

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

Friday 27th October 2023

I must thank the exhibitors for such a lovely entry. The quality overall was extremely good with many worthy dogs going cardless or having to take lower placings. I only have a few negative comments. I feel size needs to be addressed as some animals were large, sometimes a little long and heavy in bone. A few heads lacked that indefinable Pointer shape, with a few long forefaces with not much chiselling and lacking stop.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (Ent 3, Abs 2)

1st Bush's Piasharn Rocka Rolla. A very raw black/white baby who should go onto to some winning. He was very well proportioned with a shapely head and dark expressive eyes. He had an arched neck set into a well laid shoulder. His body was well ribbed, his quarters were strong with a good turn of stifle. He moved soundly and freely when he got settled. He thoroughly enjoyed his outing.

PUPPY DOG (Ent 12, Abs 2) A very competitive class of quality puppies all at different stages of development.

1st Tibbs' Raigmore Keep The Faith. A very typey elegant B/W dog with and outstanding profile. His head was balanced with correct proportion of muzzle to skull and a well-defined stop and a dark expressive eye. His neck was clean set into well laid shoulder. His body deep, firm and well ribbed up with muscular quarters and good angulation. He moved well with a long ground covering stride holding his topline.

2nd Scales' Riowood Black Tie of Saloplass. A classy BIW youngster with all the right attributes. He was of good breed type with a classical head, balanced and shapely with a dark expressive eye. He carried himself well using his clean arched neck. His shoulder was well laid back, his body firm deep and well ribbed, and his quarters well-muscled for his age and well angulated. He moved well and was very sound.

3rd Martin's Sunhouse I'll Be Black (AI).

JUNIOR DOG (Ent 6, Abs 1)

1st Matthews & Adams' Carofel Wings Of Hope JW. A quality O/W youngster with a bright future, I hope. He was a streamlined elegant boy with a striking profile. His head was masculine and balanced, A very good shape and his eye dark and intelligent with dark pigmentation, he was necky with a good front assembly, well ribbed strong body and he had matching front and rear angulation. He was a free fluent mover covering the ground with a long stride.

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Witch Doctor. A most attractive well-balanced liver/white youngster, different in type to 1. He had a well-proportioned masculine head very shapely with a most appealing expression. His clean neck flowed into a well laid shoulder, his brisket was deep, and he was well ribbed, his loin was muscular and firm and his quarters well angulated and muscular. He moved our well holding his topline, he should have a bright future.

3rd Siddle's Wilchrimane Frankincense.

YEARLING DOG (Ent 5, Abs 10)

1st Webb's Tenshilling Jimmy Mack JW. A very typey well balanced O/W dog. He was eye catching when he came into the ring, a top-class youngster who ticked all the boxes. He had a classical head with a defined stop, slightly dished muzzle and the correct amount of lip. His eye was alert dark and expressive, he handled well with his strong well ribbed body, good angulation front and rear, clean limbs and tight feet and a very sound clean movement, holding his shape. A promising youngster.

2nd Sillince's Davigdor Flanders Field. Another quality young dog, he had a very clean overall shape and was elegant. He had a classical head totally balanced with a dark intelligent eye, his neck was long clean and arched set into a long well laid-back shoulder. He was good to handle with a strong body, deep and ribbed well back. His quarters were well angulated and muscular. He had a ground covering movement holding his shape.

3rd Trueman's Bradleypoint Floki.

POST GRADUATE DOG (Ent 10, Abs 1)

1st Welch's Hookwood Starman JW. A very well constructed dog as always from this exhibitor, he was heavily marked black dog who was balanced and good to handle. He had a lovely head and expression, a good length of neck with good front and rear angulation, his body was strong with a decent fore chest. He was in good body and muscular condition. He moved freely with a ground covering stride. A very honest boy with no exaggerations.

2nd Collins' Collholme Balthasar. A quality lightly marked O/W dog with a masculine head of good proportions and an expressive dark eye and dark pigmentation. He was good to handle with a clean arched neck and decent shoulder and a muscular deep well ribbed body. His quarters were muscular with good turn of stifle. He was a sound free mover holding his shape on the move.

