

POINTER
Bath
26th May 2007

I thank all the exhibitors for honouring me with their entry. However, in some cases they were a bitter disappointment, looking super in profile but awful on the move. I just couldn't believe the breed had changed so much in the years I have been absent from showing and judging and it begs one to think if the standard has ever been read by some who are now breeding. Heads are getting too narrow or far too short in foreface, size is getting bigger, some exhibits lack in muscle and hard condition, overweight seems to be the norm, and movement seems to take last place. That all said, there were some beautiful dogs to be seen.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (12)

1st Tarling Esrews Zacs Black. B/W baby but what a lot of potential, good head which I hope will get even better, long elegant neck, good depth, ample bone, pasterns springy, tail set OK, good bend of stifle, moved well for one so young, was delighted to make him **BP**.

2nd Eldrige Bradgate Magic Maestro. Lightly marked O/W older than 1 therefore bigger with lots of lovely bone, pleasing head, not as deep in chest as 1, excellent tail set, good top-line, only distraction would like tighter feet but that may come, and they were the right shape.

3rd Siddle Wilchrimane Obe Gold.

PUPPY DOG (5)

1st Jones Tafakis Stargazer. L/W of good shape, well shaped head set on an elegant neck, shoulders ok as are ribs and hindquarters, good oval bone, tailset a little low but runs smoothly off his back, another nice puppy.

2nd Hegarty Whipspan Shane Warne at Foxhaven. O/W very similar to 1 and an occiput is visible! Not as good in lip or stifle as 1 but still has a lovely head, long neck, good bone, well shaped feet, sloping pasterns and tailset similar to 1.

3rd Barrs-Gordon Panoply Distinctive Look.

JUNIOR DOG (6) I was very disappointed with the movement of the exhibits in this class.

1st Gordon Hawkfield Dapper in Black. B/W with a pleasant outline, for me the hindquarters catching the eye first but travelling back up to the head you find a pleasing one set on a good neck, leading back to the shoulders and depth of chest, good oval bone, well shaped feet and tailset ok.

2nd Mole Bluemantle Sweet Basil. B/W longer in body and has depth of chest like 1, preferred head of winner but has the bone you need, good pasterns, not a great bend of stifle and feet need tightening up. I liked the topline of this chap when his tail was held lower!!

3rd Welch Hookwood Hopeful Henry.

NOVICE DOG (2)

1st Hegarty Whipspan Shane Warne at Foxhaven.

POST GRADUATE DOG (10)

1st Wilcox Pipeaway Zonic Tonic for Merynjen JW. Handsome looking O/W dog with a good topline, well defined head as all are from this kennel, long arched neck, sloping shoulders leading to strong legs with resilient pasterns. Ample heart room in a good deep chest, nice spring of rib, not too long in the loin, well shaped stifle, hocks not too low, neat feet and a tail that just sweeps off his back.

2nd Murphy Prosperity Oliver Twist. B/W totally different from 1, finer all over but that doesn't mean he's lacking anywhere, there is elegance aplenty, jet black head with dark eyes, long neck with arch, strong bone of correct oval shape, feet good as are the pasterns, nicely swept back undercarriage, slight arch over the loin, not overdone in stifle, moved well which earned him his place over 3.

3rd Curran Hurwyn Jack Snipe.

LIMIT DOG (15)

1st Moulding & Marsh Billsborough's Bright Moon JW. The notes I made say that this B/W dog moves and looks like a Pointer. Lovely head with lots of working in it, neck not too long, excellent slope and angle to shoulders, front legs tucked back in correct place making a super front with balance, pasterns sloping to well shaped hare feet, good depth of chest and spring of rib, not too long in loin, not overdone in stifle was delighted to award him the **CC**.

2nd Sillince Tomlow Brief Encounter.

B/W that moved well with lots of forward extension, I liked his head and neck which, like 1, led to shoulders that were long and sloping, legs with good oval bone, springy pasterns, deep chest, good rib and hindquarters, good topline on the move.

3rd Tuite Porschet Midnight Shadow JW.

OPEN DOG (9)

1st Mesdames K S Wilberg, O'Neill & Blackburn-Bennett Sh Ch NZ Grand Aust Ch Chesterhope Lets Be Serious at Kanix. Heavily ticked O/W that outshone the rest of the class with his flowing movement. Pleasing head, elegant neck, good shoulders, legs and feet, well let down chest with a good tuck-up, spring of rib and carrying the correct weight, hindquarters well shaped and a good tailset. A very good dog. **RCC**.

2nd Crawte Sh Ch Leascliffe Cutty Sark JW Sh CM. Another good looking B/W, well defined head, not as long in neck as 1 which seems to give a little more balance, lovely shoulders, nice deep chest, legs of correct oval bone, resilient pasterns and well shaped feet, not too long in loin, good bend of stifle, was beaten on movement by 1 but he is still very good.

3rd Porschet Dark Knight.

VETERAN DOG (4) By this time it was getting too hot and the old boys were flagging a little!!!

1st Welsh Sh Ch & Ir Ch Hookwood Top Man JW Sh CM. B/W who's head says I'm all boy! Good breadth of skull and lovely stop, muscular neck that was not too long, abounds in substance, deep chest, well placed shoulders and legs, pasterns with spring and oval feet. Nice flow of stifle, well let down hocks and a tail that runs smoothly off his back. Has good movement.

2nd Andrews & Ledger Ledgands Jedi Knight. B/W with a lovely head and neck, shorter in upper arm than 1 and not as deep in chest. Pasterns a little upright, but never the less a good body shape, arch over loin and good hindquarters, nice topline and tail-set. Another good mover.

