

BIRMINGHAM NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2022

SATURDAY 7th MAY 2022

Firstly, I would like to thank the society for their invitation to judge and all the exhibitors who took the trouble to enter.

It's easy to criticise about what one feels is wrong in the breed, but I don't want to be negative. I'd like some softer expressions and more work in heads. Tails flying high are not attractive. I found temperaments excellent and no bad mouths. The movement of my winners was great and the depth of quality in bitches especially is so encouraging.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (4 ent, 1 Abs)

1st Booth's Lungarth Teal. Balanced 5year old o/w with a pleasing head and expression. Moved well.

2nd Pratt's Hawkfield Wickham. Lighter framed solid who at under 2 is still not the finished dog. Angles in all the right places also nice mover. Needs to body up and mature.

3rd Bush's Piashorn Garrick.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (5 ent, 2 abs)

1st Hawkes & Robinson's Codnorhawk Brucie Bonus. Liver/white youngster only 6 mths old with angles in all the right places. Work in head with good expression. Excellent front assembly. Very raw quality boy giving his handler a difficult job as time went on. I love to see them enjoy their early showing career. A nice prospect.

2nd Osman's Cattistock Cosmos with Marissolo. Another nice puppy b/w almost 8 mths old. Nice head and good shoulder placement. Going through a gangly stage but good overall shape. Moved well when concentrating.

3rd Horn & Vowell's Droveborough Lincoln

PUPPY DOG (6 ent, 1 abs)

1st Westaway's Teisgol Keep On Going via Penwest. Well presented 10mth old who is looking as he should at this stage. Really well put together. Pleasant head with nice eye and expression. Nice shoulder placement and not over long in body. Very balanced and steady on the move. BPD

2nd Stilgoe's Teisgol Glenariff Mojito over Teisgol. A different look to 1 but an extremely well made puppy. In profile he has a great outline. Not overdone but very balanced. Not quite as steady on the move but it was close between both puppies.

3rd Bird's Droveborough's The Gambit at Vinepoint

JUNIOR DOG (8 ent, 1 abs)

1st Walkling & Siddle's Wilchrimane Kinsphere with Kiswahili. A really quality young o/w dog who should go the distance. What he lacks in maturity he makes up for in type. Nice head with dark eye. In profile he is curvy in all the right places but still masculine. Good shoulders, nice topline which is held on the move, well handled and turned out.

2nd Elrington's Tequesta Harold Lloyd. Very different sort of dog to 1. Heavily marked b/w of good size who really moves. His head is not finished yet but he has a kind expression which I feel is important. Good shoulder placement and depth with a strong back end. Moved out well.

3rd Collin's Collholome Balthasar.

YEARLING DOG (6 ent, 1 abs)

1st Philo's Tenshilling It's My Party for Salmonmist. Well presented o/w who is in great condition. Pleasing head. Standing he is an elegant dog with curves and nice sloping pasterns. Not over angulated with good shoulders and level topline propelled by well developed hind quarters. A cracking mover.

2nd Oliver & Stilgoe's Tesgol Love Is In The Air. Slightly heavier frame than 1st but a beautiful head with dark eye and melting expression. Good length and overall build. A stylish dog who like 1 is one to watch for the future. Just lost out today marginally on overall movement.

3rd Siddle's Alegria's Thobi at Wilchrimane

NOVICE DOG (3 ents)

1st Booth's Lundgarth Finch. Short coupled nicely balanced o/w who moved steadily round the ring.

2nd Bush's Piasharn Garrick. Slightly heavier framed b/w who is well made but very much a novice not yet 12 months old who needs a bit more practice both standing and on the move. Worth working on.

3rd Astbury's Jilony Bobby Ball at Dorbury

GRADUATE DOG (3 ents)

1st Guy & Tuthill's Cumbrian Night King at Carofel. An old fashioned looking 'blanket' b/w. I say that in a complementary way. He isn't the finished article yet. Very pleasing head with reach of neck into good shoulders. Good depth, sloping pasterns and enough bend of stifle and rear angulation to ensure straight and sound movement.

2nd Bowen-Brooks Tenshilling Here I Go Again. Another cracking b/w who is maturing nicely. Good head and expression. Shorter coupled than 1 but well built, balanced and a strong steady mover.

3rd Booth's Lundgarth Teal

POST GRADUATE DOG (10ent, 1abs)

1st Wilcox's Pipeaway Dreams Afyre in Merynjen. This o/w dog is a lovely medium size dog who is slow maturing as are many from this kennel. He is a picture standing, elegant but still masculine. He is well constructed throughout with a nice head with kind expression, good shoulders and sloping pasterns. Today he moved so well holding his topline and covering the ground so easily. I was delighted to award him the RCC

2nd Pattie's Wilchrimane Two For Tea. Another quality o/w of a larger frame than the first dog. He just lost out on movement which was good but not as steady as 1. He has the most beautiful head and expression and well laid back shoulders. His frame enables him to move powerfully round the ring.

3rd Westron's Fowington Beware The Bear at Aurichalcum. I am only required to critique for first 2 but had mention this young tippy o/w who needs to settle into himself as he matures. I'm sure his day will come.

LIMIT DOG (13 ent, 0 abs)

1st Henshaw's Sharnphilly Vice Versa with Peteshe. Another quality b/w who I considered for top honours. Well worked head with pleasing expression. Good shoulders, neck and pasterns, not overlong in back holding a nice topline on the move. He moves with such power he must be built well. He just needs to settle a bit more and he will trouble the best.

2nd Blackburn- Bennett's Kanix Obi at Stargang. Another favourite o/w who I have done well before. Unlucky to meet 1 on form. He is another with a lovely head and expression. Short coupled and always moves well today being no exception. It was so close between them.

3rd Blair's Twinhoe Vittorio

OPEN DOG (9 ent, 1 abs)

1st Critchley, London & Heaton's Shadybrook J Hoover at Whipsan. My find of the day. A good sized stallion of a dog with enough substance but not a hint of coarseness. His head has chiseling and a defined stop. He has length of neck leading into great shoulder placement with nice return of upper arm. He has a good topline held on the move powering from his hind quarters. I went over him and was impressed. On the move his head comes up saying 'look at me' and lashes his well proportioned tail. Handled expertly, I was impressed by everything about him and delighted to award him the DCC & BOB. So pleased to see him shortlisted in the group.

2nd Jamieson & Macara's Sh.Ch. Kanix News Flash at Glenfinnan. Another powerful example of the breed. This l/w dog I have done well before. He is built so well and, on the move, very impressive. Unlucky to meet the 1st today

3rd Hazeltine & Welch's Sh Ch Just Wilburt by Hookwood.

VETERAN DOG (6 ent, 1 abs)

1st O'Neill's Sh Ch Tenshilling Home Alone. This o/w dog does not show like a veteran. A worthy champion who proves if they are built well, they can move soundly all day long. He can still give his owner/handler a hard time. A dog to make you proud.

2nd Jamieson & Blackburn- Bennett's Sh Ch Coralwood Kanix Mr T. This quality o/w was showing his age a little today but taking nothing away from him he could still show some youngsters how it should be done. A credit to his owner still a sound moving example of our super breed

3rd Mackay & Mackay' Fleurfield Steals The Dream ShCM.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (8ent, 1 abs)

1st Booth's Lundgarth Everest. BSB. This young o/w oozes type and whilst not strong in angulation is balanced throughout. She moves with elegance and drive making an impressive picture for such a young bitch.

2nd Klaiber's Hawkfield Scandalous. Another quality youngster who is maturing very nicely. Pleasing head with good length of neck into good shoulders. Not too long cast and moved with soundness.

3rd Robson's Codnorhawk Dinky Stta. Raw youngster carrying a bit much weight but something about her took my eye. Will watch her progress with interest.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (1 ent, 1abs)

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1st Booth's Lundgarth Everest. I critiqued her overall winning SBB. She has such a pretty head with a sweet expression and moves so well. I hope she has a very bright future. BP.

2nd Radcliffe's Sniperay Seventh Heaven

Another smart o/w young bitch. Very well made with good head and excellent front assembly. Moved well and soundly. Just lost out by a narrow margin.

3rd Stilgoe & Fox's Teisgol Snow Queen

JUNIOR BITCH (11 ent, 3abs)

1st Rayner & Spinks & Pringle's Spinray Songbird. This b/w youngster really took my eye. She is not exaggerated in anyway. Pleasing head with such a sweet expression. Nice length of neck into good shoulder placement and sloping pasterns. Moved very soundly holding her topline, just lacks maturity for higher honours. I'm sure she will have a bright future.

2nd Siddle's Wilchrimane Piri Piri. Very different in type to 1 but another fine example of an elegant young lady. Nice head and kind expression built without any extremes. Strength in movement but still retaining elegance. As always expertly handled.

