

DRIFFIELD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Sunday 28th August 2022

Many thanks to the Officers and Committee for inviting me to judge my favourite breed at a show I always enjoy.

I really must congratulate my two Stewards who went out of their way to ensure all the divots in the ring had been filled in, as well as adding a sense of humour to the whole day's proceedings. They ensured the paperwork and the ring were run with the utmost efficiency – Thank you.

VETERAN DOG (4 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st O'NEILL, Sh Ch Tenshilling Home Alone JW ShCM. This seven-year-old dog was shown in fabulous condition, maintaining his top line on the move with lovely reach and drive. A lovely dog to go over and one that was considered for my top honours.

2nd TIBBS, Fydal Beeswing at Raigmore. Very close to one, of slightly smaller mould than one & not quite the top line on the move. However, I preferred his head, beautifully balanced with that true melting Pointer expression.

3rd WALL, Meadowpoint Spirit Of Fire.

PUPPY DOG (7 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st ODDIE, & ODDIE, Chesterhope One Way Ticket AI (Imp NZ) NAF. At 10 months this B&W was very mature, balanced standing and on the move. He already has good muscle formation and the deepest of chests – I hope he continues to develop along these lines and does not lose any masculinity. **BP**

2nd WATKINS, & MILES, Cupid's Halo. On the day he was lacking the maturity of the first dog as he was at this time in the slightly leggy stage, so he was just lacking the depth of brisket and width over the loin, but he certainly has all the essentials that maturity will improve. He moved well and has a lovely balanced head.

3rd Sillince, Davigdor Flanders Field.

JUNIOR DOG (1 Entries, Abs: 2)

1st WESTAWAY, Teisgol Keep On Going via Penwest JW. At 13 months this Lem / W whilst standing alone in this class really caught my eye a true series of graceful curves, he just shouted Pointer. He was totally balanced from his nose to the tip of his tail. Correct angulation fore and aft and a neat tail which was carried level on the move. He certainly was a series of graceful curves. I loved his balanced head – with correct lip and the softest of expression. His handler got the most from him by allowing him to move on a loose lead showing his lovely action. After the final “run round” in the Challenge, I had no hesitation in awarding him the **CC**.

YEARLING DOG (7 Entries, Abs: 2)

1st ELRINGTON, Tequesta Harold Lloyd. Heavily marked B & W he has good depth and angulation with an excellent lay of shoulder. His markings do not help him but hands on he has a lovely length of neck and a cracking head. He out moved the rest of the class.

2nd PHILO, Tenshilling It's My Party for Salmonmist JW. He was very close up to one, another dog who has a lovely head and expression, slightly longer cast than the winner, but balanced angulation and also moved well.

3rd COLLINS, & COLLINS, Collholme Balthasar

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (3 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st COLLINS, & COLLINS, Collholme Balthasar. Third in the previous class as today I felt he just hadn't the top line on the move. However, in saying that he is a pleasing O & W good depth of chest, reachy neck topped by a lovely head.

2nd TREGASKIS, Moenfair Sanguineum Luna JW. Unfortunately today this dog was not fluid on the move & decided to throw his legs everywhere, however when he was standing, he was nicely balanced.

3rd LICENSE, & LICENSE, Tequesta Buster Keaton

POST GRADUATE DOG (5 entries, Abs: 0)

1st GORDON, Hawkfield Auspicious. This dog did himself absolutely no favours and tried with every step to throw the class away. Standing he makes a lovely picture well balanced and correctly angulated with a correctly set tail, I would prefer a more arched foot to complete the picture. However, with a change of handler on the move he became an absolute clown – when he settled, he does have a good reach of stride and he maintained his top line.

2nd EARL & WHELDON, Caithpoint Kai. A B & W dog who is out of a slightly larger mould, has lovely reach and drive on the move and he was shown in excellent muscular condition. Would just prefer a little more definition in his head.

3rd CHARLISH, & BRIGDEN, Braithwaite Love In The Air

LIMIT DOG (5 Entries, Abs: 2)

1st GORDON, & HOWARTH, Hawkfield Jolly. Another slightly heavier dog. Long sloping shoulder and a well-turned stifle, excellent second thigh another good mover with plenty of reach and drive. Balanced head with well-defined stop.

2nd NEWBERRY, & PHILLIPS, Manchela Make My Day for Giulia. What a lovely head this B & W boy has, topped by correct medium ears, and eyes that are bright and kindly. Slightly shorter coupled than the first. On the move he has a lovely driving hind action and he carries his tail level with his back.

3rd GOODALL, Fydal Chandon

OPEN DOG (2 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st PHILO, Fydal Caprio at Salmonmist JW ShCM ShCEx. A beautifully balanced dog who is unexaggerated. He has a lovely expression medium, masculine head with correct bright eye. Has a lovely balanced body with well sprung ribs and a slight arch over the loin. On the move he maintains his balance and actually uses his tail. **RCC**

2nd EARL & WHELDON, Miss F Ponsonby Blowin In The Wind at Caithpoint. A larger dog than the first. He is well balanced and moves extremely well, as with all the dogs from this kennel he is shown in firm muscular condition. To complete the picture, I would like a little more work in his head.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SHEME DOG (2 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st TREGASKIS, Moenfair Sanguineum Luna JW

2nd WALL, Meadowpoint Spirit Of Fire. Strongly built dog with well-developed hind quarters and a correctly carried tail on the move, would have liked a little more work in his head.