3rd Matthews' Sonham Black Eyed Pea.

LIMIT DOG (Ent 10, Abs 1) Another class of quality dogs.

1st Philo's Tenshilling It's My Party for Salmonmist JW OSW ShCEX. A most striking O/W boy who was a real showman, he caught my eye as he came into the ring and he ticked all the boxes, for me when handled, he flowed from nose to tail and was a series of graceful curves. His head was classical and very shapely and his eyes intelligent and dark. He had a good reach of neck which he used on the move holding his topline at all times. He had good front and rear angulation, a very strong body and was shown in tip top condition. He moved with purpose using his quarters to drive round the ring. Res CC.

2nd Martin's Sunhouse You're Nicked. Another top-quality male a little more of him than 1. He was balanced throughout; he had a well-proportioned masculine head with a well-defined stop and soft expressive eyes. He had a clean arched neck set into a well laid shoulder. His brisket was deep and his ribs well sprung. He had muscular thighs and a good turn of stifle. Another very sound boy with ground covering movement.

3rd Guy & Tuthill's Cumbrian Night King at Carofel.

OPEN DOG (Ent 8, Abs 1)

1st Oddie's Sh Ch Sharnphilly Boondoggle. I co-judged this boy some years ago as a puppy and awarded him BPIS. My view hasn't changed, he has matured into a beautiful, elegant sound Pointer and doesn't look his age. His head so well-proportioned with a well-defined stop, dished muzzle and a very expressive dark eye. He had a strong arched neck a long shoulder, well laid back, a strong deep body, and had good rear angulation and was well muscled. He shows himself well covering plenty of ground. CC.

2nd Oliver & Stilgoe's Teisgol Love Is In The Air. Another top class exhibit unlucky to meet 1. He had a classical head, well proportioned and well-shaped. He had a defined stop and the darkest eyes with an intelligent expression, and he was good to handle in all departments. His neck was long and arched, set well into his shoulder. His body was well ribbed, back deep and firm with muscular loin and quarters. He had good rear angulation, he moved well reaching out with an even stride holding his shape.

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Pemberley.

VETERAN DOG (Ent 3, Abs 0)

1st O'Neill's Sh Ch Chesterhope Thrill Of T'Chase (Imp NZ). I judged this boy as a youngster and thought highly of him. I still admire his elegance and balance. His head is classical, so well proportioned and of a good shape. His eyes were dark and expressive. His body was deep, well ribbed with good front and rear angulation. He moved well covering plenty of ground. I would have like him to have better body condition behind his withers.

2nd O'Neill's Sh Ch Tenshilling Home Alone JW ShCM. A very well constructed O/W in tip top form. He was very good to handle with his clean arched neck, well laid shoulder and firm deep well ribbed body. His quarters were muscular with a good width of thigh, his head was well proportioned. I preferred the head of 1. This boy was showy and sound and a very positive mover.

3rd Critchley, London & Heaton's Shadybrook J Hoover at Whipsan (Imp USA)

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (Ent 5, Abs 0)

1st Collins' Collholme Balthasar. 2nd in Post Graduate Dog.

2nd Norbury's Raigmore Leap Of Faith to Dorbury. This youngster was unplaced in the puppy class. I loved his overall shape; he was elegant and stood over plenty of ground. His head was well proportioned and a very good shape together with dark expressive eyes. He was good to handle with a firm body with ribbed back and good front and rear angulation. Unfortunately, he was moving too close at the rear, this should soon rectify as he moved very well in profile.

3rd Trueman's Bradleypoint Floki.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (Ent 2, Abs 1)

1st Bush's Piasham Breaking The Law. A very feminine puppy a real baby, litter sister to minor puppy dog winner and built on the same lines. She was elegant and streamlined with a well-proportioned head, dark expressive eyes and dark pigmentation. She had a good reach of neck, firm well ribbed body and well angulated front and rear. She moved well holding her shape, she has all the necessary essentials.

PUPPY BITCH (Ent 3, Abs 0)

1st Martin's Sunhouse Black T' Square One. A very striking blanket black girl who was very elegant and curvaceous. Her head was classical, well-proportioned with a well-defined stop and very dark expressive eyes. She carried her head proudly on a long-arched neck which flowed into a well laid shoulder, her body was shapely, well ribbed back with a muscular loin and quarters. She was in excellent body condition and she presented an outstanding shape and despite giving her handler a hard time, I saw a very clean ground covering movement enough to award her Best Bitch Puppy and Best Puppy in Breed.

2nd Tibbs' Raigmore Faith In The Future. Another quality B/W. bitch who was very typy and elegant, her head 'was feminine with a gentle expression. She had a good reach of neck, clean and arched set into a long well laid shoulder, she had a well ribbed body, strong loin and quarters and correct oval bone. She presented a lovely profile but was a handful, full of fun. A very promising youngster.

3rd Bush's Pisharn Breaking The Law.

JUNIOR BITCH (Ent 8, Abs 3) A strong class of top-quality youngsters with promising futures, I am sure.

1st Nelis' Freebreeze Special Effects. A classy young bitch who ticked all the boxes. She was elegant, full of breed type. She was the ideal size for a bitch and was so balanced. I loved her head so well proportioned and shapely with a well-defined stop, soft lip and a dished muzzle, her eye was dark and expressive, her neck arched set well into a well laid shoulder. Her body was deep and well ribbed with a decent fore chest and her quarters muscular with a well-turned stifle. She moved with enthusiasm covering the ground well and holding her shape and lashing her tail. She should achieve top honours in the future.

2nd Macara & Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Sooty at Stargang. A different type to 1. She would be difficult to ignore, she was such an extrovert showgirl, so well balanced and sound. Lovely head, very shapely and well proportioned with a soft expression. Her neck was clean and arched set cleanly into well laid shoulder, she was good to go over, deep in brisket, well ribbed with strong loin and muscular well angulated quarters. She was a powerful mover covering plenty of ground.

3rd Earl, Wheldon & Jones' Flinthill Some Like It Hot at Caithpoint.

YEARLING BITCH (Ent 8, Abs 2) Another very competitive class of quality bitches.

1st Tobin & Moss' Davigdor Poppies. This bitch was similar in type to my junior winner; she oozed breed type and was very sound and shapely. Her head was balanced with a well-defined stop, soft lip and dark expressive eyes. I loved her overall size and shape with her excellent profile when stacked and on the move, she was good to handle with her deep brisket well ribbed body and strong loin and quarters. She had good front and rear angulation and had good muscle tone. She moved freely with a long ground covering stride using her tail.

2nd Hinton, Luke & Leman's Fleurfield Black Caviar. A very elegant typey B/W bitch who was a series of graceful curves. She had a well-proportioned body and was totally balanced. Her head was classy and shapely with a well-defined stop, slightly dished foreface and a very expressive eye. She had a clean arched neck set into a well laid shoulder. Her body was firm and well ribbed and her quarters well angulated. She moved with a light ground covering stride, holding her shape. She needs to mature in body, she is certainly one to watch.

3rd O'Neill's Tenshilling To Sir With Love JW.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (Ent 10, Abs 1)

1st Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Spinray Songbird. This bitch headed a class of quality exhibits, which will no doubt change places in the future. This B/W bitch caught my eye as she came into the ring, she carried herself proudly using her neck and lashing her tail, holding her impressive shape. Her head was well proportioned, shapely and feminine with a dark intelligent eye, she was good to handle with her deep body, well ribbed back and a strong muscular loin, well developed muscular quarters, she had good front and rear angulation. She was so well handled, and she had an impressive shape and free driving action.

2nd Welch, Drake & Hazeltine's Clamerkin Jubilee Surprise at Hookwood. This bitch was different in type to 1, but also ticked all the boxes. She was so honest and good to handle with a well-proportioned body and was well balanced and feminine, her neck arched clean set into a well laid shoulder. Her body deep with a good spring of rib and her quarters well angulated and muscular. She was a free positive mover holding her shape.

