

THE POINTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

Sunday 13th April 2025

Bitches

It was an honour to judge bitches at this prestigious show and sincere thanks to my efficient stewards, the club's officers and committee and all exhibitors for a quality entry. It was a particular pleasure to be sharing the day with my co-judge and friend Helga Edmondson and we agreed on our best in show decisions without the need for a referee.

Best in show was the open bitch class winner and reserve best in show was the bitch that was second in that class (see below for details.). Best puppy was Saunders and Newton's Teisgol Calendula, an o/w dog with a beautiful head and so happy on the move. Best veteran was Bowen-Brooks' b/w dog Tenshilling Blowin Smoke which stood out for type and flowing movement.

Having commented when I last judged two years ago on the preponderance of orange and white colouring in the breed, I was pleased to see more liver bitches and a good number of black and whites. However, I still found some bitches to be quite heavy and lacking in elegance and muscle tone though movement generally was sound. Temperaments were good, and my upper classes were strong, particularly the open bitch class which was probably the best for quality I have ever judged.

VETERAN BITCH (Ents 4). Four lovely ladies, each a credit to their owners.

1st Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Gartarry High Society at Spinray JW, eight-year-old b/w in fine form, strode out round the ring with ease. Good front, reach of neck and pasterns, pleasing head and expression. Just preferred dog's type and movement in best veteran challenge. Best veteran bitch.

2nd Barham's Kenwardgold Minnie Me VW, liv/w in tip top condition belying her ten years. Well constructed all through with deep chest and neat tail which she used on the move.

3rd Robson's Bradgate Until Dusk.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (8 ents, 2 abs). Happy pups, all enjoying their day out.

1st Matthews' Sonham Just a Pretty Belle (ai), liv/w pup, mature for her eight months. Clean flowing outline, correct front assembly, well let down hocks, moved strongly and fluently with drive from behind. Should have a bright future. BPB, RBPIS.

2nd Booth's Lundgarth Ticket to Fly, neat b/w, only six months but moved confidently, balanced for a baby and has a sweet head and expression. Very promising.

3rd Quinn's Quinnery Rheindahlen.

PUPPY BITCH (5 ents, 1 abs).

1st Stilgoe, Stilgoe & Fox's Teisgol Rose Champion, close decision over 2 but preferred this o/w 11 month old pup's well sculpted head with its deep muzzle, dark pigment and melting expression. Moved soundly but not with quite the conciseness of minor puppy class winner.

2nd Matthews' Sonham Just Good Friends (ai), liv/w litter sister to minor puppy winner, still to strengthen in hindquarters but elegant and moved well for her age.

3rd Quinn's Quinnery Rheindahlen.

JUNIOR BITCH (9 ents, 0 abs)

1st Gerrard, Bell & Galloway's Riowood C'mon It's Time for Carmandine, b/w 14-monthold, liked her size, nothing overdone. Still to mature but everything in the right place. Neat tail which she used on the move, liked her feminine head.

2nd Dunn's Meadowpoint Hocus Pocus JW, 12-month-old liv/w, very elegant, beautiful flowing movement, good length of neck, preferred overall balance of one but this girl has it all to come.

3rd Robson's Bradgate Dasher.

YEARLING BITCH (5 ents, 0 abs).

1st Cobden's Alozia Zantini, old-fashioned blanket-marked liv/w, classic head and so well constructed. Moved with purpose and drive, holding her top line. A sound, honest Pointer.

2nd Barham's Alozia Zephyryne, liv/w sister of one, excellent hindquarters and front assembly, not quite as gathered on the move as her sister and more compact.

3rd Kennedy's Droveborough's Hells Bells.

MAIDEN BITCH (5 ents, 0 abs).

1st Stilgoe, Stilgoe & Fox's Teisgol Rose Champion

2nd Matthews' Sonham Just Good Friends (ai)

3rd Eldridge's Bradgate You're Late.

NOVICE BITCH (9 ents, 0 abs)

1st Matthews' Sonham Just a Pretty Belle

2nd Stilgoe, Stilgoe & Fox's Teisgol Rose Champion

3rd Maude's Hawkfield Devil Wears Prada.

GRADUATE BITCH (11 ents, 0 abs). Quite a variety of types in this class.

1st Bush's Piasharn Breaking the Law, o/w typey girl, such a pretty head, fit for purpose, lovely easy movement. Still to mature but could trouble the best when older.

2nd Lake's Lithespirit Daisy Hamilton, attractive, well-bodied liv/w with good sweep of stifle and clean lines, just preferred head of one.

3rd Brooksmith's Nightgold Pipkin.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (6 ents, 1 abs). Splitting hairs between one and two, both favourites of mine and could change places on another day. Today, just preferred one on stack. Both delightful movers.

1st Guy's Carofel If I had Wings JW, beautifully balanced o/w girl, excellent hindquarters, well-chiselled head, lovely reach of neck.

2nd Nelis' Freebreeze Special Effects JW, o/w bitch who has matured so well since I gave her best puppy when I last judged. Slightly heavier than 1 but a series of graceful curves and moved with drive.

3rd Oliver's Olivesong Kiss Chase.

MID LIMIT BITCH (7 ents, 1 abs) Two quality bitches, different in type.

1st Matthews' Sonham C'est La Vie, b/w with nothing exaggerated, lovely spring of rib and depth of chest, elegant reach of neck and classic head with alert expression.

2nd Booth's Lundgarth Everest JW, pretty o/w bitch, stylish on the move, well bodied and good hindquarters. Just preferred overall shape of 1.

3rd Welch, Drake & Hazeltine's Clamerkin Jubilee Surprise at Hookwood JW.

LIMIT BITCH (7 ents, 1 abs)

1st Wilkinson's Stocksfell Shockwave, b/w with gleaming white coat, reminds me of Pointers from the past. Strong topline, powerful hindquarters, well set shoulders and balanced all through. Moved well with handler.

2nd Whitham's Brent Ever Blazing at Sedgekirk, striking o/w powered round the ring with head up and tail lashing. Presents a pleasing picture on the stack.

3rd Stilgoe & Fox's Teisgol Snow Queen JW.

OPEN BITCH (7 ents, 1 abs) What a class - probably the best for quality I have ever judged. All exhibits worthy of tickets and I was spoilt for choice.

1st Siddle, Siddle & Medeiros' Sh Ch Wilchrimane Frankly Darlin, this o/w bitch is to me as near to perfect as a Pointer could be. She is well-muscled, tight-skinned and combines strength and fitness with elegance. She took my breath away, flowing round the ring with effortless ease and so fits the breed standard requirement of a series of graceful curves. At four years old, she is in her prime. BCC & BIS.

2nd Gerrard, Bell & Galloway's Sh Ch Chesterhope C'mon over to Carmandine JW, I have previously awarded this o/w a RCC and did so again today. So unlucky to meet 1; she moves with reach and drive, beautiful head carriage and lashing tail. Similar in size and body shape to 1; I just preferred tuck up and tight skin of 1. A worthy champion. RBCC, RBIS.

3rd Webb's Sh Ch Tenshilling The Wanderer.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (10 ents, 1 abs)

1st Bush's Piasharn Breaking the Law

2nd Barham's Alozia Zephyryne

3rd Pressley, Large & Large's Mattiboo White Queen.

FLO BARKER – Judge (Bitches)