

The Pointer Club of Scotland Championship Show

Sunday 2nd October 2016

Thank you so much to the officers and committee for my invitation to judge your Championship Show 2016, and to the exhibitors for bringing their lovely dogs along for me to judge, and accepting my decisions in a sporting manner. It is so heartening to hear ringside applause. I was very pleased with my entry, both numerically and in quality. There are some lovely youngsters coming on which can only be a good thing for the breed. As is to be expected there are now many overseas lines being introduced which, providing it is done responsibly and with knowledge of the relevant lines, can be advantageous. Although it was in my opinion a quality entry I don't remember ever seeing so many catlike feet and upright pasterns. This is not correct in a Pointer and must be watched.

I had great difficulty finding the haunch bones in some - to quote the standard "Haunch bones well spaced and prominent, not above level of back". Finally movement is always difficult to assess properly when on an indoor surface. There was some crabbing going on and erratic movement. I didn't penalise movement too much provided I could see the sound and stylish action I was looking for at some point. On the plus side there were many with the desired shape and balance, flowing lines from nose to tail. Some classes I could have done with more red cards.

VETERAN DOG (4)

1st Alcorn & Lynn's Sh Ch Afterglow Bare Face Lie at Kanix. Impressive 7.5 year old liver/white.

This boy has flowing lines from nose to tail. He has a lovely well chiselled head, expressive eyes, thin leathers, ample reach of neck leading into a strong topline, excellent spring of rib and depth of brisket, balanced angulation. Would just like a more oval foot and sloping pasterns. Moved very well with reach and drive. Best Veteran in Show.

2nd O'Neill's Hurwyn Some Might Say JW. Almost 9 year old black/white. I prefer the size of this boy but he doesn't always show off his virtues. Classic head and expression. Super spring and depth of rib. Short coupled. Well boned legs. Shown in lovely bloom and muscular condition. Moved well.

3rd Hall's Gartarry Peregrine. 7.5 year old orange/white. Lovely head on this boy. Not quite the balance in body of 1 and 2 above. Handler tended to overstretch him, which didn't help. Moved okay.

FIELD TRIAL DOG – No entries

MINOR PUPPY DOG (2)

1st Radcliffe's Sniperay Jhambiri. Almost 9 month lemon/white with lovely head and expression. Fine leathers. Well constructed puppy with balanced angulation and sound movement. Would prefer a more oval foot.

PUPPY DOG (2)

1st Oddie & Dyer's Sharnphilly Secretariat. 11 month black/white. Lovely puppy just right for his age. Super well chiselled head and lovely expression, fine leathers, excellent reach of neck, strong topline with a gentle slope from withers to croup. Well sprung ribcage. Well angulated fore and aft. Lovely to see low set hocks. Just needs to drop in brisket which I'm sure will come as he matures. Loved him.

2nd Radcliffe's Sniperay Jhambiri.

JUNIOR DOG (7)

1st Stilgoe & Harrison's Enzo Del Almojon (Imp Esp). 16 month orange/white. Really like this youngster. Very typy with beautiful dark expressive eyes. Well chiselled head, lovely soft lip. Balanced body with a lovely topline. Short coupled. Super turn of stifle with low set hocks. Neat tail. Just needs to drop in brisket. Moved well using his tail.

2nd Hall's Gartarry You Shook Me. 15 month black/white. Stylish youngster. Another with a lovely head and expression. Gently sloping topline. Well boned legs, slightly sloping pasterns and tight oval feet. Neat tail but carried slightly high.

3rd Macara, Jamieson & Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Legend at Cromasaig. Almost 18 month orange/white with a lovely outline. Well balanced angulation, good topline. Moved well but carried tail a little high.

YEARLING DOG (6)

1st Tibbs' Fydal Beeswing at Raigmore. Almost 22 month orange/white youngster. Completely filled my eye. He just flows from nose to tail. Fabulous head and expression, correct chiselling, well defined stop, soft lip, and wonderfully expressive dark eyes. Fine leathers. Excellent reach of neck flowing into a slightly sloping topline. Well sprung ribcage with depth, well angulated shoulder and upper arm matched by super sweep of stifle and low set hocks. Good feet and slightly sloping pasterns. Neat tail set on well. Moved well but in the challenge for Best in Show he was so full of himself he was just out to have a good time. Lovely character. CC.

2nd O'Neill's Tenshilling Home Alone JW. 20 month orange/white. Another favourite of mine. Exquisite head and expressive dark eyes. Neat fine leathers, soft lip. In fact same remarks apply as 1st except that this one needs to drop in brisket which I am sure will come with maturity. Considered him for RCC. His time will come.