3rd Booth's Lundgarth Everest

YEARLING BITCH (10 ent, 3abs)

1st Webb's Tenshilling The Wanderer. This o/w 18 mth old young lady I saw as a young puppy and feared she may be a bit big. However, she obviously did her growing early. She is an elegant shapely example and she can certainly move well. Another who is not overdone but has everything in the right amount and place.

2nd Thirlwell's Sharnphilly Santa Rosa. Very close between 1 & 2. Both lovely feminine examples of the breed. This girl has a pleasing head and well laid back shoulders with strong held topline on the move. Just preferred 1 on the day.

3rd Norbury & Adams' Heartbury Northern Lights JW

NOVICE BITCH (7ents, 1 Abs)

1st Cooper & Pearson's Keepersfield Giselle. Really good movement on this elegant b/w young bitch. Very feminine head with soft expression. Moved round the ring at one with her handler sound and true

2nd Booth's Sharnphilly Ginger Fizz at Lundgarth. Another nice sound bitch. Very different sort to one, but well-constructed and typy. Lost out to 1 moving out more

3rd Robson's Codnorhawk Dinky Stta.

GRADUATE BITCH (4 ents 2Abs)

1st Siddle's Wilchrimane Frankly Darling. Another quality bitch from this kennel. I don't know how they do it it such numbers. Elegant with feminine head and melting expression. Built well throughout. Moved soundly and lost on major honours to 2 more mature beautiful examples.

2nd Welch, Maber & Hazeltine's Sharphilly Toggi with Hookwood. This class had only 2 exhibits and I loved both of them. Very different in style to the winner this lovely b/w bitch could change places on another day. Another super head and overall shape with great construction who also moves so true.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (5 ent, 0 abs)

1st Radcliffe's Sniperay Edge Of Glory. Another super example of our breed. This bitch is a good medium size but very feminine. Her head and expression are eye-catching and she has good construction both ends enabling her to move soundly and powerfully round the ring.

2nd Dunn's Caithpoint Kora at Meadowpoint. Heavily marked b/w youngster who is a larger frame than 1 but is still very feminine. She has a pleasing head and lovely expression. Slowly maturing she will eventually fill her frame and be impressive as she is very striking. She has curves and angles in all the right places and moves soundly and is at one with her handler.

3rd Blowers' Fowington Lar Ti Dar at Deadaway

LIMIT BITCH (18 ent, 2 abs)

1st Guy's Carofel On Silent Wings. Winning the biggest class of the day this super little bitch is a lovely specimen. I liked her as a puppy and now she has matured into a good example of the breed. She is not exaggerated in any way. Well defined head with good reach of neck above a good front assembly. Nice length with good well angulated back end. Moved soundly and true.

2nd Pimblett's Bestina Butterfly at Hilldon. Another older style bitch who is worthy of her place in such a quality class. Its a shame her handler has to have a runner as the bitch takes a while to settle. However, another built well who moves with drive and reach. Pleasing head with sweet expression, good shoulders and strong topline held on the move. Could change places another day.

3rd Pavey & Evans' Joneva Just Because

OPEN BITCH (5 ent, 0abs)

1st Hazeltine, Razzell, Spey, Oldfield & Lopes' Am Ch Sh Ch Bookstor Fabello Kinky Boots. Have observed this bitch from ringside and wondered if there was enough of her. She is at the lower end height wise within the breed standard, but she is so elegant and feminine there is no doubt she is a Pointer. Her handler moves her to perfection and makes the most of this little package with big personality. A real typy pocket rocket. I loved her enough to award her the BCC.

2nd Gerrard, Bell & Galloway's Sh Ch Chesterhope C'mon Over to Carmandine. Another beautiful bitch who is a larger frame but not coarse in any way. Conformation wise there is not anything to fault therefore from her pretty well defined head to her lashing tail she moves with ground covering extension. Pleased to award her RBCC.

3rd Tibb's Sharnphilly Escarda at Raigmore

VETERAN BITCH (6 ent, 0 abs)

1st Dunn's Meadowpoint Spirit Of Love JW ShCM. Another sound moving girl who could out move many younger than her. She is extremely sound and well made so moves with drive and reach

2nd Oliver's Asterope Lightening star via Teisgol JW ShCM. Very similar in type to the winner and a fine example of a Pointer who in her veteran years can still show her socks off. Another good mover.

3rd Brooksmith's Nightgold Blackavar JW.

ELAINE NEWBERRY - judge