

## Midland Counties Championship Show

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011

I cannot stress enough how much I enjoyed the super entry at this most pleasant and efficiently run show. The quality of the exhibits was of a very high standard, making it a pleasure to go over them but at the same time very frustrating in that there were not more prizes to give in the larger classes. I was thrilled with the final line-ups in both dogs and bitches all without question showing the many beautiful attributes that go into the best of our breed. Even in this high quality entry there were a few faults that I would like to draw attention to. Firstly there were some very small cat like feet and conversely some large splayed out ones detracting from otherwise very impressive animals. I also found some round apple shaped heads which also spoilt the overall picture. However, I'm pleased to say that judging by today's entry the breed is looking good which bodes well for the future. I do feel that many things have improved i.e. type, quality movement and tail action. I do feel that too many exhibitors try to move their dogs too quickly and consequently the dogs find it hard to get into their stride.

#### **PUPPY DOG (10)**

1<sup>st</sup> Bell's Crookrise The Medlar At Owlspoint. O/w of lovely body shape. Pleasing head, eye and length of neck. Nice long stride on the move a very nice young dog.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mason's Freebreeze Figaro. O/w another puppy with similar qualities to first, lovely body shape, quarters and tail. He has a pleasant head with a nice eye and kind expression. I preferred the tail carriage and hind action of first but two very promising puppies.

3<sup>rd</sup> Walking's Kiswahili Man Of Our Times.

#### **JUNIOR DOG (9)**

1<sup>st</sup> Evans & Pavey's Joneva Diamond In The Rough. O/w lovely young dog. Nicely dished head with a good dark eye and kind expression. Good length of neck and well laid back shoulders. Nice body shape, tail well set. Moved well holding his topline. One to watch for the future.

2<sup>nd</sup> Siddle & Oddie's Chesterhope Watch My Step At Wilchrimane. O/w, another lovely young dog having very much the same attributes as first. He has good width of thigh moving soundly and well. I just preferred the tail carriage of first, but another to watch for the future. Both of excellent type and quality.

3<sup>rd</sup> MacManus' Luneville Harvest Moon.

#### **YEARLING DOG (5)**

1<sup>st</sup> Welch's Hookwood Top This JW. B/w, nicely constructed with good head, eye and expression. He moved soundly and with drive holding his topline well on the move. Tail well set, again of excellent type and quality.

2<sup>nd</sup> Theobald's Tycarreg Strangely Familyr JW. B/w, another well constructed dog with good head, kind eye and expression. He also had a good body shape, topline and tail set. Today the winner just had the edge over him when on the move but I'm sure they will change places many times in the future.

3<sup>rd</sup> Weston's Teisgol Buraco.

### **POST GRADUATE DOG (12)**

1<sup>st</sup> Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Forest. O/w beautiful head, eye shape and expression. Nice thin leathers and pronounced occiput. Good depth of brisket, shoulders well set with nice top-line and tail set. He moved soundly with style and vigour, using his tail well on the move.

2<sup>nd</sup> Whitham's Moordale Maritime At Sedgekirk. B/w nicely dished head, good eye and expression. Good length of neck, topline and tail set. He moved soundly and well. One of quality and type. I preferred the front of first.

3<sup>rd</sup> Batchelor's Groma Jesse James.

### **LIMIT DOG (13)**

1<sup>st</sup> Alcorn & Lynn's Afterglow Bare Face Lie At Kanix ShCM. Liv/w beautifully constructed showing lovely head, super neck, shoulders and front flowing into a lovely body shape with excellent quarters and tail. He moved well and soundly holding his topline, showing a picture of strength and elegance. A beautiful dog with nothing overdone creating a really super picture of type and quality. Was pleased to award him the CC & BOB.

2<sup>nd</sup> Howlett & Wilberg's Jilony Freedom With Kanix. B/w again with a very pleasing head, eye and expression. Nice length of neck with good topline and tail set. Pleasing body shape. Used his tail well on the move and moved with strength and vigour.

3<sup>rd</sup> Adams' Ansona Simple Simon JW ShCM.

### **OPEN DOG (9)**

1<sup>st</sup> Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch Kiswahili Martin At Kanix. O/w of lovely type and quality. A fine upstanding dog. Lovely balanced head with soft expression, good length of neck set into nicely laid back shoulders. Good front, lovely body shape quarters and tail. Moved soundly with style. When it came to the challenge he didn't have quite the vigour and energy on the move as the CC winner. Well deserving of the RCC.

