

BATH CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Saturday 26th May 2018

With many thanks to my wonderful stewards for helping to run my book and ring efficiently. I found that the girls were much stronger in depth than the males and the open class was sheer pleasure to judge some lovely exhibits going unplaced. A prominent fault in this lovely breed was upright shoulders and this was disappointing to see. I was exceptionally pleased to see my BOB go Group 1.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1st Smith's Sniperay Lord Lambourne Via Tzaziki. Well up to size. Good bone, spring of rib and depth of rib. Movement whilst slightly loose at the front that is consistent with age. Ideally would prefer better set of tail, but on the plus side he had a true lashing pointer tail whilst on the move.

PUPPY DOG (6)

1st Burke's Alcazar Bohemian Rhapsody. B/w, generally balanced throughout, pleasing and correct topline. Whilst I found him slightly upright in shoulder he had many attributes - good spring rib, very pleasing when viewed head on, head work coming along and a beautiful dark eye that was missing in many of the exhibits today. Good depth of thigh and firm in muscle.

2nd Preece's Harvestslade Cullinan. Lost to first on overall balance but good in head, which was nicely masculine with another good dark eye. Correct bone.

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Audacity (AI).

JUNIOR DOG (5, 1)

1st Welch & Hazeltine's Pytchley Chasing The Dream For Hookwood. CC. B/w. I found this dog to be the nearest to standard, correct in size, good spring of rib, correct topline which held when moving. He moved with drive and correct foreleg action and this was due to his correct rear and fore angulation lacking in so many exhibits today. He looked as though he could if asked go out and do a day's work. Whilst the head has not possibly reached full maturity there is more than enough there for his age and his head was well proportioned with a clear stop.

2nd Bowen-Brooks' Tenshilling Blowin Smoke. Moved slightly close behind. Not the balance of the winner not maturity of the winner. Would have liked a little more spring of rib and a little more depth.

3rd Osman's Fleurfield Firethorn At Marissolo.

NOVICE DOG (4, 2)

1st Smith's Sniperay Lord Lambourne Via Tzaziki.

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Audacity (AI). Longer in back than the winner and not therefore as balanced standing or moving and a tad over angulated on rear. Head starting to mature.

POST GRADUATE DOG (6)

1st Lathwell's Tinchitamba A Waiting Game. B/w dog winning on overall balance and shape. Correct size and topline. Decent fore and aft angulation. Good spring rib, bone and depth of thigh. Reasonable head.

2nd Collins' Collholme Jean Paul. Not rib or depth of chest of first. Topline is correct. Head has plenty of work and is pleasing. Light in the eye detracts.

3rd Razzell's The Artful Archer of Hookwood.

LIMIT DOG (6)

1st Adams' Millpoint Simply Smashing JW ShCM. RCC. Not overdone but just about everything correct. Won class on his movement. Good head, with soft expression and beautiful dark eye. Well balance decent angulation fore and aft. Head very pleasing. Correct tailset.

2nd Tannahill's Wynbury Walter Jack JW ShCM. Would prefer darker eye, which slightly detracts. Shoulders slightly upright, topline correct. Not depth of thigh as winner.

3rd Crawte's Leascliffe Luis.

OPEN DOG (4, 1)

1st Jamieson, Macara & Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix News Flash At Glenfinnan. Liver dog with good neck length set in a decent shoulder lay. Many attributes including correct topline and a masculine well chiselled head. Well ribbed good fore chest and bone. Nice head with plenty of definition. I did not ask his age at the time but see he is roughly 15 months old, which probably accounts for him still being a little loose on front movement.

2nd Harrison's Sh Ch Millpoint Heat Wave JW ShCM. I thought him slightly stuffy in neck and I would have preferred more lay in shoulder. A beautiful well chiselled masculine head with a super dark eye. On the move was slightly pinning at front.

3rd Watkins & Davies' