

CRUFTS 2024

Friday 8th March 2024

I would like to thank all exhibitors for the wonderful entry both numerically and in quality. In today's climate with the cost of entries, travel and in some cases accommodation this was humbling and I'm grateful to you all. I really enjoyed my day and wish I could have given some exhibits more time to settle and perform but because of time restraints this was not possible. The large numbers created their own problems, difficult decisions being made on small details with the performance on the day being the overall deciding factor, I unfortunately only had 5 award cards and on another day in different surroundings places could change.

Having not exhibited regularly over the last few years a lot of the entry was new to me. I was surprised to find several exhibits with dirty teeth, for which there is no excuse, some with uneven dentition and 2 with overshot bites. There was 1 suspect temperament. The required lashing bee sting tail and prominent haunch bones were both hard to find.

We always have a very large ring at Crufts and I gave each exhibit the chance to use it fully, some benefitted from this others didn't. Plenty of free galloping is essential for our breed to enable them to build up the muscular definition necessary for them to move freely. I was looking for a Pointer with balanced angulation front and rear producing sound free flowing movement, but it was disappointing that some looked very good on the stack but didn't follow through on the move. Pointers are a working breed and cannot do their job effectively if their construction is incorrect.

My principal winners all fulfilled my criteria and were fit for function, the competition for both CC's and RCC's was hard fought, with the dog gaining his title on the day. I thought my BOB looked wonderful in the group.

My final thanks go to my stewards who were brilliant.

VETERAN DOG (Ents 7, Abs 0)

A lovely class of oldies all enjoying their day out.

1st Mrs C O'Neill - Sh Ch Tenshilling Home Alone JW ShCM. A well balanced 9 year old carrying his years well. Lovely head with good stop, dark eyes and kind expression. Skull and foreface in proportion, correct ear placement. Shoulders and upper arm balanced with rear angulation giving a gently sloping topline.

Good depth and spring of rib. Shown in fit hard condition and moving on a long even stride using his tail.

2nd Mrs B, Mrs S & Miss M Critchley, London & Heaton - Shadybrook J Hoover at Whipspan (Imp USA). 8 years old, lighter in build than 1. Liked his head and expression, lovely dark eyes. Good length of neck into well laid back shoulders. Ribs well back and good depth. Preferred the return of upper arm of 1. Enough rear angulation with good muscle in both first and second thigh. Lovely tail set and length, tail used well on the move.

3rd Mrs J Best - Bestina Balbenach. An old favourite of mine, now 7 years old. The best of heads with dark eyes, melting expression and a deep stop. Head proportions correct. Lovely length of neck into well laid back shoulders and good return of upper arm. Excellent depth and plenty of heart room. Strong well muscled quarters with short bee sting tail. A bit unsettled standing and on the move initially but showed enough to appreciate his even gait, good forward reach and driving action.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (Ents 1, Abs 0)

1st Miss R Webster – Joneva Just Goes To Show at Errytar. 6 months old. Stood alone but was worthy of his win. Very raw as is to be expected at this age and was quite a challenge for his handler but showed enough to appreciate his qualities. A lovely head and expression with a deep stop, balanced foreface, and back skull. Good length of neck and topline. Hindquarters developing nicely. I would have liked more return of upper arm and better pasterns, but he was tense and hopefully as he ages, grows into himself and relaxes this will improve. Initially was unsettled on the move but once into his stride showed he was sound. BPD

PUPPY DOG (Ents 5, Abs 0)

1st Miss C & Mrs C Hazeltine & Razzell – Corotine Prince Charming. 9 months old. Well grown for his age. Good head with balance to his foreface and skull. Dark eyes and a kind expression. Fine leathers set correctly. Clean neck into excellent shoulders and upper arms. Straight front with correct feet and pasterns. Balanced rear angulation and good tail set. He is long in body at present and needs to fill his frame which should come with age. He needs to settle on the move.

2nd Mrs & Miss Cooper and Pearson – Keepersfield Hope and Glory. 10 months old. Lovely head with an appearance of a slight dish. Dark eye, correctly set ears. Clean neck and balanced angulation front and rear. Good bone and feet, would like more slope to his pasterns. Shorter in body than 1 and not the length of stride at present, maturity will hopefully bring this. Nice short tail.

