THE POINTER CLUB OF SCOTLAND CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW Saturday 30th SEPTEMBER 2023

A wonderful welcome from John Kean and the committee. An honour to judge at any level but a breed club show more so. Many thanks to my hard-working stewards and the team for a well run show at a lovely venue. Most all to the exhibitors who gave me a wonderful entry and some lovely dogs to go over, thank you.

The day had highs and lows. Many dogs who I admire were not in their best bib and tucker or didn't bring their A game. In many classes the decisions were hard especially in the higher bitch and dog classes, not a reflection on their qualities. Now to the not so positive observations on the day. A few dogs' feet were not good, over long nails leading to slack flat appearance. Short upright pasterns, overly long hocks. Skulls too broad or rather flat with no obvious occiput. Delighted that my biggest bug bear, tails, carried high, too long or not used, were not much in evidence today.

VETERAN DOG OR BITCH (Ents 6, abs 3)

1st Hewitt's Sh Ch Droveborough Miss Marple. Liver bitch with a super head and lovely expression. She is so balanced throughout not overdone in anyway. Stands so true on the best of feet. On the move she comes alive striding out with real drive, using a tail that never stops. BVIS.

2nd O'Driscoll's SVK Ch Pawprint Flaming Soul to Fowington (Imp HUN). Another bitch with balanced head, good reach of neck, Correct angulation fore and aft, depth of second thigh. Fit and muscled, moved with style.

3rd Henshaw & Goodchild's Penbro Under Pressure with Peteshe.

FIELD TRIAL DOG OR BITCH (Ents 1, abs 0)

1st Anderson-Rowell's Little Owl Scandiaca for Daledancer (Imp SVK) Sgwc. B/w bitch who was well muscled and fit. Lacking a little upper forearm, she is strongly made in quarters, with oval bone and desired feet. Neat tail she used moving out with drive.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (Ents 3, abs 0)

1st Tibbs' Raigmore Keep The Faith. B/w youngster who took my eye. Lovely clean outline with good lay of shoulder and well bent stifles. His head is well balanced and shapely, darkest of eyes, soft expression. Good forechest and depth of brisket. When he settled moved with reach and drive. Very promising.

2nd Millett's Riowood Orange Twist. Very attractive o/w with super expression, excellent pigment. His head is balanced but would prefer more foreface. Correct in shoulders and stifles, oval bone, neat feet and slope to pasterns. Shows he can move well when settled.

3rd Black's Raigmore Defender Of Faith.

PUPPY DOG (Ents 4, abs 1)

1st Gordon's Hawkfield Witch Doctor. Lovely liver boy, so tidy and balanced on the stack. Balanced head breaking well, kind expression, fine leathers. Clean neck into well laid shoulders, good forechest, depth of brisket. Correct oval bone and feet. Clean outline no exaggerations. Super short tail that never stops. Moves at times with a little too much exuberance but when he settles shows excellent ground covering action. BPD RBPIS.

2nd Gerrard & Bell's Caramandine Oh C'mon Then. Another promising puppy. In profile fills the eye with his clean balanced outline. Balanced head showing stop and occiput. Clean neck into well laid shoulders. Standing on neat feet with desired slope to pasterns. Good bend of stifle well let down hocks. Level topline, well set tail. Moved freely on a long stride. Needs to tighten in elbow.

3rd Philo's Sunhouse Black Is Back at Salmonmist (ai).

JUNIOR DOG (Ents 2, 0 abs)

1st Philo's Sunhouse Black Is Back at Salmonmist (ai)-: Lots to like with this young b/w puppy. He has a balanced head with dark eyes and kind expression. Good reach of neck into clean shoulders, good forechest and heart room. Strong topline, good tail set. Standing on neat feet with oval bone. Would prefer more slope to pasterns, but he moves out well on a long even stride. Shown in super condition and gleaming coat.

2nd Whitham's Sedgekirk Ever Been Had. This boy needs time to grow into himself. Well proportioned head with soft expression and nice fine leathers. Ample oval bone with nice slope to pasterns. Good in stifle and depth of second thigh, well sprung ribs. He can move well but really needs to settle.

YEARLING DOG (Ents 3, abs 0)

1st Oddie's Chesterhope One Way Ticket (ai) (Imp NZL). Such a neat tidy boy, clean outline, balanced throughout, no exaggerations. Beautiful shape to head, good stop, dark eyes lovely expression. Clean cut to good reach of neck. Well laid shoulders, good bend of stifle with neat well let down hocks. Correct oval bone and neat feet. Very sound driving movement.

2nd Webb's Tenshilling Jimmy Mack JW. From a different mould standing over more ground. Good angulation fore and aft, with depth of second thigh. Correct oval bone, tidy feet, well muscled. Holds himself well on the move which is steady and true.

3rd Roberts' Kananaskis Hudson.

