

# BIRMINGHAM NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Thank you all for the excellent entry. The breed is very high on my list of favourite breeds to judge, so the day was a great pleasure for me. However, I was struck by a couple of trends I see developing in the breed. The breed standard asks for a series of symmetrical curves but many dogs in the entry had outlines that were angular and straight lined, a result of abrupt neck into shoulder line and lack of fallaway in the croup with resultant high set tails, carried at 45 degrees above the topline, all alien to breed type. I also thought that a lot of dogs were too long (and often long coupled) with long thin tails. Great to see Pointer style and movement in the best dogs, and some beautiful heads. Many thanks to my steward Graham Takenen and Alan Harris.

### MINOR PUPPY DOG (3)

1<sup>st</sup> Walkling's Nosam Never Say Never Again at Kiswahili 7 months excellent shape and type. He needs to fill out in chest and hindquarters and this shows on the move. Scored in head and tail here.

2<sup>nd</sup> Hazeltine & Welch's Hookwood Lennox 6 months better moving than the winner but not the lines on the move as yet, well developed body. His head needs time to break up.

3<sup>rd</sup> Smith Sniperay Lord Lambourne Via Tzaziki.

### PUPPY DOG (3)

1<sup>st</sup> Burke's Alcazar Bohemian Rhapsody 10 months black/white, lovely lines and a very good head. He needs to firm up in topline and front action but is full of type. BPIB and later Puppy Group 3

2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon's Hawkfield Audacity (ai) 10 months lemon/white, rangier and a little over angulated in rear. Good shoulders. Head needs time to break. Front action is a little too extravagant.

3<sup>rd</sup> Wilcox's Pipeaway Lightning Strike on Merynjen

### JUNIOR DOG (10)

1<sup>st</sup> Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Obi at Stargang 16 months at the lower end of the size scale but beautiful type and excellent on the move scoring here in couplings. Beautiful head and expression.

2<sup>nd</sup> Philo's Fydal Caprio At Salmonmist 12 months lovely size and outline, flowing lines. A little longer cast than the winner. Excellent neck and shoulder. Good head which needs a little more time. Full of quality and pressed hard.

3<sup>rd</sup> O'Neill's Tenshilling Biscuits

### YEARLING DOG (9)

1<sup>st</sup> Adams' Millpoint Simply Smashing JW ShCM black/white almost 2 years. I would prefer him a little curvy but he appealed for head and eye and good construction. Carried himself well. Feet a little too catlike.

2<sup>nd</sup> Martin & Martin's Sunhouse Chips Ahoy 23 months orange/white, he is a little heavy in his forehand and I'd prefer him cleaner in neck and a little more refined in head but his body line and movement are all Pointer and these virtues took him to this place.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tibbs' Raigmore Beekeeper JW.

### NOVICE DOG (6)

1<sup>st</sup> O'Neill's Tenshilling Biscuits 13 months orange/white, has Pointer type in his line and a clean mover. Needs to fill out in ribcage.

2<sup>nd</sup> Langford's Fydal Cortese Of Papermill 12 months I liked his lines and type and he has a good tail but it is set and carried a little high. Very good head type.

3<sup>rd</sup> Goodall's Fydal Chandon.

### **GRADUATE DOG (5, 1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Gerrard & Galloway's Sharnphilly Santorelli With Carmandine 17 months reserve in yearling, athletically built on good lines. Can tighten on the move. A teenager at the moment but has quality.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tregaskis' Moenfair Choirboy 6 years black/white, sound moving dog a little heavy in head but has quality. Not the shoulders of the winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Saunders' Phlynnies Prince of Thieves.

### **POST GRADUATE DOG (11, 1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Stilgoe's Enzo Del Almojon Through Teisgol 3 years orange/white, I loved his Pointer style and carriage with head carried high. Excellent movement and tail carriage. Very good head and eye but his ears are a little heavy. Excellent shoulder in which he scored over 2nd. High quality dog.

2<sup>nd</sup> Walkling's Flavio Del Almojon At Kiswahili (Imp Esp) 2 years, lovely headed dog full of Pointer type. Not the forehand assembly of winner and hence not as clean in his action. Very good tail carriage.

3<sup>rd</sup> Lathwell's Tinchitamba A Waiting Game.

### **LIMIT DOG (13, 2)**

1<sup>st</sup> O'Neill's Tenshilling Home Alone JW 3 years orange/white, beautifully headed dog of good lines which he holds on the move. Full of Pointer type and character. Moves very well. RDCC

2<sup>nd</sup> Rayner Spinks & Pringle's Freebreeze Over the Top at Spinray 4 years liver/white, curvy outline as required by the standard with a very good Pointer head. He needs a little more rib and body on him. Rear action a little close.

3<sup>rd</sup> Stilgoe's Teisgol I Am the One and Only JW ShCM

### **OPEN DOG (7, 2)**

1<sup>st</sup> O'Neill & O'Neill's Sh Ch Chesterhope Thrill of T Chase (Imp) 2 years orange/white, stood out here for head and Pointer lines and held it all together on the move. Clean striding and stylish with correct tail carriage. All Pointer from head to tail. DCC & BOB & Group 3.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wilberg's Kanix Mario (ai) 2 years well built dog who moves cleanly and has excellent chest. Good tail carriage. Not the work in the head of the winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Hazeltine & Welch's Just Wilburt By Hookwood JW ShCM.

### **VETERAN DOG (5)**

1<sup>st</sup> Roberts Kanix Dantes Inferno 7 years lovely type excellent rear and carried a good top line. His head is a touch heavy but he appealed most here for balance. Really good in his rear movement.