3rd Wilcox' Objet D'Art Du Morcaro at Merynjen (Imp Bel). 20 month orange/white. Another lovely dog in this class. Well constructed youngster with balanced angulation, good strong topline, neat tail set on well. Beautiful in head and expression. Could perhaps benefit from a shade more length of neck but I am being picky. More compact than 1st and 2nd. Moved well.

MAIDEN DOG (2,2)

NOVICE DOG (3,3)

GRADUATE DOG (1)

1st Luke's Teisgol Far Horizon for Fleurfield. Rather tall orange/white with a lovely head and nice dark eye. Neat fine leathers. Good reach of neck. Moved okay but was lifting his front feet a tad high.

POST GRADUATE DOG (3)

1st Timothy's Anniezu Magic Moments. Orange/white. Have judged this dog before and my opinion of him hasn't changed. Well constructed with balanced angulation. Good depth of brisket and well sprung ribs. Classic head with expressive dark eyes. Reachy neck. Well boned legs with sloping pasterns. Moved okay, just a little close behind.

2nd Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Freebreeze Over the Top at Spinray. Liver/white favourite of mine just going through an in between stage. He has a lovely head and expression with reachy neck flowing into slightly sloping topline. Well angulated fore and aft. Good spring of rib and depth. He just needs to firm up behind. Good feet and pasterns. Lovely carriage on the move.

3rd Smith's Lypal Hanky Panky. Orange/white with pleasing head and expression. Plenty reach of neck. Well balanced in body. Moved okay but lifting front feet a little. Top size for me.

LIMIT DOG (10)

1st Stilgoe's Teisgol I Am The One And Only JW ShCM. Quality black/white with flowing lines all through. Excellent reach of neck, strong topline, good spring and depth of rib, well boned legs and feet. He has correct angulation front and rear. Well muscled quarters, low set hocks. Shown in lovely bloom. Lovely profile movement using his neat tail which is set on correctly.

2nd Perkins' Kanix Joker of Brent JW ShCM Ir Jr Ch. Another quality black/white. Same remarks apply as 1st. Really could have done with two red cards here. Splitting hairs between them.

3rd Theobald, Phillips & Westaway's Penwest Pallaton JW ShCM. Black/white not giving of his best today. He is a nicely constructed boy with pleasing head and eye. Neat ears. Well balanced in body. Well boned. Good feet and pasterns.

OPEN DOG (5)

1st Ir Sh Ch Rock 'n' Roll Star Do Vale Carvoeiro. This orange/white was a new one to me. Beautiful well chiselled head, neat high set ears, fine leathers. Open flaring nostrils. Lovely reach of neck, clean throat. He flows from nose to tail, beautifully balanced construction which shows in his sound free flowing movement. Neat tail set on well and used on the move. Well deserved RCC.

2nd Gordon's Wozopeg Sesame by Hawkfield (Imp Hun). Have always liked this liver/white. He is of a racier build than 1st. Very pleasing head, well chiselled, would just prefer a slightly darker eye. Reachy neck, well angled shoulder and upper arm, excellent depth and spring of rib, finished off with super sweep of stifle and low set hocks. Shown in hard muscular condition.

3rd Tibbs' Raigmore Astronomer Royal. Beautiful rich orange/white. There is very little to fault with this boy except that he gives his handler such a hard time. He is an ideal example of the breed standard but he throws his chances away every time. Moved okay lashing his tail as he went.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (1)

1st Black's Raigmore Vasco De Gama. Black/white. Raw 12 month old boy who needs time. Pleasing head with a lovely expression. High set fine leathers. Moved well.

VETERAN BITCH (5)

1st Mason's Freebreeze As You Like It ShCM. I have never seen this lemon/white look better. Almost 9 years of age and showing no sign of it. Feminine head, lovely expression, soft lip and high set fine leathers. Good reach of neck. Well balanced in body, straight legs with correct feet and pasterns. Moved well, tail lashing. Considered in the challenge.

2nd Anderson-Rowell's Wyndhead Mette Marit ShCM. Beautiful orange/white, a real favourite of mine, so unlucky to meet 1 above. Ultra feminine with sweet well chiselled head, lovely expressive eyes, correct high set ears, reachy neck flowing into well balanced body. Super tail. Moved well.

3rd Wilkinson's Sh Ch Flinthill Forget Me Not JW. 7.5 year old black/white feminine girl. Another with a super head and expression. Well shaped body, lovely feet and pasterns. Moved well using her well shaped tail.

