

BLACKPOOL CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

Saturday 21st August 2021

Thank you to the Blackpool committee for inviting me to award CCS in Pointers for the first time. Huge thanks to my two stewards who made my ring run smoothly despite the rain and having to go under the tent and change rings. I thoroughly enjoyed my day and was very pleased with my winners. The bitches were in general of better quality with some hard decisions. Movement and high tail carriage needs to be watched particularly in the dogs however having wet grass as we did can sometimes affect how they move.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (4,1)

1st Elrington's Tequesta Harold Lloyd. Most mature and together on the move. Well moulded head with good proportions, good length of neck into well-made front and balanced hindquarters. Nice size, with good oval bone and feet. He was curvy with no straight lines. He was sound, covered the ground and has style using his tail well. A lovely puppy in good condition and handled well.

2nd Collins' Collholme Balthasar. A lovely typey head, well balanced, lovely expression. He was balanced in angulation and had a curvy outline with good ribbing and oval bone. His tail curled slightly and was carried a bit high however he moved and showed well.

3rd Critchley's Whipspan Waltz with Me.

PUPPY DOG (6,1)

1st Norbury and Adams' Heartbury Lord Asriel. A lovely shapely puppy, showing lots of promise. His head is well balanced with enough stop, correct lips, wide nostrils and chiselling under his eyes which could have been a tad darker. Excellent neck into well laid shoulders and good length and return of upper arm, good ribbing and depth, well-made hindquarters. Good bone, without being over done anywhere. He was curvy with tight skin and sound and stylish on the move using himself so well. He was handled so well and I feel I must mention how lucky we are to have this handler in our breed. Bright future ahead. BPD.

2nd Philo's Tenshilling it's My Party for Salmonmist. Another lovely typey puppy with everything in the right place. Beautiful head and eye, good neck into great front and balanced hindquarters, good ribbing and good oval bone and feet. In great condition, curvy with tight skin and a lovely size. Unfortunately, today he was very excited and full of himself on the move which made his tail lift and he wasn't quite settled when moving out. Frustrating for his handler but such a character!

3rd Rossiter and Mosedale's Kimifluer Black Hawk

JUNIOR DOG (4,2)

1st Gordon's Hawkfield Pemberley. Really liked this young dog who has so much going for him. Has all the breed essentials being curvy everywhere, beautiful moulded head of balanced proportions, good stop, chiselling and turn of lip, beautiful eye and expression, pronounced occiput, fine ears. He has oval bone and feet, a lovely size, not long or too short and he was stylish on the move with carriage, using his tail. On top of this he is so well constructed with nothing overdone anywhere, with tight skin and in great condition. Considered him for the RCC but he's a young dog that just needs to settle on the move to really cover the ground and pull himself together. Will watch his future with interest.

2nd Rossiter and Mosedale's Kimifluer Black Hawk. A very honest sort of dog, kind head that is balanced with lovely eyes. Good neck, oval bone and feet, he's balanced but would like him to drop into his angles a bit. He had good ribbing and depth. On the move he was so sound out and back and used himself well, covering the ground well.

YEARLING DOG (6,3)

1st Bond's Joneva Just My Style. A lovely shapely dog, in hard muscular condition. Beautiful head with correct stop, balanced proportions, pronounced occiput, good neck into excellent front, with super shoulders, return of upper arm, depth of chest and ribbing extending well back. A lovely size, good oval bone and feet. Well angulated behind but he was a little steep in croup and would prefer a shorter tail. He moved so soundly in front, with great reach and drove well in profile but thought he could be tidier going away. He was stylish and handled really well.

2nd Brigden's Braithwaite Le Coq. A typey dog, again of nice size, good head and eye, fine ears, good neck, balanced angulation, good ribbing and depth, correct oval bone, he carried himself really well on the move however could have been a bit tidier in front.

3rd Weaver's Dappleline Chance for Anniezu.

GRADUATE DOG (4,0) A difficult class to judge with four typey dogs at different stages of development.

1st Westron's Fowington Beware the Bear at Aurichalcum. Lovely head, with dark eye and good proportions. Excellent lengthy neck, well laid shoulders, good return of upper arm. Correct oval bone and feet, would like a little more give in pasterns. Good depth of chest, strong over the loin. Nice shape tail. He was a nice size, having substance without being overdone. He was so curvy everywhere and had no straight lines. He had tight skin and was in perfect muscular condition. Needs to get it together on the move as he was showing his character and was a little untidy and full of it which lifted his tail a little however, he did enough to win this class.

