DARLINGTON CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW Sunday 18th September 2016

I must thank the Committee for inviting me to award CC's for the first time. It was a lovely venue and we were blessed with glorious sunshine. Some beautiful exhibits were brought before me and the quality of the entry overall was great. Many thanks for your entries, the majority were taken very sportingly. However, I was disappointed to see some pointers carrying too much weight, and a few having a rolling action on the move. Muscle and condition was lacking in some and some could have done with teeth cleaning. That said, I was pleased not to find any incorrect bites and was delighted by my final line ups. My thanks to the two stewards for their great work in keeping the ring in order.

VETERAN DOG (1)

1st Hall's Gartarry Peregrine – O/W of 7 1/2 years, looking well for age, has a kind expression and good eye. Well off for bone, deep in brisket. Not overdone. Moved stylishly with tail lashing.

MINOR PUPPY DOG - No entries

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JUNIOR DOG (4, 1)

1st Hall's - Gartarry You Shook Me - B/W of 15 months, Masculine youngster deep in brisket, equal angles front and rear, oval bone and feet, with sloping pasterns. Moved steadily. Would not want him any bigger. 2nd Macara, Jamieson & Blackburn-Bennett's, Kanix Legend At Cromasaig, O/W of 17 months. Handsome dog with lovely head, kind eye with good pigment. Lovely angles and body properties. Today preferred rear movement of 1.

3rd Luke & Hinton's - Fleurfield Jack Daniels

YEARLING DOG (4, 1)

1st Tibbs' - Fydal Beeswing At Raigmore. 21-month O/W dog of lovely type. Dark kind eye enhancing well chiselled head. Good length of neck flowing to well laid shoulders. Lovely front assembly, good spring of rib. Has well-muscled rear with good breadth of stifle. Moved well once settled.

2nd Luke's - Fleurfields Jim Beam,15 L/W built on heavier lines than 1, front and rear angles good, has good spring of rib, longer in loin. Good low hocks.

3rd Batchelor's - Wilchrimane Clickety Click

POST GRADUATE DOG (9, 1)

1st Cumming's - Sniperay Atlantis, B/W boy well up to size, masculine head with good turn of lip, super neck. Balanced dog but would prefer more angulation. However, has good sloping pastern and is short coupled. Moved ok when settled.

2nd Hazeltine & Welch's - Just Wilburt by Hookwood, B/W of nice size, with good head, another that has equal angles giving a balanced picture. Shown in good condition.

3rd Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's - Freebreeze Over The Top At Spinray

LIMIT DOG (12)

1st Hazeltine & Upton's - Hookwood By George, O/W boy, loved his size and shape, shows presence in the ring and moves so smoothly. Very balanced, beautiful masculine head, dark, kind eye giving typical expression. Great length of neck flowing to laid back shoulder, good body properties, short coupled. Rear angulation and width of stifle I liked. Delighted to give him RCC today.

2nd Perkins' - Kanix Joker of Brent, B/W with good head and dark eye, good stop and nice turn of lip. Good front assembly with good oval bone. Good rear angulation. Creates a balanced picture. 3rd Theobald, Phillips & Westaway's - Penwest Pallaton

OPEN DOG (7, 1)

1st Watkins & Davies' - Sh Ch Hurwyn Law N Order, B/W boy of lovely size and shape. Have loved him since a puppy and he didn't disappoint today. In gleaming condition, he has a beautiful masculine head with lovely breadth, good stop, dark kind eye he has a beautiful expression. All the angles are in the right places without any exaggeration. He is well ribbed, short coupled with lovely stifle. He moved steadily showing true type and using tail. Delighted to award his 5th CC BOS.

2nd Perkins' - Ir Sh Ch Kanix Fate of Brent B/W slightly larger overall than 1 but cannot deny has true pointer type. Lovely head and expression. Preferred angulation of 1.

3rd Bedson & Earl's - Caithpoint Hot Chocolate

VETERAN BITCH (2)

1st Dunn's - Meadowpoint Spirit Dancer, B/W of almost 8 years, larger build but balanced. Has a lovely expression, well angulated front assembly. Short coupling to good rear, good turn of stifle with good width. Moved steadily with tail lashing.

2nd Lowe's - Lowsmoor Storms River (AI),

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (4, 1)

1st Westaway's - Ridanflight Raisen, B/W of 7 months, liked her. Lovely shoulder and length of upper arm, good body and rear. Shown in good puppy condition, with sufficient muscle for age. Still growing into herself as expected at this age, moved well when settled. Will look forward to see her mature, good future ahead.

