

NATIONAL GUNDOG ASSOCIATION

CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

Sunday 2nd August 2026

I would like to express my thanks to National Gundog for the opportunity to judge one of my favourite breeds and to the exhibitors who braved the weather to allow me the privilege of judging their dogs. Today I was reminded the joys that come with our hobby, to see an exhibitor be so delighted to win her first ever stud book number and having the privilege of giving the Bitch CC her crowning CC.

However, I noticed that a proportion of the dogs did not have the correct feet or pasterns, these are the foundations on which the performance of the dogs depends when moving, especially when working. The feet and pasterns were developed for a purpose and we shouldn't lose that. I did watch a number of exhibitors scratch the back of their Pointers making the Pointers drop, but what concerned me more were the welts in the skin visible on the dog's backs created by this habit. Also, we should be mindful of the length of loin as in some cases this made for a soft topline and less positive movement.

BOB & DCC: Sh Ch Teisgol Keep On Going via Penwest JW (Mr P & Mrs D, Mrs L Stilgoe & Fox).

RDCC: Dondaig Wooden Heart (Mrs A Allen).

BCC: Kanix Skyfall (Mr & Mrs J Blackburn-Bennett).

RBCC: Sh Ch Sniperay Edge Of Glory JW (Mrs J Radcliffe).

BPIB: Freebreeze Gertrude Stein at Luneville (Mr N & Mrs K Macmanus).

BVIC: Sh Ch Kanix Peri Peri with Glenfinnan (Jamieson, Macara & Blackburn-Bennett).

BBSBIS, BSBGrp1, BSBIB: Droveborough Witchy Woman JW (Mrs L Barham).

VETERAN DOG (Entries: 4, Absentees: 1).

1st Sh Ch Kanix Peri Peri with Glenfinnan (Mrs L, Mr A, Mrs J & Mr J Jamieson, Macara & Blackburn-Bennett). This boy belies his age, well sized and of a strong appearance, masculine in head without being overdone. Presented a pleasing balanced outline, slightly arched neck with good length, leading to a level topline with good tailset. Deep in body and short coupled. good feet and slightly sloping pasterns. Covered the ground well, driving from the rear BVIB.

2nd Sh Ch Manchela Make My Day for Giulia (Mrs E Newberry). Excellent chiselling in this masculine head, straight in front, good spring in rib. Presented in well-muscled condition. Moved well.

3rd Tenshilling Blowin Smoke (Mrs J Bowen-Brooks). Head of decent proportions but I would have like a bit more substance. good oval bone Not quite the depth of chest of the others, nonetheless moved with a steadiness from his muscled rear.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (Entries: 8, Absentees: 2).

A trio of nice puppies all at different stages of development.

1st Pharises Drake (Mrs K & Mr S Bond). This young man is developing well, sound construction, which showed on the move. Best mover in the class. Head developing with well set dark eye.

2nd Riowood Cherry Bomb (Miss H Senior). Of larger stature than one, not quite the balance but with the larger frame will take time to fill. Shoulders well placed and long, Well-turned stifle, moved soundly.

3rd Sonham Brimstone (Mrs A D Matthews). Pleasing Front angulation Good clean neck, into shoulder. Well sprung ribs, moved out steadily.

PUPPY DOG (Entries: 8, Absentees: 2).

1st Pharises Drake (Mrs K & Mr S Bond).

2nd Heartbury Caraxes (Mrs V Norbury). Quite a balanced youngster, different build than 1, head developing well, standing on correct feet with sloping pastern, tending to carry his tail a little high today.

3rd Sonham Brimstone (Mrs A D Matthews).

JUNIOR DOG (Entries: 4, Absentees: 1).

1st Sunhouse Quintessential (Mrs R M C & Miss R Martin). A blanket black oozing quality, so balanced. Masculine in head without being overdone. Well-constructed front and back, his long reaching stride covered the ground effortlessly. Well presented. did consider him for RCC, but felt with time he is one to watch.