3rd Ms S & Ms M Allen & Bett – Hawkfield King's Ransom. 10 months A nicely balanced pup with lots to like about him, very typical of dogs from this kennel. Lovely head with correct balance of foreface with skull. Nice dark eye and kind expression. Clean neck of good length into correct shoulders. Correct bone and feet, good length of pasterns. Body of balanced length to height with well muscled quarters and 2nd thigh. Nice sweep to stifle and short hocks. Moved OK.

JUNIOR DOG (Ents 24, Abs 0)

What a class, all at different stages of maturity which affected my final decisions, many nice dogs not in the cards.

1st Mrs C Lewis – Kanix Snapdragon at Fallowfield. Very mature 16 month old. A medium sized dog presenting a striking picture stood. Beautifully proportioned head with good stop, dark eyes and kind expression. Reachy clean neck into the best of shoulders and upper arm. Correct bone with good length of pasterns. Length of body in proportion to height. Excellent well muscled quarters and 2nd thigh. Good tail set. Would perhaps like less skirt to give a cleaner flow. Moved well out and back but a little proud of his tail.

2nd Mrs V Norbury – Heartbury Matador. 13 months old and has a lot of the body properties of 1 but with less maturity. Gorgeous head and expression, ears fine and well set. A good length of neck. Shoulder and hind angulation correct and balanced. Not the depth of brisket or width of quarters yet but this should come with age. Would like better feet and slope to pastern but he was a bit overwhelmed, should improve as he relaxes. Moved out and back on a nice length of stride.

3rd Mr W & Mrs A License – Freebreeze Virtual Reality of Arrowmere. 17 months with the most beautiful head, correct proportions, dark eye and kind expression. Clean neck of good length and the best of forehands. Well developed chest and plenty of heart room. Good bone and feet, sloping pasterns. Short coupled with well muscled quarters. Moved well, his handler needs to lengthen her stride to help the dog extend to his full length.

YEARLING DOG (Ents 9, Abs 0)

1st Mrs L Adams - Carofel Wings Of Hope JW Ww23 Swiss Jr Ch. 19 months. A very striking dog, really fills your eye. Of medium size, balanced from head to tail. A true Pointer head, of correct proportions with a deep stop and kind eye. Good length of neck and well developed forechest. Correct bone, legs and feet, good slope to pasterns. Brisket down to elbows and ribs well back. Well muscled all through, with no excess weight, I could see this dog on the moor. His movement was a pleasure to watch both fore and aft and his side gait confirmed his confirmation was correct, moving easily on a ground covering stride. Pleased to award him the RCC, well deserved.

2nd Miss L Keaney – Flinthill Hot Mail. 19 months. A lot to like about this dog. He has a lovely head and expression with balanced planes, dark eyes and correct fine leathers, no doubt he is a Pointer. Balanced angulation front and rear, correct bone, pasterns and feet. Good length of neck, not the depth of chest yet of 1 but should come with time. Ribs well back and quarters showing plenty of muscle. Sound movement front and rear, covered the ground well.

3rd Miss C Sandell – All I Want Della Perla Grigia. 20 months. Medium sized, sound moving dog. Nice head with a lovely expression, enough work in it, nothing overdone, correct fine leathers and ear placement. Lengthy neck into good shoulders, would have liked more return of upper arm. Correct bone but a little upright in pastern. Chest down to elbows and good ribbing. Well muscled quarters used to advantage on the move. Short bee sting tail.

POST GRADUATE DOG (Ents 23, Abs 0)

1st Mrs L Trueman – Bradleypoint Floki. Dog of medium size with everything in balance. Gorgeous head, deep stop, pronounced occiput, correct balance to foreface and skull. Lovely dark eyes. Neck of good length into well laid back shoulders and good return of upper arm. Correct bone but would like more slope to pasterns. Lovely depth of chest and width across forehead. Ribs well back. Short coupled with strong well muscled quarters. Tail of correct length in proportion to size of dog, set correctly and used well on the move. Sound both coming and going, good side gait, covering the ground with ease.

2nd Mr D & Mr G & Mrs P Hawkes & Robinson & Smith – Codnorhawk Brucie Bonus. A powerful young dog who gave his owner/handler a hard time, she must have been in need of a large drink afterwards. When he settled, he showed his true qualities. Beautifully shaped head, with a deep stop, correct balance between foreface and skull, lovely dark eye and melting expression. Pronounced occiput, ears well set and fine. Good length of neck into well laid back shoulders complimented by a balanced return of upper arm. Correct bone, resilient pasterns and feet. Lovely depth to chest and plenty of heart room. The picture completed by strong quarters and second thigh. Lovely tail of correct length for the dog. Really came into his own on the move, sound going away and back, his side gait was a joy to see, excellent ground covering stride maintaining his topline, his tail never stopped.

