

DRIFFIELD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Friday 30th September 2016

Thanks to the committee of Driffield for awarding me this appointment and my excellent stewards. We were lucky the rain held off and the ring was of a good size and in good order. However the wind and chill in the air certainly affected a few exhibits who would not settle or give of their best. Overall I was delighted with the quality of the bitches, in so many classes it was hard to separate the placings. The dogs were not so easy to find what I was hoping for. Fronts overall were good, which pleased me greatly, however many lacked stifle and depth through second thigh, which takes the balance and symmetry away. Temperaments were exemplary.

PUPPY DOG (1)

1st ADAMS, BAKER, & BAKER-ROULLIER'S - DESFRISA GENTLE JOKER. Standing alone this young b/w boy is well up for size but stands balanced on good bone and feet. Lovely dark eye and kind expression. Clean through neck into well laid shoulders, good depth to chest, correct angles behind, tail set on well. Took time to settle on the move but showed he can go with reach, just needs to grow into his frame and it will all come together. BPD.

JUNIOR DOG (4, 1)

1st MARSH'S - RATCHDA'S ROCK THRUSH. 16mths liver boy in fit hard condition. Liked his head for shape and balance with kind expression. Overall his conformation gives a picture of flow and balance. Correct angles, good bone and feet, well set on tail. When settled really moves out with reach and drive.

2nd STILGOE & HARRISON'S - ENZO DEL ALMOJON (Imp). Less mature this young orange has all the essentials. Nicely balanced head, clean lines, good bone and feet. Once settled moved out well. Time is on his side.

3rd COGGINS, COGGINS & ADAMS' - DROVEBOROUGH DCI LEWIS AT GEMROSE.

SPECIAL YEARLING DOG (2)

1st LATHWELL'S - TINCHITAMBA A WAITING GAME. B/w maturing nicely along correct lines, all to like. Pleasant head and expression, good front assembly, correct bone and feet. Moved out soundly with reach and drive.

2nd O'NEILL'S - TENSILLING HOME ALONE. Giving his handler a really hard time, so not easy to assess him. He is a smart boy, another maturing well. Like his head and expression, correct oval bone and good feet. Moving he again would not totally cooperate but in snatches he showed his soundness and drive.

POST GRADUATE DOG (6, 2)

1st TIMOTHY'S - ANNIEZU MAGIC MOMENTS. As I expect from this kennel a super mover, where he comes into his own and shone in this class. Orange boy with balanced head, kind expression, clean lines, firm topline and correct tail set. In fit condition, well handled to advantage.

2nd CHEVALIER'S - SHARNPHILLY AFTERSHOCK. One I have always liked. He has a well moulded skull balanced with good stop. Clean cut into good reach of neck, correct front and forechest, good tuck up, well turned stifles, correct tail set. Unfortunately he did not really settle on the move and lacked the style I know he has. Quality boy.

3rd RAYNER, SPINKS & PRINGLE'S - FREEBREEZE OVER THE TOP AT SPINRAY.

LIMIT DOG – (15, 1)

This class was very difficult with so many different 'types' and movement.

1st HAZELTINE & WELCH'S - JUST WILBERT BY HOOKWOOD JW ShCM. This young b/w stood out for me in this class for his style and balance. He presents such a clean picture, no exaggerations, just clean flowing lines. Masculine head not over done, clean neck, correct shoulders, well ribbed up, firm topline, good turn of stifle. On the move he just powers along with reach and drive, so sound and true. In the challenge his showmanship and movement won him the day, expertly handled. CC RBOB.

2nd STILGOE'S - TEISGOL I AM THE ONE AND ONLY JW ShCM. To coin a phrase '*not a big un*' but yet another from this kennel with excellent conformation. He had the balance with correct angles fore and aft which just flow, coupled with pleasing head, oval bone good feet. A very sound happy mover.

3rd SAUNDERS' - TEISGOL MASSALIA.

OPEN DOG – (11)

What a class and a privilege to handle so many top dogs.

1st HARRISON'S - SH CH MILLPOINT HEAT WAVE JW ShCM. No getting past this dog at his best. He has had all the plaudits, I can only echo them. Quality pointer from the tip of his nose to his tail. Always a sound mover he only lost out today to the younger dog on his extra sparkle. RCC.

2nd HOWES' - SH CH MILLPOINT BABE MAGNET AT MEDOGOLD JW. Super young dog, love his head, dark eyes and lovely kind expression. In my opinion his 'copy book' neck and front assembly must be one of the best in present dogs. Balanced with well turned stifles and correct tail set, depth to chest, best of bone and feet to complete the picture. Moves out on a long stride with drive. I still feel he has yet to become to his best.

3rd WATKINS & DAVIES' - SH CH HURWYN LAW N ORDER JW.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME DOG (2)

1st SAUNDERS - TEISGOL MASSALIA. Third in a big limit class, this is a quality b/w. Well made all through, liked his head and expression, correct bone and feet, well set on tail. Sound mover straight and true.

2nd TREGASKIS' - MOENFAIR SPICEWOOD SUMMER. This young b/w out of a different mould far less mature than my winner has lots to like. Well shaped balanced head, dark eye with kind expression. Clean through neck and shoulders, good stifles and tail set, sound mover. Just needs to body up further which will come.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (3, 1)

1st HAZELTINE & WELCH'S - HOOKWOOD BUSTY BABS. Well grown for age, 6mths b/w. Neat head, dark eyes, clean neck, correct front, good turn of stifle, correct bone and feet. Moved and showed so well for such a baby.