2nd O'Neill and Timothy's Tenshilling I Got the Fever. Balanced head with good proportions, pronounced occiput and good lip. Good neck into well-made shoulders and upper arm and balanced hindquarters with good oval bone and feet. Good ribbing. Another in great condition, moved soundly with purpose however would prefer better tail carriage.

3rd Astbury's Penwest Photo Finish for Dorbury.

POST GRADUATE DOG (6,1)

1st Gordon and Howarth's Hawkfield Jolly. A very shapely well-made dog, with everything in the right place. Beautiful moulded head, with balanced proportions, good stop and turn of lip. Lengthy neck into ideal front, with correct shoulders and upper arm, good ribbing and depth. Good hindquarters, with good expanse of thighs. Well set tail which was neat and used well. Good oval bone and feet. He moved with style and carriage, would prefer him to be tidier in front however he was sound behind and used himself well. Good condition and tight skin.

2nd Booth's Lundgarth Teal. A very honest, balanced dog, with no glaring faults. Kind head with good proportions, good neck, balanced angulation both ends, good ribbing and depth with tight skin and in excellent condition. Oval bone and feet. Moved really soundly and carried himself so well with a neat tail. Just preferred the curvier outline of first.

3rd Westaway's Penwest Poldark.

LIMIT DOG (6,2) A good class of dogs.

1st Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Obi at Stargang. A dog of a smaller, more compact stamp but still with a curvy outline. He can sometimes lose his shape stood but when he moves and stands naturally it's all there to see. Beautiful head and eye, good stop and turn of lip. Excellent neck into good shoulder and return of upper arm, ribbing extending well back with short coupling and depth of chest to elbows. Ideal oval bone and feet for his size. In great muscular condition with tight skin. Well-made hindquarters. A neat tail which he used well moving where he glided over the ground with reach and drive with lovely carriage and style which won him the RCC today.

2nd Philo's Fydal Caprio at Salmonmist. Another lovely dog who was close up to 1. A different style of dog with everything in the right place. Beautiful typey head, with correct proportions Curvy and well made,

balanced with oval bone and feet, good pasterns, enough neck, good front and hindquarters. Neat tail. Moved with style and used his tail well.

3rd O'Neill's Tenshilling Biscuits

OPEN DOG (3,0) Having used all three of the dogs in this class I was pleased to see them in the ring together. All three are different but all three lovely in their own way and worthy representatives of our breed.

1st O'Neills Sh Ch Chesterhope Thrill of T Chase (imp NZ). A top-class dog in any company. So typical, so well made and for me he is hard to fault. His head is so typical, he is so shapely and balanced without being exaggerated anywhere. He is an ideal size, has tight skin and a neat, tapered bee sting like tail. Oval bone and feet, in great condition. On the move, he is sound up and down and really covers the ground with reach and drive in profile holding himself well. A dog with lots of quality and for me he stood out in the dogs today. Loved him, easy CC.

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Audacity (AI) Again a dog that is so well made, with really good angulation, so curvy and shapely and so good to go over with everything in the right place. Beautiful head, excellent neck, good ribbing, good oval bone and feet with slight slope to pasterns. He covers the ground, really drives off his back end, uses himself well and is stylish however I don't think he liked the wet grass and so thought he could be a bit more positive in front today.

3rd Tibb's Fydal Beeswing at Raigmore.

VETERAN DOG (2,0)

1st Rayner, Spinks and Pringle's Sh Ch Freebreeze over the Top at Spinray. A lovely typey dog who ive judged and done well for before. Typical head with balance, stop, chiselling, wide nostrils and pronounced occiput. Clean neck into good front and balanced hindquarters. Oval bone and feet, tight skin and in great condition. Moved soundly with great style and carriage, using his tail which was lovely to see.

2nd Timonhy's Anniezu Magic Moments for Sousacroft. Another lovely dog, balanced head with detail and good expression, well made, enough angulation, good oval bone and feet. Moved soundly with style, using his tail, carrying his years really well. Just preferred the more natural carriage and shapely outline of one.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (4,1)

1st Wilkinson's Stocksfell Showdown. Pretty, feminine head, shorter in foreface but balanced with her skull and still within the standard. Shapely and well made both in front and behind without being overdone. Lengthy neck, good ribbing and depth, good oval bone and feet. She was the soundest in the class, really showing herself off with a well carried tail. In great condition. Lovely baby.

