

The Pointer Club of Scotland Championship Show

Sunday 4th October 2015

It is always nice to spend time in the company of like-minded people, and this was just the case at this friendly and well run show. The venue is spacious with plenty of parking, the setting is wonderful, put this together with a friendly atmosphere & good dogs make for a wonderful day.

There are always pluses and negatives when judging, but I was pleasantly surprised & found Pointers who do our breed proud at all levels of showing.

But on the negative side, I found quite a number of exhibits who had long thin tails carried quite high and the lashing tail which is such a joy to watch on the move, was almost non-existent. A lot has been said about size recently, but to be honest this is nothing new. Size has always been a topic for discussion be it too tall or too small or shoulders too upright. I think one of the main problems is lack of balance, this was most evident, as was the lack of correct angles both front & rear. Too exaggerated leads to weakness and poor movement; too little and the exhibit looks square which a Pointer should never be, gentle curves is what we should be aiming for with sloping shoulders and well developed quarters with enough angulation for drive, but not weakness. Some exhibits lacked forward reach & a short choppy front movement is less than ideal. I found quite a few too short in rib and although you do not want a too long a dog, the length should be in the rib not the loin.

Temperaments on the whole were good with only a couple of youngsters a bit shy.

We shall never have a pointer which is perfect in everyone's eyes, but as breeders & judges we should be aware of faults as well as virtues & try to breed for improvement & not just prizes.

VETERAN DOG

1st Tibbs' RAIGMORE DUSK TILL DAWN JW CJW'09. What can I say about this lovely boy, he has always been a favourite of mine. Shown in beautiful condition, he has a lovely head & eye & such a kind expression, his carriage on the move is second to none & one of the few who used his tail.

BVIS.

MINOR PUPPY DOG

1st BARKER'S FLINTHILL PIMPERNAL. Won this class on his more positive movement, he is quite a nice youngster just at a most awkward stage of his development, balanced head & nice length of neck moved freely.

2nd EDMONDSON & ROBERTSHAW'S CROOKRISE BLACKTHORN. Quality baby who has a super outline when stacked, nice head, long neck, preferred his shape to winner, just a little erratic on the move, but enjoying his day.

PUPPY DOG

1st TIBBS' FYDAL BEESWING AT RAIGMORE. Nice young dog, lovely head & eye, nicely balanced for a baby, moving soundly on a good stride. **BPD**

2nd BLACK'S RAIGMORE KISMET. Just a raw baby, it would be unfair to over criticize at this stage of his development, lacking depth at the moment but I am sure this will come as he matures.

JUNIOR DOG: A most disappointing class for movement

1st MACARA'S KANIX KINGDOM OVER CROMASAIG. First impression when standing was one of elegance, lovely outline when stacked, balanced in head, kind eye, long clean neck, but he is rather tall & at the moment appears narrow, needs to develop in rib & body, rather erratic in his front movement.

2nd HAZELTINE & WELCH'S JUST WILBERT. Thought this young dog could be my winner on entering the ring, lovely head & eye, super outline when standing, clean over shoulders, nice length of neck, good in rib, well developed in quarters, but he turns his stifles out when on the move which shortens his stride, needs to be moved at a different pace.

3rd WILSON'S BONNYGATE MASTER GHILLIE

YEARLING DOG

1st DYER & DYER'S SHARNPHILLY RIO VINO. I was hoping to find a well balanced dog with style & ring presence & this young dog has it in abundance, super head with slight dish, neat thin ears, slightly arched neck of good length, clean over shoulder, well developed rib & good depth, good front with correct oval bone, strength in loin & well developed quarters, moved with a lovely balance with correct carriage & tail action, I had hoped to find a star & this was it. so very pleased to award him his first **DCC & B.I.S.**

2nd LEGG & SCOTT'S NARSADS WILL TURNER SHCM. Lovely head of correct proportions, good eye placement, neat in ear, good length of neck, nice depth of body, clean in outline & free moving, a most promising youngster.

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MAIDEN DOG

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2nd BARKER'S FLINTHILL PIMPERNAL

GRADUATE DOG

1st ANDERSON-ROWELL'S DALEDANCER SILVER FAME. Loved this o/w for his overall soundness of movement, he has a lovely balanced head & kind eye & expression, free moving.