2nd SUMNER'S - RYDAZE HELLO SUNSHINE. This orange girl was far less mature and sure of herself than one. Her head needs to break but overall the essentials are there to make up into an elegant girl. Movement hard to assess but showed in moments she can stride out with drive.

PUPPY BITCH (5)

Lovely class of puppies full of quality.

1st DYER, DYER & ODDIE'S - SHARNPHILLY MAKYBE DIVA. Super quality baby. Her head is beautifully moulded with the darkest of eyes and melting expression. Clean reachy neck flows into correct shoulders, straight front. Stands on good bone and feet with firm topline, well turned stifles and good tail set. A real look at me girl. On the move she just flows and powers along. BP.

2nd BAKER & BAKER-ROULLIER'S - DESFRISA FLIRTINI. Very attractive b/w with balance and flow to outline. Feminine head with dark eyes and gentle expression, good reach of neck into well placed shoulders and forechest. True topline, well turned stifles with tail well set on. I think the best I have seen this bitch move, striding out, totally co-ordinated, at one with handler.

3rd ELRINGTON'S - ANSONA CINDERELLA.

JUNIOR BITCH (9, 1)

1st EVANS & PAVEY'S - JONEVA MRS BRIDGES. Another quality bitch, which one expects from this kennel. Very feminine head with dark eye and kind expression. Well bodied with good front and forechest, the best of bone and feet. She flows into well turned stifles, short hocks, firm topline and well set on tail. Moves out well with straight true action. Will soon trouble the best.

2nd NORBURY'S - MEDOGOLD MILK SHAKE. This young bitch won her place today on her lovely elegant outline which fills the eye. Clean lines, so balanced. Sweet head and expression with good reach of neck into the best of fronts. Moved out well today with drive and purpose.

3rd HEWITT'S - DROVEBOROUGH MISS MARPLE.

YEARLING BITCH (6)

1st BOND'S - JONEVA ASTEREA JW. This class teamed with quality and this young bitch has it in spades, right out of the top drawer. Litter sister to my junior winner but built on slightly finer lines, she presents a picture of elegance and graceful curves. Correct conformation from any angle combined with sound driving movement will take her to the top. Pressed hard for top honours today.

2nd NORBURY'S - MEDOGOLD MILK SHAKE.

3rd GOODWIN & SMALLWOOD'S - MEDOGOLD CORAZON FOR TYREMY.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (11, 4)

1st BEDSON & EARL'S - CAITHPOINT HERE AND NOW. Fell for this young orange girl a star in the making. With the looks of her mother and the showmanship and movement of her sire she has it all. On the stack she catches and holds your attention with her make and shape, elegance, balance and symmetry. Her movement was a joy, ground covering with reach and drive to top it all her tail never stopped. RCC.

2nd BOOTH & ASJAD MALHI'S - PROTANTO FIRST DIRECT. Very taken with this liver bitch unlucky to meet 1 today. Liked her well shaped balanced head with kind expression. Strongly made all through with correct bone and feet, another who powered around the ring.

3rd TREGASKIS' - MOENFAIR TINPENNY TOD TAILS.

LIMIT BITCH (13, 2)

1st BROOKSMITH'S - MEDOGOLD KISS N' TELL JW ShCM. Every dog has its day and this was hers. Medium size combining elegance with substance. Balanced feminine head with sweet expression, fine leathers set close to head, clean cut into neck flowing to well laid shoulders. Straight front with correct oval bone and neat arched feet. Deep in chest and flows to good tuck up, well turned stifles, well let down hocks. Firm topline tail set on well. Shown in fit condition with gleaming dark liver coat. Movement is smooth ground covering with drive. Pleased to award her CC & BOB. She delighted me later going GRP 2.

2nd DYER'S - SHARNPHILLY LULU GUINNESS JW. This bitch I have done well in the past and time has not diminished my opinion. Quality b/w built on flowing clean lines and gentle curves from nose to tail. To me a classic pointer. Moved as well as I have seen her, covering the ground with reach and drive. Close decision.

3rd HOWES' - MEDOGOLD HERE COMES THE GIRL JW.

OPEN BITCH (5)

1st HARRISON'S - MILLPOINT TO HAVE N' TO HOLD JW. Another I have loved in the past. This fully mature b/w bitch has a stunning outline so correct in fore and hind quarter angulation, she stands so balanced and fills the eye. I was impressed with her fitness and gleaming coat, having not long had a litter, all credit to her owner. She moved so well today obviously enjoying the large open ring. She had to work hard today to beat 2. Lovely bitch.

2nd STUCKEY'S - SH CH MEDOGOLD CORALIE OF PENDAN JW ShCM. A beautiful liver - another classic pointer. So true all through, balanced pleasing picture with no exaggerations. I have loved this bitch since she was a puppy and she is such a worthy champion who will be at the top for a long time. Always a sound true mover she just lacked the extra sparkle of 1 today, a tough decision.

3rd DUNN'S-: MEADOWPOINT SPIRIT DANCER ShCM.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME BITCH (1)

1st VAUGHAN'S - TEISGOL I AM WHAT I AM. This is a nice quality b/w, another from this kennel with good conformation. She has a nice head, dark eyes and lovely expression. Correct oval bone, good feet. Sound happy mover but for me carrying a little too much weight today.

KAREN SILLINCE - judge.