3rd Mr P & Mrs D Stilgoe – Glenariff Mojito over Teisgol. Medium sized dog with a lot to like about him. Totally balanced angulation front and rear, standing over plenty of ground. Not the head of 1 and 2 but could not be denied his place in the very strong class. Super length of neck, lovely gently sloping topline. Excellent depth and width. Ribs well back and well muscled all through. Tail well set and of the correct shape and length. Very sound moving dog when viewed from any angle.

MID LIMIT DOG (Ents 11, Abs 0)

1st Mrs G & Mr N Mennen & Sweeney – Lundgarth Wild Yarrow. Well balanced dog now coming to full maturity. Medium size with everything in the right place, without any exaggerations. Lovely head with plenty of work in it, good balance to foreface and skull, deep stop and dark kind eye. Ears set on correctly and fine. Clean neck of good length into well laid back shoulders, balanced return to upper arm. Deep chest with plenty of heart room. Strong over the loin and enough angulation to his quarters. Tail well set and of correct shape. Moved soundly, on a long stride maintaining his topline.

2nd Mrs L Trueman – Bradleypoint Floki.

3rd Mrs K Wilcox – Pipeaway Dreams Afyre in Merynjen. Different type to 1 & 2 and built on heavier lines but well made all through. He has a beautiful head, with good stop and dark expressive eyes. Lovely length of neck without any throatiness into well angulated shoulders and upper arm. Chest down to elbows and ribs well back. Strong well muscled quarters finished off with a lovely bee sting tail. Sound mover with good reach and drive.

LIMIT DOG (Ents 16, Abs 0)

1st Miss G & Mr K & Miss L Adams & Adams & Scales – Fisherbloom Re'encountered JW. A lovely mature dog, nothing overdone with the best of balanced construction all through. Beautiful head with plenty of work in it, dark eyes and lovely expression, deep stop, plenty of lip. Clean neck, well angulated shoulders and upper arm. Good bone, legs and feet. Excelled in depth and length of ribbing, short coupled and strong quarters, standing over plenty of ground. Lovely sound moving dog with good reach and drive, covering the ground well showing how much good construction matters.

2nd Mrs D & Mr N Preece & Gilding – Harvestglade Light Of Peace. Different type to 1 but a lot of similar attributes. Well built and balanced with a lovely head and expression. Deep stop with a slight dish. Good angles front and rear with correct bone, feet and pasterns. Well muscled with no excess fat. Good tail set, shape and length, used well on the move. Preferred the length of neck and slope of topline on my winner on the day. Moved soundly on a good length of stride covering the ground well.

3rd Ms W Gordon – Hawkfield Pemberley. Smaller dog overall than 1 & 2 but presented a balanced picture stood and on the move. Beautiful head with lovely deep stop, kind expression and dark eyes, plenty of work in it. Clean neck and good topline. Excelled in shoulder and upper arm angulation. Correct bone, pasterns and feet. Plenty of depth to chest and good length to back. Enough angulation to quarters which were well muscled. Moved well, covering plenty of ground, straight action going away and coming towards me.

OPEN DOG (Ents 12, Abs 2)

1st Mrs E Newberry – Manchela Make My Day for Giulia. Today this dog brought his A game. Screamed Pointer from his classic textbook head to the end of his bee sting tail. Now fully mature he is of a good size without being course or overdone in any area. The softest kind expression, all body parts fitted into each other, totally balanced angulation, body has good depth and plenty of heart room. On first look can appear short in length but on handling him he has ample length of rib and is short coupled. Very well muscled with a clear definition between first and second thigh. Really came into his own in the large ring, his movement going away, and back is sound, and his side gait is what in my opinion, a Pointer's movement should be. He floated round the ring on a light even stride, head held high and maintaining his level topline. He is not an easy dog to handle, but today his handler was in total control and got the very best from him, certainly "fit for function", looked like he could go all day. I was pleased to award him his 3rd CC, congratulations, well deserved.

