

Manchester Champ Show Sunday 18th January 2009

First of all, I would like to thank the stewards whose diligence in administrating my entry was greatly appreciated. Second, thank you for presenting all exhibits in clean condition with the added bonus of good handling. My observations of the breed since my last judging is that it is sad to see that some of what one would consider the "older" lines disappearing, however, there are some equally strong "new" lines that are well worth considering. On the negative side, there are a few points that still need to be addressed. There were a few suspect mouths particularly in the dogs, also, upright pasterns and short in for arm, is still prevalent, which completely throws the dog in profile out of proportion, not to mention a stilted action when on the move. But a knock on effect and even more worrying is the steep, sloping top line on some exhibits, which made for over angulated, weak hindquarters and close "sloppy" movement. A little slope compliments, but certainly not a lot. I do recommend that when following a breed programme, one addresses the breed standard before considering which direction to take otherwise, future breeders and spectators will think the for-mentioned the norm. On the positive side, I had many lovely Pointers that I believe conformed to our breed standard: in fact I was spoilt for choice and many, what I consider "good" Pointers missed out in placement. Thankfully, the somewhat "hard" expression that one occasionally met seems to be disappearing and the "kind" expression are once more prevalent. Additionally, it was pleasing to see good temperaments with all exhibits showing no sign of nervousness both from being handled and on the move. Overall, as when I judged three year ago, I found the bitch classes more superior with many showing sign of future promise. The ring was small and exhibits were unable to move as freely as I would have liked, however, my observations were based on the space available, and on the day. I consider I was fortunate to have such a wonderful entry and another day, many could change places.

Minor Puppy Dog(5)

1 Wilson's Joneva Regal Reflection. A mature balanced youngster with good quarters fore and aft, which offered a pleasing profile both stacked and on the move: particularly liked his substance and good bone not forgetting the slightly sloping pasterns.

2 Tibb's Raigmore Dusk till Dawn. Good quarters both fore and aft: particularly liked his long muscular neck and top line, which held well on the move: a confident mover that should mature well.

3 Pimblett's Hilldon the Navigator.

Puppy Dog(7)

1 Williams and Rose's Kanix Ace at Ridanflight. I feel this kennel is heading in the right direction with this youngster: not overdone in any way showing a touch of the "older" lines with plenty of bone and substance that added to his maturity. Standing foursquare true, I particularly liked the head and expression plus, the way he held his top line on the move. A lot to like about this young man, he should have a good future. As is the norm with this handler, shown and moved offering a pleasing profile.

2 Stilgoe's Dobelands Beauclerc from Teisgol. This kennel has an eye for excellent confirmation, which shows in this youngster. Moved and shown offering a well balanced profile both fore and aft, holding his top line with confidence: on the day, my first just tipped the scales on maturity.

3 Martin's Sunhouse Aftershock.

Junior Dog(4,2)

1 Anthony's Jilony Amazing. One so typical for this Kennel, almost like peas in the pod and always shown in good hard condition: sound quarters, good angulations, bone and width of thigh: slightly sloping pasterns: a happy, confident mover.

2 Jones' Dappleline Euphoria with Dottimix. Slightly rangier than my first, but nevertheless, held his top line on the move and was shown very well. Particularly liked his soft, kind expression.

Yearling Dog(5)

1 O'Driscoll's Fowington Five Bob Note – What I particularly like about this kennel is the consistency of their Pointers being in good, hard condition, and it shows both stacked and on the move. Good quarters both fore and aft along with plenty of width of thigh, which enhanced his drive round the ring. Pleasing head and expression: good length of neck. Very nice dog!

2 Flint's Casilex Chinook JW. Very striking Pointer in profile with a good head and expression: excellent lay back, quarters and depth of chest: a very nice Pointer worthy of his placing.