2nd Wilchrimane Florin to Olivesong (Mr C, Mrs J & Miss M Oliver). A flowing outline with Slightly sloping pasterns. Good length of neck well placed. Well-turned stifle and 2nd thigh. Just preferred the head proportions of 1 Moved well.

3rd Corotine Velvet Tuxedo (Miss M & Mr R Saunders & Newton). Well balanced for age, pleasing head developing, well-turned stifle, moved ok

YEARLING DOG (Entries: 4, Absentees: 0).

1st Tenshilling Hello Stranger (Mrs C J O'Neill). A well-proportioned male, short coupled, good depth and spring to rib, moved with drive and determination.

2nd Lundgarth Fly The Flag JW (Mrs S.E & Mrs S. Booth & Oddie). Not quite the proportions of one, well placed shoulders and enough depth and spring to the rib, presented in well-muscled condition. Moved well

3rd Wilchrimane Cereal Killer (Mrs A & Miss A & Miss D Siddle & Siddle & Mazzeo). Pleasant head, balanced fore & aft, moved ok.

NOVICE DOG (Entries: 7, Absentees: 3).

1st Pharises Drake (Mrs K & Mr S Bond).

2nd Hookwood Hawker (Mrs E K & Mr R Green). Another youngster with typical Pointer head, slightly arch neck of good proportions, would like a little more depth to his brisket. Well-formed feet and pastern. Moved well, tail never stopped.

3rd Wilchrimane Florin to Olivesong (Mr C, Mrs J & Miss M Oliver).

GRADUATE DOG (Entries: 4, Absentees: 0).

1st Jilony Zuess (Miss E Ram). Gave the impression of an honest Pointer, nothing overdone and everything in proportion, Masculine in head with dark eye, well bodied standing on correct feet. Moved well with drive from his muscled rear.

2nd Millpoint Bamburgh Boy (Mrs L Trueman). An upstanding dog, good shoulder placement and length of neck. Overall, for me just a little too big. Moved well

3rd Harvestslade Fire And Ice through Merynjen JW (Mrs K D Wilcox). Would not like to see this head develop anymore, body proportions ok but tended to rise over his loin which affected his outline.

POST GRADUATE DOG (Entries: 3, Absentees: 1).

1st Laveto Remember When (Mr & Mrs L Millett). Liked his overall build, strong, well-proportioned head with defined stop. Good length to neck into well placed shoulders, oval in bone. Balanced fore & aft, standing on feet fit for function. Moved out with drive

2nd Teisgol Magic (Mr P R & Mrs D E & Mrs L & Miss J G Stilgoe & Stilgoe & Fox & Fox). This boy presented a different outline, slightly shorter in body, but with good depth, excellent depth of brisket. Just preferred the head presentation on one, moved out well but today he carried his tail a little higher than I like.

LIMIT DOG (Entries: 16, Absentees: 1).

1st Dondaig Wooden Heart (Mrs A F Allen). Well chiselled head, enough width in chest to allow heart room, good depth to his brisket, good length to his pastern and correct feet, well-turned stifle, covered the ground with ease.

2nd Sunhouse I'll Be Black (ai). (Mrs R M C & Miss R Martin). Another example of a good Pointer, loved his head, well placed ears and dark eye. Well sprung in rib, good turn of stifle, unfortunately he dropped his tail on the move which spoiled the picture. But the ground conditions did not make it easy for the dogs when moving

3rd Mattiboo Bohemian Rhapsody (Mrs J Baker). good size, well-proportioned head masculine head with kindly soft expression, good width to his chest, balanced fore & aft. Would like a tighter foot.

OPEN DOG (Entries: 10, Absentees: 2).

1st Sh Ch Teisgol Keep On Going via Penwest JW (Mr P & Mrs D, Mrs L Stilgoe & Fox). From his flowing outline and drive on the move this boy fulfilled what I was looking for in a Pointer. From his masculine head of good proportions, to his overall construction he just flowed, showing a series of curves. He had correct feet and sloping pasterns allowing him to move easily with drive. His well sprung ribs, short coupled presented a picture of a dog who could do a day's work.