FIELD TRIAL BITCH (1)

1st Anderson-Rowell's Little Owl Scandiaca for Daledancer. 2.5 year old black/white. Super feminine head, well chiselled, with bright intelligent eye, well set fine leathers. Excellent reach of neck into well angled front matched by lovely turn of stifle and low set hocks. Super width and depth of brisket. Moved with drive and purpose lashing her tail. Loved her.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

1st Barker's Flinthill Orange Princess. 8.5 month old orange/white feminine girl. Pretty head and expression, fine leathers, long neck. Immature in body as yet but she has balanced angulation and good depth. Happy mover.

2nd Westaway's Ridanflight Raisen. 8.5 month old black/white. Not quite the head of 1 above but she has time for this to develop. She too is immature in body but she is a nice shape with everything in the right place. Some take longer to mature than others and that is no bad thing. Lovely tail. Happy mover.

3rd Harris & Jacques' Koran Gemma Sparkfield. 6.5 month baby of the class. Sweet little orange/white. Lovely dark eye with an intelligent expression. Happy squiggly puppy – could benefit from some Ringcraft but I suspect we will see her in the Field Trial class before too long. Happy mover.

PUPPY BITCH (6)

1st Oddie & Dyer's Sharnphilly Makybe Diva. 11 month black/white of sheer quality. Litter sister to Best Puppy Dog. She is ultra feminine. Her head and expression are textbook. Beautifully moulded skull shape with pronounced occiput, lovely chiselling under her gorgeous eyes, well developed soft lip, fine leathers set on fairly high. Melting expression with just a hint of mischief in her eyes. Good reach of slightly arched neck leading into a strong topline. She has a well balanced body shape with angulation of shoulder and upper arm equal to the angulation of her hindquarters. Well balanced legs down to slightly sloping pasterns and tight oval feet. I make no excuse for quoting the standard here because this bitch fits it so very well for her age. She is an exciting prospect. I did consider her for top honours but she is only a baby. Best Puppy in Show.

2nd Elrington's Ansona Cinderella. 10.5 month black/white. Another beautiful bitch. The breed is in good shape with youngsters like these coming along. She too is ultra feminine and could be out of the same mould as 1. It was very difficult to separate them but in the end I preferred the head of 1. She has all the requirements to go to the top though and I'm sure she too will have an exciting future. Flowing lines from nose to tail and all the angles in the right places.

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Saunter. Almost 10 month lemon/white. Another cracking puppy. Just loved the first three in this class. She too has a lovely head and expression with slightly arched lengthy neck leading into a well angulated and balanced body. She was erratic on the move because there was something on the floor in the ring but once settled she showed that she can move well.

JUNIOR BITCH (7)

1st Hewitt's Droveborough's Miss Marple. 14 month liver/white. Wow! Another beautiful bitch. I just loved her. She is of the old fashioned type that I remember from way back. Delightful head and expressive eyes showing just a touch of mischief. Lovely chiselling under the eyes, well moulded skull with pronounced occiput, soft lip, ears set on high. Lengthy arched neck into excellent angulation fore and aft. Super topline. Good in spring and depth of rib. Excellent rearquarters with well muscled first and second thigh. Low set hocks. Moved well when settled. Another I considered in the challenge.

2nd Hinton & Jones' Alcazar Affair with Amore by Fleurfield. Almost 17 month orange/white. Very nice bitch with lovely lines. Pleasing head with a lovely eye and expression. Reachy neck leading into a strong topline. Balanced in body. Moved okay.

3rd Stilgoe's Alcazar Amazing Grace via Teisgol. Almost 17 month black/white, litter sister to 2. Lovely head and expression on this bitch. Well balanced in body with the desired angles. Just needs to tighten up in topline. Moved okay.

YEARLING BITCH (11)

1st McGilp's Sh Ch Ridanflight Ruby Tuesday at Forthbourne. This lovely orange/white is almost 2 years. She has a stamp of quality about her. Built on flowing lines from nose to tail. Beautifully constructed with a feminine head and expression. Well boned legs down to her sloping pasterns and well padded oval feet. Balanced construction allowed her to move soundly round the ring with lovely head carriage.

Unfortunately in the challenge she had had enough and had lost her joie de vivre. RCC.

2nd Scotland's Crookrise Magnolia. 12 month orange/white. A new one to me but what a lovely bitch. She is a rich orange with a very feminine head, well chiselled, with a lovely dark eye, pronounced occiput. Reachy neck into well angulated shoulders and upper arm. Good spring and depth of brisket. Good turn of stifle and well muscled first and second thigh. Low set hocks. Moved okay.

3rd Blowers' Fydal Blown Away to Deadaway. 22 month old orange/white. This one is a real favourite of mine but she is going to be slow to mature. Ultra feminine in head and expression. Her head is textbook, beautiful chiselling under the eye, soft lip, pronounced occiput, fine leathers set high. Her construction is spot on too. It's all there, just needs to fill out. Her carriage on the move is a joy to watch. Neat tail which she lashes as she should.

