The Pointer Club 60th Anniversary Championship Show Thursday 23rd September 2021

DOGS

A super day with my co-judge Ria Nelis (Freebreeze) judging the bitches and Ruth Francis (Feebrick) Referee. Thank you to the Club Committee for keeping this appointment open during the difficult period of Covid19, also thanks to my stewards Linda and Jackie.

A long day for exhibitors as I did not start judging until 2-15pm. I found several mouths where the bite allowed some of the top teeth behind the bottom row and 1 undershot jaw. Movement was good in all my class places but there was some poor movement with lack of muscle tone, maybe because we were locked down for so long from March 2020.

The bitches took a clean sweep for BIS- Brent Hothouse Flower, RBIS – Chesterhope C'Mon Over to Carmandine JW (Imp NZ), BP- Stocksfell Showdown on the referees' decision, BV- Tenshilling Viva Las Vegas agreed with my co-judge

BIS & BCC: Perkins' - Brent Hothouse Flower RBIS & RBCC: Gerrard' & Bell's - Chesterhope C'mon Over to Carmandine (Imp NZ) JW DCC: Oliver & Stilgoe's – Teisgol Love Is In The Air RDCC: Ganney's - Fisherbloom Hey Didle Didle at Heartbury BPIB & BPB: Wilkinson's – Stocksfell Showdown BPD: Astbury's - Jilony Bobby Ball at Dorbury BVIS & BVB: – O'Neill's Tenshilling Viva Las Vegas BVD: Goode's - Millpoint Yeah Baby Yeah

VETERAN DOG (4, 1)

1st Goode's Millpoint Yeah Baby Yeah. This dog headed a class of 8-year-olds that were still very much in form, he is L/W his head is balanced with kindly expression from dark eyes has reach of neck into clean shoulder placement depth of brisket clean over the loin with tail well set on strong quarters his movement was good once settled

2nd Timothy's Anniezu Magic Moments at Sousacroft. Much to like here in this o/w pleasing head clean neck excellent forehand ribbed well back has depth to brisket standing firmly over his ground 3rd Hazeltine's Sh Ch Hookwood By George JW ShCM. More rangy in outline and shorter coupled but showing nice curves in body his tail set was good tail of medium length and tapering to the end moved steadily

MINOR PUPPY DOG (4, 0)

1st Marsh's Lithespirit Hope And Glory for Ratchda. 8 months L/W youngster is well made and so mature for his age, clean neck and shoulder with depth to brisket he is well ribbed back strong over the loin leading to a moderately proportioned backend which was well muscled moved steadily

2nd Elrington's Tequesta Harold Lloyd. 8 months B/W stylish outline with sequence of curves throughout good bone & feet moved so well

3rd Mennen & Sweeney's Lundgarth Wild Yarrow. 7 Months B/W looking very much the baby of the class he has all to come with a promising outline his movement was loose but true

PUPPY DOG (4, 1)

1st Astbury's Jilony Bobby Ball at Dorbury. My BPD This 11-month-old B/W puppy has class and took me back to the movement of yesteryear, at almost 11 months he is raw and needs time as you would expect. His handler struggled and failed to show him to advantage as the day and classes wore on but there were glimpses of his lovely proportions and promise, one I will watch with interest

2nd Collins' Colholme Balthazar. 9 ½ months O/W more mature than 1 he has pleasing head and outline and moved out well from strong quarters

3rd Ram's Jilony Brown Velvet. 11 months brother to my class winner much to like in outline although handled well he did not move as well maybe the change of handler who ran him on the move

JUNIOR DOG (7, 1)

1st Oliver & Stilgoe's Teisgol Love Is In The Air. Headed a very nice class. For me this dog has such potential he is obviously well-reared and his body is mature and well-muscled put down in excellent condition his head is balanced with kind eye fine leathers to his ears which are well set on he has a moderate length of neck into clean shoulders, depth to his brisket is well ribbed back, strong over the loin, correct in angulation fore and aft with moderate turn of stifle, when viewed in outline he caught my eye and did not disappoint in any way. Steady mover - pleased to award the CC.

2nd Guy & Tuthill's Cumbrian Night King at Carofel (Imp USA). B/W another strong dog, good body proportions, everything in moderation, was high on my list for top honours, movement was precise with good tail carriage

3rd Wilson's Millpoint Show Me The Way to Djankay. Another smart dog not as mature as 1 and 2 lovely head taller in outline but balanced so much potential nothing overdone

YEARLING DOG (3, 1)

1st Weaver's Dappledown Chance for Anniezu. Naughty but nice O/W handful, such a lovely head, his body is all in moderation depth and spring to rib tail set on strong quarters oval bone good feet stood well over his ground moved soundly when he stopped bouncing!