2nd Collins' Collholme Angeliq. Very pretty headed bitch, being balanced and typey with pronounced occiput and good turn of lip. She didn't have the construction as the first placed puppy, but she was balanced, would like more width of second thigh. She did however have a very good shaped tail and was very stylish on the move.

3rd Nelis' Freebreeze Lark Ascending.

PUPPY BITCH (8,2) This was a very good class of lovely puppies, really had to get my thinking cap on!

1st Norbury and Adams' Heartbury Northern Lights. This is a very exciting puppy who should have a very bright future ahead of her. Lovely head, well proportioned, good stop, occiput and turn of lip, would like a slightly darker eye. Clean, lengthy neck, into well-made shoulders and return of upper arm, good depth of chest and ribs extending well, with correct croup and a neat tail. Well, angulated behind with good turn of stifle and width of thighs. Being picky I would like her feet to be less round however she was in great condition, sound on the up and back and used herself really well on the go around with style. In great condition. She was BPIB, loved her.

2nd Wilkinson's Stocksfell Shockwave. Another puppy who I also really fell for who was very close up to first. Her head was beautiful, and I wouldn't really change a thing about it, her eye and expression was so

lovely and everything was in proportion with wide nostrils and lovely detail. She was so well made, so balanced, shapely and everything a Pointer should be, she had good oval bone and feet, slightly sloping pasterns. She moved soundly and covered the ground however she just wasn't putting all her effort in on the move where the first bitch excelled today.

3rd Tibbs' Raigmore Candlelight

JUNIOR BITCH (5,1)

1st Webb's Tenshilling the Wanderer. This lovely bitch was 4th in the last class but was more settled this time round. Pretty feminine head, well balanced, good stop and turn of lip. Lengthy clean neck, balanced angulation both ends. She was a nice size, good oval bone and feet. Tight skin and in hard condition. Shapely and curvy, sound and stylish on the move using herself well.

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Black Swan. Super shape and curvy outline, feminine in all respects. Pretty head, well balanced with lovely eye and expression, chiselling under the eyes, good neck into well-made front, good ribbing and depth, well-made behind and neat bee sting like tail. Stylish on the move with good carriage, just not as sound in front as first.

YEARLING BITCH (4,0) This was a very good class of four lovely bitches, all of a different type but all lovely in their own way.

1st Perkins Brent Cheap Thrills. A lovely typey bitch who I considered for high awards. Beautiful head, with good stop, balanced proportions, good lip and occiput, wide nostrils. Good neck into an ok front, she could have better upper arm and depth of chest however there wasn't much else wrong with her. Good ribbing and well angulated behind with good width of thigh and in hard muscular condition. Correct bone and feet. She was sound on the move, carried herself really well and used her neat tail as they should. Really liked her.

2nd Barker's Caithpoint Maia at Flinthill. Another bitch who I really liked. She reminds me of some of the old Toberdony bitches I have seen in photos. She was so feminine, well made, not overdone anywhere, balanced, curvy, had tight skin, pretty typical head and moved soundly with style.

3rd Wilkinson's Stocksfell Stella.

GRADUATE BITCH (7,1)

1st Blowers' Fowington Lar Ti Dar at Deadaway. Lovely typey bitch with everything in the right place. She was a smaller, more compact bitch, curvy in outline and with tight skin. A lovely size, she was feminine with a well proportion head, with lovely eye and expression. Good neck into well made front, correct ribbing and depth. Correct oval bone and feet, with give in pasterns. Well-turned stifle with good expanse of thighs. Neat tail, well carried where she moved with soundest and style and covered the ground well. Would benefit from a little more confidence but I know what bitches and their hormones are like!

2nd Matthews' Sonham Chasing Rainbows. A different type completely to first but so beautiful to go over and so well made. Well balanced head, beautiful eye, excellent lengthy neck into good front and balanced backend. Good ribbing and depth, good bone and feet. Nothing overdone anywhere, curvy outline, in great muscular condition. Moved soundly and used herself well with style.

3rd O'Neill's Tenshilling Queen Of Fools.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (6,2) This was a really good class with four lovely typey Pointer bitches who could change places on another day.