MAIDEN DOG (Ents 3, abs 0)

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GRADUATE DOG (Ents 1, abs 0)

1st Morrison's Raigmore Greatest Day. In profile makes a nice clean balanced outline. Well shaped head, balanced, nice stop and dark expressive eyes. Good lay of shoulder and bend of stifle. Oval bone and tidy feet. He moved out well today with good forward reach. Needs to strengthen behind as at times at rest he stands a little cow hocked. Smart boy.

POST GRADUATE DOG (Ents 2, abs 0)

1st Sarrou & Hall's Gartarry New Kid In Town JW. Very smart appealing o/w. Loved his head and expression, good stop, fine leathers. Clean neck into well laid shoulders, straight front, good forechest, depth to brisket. Correct bone and feet. Fit and muscled he moved out well maintaining his topline, using his tail. 2nd Wardle & Newby's Whipspan Tango With Me. Sadly this boy is way over the top for me. However, such a kind expression. He has correct oval bone, sloping pasterns, neat feet. Moves soundly.

LIMIT DOG (Ents 8, abs 1)

1st Adams & Scales' Fisherbloom Re'encountered JW. At his best. Beautiful headed dog with melting expression, the darkest of eyes. Good lay of shoulder, straight front, depth of brisket, elbows close in. Oval bone and correct feet. Level topline with well set tail. Strength through second thigh and well let down hocks. Moved today with the sparkle I sometimes felt he lacked, sound and purposeful. RCC. 2nd Martin's Sunhouse You're Nicked. Another super o/w dog who I have thought highly of before. Coming to his best. Shapely head of correct balance with such a kind expression. Strong clean neck into well laid shoulders, straight front, good forechest and depth to brisket. Well ribbed up to good bend of stifle and well let down hocks. Moved with reach and drive, close decision. 3rd Guy & Tuthill's Cumbrian Night King at Carofel.

OPEN DOG (Ents 8, abs 0)

1st Martin's Sunhouse Banged To Rights. Smart b/w dog the best I have seen him. Balanced all through from nose to tail, everything just fits. Balanced head not over done, dark eyes, lovely expression well placed ears. Clean in neck with well laid shoulders. Good depth of chest elbows close, straight front, forechest and heart room. Strong quarters with well let down hocks. Powered round the ring with reach and drive maintaining his topline. Delighted to give him the CC. RBIS.

2nd Oddie's Sh Ch Sharnphilly Boondoggle JW. This boy is a real showman and reading my catalogue from today making his mark as a top sire. Of moderate size so balanced from nose to tail every part making a whole. He exudes power and strength with his fit and well muscled body, no exaggerations. As a package I would not change a thing about him. Today although in total harmony with his handler he just lacked a little sparkle.

3rd Gerrard & Bell's Carmandine Count On Me.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (Ents 3, abs 1)

1st Tibbs' Raigmore Faith In The Future. B/w bitch making a nice shape in profile. Neat head, nice depth to flew, fine leathers, dark eyes and kind expression. A little short of upper forearm but a balanced picture with well made quarters. Once settled she moved out well using her tail. Promising.

2nd Mason's Heartbury Tormenta over Nosam-: Well grown young lady. Refined head which is balanced but needs to break more. Straight front, good heart room, oval bone, slope to pasterns, neat feet. Ample stifles, good topline. Moved soundly but just watch her tail.

PUPPY BITCH (Ents 4, abs 0)

1st Blackburn-Bennett' Kanix Smoochie at Stargang-: Well on for age attractive o/w bitch. Head is well balanced showing stop and developed lip. Clean cut into good reach of neck and well laid shoulders. Straight front good forechest, correct oval bone and feet. Strongly made quarters with well let down hocks. Confident and sound on the move, well handled and produced.

2nd Boulton's Codnorhawk Starlight on Moregoldglen-: What a nice type of bitch this is. Pleasing head and expression. Clean outline, true front, correct bone and depth of chest. Clean tuck up to well made quarters with nice short well let down hocks. Not as confident as my winner but once settled moved true and sound. Promising.

3rd Martin's Sunhouse Black T'Square One.

JUNIOR BITCH (Ents 6, abs 1)

1st Guy' Carofel If I Had Wings. Most appealing orange bitch. Elegant and so well made throughout. Pleasing head, sweet expression, fine leathers. Clean neck flowing to good lay of shoulders, good depth of brisket. Neat tuck up to well made quarters. Moved out really well maintaining her topline and using her tail.

2nd Macara & Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Sooty at Stargang. B/w bitch still in puppy. Neat head sweet expression. Clean neck into well laid shoulders, straight front. Stands on neat feet with correct oval bone. Would prefer a little tighter tuck up but her quarters are well made with good bend of stifles and well let down hocks. On the move she has a real presence, carries herself so well with reach and drive. It was this that gave her the edge today over her two sisters for BPB BPIS.

3rd Radcliffe's Sniperay Mattiboo Killer Queen.

