

SETTER & POINTER CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

5th November 2011

Overall view: I have had pointers for 31 years and have been judging since 1986. This was my first judging appointment in The UK. Overall I found the breed very mixed. About 30% of my entry, of strong breed type; 50% of acceptable type and sadly about 20% houndy or off type. But this is much the same at home in NZ and elsewhere in the world. Our biggest breed problem is becoming one of head length and skull shapes, which is also affecting dentition. The overall balance of body, angulation and movement was very good in most of the dogs. So was coat and tail type and it was nice to see so many tails lashing on the move. It was disappointing that a large percentage of my entry were presented in a dirty condition.

VETERAN DOG (5)

1st Wilcox's Sh Ch Pipeaway Zonic Tonic for Merynjen. Strong dog with a pleasing masculine head of good length and correct eye. A balanced dog, well boned. Moved soundly. Holding his age well.

2nd Stilgoe's Tesigol King Henry. Happy, outgoing boy, with correct head type. Moved well. Slightly longer, falls off a little behind.

3rd Isherwood's Sh Ch Symitry Russian Roulette.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (4)

1st Flint's Casilex Crescendo. Very promising young dog with correct head, excellent eye and expression. Correct Angulation topline and tail. Still loose. Will take time to mature. Correct for his age. (This was My Res DCC)

2nd Smith's Fydal Ace. Stylish young boy of a nice type. Has a lot of growing up to do. Time will tell.

PUPPY DOG (7)

1st Mason's Freebreeze Figaro. Balanced young dog with a pleasing expression Ears a little large. Good topline and tail. Moved freely.

2nd Rawlings Meadowpoint Shout To The Top Of Indicium. Nicely bodied dog with good movement. Correct eye and expression, but lacking head definition.

3rd Grantham & Moss's Kiswahili Its My Time At Kingspoint.

JUNIOR DOG (7)

1st Best's Shadesett Keep On Believin For Bestina. Well balanced young dog with excellent type. Pleasing head. Easy mover.

2nd Evans & Pavey's Joneva Diamond In The Rough. Well balanced Orange and White dog. Eye catching and full of presence.

3rd Tarling's Esrews Sir Walter Raleigh.

YEARLING DOG (5)

1st Stilgoe's Tesigol Go Your Own Way. Typey Younster with well balanced body. Would have liked more length of head and pastern.

2nd Bird's Medogold Zeus. A pleasing head and front. A little long in body. Nice tail shape but carried on the high side.

3rd Theobold's Tycarreg Strangely Familyr.

NOVICE DOG (3)

1st Flint's Casilex Crescendo, as per 1st place, Minor Puppy dog.

2nd Tarling's Esrews Sir Walter Raleigh. (3rd place in Junior dog class).

3rd MacManus's Luneville Harvest Moon.

GRADUATE DOG (7)

1st Harrison's Millpoint Top Hat N Tails. Well balanced, stylish dog with a lovely expression and happy disposition. Good feet and length of pastern. Clean topline. Lashing tail. Would have liked a slightly cleaner skull, but his overall balance, type and manner carried him through to my Dog CC and BOB.

2nd Welsh's Hookwood Top This. Heavier set dog, with a kind expression. Moved well but would like him a little shorter in body.

3rd Wilcox's Scobec Man in the Mirror at Merynjen.

POST GRADUATE DOG (11)

1st Jordan's Hawkfield Lets Go Crackers. Well balanced dog with correct head type and nice dark eye. Strong bone and pleasing lines. A balance mover, needs to lash tail.

2nd Anthony's Jilony Thriller. Smart young dog with good ring presence. Body proportions not quite balanced.

3rd Pattie's Hurwyn MacDonald.

LIMIT DOG (13)

1st Hinton's Fleurfields Flambeau. A well balanced Orange and white dog of correct size. Clean neck and topline. Pleasing expression. Carried himself well on the move.

2nd Alcorn & Lynn's Afterglow Bare Face Lie at Kanix. An eye-catching Liver and white with lovely clean lines and pleasing head. Plenty of ground cover on the move. But overall just a little too much dog for me.

3rd Smith's Lypal Pukka Tukka.

OPEN DOG (12)

1st Anthony's Jilony Just Amazin. Well balanced dog of correct type. Beautiful headpiece, expression and nice clean lines. Disappointingly Lazy on the move.

