

The Pointer Club Open Show - July 14, 2007
Judge: Mrs Flo Barker

My thanks to the committee and stewards for an enjoyable day and to exhibitors for an excellent entry of 116 dogs with 81 present. This gave a good cross section of the breed showing the current variation in type and I was surprised but pleased to find my main winners all carried similar lines. I was spoilt for choice in the bitch classes though quite a number carried too much weight and were lacking in muscle. The quality of dogs varied and movement was often disappointing even allowing for windy conditions and a rather small ring. But there are some excellent young dogs just coming into maturity auguring well for the future. I only found one bad mouth.

DOGS - MP 1 (4,1a) Tait's Tomlow Visual Effect to Moordale, 8 month liver/w, won on overall balance and back angulation with good reach of neck and kind expression. Moved steadily. BPD 2 Andrews and Ledger's Ledgands Magic n Mayhem, very raw 8 month old o/w, lovely type. Didn't settle in small ring but one to watch as he matures; 3 Collins' Medogold Typhoon Ginger.

P (2, 1) 1 L Magic n Mayhem 2 Eldridge's Bradgate Magic Maestro, 9month o/w, another needing time to body up and I preferred head of 1.

J (4,3) 1 Beesley's Birchleith Barbican Beau, b/w son of BIS dog, of striking type and elegance. Long muscular neck to powerful front with deep brisket, slightly sloping topline to muscular hindquarters. Strode out round the ring. Should have good future. RBD 2 Gordon's Hawfield Dapper in Black, b/w dog of heavier build than 1 but well constructed. Didn't settle on move and I preferred head and overall shape of 1. 3 Welch's Hookwood Hopeful Henry.

Y (4,2) 1 Langford's Papermill Cartridge, b/w with very typey head and expression, good tail carriage and won on movement. 2 McBurnie & Nicholls Stonesview Aces High, preferred this b/wdog's overall construction but he was not happy on move; 3 Pickard's Bestina Lemmon Drop Kid.

N (4,1) 1 P Cartridge 2 L Magic n Mayhem 3 B Magic Maestro

G (4,1) Good class 1 Walkling's Penwest Phineas at Kiswahili JW, well balanced liver/w, won on powerful movement though rather proud of his tail today. Kind expression and chiselled head, deep chest and good spring of rib. 2 Stilgoe's Teisgol Tanzanite JW, b/w not the smooth movement of 1 but clean lines and but good back quarters; 3 Jilony Springwater JW

PG (4) 1 Westaway's Penwest Palamedes, b/w litter brother to previous class winner with similar attributes. Purposeful, steady movement, well built with lovely curves; 2 Lockwood's Bonnygate Indian Chief at Lockenna, b/w with strong front, well muscled, with flowing movement. Preferred hindquarters of 1; 3 Shaw's Azophi Moonthunder for Millpoint.

L (2,2) 1 Wilson's Bonnygate Imperial Choice, compact b/w, built for speed and stamina. Fits the standard so well, from his classic head with alert and intelligent expression to the tip of his neat tail which he lashed as he covered the ground with effortless stride. Well muscled with good front and strong hindquarters. BD & BIS 2 Stilgoe's Teisgol King Henry, b/w blanket marked, with pleasing head and expression; 3 Knighton's Handsway Sultan of Swing.

O (2,1) 1 Anthony's Jilony Strongbow JW ShCM, b/w with slightly sloping topline, well constructed with good turn of stifle and width, moved steadily with drive. 2 Smith & Carter's Medogold Dan Tastic ShCM, striking b/w, strong all through with pleasing outline and head.

VD/B (4,3) Super class of well cared for senior citizens. 1 Welch's Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Hookwood Top Man JW, 9 years young, privilege to go over this well-known dog. Smooth, steady movement belies his age, so well balanced in construction with wise kindly expression. Close up for RBD; 2 Tait's Moordale Golden Rod, lemon/w dog, 8 years, liked his overall shape and he moved well, using his tail; 3 Stilgoe's Hurwyn Hannibal Hayes at Teisgol.