2<sup>nd</sup> Welch's Sh Ch Moolou Minstrel at Hookwood Sh CM JW 8 years black/white, very stylish mover. A little long in body for perfect balance. Close up here.

3<sup>rd</sup> Fox's Tenshilling I Get Around to Dappleline JW.

### **MINOR PUPPY BITCH (8, 3)**

1<sup>st</sup> Tibbs' Raigmore Pure Gold 8 months the most forward in body and the best head of the class. Carries a good topline but tail carriage is high. I'd prefer a little more upper arm angulation.

2<sup>nd</sup> Razzell's Hookwood Blondie 6 months very good lines and a straight mover. Her head needs time to develop. Tail carriage a little high.

3<sup>rd</sup> Guy's Carofel on Silent Wings

### **PUPPY BITCH (7, 1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Watkins Phillips & Gordon's Hawkfield Audacious (ai) 10 months lemon/white, scopey top size bitch with lovely head and excellent angulation. Has excellent stride and scored in front reach here.

2<sup>nd</sup> Fox & Stilgoe's Alcazar Bewildered of Dappleline 10 months I preferred her size to the winner but she needs time to develop in head. Very good mover. Her body markings are deception and she had a good topline. Should come on well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Collins' Saregresi Ventulus Lemon Drop (Imp)

### **JUNIOR BITCH (11, 2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Siddle Siddle & Crocker's Wilchrimane Pirouette 13 months stood out here, beautiful type and excellent movement. Curving lines held on the move. Needs to develop a little more work under the eyes yet but she is top quality and should have a good future.

2<sup>nd</sup> Rayner Spinks & Pringle's Gartarry High Society at Spinray 13 months black/white quality bitch built on good line. Very good head and eye. A little close in rear action. Not the shoulder of the winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Perkins' Brent Hothouse Flower

### **YEARLING BITCH (5)**

1<sup>st</sup> Siddle Siddle & Crocker's Sh Ch Wilchrimane Frankel (ai) beautiful bitch of 20 months, stood out here. Excellent flowing lines, maximum angulation in rear. Quality all through. Good head type. Great style and movement. BCC.

2<sup>nd</sup> Martin & Martin's Sunhouse Cheerio 23 months orange/white needs a little more leg to balance her. Well made and moves soundly and straight but could have more style in her carriage and tail action.

3<sup>rd</sup> Rayner Spinks & Pringle's Gartarry All That Jazz at Spinray

### **NOVICE BITCH (7, 2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Huxley's Vernum Ventulus Celtic Rose at Woodfleet (Imp) 12 months black/white, good size and proportions and curves to her outline. Needs a little more rear angulation and can develop in head.

2<sup>nd</sup> Brookes' Pennystone Shamrock 20 months orange/white good outline but needs more rib and body. Front action a little high. I preferred head of the winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Webster & Goodwin's Pennystone Sunny Daze

### **GRADUATE BITCH (8, 2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Hewitt's Droveborough's Miss Marple 2 years, liver/white, beautiful type and style with lasing tail action. Scored in head and shoulder line here. Straight action and excellent drive. Could carry a little more body. Has great potential.

2<sup>nd</sup> Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Orient at Stargang 16 months orange/white, excellent mover at both ends. Carrying too much body weight, which made her look heavy in shoulder line. Good head type which needs more time to finish.

3<sup>rd</sup> Isherwood's Symitry Iced Ginger

### **POST GRADUATE BITCH (13, 1)**

1<sup>st</sup> O'Neill's Fyldefair Sky Full of Stars Over Tenshilling 3 years, best mover of the class and quality all through with correct tail carriage in the class containing many gay tails. Scored in rear drive to win this. She is a little long for perfect balance.

2<sup>nd</sup> Blowers' Fydal Blown Away to Deadaway 3 years classic Pointer head and unexaggerated in her lines. Carries a good topline but not the scope on the move of the winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Udale's Dowbiggins Freda.

**LIMIT BITCH (11, 2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Siddle Siddle & Crocker's White Squall Seasyde Iced Tea (Imp) 4 years, beautiful type and beautiful head. Curvy lines held on the move. She could be a little firmer in her rear action but scored in head and shoulder here.

2<sup>nd</sup> O'Driscoll's Fowington Risque 3 years black/white, same type with lovely lines and stylish on the move. I preferred head of the winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Disley's Ridanflight Rum Truffle

**OPEN BITCH (6, 1)**

1<sup>st</sup> McGilp's Sh Ch Ridanflight Ruby Tuesday At Forthbourne 3 years, beautiful body shape and excellent movement. Short coupled and curving outline. Her head could do with more work to it but she scored in front action and tail to win this. RBCC

2<sup>nd</sup> Evans & Pavey's Sh Ch Joneva Mrs Bridges JW black/white better head than the winner full of Pointer type. A little longer cast than the winner and longer in the tail.

3<sup>rd</sup> Wilberg & Robinson's NZ Ch Robwyn Lois Lane To Kanix

**VETERAN BITCH (5, 1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Smith's Sh Ch Fydal Ava 7 years classic Pointer type with beautiful head and flowing lines. Very sound and straight in her action. In the last 4 for the BCC where her topline was not as firm as those above her.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Stangroom's Lappakia Dune Song 9 years taller orange/white of good lines and type. Just shows her age in her front action but still full of quality.

3<sup>rd</sup> Booth's Galema Iona

**FRANK KANE - Judge**