

POINTER
CRUFTS - Thursday 8th March 2007

Firstly I would like to thank my ring stewards Peter and Arthur for their unstinting work throughout the day. As I have not frequented the show ring for some time I will just mention some of the uncharacteristic faults that I feel are creeping into the breed. Some exhibits I found to be heavy in bone, some to have long harsh coats and there were quite a few lacking in oval feet with well knit arched toes. I also found several exhibits in very soft condition who would benefit from a lot more exercise. It is also necessary to have strength over the loin to achieve a series of graceful curves as shape is so important. Width of thigh is something that appears to be lacking in many exhibits. I would also like to have seen a lot more tail action on the move. On the plus side, a lot of exhibits were teeming with quality, this was evident in many of the dogs but more so in the bitches. When it came to the line up for all unbeaten bitches all were without doubt of excellent quality presenting many of the wonderful characteristics that make the breed so beautiful and a joy to see.

VETERAN DOG (11,2)

1st MacManus's Crookrise Wide Awake. 7yrs b/w. Good conformation, top line and tail set. Pleasing head and kindly expression. Moved soundly with correct action.

2nd Prince's Groma's Rusty Nail. 8yrs o/w. Pleasing head and expression. Good body shape. Moved well but when standing was rolling his back feet forward taking his weight on his toes.

3rd Andrews & Ledger's Ledgands Jedi Knight. 7yrs b/w. Dished head with nice small ears and kindly expression. Good body shape but didn't quite hold his top line on the move as 1 and 2.

Special PUPPY DOG (10,1)

1st Robertshaw's Crookrise Fly Me To The Moon. O/w of lovely quality with a correct coat and in excellent firm condition. Strong lithesome body, good front and quarters. Lovely head and expression. Moved well. When it came to the challenge for Best Puppy I preferred the bitches tail set and carriage.

2nd Ingram's Hawkfield Black Tie. B/w of nice quality. Good head, neat ears, shoulders well laid back. Good body shape. Moved well. Preferred the front and feet of 1.

3rd Beesleys Birchleith Barbican Beau. B/w of good quality with pleasing body shape, tail set, front and quarters. Moved well. I preferred head and ears of 1 and 2.

Special JUNIOR DOG (13,2)

1st Westaway's Penwest Palamedes. B/w. Very pleasing head and expression. Good eye and nice pronounced occiput. Of good conformation, well set bee sting tail. Moved soundly with drive and energy. Good width of thigh.

2nd Walking's Penwest Phineas At Kiswahili. Liv/w. He had good depth of brisket, clean lines and good tail set. Moved well. Lost to 1 on head although had a sweet expression.

3rd Udale's Freddie Flintoff. B/w Lovely head and expression, top line and tail set. Covers a lot of ground. I feel he needs more time to mature and achieve his full potential. He was keen and full of energy.

YEARLING DOG (11,2)

1st Miller & Ormerod's Galema Viking. O/w. More settled in this class when on the move than in the previous one. Good shape, top line and tail set. Good head with kindly expression.

2nd O'Gorman's Parkpoint Bucks Fizz. O/w of sound body with good tail set. Nice feet with arched toes. Moved well. Skull a little broad.

3rd Barrs-Gordon's Panoply Limited Edition. B/w. Pleasing body shape and tail set, used tail well on the move. Not quite the overall balance of 1 and 2.

POST GRADUATE DOG (22,2)

1st Speakman's Whipsan Namatjira RCC. O/w Lovely shape and quality with long neck and well balanced head. Good width of thigh, nice arched toes. Moved well with drive and style. Was pleased to award him the **Res CC**.

2nd Simmons's Crookrise Macawley at Galema. B/w. Again of excellent quality. Lovely shape, top line and tail set. Long neck and well balanced head with good expression. Moved soundly and well but with not quite the vigour of 1.

3rd O'Driscoll's Fleetstalk Zap Via Fowington. O/w. Another of very good quality, nice body shape in firm condition. Good neck, front and feet. Nice dished head and sweet expression. Moved well with energy and drive. Lacking a little in width of thigh.

Mid LIMIT DOG (10,1)

1st Tarling's Esrews Top Gaffer. B/w. Good quality. Pleasing head and eye. Long neck, good shoulders, front and feet. Nice top line and tail set. Moved well using his tail.

2nd Baillie & Earl's Shanandi Hot Pepper At Bolaney. B/w. Another of good quality, well balanced with pleasing head and eye. Good top line and tail set. Not as settled on the move.

