

BORDER UNION CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Sunday 19th June 2016

This is one of my favourite shows and I was absolutely delighted to be asked to judge; and Wow what an entry – from the first Puppy dog to the last Veteran bitch it was absolute quality – I can honestly say that I could not think of one dog or bitch I would not have been happy giving a place to; so thank you. However this did mean that each place was hard fought and made for some very difficult decisions; with some lovely Pointers leaving the ring without a card. The weather was ideal for the dogs and the size of the ring meant that they could really settle into their stride.

There was so little on the down side – however do watch pasterns- the standard is for 'slightly sloping' with the emphasis on 'slightly' as a galloping breed we need this all important shock absorber to avoid injury. The feet should be oval and there are one or two round ones creeping in. It was fantastic to watch so many correct Pointers who really are true Aristocrats move so smoothly and powerfully round the ring.

I was mindful in the dog classes that we were on the last day and were last in the ring, following bitches of the previous breed and of course boys will be boys and I therefore did not unduly penalize a tail carried slightly above the level of the back.

I do feel we would have benefited from some more 'age' classes as in a slow maturing breed some did loose out on places due to maturity. The standard of the young dogs and bitches was exceptional and providing this is a true representation - the future of the breed will be strong. The last time I judged I was concerned about the depth of quality in the dogs however today this was not the case and there was quality down each line.

PUPPY DOG (6,2)

1st SHARNPHILLY SECRETARIAT (MRS S, MISS S & MR M DYER & ODDIE)

What a super young b&w beautifully balanced fore and aft, lovely head with the darkest of eyes & great length of neck. For a pup he was so positive on the move lashing his neat tail. A very promising youngster BPD

2nd ANSONA ALADDIN (MS T & MS J WATKINS & DAVIES)

Not the maturity of 1 but another very promising b&w. A rangier lad, who is a powerful mover with lovely reach & drive & a lashing tail. He already has plenty of work in his head and with the darkest of eyes giving a lovely soft expression.

3rd RAIGMORE VASCO DA GAMA (MR V & MRS S BLACK)

JUNIOR DOG (4,1)

1st TENSILLING HOME ALONE (MRS CJ O'NEILL)

O&W who is maturing beautifully – lovely lines with long sloping shoulders & smooth flowing movement. A dark eye & at 16 months he is developing a really nice head topped off by correct medium ears.

2nd FLEURFIELD JIM BEAM (MR E & MRS J LUKE)

This L&W is out of a larger mould than 1; however he is balanced, short coupled & has muscular well turned stifles. He really shone on the move with lovely reach which gained him his second place.

3rd FLINTHILL PIMPERNEL (MRS F E BARKER)

NOVICE DOG (6,0)

1st FYDAL BEESWING AT RAIGMORE (MR & MRS J TIBBS)

O&W who is just out of junior – the start of the breed standard says it all for this young dog – symmetrical and an outline that is a series of graceful curves. I loved him & considered him for top honours – another few months of maturity would just complete the picture. When his handler got him into his stride he really moved out using his tail.

2nd SHARNPHILLY SECRETARIAT (MRS S, MISS S & MR M DYER & ODDIE)

3rd BONNYGATE MASTER GHILLIE (MR & MRS A W WILSON)

POST GRADUATE DOG (6,0)

1st ANNIEZU MAGIC MOMENTS (MRS K TIMOTHY)

What a lovely head this O&W has - the darkest of eyes & beautifully balanced with nothing over done. Great depth of thigh and long sloping shoulders. Shown in great condition so on the move he was balanced with lovely reach & drive.

2nd RAIGMORE COSMIC STAR CJW15 (MRS P & MISS E TIBBS & CHISHOLM)

This B&W also has a lovely balanced head with the kindest expression. He is short coupled & has a lovely topline with the neatest of tails which he used on the move. Shown in great condition.