2nd GERRARD'S SHOOKWOOD SHOWPIECE AT CARMANDINE. Again another sound free moving dog who has a good stride, just preferred head of first.

3rd TIBBS & CHISHOLM'S RAIGMORE COSMIC STAR

POST GRADUATE DOG

1st NELIS' FREEBREEZE YANKEE CLIPPER. Honest o/w male with a lovely head of good proportions, kind in eye, deep chest, correct bone & sound on the move.

2nd HUXELY'S AURICALCUM EVAN KNOWS ITS WOODFLEET. Pleasing in head, quite a sound well muscled dog in hard condition, but lacks depth of chest, just needs to develop in body.

3rd TIBBS' RAIGMORE ASTRONOMER ROYAL

LIMIT DOG

1st HAZELTINE & UPTON'S HOOKWOOD BY GEORGE JW SHCM. Well constructed dog, clean shapely outline, fair head, nice eye & expression, good length of neck, clean over shoulder, deep in brisket, moved soundly when settled.

2nd SMITH'S FYDAL ACE. Lovely head with kind eye, neat thin ears, in firm condition, moved on a good stride, just a little loose in front.

3rd THEOBALD, PHILLIPS & WESTAWAY'S PENWEST PALLATON JW SHCM

OPEN DOG

1st THEOBALD'S SH CH TYCARREG STRANGELY FAMILYR JW. A lovely pointer of medium size, so well balanced both standing & on the move, balanced head with soft well developed lip, clean in back skull, nice arch of neck, clean over shoulders, deep chest & strength in quarters, correct turn of stifle, moved with drive on a free stride, perhaps not just the ring presence of the younger cc winner, but a most worthy show champion, **RDCC**.

2nd BLACKBURN-BENNET & WILBERG'S CORALWOOD KANIX MR T (IMP USA). Upstanding o/w, big dog, but has balance, impressive in outline, long clean slightly arched neck into clean shoulders, deep in chest & strength in quarters & sound on the move with good drive, but for me I would like a cleaner head planes & a little more back skull.

3rd WILKINSON'S PT CH OLIVER DO VALE CARVOEIRO

VETERAN BITCH

1st MACMANUS' CROOKRISE MOONDANCE AT LUNEVILLE. Sweet bitch with lovely expression, neat thin ears in lovely condition, moving soundly & enjoying her day.

2nd ANDERSON-ROWELL'S WYNDHEAD METTE MARIT SHCM. I liked this bitch as a youngster & thought her neat & well put together, my opinion is still the same, a real sweetie.

3rd MASON'S FREEBREEZE AS YOU LIKE IT SHCM

MINOR PUPPY BITCH

1st EDMONDSON & ROBERTSHAW'S CROOKRISE LARCH. I thought this baby was lovely, full of quality, lovely shape when standing, sweet head, long clean neck, good legs & pasterns, nice turn of stifle, moving freely with a lovely carriage.

2nd CROOKRISE MAGNOLIA. Litter sister to winner, again a quality puppy with similar remarks, just not as together as her sister at the moment.

3rd BARKER'S FLINTHILL FIDELITY

PUPPY BITCH

1st MCGILP'S RIDANFLIGHT RUBY TUESDAY AT FORTHBOURNE. Lovely quality puppy from the tip of her nose to her wagging tail, lovely head with sweet expression, good eye both in shape & expression, long arched neck, clean over shoulder & she kept her shape on the move, moved soundly with a free moving stride. if she matures as well as she looks now I think she could be for one for the top drawer, loved her & so pleased to award her best puppy in show. I did consider her for higher honours. **BPIS**

2nd GRIME & RILEY'S ANSONA LINNET

Loved this b/w baby for type & quality, lovely head, clean over shoulders, good front & bone of correct shape. Nice in rib & well made quarters, moved freely & soundly.

3rd SMITH'S FYDAL BEDAZZLE

JUNIOR BITCH

1st GERRARD & BELL'S CARMANDINE CALL MY BLUFF. Quite a nice bitch, balanced in head, good length of neck, clean over shoulder, deep chest & good in rib, moving freely to win this class.

2nd O'DRISCOLL'S FOWINGTON RISQUE. Another quality young bitch, lovely head, nice outline, moved sound & freely.