3rd Knighton's Handsway Sultan Of Swing. B/w. Dished head and kindly eye. Long neck set into well laid back shoulders. Good body shape with well set tail. Moved soundly, carrying too much weight.

LIMIT DOG (7,2)

1st Swift's Hampsbeck Chaos. B/w. Good dished head, long neck set into well laid back shoulders. Pleasing body shape and tail set. Moved soundly.

2nd Boughton & Kempster's Duncarreg Regal Realm. Liv/w. Good overall shape, top line and tail set. Head not so dished as 1. Unsettled on the move.

3rd Black's Raigmore Endeavor. O/w. Well balanced head with good dark eye. Pleasing top line and tail set. Good depth of brisket. Moved well. Not as good as 1 and 2 in feet.

OPEN DOG (11,0)

1st Wilberg O'Neill & Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch/Gr NZ/Aust Ch Chesterhope Lets Be Serious At Kanix CC & BOB. O/w. A series of graceful lines. Good head shape, long neck set into well laid back shoulders. Very nice top line and tail set. Good front and feet. Well turned stifles and width of thigh. Moved well with style and vigour. Daisy cutting front action. Was pleased to award him **CC**. When it came to the challenge for BOB I preferred the eye and expression of the bitch but the dog won on his overall shape, front action and ring presence. I was pleased to see that he went on to win **3rd in the Gundog group**.

2nd Biles & Smith's Jesterly Evening Glow JW ShCM. B/w of pleasing quality with good body shape, top line and tail set. Correct coat and carrying the right amount of body. Moved soundly.

3rd Edmondson & Robertshaw's Sh Ch Crookrise Rhum. B/w. Again very nice quality. In good condition with nice body shape, tail set, front and feet. I preferred the quarters of 1 and 2.

WORKING GUNDOG DOG (2,0)

1st Robertshaw's Ch Crookrise Hi-Jack. B/w. Lovely head and soft expression. Strong body with good top line and tail set. Good neck, shoulders, front and feet. He moved soundly with lightness and vigour. The second time I asked him to move he favoured his front left foot but he went on to win his place on his overall conformation as I was happy with his initial movement.

2nd O'Driscoll's Ch Fowington Fastlap. B/w. Good quality with well dished head and kind expression. Good top line and tail set. Strong body, well muscled. Moved well, I preferred the front and quarters of 1.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG (4,0)

1st Ch Crookrise Hi-Jack

2nd Crookrise Wide Awake

3rd Nelis's Fowington Bruar Of Freebreeze. B/w. Good depth of brisket, pleasing body shape and tail set. Good head with nice eye and soft expression. He moved well. I preferred the tail set of 1 and 2. Was in softer condition.

VETERAN BITCH (13,3)

1st Skinner & Wilson's Sh Ch Bonnygate Gunns' N 'Roses. 7yrs B/w. Nice body shape and tail set. Good quarters, front and feet. Nicely balanced head with good eye and expression. Moved soundly to win this very good class.

2nd Russell's Sh Ch Lynwater Frosty Welcome of Crookrise. 8yrs O/w. As above, correctly constructed. Good length of neck springing from well laid back shoulders. Moved with style and drive. Preferred skull shape of 1.

3rd Drake's Clamerkin Certain Style. 8yrs O/w. Again of good shape. Nice bend of stifle. Moved well. Not quite as much dish in head and I preferred tail set of 1 and 2, but nevertheless of nice quality.

Special PUPPY BITCH (11,0)

1st Barker's Flinthill Wild Thyme - B/w. Well balanced, good body shape, tail set and tail which she carried well on the move. Good angulation and nicely shaped feet. She has a well dished head, sweet expression, long neck and laid back shoulders. When settled moved well. Was pleased to award her **best puppy in breed**.

2nd Dyer's Sharnphilly Complimentary. B/w. As above in shape, good angulation and feet. Pleasing head and expression. Good length of neck and well laid back shoulders. Not as settled on the move and I preferred the tail set of 1.

3rd Klein-Woolthuis's Haxalgate Theine. O/w. Pleasing head and expression, ears rather long. Nice long neck and laid back shoulders with a good top line. Straighter in stifle than 1 and 2 and movement not so settled.

Special JUNIOR BITCH (17,4)

1st Collins's Penwest Palba At Sobranya. O/w. Very sweet head and expression. Lovely long neck and good shoulders. Well balanced with flowing top line and well set short tail. Good angulation in quarters. Moved soundly with style.

2nd Wilkinson's Hurwyn Eau De Cologne. O/w. Very good body shape and tail set. Good bee sting tail. Nicely shaped feet. Well dished head. I would have preferred a little more length of foreface. Moved well.