VETERAN BITCH (5 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st HEWITT & HEWITT, Droveborough's Miss Marple. L/W headed this class of fantastic bitches, and turned out to be my star of the day. An absolutely honest bitch and a true aristocrat. Totally unexaggerated and balanced from her nose to her tail. The true picture of graceful curves with strength. I have never seen her shown in better condition which enabled her to demonstrate the true smooth ground covering action I was looking for. **CC & BOB**

2nd SMITH, Fydal Bedazzle. O/W another lovely bitch, feminine but strong and lissom. Balanced head with good stop and medium ears with is set on a muscular arched neck. Lovely smooth movement with lashing tail.

3rd O'NEILL, Fyldefair Sky Full Of Stars over Tenshilling

PUPPY BITCH (5 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st O'NEILL, Tenshilling To Sir With Love. A very mature O/W puppy, she has a lovely head and expression, long muscular neck and sloping shoulders she is balanced standing and on the move. It was nice to see a neat tail carried correctly on the move. Pushed the dog every inch of the way for best puppy.

2nd DODDS, Raigmore She's The One for Lyncarda. B/W another lovely puppy, who on the day was just lacking the maturity of the first, however all the essentials are there and I shall look forward to watching her grow. Another lovely head and neat tail, moved very well for puppy.

3rd ODDIE, Sharnphilly Sugarplum.

JUNIOR BITCH (4 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st BOOTH, Lundgarth Everest JW. A pleasing O/W that has a cracking head – the darkest of eyes and pigment. Mature for her age she has a lovely smooth movement, today I felt she was just lacking a little drive although she has all the ingredients for producing it with a good depth of thigh and well-turned stifle.

2nd STILGOE, & FOX, Teisgol Snow Queen. Given time she should mature into a lovely bitch as all the essentials are there, a dark eye and already plenty of work in her head. Sloping pastern and a lovely tight oval foot with well-knit arched toes. Totally balanced with no exaggeration.

3rd TREGASKIS, Pencaire Sandpiper with Moenfair

YEARLING BITCH (5 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st COLLINS, & COLLINS, Collholme Angelique. What a pretty young bitch so feminine. She headed what was a really difficult class to judge as they all had attributes that I really admire and very few that I don't. However, she came out at the top, she is very mature, balanced with no exaggeration lovely neat tail carried straight off her back.

2nd WILKINSON, Stocksfell Shockwave. Another lovely bitch, well developed body with a good spring of rib and strength over the loin. She moved really well, has a balanced head and good eye.

3rd ANDERSON-ROWELL, Raigmore Limelight at Daledancer

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (5 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st COLLINS, & COLLINS, Collholme Angelique

2nd BOOTH, Sharnphilly Ginger Fizz at Lundgarth. A pleasing bitch not quite the depth of brisket of one. Has a good lay of shoulder and muscular neck. Felt today she was just a little lethargic on the move

3rd MILLETT, Chamelia Jessica

POST GRADUATE BITCH (6 Entries, Abs: 3)

1st RADCLIFFE, Sniperay Edge Of Glory JW. Headed another very close class. I really liked this young O/W bitch and she was definitely in the running for top honours. She has a lovely head with plenty of work, strong muscular neck. Totally balanced fore and aft. Moved really well with plenty of drive and a smooth action.

2nd DUNN, Caithpoint Kora at Meadowpoint. Another totally balanced unexaggerated bitch, not quite the angulation of one. She has a lovely head with well-defined stop. Excellent top-line with a neat tail that is carried level and lashing.

3rd LOWE, Lowsmoor Half A Sixpence JW

LIMIT BITCH (9 Entries, Abs: 3)

Unfortunately, one or two bitches in this class were really unsettled by a very loud crackling loud speaker right above the ring and although I did give them time some never really settled fully which is such a pity.

1st TIBBS & TIBBS, Raigmore Worth the Wait. O/W who is totally balanced and standing is a lovely picture of a mature Pointer bitch. Long neck leading to a good head with medium thin ears and an excellent dark eye and nose pigment. She is symmetrical and definitely has the graceful curves. Moving she has the lovely ground covering action. **RCC** pity she met the CC winner in such sparkling form.

2nd RAYNER, & SPINKS, & PRINGLE, Gartarry High Society at Spinray JW. Another bitch who fits the standard so well, short coupled, symmetrical and lissom. She has the neatest of oval feet and a correctly set and carried tail. What a pity the speaker upset her and she never really settled on the move.

3rd GORDON, Ms Wendy Hawkfield Happy

OPEN BITCH (3 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st HARRISON, Millpoint Simply Scrumptus JW. There is very little to dislike about this lovely L/W bitch. She is out of a slightly larger mould but is still feminine. Totally balanced with an excellent turn of stifle and long sloping shoulder. On the move she really covers the ground with a strong driving action and long stride.

2nd PRESSLEY & LARGE, Sniperay Ambrosia. Lem/W Feminine bitch with a long muscular neck into sloping well laid shoulders. Not the angulation or balance of one. To complete the picture, I would like a little more work in her head.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME BITCH (3 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st COLLINS, & COLLINS, Saregresi Ventulus Lemon Drop at Collholme (IMP HUN). Another very stylish, feminine bitch. She is mature & with a lovely series of graceful curves with strength. To complete the picture, I would like a better lay of shoulder.

2nd ANDERSON-ROWELL, Daledancer Rita Owla SGWS. What a pity this pretty O/W was upset by the awful cracking speaker in Limit, she has so many lovely points but never really settled either standing or on the move. She has a lovely head set on a long muscular neck. Short coupled with well sprung ribs.

3rd TREGASKIS, Pencaire Sandpiper with Moenfair.

JOAN HUXLEY - judge