

# GUNDOG SOCIETY OF WALES CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

## Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Firstly I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge at this well run and friendly show and my stewards for keeping things running smoothly. I found the quality in many of the classes varied quite considerably. Many males were well up to the preferred height. This is not something new as such specimens were in the ring 30 years ago although not in such numbers. Although this is something which breeders should take into consideration when choosing a suitable sire, I do not consider this in itself should detract from the specimen if it presents a balanced picture. Unfortunately many were overdone in every department. A pointer should display strength and stamina but still possess the series of graceful curves, style and that aristocratic air which sets the breed apart from many of the other Gundog breeds. To comment on the breed in general, tail set and carriage needs close attention. Also some feet although of a correct shape were open, not with well arched toes.

There were also a few which bordered on cat-like. Also some specimens had had too much pudding which detracted from the overall look and some lacked muscle tone. I would also urge exhibitors to show their dogs on a loose lead and not strung up which totally spoils the picture of a Pointer in full flow. The above comments are intended as constructive criticism and I must add I was happy with my principal winners.

### **MINOR PUPPY DOG (2, 1a)**

1<sup>st</sup> Jamieson's Kanix News Flash at Glenfinnan, l/w, 6 months on the day. Stood alone but promising youngster. Loved his dam. Pleasing head with good bone and feet and angulation. Needs time to develop. Moved well for age.

### **PUPPY DOG (4,2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Wilberg's Kanix Mario, o/w. Mature puppy. Presented a balanced picture. Good all through and steady on the move. Should have a bright future.

2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon & Petherick's Hawkfield Strider, o/w. Another that needs time. Preferred tail carriage and movement of 1.

### **JUNIOR DOG (3)**

1<sup>st</sup> Marsh's Ratchda Rock Thrush, l/w. Stylish young dog; good bone and feet and correct all through; correct tail carriage; moved well; considered him for top honours.

2<sup>nd</sup> Hall's Gartarry You Shook Me, b/w preferred overall balance and tail carriage of 1; pleasing head and overall a nice young dog; steady on the move.

3<sup>rd</sup> Kirby's Pipeaway Master Design JW

### **YEARLING DOG (5)**

1<sup>st</sup> O'Neill's Tenshilling Home Alone, o/w. Balanced dog; pleasing size; lovely head with melting expression; well constructed throughout; tail carriage on the move distracted but good coming and going.

2<sup>nd</sup> Macara, Jamieson & Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Legend at Cromasaig, Stylish Pointer shown to perfection; good substance; preferred overall balance of 1; steady on move but tail carriage distracted.

3<sup>rd</sup> Harrison's Millpoint Formula One JW

### **NOVICE DOG (2,1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Cooper's Trosnant Shadow of Dreams, b/w. Good head, bone and feet and angulation; a bit wide on front standing and on the move.

### **POST GRADUATE DOG (6,1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Turnbull's Bonnygate Marquis O'The Glen at Beridew, b/w. Well balanced dog of correct proportions; pleasing head with kind expression; good bone, feet, correct angulation front and rear and good on the move; not overdone in any way but all dog.

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy's Anniezu Magic Moments, o/w. Built on bigger lines than 1, but generally presented a pleasing picture; not as positive on the move as 1.

3<sup>rd</sup> Scholes' Pipeaway Antonio Manchini at Rossgilde

### **LIMIT DOG (11,2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Tregaskis' Moenfair Spicewood Summer, b/w. A lot to like; all male but not overdone in any department; good head with melting expression; good angulation and tail set; steady on the move.

2<sup>nd</sup> Theobald, Phillips & Westaway Penwest's Pallation JW SHCM, b/w. Similar remarks to 1 apply; correct size and not overdone in any regard; good head and expression; clean through neck and shoulders; correct bone, good angulation and tail set.

3<sup>rd</sup> Isherwood's Symitry Red Rascal.

### **OPEN DOG (7,1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Watkins & Davies' Sh Ch Hurwyn Law N Order JW, b/w; in my opinion, overall a lovely specimen of our breed; beautiful flowing lines – the series of graceful curves I was looking for; oozing quality; substance without a hint of coarseness; beautiful head with melting expression, moved well; I was told I gave him his first RCC when last I judged the breed and was happy to add another CC to his collection; BOB.

2<sup>nd</sup> Harrison's Sh Ch Millpoint Heat Wave JW SHCM, b/w. Liked his overall balance and general substance; moved well; a worthy champion.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tregaskis' Moenfair Spicewood Summer.

