

Border Union Championship Show Sunday 17th June 2012

My sincere thanks for a super quality entry from the first class, all the way through. I was delighted to note an improvement in the breed. I thoroughly enjoyed my day despite having to make some very close and hard decisions. In the dog classes the quality from the post grad upwards was superb and the higher the class the quality just kept getting better and better. Most of my placing's had the general points I look for in a Pointer: the well-defined head, kind expression, the flowing lines from nose to tail and the lovely Pointer characteristics. My thanks also to my stewards for their good cheer despite the weather conditions and for keeping the pace in the ring; it was a shame we had to be under canvas which did affect some of the exhibits.

PUPPY DOG (6) The first two were both 6 month baby puppies who were just right for their age, they were placed above the more mature puppies who were not as co-ordinated in their development, both promising babies.

1st Siddle and Oddie's Wilchrimane Igoyougo - b/w, had lovely angulation and tighter feet than 2nd, in the challenge for best puppy lost out to the bitch on her maturity and just slightly steadier movement.

2nd Anderson-Rowell's - o/w slightly heavier through and the winner but well put together, thought he was slightly better in head than first

3rd Nelis' Freebreeze Yankee Clipper

JUNIOR DOG (5,2)

1st O'Driscoll's Gartarry Moonlight Flit to Fowington - 15 month o/w well put together and balanced, was very light in his movement, well angled shoulder and upper arm, liked him for his kind expression, length of neck and well let down brisket to his elbow.

2nd Bell's Crookrise the Medlar at Owlspoint JW - a mature 17 month o/w Similar to first but heavier throughout and not as co-ordinated, felt he was going through a development stage and thus didn't flow as well.

3rd Smith's Fydal Ace

NOVICE DOG (2)

1st Smith's Fydal Ace - 14 month b/w still very much a baby but a lot to like, pleased for his head and expression, neck set well onto his shoulders and moved steadily.

2nd Tobin & Moss' Davigdor Rough and Tumble - 6 month o/w puppy difficult to assess on move due to his playfulness! Had a good overall shape but very much a baby

POST GRADUATE DOG (12,1)

1st Best's Shadsett Keep on Believin for Bestina. b/w - I have admired this dog for some time and feel he has all the essentials, not quite yet 2 he is not a big dog but still masculine, lovely head and eye, neat ears, oval bone with correct sloping pasterns and feet. Like his expanse of thigh and second thigh and tail set moved well when settled, still has some maturing to do but think he will be worth waiting for, in the challenge he didn't give his all land was tucked up into himself.

2nd Barker's Flinthill Chocolate Thyme - l/w 23 month. Another promising boy who I feel still needs time. Whilst he was unsettled on the move he still strode out and covered the ground, had a gorgeous melting and soft expression, chiselled head, good overall body shape excelled in forechest and spring of rib.

3rd Osman's Wilchrimane Diamond Geezer.

LIMIT DOG (9,1) the first two whilst different styles both had the depth of brisket to the elbow, good oval bone with good front and rear angulation, masculine heads without being coarse and lovely flow of body into powerful and muscular rear ends.

1st Pavey and Evans' Joneva Diamond in the Rough - 22 month o/w really powered around the ring with lovely front extension and smooth action. Won his placing on the slightly cleaner front angulation, pleased to award him RCC.

2nd Edmondson and Robertshaw's Crookrise Forest - o/w very close up to first, unfortunately for him on the day he wasn't as relaxed standing, a lovely boy.

3rd Tait's Moordale Beachcomber

OPEN DOG (8) I think for overall wow factor this class had it all and was by far the hardest class to judge.

1st Rose & Robinson's Sh Ch/NZ Ch Robwyn Dreams are Free at Ridanflight (Imp NZ) - 6 1/2 year old o/w, just loved this boy for his head, neck, depth of body and bone. Good front angulation and forechest, well developed second thigh delighted to award him the DCC

2nd Siddle & Oddie's Chesterhope Watch My Step and Wilchrimane (Imp NZ) - o/w originally pulled him out first but just lost out to first on the cleaner angle of shoulder and upper arm. Not as masculine as first but is a younger dog and his time should come soon. Excelled in his length of neck, liked him for his overall Pointer type.

3rd Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch Kiswahilli Martin at Kanix

PUPPY BITCH (10,1)

1st Nelis' Freebreeze Providence - o/w 11 month mature but feminine puppy with sweet expression, pleased me for her ear set, angulation, bone, feet and pasterns. Moved steadily BP

2nd Dyer's Sharpilly Juici Cuture - 8 month l/w with lovely flowing lines, bend of stifle another with a soft expression, slightly heavier in bone than first, moved well with no exaggeration

3rd O'Driscoll's Fowington One to One

JUNIOR BITCH (5)

1st Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Trinity - A much improved 17 month lemon/white, have not seen her since she was a baby puppy. She flowed on the move with such light and grace which won her the RCC Kind expression, head beginning to develop, long arched neck also pleased me for her overall body shape although she obviously still has to mature, well muscled with excellent 2nd thigh one to watch.

2nd Andrews & Ledger's Sunny side Up at Ledgends - 15 month o/w slightly heavier bitch with lots of promise. Gorgeous head, oval bone, well bodied just not quite as precise in movement today.

3rd Smith's Fydal Ava

NOVICE BITCH (5,2)

1st Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Agathis - 17 month b/w litter sister to junior winner and as puppies, I preferred this one heavier though than 2nd but was steadier on the move, pleased for her head and her feet, second thigh and tail set.

2nd Andrews & Ledgers Sunny Side Up at Ledgands

3rd Siddle's Wilchrimane Maid of Silk.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (14)

1st Perkins' Luneville Honey Moon at Brent - 20 month o/w Have admired this bitch from the ringside and today she didn't disappoint, she gave me goose bumps! She took my eye as she came floating into the ring on her light but powerful movement, so feminine head held high, arched neck which flowed into her shoulders, Had good body shape and bone, pushed off on her low hocks, neat feet and sloping pastern was delighted to award her first CC and the BOB will watch her future with interest, pure Pointer

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Chilli - o/w, Whilst heavier through than first she is still a feminine and quality bitch, slightly better in 2nd thigh, this bitch also had good feet and tail set and pleased for her body shape and flowing lines moved with power and purpose.

3rd Evans & Pavey's Joneva Hazy Hazy Dream JW

LIMIT BITCH (10)

1st Siddle's Wilchrimane Ice Crystal - o/w. A quality bitch with lovely flowing lines, slightly heavier through than second excelled in her pasterns, feet width of thigh and developed second thigh covered the ground when moving.

2nd McManus' Crookrise Moondance at Luneville - o/w A girl I have judged before when I awarded her a RCC, still like her, as with first she oozed pointer type and quality pleased me for her neat ears and expression lovely dark eye, also had sloping pasterns and neat feet very close up to first.

3rd Barker's Flinthill Daisychain

OPEN BITCH (9,2)

1st Tibbs' Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Raigmore Let it Shine JW - o/w, liked both theses bitches they had the bone without being masculine, balanced head with soft expression on the first I preferred her lovely sloping pasterns whilst

2nd Siddle's Wilchrimane Ice Maiden JW - had the better ear set and second thigh but played up on the move

3rd Wilkinson's Sh Ch Flinthill forget me Not JW

Gail Simmons - Judge