2nd Mrs R & Miss R Martin - Sh Ch Sunhouse Banged To Rights. Heavier built all through than 1 but very similar in many ways. A very well constructed dog with a lovely head and kind expression. Good length of neck into well laid back shoulders and correctly angulated return of upper arm. Excellent depth and width with strong well muscled quarters finished off with a lovely bee sting tail. Rear angulation in perfect balance with his front. Correct bone and good feet and pasterns. Came into his own on the move, as with 1 was very sound and had a light even stride. Short bee sting tail used well. Pushed hard for the RCC.

3rd Mrs P Smith – Sniperay Lord Lambourne via Tzaziki. Completed a trio of mature dogs who all showed Pointer movement at it's best. Preferred the size and more well defined heads of 1& 2 but he has so much quality in his bodily properties. Excels in front and rear angulation which is totally balanced and correct. Good depth to chest and plenty of heart room. Ribs well back and short coupled. Carrying the right amount of weight over his loin. Great strength in his quarters which powered him round the ring. His tail action was a joy to watch. Not an easy dog to handle and gave his handler a torrid time but he looked like he was really enjoying his day out even if his handler wasn't!!!

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG DOG (Ents 2, Abs 1)

1st Miss A & Mr J Henshaw and Goodchild – Sharnphilly Vice Versa with Peteshe SGWC. A medium sized dog with a balanced head of correct proportions. Deep stop good depth of muzzle. Lengthy neck into good shoulders and return of upper arm. Correct bone, feet and pasterns. Depth down to elbows and ribs well back. Strong quarters with plenty of muscle, in fit hard condition all through. Moved steadily using his tail.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME DOG (Ents 10, Abs 0)

1st Miss G & Mr N Mennen & Sweeney - Lundgarth Wild Yarrow. 1st in MLD

2nd Mrs L Truman – Bradleypoint Floki. 1st PGD, 2ND MLD

3rd Mrs L, Mr A, Mrs J & Mr J, Jamieson, Macara & Blackburn- Bennett – Sh Ch Kanix Peri Peri with Glenfinnan. A well grown mature dog with a lot to like about him. Typical head with good stop and balanced planes. Lengthy neck into good shoulders, would have liked more upper arm angulation. Well off for depth and heart room. Strong well muscled quarters. A sound happy mover using his tail.

VETERAN BITCH (Ents 17, Abs 2)

What a class, all the veterans entered today, dogs and bitches were a credit to their owners and were enjoying their day out.

1st Mrs J Harrison – Millpoint Simply Scrumptus JW. 7 ½ year old, the youngster of my winners. Lovely headed bitch with a deep stop, balanced planes and kind eye. Excels in length of neck which flows into well laid back shoulder, good return of upper arm. Deep chest and plenty of heart room. Ribs well back and short coupled. Well angulated quarters with plenty of muscle, obviously still enjoys her free running. Sound mover with a smooth even stride. Best Veteran.

2nd Mrs S Welch – Ir Sh Ch Oxfordacres Trinity by Hookwood JW ShCM. Wearing her 10 ½ years well. Well defined head with a deep stop and balanced head planes, lovely expression. Smaller than 1 but well balanced and angulated. Good length to body and nice short tail. Came into her own on the move, a happy stylish mover motoring round the ring. Shown in excellent condition.

3rd Mrs A & Mr C Hewitt – Sh Ch Droveborough's Miss Marple. 8 ½ year old. A beautiful head, with a deep stop and a soft kind expression. Very similar in size and stature to 2, balanced angles and well muscled with a short tail. Another lovely mover, good reach and drive from her quarters.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (Ents 2, Abs 1)

1st Mr K Adams – Joneva Just One Wish. Litter sister to MPD winner. 7 months old. A very pretty youngster who is well made for her tender age. Lovely head with a good stop and depth of flue. Ears fine and correctly set. Lengthy neck into well laid back shoulders, good forehand. Plenty of depth for her age. Correct bone with good pasterns and tight feet. Ribs well back and strong quarters. Moved well when settled, should have a bright future. BPB and BPIB.

PUPPY BITCH (Ents 6, Abs 0)

1st Prof D Brigden – Braithwaite Quora. 11 months old. Well developed youngster with a superb forehead. Well chiselled head with a soft kind expression. Good length of neck into well laid back shoulders and return of upper arm. Would have liked more resilience in her pasterns. Ribs well back and short coupled. Needs to grow into her quarters which will give her a better topline on the move. This should come with maturity.

