

South Wales Champ Show Thursday 8th October 2009

We judge on the comparative system which means comparing each dog against the Standard & then each dog against each other considering virtues first & then faults, both standing & moving so that hopefully one reaches the correct decision. I found the Pointers to be as diverse as the last time I judged. I was disappointed with some exhibits & pleasantly surprised by others. As always I was looking for type, quality & correct conformation with true Pointer movement & attitude.

In general I was pleased with my winners but on a different day in a different venue I am sure some would change places. Overall I found the quality stronger in the bitch classes.

On the down side some things really need to be watched. Head types are everywhere, high tails are offensive & very un-Pointer. The Standard states 'shoulders long, sloping & well laid back' & for hindquarters 'very muscular well turned stifles. Good expanse of first & second thigh, hocks well let down'. If one does not understand one should ask. Read the whole Standard regularly & digest it. We do not want to lose our beautiful breed. I have kept the individual reports concise.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (4,2a)

1st Atkin's Hawkfield Mischief Maker, b/w baby of good type, pretty head, dark eye, neat ears, compact body of good shape, moved on covering ground;
2nd Prince's Groma Shootin Star, o/w, larger framed than 1 but still a raw youngster. Balanced profile, good topline, rib & depth, neat tail, moved soundly.

PUPPY DOG (4,1)

1st Williams & Rose's Ridanflight Revelation, stylish b/w, nicely developed chiselled head, dark eye, good length of neck flowing into correct shoulder, topline & neat tail, good hindquarters showing correct first & second thigh, pleasing shape standing & moving;
2nd Siddle's Wilchrimane Black Ice, upstanding strongly made b/w in hard condition. Preferred the flowing lines of 1. Sound powerful mover, close decision;
3rd Osman's Wilchrimane Ace Ventura.

JUNIOR DOG (6)

1st Stangroom's Lappakia Oasis Dream, handsome strongly made o/w of good type, pleasing head with dark eye, good neck & topline, correct depth & rib, powerful hindquarters & movement, in fit hard condition, good outline held on the move;
2nd Hinton's Fleurfields Flambeau, o/w of good type, similar remarks apply. Not putting as much in on the move as 1;
3rd Warford's Lappakia Desert Passion.

GRADUATE DOG (4,1)

1st Fuller & Millard's Wilchrimane Dartmoor Dream, strongly made compact b/w with lots to like, pleasing head, good neck & topline, well bodied, really moved on;
2nd Milford's Haramander Bobby Dazzler, typy o/w, lovely head, good reach of neck, spring of rib & topline, strong hindquarters, neat tail. Lacks depth & needs to mature to complete the picture;
3rd Flint's Casilex Chinook.

POST GRADUATE DOG (9,2)

1st Drake's Clamerkin Crystal Mountain, classy b/w who shouts type, beautiful head & expression, correct slight dish faced appearance, well shaped neat ears, lengthy yet strong arched neck, well developed forechest, depth & rib, good topline, strong well muscled hindquarters with defined first & second thigh, low hocks, neat tail correctly carried, ground covering action holding shape, in fit hard condition. CC & BOB;

2nd Naden's Wychwood Love Over Gold, well made o/w with lots of style, lovely head & expression, good reach of neck, well angled, good body, really moved on holding his topline;

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Sunkissed Sea.

LIMIT DOG (9,2)

1st Rose & Williams' Ridanflight Rockhampton, stylish o/w with flowing outline standing & moving, masculine head, good eye & kind expression, reachy neck, good rib & depth, well angled shoulders & hindquarters, in hard condition, sound & purposeful mover;

2nd Cherry's Shanandi Madrigal, quality b/w, lovely chiselled head, eye & expression, has all the essentials, many similar remarks apply, in soft condition. Not as purposeful on the move as 1;

3rd Hegarty's Whipspan Shane Warne at Foxhaven.

OPEN DOG (9,2)

1st Brophy's Sh Ch/Ir Ch Saregresi Classic Point, neat o/w of good type, not over big but all Pointer, chiselled head with neat ears, kind expression, balanced angulation & strong body, in fit hard condition, true on the move. RCC;

2nd Twyman's Bracendown Good Buddy, upstanding liver/w, pleasing head & expression, reachy neck, strongly made balanced body, moved well, in fit hard condition;

3rd Sellin's Aurichalcum Lord Beckett of Castlepoint.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (6,2)

1st Walkling's Lokmadi Love For Lydia by Kiswahili, strongly made typy o/w, good overall shape with balanced angulation, moved well when settled. Hope she matures the right way;

2nd Dunmore Groma Rio Star, lively but raw o/w with much to like. Head needs time & just not so mature in body as 1;

3rd Hughes & Bradley's Lokmadi Lucy Snowe.

PUPPY BITCH (3)

1st L Love For Lydia by K;

2nd Briddon's Ridanflight Roxanne, typy b/w, pretty well chiselled head, neat ears, good neck & rib, balanced angulation, moved happily. Look forward to seeing her when more mature;

3rd Thorley's Teddyhawks Athena at Gempoint.

JUNIOR BITCH (6,1)

1st Stangroom's Lappakia Dune Song, stylish o/w with flowing lines, pleasing head, kind expression, super length of neck, good rib, bone & feet, in fit hard condition, moved with reach & drive;

2nd Lowe's Lowsmoor Storms River, quality b/w, pleasing head & expression, has the essentials, good neck, rib & depth, well bodied, neat tail, well muscled. Preferred clean lines of 1;

3rd Craik's Scobec Pure Passion.

GRADUATE BITCH (6,4)

1st Preece's Haramander Diamond Lil of Harvestslade, o/w of good type, pretty well defined head, soft expression, reachy well shaped neck, clean over shoulder, balanced body, nicely shaped bone & feet, moved with purpose & style covering ground;
2nd Stangroom's Medogold Wannabe Posh for Lappakia, scopy b/w of quality with lots to like, balanced angulation, good neck, rib & bone, well muscled. Preferred the head & movement of 1.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (8)

1st Hinton's Fieldstone Fascination with Fleurfield, quality b/w, pleasing head & expression, super angulation, well defined first & second thigh, low hocks, neat tail, great body, bone & pasterns, in super condition, moved with reach & drive. RCC;
2nd Naden's Wychwood Midsomer Dream, pretty o/w, lovely head & eye, neat ears, well bodied, good topline, hindquarters, first & second thigh, active on the move, holding topline with neat well carried tail;
3rd Williams & Rose's Ridanflight Rupara at Kanix.

LIMIT BITCH (12)

1st Crawte's Bestina Black Opal at Leascliffe, quality b/w, lovely to go over, pleasing head, super front, rib, depth & topline, well bodied & in good condition. When it came to the challenge did not put all in on the move;
2nd Macmanus' Crookrise Moondance at Luneville, o/w of good type, pretty head, good neck & rib. Preferred body & angulation of 1;
3rd Tibbs' Raigmore Let It Shine.

OPEN BITCH (13,4)

1st Huxley's Woodfleet Siennarain, quality liver/w, not overdone but pleasing head, kind expression, neat ears, good length of neck, super spring of rib, strong topline, good tailset, correctly shaped bone, arched toes, sloping pasterns, balanced angulation, in gleaming, fit & hard condition, moved true & positively with great Pointer attitude. CC;
2nd Macmanus' Crookrise Arran at Luneville, typy o/w, pretty head, kind expression, well bodied, neat tail;
3rd Williams & Rose's Ridanflight Ruahine at Kanix.

ERICA PARSONS - Judge