3rd Guy & Walker Lowsmoor Silent Witness at Carofel.

MINOR PUPPR BITCH (10)

1st Siddle Wilchrimane Fleur-de-Lys. Very pretty B/W baby that looks all pointer already, beautiful shape in outline, well defined head, nice length of foreface, arched neck, good shoulder placement, strong bone to well placed forelegs, sloping pasterns and oval feet. Chest well let down, not too long in body or over-angulated in stifle, tail sweeps smoothly off her back. I like her.

2nd Eldridge Bradgate Mystic Mawake. Very similar to 1, there was not much to choose between them, all the afore mentioned apply to this young lady apart from the head which I thought to be narrower, and the pasterns not quite as resilient, but time is on her side. Two very nice puppies which I hope will go a long way.

3rd Welham Barryanne Impulse.

PUPPY BITCH (11)

1st Evans Joneva Waiting in the Wings. I think this B/W young lady is one to watch, everything seems to be in the right place, lovely head with the correct proportions, neck that melts into super shoulders, blades that have a lovely angle, good oval bone to legs, pasterns springy, well shaped feet, chest nice and deep, good spring to rib, not too long in body, good hindquarters, well set tail, moved well when she settled.

2nd Jones Tafakis For My Love. O/W baby with lots of potential, good head and neck, oodles of well shaped bone, good body shape, I preferred the hindquarters of 1 but she went well when she got her head off the ground.

3rd Eldridge Bradgate Mystic Mawake.

JUNIOR BITCH (11)

1st Weaver Anniezu Reet Petite. B/W that moved well, I liked her head with it's nice deep stop and occiput, clean neck and angulated shoulders, well let down chest, good legs and hare feet, nice topline, loin not too long, strong hindquarters, would like to see her wag the tail on the move.

2nd Milford Haramander Tangerine Dream. O/W that is bigger than 1 but who has similar attributes and lovely outline. Pleasing head and neck, good angulation to shoulders and correct depth of chest, slightly better in bend of stifle than 1, moved nicely.

3rd Tarling Esrews Rhyiming.

NOVICE BITCH (8)

1st Tarling Plasllyn Top Girl. L/W with flowing lines, nice head and kind eye, elegant neck, good angulation to shoulders, not quite the depth of chest as 2, oval bone to legs and springy pasterns, hare feet, nice length to loin, stifle not overdone, good hocks and tailset. Moved well.

2nd Bannister & May Janeryl's Orchid Princess. A more workman like B/W, shorter in body and fore-arm than 1, pleasing head, clean neck, great depth of chest and spring of rib, resilient pasterns and well shaped feet, strong hindquarters, not quite as good on the move as 1.

3rd Milford Haramander Tangerine Dream.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (17)

1st Lowe Lowsmoor Echo Falls. B/W with good conformation, good head with neat ears, elegant neck and shoulders, legs set in correct place, lovely pasterns and feet, chest to the elbows, good spring of rib and tuck-up, arch over loin, well muscled hindquarters, nice sweep to stifle and well let down hocks, went well.

2nd Young Aurichalcum Two to Tango. There was not a lot to choose between this L/W young lady and 1. I just preferred the depth of chest on 1, but all the same comments apply, good head, neck, shoulders, legs, pasterns, feet, top-line, hindquarters, movement, all in all, two very nice bitches.

3rd Huxley Woodfleet Siennarian.

LIMIT BITCH (21)

1st Turnbull Juennerfly Angelica at Beridew. This B/W bitch took my eye as soon as she entered the ring with her super movement and she didn't disappoint when I went over her. Lovely head, neck and shoulders with correct angle to them, good oval bone to legs and spiny pasterns, well shaped feet, lovely depth to chest and spring of rib, flows with elegance to well muscled hindquarters, nice bend of stifle and hocks well let down, excellent top-line and a tail that just continues off her back without a dip over the croup. She looks all Pointer and just had to give her the **CC** and **BoB**, was delighted she was pulled out in last 8 for BiS.

2nd Twyman Bracendown Buds of May. Smaller L/W with quality, beautiful head and neck, good shoulders, legs, pasterns and feet, not as deep in chest as 1, flows to well muscled hindquarters and a neat bee-sting tail. Another really good mover.

3rd Clifton Tzaziki Diamond Cascade over Moreglen JW.

OPEN BITCH (11)

1st Lowe Lowsmoor Fiddlers Point. Sweet headed B/W with neat vine-leaf shaped ears, neck not too long giving balance, shoulders, legs and feet good, as is her depth of chest and spring of rib. Lovely sweep to stifle, well let down hocks, another one with muscle and moved well.

2nd Dyer Sh Ch Sharnphilly Simply the Best. Not as deep in chest as 1 which cost her the place but an elegant looking B/W, lovely head and neck, well placed shoulders, good legs, pasterns and feet, nice spring of rib, not too long in loin, good hindquarters with bend of stifle, tail-set good and moved well.

3rd Preece Sh Ch Pipeaway Solar Corona over Harvestslade.

VETERAN BITCH(5)

1st Lowe Lowsmoor Juliet Bravo. She may be grey but can she move! Good head on well muscled neck, lovely shoulders, legs, pasterns and feet, deep chest and spring of rib, good loin, tuckup flows to well muscled quarters, good stifle and hocks. **RCC**. and **BV**.

2nd Thorley Teddyhawks Izzy Myakki. O/W who was fed up by this time. However she moved well and has a lovely head with a soft expression. Good neck and shoulders but not as deep in chest as 1, nice top-line and hindquarters, lovely bend to stifle and well let down hocks.

3rd Bastin Jarobede Honeysuckle.

Judge - Mrs D L Dufton