MAIDEN BITCH (3)

1st Huxley's Woodfleet Wild is the Wind. Sweet black/white. Very raw puppy who just needs lots of time. The frame is there but she I feel is going to be slow to mature and fill her frame. Presented in lovely condition. Happy temperament. I have a feeling she may be well named.

NOVICE BITCH (4)

1st Gordon's Hawkfield Saunter.

2nd O'Neill's Fyldefair Sky Full of Stars over Tenshilling. Very nice orange/white. Lovely head and expressive dark eyes. Thin leathers. Young girl with time to mature.

GRADUATE BITCH (6)

1st Smith's Fydal Bedazzle. Orange/white. Lovely young bitch with beautiful head and expression. Flowing lines all through. Arched neck, well angulated fore and aft with well muscled hindquarters and low set hocks. Lovely carriage on the move.

2nd O'Driscoll's Aurichalcum Elles Belles via Fowington. Black/white. Pretty feminine head on this girl. Lovely fine leathers. Ample reach of neck. Well laid shoulders with corresponding hindquarters. Good feet and pasterns.

3rd Gerrard & Bell's Carmandine Call My Bluff. Orange/white with a lovely body shape. Unfortunately I have no notes as the handler left the ring. Perhaps she didn't realise I was writing critiques up to third.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (7)

1st O'Driscoll's Fowington Risqué. Lovely 2 year old black/white. Feminine head with an appealing expression. High set thin leathers. Lovely outline, arched neck flowing into super topline, well shaped tail coming straight off the back. Good feet and pasterns.

2nd Pearson & Morland's Houssemayne Rowen. Very nice lemon/white. Pretty head with a melting expression. Reachy well arched neck flows into slightly sloping topline. Good layback of shoulders but upper arm is a tad steep. Super ribcage and hindquarters. Good feet and pasterns.

3rd Stangroom's Pipeaway Laura Louisa at Lappakia ShCM. Liked this orange/white. Well shaped body, reachy neck, neat tail set on well, well boned legs, good feet and pasterns. Moved okay.

LIMIT BITCH (11)

1st Smith's Lypal Once Upon A Time JW. Very feminine orange/white with pretty head. She is such a lovely shape with flowing lines all through. Fabulous topline, reachy arched neck, well angulated fore and aft, good spring of rib and depth of brisket, short coupled, excellent hindquarters with good expanse of well muscled thigh. Low set hocks. Sound on the move with reach and drive. So little to fault. CC & Best in Show.

2nd Simmons' Freebreeze Acadia with Galema. Orange/white. Quality head with lovely dark expressive eyes. Correct ears. Long arched neck leading into a fabulous topline and balanced body shape. Lovely shaped tail which she used when moving. I get the feeling this bitch has a sense of humour!

3rd Drake's Ansona Queen of Hearts at Clamerkin. Nice black/white. Feminine girl who has matured into a good bitch. Sweet head and eye, correct ears, balanced in body, well boned legs. Moved okay.

OPEN BITCH (7)

1st Perkins' Sh Ch/ Ir Sh Ch Luneville Honey Moon at Brent ShCM, CW15. Ultra feminine orange/white. Built on lovely flowing lines. She is well balanced in construction with well boned legs, sloping pasterns and tight oval feet. Lovely low set hocks. She has a wonderful head and expression with dark eyes, correct ears, long neck flowing into good topline. Would just like her to have more arch to the neck. Moved well lashing her neat tail. Quality bitch.

2nd Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Agathis. More substantial black/white but still retaining femininity. Pleasing head properties with lovely expressive eyes. Long arched neck leading into well angulated body with width and depth of brisket. Excellent topline. Good first and second thigh. Shown in hard muscular condition. Moved well.

3rd Tibbs' Somerled Classic Romance at Raigmore. Have always liked this bitch but somehow on the day she didn't give of her best and I feel could lose a pound or two. She has the required flowing lines, super body shape and construction, excellent topline, good oval feet with sloping pasterns. Low set hocks. Love her carriage on the move.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (2)

1st Scotland's Crookrise Magnolia.

2nd Pearson & Morland's Pookeroos Adrienne. Solid black. Very feminine bitch shown in lovely bloom and well muscled condition. Pleasing head with a gorgeous expression from her dark eyes. I'm sure she would rather have been on the moor than in the show ring. Lovely, happy temperament.

BRACE (9)

1st McNab's well matched black/whites.

2nd Barker's orange/whites.

3rd Stangroom's orange/whites.

Linda Wilson - judge.