3 Hamiltons Hawkfield lets get Rowdy.

Post Graduate Dog(10,1)

1 For me, my dog CC Goode's Gempoint Dark'n'Sharp at Handsway, whom I considered all dog, complimented my bitch CC both in quality and substance. Where as some were close on their hind movement, he caught my eye with his confident, steady and sound movement with plenty of drive, which he used to advantage round the ring. Once again, a well-balanced Pointer both fore and aft offering a long muscular neck leading into, excellent top line, which he held on the move plus, well down at the brisket and the for-mentioned slightly sloping-pasterns. A great deal to like about this two year old who looked so smart in the challenge: I was delighted to award him is first CC.

2 Wood's Stockend Winchester. Slightly smaller built than my first but moved and shown well holding his top line with confidence. Good length of neck and excellent width of thigh plus good angulation's on rear quarters. Maturing nicely.

3 Shaw's Azophy Moonthunder for Millpoint

Limit Dog(15,1)

1 Cherry's Shanandi Madrigal. First impressions, smart and classy youngster: beautiful head and expression: excellent reach of neck and top line, which held well on the move. Good quarters both fore and aft: brisket well let down and slightly sloping pasterns. Smart Pointer!

2 Wood's Stockend Lewis. A happy, confident Pointer both stacked and on the move obviously enjoying his day showing a lovely balanced profile and holding his top line nicely, with good length of neck and excellent width of thigh. A very nice Pointer!

3 Morgan and Peterkin's Hurwyn Trick of the Night for Quensha JW.

Open Dog(12,2)

1 RDCC: Mouldings and Marsh's Sh Ch Billsborough's Bright Moon JW. Another I have met before and didn't disappoint on the day. One so reminiscent of the "older" type Pointer's that I was familiar with on first entering the breed, bar colour: a sound dog standing true both fore and aft and as norm with this handler, shown and moved to perfection, complimented with a lovely balanced head and the kind expression not forgetting the good top-line, which was held well on the move.

2 Wilson's Bonnygate Imperial Choice. An excellent balanced dog standing true both fore and aft and on the move holding his top line well with confidence: particularly liked the muscle tone and width of thigh on this Pointer offering an extremely neat, clean profile, which accentuated his lines.

3 Martin's Sh Ch Jilony Believe in Sunhouse Sh CM

Veteran Dog

1 Flint's Sh Ch Casilex Bucks Fizz. A lovely veteran with excellent quarters, length of neck, beautiful head and expression, standing true and four square: my notes say "still looking good" and I stand by that. A "gentleman" dog that always seems to enjoy his day out, and it shows.

2 Anthony's Jilony White Boots. Possibly one of the best livers around and one I have always admired particularly when he relaxes and shows himself standing true: excellent quarters and width of thigh carrying the recognised stamp of his kennel. A really nice Pointer!

Minor Puppy Bitch(9)

1 and BP: Stilgoe's Teisgol Aquarius: What a little beauty and just beat the splendid dog puppy on the day with her ultra femininity and balance. Confirmation and movement spot on plus, a lovely balanced head and soft, kind expression just finished the picture: for me a kennel heading in the right direction.

2 Evans and Rawlings' Joneva Regal acclaim. A promising youngster standing true: showing long reach of neck: good top line, which held well on the move, good quarters and beautiful lines in profile. My notes say "very elegant and feminine". She should mature beautifully!

3 Lowe's Lowsmoor Storm Rover (AI)

Puppy Bitch(10)

1 Hinton's Fieldstone Fascination with Fleurfield. My first two could change places many times. A compact mature youngster showing beautiful lines both on the move and stacked. Plenty of substance and bone, but yet retaining her femininity: excellent quarters: neck long and muscular: good width of thigh and top line, which she held well on the move: sloping pasterns.

2 Bond's Pharises Aphrodites. Similar to my 1st for being compact and showing beautiful lines both on the move and stacked. Also, plenty of substance and bone: a very nice young lady with a beautiful feminine head and good width of thigh. Incidentally, credit to the handler who moved her with style!

3 O'Driscoll's Fowington Caracas

Junior Bitch(8,2)

1 Dyer's Sharnphilly Just be Serious. Another kennel that I believe has an eye for excellent consistency and I have to say, a handler who brings out the best both stacked and on the move. Offering a pleasing profile, with the slightly sloping pasterns, which just finishes of the picture. For me, another with a bright future!