2nd Brigden's Braithwaite Le Coq. Completely different kennel type to 1 pleasing head firm top line depth to body and well ribbed back

MAIDEN DOG No Entries

NOVICE DOG (4, 1)

1st Matthews' Sonham Remember Me. Elegant B/W has good head dark eye ears well set on his neck flows into clean shoulders depth to brisket strong over loin moderate turn to stifle short from hock to heel he is balanced throughout

2nd Sillince's Hawkfield Notorious. Another Elegant dog in outline with oval bone, he is nicely proportioned but has yet to mature he has the curves to his body good top line into correct tail set

3rd Heighway, Adams and Heighway's Inferno Z Karczewskiej Zagrody (Imp POL). Solid coloured 5-year-old that moved out well he is strong in the body well sprung rib not overly big which is pleasing handler getting the best from this steady mover.

DEBUTANT DOG (1, 1) Absent

GRADUATE DOG (9, 0)

1st Ganney's Fisherbloom Hey Didle Didle at Heartbury. For me he is so handsome in head such an honest kind expression dark eyes ears well set on. In outline he is balanced excellent forehand elbows tight to chest brisket and he is well ribbed back strong over the loin with moderate turn of stifle, moved out with a good strong rhythm my RCC winner

2nd Bowen-Brook's Tenshilling Here I Go Again. Differing kennel type to 1 but so much to admire he is smaller cast but so balanced could not be ignored movement was positive.

3rd Wheldon & Earl's Caithpoint Kai. Balanced B/W with good bone he strode out around the ring on good legs moderation in angles fore and aft spring to rib much to like

POST GRADUATE DOG (6, 0)

1st Lowe's Lowsmoor Crazy For You. Super head melting expression from dark eyes beautiful white eyelashes fine leathers to ears clean neck strong bodyworks excellent forehand sloping pasterns firm top line moved out steadily and well

2nd Siddle's Wilchrimane Vivace. This dog certainly caught my eye on the move he has depth, spring to ribs carried well back showing lovely curves

3rd Bowen-Brook's Tenshilling Blowin Smoke. Another free moving dog pushing off from strong quarters, moderation all through

MID LIMIT DOG (4, 0)

1st Adams & Scales' Fisherbloom Re'Encountered. Elegant B/W with balanced outline his head is just what I like good over skull foreface and lips nicely covering jaw dark eye and kind expression. Firm topline, depth and underline strong quarters moved out with drive

2nd Bond's Joneva Just My Style. Another beautifully constructed D balance throughout with oval bone nothing overdone, he just didn't settle on the move but has it all unlucky to meet 1 who was on his best behaviour, I am sure will change places many times

3rd Bowen-Brook's Tenshilling Blowin Smoke.

LIMIT DOG (7, 2)

1st Vowel & Horn's Droveborough's Smooth Mover. O/W with classical outline he is sound excellent forehand oval bone sloping pasterns, his elbows are tight to his deep brisket he has the lovely body curves and spring to rib, firm back tail set good and carried just below the level of his back moved out well 2nd Hazeltine & Welch's Pytchley Chasing The Dream for Hookwood JW. B/W much to like he is so balanced both in head equal length of skull to foreface, also in body his movement was sound and precise 3rd Siddle's Wilchrimane Niffler. So typical of this kennel, handsome head clean neck, pleasing body moved out well

OPEN DOG (10, 5)

1st Adams' Millpoint Simply Smashin JW ShCM. Balanced B/W shown in excellent form he has well laid shoulders with oval bone and slightly sloping pasterns, depth through brisket, moderate coupling into strong well angulated back end giving positive movement

2nd Smith's Sniperay Lord Lambourne. More heavily made than 1 but full of quality much to like movement was straight and true

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Audacity (ai). Have admired this youngster from the ringside on many occasions he has lovely reach of neck clean shoulders firm top line well angulated quarters, body curves and oval bone

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SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG DOG (1, 0)

1st Marsh's Ch Ratchda's Rock Thrush SGWC. The movement on this dog was faultless, so enviable in a working dog, he is so well balanced with nothing overdone good head eye and soft muzzle

FIELD TRIAL DOG No Entries

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (3, 1)

1st Astbury's Jilony Bobby Ball at Dorbury

2nd Booth's Lundgarth Teal. O/W handsome headed dog his expression is kind good ear set clean neck firm top line with good tail set oval bone strong quarters short from hock to heel moving steadily

AIDINE HOWES (Judge - dogs)

BITCHES

It was an honour to judge the bitch classes at The Pointer Club Championship Show. My thanks to the Committee and to my very efficient ring stewards.

