Blackpool Championship Show 23rd June 2007 Judge Mrs Gail Simmons

My apologies for the lateness of this report I had half of it done when my mother was taken ill and subsequently died and I have struggled to get back into things.

My thanks to the committee for the invitation and to the exhibitors for their support. The bitches were more consistent in type and quality than the dogs and were thus harder to judge. I found the dogs had a definite dividing line. I think we should all, myself included, look hard at our handling some dogs that moved poorly when left to their own devices improved greatly. It is an old cliché but in quite a few of my placings decisions were close. I think we need to watch the size, some dogs were very heavy and some bitches doggy in appearance. I was so disappointed that there were four bitches that I like who were "hormonal" I would also say that there were four youngsters that pushed hard in the challenge but the more mature dogs just had the edge.

MPD 5(1) 1. Siddle's Wilchrimane Obe Gold 2. Andrews & Ledger's Ledgands Magic N Mayhem. Two very nice puppies, the first was more mature in body at present giving a slightly better outline. Preferred the head of second and he was slightly steadier on the move. 3. Prince's Groma Rock Ledgand

PD (8) A lovely class 1. Rose's Ridanflight Rockhampton o/w 10 month A puppy I have liked from the ringside. Pleasing in his overall shape and appearance but hope he doesn't get heavier. Well muscled boy, good expanse of thigh with a lovely outline. Balanced head, kind expression good ear set. Best puppy 2 Edmondson's Crookrise Flyaway lemon/white 10 month, Suffering slightly from a swollen nose due to an injury, had a lovely shaped head and soft expression, carried himself well on the move keeping his body shape, good forechest and level tail carriage. Another with good muscle tone. 3. Cherry's Shanadi Master Class.

JD 6(1) 1. Yoe's Trexon Tick Tack b/w 15 month 2. Beesley's Birchleith Barbican Beau b/w 13 month. Both these boys were well boned but not overdone and had forechest, good general shape and tail set. Preferred the head shape, ear set and pasterns on first. 3. Gordon's Hawkfield Dapper in Black

GD 8(!) Udales Feddie Flintoff When this dog entered the ring he took my eye straight away and thought he could have been my cc winner, in the challenge he needed to tighten up in the front If you get the chance to touch this dog do he is in such superb hard muscular condition without being over done b/w 22 month slightly rangier than 2nd lovely head another with the soft expression wide nostrils, not the depth of body of 2nd and would prefer a shorter tail Liked his sping of rib, coupling in proportion to his body and low hocks. 2. Westaway's Penwest Palamedes b/w 20 month. Not as big as 1 preferred his feet, tail and length of upper arm. Have seen him move better 3. Hinton & Richard's Fleurfields Frosty Jack

PGD 10(2) A good class The first two on going over them were very hard to part the first just flowed and was slightly more symmetrical and held himself together on the move more he also had a better shaped foot and was a little longer in upper arm. 1 Yeo's Trexon Travellers Trick I/w 2year old 2. Nelis' e Fowington Bruar of Freebreeze b/w 3year A bit heavier than first very similar in shape preferred his ear set 3. Berry & Langford's Papermill Printer

LD 7(1) 1st & RCC Ingham & Edmondson's Wherathy Walter at Calderside 5 year old b/w I feel this dog is coming to his best I have liked him a from a youngster Pleased me for his balance, type, lay back of shoulder and angle and length of upper arm, depth of chest, short coupled good tail set and expanse of thigh kept himself together on the move pushed hard in the challenge. 2. Moulding & Marsh's Billsborough Bright Moon 2 year b/w this youngster pleased me when standing and a lot of the remarks for the first apply however on the move was wide in front and had to pay the price against the more mature dog. 3 Brown's Freebreeze Flavio of Ramsayville

OD (7) All five placings were worthy champions and some decisions were hair splitting. 1st & CC & BOB Edmondson & Robertshaw's Sh Ch Crookrise Rhum This dog has improved so much from last year since he lost weight his owner has him just right and in lovely hard condition It is such a shame that he flies his tail on the move but in the challenge against the bitch he actually carried it level for a brief moment which gave him the edge. Has a lovely melting expression, dark eye and rim neat ears, arched neck, lay back of shoulder would prefer slightly longer upper arm but still had the front extension on the move. Deep brisket to the elbows good forechest and expanse of thigh. 2 Masters & Pavey's Sh Ch Manchela Innuendo I have judged this dog before as a youngster and liked him then but he played his handler up and I gave him some advice – it works on other people just not on my dogs! From there he started winning CC's and his owner blames me! Slightly rangier than first appealed for his general shape and balance better rear angulation. Both these dogs held their body shape and balance on the move covered the ground well. 3 Wilbberg, O'Neil and Balckburn's Sh Ch/GR N Chestrehope Lets Be Serious at Kanix.

