

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Sunday 29th October 2017

I had a super entry to go over with many good dogs, and my principal winners were all lovely dogs that I was very pleased with. On the negative side, there were a number of incorrect mouths, a few tail kinks, and several exhibits with very poor tail carriage, which seems to have increased in evidence in bitches particularly. Sadly a number of dogs on the day looked good on the stack, but poor action on the move made all the difference when placing. That said, there were some classes where I really was spoilt for choice.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (5,1)

1st Hazeltine & Welch's Pytchley Chasing The Dream for Hookwood. Mature black/white with a dark eye, was very balanced for his age with a lovely outline with a firm topline and nice turn of stifle. Covered the ground well for one so young, tail could be a little neater. BPD.

2nd Fowler's Symitry Soul Man. Black/white of good type with a very sweet head and eye, good outline and neat tail. Gave away a lot in maturity, but plenty of time ahead of him. Was a baby on the move, but enthusiastic and sound.

3rd Bowen-Brooks' Tenshilling Blowing Smoke.

PUPPY DOG (6,1)

1st Scale's Sharnphilly Mackintosh. Black/white with a good head and kind expression. Well grown. Appeared to be a little tense on the stack on this occasion but had the better movement in this class on the day. Moved out well with a good tail carriage.

2nd Saunder's Phlyne's Prince Of Thieves. Black/white dog of a larger frame. Plenty of bone, good topline and tailset. Not quite as free on the move as the first placed dog today.

3rd Bell & Maddox's Luneville Dazzling Diamond at Owlspoint.

JUNIOR DOG (12)

1st Walking's Flavio Del Almojon at Kiswahili. Orange/white dog of lovely medium size and super type. Looked a little heavy over his shoulders today but otherwise of good shape and very much a pointer. Moved athletically using his neat tail very well. One to watch.

2nd Martin's Sunhouse Chips Ahoy. Orange/white out of a slightly larger mould and a little heavier all through. Lovely kind melting expression, soundly constructed and turned out in great condition. Went well.

3rd Adam's Millpoint Simply Smashing JW.

YEARLING DOG (3).

1st O'Neill's Chesterhope Thrill Of T'Chase (Imp NZ). Super orange/white dog shown in first class condition and handled quietly to advantage. Beautiful outline, attractive head leading into a lengthy arched neck and sloping shoulders, good front, strong topline and good tailset. Front and rear angles well balanced without being exaggerated. Good pasterns with tight feet although these could be a touch more oval. Moved out very well with drive and precision, didn't put a foot wrong. Well deserved CC & BOB, and pleased to see him perform so well in the group, securing the top spot.

2nd Astbury's Millpoint Simply In Step with Dorbury. Black/white who went so much better in this class once settled than the last where he really did give his patient handler a hard time! A larger frame than first, but well constructed through out with a shapely outline and good angulation.

3rd Booth's Lundgarth Teal.

POST GRADUATE DOG (11,1)

1st Lathwell's Tinchitamba A Waiting Game. Athletic black/white dog of good medium size. Flowed throughout with a clean elegant outline, attractive head and eye, good angulation, neat tail which was carried and used well on the move. Went very well with purpose and drive.

2nd Hall's Gartarry You Shook Me. Black/white dog of a slightly larger frame. Typey head with a dark eye and kindly expression. Preferred his depth of brisket over the first placed. Good outline and has plenty of style. Not quite the precision of 1 today on the move but some maturing yet to do.

3rd Kirby's Pipeaway Master Design.

LIMIT DOG (8,2)

1st Critchley, London & Heaton's Shadybrook J Hoover at Whipspan (Imp USA) Elegant orange/white dog with clean lines, lengthy neck, firm topline held well on the move, good pasterns, short hard coat. A little rangy but has some maturing to do yet. Went well.

2nd Rayner, Spinks and Pringle's Freebreeze Over The Top at Spinray. Liver/white dog of good type also yet to fully mature.

Attractive head, easy mover on a light ground covering stride with great natural pointer carriage. Needs to relax on the stack to show himself to best advantage.

3rd Hazeltine & Welch's Just Wilbert By Hookwood JW ShCM.

OPEN DOG (8)

1st Watkins & Davies' Sh Ch Hurwyn Law N Order JW. Stylish black/white dog in gleaming condition with a good hard coat. Sweet head and eye. Lovely clean lines with good topline and tail. Could do with a shade more shape in his underline. Moved out with great enthusiasm and natural carriage. RCC

2nd Wilberg's Kanix Mario (AI). Orange/white with good profile shape, nice forechest and depth of brisket. Attractive head and eye. Shown in lovely condition and handled well.