### **VETERAN DOG (5,3)**

1<sup>st</sup> O'Neill's Hurwyn Some Might Say JW, b/w in beautiful condition; handsome head and melting expression; plenty of substance and sound all through. Oozing quality and a picture on the move RCC.

2<sup>nd</sup> Adams' Sh Ch Ansona Simple Simon JW SHCM, b/w; built on finer lines than 1 but presented a balanced picture with good body properties; another worthy Sh Ch; preferred head of 1.

### **MINOR PUPPY BITCH (4) Two promising puppies.**

1<sup>st</sup> Rankine's Gempoint Catch a Dream for Flydefair, b/w; good all through with correct bone and feet; good angulation; steady on the move;

2<sup>nd</sup> Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Naughty Nancy, b/w, just 6 months but promising youngster; very feminine but not lacking in any department; not as steady on the move as one but time is on her side. Two for the future.

3<sup>rd</sup> Barker's Flinthill Orange Princess

### **PUPPY BITCH (6,1) A lovely class.**

1<sup>st</sup> Elrington's Ansona Cinderella b/w; beautiful feminine bitch with classic lines; feminine head with melting expression; correct body properties with good angulation; another with the series of graceful curves and that illusive quality; moved well; interested to learn her sire was my BOB winner; RBCC and BP; will follow her show career with interest.

2<sup>nd</sup> Dyer & Oddie's Sharnphilly Makybe Diva, b/w; another lovely bitch with, I feel, a bright future; plenty of bone and neat feet; plenty of substance and angulation; another that was steady on the move.

3<sup>rd</sup> Gordon's Hawkfield Saunter.

### **JUNIOR BITCH (7,2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Isherwood's Symitry Iced Ginger, o/w. Stood out in this class. Another very feminine bitch with lovely head and melting expression; pleasing all through; giving her handler a hard time but, when settled, moved true.

2<sup>nd</sup> Baker & Baker-Roullier's Desfrisa Flirtini, b/w. Built on heavier lines than 1 but deserved her placing; plenty of substance and angulation all through; moved steadily.

3<sup>rd</sup> Metcalf's Darkridge Busy Bein Fab'u Lus

### **YEARLING BITCH (6,1)**

1<sup>st</sup> McGilp's Sh Ch Ridanflight Ruby Tuesday at Forthbourne, o/w. Beautiful, feminine bitch; presents a lovely picture; beautiful head with kind expression going into good shoulders with good bone and feet; another with plenty of substance without a hint of coarseness; good on the move; expertly handled. Happy to award her BCC.

2<sup>nd</sup> Barker's Flinthill Fidelity, l/w. Very pretty bitch with good head and pleasing expression; good angulation front and rear; correct bone and feet and good tail set; steady on the move.

3<sup>rd</sup> O'Neill's Flydefair Sky Full of Stars over Tenshilling

### **NOVICE BITCH (6,1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Rankine's Gempoint Catch a Dream for Flydefair.

2<sup>nd</sup> Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Nectar, o/w. Just 6 months and giving her handler a hard time but full of promise; lovely feminine puppy; lovely head and expression; put together very well all through; when settled moved well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Metcalf's Darkridge Busy Bein Fab'u Lus

### **POST GRADUATE BITCH (13,2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Brooksmith & Adams' Nightgold Blackavar, b/w. Presented a pleasing outline; good bone, feet and angulation; moved true

2<sup>nd</sup> Wheldon & Earl's Caithpoint Here and Now, o/w. Very feminine; plenty of substance without any coarseness; good tail set; preferred movement of 1.

3<sup>rd</sup> Gerrard & Bell's Carmandine Call My Bluff

### **LIMIT BITCH (11,3)**

1<sup>st</sup> Mackay's Federica Fanfare at Woodglade, l/w. Well proportioned; substantial bitch but still presented a feminine picture; pleasing head; well angulated front and rear; really impressed on the move.

2<sup>nd</sup> Brooksmith & Adams' Medogold Kiss N'Tell JW SHCM, l/w. Another well proportioned bitch with bags of substance; nice head and expression; good angulation and impressed on the move.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tregaskis' Moenfair Tinpenny Tod Tails

### **OPEN BITCH (2,2)**

### **VETERAN BITCH (2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Lowe's Lowsmoor Storms River (AI), b/w. Lovely feminine bitch; lovely picture in profile with correct bone, feet and angulation and so enthusiastic but true on the move; awarded her RCC last time I judged her; BV

2<sup>nd</sup> Stangroom's Medogold Wannabeposh for Lappakia SHCM b/w. Another enjoying her day out. Preferred balance and overall femininity of 1

### **LIZ RIGBY - judge**