I feel that we are losing some femininity in the breed to a certain extent. This is a breed where you should instantly be able to tell whether you are looking at a dog or a bitch. There were also some rather broad skulls. Tail carriage has improved overall. The hard surface was very unforgiving and showed up any movement faults which existed, including some dogs with high front action.

On the plus side, I had some lovely bitches entered and the Open bitch class was outstanding. I was looking for overall balance, with type and sound movement.

VETERAN BITCH (5,2)

Three lovely girls, all happy, with lashing tails. The winner was the most positive on the move today. 1st O'Neill's Tenshilling Viva Las Vegas. O/W. Neat ears and nicely turned lip. She is well balanced with a lovely tail, sloping pasterns and correct oval feet. Looking great for her almost 11 years. BVIS. 2nd Saunders' Teisgol I Am What I Am at Philynnies ShCM. B/W. A smart girl, with a kind expression, she is slightly longer in body than the winner. Again, she has sloping pasterns and neat feet. Well-muscled, she used her tail well on the move.

3rd Booth's Crookrise Wren

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (2,0)

Both very much babies, which is as it should be.

1st Harrison's Millpoint Hearts Desire. B/W, well angulated, good viewed from front and rear. She is well ribbed, has correct sloping pasterns, good feet and a neat tail. She looks very immature on the move but will settle with time. Should have a bright future.

2nd Carver's Lithespirit Hope in My Heart with Oldbashurst. Liver & white, of different kennel type to the winner. She had a pleasing curved lip, good depth of chest, neat tail but needs to settle in front action.

PUPPY BITCH (12,2)

This was a lovely class, and some nice puppies went cardless.

1st Wilkinson's Stocksfell Showdown. Very balanced and feminine O/W with an elegance to her. She has a sweet head, though would prefer more length to her foreface, she has a kind eye, pronounced occiput, curved lip and high set ears. Clean lines, oval bone, good depth to chest and balanced angulation with low hocks and decent width to her thigh. Holds her topline on the move. On the referee's decision, BPIS. 2nd Siddle's Wilchrimane Frankly Darlin. O/W. This one really covers the ground. She is slightly longer in body than the winner. Pleasing head with curved lip and neat, well-set, fine ears, elegant neck into well-laid shoulders with good angulation front and rear, sloping pasterns, excellent feet. Would prefer a slightly darker eye.

3rd O'Neill's Tenshilling The Wanderer

JUNIOR BITCH (7,0)

Mixed movement in this class.

1st Radcliffe's Sniperay Edge of Glory, Lem/W with very clean lines, good length of foreface. She has good depth of chest, is short-coupled and well balanced in angulation, muscular, and moved well.

 2^{nd} Tenshilling The Wanderer. O/W, a little broader in skull than the winner but another with clean lines and very balanced, lovely oval bone, good layback of shoulder and sound on the move. 3^{rd} Klaiber's Hawkfield Scandalous.

YEARLING BITCH (3,0)

1st Robson's Codnorhawk Dinky Staa. B/W who was balanced in angulation. She has a pleasing head, balanced skull, neat ears. Sound in action and used her tail on the move. Very well-muscled, good depth of chest and correct feet. Overall, there is lots to like about her.

2nd Knowles' Fleurfield Fire Opal at Dovehayes. This girl was a bit erratic on the move and needs to settle when stacked as she tenses up. She has a good length of foreface and pronounced occiput and is well angulated with low hocks. She also has the desired sloping pasterns. Just wish she would relax. 3rd Mason's Dondaig Love Me Tender at Nosam.

MAIDEN BITCH (11,2)

There was again some rather erratic movement in the class.

1st Booth's Sharnphilly Ginger Fizz at Lundgarth. Lovely clean, flowing lines on this O/W girl and she has the femininity I was looking for. Sweet head, pronounced occiput and ears pointed at the tips. Lovely dark pigment. Good bend of stifle.

2nd Wilkinson's Stocksfell Stella. She has lots of substance, a smart looking girl. Well-constructed, sound on the move.

3rd Anderson-Rowell's Raigmore Limelight at Daledancer.