2nd Sumner's - Rydaze Hello Sunshine, O/W, a well-made puppy also built on lovely lines. Great length of neck, front assembly with good angulation, longer in loin than one with well angulated rear. Erratic on the move at present.

3rd Huxley's - Woodfleet Wild Is The Wind

PUPPY BITCH (3)

1st Dyer, Dyer & Oddie's - Sharnphilly Makybe Diva, B/W 9 months, of smaller type but very well put together. Lovely head and expression with very dark eye, good stop and evident dish. Has lovely neck, well laid shoulder, well off for bone. Good feet and sloping pasterns. Good rib cage, lengthy loin, well-muscled. Really has herself together on the move. Today had no hesitation in awarding BP and was delighted to see her gain PGR2.

2nd Elrington's - Ansona Cinderella, 9 months B/W, built on beautiful lines, all the angles in the right places. Lovely expression, lengthy neck well placed shoulders, good length of rib with spring. Muscular rear with good bend of stifle. She was erratic on the move today but I'm sure will have a bright future.

3rd Huxley's - Woodfleet Wild Is The Wind

JUNIOR BITCH (3)

1st Hewitt's - Droveborough Miss Marple L/W built on heavier lines but a good shape, balanced overall. Kind expression with good eye. In good muscle. A little unsettled on the move.

2nd Perkins' - Brent All About Me, O/W feminine girl. Good head and eye. Moderate angulation, deep in brisket. Moved ok when settled, preferred length of foreface on 1

3rd Evans & Pavey's - Joneva Mrs Bridges

YEARLING BITCH (2)

1st McGilp's - Sh Ch Ridanflight Ruby Tuesday At Forthbourne, a beautiful example of our breed. Truly a series of graceful curves. Has great ring presence with head carriage that commands a second look at her. Super head, lovely turn of lip and well placed ears. Lovely length of neck runs to well- placed shoulders. Has good spring of rib and short couplings. Liked her width of stifle. Moved very well. Delighted to give her 5th CC and BOB. Shortlisted in the group. Surely has a bright future.

2nd Lowe's - Lowsmoor Shiralee, O/W another well balanced girl, well put together good front assembly, not as mature as 1. Liked her rear angulation and muscle tone. Lovely youngster.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (12, 4)

1st Bedson & Earl's - Caithpoint Here and Now, O/W built on flowing lines kind expression with good eye. Lovely head, well chiselled, super long neck, flowing into well placed shoulders. Liked her oval bone, and good feet, lengthy rib and loin. Has a good width and turn of stifle. Moved smoothly showing reach and drive. Well-muscled and in good condition.

2nd Booth & Asjad Malhi's - Prontano First Direct, L/W has a picture of balance, liked her head, has a good turn of lip and good eye giving a kindly expression. Deep in brisket, shorter coupled than 1. Fine tail. Preferred movement of 1 on the day.

3rd MacManus' - Crookrise Diva By Luneville

LIMIT BITCH (12, 4)

1st MacManus' - Luneville Strawberry Moon, O/W with good pigment and expression. She has a good head, moderate angles, good oval bone, sloping pasterns and tight feet. She shows a good spring of rib, and is short coupled. Liked her width of stifle. Very balanced, moves well.

2nd Kelly's – Fleurfield Faith of Kelval, O/W well built with all angles in the right place. Deeper in brisket than 1 but longer in loin. Good feet, short tail used on the move. Steady mover.

3rd Sumner's – Hawkfield Chinwag With Rydaze

OPEN BITCH (7)

A lovely class of top girls, my placings were hair splitting.

1st Perkins' - Sh Ch Luneville Honey Moon At Brent, O/W very feminine girl full of elegance. Shows a kind expression with super dark eye and pigment. Lovely chiselled head carried so well when moving, long neck and well laid shoulders, good oval bone and sloping pasterns. Feet good. She has good length and spring of rib, longer in loin. Rear angulation matches front and the balanced picture is completed by a typical pointer tail. Well- muscled. Delighted to give RBCC.

2nd Dyer's - Sh Ch Sharnphilly Juici Cuture, L/W No denying a beautiful bitch that I can add no more to what has been said before. A heavier build than 1 but nonetheless has all the merits of a true pointer. Just preferred the overall essence of 1.

3rd Blackburn-Bennett's - Kanix Chilli

RACHEL HAMBLING - Judge.