2nd Mrs C & Mr K Bush – Piasharn Breaking The Law. Almost 11 months, lighter all through than 1. Very feminine young lady, pretty head with good stop and lovely expression. Good length of neck into well laid back shoulders, not the return of upper arm of 1. Good length and short coupled. Short tail with correct set. Moved soundly.

3rd Miss C & Mrs C Hazeltine & Razzell – Corotine Queen Bee. 9 months old. Not the body of 1 or 2 but has all the attributes there to grow into. Loved her dished head, dark eyes and soft expression. Clean lengthy neck. Good shoulder angulation and forechest. Needs to drop in brisket which should come with maturity. Strong well angulated quarters finished with a bee sting tail set correctly. Moved well on an even stride. A promising youngster.

JUNIOR BITCH (Ents 16, Abs 1)

1st Mrs A & Ms L Boulton – Codnorhawk Starlight Express on Moreoldglen. This young bitch headed a class of quality youngsters. She presented a clean outline and everything from her beautiful head with balanced planes, good stop and dark expressive eyes to her bee sting tail was right. She is correctly angulated front and rear without being excessive. Her lengthy neck flowed into her body, her brisket was down to her elbows, and she has plenty of heart room with more to come with maturity. Her movement was foot perfect with reach and drive and a long, light even stride. Given the right judges should have a bright future.

2nd Mrs R & Miss R Martin – Sunhouse Black T' Square One (AI). Very close up to 1 and similar remarks apply, another good youngster from this kennel. Perhaps a little heavier in build but at this age things are constantly changing. She has a well chiseled head with deep stop and dark eyes. Good length of neck into well constructed shoulders. Her angulation is balanced. Correct bone, feet and pasterns. Good depth and strong well muscled quarters. A lovely bee sting tail finished the picture. Moved soundly front and rear and has a good length of stride enabling her to cover the ground with ease.

3rd Ms A Brooksmith – Millpoint Golden Pippin. Not as mature as my winners but a lovely bitch. Beautifully shaped head with the best of expressions. Excellent length of neck into well laid back shoulder not quite the return of upper arm of 1 or 2. Well balanced and she flowed from head to tail. Needs to drop in brisket but this will come. Strong quarters well muscled first and second thigh. Moved steadily and soundly going away and coming back. Side gait showed good length of stride and reach and drive.

YEARLING BITCH (Ents 20, Abs 2)

1st Mrs M & Mrs J & Mrs H Hinton & Luke & Leman – Fleurfield Black Caviar. A lovely young bitch now coming to full maturity. Standing presents a picture of elegance, totally feminine, standing over plenty of ground. Her head is textbook with balanced planes good flues and a melting expression. She flows from her excellent length of neck into correctly angulated shoulders in balance with the upper arm. Depth down to her elbows and plenty of heart room. Strong well angulated and muscled quarters finished off with a tail coming straight off her back. Not surprisingly, she flowed round the ring, on a light effortless stride totally sound coming and going, her side gait showing how correct construction works. Pushed hard for RCC in a very strong line up, her day will come.

2nd C Guy - Carofel If I Had Wings. Of similar age to 1 but not quite the maturity of body. Another with a lovely head of correct proportions with a deep stop and melting expression. Good length of neck and shoulder, upper arm and rear angulation all in balance. Correct bone, resilient pasterns and good tight feet. Needs to drop in depth a little but has time on her side, plenty of heart room. Good muscular condition, giving plenty of reach and drive on the move. When fully mature I can see these 2 bitches changing places many times.

3rd Mrs L Swain – Hawkfield Golly Gosh at Moyola. Built on finer lines than my 2 winners but has a lot to like about her, very feminine. A striking bitch who makes you look twice. She has a beautifully chiseled head and the darkest of eyes. Lovely expression and neat ears. Lengthy clean neck, in proportion with the rest of her body. Good lay back of shoulders and angulated upper arm. Rear angulation balanced with front. Shorter coupled but ribs well back. Moved soundly with good reach and drive using her tail. Unlucky to meet 1 & 2.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (Ent 19, Abs 2)

1st Mrs C Roberts - Kananaskis Black Bryony. A new one to me. Caught my eye in the initial line up and she didn't disappoint on closer examination. She was lovely to go over, not a big bitch, but everything is there in the correct proportions, and she flows. Very feminine head with plenty of work in it and a melting expression. Angulation balanced all through with plenty of width and depth finished off with a lovely bee sting tail. The best of legs and feet and well muscled. Moved neatly and soundly without exaggeration, with precise foot placement and covering plenty of ground.