2 Anthony's Jilony Dance on Air. Slightly different than what I am used to seeing from this kennel, but nevertheless, nice head and expression plus good reach of neck and plenty of substance. Shown and moved well!

3 Tibb's Raigmore Let it Shine

Yearling Bitch(11,1)

1 I was delighted to see that my BCC and BOB winner was short listed in the group. An excellent result for one so young, which was Crawte's 20 month old stunning Bestina Black Opal at Leascliffe JW: a beautiful, feminine, confident bitch that sparkled in the ring and was shown to perfection both stacked and on the move offering a well balanced profile with excellent quarters both fore and aft. Excellent head and expression: long slightly arched neck: body well covered: pasterns slightly sloping, beautiful lines from her well let down brisket to the tip of her tail. A classy young lady and one that should have an excellent future: delighted to award her first CC and BOB!

2 Berkeley's Casilex Black Ice. Slightly rangier than my first but nevertheless, a smart young lady: plenty of substance and bone: good quarters plus, neat top line that she held well on the move.

3 Brown and Cockerill's Zavian Heart N Soul

Post Graduate Bitch(15,2)

1 Lowsmoor Echo Falls. RBCC What I would call a confident moving, honest, compact, sound bitch not overdone in any way offering an excellent profile with good width of thigh and excellent hindquarters: for quarters equally as good leading into slightly sloping pasterns: one that certainly must have 'hands on' to appreciate her virtues and so reminiscent of her sire. Neat in profile and nice lines: really liked her.

2 Kelly's Kelval Kay. My notes say, lovely feminine head with kind expression: long muscular neck: shoulders well-laid back: nice lines both on the move and stacked: slightly sloping pasterns that just finish of the picture. A very nice pointer that should do well plus, where some may go 'over', she will improve with maturity!

3 Weaver's Anniezu Reet Petite

Limit Bitch(16,4)

1 Dyer's Sharnphilly Complimentary. Once again, a very nice Pointer from this kennel shown to perfection: first impressions, plenty of substance and bone: well put together: good quarters and width of thigh: slightly sloping pasterns: plenty of drive on the move and typically, well shown.

2 Coggins Medogold Bewitched to Gemrose. Smart feminine bitch with a lovely head and good length of neck: good quarters fore and aft and an excellent width of thigh: very nice lines in profile as well as on the move.

3 Howes Peakdale Perdido Plays Medogold

Open Bitch(8,1)

1 Martin's Sunhouse Ice Dancer. My notes say, well put together both fore and aft, balanced head with a gentle expression: excellent width of thigh: plenty of bone and substance. When stood four square particularly liked the profile with the tail following through from the top line, which held well on the move. Shown and stacked to give a pleasing profile and as norm for this kennel, moved with drive and confidence.

2 Guy and Walkers Teisgol Phoenix at Carofel JW. I have done well for this lady before and she didn't disappoint on the day. My 1st was a little more enthusiastic on the move, but nevertheless, a smart lady with an excellent length of neck and well laid back shoulders, pasterns slightly-sloping, which adds to an excellent profile: moved round the ring with style: another day will still challenge the best.

3 Turnbull's Juennerfly Angelica at Beridew.

Veteran Bitch(3,1)

1 Best Veteran: Ch Peakdale Joy of Kelval. One I have done well for before and wasn't disappointed on the day. In hard condition and always excels on the move where her muscle tone and beautiful lines are complimented by good shoulders and the sloping pasterns that are so desirable and stated in the standard. Also, one that deceives her ripe age of seven and I would reckon will still look young in her dotage.

2 Twyman's Wherathy Storm Bird of Bracendown. Very nice Liver/White, which is carrying her age well with plenty of substance and bone plus, in remarkable good condition: muscular neck and neat top line. A lot to like about her!

Best Breeder: Mrs Anthony.

Beryl Wright - Judge