

Gundog Society of Wales Champ Show

Wednesday 13th October 2010

It was an honour to be asked to judge Pointers at this show and I thank the committee for inviting me and also the Pointer exhibitors for the wonderful entry. This is my third judging assignment in your country. The last was in the 90's and I would like to comment on the changes I have noticed. I saw many more dogs with a freer wide open side gait. The shoulder angulation has improved dramatically, with much better return of upper arm than in the past. I feel the breeders need to now concentrate on heads and tails. I saw many more dogs with plain heads, which was not the case in the past. I also feel that there were far too few tails that were carried correctly or made correctly. The tail should be short and tapered to a fine point. It should also lash from side to side. Please, let's not forget Arkwright's words, the hallmark of the breed is the head, "but for a certificate of blue blood apply to the other end". I would also like to bring your attention to the outline of the dogs. A pointer is well up on its legs and the outline should be a series of gentle curves. That includes the underline. Be careful as you strive to improve side gait that you don't lose the essence of the breed. A Pointer should not have to be low on leg and long in loin to move properly. When that happens, all you will have is a generic show dog.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (7,1)

1st Bradley & Stilgoe's Teisgol King Alfred. Nicely balanced puppy with a proper return of upper arm and well boned. Compact with correct tuck up. Good head planes but lacking chiselling at this age. Ears could be finer in leather. He moved well for a puppy. BP

2nd Stilgoe's Teisgol Go Your Own Way. Litter brother to #1. Good head planes. Not quite as angulated as #1 and tended to lose his shape on the move.

3rd Welch's Hookwood Top This

PUPPY DOG (1)

1st Theobald's Tycarreg Strangely Familyr. Head well chiselled, dark eye with a pleasing expression, a tad wide in back skull. Compact body with good depth of chest and proper tuck up. Smooth neck into shoulders. Moderately angulated. Short tail but could be better tapered.

JUNIOR DOG (10,1)

1 Eden's Esrews Black Tuxedo At Dalens. A beautifully balanced youngster that was a free mover with lots of reach & drive covering the ground well.. His ears could be shorter and he could use a bit more finish to his head. A wonderful attitude and exuberance especially for being in 3 classes on the day. RCC – should finish his title with full maturity.

2nd Fox's Tenshilling I Get Around To Dappleline. Beautiful type dog. Lovely head & expression with proper eye shape and with good stop and shorter ears than #1. Well balanced with good bone and substance. Not as good on the move as #1, lost his top line on the day. He could look so much better going with more enthusiasm.

3rd Cooper's Keepersfield I Have A Dream

YEARLING DOG (13,3)

1st Eden's Esrews Black Tuxedo At Dalens.

2nd Adams and Grime's Ansona Simple Simon JW. Well balanced with good return of upper arm and powerful hindquarters. Proper amount of tuck up. He could be stronger in muzzle. His tail was shorter than #1. A promising youngster.

3rd Siddle's Wilchrimane Black Ice JW

NOVICE DOG (6)

1st Theobald's Tycarreg Strangely Familyr.

2nd Mole's Bluemantle Alfie Garnet. A well balanced dog with clean shoulders & good return of upper arm. His head could be more refined. He moved efficiently but lost his outline.

3rd Cooper's Esrews Jazz Seriously By Trosnant

POST GRAUDATE DOG (16,2)

1st Whitstance's Esrews Serious Lord Jack. A lovely balanced dog with good front fill and a good return of upper arm. Very typical head & expression with ideal stop and a nice dark eye. Much as I liked #2 who ended up with the RCC this dog pleased me a little more in head and expression. Impressed me greatly for outline and on the move he pleased me out and back and had some carriage and style in profile. Tail could be better shaped and carried. Won CC + BOB on his steady performance and overall picture. Although still not fully mature, his body shape and length of leg illustrated well what I had been looking for.

2nd Esrews Black Tuxedo At Dalens.

3rd Warford's Lappakia Desert Passion For Lakesparb

LIMIT DOG (15,2)

1st Udale's Freddie Flintoff. Good head planes with a dark eye and short ears. Good length of neck with adequate bone for his size. Could be better in shoulder, lacking in return of upper arm. Smooth moving in profile, keeping his style and shape. Good tail action.

2nd O'Neill's Hurwyn Some Might Say JW. Good head planes and expression. A bit longer in loin than #1. Good bone & substance. Moved well.

3rd Walkling's Penwest Phineas At Kiswahili JW

OPEN DOG (13,2)

1st Walkling's Kiswahili Catcher In The Rye. Lovely type dog with all the right curves. Compact body, proper amount of tuck up. Good head planes with short ears. Moved out with lots of style. Proper length & shape of tail. A bit lacking in width of thigh and angulation.

2nd Wilcox's Sh Ch Pipeaway Zonic Tonic For Merynjen JW. A beautiful type dog. He had a lovely head, proper eye shape. A well balanced dog with good fill in the front. Did himself no favors on the move. Wasted front action. Such a shame as I liked him a lot.