3rd FREEBREEZE OVER THE TOP AT SPINRAY (MS L, MS P & MS M RAYNER, SPINKS & PRINGLE)

LIMIT DOG (9,2)

1st FREEBREEZE FIGARO JW SHCM (MRS R MASON)

O&W with a lovely head, super reach of neck. From the tip of his nose to his tail he flowed both standing and on the move. Nothing overdone or exaggerated just beautifully balanced an absolute classic Pointer. Loved him as a puppy and today I was delighted he got his act together & showed his socks off no denying him the RDCC.

2nd DALEDANCER SILVER FAME (MRS S J ANDERSON ROWELL)

O&W who when stacked is very similar to 1 just slightly shorter coupled, lovely depth of chest, he has the kindest of expression and is really powerful on the move exhibiting the appearance of endurance & speed shown in hard condition.

3rd JUST WILBURT BY HOOKWOOD JW (MISS C & MRS S HAZELTINE & WELCH)

OPEN DOG (5,1)

1st SH CH HURWYN LAW N ORDER JW (MS T & MS J WATKINS & DAVIES)

B&W shown in sparkling & hard condition. A 4 years old he has fulfilled his early promise. Standing he is all male, balanced with sloping shoulders and well turned stifle, lovely clean muscular neck and well sprung ribs. On the move he really comes alive and powers round the ring with great reach & strength maintaining his topline & lashing his tail. I was delighted to award him DCC.

2nd HOOKWOOD BY GEORGE JW SHCM (MISS C & MR G HAZELTINE & UPTON)

O&W Another powerful mover, standing he is beautifully balanced with a clean muscular neck, lovely balanced head just slightly broader than 1. Shown in hard condition.

3rd GARTARRY MOONSHINE OVER STAXYLL (MR S E & MRS M MITCHELL)

VETERAN DOG (2,0)

1st HURWYN SOME MIGHT SAY JW (MRS CJ O'NEILL)

This B&W dog is a favourite of mine he has the most fantastic head with such a soft expression and standing everything is beautifully balanced, has a lovely depth of chest and spring of rib. He belies his age what a pity he does not always give a 100% on the move or he would have been in the top awards. BVD

2nd GARTARRY PEREGRINE (G HALL)

Another who does not look his age. O&W who decided today he would give his handler quite a hard time lovely soft expression correct depth of chest neat medium length tapering tail.

PUPPY BITCH (9,1)

1st ANSONA CINDERELLA (MS D ELRINGTON)

Headed this lovely class of pups; 1st and 2nd were so close – on the day I felt that this one was slightly shorter coupled than 2nd and was moving with more forward reach. What a little star – from the minute she walked in the ring she showed her head off - beautifully balanced & for a baby has a lovely depth of chest and spring of rib. Lovely, smooth flowing movement. BP & was delighted to see her go Puppy Group 4

2nd SHARNPHILLY MAKYBE DIVA (MRS S, MISS S & MR M DYER & ODDIE)

Another stunning B&W puppy loved her head & she has the neatest of tails, so unfortunate to meet 1 today in such form & I am sure they will change places many times.

3rd SHADYBROOK JOIE DE VIVRE AT WHIPSPAN (IMP USA) (MRS B, MRS S & MISS M CRITCHLEY, LONDON & HEATON)

JUNIOR BITCH (6,1)

1st JONEVA MOLLIE MALONE FOR HOLLYBIRCH (MRS B TURTON)

A L&W Bitch just out of Puppy short coupled with excellent lay of shoulders and good fore chest. Moved with plenty of reach & drive.

2nd ALCAZAR AFFAIR WITH AMORE BY FLEURFIELD (MRS M & MRS M HINTON & JONES)

A slightly heavier O&W who just managed to out move her classmates to gain this place Neat tail which was correctly carried on the move – I would prefer a cleaner neck to complete the picture.