3rd Harrison's Sh Ch Millpoint Heatwave JW ShCM.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (11,2)

1st Stokes' Hawkfield Castaspell Over Guanabara. Lovely well balanced liver/white bitch shown in A1 condition and handled sympathetically. Good body properties with a firm topline, correct angulation, sweet head, good feet and pasterns, moved out steadily for such a baby, with a good tail carriage. BPIB.

2nd Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Gartarry All That Jazz at Spinray. Very feminine black/white of lovely type with a very pretty head and good dark eye. Not quite as mature in the body as 1 at this stage but plenty of time ahead of her. Moved out well.

3rd Siddle and Crocker's Wilchrimane Pirouette.

PUPPY BITCH (6,2)

1st Rayner, Spinks and Pringle's Gartarry High Society at Spinray. Black/white with a pretty head and a little more mature than her sister in the previous class. Good clean outline, good rear angulation and standing on good feet. Moved well with a good tail carriage.

2nd Dyer & Oddie's Sharnphilly Vera Wang. Classy black/white bitch who went with great panache on the move. Clean athletic outline but a little longcast at present. Neat tail that was well set on. Feet could be a little tighter. Lots of presence and lovely carriage when gaiting.

3rd Tibbs' Sharnphilly Escada at Raigmore.

JUNIOR BITCH (6,1)

1st Siddle & Crocker's Wilchrimane Frankel (AI). Lovely orange/white bitch with a stunning outline that belies her young age, everything where it should be, she flowed from nose to tail. Shown in excellent fit condition. Attractive head with dark eye giving a sweet expression. Super front and forechest, correct rear angulation. She had feminine elegance but didn't lack any substance. Went with great style on the move. Delighted to award her the BCC.

2nd Martin's Sunhouse Cheerio. Very pretty orange/white with dark expressive eyes. Good outline and went well, neat tail carried and used well. Not quite the maturity or finish of 1 yet, but plenty of time.

3rd Abbott's Millpoint Simply Sublime at Mirasol.

YEARLING BITCH (9,3)

1st Elrington's Ansona Cinderella JW. Smart young black/white bitch shown in good hard fit condition, gleaming. Well handled. Good head, dark eye, clean over the shoulders leading into firm topline, neat feet, good bend of stifle. Strode out well with style and purpose.

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Saunter. Stylish lemon/white with gorgeous flowing lines. Sweet head with lovely expression. All Pointer throughout with an excellent profile outline – a series of graceful curves exactly as the standard requires. Have seen her go so much better previously, was upset at the start of the class and wasn't at all happy on the move afterwards, a shame.

3rd Wilkinson's Stocksfell Total Eclipse.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (18,4)

1st Blowers' Fydal Blown Away to Deadaway. Orange/white of excellent type. Ultra feminine, lovely head and super expression. Clean over neck into firm topline. Balanced outline. Very neat tail, carried well and used on the move.

2nd Dyer & Oddie's Sharnphilly Makybe Diva JW. Black/white with pretty head and soft dark eye giving a sweet expression.

Lovely shape and good sound construction throughout. Went with style but not quite the precision in front action as 1st on this occasion.

3rd O'Connor & English's Crookrise Place Your Bets at Karlejay.

LIMIT BITCH (13,4).

1st Smith's Fydal Bedazzle. Elegant orange/white bitch, litter sister to previous class winner and very similar. Sweet head, dark eye, clean lines, balanced, moved soundly with a neat tail which was well held on the move.

2nd Wheldon & Earl's Caithpoint Here And Now. Orange/white with an excellent outline, very flashy on the move and well handled. Good condition with excellent musculature. Slightly longer cast than 1st and feet could be a touch tighter but a very classy bitch with a little maturing left to do yet.

3rd Vaughn's Teisgol I Am What I Am.

OPEN BITCH (10,2)

1st Evans & Pavey's Joneva Mrs Bridges JW. Well presented mature black/white bitch with a curvey outline and was lovely to go over. Good head with kind eye. Strong body, good neck into firm topline, well angulated throughout. Went well with reach and drive, with plenty of presence. RCC.

2nd Smith's Sh Ch Fydal Ava. Feminine orange/white bitch who was athletic and clean in outline. Beautiful tail action from a neat shapely well held tail. Enthusiastic happy mover, not quite the forward reach of 1.

3rd MacManus' Luneville Strawberry Moon.

LINDA WESTRON - Judge