2nd Mrs C O'Neill – Tenshilling To Sir With Love. Stronger built than 1 and not quite the chiseling in her head but nevertheless, a quality bitch. Beautifully balanced all through from her lengthy clean neck to her strong well muscled quarters. Excellent depth of chest and plenty of heart room. Good legs and feet. Ribs well back and short coupled. She moved well on an even stride, driving from her rear and reaching in front.

3rd Mrs B Wilkinson – Stocksfell Shockwave. Built on similar lines to 2. A well made bitch who looked like she could work all day. Well balanced head with deep stop and soft expression. Correct shoulder and upper arm angulation, excellent depth and plenty of heart room. Good feet and resilient pasterns. Strong muscular quarters and good expanse of 2nd thigh. All aspects came together on the move, sound going away and coming back, side gait showed good reach and powerful drive from her rear end finished off with a lovely tail action.

MID LIMIT BITCH (Ents 13, Abs 1)

1st Mrs R & Miss R Martin – Sunhouse Partners in Crime. Well made mature bitch. Correct head planes with dark eye, soft expression and plenty of work in it. Good clean neck of balanced length into well laid back shoulders. Upper arm and rear angulation all in proportion with her size and length. Ribs well back and short coupled. Chest down to elbows and plenty of heart room. Strong well muscled quarters and good width of 2nd thigh. Hocks well let down. Moved soundly front and rear, side gait of good length, covering plenty of ground.

2nd Mrs V & Mr K & Miss H Norbury & Adams & Upton – Heartbury Belacqua. Very similar in size and build to 1. Lovely well chiselled head and the best of necks flowing into clean well angulated shoulders. Correct bone and resilient pasterns. Good depth and width with plenty of heart room. Ribs well back and short coupled, strong over the loin. Very well muscled and strong quarters in balance with her front angulation. Preferred the shorter hocks of 1. Nice short tail. Moved out and back soundly and covered plenty of ground. These two will change places I'm sure.

3rd Miss H Blackburn-Bennett – Kanix Smoochie at Stargang. This bitch has the most beautiful head and expression. Deep stop, balanced planes and fine leathers. Good length of neck and balanced front and rear angulation. Correct bone, feet and pasterns. Plenty of width and depth but I would have liked a better tuck up to give a cleaner outline. Moved soundly, really powered round the ring using her quarters, finished off with a lashing tail.

LIMIT BITCH (Ents 15, Abs 1)

1st Dr K Bond – Joneva Azelia Banks. Another lovely headed bitch. Balanced planes, deep stop and gentle expression. Fine leathers correctly set. Well bodied carrying the right amount of weight with balanced angulation front and rear, her chest was down to her elbows and her width enough to give plenty of heart room. Good overall length with ribs well back and strength over her loins. Strong quarters and width of 2nd thigh used to advantage on the move, Sound going away and coming back and good length of stride from a side gait. All finished off with a neat bee sting tail used well. Presented a picture of gentle curves flowing from her nose to her tail, a mature bitch for her young years who really filled your eye. Couldn't be denied the RCC.

2nd Mrs J Harrison - Millpoint Hearts On Fire. Close up to 1 and a lot of similar remarks apply. The best of heads, plenty of work in it, good stop and expression. Excels in length of neck which flows into well angulated shoulders and upper arm. Lovely forechest with good depth and plenty of heart room. Bone, feet and pasterns all correct. Liked her length, ribs well back and strength over her loins. Good tail set and length in proportion with her body. Well angulated quarters with plenty of muscle. Moved soundly with good reach and drive.

3rd Mrs V & Mr M, Mr K Norbury & Adams – Heartbury Northern Lights JW. Not quite the maturity of body of 1 or 2 but a promising young lady, she has time. Lovely chiseled head, kind expression, dark eyes. Balanced angulation front and rear. Correct bone but would have liked more resilience in her pasterns. Good ribbing and short coupled. Moved well covering the ground with her true pointer movement, plenty of reach and drive keeping her topline level.

