DRIFFIELD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW Friday 21st September 2018

Many thanks to the Committee for the invitation to judge at this show, and also to my capable stewards who had to cope with the adverse weather conditions. Thanks also to the exhibitors for their entries and for enduring the gale force wind and driving rain battering the tents during parts of the judging. Delighted that my BOB was shortlisted in a strong Gundog Group and Best Special Beginner won the Special Beginners Gundog Group.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (4, 1)

1st Wilkinson's Stocksfell Humdinger. Promising youngster with nothing exaggerated. Good bone, balanced throughout with correct angles front and rear. Good depth and spring of rib, strong topline and well developed forechest. Liked his head, good stop, pronounced occiput, dark eye and well developed lip. Moved well. Best Puppy.

2nd Chevalier's Bradgate Victory Salute To Roughpoint. Only just turned 6 months this young dog was not as settled on the move as first today but has good bone and correct feet, good rear angulation, sympathetically handled.

3rd Mackay's Sharnphilly Hot Fuzz.

PUPPY DOG (1)

1st Mason's Nosam Never Say Never Again At Kiswahili. Good bend of stifle and width of thigh, well muscled, short neat tail, clean neck, deep chest, good spring of rib.

JUNIOR DOG (3)

1st Gerard's Carmandine Count On Me. Elegant clean neck, neat tail, good rear angulation, good feet, balanced head with pronounced stop and raised occiput, positive flowing movement with lashing tail. 2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Audacity (ai) JW. Superb head with melting expression, good shoulders and bend of stifle, used tail on move.

3rd Goodall's Fydal Chandon.

POST GRADUATE DOG (1)

1st Sillince's Medogold Clown Prince For Tomlow. Beautifully balanced throughout, good shoulders and upper arm, good bone and feet, well developed forechest, deep well sprung ribs, short coupled, balanced head with dark eye, flowed on the move, neat tail, shown in excellent condition.

2nd Wheldon & Earl's Caithpoint Extreme Faith. Well turned stifle, developed forechest, good spring of rib, moved with lashing tail.

3rd Martin's Sunhouse Chips Ahoy.

LIMIT DOG (7)

1st Luke & Hinton's Fleurfield Jack Daniels. Just what I was looking for this stylish, quality dog is in his prime. Masculine with no hint of coarseness or exaggeration. Clean, muscular, lengthy neck with slight arch. He excels in front construction including true straight front, good layback of shoulder and return of upper arm. Has depth in body, well sprung ribs, short coupled, slight arch over strong loin. Balanced head that has correct stop and pronounced occiput with a kind expressive eye. He moved with precision, style and purpose with rear drive, high head carriage, lashing tail and that all important ground covering action. Shown in excellent condition and well handled. CC & BOB.

2nd Saunders' Teisgol Massalia. Good topline and pleasing general outline. Brisket well let down and good spring of rib to give plenty of heart room. Moved well.

3rd Lathwell's Tinchitamba A Waiting Game.

OPEN DOG (5, 2)

1st O'Neill's Sh Ch Chesterhope Thrill Of T'Chase (Imp). Masculine dog striding out on the move with correct tail carriage and action. Well muscled with good width of thigh. Good bone and spring of rib. Head had good stop and pronounced occiput with kind eye. RCC.

2nd Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Freebreeze Over The Top At Spinray. Pleasing in head, kind eye, correct ear set. Clean lengthy neck leading to good shoulders. Moved well.

3rd Huxley's Aurichalcum Evan Knows Its Woodfleet.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (3)

1st Saunders' Teisgol Double Trigger. Lovely head, good bone, deep chest, well sprung ribs good bend of stifle with plenty of width to thigh including well developed second thigh, short neat tail.

2nd Goodall's Fydal Chandon. Good shoulder angulation, short coupled, neat tail.

3rd Mackay's Sharnphilly Hot Fuzz.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME DOG (3)

1st Saunders' Teisgol Massalia.