2nd Sh Ch Sharnphilly Boondoggle JW (Miss Oddie). Masculine in head and body proportions, correct oval bone, dark eyes, well ribbed and brisket to elbow Flows from neck to well set shoulders, presented in good hard condition, strong loin and 2nd thigh. Covered the ring with drive and purpose.

3rd Sh Ch Joneva Just My Style (Dr K & Mr & Mrs D S Bond & Rawlinson). Well bodied male, masculine in head without being overdone. Moved with style and drive, good feet

SPECIAL BEGINNERS (Entries: 6, Absentees: 0).

1st Droveborough Witchy Woman JW (Mrs L J Barham). Feminine in head, well laid shoulders, deep in chest, this lady drove from the rear with smooth efficient movement.

2nd Droveborough Hells Bells JW (Miss S Kennedy). Another with a nice head, not quite the elegance of one, good bend of stifle, presented in good condition moved out well.

3rd Sniperay Ebony Pearl (ai). (Mrs L Jenkin). Overall outline pleasing, with slightly sloping pasterns, moved ok

VETERAN BITCH (Entries: 5, Absentees: 2).

1st Nightgold Pipkin (Ms A Brooksmith). Feminine in head with dark eye and gentle expression, ear set and carriage good, good strength of neck and well laid shoulder. Deep in chest with enough width. Balanced in her angles, moved out with well.

2nd Lowsmoor Half A Sixpence JW (Mrs A Lowe). Another of feminine head proportions, good body proportions, well sprung in rib, not so good in the foot, short coupled, moved ok but not the confidence of one on the move.

3rd Sniperay Ambrosia (Mr & Mrs Pressley). Feminine in profile, pleasing head, not quite the balance of 1&2, held her topline on the move.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (Entries: 5, Absentees: 0).

1st Riowood Cherry Jubilee at Sharnphilly (Miss Oddie). Presented such a balanced picture in one so young, pleasing head and neck, oval bone, well-presented moved soundly

2nd Teisgol Snow Princess (Mr P & Mrs D, Mrs L Stilgoe & Fox). feminine in head Lighter in frame than 1 currently, straight bone nice feet and pasterns Well bent stifle Presented in good coat. Not as positive on the move today.

3rd Pharises Doja Cat (Dr K & Mr & Mrs D S Bond & Rawlinson). Pretty head, but eye shape a little to round for me currently. Developing nicely, but on the move a little close behind.

PUPPY BITCH (Entries: 2, Absentees: 0).

1st Freebreeze Gertrude Stein at Luneville (Mr N J & Mrs K M MacManus). What a little stunner, just so well put together and balanced, feminine in head, with pronounced occiput. Everything currently in proportion, well-constructed fore & aft topline held on the move. BPIB

2nd Caithpoint Keep The Heid with Moenfair (Ms K Tregaskis). Unfortunately unsettled on the move, feminine in head, dark eye. Not quite the balance of one. Oval in bone.

JUNIOR BITCH (Entries: 3, Absentees: 0).

1st El Fydal del Winepoint Natyave Grove (Imp CZE). (Mrs A Smith). A lot to like, pleasing outline, good depth to chest, symmetrical, level topline, well-turned stifle, good feet, best mover in the class with drive and determination

2nd Sunhouse Quintessence (Mrs R M C & Miss R Martin). Slightly longer cast than one, feminine in head, with appearance of a dish, held her topline on the move, presented in good hard condition

3rd Sharnphilly Lyrical (Ms A Brooksmith). Pretty head and expression. set. Good width to stifle. Moves straight and true going and coming, covering the ground with ease.

YEARLING BITCH (Entries: 10, Absentees: 0).

1st El Fydal del Winepoint Natyave Grove (Imp CZE). (Mrs A Smith).