OPEN BITCH (Ents 12, Abs 1)

1st Mrs J Ratcliffe – Sh Ch Sniperay Edge Of Glory JW. A picture of elegance and femininity from her nose to her tail. Only a relative youngster but she has it all for me, beautifully moulded head with a melting expression, plenty of work in it, dark eyes and plenty of lip. On going over her nothing is overdone, and she is perfectly balanced from her shoulders to her quarters. Lovely reachy neck flowing into her strong body, ribs well back and strength over the loins. The best of legs and feet. Shown in hard fit condition. On the move she really came into her own, showing what correct construction produces. A long, low reaching action, driving from the rear, using her tail well and keeping her level topline, very economical action conserving energy, felt she could go all day on a moor. Is all Pointer and I thank you for bringing her today. Pleased to award her the CC, well deserved. It was a close decision between her and the dog but felt she just edged it for BOB. It was a pleasure to watch 2 exhibits of such quality powering round the ring in the challenge.

2nd Mrs M & Mrs C Gerrard & Bell – Sh Ch Chesterhope C'mon over to Carmadine (Imp NZ) JW. A well known top winner whose qualities cannot be denied. A beautiful bitch from any angle with a true pointer head, kind expression, deep stop and balanced planes. Lengthy neck into good shoulders flowing through her strong body. Correct bone and strong pasterns. Good depth with plenty of heart room. Strong well muscled quarters and low hocks. Moved soundly front and rear finished off with a lovely tail action. She is built on stronger lines than my winner and I preferred the more elegant overall picture of 1.

3rd Mrs & Miss A Siddle – Sh Ch Wilchrime Frankel (AI). Another well known winner, unlucky to meet 1 & 2 today in such good form. Presents a picture of strength and femininity. Stands over plenty of ground. Lovely headed bitch, deep stop and correct facial planes. Everything flowed from her lengthy neck through to her strong quarters and short bee sting tail. Shoulders, upper arm and rear angulation all balanced. Would have liked more resilience to her pasterns. Movement was sound and true, and she powered round the ring on an even stride. Well handled as always.

FIELD TRIAL BITCH (Ents 1, Abs 0)

1st Mrs S Anderson Rowell – Little Owl Scandiaca for Daledancer (Imp Svk). Built on smaller lines, she looks like she could cover the moor without any difficulty. Enough depth and stop to her head and she has strength through her body. Has good depth and plenty of heart room. Strong well muscled quarters used well on the move.

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG BITCH (Ents 4, Abs 1)

1st Mrs S Anderson Rowell – Raigmore Limelight at Daledancer. A very fit bitch as I would have expected from this owner, looked ready for the moor. Lovely head with deep stop and kind eye. Good length of neck and balanced angulation front and rear. Ribs well back and good strength over the loin. Strong muscular quarters used well on the move. Lovely even stride with plenty of reach and drive.

2nd Mr N & Mrs C Sherwood – Tyremy Samaroli at Lamleaze SGWC. A heavier built bitch. Good head from the old lines with a soft melting expression and dark eye, deep stop. Strong through the body with balanced angulation front and rear. Correct bone, feet and pasterns. Shown in hard muscular condition and had power and precision on the move but could carry less weight to advantage.

3rd Mrs S Booth – Crookrise Wren SGWC. At nearly 12 years old this lady was enjoying her day out. Not the definition in her head of 1 or 2 and understandably her angulation was not as it used to be. Heavier in body than my winners but she moved round the ring with purpose.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME BITCH (Ents 7, Abs 1)

1st Mrs N Klaiber – Sharnphilly Gingerbread. Nicely proportion bitch with a good head, deep stop and kind expression. Slightly heavy in neck but it flows into well laid back shoulders. Would have liked more return of upper arm and strength in her quarters. Good length to back and short coupled. Plenty of depth to chest. Moved OK.

2nd Mrs N Klaiber – Hawkfield Scandalous. A balanced bitch with a lovely head and expression. Dark eyes and balanced head planes. Shoulder and rear angulation equal but I would have liked more of it. Good depth, chest down to elbows and plenty of heart room. Plenty of muscles on her quarters and a nice bee sting tail. Movement sound.

3rd Ms K Tregaskis – Moenfair Tinpenny Tod Tails VW. Unplaced in a strong VB class. At nearly 10 she carries her years well. Lovely headed bitch with a deep stop, plenty of work in it. Good length of neck and clean throat. Standing a bit square and I would have liked more angulation front and rear. Plenty of depth and heart room. Short tail. Moved soundly.

MRS GLYNIS MARSH - Judge