1st Mason's Morgan Van Freebreeze (imp Nld) Really liked this bitch who I considered for high honours. She is so very typical for the breed and so well-made being balanced and all of a piece. Excellent head having all the breed requirements, really good lengthy neck, excellent shoulder placement and length and return of upper arm. Good oval bone and feet with really good pasterns. Good ribbing extending back to strong loin, short coupled and with well turned stifle, well let down hocks. Being picky I would like a shorter tail however she carried it well. On the move she is sound up and down, covers the ground and carries herself

really well. Thought she could just have put a bit more effort in on the move when considering for higher awards.

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Happy. A lovely bitch viewed from any angle. She is so correct and so well made, very breed typical with a beautiful, typey, balanced head having good stop, turn of lip and really good pigment. Good neck into well-made front, good ribbing, an excellent size with good oval bone and slightly sloping pasterns. Well-turned stifle, in good condition. A lovely bee sting shape tail. Curvy everywhere and moved with style, could have been a bit more positive in front however she had really good carriage and used her tail well.

3rd Tibbs' Raigmore Worth the Wait.

LIMIT BITCH (7,0) An excellent class with some lovely bitches.

1st Gerrard and Bell's Chesterhope Cmon Over to Carmandine (Imp Nz). For me this bitch has it all, she is well made without being overdone or exaggerated anywhere, she has true Pointer type in abundance and what makes her exciting is her style, carriage and action on the move and a star quality that gave her the edge over the beautiful Dog CC winner on the day. Her head is beautiful with all the breed requirements, her neck has good length being clean and with good arch. Her shoulders are well laid, and her upper arm has really good length and was well under her. Well sprung ribs, good chest and depth. Oval bone and feet with good pasterns. Good top line and well set, lovely shaped tail. Well-turned stifle with good expanse of thigh and hocks well let down. She was rock solid in condition and had tight skin and good coat. When she moved, she covered the ground easily, was tidy, had reach and drive and for me what makes her great is her style and carriage and how she uses her tail, it's all natural for her which won her the CC, BOB and I was delighted that she went up a gear and looked even better in the group where she was G4 congratulations! Very well handled. Loved her!

2nd Wilkinson's Stocksfall Seldom Seen. Another beautiful Pointer bitch who has it all. Her head for me is to die for and I really wouldn't want to change I think about it. She is so curvy, well angulated, good neck and ribbing, clean lines, good oval bone and feet, everything is in proportion, and she again has lots of quality and style. She has tight skin and was in hard muscular condition. On the move when she settles into herself, she covers the ground so well, is sound and stylish. Considered her for the RCC but she wasn't quite as together moving as the open bitch when coming back into challenge. This takes nothing away from her and for me is very worthy Champion.

3rd Nelis' Freebreeze Easy Virtue

OPEN BITCH (10, 2) An excellent class.

1st Hazeltine, Razzell, Spey and Oldfield's Am Ch Bookstor Fabello Kinky Boots (imp USA) Another very shapely, very typey bitch with no straight lines anywhere. Pretty head being balanced, good stop, wide nostrils, turn of lip, lovely eye and detail. Good length of neck, into well-made front, good depth and ribbing, good top line and well set and carried neat tail. Well-turned stifle and well let down hocks. A nice size, with correct bone and feet and ok in pasterns. On the move she really used herself well, being stylish, covered the ground well and had carriage and soundness. This was helped by having a good handler who got the best out of her. Loved her RCC.

2nd Blackburn-Bennett and Macara's Sh Ch Kanix Putunia at Stargang. This bitch is big enough but is so well made and so sound on the move. She has a kind head, being balanced with good stop and turn of lip. Excellent neck and a front and hindquarters that couldn't be anymore balanced and better made. Lovely overall shape and on the move, she really opens up, has reach and drive and is so sound out and back. A neat tail, with good bone and she showed really well. Would benefit from a touch less weight.

3rd Gordon's Flibbertigibert

VETERAN BITCH (3,1)

1st O'Neill's Tenshilling Viva Las Vegas JW This bitch really impressed me and is not showing her age at all! Lovely head and eye with good proportions, good neck into well made front and balanced back end. Good ribbing and depth with a good overall shape and oval bone and feet. She really is a series of graceful curves and on the move she used herself so well, was sound up and back and used her tail as they should with verve which won her the class and then BV.

2nd Mcmanus' Crookrise Diva by Luneville Another lovely veteran bitch not showing her age. Pretty head and eye, good neck in to well-made front and balanced, corresponding hindquarters. Good ribbing, short coupled and with correct oval bone and feet. Neat, lovely shaped tail. On the move she was sound, balanced and used herself well covering the ground.

MATTHEW ODDIE - judge