VD 5 a lovely class movement was good all three had lovely body shape. 1 Brown's Sh Ch Freebreeze American Frost of Ramsayville 2. MacManus' Crookrise Wide Awake Both collected on the move first had slightly longer upper arm, rangier than second who had lovely feet. 3 Andrews & Ledger's Ledgands Jedi Knight.

MPB (4)

Two pretty feminine and promising babies both needing time both 8 month b/w !.Wilkinson's Hurwyn Scissor Sister slightly longer in body than 2 but had the depth of chest liked her head and overall shape for her age 2. Wilberg's Bradgate Mystic Makua at Kanix loved the shape of this puppy more mature in body than 1 but needs more confidence on the move wasn't as steady as 1. 3. Baillie and Earl's Medagold Speak Softly

PB(6,1) 1 Barker's Flinthill Jenny Wren BBP b/w 9 month puppy. Lovely balanced head and kind expression flowed through from the tip of her nose to the tip of her tail. Good in forechest, layback of shoulder, depth of brisket kept herself together on the move. 2. Williams and Wilberg's Ridanflight Ruahine at Kanix 10month o/w I have liked this girls in the past but today spoilt her outline by leaning forward and was carrying too much weight however did like her length of upper arm, layback of shoulder, head, tighter feet than first 3. Thorley's Gempoint Form N Beauty

JB (10,1) 1.Barker's Flinthill Wild Thyme JW a quality b/w who I feel with maturity will trouble the best very feminine lovely head with soft expression and correct shaped eye good in body shape, depth of chest sloping pasterns and tail set 2. Robertshaw's Crookrise Moondance o/w didn't have the body of first needs to put on a bit of weight but a pleasing shape, alert and for me exuded pointer character, steady on the move. 3. Tibbs' Raigmore Quest

GB (10,2) Two lovely girls both excelled in body shape, forechest, return of upper arm a very close decision. In the end 1 had lower set hocks and moved the best I have seen her go. !. Wilkinson's Hurwyn Eau de Cologne 2, Blackburn-Bennett's Chesterhope North'n' Breeze 3. Robertson's Keepersfield Highland Rose

PGB (14,3) 1. Edmondson's Crookrise White Lace beautiful 2yr o/w for me the one that was a true pointer, balanced head held high on a slightly arched neck set into well laid back shoulders and well angulated front. Lovely bone, sloping pasterns, strong over the loin, depth of chest, tail set and expanse of thigh, in the challenge had to give way on maturity RCC 2. Westaway's Penwest Pallas much to like about this bitch today just didn't sparkle liked her for her overall shape and balance was better in 2nd thigh than first 3. Huxley's Woodfleet Siennarain

LB (9) 1 O'Driscoll's Fowington Alabama Slammer 5yr b/w liked this bitch as a baby puppy and whilst she is slightly heavier through than I prefer she pleased me in her balanced head and ears had a crested neck well set into her shoulders good spring and depth of rib,good expense of thigh and second thigh and tail set CC. In the challenge against the dog just preferred his balance. 2 Banks's Teddyhawks Miss Brodie 4 yr I/w a rangier bitch than first would have preferred more depth in body but a feminine girl good in front and expanse of thigh, both these girls moved steadily. 3. Grimes & Byrne's Ansona Fool Britannia at Enryb JW

OB (10,2) Both these girls were in lovely muscular condition, moved well and were very similar 1 Westron's Aurchalum the Avenger JW 4yr o/w Judged this girl as a puppy and she has fulfilled her promise but today in the challenge for higher honours had to give way due a false pregnancy. Beautiful head and soft expression good front assembly with forechest and depth lovely body shape so balanced through good expanse of thigh and perpendicular hocks. 2. Kelly's Peakdale Joy of Kelval 6yr o/w just lost out to 1st on second thigh and was slightly plainer in head 3. Sh Ch Sharnpilly Simply the Best

VB (5,2) 1. Collier's Flinthill Tinkerbell 9yr b/w. Carrying her age well, moved freely and covered the ground, lovely shape, flowed through.. 2Thorley's Teddyhawks Izzy Myaki 9yr o/w slightly better in the length of upper arm but not as good on the move as first 3. Roberts' Phelwell Cloverdale Jewel.

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