2<sup>nd</sup> Rose & Robinson's NZ Ch Robwyn Dreams Are Free At Ridanflight (Imp NZ). O/w. Striking dog with super head, eye and expression. Good length of neck, shoulders, front and feet. I preferred the topline and quarters of first. Moved well but didn't have the drive and length of stride as first and was not in quite as good body.

3<sup>rd</sup> Andrews & Ledger's Ir/Cent Sh Ch Ledgands Magic N Mayhem CEW'11.

### **PUPPY BITCH (15)**

1<sup>st</sup> Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Agathis. B/w. Good head, eye and kind expression with nicely laid back shoulders. Good front and feet and width of thigh. When settled she moved really well using her tail.

2<sup>nd</sup> Siddle's Wilchrimane Fame N Fashion. O/w another very promising puppy well constructed like the winner. Very pleasing body and tail set. Nicely balanced head but preferred expression of first. Moved well another to watch for the future.

3<sup>rd</sup> Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Daniella.

### **JUNIOR BITCH (13)**

1<sup>st</sup> Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Trinity. Best Puppy, lem/w. I see litter sister to puppy dog and puppy bitch class winners. Lovely balanced head with sweet feminine expression. Long neck, good front, feet, body shape and tail set. Well turned quarters. Moved with vigour and verve showing character and personality. As still a puppy she won best puppy over her litter brother and sister but three lovely youngsters to watch for the future.

2<sup>nd</sup> Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Chilli. O/w very attractive bitch. Lovely long neck set into well laid back shoulders. Good topline and tail set. Moved soundly with style and drive. I preferred the length of foreface of first but still a beautiful bitch again one to watch for the future.

3<sup>rd</sup> Perkins' Luneville Honey Moon At Brent.

### **YEARLING BITCH (4)**

1<sup>st</sup> Bedson & Earl's Caithpoint Sugar Babe. O/w pleasing well balanced head with pronounced occiput. Good eye and expression, neck, shoulders, front and feet. Nice body shape, topline and tail set. Moved soundly with drive.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ward's Adventures Of Isabel. B/w sweet head and expression. Good neck, topline and tail set Not so settled on the move and I preferred the front of first.

3<sup>rd</sup> Warford's Teddyhawks Heaven Scent With Lakespar.

### **POST GRADUATE BITCH (16)**

1<sup>st</sup> Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Rushlight. O/w. Lovely quality bitch with sweet head, eye and expression. Pronounced occiput. Won this on her overall conformation. Lengthy neck, well laid back shoulders. Good front and feet. She moved extremely well holding her topline and displaying very good ring presence.

2<sup>nd</sup> Dyer's Sharnphilly Auckland JW. B/w another very attractive bitch. Lovely shape and tail set. Long neck and well laid back shoulders. She has a well dished head and pronounced occiput. Moved with style using her tail. Another with good ring presence.

3<sup>rd</sup> Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Cara Anne.

### **LIMIT BITCH (9)** This was a beautiful class of quality bitches.

1<sup>st</sup> MacManus' Crookrise Moondance At Luneville. O/w. What a lovely picture she made both standing and on the move. Beautiful head and expression. Lovely kind expressive eye. Lovely neck, good shoulders, front and feet. Super body shape, quarters and tail. Full of quality moving soundly with style and drive. Was pleased to award her the CC.

2<sup>nd</sup> Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Free And Easy. O/w another beautiful bitch of type and quality. Super head, eye and expression. Good shoulders, front and feet. Excellent topline and tail set. Moved well and soundly with style. Just preferred the depth of body of first.

3<sup>rd</sup> Turnbull's Bonnygate Krystal Roses At Beridew (AI).

### **OPEN BITCH (9)**

1<sup>st</sup> Mason's Freebreeze As You Like It ShCM. Lem/w loved her head, eye, expression, pronounced occiput and lovely long neck. Beautiful forehead, good feet, top-line and tail set. Moved soundly and freely with drive. Good ring presence. When it came to the challenge I just preferred the CC winner over the quarters but nevertheless of lovely type and quality.

2<sup>nd</sup> MacManus' Crookrise Arran At Luneville. O/w stylish bitch with sweet head and expression, lovely long neck. Excellent feet and resilient pasterns. Moved well with style and vigour. Not quite the width of thigh as the winner but a bitch of quality.

3<sup>rd</sup> Blackburn-Bennett's Lokmadi Martina At Kanix.

**Fran Barr - judge**