2nd Mackay's Fleurfield Steals The Dream ShCM. Much more settled in this class, balanced head with good stop, neat tail, sloping shoulders moved well.

3rd Saunders' Phlynnies Prince Of Thieves.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

1st Turton & Wilson's Kenaiteen Thriller. Balanced bitch, mature for age. Good width of thigh. Well laid shoulders with correct angulation. Kind eye, pronounced occiput. Good overall depth to body. Moved out well. Best Puppy Bitch.

2nd Wilkinson's Stocksfell Seldon Seen. Pleasing typical head. Well developed hindquarters, stylish, shapely bitch developing nicely.

3rd Eldridge's Bradgate Vanity Fair.

PUPPY BITCH (4)

1st Turton & Wilson's Kenaiteen Thriller.

2nd Tobin & Moss' Davigdor Innovation. Elegant clean neck leading to well angulated front, good width thigh, good bone, neat tail.

3rd Mason's Nosam Kwatile.

JUNIOR BITCH (4)

1st Guy's Carofel On Silent Wings. Beautifully shaped bitch, with feminine, balanced head. Well laid shoulders, correct bone, resilient pasterns, well developed second thigh. Plenty of depth to body and overall strength without coarseness.

2nd Fox & Stilgoe's Alcazar Bewildered of Dappleline. Lots to like about this young bitch. Kind eye with melting expression, neat bee sting tail. Moved well.

3rd Huxley's Vernum Ventulus Celtic Rose At Woodfleet (Imp).

POST GRADUATE BITCH (12, 2)

1st Tibbs' Sharnphilly Escada At Raigmore JW. Lovely balance to this feminine bitch. Classic head and expression. Short coupled, with strong well angulated hindquarters, hocks well let down. Good spring rib, elegant clean neck, resilient pasterns. Effortless, precise and stylish on the move. RCC.

2nd Gerard's Carmandine Call My Bluff. Elegant curvy bitch. Beautiful head with lots of work and melting expression. Long, clean slightly arched neck. Well angulated front and rear. Good depth to body all through with neat tail.

3rd Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Gartarry High Society At Spinray.

LIMIT BITCH (7)

1st Hinton & Lennox's Keepersfield Christelle With Fleurfield JW. Ultra feminine, eyecatching bitch. Beautiful head and expression. She presented an elegant overall picture with graceful curves yet strength all through. Her front construction is hard to fault... textbook. Correct topline and tailset. Well muscled, in tip top condition and well handled. Her movement was precise with flowing, stylish ground covering action, lashing her tail and keeping her outline all the way round, a pleasure to watch. CC.

2nd Blowers' Fydal Blown Away To Deadaway. This graceful, elegant bitch has a beautiful classical head with melting expression. She has clean lines and graceful curves. On the move she came alive with her flowing, effortless movement, high head carriage and lashing tail in true Pointer style. Considered her for top honours.

3rd Martin's Sunhouse Cheerio.

OPEN BITCH (6)

1st Wheldon & Earl's Caithpoint Here And Now. Such a feminine typy bitch, balanced all through. Lovely head with melting expression and good length and arch to neck. Moved well.

2nd Bond's Joneva Asterea JW. Balanced in outline with those all important curves. Good head with arch to neck leading to well placed shoulders. Good spring of rib carried well back.

3rd Elrington's Sh Ch Ansona Cinderella JW.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (3)

1st Lake's Wild Thyme. Feminine bitch pleasing overall picture, moved well. Good bone and feet, with good width of thigh. Best Special Beginner.

2nd Stokes' Hawkfield Castaspell Over Guanabara. Another feminine bitch who was shown in good condition, well muscled with good rear angulation without exaggeration. Correct set neat tail which she used on the move.

3rd Dunn's Meadowpoint Spirit of Love JW ShCM.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME BITCH (1)

1st Fox & Stilgoe's Alcazar Bewildered Of Dappleline.

VAL KELLY - judge