3rd FLINTHILL FIDELITY (MRS F E BARKER)

NOVICE BITCH (7,0)

1st FYDAL BEDAZZLE (MRS A SMITH)

A stunning young O&W She is well balanced with muscular thighs and well turned stifles matched by correct lay of shoulders topped by a muscular clean neck. Another show girl who can really move. What a pity she was not as relaxed in the challenge with the change of handler.

2nd ANSONA CINDERELLA (MS D ELRINGTON)

3rd SHARNPHILLY MAKYBE DIVA (MRS S, MISS S & MR M DYER & ODDIE)

POST GRADUATE BITCH (17,1)

1st RAIGMORE STARLET AT BRIARTOR (MR A DYKES)

At 2½ this B&W is just reaching full maturity and headed this truly stunning class of bitches, where even short listing was a nightmare, to say I was spoilt for choice is an understatement. This young lady probably had one of the nicest heads on the day beautifully balanced with slightly concave muzzle wide nostrils and the darkest of eyes. She is not overdone in anyway just perfect balance. Although not moved at speed she has a fabulous driving action which is so smooth. I had no hesitation in awarding her the RBCC

2nd FYDAL BLOWN AWAY TO DEADAWAY (MRS J M BLOWERS)

This O&W is the picture of femininity with no exaggeration, lovely flowing lines, correct depth of chest with excellent spring of rib, shown in hard condition. On the move she certainly covers the ground maintaining a lovely topline.

3rd PROTANTO FIRST DIRECT (MISS R & MR O BOOTH & ASJAD MALHI)

LIMIT BITCH (10,0)

1st RIDANFLIGHT RUBY TUESDAY AT FORTHBOURNE (MR P MCGILP)

Heading another stunning class of bitches; this feminine O&W just screams Pointer. Built on classic lines she flows whether standing or on the move. An aristocrat through and through; super reach of neck, long sloping shoulders brisket well let down, good turn of stifle. On the move her head is held high, her tail is carried straight off her back and never stops lashing & she smoothly cover plenty of ground. I was delighted to award her, her 3rd CC & BOB. A worthy SH CH.

2nd RAIGMORE STARLET AT BRIARTOR (MR A DYKES)

3rd PIPEAWAY MARIANNA PASCOLI AT RIOWOOD (MR M ODDIE)

OPEN BITCH (4,1)

1st SH CH FYDAL AVA (MRS A SMITH)

Ultra feminine O&W a very firm favourite of mine she is a series of graceful curves & the ultimate show girl whose tail never stops lashing. Absolutely balanced with great spring of rib and lovely turn of stifle. Felt today she just needed a little extra body to complete the picture & put her in the top honours.

2nd MISPERROS JUMANJI OF CARMELFAIR (MRS J & MRS M FAIRBAIRN & MADIGAN)

Another feminine O&W today she was just out moved by the winner. Medium skull with lovely dark eye & wide nostrils. The very best of fronts with sloping pasterns. Well sprung ribs & a good turn of stifle.

3rd DOWBIGGINS COCO POP (MRS A UDALÉ)

VETERAN BITCH (6,0)

1st WYNDHEAD METTE MARIT SHCM (MRS S J ANDERSON ROWELL)

Talk about finishing the day on a high note – this was the most fantastic class of Veteran Bitches; six red cards would just about have covered it; they all sailed round the ring with heads held high & lashing tails. However judge it I must and this feminine O&W came out on top, she showed her socks off she is beautifully balanced in hard condition; maintains her top line on the move and really covers the ground. Muscular thigh with well turned stifle. The correct depth of brisket and spring of rib. She out moved the dog to get BV.

2nd FREEBREEZE AS YOU LIKE IT SHCM (MRS R MASON)

So close up to the first I was splitting hairs between these two beautiful ladies. She is slightly longer cast than the winner. Another that is a series of graceful curves, has a lovely long sloping shoulder and correct pasterns. Well defined stop and muscular neck. She was also covering the ground on the move.

3rd SH CH FLINTHILL FORGET ME NOT JW (MRS B WILKINSON)

Judge – Mrs Joan Huxley