3rd Klaiber's Hawkfield Scandalous.

LIMIT BITCH (Ent 6, Abs 1)

1st Blowers' Fowington Lar Ti Dar at Deadaway. A very well balanced bitch full of quality and she didn't disappoint when handled. Her head was well proportioned and a lovely shape with a well defined stop, correct depth of muzzle and an alert dark expressive eye. Her neck was arched of a good length set into a well laid shoulder. Her body was strong deep with a muscular loin and muscular quarters, with sufficient angulation. She moved with purpose and drive holding her shape and using her tail.

2nd Lowe's Lowsmoor Half A Sixpence JW. Very feminine attractive lemon/white bitch with excellent eye colour and pigmentation for this colour. Her head was shapely and well proportioned, her neck clean, arched and set into a well laid shoulder. She had a firm well ribbed body and well angulated rear. She was a very free active mover covering the ground well.

3rd Oddie's Sharnphilly Tik Tok to Riowood.

OPEN BITCH (Ent 11, Abs 0) I was so honoured to have 11 super bitches in this class, unfortunately not enough cards to go round, nearly all were worthy of top honours. This is probably the best quality of Pointers I have judged over several decades.

1st Siddle's Sh Ch Wilchrimane Frankel (AI). An outstanding O/W bitch who as a total extrovert with stacks of ring presence. She ticked all the boxes for me. This girl goes from strength to strength. I judged her as a baby but to me she has blossomed with age as do so many Pointers. Pointers take several years to mature; this is usually the case. Her head was shapely well chiselled with a well-defined stop. Correct balance of skull to muzzle and a dark expressive eye. Her head was carried on a long-arched neck set well into her shoulder. She had a deep brisket excellent forechest and had a strong well ribbed body. Her loin was muscular and strong, and her quarters well-muscled with good second thigh and were well angulated. She was in super condition and was so well handled to show off her virtues. She moved so well holding her shape and covering the ground with a good length of stride. A worthy CC winner, BOB and Group 3. A lovely representative to compete in the Group.

2nd Blackburn-Bennett & Macara's Sh Ch Kanix Petunia at Stargang. Another top-quality O/W girl who ticked all the boxes. She again was a very extrovert, free moving bitch who kept her profile and powered round the ring with her easy ground covering stride. She was good to handle throughout, she had quality and substance. Her head was well shaped of good proportions and her eye dark and bright, she carried herself proudly using her long-arched neck and her strong well angulated rear. Res CC.

3rd Thirlwell & Malik's Sh Ch Sharnphilly Santa Rosa.

VETERAN BITCH (Ent 4, Abs 2)

1st Lowe's Lowesmoor Shiralee JW. A quality O/W girl who didn't look her age. She was very well balanced with a feminine head and dark expressive eyes. She handled well with her clean arched neck strong deep well ribbed body and well angulated shoulder and rear. She was in excellent muscular and body condition. She moved with a long stride covering the ground and holding her shape.

2nd Welch's Ir Sh Ch Oxfordacres Trinity by Hookwood. Another very good veteran. She was very well constructed with her long well laid shoulder, deep body with ribbed back and strong muscular quarters with a good turn of stifle. She had excellent limbs with oval bone and tight feet. Her head was shapely and well proportioned. 1 scored on head which I felt was more feminine. Another worthy well-conditioned sound bitch.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (Ent 7, Abs 0)

1st Collins' Collholme Angelique. Very stylish feminine O/W girl, who was very balanced and typey. She had a feminine shapely head with the darkest of eye, she was a sound free moving girl using her neck and driving on her strong well angulated quarters, she was good to handle. I felt she had upped her game in this class and awarded her this position.

2nd Klaiber's Sharnphilly Gingerbread. An upstanding O/W bitch with a classical head carried well on a long-arched neck. Her eyes were dark, well-shaped and expressive. She was good to handle. A little longer than 1, but she had a very free ground covering movement.

3rd Klaiber's. Hawkfield Scandalous.

BARBARA CHERRY - judge