3rd MASON'S FREEBREEZE CURTAIN CALL

YEARLING BITCH

1st MACMANUS' CROOKRISE DIVA BY LUNEVILLE. Feminine girl who has a lovely head & expression, deep through body & firm over loin, but I would prefer better length of upper arm & tail carriage.

2nd MASON'S FREEBREEZE CURTAIN CALL. Overall a nice bitch with some quality, moved sound on a good stride

3rd DUNN'S MEADOWPOINT SPIRIT OF LOVE

MAIDEN BITCH

1st GERRARD & BELL'S CARMANDINE CALL MY BLUFF

2nd SMITH'S FYDAL BEDAZZLE. Pretty o/w bitch, lovely head & expression, moved freely, but would prefer a little more substance through body.

3rd O'DRISCOLL'S FOWINGTON RISQUE

NOVICE BITCH

1st GERRARD & BELL'S CARMANDINE CALL MY BLUFF

2nd SMITH'S FYDAL BEDAZZLE

3rd O'DRISCOLL'S FOWINGTON RISQUE

GRADUATE BITCH

1st WILKINSON'S STOCKSFELL REMEMBER ME. Lovely balance when stacked & on the move, lovely feminine head & sweet expression, nice eye shape, deep through body, good in rib, hocks well let down, moving freely.

2nd TOBIN'S DAVIGDOR DIAMOND LIL. Nice b/w bitch, nice outline, feminine head, long neck, deep chest, good expanse of thigh, moved a little erratic in front & would like more drive from the rear.

3rd WESTAWAY'S PENWEST POS SYBIL

POST GRADUATE BITCH

1st WESTAWAY'S PENWEST PICA PICA. A most lovely l/w girl, very feminine, with reasonable head & sweet expression, long clean neck, clean over shoulder, deep in chest, well developed quarters, lovely carriage on the move.

2nd PEARSON & MORLAND'S HOUSSEMAYNE ROWEN. Nice lemon girl of a bigger frame than winner, but nicely balanced, sound & free moving

3rd NELIS'S FREEBREEZE PROVIDENCE

LIMIT BITCH

1st WELCH'S OXFORDACRES TRINITY. Really fell for this shapely b/w, lovely head & eye, super outline, deep through body & strength in quarters, hocks well let down, moved on a good free stride with a lovely head & tail carriage. **RBCC** in very good company.

2nd MACMANUS' LUNEVILLE STRAWBERRY MOON. Lovely lemon girl, elegant & full of quality, moved soundly with good carriage & drive.

3rd SIMMONS' FREEBREEZE ACADIA WITH GALEMA

OPEN BITCH

Well what can I say about this wonderful class of bitches with over seventy CC's between them, I had to really nit-pick between them. I can see why the first three have changed places many times & no doubt will continue to do so, but there can be only one winner & on the day this was Juici Cuture, in perfect bloom the day had to be hers.

1st DYER & DYER'S SHARNPHILLY JUICI CUTURE. A most beautiful liver girl at the very top of her career, elegant flowing lines from nose to tail, the sweetest of heads & expression, long arched neck into sloping shoulders, deep in chest, ribs carried well back, correct sweep of stifle & hocks well let down, spot on for condition & muscle tone, she just flowed round the ring with correct head carriage & perfect footfall, so very pleased to award her the **BCC & R.B.I.S**, only beaten by the male who had stolen my heart.

2nd SIDDLE & SIDDLE'S WILCHRIMANE ICE MAIDEN. Another well known & exciting bitch, super shape when stacked, lovely head & eye, straight front & correct pasterns, deep in body & hocks well let down, moved with correct head & tail carriage, but today was not in the coat condition & moved a bit slack in front, I understood she was just off a litter & perhaps that was the reason, she was just not on form today.

3rd BLACKBURN-BENNET'S SH CH KANIX CHILLI. A very sound o/w girl who I felt deserved a mention in this company, she has the most striking outline both stacked & on the move, long clean neck, clean over shoulders & well developed quarters, moves so freely on a good length of stride, but for me I would like a little more length of foreface to balance her head, having said that she has a lovely eye both in colour & shape.

Three very worthy show champions who I felt honoured to have been allowed to judge.

GRAHAM INGHAM - Judge