BITCHES – MP (2,2) 1 Shaw's Sativus All About Eve, very pretty and alert 7 month b/w, so well put together for her age, with good topline and straight hocks; 2 Welch's Ponte Extra Special with Hookwood, liver/w heavier built than 1 and needs time to grow into herself.

P (4,3) 1 Kiddy's Jilony Magic Mint of Millpoint, 10 months b/w, neatly constructed with feminine head and sweet expression. Good back angulation, sloping pasterns, good tail. Moved precisely; BPB & BPIS 2 Smith & Carter's Medogold Pearl Power over Blueyonda, 11 months, preferred size of 1 but this larger pup is elegant with sloping well laid back shoulders and good topline; 3 Tait's Tomlow Prelude to Moordale. JB (5,1) 1 Tibbs' Raigmore Quest, b/w lovely shape and balance with good length of neck and tail carriage although quite flighty when moving, probably distracted by the wind; 2 Kiddy's Shanandi Madonna for Millpoint, 10 month b/w pup, nice shape but just not as confident as winner; 3 Huxley's Woodfleet Lookin for Truble.

Y (13) Good class of up and coming beauties 1 Collins' Penwest Palba at Sobranya, o/w litter sister of G & PG dog winners. So typey with a beautiful head and expression, showing smooth, and easy ground-covering movement, using tail. Still to mature but everything's in the right place and this is one to watch. Close up for RBB. 2 Westaway Penwest Pallas, b/w litter sister to previous winner - what a litter! Balanced all through with beautiful curve to her hindquarters. Not as steady on move as winner; 3 Gordon's Shanandi Raising a Riot at Hawkfield.

N (7) 1 J Magic Mint of Millpoint 2 W Lookin for Truble, elegant b/w with time on her side; 3 M Pearl Power over Blueyonda.

G (8,6) 1 Wilson's Bonnygate Just Diana, o/w, what a picture, standing free and scenting the wind, ready to take off after birds. Lovely shape and well muscled, moved like a dream with head up, using tail and a light, ground covering stride. RBB 2 Walton's Esrews Serenade, b/w compact girl with good front and pleasing head. 3 M Pearl Power over Blueyonda.

PG (7,4) Another high quality class. 1 Tait's Stonesview Fudge at Moordale, o/w, would benefit from less weight but won for lightness of step and flowing movement, using her neat tail with super head carriage. Compact with good spring of rib. 2 Wilkinson & O'Neil's Hurwyn I Heard a Rumour, classic, well-balanced o/w with beautiful head and expression, moved well using tail; 3 Westaway's Penwest Paza.

L (8,3) 1 Turnbull's Juennerfly Angelica at Beridew, b/w, with nothing exaggerated or flashy. An honest dog, lovely length and shape and I forgave her extra weight due, I found out later, to a phantom pregnancy. Good front, deep brisket and hindquarters with the sweep of stifle lacking in many dogs. Moved well, using her tail. BB & RBIS 2 Huxley's Woodfleet Siennarain, alert liver/w, still to mature, with good head and gentle expression, moved well; 3 Macmanus' Crookrise Arran at Luneville.

O (6,3) 1 Tibbs' Raigmore Cutty Sark, very typey b/w combining strength and stamina with elegance. Well muscled, stunning head and expression. Moved well in class but sadly, didn't give of her best in the challenge. 2 Langford's Papermill Pippin, o/w pocket sized pointer, super mover holding topline and using tail. Just preferred hindquarters of 1; 3 Hambling's Shanandi Tabasco with Chaseover. **SpB** (4) 1 C Arran at Luneville, o/w, lovely type and beautiful head and expression, excellent reach of neck and neat tail. Moved well. 2 E Serenade 3 Weaver's Anniezu Reet Petite.

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