2nd Rose & Robinson's NZ Ch Robwyn Dreams Are Free at Ridanflight (Imp NZ). Large orange and white dog with flowing lines. Correct head length and kind expression. A little wide in front. A flowing mover and superb showman, but overall just a little too much dog for me.

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Dapper In Black.

VETERAN BITCH (6)

1st Knowles Sh Ch Dovehayes Facsimile. A pretty bitch of pleasing type. Well balanced and sound for age. Happy on the move.

2nd Pimblett's Ch Pennine Paparazzi. Liver and white bitch with correct head type and sweet expression. A little longer in coat. Starting to show her age.

3rd Preece's Sh Ch Pipeaway Nellie Melba of Harvestslade.

FIELD TRIAL BITCH (2)

1st Blowers' Bonnygate Just A Madam for Deadway. 7 year old bitch in great condition. Pretty head and expression, pleasing disposition. A Sound mover.

2nd Curran's Raigmore Dawn Run at Breezemoor. A very busy, finer boned Black and white bitch with a clean neck and topline. Obviously happier in the field than the ring.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (7)

1st Anthony's Jilony Texas Rose. A feminine bitch of correct type with good feet bone and topline. Steady mover. Would have liked her a little shorter in body.

2nd Smith's Fydal Ava. Balanced Orange and white bitch with good bone and clean outline. Needed a little more angulation fore and aft.

3rd Walking's Kanix Edwina.

PUPPY BITCH (9)

- 1st Dunn's Meadowpoint Talihina Sky. Very Promising Black and white bitch. With a pleasing head and excellent front. Good bone. Outgoing personality. Tail never stopped, standing or on the move.
2nd Astonpark Fuel For Life. A pretty black and white bitch with a correct head type. Good topline. A sound mover.
3rd Ward's Kiswahli Timely Nu Edition.

JUNIOR BITCH (1)

- 1st Pavey's Joneva Hazy Hazy Dream. Well developed orange and white bitch. Nicely balanced angulation. Excellent mover. Tail carried a little too high.
2nd Thomas' Tythe Replica, promising young black and white bitch. Feminine. A slow maturer.
3rd Welch's Ilfield Jenny With Hookwood.

YEARLING BITCH (7)

- 1st Hambling's Hawkfield Making Waves at Chaseover. A classy Liver and white bitch presented in superb condition. Lovely clean lines, excellent breed type. Sadly lacked confidence.
2nd Evan & Pavey's Joneva Hazy Hazy Dream, was my 1st place in Junior Bitch.
3rd Ward's Adventures of Isabel.

NOVICE BITCH (7)

- 1st Blackburn Bennett's Kanix Chilli. Well balanced, mature bitch. Nice steady mover. Would like more length of head.
2nd Welch's Ilfield Jenny with Hookwood. Black and white bitch with good bone, nice topline and tail. Plenty of hind drive. A little too heavy in head.
3rd MacManus's Luneville Strawberry Moon.

GRADUATE BITCH (9)

- 1st Rose's Ridanflight Rodzynka. Very pretty, feminine bitch, exudes breed type. A balanced mover, could have a little more angle fore and aft.
2nd Harrison's Millpoint To Have N'To Hold. Typey bitch with lovely clean lines. A little longer in body.
3rd Gordon's Tomlow Look Who's Here at Hawkfield.

LIMIT BITCH (11)

- 1st Best's Bestina Midnight Sapphire. Beautiful, balanced mature bitch of correct size and head. The epitomy of type. A sound mover. Had no problem awarding her BCC. She didn't give me quite as much as the dog for Best of breed.
2nd Harrison's Medogold Be My Baby at Millpoint. An elegant bitch with clean lines. Not moving as steadily as my first place.
3rd Mason's Freebreeze As You Like It.

OPEN BITCH (7)

- 1st Rose's Sh Ch Ridanflight Rangiora. A very feminine bitch with melting expression. Short coupled, balanced and full of quality. Not quite the ground cover of my bitch winner, but was happy to give her Res BCC.
2nd Hinton's Fieldstone Fascination with Fleurfield. Nice style of bitch. Sound steady mover. A little plainer in head than my first place.
3rd Coggins's Medogold Bewitched to Gemrose.

Jenny Hamilton (Pinerock) NZ - Judge