3rd O'Driscoll's Fowington Five Bob Note J W

VETERAN DOG (4)

1st Sillince's Sh Ch Tomlow Brief Encounter. Well put together dog with lots of bone & substance. Powerful moving with good reach & drive. Head could have more work, rather lacking in chiseling and needs a more defined stop.

2nd Curran's Hurwyn Jack Snipe At Breezemoor. Head planes good with lots of stop. Muzzle a tad short. Could use more fill between his front legs. Compact with proper tuck up. Nice short tail.

3rd Tarling & Southwood's Esrews Top Gaffer

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

1st Bradley & Stilgoe's Teisgol Lady Penelope. A nicely balanced puppy with good head planes and fill in the front. She is well boned and has good substance. She could be shorter in loin and would prefer less skirting which detracts from her underline. She is sired by my CC winner. BPB.

2nd Warford's Teddyhawks Heaven Scent With Lakespar. Good head planes. Well balanced but lacking some fill in the front. Carries a good top line & was more compact than #1.

3rd Thorley's Gempoint Prim N 'proper

PUPPY BITCH (2)

1st Coone's Bonnygate Lady Whisper Of Valleypoint. A well balanced puppy that was also an easy mover. Her head was rather plain, hopefully that will change with maturity. A bit less skirting would also improve her underline, and therefore general appearance.

2nd Everington's Peakdale Silver Bell. A beautifully headed pup with lovely expression. Good shoulders with good return of upper arm. Quite compact but lacking some power to her hind quarters. She was not moving well on the day. Perhaps more training will make the difference.

JUNIOR BITCH (9,1)

1st Cooper's Keepersfield Mama Mia. Lovely head with good chiseling. Nicely balanced, clean shoulders, compact with a proper outline. Very nice on the move.

2nd O'Neill's Tenshilling Do It Again JW. Lovely bone & substance. Well balanced. Head could use a bit more chiseling. Nice short tail. Not as good in side gait as #1.

3rd Jones' Tafakis Magic Sunbeam

YEARLING BITCH (6)

1st Udale's Crookrise Old Lace. Nicely balanced with good outline. She has the proper amount of leg and a correct underline. Pleasing head & expression and a nice short ear. An adequate mover.

2nd Young's Gundioy Argentine Tango. Good head planes & proper amount of stop but rather lacking in depth of muzzle. Very light on her feet & moves with style. Nice short tail. Overall a bit too refined.

3rd Westron's Aurichalcum Miss Conduct

NOVICE BITCH (8)

1st Keepersfield Mama Mia

2nd Davis' Maharolo Creme Catalana. Compact and nicely balanced. Pleasing head & expression. Good bone & substance. Good shoulders with a return of upper arm. Tail could be tapered better.

3rd Gordon's Tomlow Look Whos Here At Hawkfield

POST GRADUATE BITCH (21,3)

1st Anthony's Jilony Dancing On Air. A beautifully balanced bitch with a lovely head and correct planes. Her ear could be a bit shorter. Beautifully laid back shoulders and a well angulated rear making her a balanced picture. She was lovely on the move covering a lot of ground in an effortless manner. She was my CC winner.

2nd O'Driscoll's Fowington Caracas. A little plainer in head than #1 but did have a shorter ear. Could have a bit more angulation, but she was balanced and therefore was able to move well. Very light on her feet and moved stylishly. Good underline & proper length of leg and a nice short tail.

3rd Cooper's Kanix Buttons Of Trosnant SHCM

LIMIT BITCH (12,4)

1st Eden's Trexon Moonchild At Dalens. Well balanced, clean shoulders with good return of upper arm. Well bent stifles and a free & easy mover. Her head could use more chiselling.

2nd Mason's Freebreeze As You Like It. Beautiful type, nice head with a very pleasing expression. A compact body but not as angulated as #1 and therefore a bit more restricted on the move. A stylish bitch standing & moving.

3rd Cardiff's Prosperity Sheer Elegance

OPEN BITCH (15,2)

1st Cardiff's Prosperity My Fair Lady SHCM. A nicely balanced bitch with good head planes. She had good bone & substance and a proper amount of tuck up. She could have moved more efficiently.

2nd Guy's Teisgol Phoenix At Carofel JW. Pretty headed bitch with good stop. Very clean neck into shoulder. Well angulated front & rear. A little low in leg for her length of body.

3rd Eldridge's Bradgate Mystic Mawake

VETERAN BITCH (7,1)

1st Westron's Ch/Ir Ch Aurichalcum The Avenger JW. A beautifully headed bitch with a lovely eye, wide open nostrils and a short ear. Nicely balanced, compact with the proper outline of gentle curves. She was quite animated and seemed thrilled to be back in the ring. She was my Reserve CC Winner.

2nd Knowles' Sh Ch Dovehayes Facsimile JW SH CM. A nicely balanced bitch with a good outline. A tad longer in loin than # 1. Her head was not a finished as #1. Good tail set & length.

3rd Turnbull's Juennerfly Angelica At Beridew.

Marjorie Martorella - judge