YEARLING BITCH (Ents 7, abs 0)

1st Oddie's Sharnphilly Sugarplum JW. A super class headed by this lemon bitch. Her balance and construction really makes her stand out in a line up. From her neat head, well laid shoulders to her straight front, slope to pasterns, correct bone and feet. Well bent stifles and let down hocks. Moves with drive and purpose.

2nd Robert's Kananaskis Black Bryony JW. Pretty elegant b/w built on different lines. In profile makes a lovey shape, well constructed from nose to tail. Not as mature as my winner but when she moves a pleasure to watch, almost seems to float.

3rd Fewster & Rossiter's Joneva Just A Kiss JW.

MAIDEN BITCH (Ents 5, abs 1)

1st Blackburn-Bennett & Wilberg' Kanix Sorbet. What a nice puppy. Lemon bitch who I believe was at her first show. Would prefer more foreface but there is balance to the head with sweet expression. Super construction with correct oval bone and tight feet, neat tail. Though a bit bemused once it clicked on the move, she showed ground covering movement with reach and drive.

2nd Mason's Heartbury Tormenta over Nosam.

3rd Dunn's Millpoint Kiss Me Kate at Casdellda.

NOVICE BITCH (Ents 7, abs 2)

- 1st Robert's Kananaskis Black Bryony JW.
- 2nd Boulton's Codnorhawk Starlight on Moregoldglen.
- 3rd Blackburn-Bennett & Wilberg' Kanix Sorbet.

GRADUATE BITCH (Ents 4, abs 0)

1st Tobin & Moss' Davigdor Poppies. I would take this bitch home. Lovely o/w bitch with super head of correct balance and shape, dark expressive eyes. Clean neck to well laid shoulders, straight front, depth of brisket, elbows tight. Correct bone and feet. Well shaped quarters with hocks well let down. Neat tail used on the move which showed drive and purpose. Sadly, in the challenge lack of concentration stopped her going further, her time will come. Lovely girl.

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Skyfall-: Liver still in puppy. Very eye catching outline in profile. Balanced head, clean reach of neck to correct fore and rear angulation. Good depth to brisket, one for the future. Once settled moved with verve and drive.

3rd Dunn's Millpoint Heart And Soul at Casdellda.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (Ents 7, abs 0)

1st Wilkinson's Stocksfell Shockwave. Taken with this stylish b/w girl she took my eye straight off. Loved her head for balance, dark eye, true expression. Clean neck into well laid shoulders, strong quarters, good depth of second thigh. Moved out well using her tail. Smart girl.

2nd Jamieson's Carmelfair Bellissima with Glenfinnan. Needs to be gone over to appreciate. Of moderate size neatly packaged with good angulation fore and aft. Feminine head, well balanced, fine leathers, dark eyes with lovely expression. Desired slope to pasterns, neat tail. Moved out well level and true coming and going.

3rd Booth's Lundgarth Everest.

LIMIT BITCH (Ents 9, abs 2)

1st Bond's Joneva Azelia Banks JW. Shapely balanced head, good pigment, soft expression, fine leathers. Clean reach of neck to well laid shoulders, correct depth to brisket, elbows close to sides. Clean tuck up to well bent stifles with good depth of second thigh. Clean topline flows to neat tail which never stopped working. Correct bone, slope to pasterns, tight feet, well muscled. Sound on the move with reach and drive. This was her day pleased to award C.C. BIS.

2nd Matthews' Sonham Chasing Rainbows. Built on slightly different lines. Elegant shapely b/w who flows from nose to tail. Ultra-feminine head with the darkest eyes and melting expression. Good reach of neck to clean well laid shoulders. Correct depth of brisket, elbows well in. Well bent stifles, neat hocks. Topline maintained on the move with use of her neat short tail. She appeals to me on many levels. Close up RCC. 3rd Oddie's Sharnphilly Tiktok to Riowood.

OPEN BITCH (Ents 8, abs 2)

What a class of beautiful bitches all decisions were so close. Cliché or not they will change places many times.

1st Siddle's Sh Ch Wilchrimane Frankel (ai). What can I add to what has been said of late of this bitch. Another top flight bitch from this kennel produced in such fit hard condition. She is feminine but exudes power and strength in a balanced well constructed frame. Clean flowing lines free from any exaggerations. A girl for the big ring occaision where she can really power round. Today I feel she felt that restriction and was not quite as motivated on the move, so gave way to the younger girls. Pleasure to watch the rapport between dog and handler.

2nd Wilkinson's Sh Ch Stocksfell Seldom Seen. This girl is a favourite of mine. Nearly threw her place today being an awkward madam but pulled it out of the hat. Of moderate size, so well balanced from nose to tail. Correct shape to head, good stop, lovely soft expression, fine leathers. Clean neck, well laid shoulders, well bent stifles. Neat tail which she used on the move showing her good reach and drive. 3rd Webb's Sh Ch Tenshilling The Wanderer.

KAREN SILLINCE - judge