

SOUTH WALES KENNEL ASSOCIATION

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Saturday 11th October 2014

I would just like to say thank you to the committee of South Wales for the invitation to judge, and to the exhibitors for the lovely entry and sportsmanlike manner in which my decisions were accepted. All exhibits were shown in a clean condition. Muscle tone was sadly lacking in some, and a number of dogs were carrying excess weight and had to pay the price today. Tails are still a cause for concern, and not just in the males! It is not only the tail carriage that troubles me, but also set, length and shape. Movement could be improved upon - especially lacking is front extension and drive in the rear. Having said this, I was more than satisfied with my final line up in both sexes, and was especially delighted to see my lovely BOB go on to win Gundog Group 2.

MINOR PUPPY DOG

1st Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Freebreeze Over The Top At Spinray. 7 month liver/white dog. I liked this young dog who really excelled on the move. Nicely balanced all through, good clean outline, attractive head, good neck and shoulders, straight front. Shown in good muscular condition and well handled. Just right for age. Pleased to make him BPIB.

2nd Elliott's Freebreeze Wilfred Owen. Black/white litter brother to first, not as settled on the move or as together in body, but plenty of time ahead of him yet. Both boys were of good type, with good coats.

3rd Newberry's Pipeaway Pietro Pezzati Of Guila.

PUPPY DOG

1st Wilcox's Wilchrimane Bold Move For Merynjen.

2nd Siddle's Wilchrimane Cmon Norbert. Orange/white litter brothers. These two nice boys are built on similar lines, both have balanced heads, good feet and plenty of bone and present a good outline across the ring. On this occasion, first had more forward reach and I preferred his angulation although he is well up to size and needs to firm up. I am sure they will change places many times.

JUNIOR DOG

1st Hinton & Lennox's Mursbrae Theodore By Fleurfield. 16 month orange/white who carried a good outline, keeping his shape on the move. Is well angulated, has good bone and feet, correct coat. Would prefer a little more strength over the croup, may come with maturity.

2nd Weaver's Anniezu Lovely Day. Similar comments, an attractive dog with a good head, eye and expression. Balanced fore and aft, firmer in topline but lost out to first in front and pasterns. He is well conditioned and carries himself well on the move, covering the ground well.

3rd Stilgoe's Teisgol I Am The One And Only JW.

YEARLING DOG

1st Theobald, Phillips & Westaway's Penwest Pallaton JW. Really liked this 20 month black/white dog. Free from exaggerations, well balanced throughout, good head and lovely dark eye with a neat well set and carried tail. To be critical, a little upright in pastern. Moved effortlessly in his class but unfortunately his movement let him down in the challenge which sadly cost him.

2nd Huxley's Aurichalcum Evan Knows Its Woodfleet. Orange/ white dog of 23 months. Pretty headed dog with kind eye and sweet expression. Shown in rock hard muscular condition. Clean in outline, lovely oval bone, good feet, firm topline. Could not match one in tail set or carriage.

3rd Phelps' Millpoint Rock A Bye Baby.

POST GRADUATE DOG

1st Pattie's Hurwyn Masterchef. Classy orange/white whom I've never seen look or move better. Beautifully balanced head, with kind dark eye and soft expression. Balanced throughout, standing on good feet and pasterns. Moved out soundly, but could do with being moved a little faster to advantage.

2nd Brown's Teisgol Think About It. Sound and honest black/white dog presenting a clean outline who moved out with a good side profile gait. Not quite the head of first. Shown in lovely condition.

3rd Adams & Bennett's Ansona Peter Pan JW.

LIMIT DOG

1st Bradley's Teisgol King Alfred At Dappledawn. I have always liked this lovely black/white dog, he is of lovely type, combining refinement and strength. He has a beautifully balanced head with soft expression, superb outline and moves on an easy stride. A slow maturer, his best has still yet to come. Beautifully presented and sympathetically handled, a worthy RCC winner.

2nd Dodd's Raigmore Light Up The Sky For Lyncarda. Well handled and presented orange/white, shorter coupled dog who moved out well on a good stride. Preferred the angulation of first.

3rd Tobin & Moss' Davigdor Rough And Tumble JW.

OPEN DOG

1st Harrison's Millpoint Heatwave JW ShCM. Have admired this black/white dog from ringside and he didn't disappoint. He is of medium size and totally unexaggerated, beautiful head and dark eye giving a kind expression. Correct in all departments from his head to his well-carried tail. Stands on good feet with correct oval bone. Moved steadily and soundly. Beautifully handled and presented. Thoroughly deserved the CC.