2nd Droveborough Witchy Woman JW (Mrs L J Barham). See special beginners

3rd Daledancer Frances Mullen JW (Mrs S J Anderson Rowell). Liked the overall shape of this girl, pleasing head with good ear set , unfortunately she didn't raise her tail on the move.

NOVICE BITCH (Entries: 6, Absentees: 2).

1st Freebreeze Gertrude Stein at Luneville (Mr N J & Mrs K M MacManus).

2nd Teisgol Snow Princess (Mr P & Mrs D, Mrs L Stilgoe & Fox).

3rd Corotine Noir Blossom with Hookwood (Mrs S E & Miss C Welch & Hazeltine). Pretty girl, finer in stature and longer in body, presented in excellent condition moved ok

GRADUATE BITCH (Entries: 10, Absentees: 1).

1st Alozia Zantini (Mrs J C Cobden). Overall, a quality bitch good outline, feminine in head but with enough work. Of good body proportions, with depth and spring of rib. Angulation balanced fore & aft, correct feet and pasterns, on the move she drove from her well-muscled rear.

2nd Sonham Just A Pretty Belle (ai). JW (Mrs A D Matthews). Balanced feminine head, with expressive eyes, good depth and spring of rib. Just a shade longer in body than 1. Good turn of stifle Covered the ground well.

3rd Fleurfield Betty Barclay (Mrs M.A & Mrs J. & Mrs H Hinton & Luke & Leman). Pleasing in head and dark eye, held her outline on the move.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (Entries: 5, Absentees: 2).

1st Wilchrimane Silent Sonnet at Daledancer (Mrs S J Anderson Rowell). Symmetrical in outline, oval bone, pleasing feminine in head, clean muscular neck, presented in good hard condition, would like a little more substance overall. Moved out with drive.

2nd Jilony Zelda (Mrs S A Weaver). Smaller in frame than 1, but with a bit more substance. standing on good feet but the pastern was lacking. Topline ok, but tail carriage today let her down. Moved out well.

3rd Freebreeze Pixar at Prosperity (Miss T Cardiff). Typical in head, pleasing expression, construction ok. Just lacked a little drive on the move.

LIMIT BITCH (Entries: 11, Absentees: 2).

1st Sniperay Mattiboo Killer Queen (Mrs J Radcliffe). One I have judged before and she has matured beautifully, feminine in head, good overall construction, oval bone, well sprung in rib level top line, sloping pasterns and good feet. She covered the ground well.

2nd Sonham C'est La Vie (Mrs A D Matthews). A little finer than 1, but pleasing in head, presented a well-balanced outline. another with good proportions.

3rd Carofel If I Had Wings JW (C Guy). Another feminine girl, her outline slightly marred by a little excess weight.

OPEN BITCH (Entries: 8, Absentees: 1).

A trio of well deserving bitches, each had something to commend them.

1st Kanix Skyfall (Mr & Mrs J Blackburn-Bennett). Bitch CC This girl caught your eye as she entered the ring, she is so feminine in her appearance, well proportioned head, defined stop. Balanced fore & aft, with correct oval bone and feet. A pleasure to go over, everything flows, nothing jarring to eye or hand. On the move she covered the ground well, even with the difficult ground conditions, it didn't bother her at all. It helps to have correct foot and pastern construction. Presented in great condition

2nd Sh Ch Sniperay Edge of Glory JW (Mrs J Radcliffe). Another quality bitch, long muscular neck with long sloping shoulders, overall, well balanced, Short coupled, when moving she coped with the ground conditions, her slightly sloping pasterns and correct feet showed her drive and coverage.

3rd Fowington Lar Ti Dar at Deadaway Sgwc (Mrs J M Blowers). This girl made up this fabulous trio, a little different in style but had all the attributes of a well-balanced Pointer, fit for function. For me it was a difficult balancing act. Just a little untidy in front movement today.

CAROL HENRY - Judge