

BATH CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Friday 26th May 2023

It's always interesting to judge a breed which one has been so involved with as I have with Pointers. It's now 17 years since we got Sh Ch Sh Ch Chesterhope Let's Be Serious to Kanix. This dog changed our lives completely and after a few years we ended up being Pointer breeders. Since we lost our hearts to Pointers, Kari and Joanne have made up 17 Pointers carrying the Kanix prefix which I am very proud of.

I was looking for a well-built dog which outline consisted of a series of graceful curves. The dog should also be aristocratic with an elegant appearance of strength. For me head is a very important part of a Pointer's type, and I was disappointed with what I saw at Bath. Too many heads were too coarse in skull and short in foreface. Some heads were lacking the slightly dish-faced appearance and I would have liked to see a more prominent occipital bone on many. Eye colour was also a problem, some were too light and staring. Another problem which I never have noticed before was flat feet. The well knit, arched toes were missing on many. Last, but not least we are coming to the outline. For me too many of the dogs curved too much over the loin and other fell too much over the croup.

Having said all this, I did of course have some excellent dogs shown under me and almost all my class winner were excellent Pointers, which the owners could be proud of.

VETERAN DOG (2,1)

1st Sh Ch Tenshilling Home Alone JW ShCM (O'Neill). This is a very impressive gentleman which still is looking great. He stands and moves like a youngster, and for me he brought with him memories of past times.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (3,0)

1st Wilchrimane Let's Be Frank (Isherwood). Promising puppy of excellent type. He is well-constructed and has the right proportions. He moves well when he wanted to.

2nd Millpoint Shropshire Lad (Harrison). Another nice puppy which looked too long on the day. He needs to improve in topline. Moved quite well.

3rd Hendrix Of Manhattan (Deighton Smith)

PUPPY DOG (2,0)

1st Carofel Wings Of Hope (Matthews & Adams). I was taken by this attractive puppy which has a nice head. He is well constructed, well angulated and he moves with drive and determination.

2nd Clamerkin Jubilee Fly Past for Corotine (Hazeltine & Razzell & Drake & Welch). Close to the winner in quality but I preferred the head on the first one.

JUNIOR DOG (6,2)

1st Tenshilling Jimmy Mack (Webb). Dog of excellent type. Well-constructed moved well.

2nd Joneva Just Imagine (Mennen & Sweeney) Stylish dog which needs time to develop. I liked his head, neck and outline, but he needs to get more substance.

3rd Bradleypoint Floki (Trueman).

YEARLING DOG (4,0)

1st Tenshilling Jimmy Mack (Webb)

2nd Joneva Just Imagine (Mennen & Sweeney)

3rd Bradleypoint Floki (Trueman)

NOVICE DOG (5,2)

1st Joneva Just Imagine (Mennen & Sweeney)

2nd Bradleypoint Floki (Trueman). Nice dog of very good type. Quite a nice head. Well-constructed but falls too much over the croup. Moves soundly.

3rd Hawkfield Wickham (Pratt).

GRADUATE DOG (5,0)

1st Harvestslade Light of Peace (Preece & Gilding). I liked this dog as soon as he entered the ring. He has style and presence and an excellent head. He is correctly angulated both ends. His ribs are well sprung, carried well back, gradually falling away to strong and slightly arched loin. His outline pleased my eye. He moved with drive and determination, covering plenty of ground. I was pleased to give him the CC.

2nd Harvestslade Orlov (Greenwood). Another nice dog with a good outline but falls a bit over the croup. Moves well but prefer head on the first one.

3rd Fleurfield Hidden Depths via Marissolo (Osman).

POST GRADUATE DOG (4,1)

1st Sunhouse Banged To Rights (Martin). Nice dog of excellent type. He has a nice head and is well constructed. Moved very well.

2nd Lowsmoor Crazy For You JW (Lowe). This dog is close to the winner in type and quality, but preferred the head on the winner.

3rd Lundgarth Wild Yarrow (Mennen & Sweeney)

LIMIT DOG (7,0)

1st Twinhoe Vittorio (Blair). Here was another dog which was straight up my street. I loved his upstanding outline and good head. His chest has the right width, and his brisket is well let down. His angulation is bang on and he moves like a Stallion. He was among my last three for the CC.

2nd Tenshilling It's My Party for Salmonmist JW OSW ShCEx (Philo). This dog is a quality dog, which is close to the winner in quality. He does, however, fall too much over the croup. Moves very well.

3rd Teisgol Keep On Going via Penwest JW (Westaway).

OPEN DOG (5,1)

1st Sh Ch Joneva Born To Thrill (Layton). Here was the challenger. I did like the type and outline of this dog which has a nice head and is well constructed. His slightly arched neck is impressive, and his aristocratic look is appealing. I would however, have liked to see him with a stronger topline and this is where Light and Peace scored and beat him at the final round. RCC.