2nd Evans & Pavey's Sh Ch Joneva Diamond In The Rough JW. Upstanding mature orange/white dog of pleasing type. Balanced head, lovely front quarters, strong in topline with a sweeping stifle. Just preferred the movement of first on this occasion.

3rd Marsh's Sh Ch Sharnphilly Redshank For Ratchda.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH

1st Brown's Teisgol Lady Of Beauty. Nicely angulated liver/white puppy who moved soundly and steadily. Presented a pleasing outline for her age, although a touch upright in pastern. A little proud of her tail. Shown in lovely condition.

2nd Bugden's Duncarreg Heaven Can Wait. Black/white bitch with balanced head, dark eyes giving a kindly expression. A happy little girl who enjoyed her time in the ring. Very immature in body at present, and needs to settle on the move, but plenty of time ahead for this baby.

PUPPY BITCH

1st Reed's Millpoint Must Be Love. This black/white bitch stood alone but was well handled and presented a pleasing profile. Well angulated, nice length of neck, correct oval bone and shapely pasterns, moved well with correct tail carriage. Would prefer more definition in head and stop, but this may come with maturity. Best Puppy Bitch.

JUNIOR BITCH

1st Barker's Flinthill Suzy Sunshine. Sweet headed feminine orange/white bitch of 13 months of good type. Balanced throughout and has a firm topline which she held on the move. Her steady easy action won her this class.

2nd Dodd's Raigmore Starshine For Lyncarda. Pretty headed 12-month orange/white bitch, lovely expression, plenty of work in her head, good coat. Well handled and presented in top order. Preferred movement of first.

3rd Wilkinson's Stocksfell Remember Me.

YEARLING BITCH

1st Green's Kanix Hyacinth. 18 months black/white bitch, sweet headed but would prefer more turn of lip, balanced all through, good condition, good neck and shoulder, moved well once settled. A little light on her frame and has some maturing to do.

2nd Preece's Harvestlade Diamond Dream. Very pretty headed 18 month orange/white bitch, beautiful type, lovely length of neck leading into good front with tight feet and oval bone. Not quite the strength of topline as first but moved steadily.

3rd Fleetwood's Tyremy Southsea Spice.

POST GRADUATE BITCH

1st Guy & Hinton's Carmandine Cookie Crumble By Fleurfield JW. Beautifully balanced orange/white bitch of correct size. Good feet and pasterns, a series of graceful curves, well angulated throughout finishing with a well set on tail of correct length. A little erratic on the move at times today, which held her back in the challenge on this occasion.

2nd Kelly's Fleurfield Faith Of Kelval ShCM. Another balanced orange/white bitch of correct size who is maturing along the right lines. Shown in good condition and well handled this young girl seems to enjoy her days out! Unfortunate to meet first today.

3rd Isherwood's Symitry Tickled Pink.

LIMIT BITCH

1st Rose's Ridanflight Rhonwhen. Beautiful orange/white bitch just coming to her best. Gorgeous head with dark eyes and melting expression. Superb outline which stood out in this class. Everything in the right place. Correct coat. Moved well when settled, but couldn't match the CC winner today. A very worthy RCC.

2nd Lathwell's Teisgol Its Your Chance For Tinchitamba. Shown in excellent condition and handled to advantage, this black/white bitch has a super head and has a very pleasing profile shape. Moved out well with enthusiasm.

3rd Harrison's Millpoint Hopes N Dreams JW.

OPEN BITCH

1st Siddle's Sh Ch Wilchrime Ice Maiden JW WW2013. I just love her! What more can be said about this bitch? Shown in super fit condition, her reach and drive is to be admired. Correct in all departments, has substance yet retains femininity. Beautiful tail carriage on the move. To me, she is Pointer all through. Very happy to be given the opportunity to judge this bitch, couldn't deny her the CC & BOB, thrilled to see her go on to Group 2.

2nd Evans & Pavey's Sh Ch Joneva Hazy Hazy Dream JW. A larger frame than first but stands over her ground well. Well made all through with a pretty head and gentle expression, nice length of neck leading into a well angulated front. On form today and she moved out well.

3rd Batchelor's Hookwood Its A Kind Of Magic At Kielderpoint.

VETERAN BITCH

1st Tibbs' Ch/Ir Ch Raigmore Let It Shine JW CW'10. Pretty orange/white bitch not looking her 7 years. Well balanced throughout, moved with true pointer style and carriage, using her neat tail well.

Judge - Carolyn O'Neill