3rd Simmons's Galema Bodacia. Lem/w. As above in body shape and tail set. Good feet and moved well. Pleasing soft expression but I would have preferred more work in the head.

YEARLING BITCH (13,1)

1st Edmondson's Crookrise White Lace. O/w. Very energetic and stylish. Nicely dished head, good ear set. Kind expression. Good length of neck. Lovely top line and tail set. Nicely shaped short tail. Moved with vigour holding her top line well.

2nd Taylor's Jilony Life Begins. B/w. Pleasing body shape and head shape with kind expression. Well shaped feet. Moved well. Preferred 1 over the croup.

3rd Westron's Aurichalcum C'Est La Vie. O/w. Nicely balanced head with good length of foreface. Long neck set into well laid back shoulders. Hare shaped feet and good turn of stifle. Not as settled on the move.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (18,3)

1st Mason's Crookrise Touch Of Gold. Lem/w. Very clean lines. Pleasing head, eye and expression. Lovely neck and shoulders. A feminine bitch. Moved well with drive.

2nd Siddle's Wilchrimane Dark Silk. B/w. Nice deep brisket. Well balanced. Pleasing lines and turn of stifle. Moved well.

3rd Wilkinson & O'Neil's Hurwyn Heard A Rumour. O/w. Well balanced head, good eye and kindly expression. Strong body. Preferred 1 and 2 over the croup. Moved well.

Mid LIMIT BITCH (15,3)

1st MacManus's Crookrise Arran. O/w. Lovely long neck. Sweet head and expression. Strong body. Nicely shaped bee sting tail. Sloping resilient pasterns. Moved well

2nd Fox's Whipspan Anna Pavlova Of Dappleline. O/w. Dished head, clean neck. Good depth of body. Well arched toes, hare shaped feet. Moved well.

3rd Prince's Crankcross Classic In April At Groma. O/w. Nice skull shape, kind dark eye. Would have liked a little more depth of muzzle. Shoulders well laid back. Moved well.

LIMIT BITCH (18,4)

1st Grime & Byrne's Ansona Fool Britannia At Enryb JW. B/w. Lovely stylish shape with excellent top line. She has a very nice tail set. Good head and expression. Long neck, good shoulders. Excels in well angulated quarters and width of thigh. Moved well, I was pleased to award her the **Res CC**.

2nd Isherwood's Pipeaway Steel Magnolia With Symitry. B/w. Nicely dished head with soft expression. I liked her depth of body and her shoulders. Quarters well angulated. Nice tight feet. Moved well. I preferred 1 over the croup.

3rd Westron's Aurichalcum The Avenger JW. O/w. Very clean lines. Good coat, dished head. Shoulders well laid back. Correct feet. Good bee sting tail. Not as settled on the move.

OPEN BITCH (14,3)

1st Critchley's Sh Ch Whipspan Coober Pedy. O/w. Very sweet head with lovely eye and expression. Long neck, well laid back shoulders. Held her top line when on the move. Well turned stifles, good driving action. Very feminine bitch. I was pleased to award her the **CC**.

2nd Dyer's Sh Ch Sharnphilly Simply The Best Sh CM. B/w. Again of good quality. Good depth of brisket and spring of rib. Well turned stifles and correct hare shaped feet. Moved well with drive and energy. I preferred the head and neck of 1.

3rd Tibbs's Raigmore Cutty Sark. B/w. Quality bitch with good body shape and a nice well set bee sting tail. Well turned stifles and good feet. Moved soundly.

FIELD TRIAL BITCH (2,0)

1st Blowers's Sharnphilly Wilma At Deadaway. B/w. Good strong body. Long neck, well laid back shoulders. Good depth of brisket and spring of rib. Moved well with style and vigour.

2nd Blowers's Bonnygate Just A Madam For Deadaway. O/w. Nicely balanced head, good dark eye with kind expression. Strong body with good bee sting tail. Not the extension of 1 when standing or on the move.

GOOD CITIZEN BITCH (6,0)

1st Stangroom's Janeryl's Desert Flower at Lappakia. B/w. Good length of neck, well laid back shoulders. Pleasing head and expression. Brisket well let down. Resilient sloping pasterns. Good feet, moved well.

2nd Whipspan Anna Pavlova Of Dappleline.

3rd Walton's Esrews Serenade. B/w. Nice head, good dark eye, kind expression. Good length of neck and well laid back shoulders. Correct feet. Not as settled on the move.

Judge - Fran Barr