2nd Fydal Caprio at Salmonmist JW ShCM OSW ShCEx (Philo). Another top-class dog which is pushing the winner hard. For me he does, however, curve too much over the croup and I preferred the ground covering hind action on Born to Thrill.

3rd Teisgol Love Is in The Air (Oliver & Stilgoe)

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG OR BITCH (6,0)

1st Joneva Just Imagine (Mennen & Sweeney).

2nd Droveborough's Mocha Mayhem (Barham). Strong quality bitch of very good type. Nice head and movements.

3rd Kananaskis Band of Gold (Roberts)

VETERAN BITCH (6,1)

1st Lowsmoor Shiralee JW (Lowe). Quality bitch of excellent type. in superb condition for age. Stands and moves as a youngster.

2nd Wynbury Golden Chalice by Fleurfield (Flint). Another top-class grandmother which stands and moves well. Prefer topline on the winner.

3rd Ir Sh Ch Oxfordacres Trinity by Hookwood JW ShCM (Welch)

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (4,1)

1st Millpoint Golden Pippin (Brooksmith). Promising youngster which is well developed for age. Moved well.

2nd Wilchrimane Frankly M'dear (Siddle). This bitch gives a stunning picture standing, but the heavy skull and light eyes disturb the picture. Moves well.

3rd Larkrise Blossom Junior (Deighton Smith).

PUPPY BITCH (5,2)

1st Carofel If I Had Wings (Guy). Promising bitch of excellent type. Stand and moves well. I liked this puppy a lot and it was interesting to see that she is the litter sister to Wings of Hope which I gave BP.

2nd Clamerkin Jubilee Surprise at Hookwood (Welch & Drake & Hazeltine). Strong bitch of very good type. She is well constructed and she moved very well.

3rd Millpoint Golden Pippin (Brooksmith).

JUNIOR BITCH (4,0)

1st Tenshilling To Sir With Love JW (O'Neill). This is a lovely bitch which stands well up on her feet. Nice head. Moves and stands well.

2nd Joneva Azelia Banks (Bond). Another first-class bitch with a nice head. She is well constructed and she moved well. I did, however, prefer the topline on the winner on the move.

3rd Mattiboo White Queen (Large)

YEARLING BITCH (5,1)

1st Sharnphilly Sugarplum JW (Oddie). This smart bitch was all for me. I loved her outline and she had the correct proportions. She is well constructed, and she has a nice head. It was a pleasure to see her move. Not often you see a lemon Pointer of such a high standard RCC.

2nd Alcazar Eternal Liaison (Burke). Close to the winner in type and quality, but I preferred the winner on the move.

3rd Haramander Stop N Stare (Milford)

NOVICE BITCH (3,0)

1st Clamerkin Jubilee Surprise at Hookwood (Welch & Drake & Hazeltine)

2nd Sharnphilly Gingerbread (Klaiber). Biggish quality bitch, which was well angulated, but she should have been stronger behind.

3rd Mattiboo White Queen (Large)

GRADUATE BITCH (7,0)

1st Lundgarth Everest JW (Booth). Top quality bitch with a nice head. Stands and moves well.

2nd Spinray Songbird (Rayner, Spinks & Pringle). There was a lot to like about this lovely bitch and when I first saw her, I thought she was my winner. After having gone over her I did, however, prefer the head on the winner and I would have liked Songbird stronger behind.

3rd Alcazar Eternal Love (Burke)

POST GRADUATE BITCH (1,0)

1st Lowsmoor Half A Sixpence JW (Lowe) Top Quality bitch with a lovely head which moved very well.

LIMIT BITCH (10,0)

1st Twinhoe Crystal Vita (Blair) Here she was, the Queen of Bath 2023. For me this bitch ticked all the right boxes. She is well built all over and her general outline is a string of graceful curves. She has a beautiful head with a slight dish and a typical expression. Yes, she is on the big side, but well within the standard. Since I always had a weak spot for big girls, she suited me perfectly. Her neck is long, muscular, and slightly arched and it fits nicely into her sloping and well laid-back shoulders. Crystal Vita has a perfect topline, which rounds off nicely into strong quarters. To watch this lady move was like watching a Formula-1 Racer, it was never a question about who would win CC & BOB.

2nd Wilchrimane Charisma (Siddle). A Quality bitch which tried hard, but in the end the proportions and the movements on the winner won the day.

3rd Sniperay Edge Of Glory JW (Radcliffe).

OPEN BITCH (3,0)

1st Sh Ch Tenshilling The Wanderer (Webb). Top quality bitch of high class. I liked her a lot and she pushed hard for the RCC.

2nd Gartarry High Society at Spinray JW (Rayner, Spinks & Pringle) Here was another first-class bitch which warmed my heart. I loved her proportions and she moved well. In the end I did, however, prefer the front on the winner.

3rd Millpoint Simply Scrumptus JW (Harrison).

SIGURD WILBERG - judge