NOVICE BITCH (10,3)

1st Webster & Goodwin's Millpoint Air Wave. B/W, soft, kind expression, good length of foreface, her body is balanced in angulation, low hocks, deep chest. She uses her tail well on the move.

2nd Robson's Codnorhawk Dinky Staa.

3rd Millet's Chamelia Jessica

DEBUTANT BITCH (3,0)

1st Brooksmith's Nightgold Pipkin. Liver & white, balanced skull, lengthy neck which flows into her well-laid shoulder. She is built on clean lines and moved well.

2nd O'Neill's Tenshilling Queen of Fools. B/w, has plenty of substance. She is also balanced. Good width of thigh, low hocks. Slightly stronger in skull than the winner.

3rd Robson's Bradgate Until Dusk

GRADUATE BITCH (9,2)

This class was again very mixed so far as movement was concerned.

1st Blowers' Fowington Lar Ti Dar at Deadaway. Shown in hard, muscular condition, she has an athletic look to her. Clean lines with oval bone, balanced in angulation. Neat tail, carried and used well. She also has good feet and pasterns. Sound on the move.

2nd Webster & Goodwin's Millpoint Air Wave

3rd Matthews' Sonham Chasing Rainbows

POST GRADUATE BITCH (7,1)

1st Perkins' Brent Cheap Thrills. O/W. Took my eye when she entered the ring. Strongly constructed, sound mover, pronounced occiput, well-set ears, strongly muscled.

2nd Hinton's Fleurfield Truly A Secret JW. Liv/W, balanced construction with well laid shoulder and good bend of stifle. She has a pleasing head and moved soundly.

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Happy

MID LIMIT BITCH (7,1)

1st Westaway's Ridanflight Raisen. Well-made B/W who looks like she could do a day's work. She has lovely carriage on the move and lashes her tail, which is so good to see. She has a balanced skull and wide nostrils. Deep chest and sloping pasterns.

2nd Harrison's Millpoint Sound Wave JW. O/W, good angulation, balanced with flowing lines, neat feet and good pasterns.

3rd Collins' Saregresi Ventulus Lemon Drop at Collholme (Imp Hun)

LIMIT BITCH (7,2)

1st Wilkinson's Stocksfell Seldom Seen. O/W. So feminine and sound, she has a lovely head and expression with a curved lip. Balanced angulation, clean bone, sloping pasterns, good feet and moved soundly. 2nd Siddle's Wilchrimane Pirouette. O/W. Well made, good spring of rib, short-coupled and muscular. Another lovely, sound, bitch.

3rd Hinton's Fleurfield Morning Glory

OPEN BITCH (6,1)

I could very happily have taken these girls home with me! A high-quality class.

1st Perkins' Brent Hothouse Flower. This girl just oozes breed type which hits you in the face. She has the flowing lines required for the breed plus an ultra-feminine head, neat tail, which she lashes on the move, and super carriage with head up and holding her topline. When I judged her as a youngster three years ago, I considered her for high honours. She is now the finished article. On the referee's decision she won BIS. I hope her third CC is not far away as she is a credit to the breed.

2nd Gerrard & Bell's Sh Ch Chesterhope C'Mon Over to Carmandine (Imp NZ) JW. I can see why this girl has won so much despite being relatively young. She has so much to like about her when going over her, from her curved lip and wide nostrils, elegant neck, great construction and excellent bone to her superb, ground-covering movement, using her tail. RCC and, on the referee's decision, RBIS.

3rd Hazeltine, Razzell, Spey, Oldfield & Lopes' Am Ch Bookstor Fabello Kinky Boots (Imp USA).

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG BITCH (2,0)

 1^{st} Booth's Crookrise Wren. A feminine O/W, built on clean lines. Pleasing head and elegant neck. 2^{nd} Anderson-Rowell's Daledancer Rita Owla. B/W, a neat bitch with a nicely dished face, just a little broader in skull than the winner. She has a good coat and toned body.

FIELD TRIAL BITCH (1)

1st Anderson-Rowell's Little Owl Scandiaca for Daledancer (Imp Slov). Sweet girl with feminine head, neat, fine ears, balanced angulation and correct tail and feet.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (7)

1st Klaiber's Hawkfield Scandalous. Orange & white, feminine, clean lines, sloping pasterns and excellent feet, neat tail, lots to like about her.

2nd Robson's Codnorhawk Dinky Stta

3rd Maude's Hawkfield Devil Wears Prada

RIA NELIS (Judge - bitches)