

# RICHMOND CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Thanks to my top class stewards for the paperwork. A lovely warm sunny day with good ground & a good sized ring made for assessing good movement. Overall I found the breed to be good however I did find some over angulated rears & this combined with varying degrees of upright shoulders produced incorrect movement at the front. There was a couple of dogs with incorrect bite which resulted in a downgrade from the award they may have had with a correct bite.

I found some exhibitors in the habit of stacking their dogs then pressing down on the rear & then brushing the coat backwards from tail to withers the result a distortion of how the dog naturally stood & producing a shift forward straightening the forequarters & pasterns. I asked all dogs to free stand at some point in my assessment to enable a correct stand. I looked for good forequarters, a correct topline & the strength & construction that would allow the dog to work in the field for the day. I believe that my CC winners had this ability. I stayed & was pleased to see my BOB went G2.

### **VETERAN DOG (1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Naden's Wychwood Love Over Gold, 10 year old who belies his age on the move & with lovely lashing tail not seen too often these days. Good topline, bone & angulation, neat correct feet & pasterns. Would have liked little more width of thigh.

### **PUPPY DOG (3,2a)**

1<sup>st</sup> Wilberg's Kanix Mario, compact dog with good coat, head, bone & depth of chest & good rib & top line. Little loose on front movement today & would have preferred a slightly better lay of shoulder.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Macara, Jamieson & Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Legend at Cromasaig, presents as well balanced dog with good bone nicely sloping pasterns & decent angulation fore & aft. Good head still developing. Good rib & depth of chest. Flies tail on move;

2<sup>nd</sup> March's Ratchda Rock Thrush, again presents with nice overall outline & balance & correct size. Not the rear movement on class winner & slightly steep on croup.

### **YEARLING DOG (2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Wilcock's Object D'Art du Morcaro at Merynjen, liked this boy very much indeed. Nothing overdone & very well balanced throughout. Correct size. Good topline which held true on the move, good bone, good reach of neck out of well laid shoulders & attractive head with features well defined. Moved well & correctly.

### **POST GRADUATE DOG (2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Crawte's Leascliffe Luis, decent overall shape, good depth of chest and good bone, fair head slightly light in eye though. Would have preferred tighter on elbows;

2<sup>nd</sup> Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Freebreeze Over The Top at Spinray, liver/w & a tad long in the loin & not enough depth of thigh or rear angulation for me. Decent bone, head & front angulation.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Cardiff's Prosperity Va Va Voom, a strong class to win. Lots to like about this b/w boy. Correct proportions throughout, correct size. Moved so soundly & looked as though he could gallop all day. Nothing overdone about him. A good solid head & eye, ears of correct texture & length. Good bone, good pasterns. Chest well let down & rib cage with plenty of heart room extending into a strong loin & hindquarters. Beautiful topline held stacked, freestanding & on the move. Flies his tail a little on moving but by second lap of the ring this did drop & probably the only thing I would change about him. CC;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Siddle's Calderside If Only at Wilchrimane, ran the winner close & has many of the same attributes;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Hazeltine & Welch's Just Wilburt by Hookwood.

### **OPEN DOG (11)**

1<sup>st</sup> Harrison's Sh Ch Millpoint Heat Wave, a neat workmanlike Pointer. Again a dog not overdone & well proportioned throughout. A good moving dog & was very close up for the CC. Has good head, good depth of thigh, angulation & bone. Great chest & ribs. RCC;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Siddle, Cocker, Medieros & O'Neill's Am/Can Ch Seasyde Chesterhope Bingo, different type to winner, a longer cast dog, lovely well defined head of quality preferred the topline of winner;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wilberg's Kanix Fredrik.

### **VETERAN BITCH (2,1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Naden's Wychwood Midsomer Dream, o/w 9 year old. Happy girl moving round the ring with good use of tail. Sweet well defined head. Good bone & front angulation, slightly steep on croup. Good ribs & depth of chest.

### **PUPPY BITCH (7,1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Elrington's Ansona Cinderella, eye-catching youngster. Well presented & handled. Well balanced, lovely topline, feminine head. Great depth of thigh & reach of neck. Nothing overdone but oozing class. Great angulation front & rear & out moved the class & I am sure there will be greater things to come. A shame no puppy group at this show for her to display her talents in. BP;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Baker & Baker-Roullier's Desfrisa Flirtini, another well balanced youngster with a lot to like. Lost out to 1 on movement above all else;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Cardiff's Prosperity Girl Scout.

### **JUNIOR BITCH (8,4)**

1<sup>st</sup> Cobden's Hawkfield Bronze for Alozia, another eye-catcher. Won the class by a country mile & pleased to award her RCC. Excellent profile, correct topline, good angulation front & rear. Super head & super mover. RCC;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Hamilton's Rexandale Perfect Dream, not the movement or depth of chest or thigh development of 1;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Barham's Kenwardgold Minnie Me.

### **YEARLING BITCH (7,1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Siddle & Kruger's White Squall Seasyde Iced Tea, o/w with good topline, angulation, bone & coat. Used tail to good advantage on the move. Excellent movement. Pretty feminine head & lots to like about her;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lowe's Lowsmoor Shiralee, not dissimilar in type to winner & many of above comments also apply but not as mature throughout;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Blowers' Fydal Blown Away to Deadaway.

**POST GRADUATE BITCH (9,3)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brooksmith's Nightgold Blackavar, b/w, decent size & topline. Good well defined head. Slightly upright in shoulder;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tregaskis' Moenfair Tinpenny Tod Tails, little to choose between this & the winner, preferred topline of 1;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Green's Kanix Hyacinth.

**LIMIT BITCH (7)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brooksmith's Meadow Gold Kiss N Tell, I found later that 1 & 2 were litter sisters they were very similar in type as one would expect from this kennel's breeding. Loved her shape, outline & size. Beautifully proportioned & balanced standing & on the move. Again nothing exaggerated but all parts fitting together in harmony. Super on the move;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayre-Cousins' Meadowgold My Kinda Girl by Viracacha, much of what I have written about the winner applies to this girl too, on the day I thought the winner had a little more maturity. I am sure in the future they will exchange places often;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Welch's Oxfordacres Trinity by Hookwood.

**OPEN BITCH (3,2)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch Kanix Chilli, while the winner stood alone she was of outstanding quality. A girl presented & handled to perfection. Great mover, great correct topline & angulation & lashing tail on the move. Lovely head well chiselled, kind eye, good ears & coat in tip-top condition. CC, BOB & G2

**ALEXANDRA HILL - Judge**