, l/w. Well proportioned; substantial bitch but still presented a feminine picture; pleasing head; well angulated front and rear; really impressed on the move.

2nd Brooksmith & Adams' Medogold Kiss N'Tell JW SHCM, l/w. Another well proportioned bitch with bags of substance; nice head and expression; good angulation and impressed on the move.

3rd Tregaskis' Moenfair Tinpenny Tod Tails

OPEN BITCH (2,2)

VETERAN BITCH (2)

1st Lowe's Lowsmoor Storms River (AI), b/w. Lovely feminine bitch; lovely picture in profile with correct bone, feet and angulation and so enthusiastic but true on the move; awarded her RCC last time I judged her; BV

2nd Stangroom's Medogold Wannabeposh for Lappakia SHCM b/w. Another enjoying her day out. Preferred balance and overall femininity of 1

LIZ RIGBY - judge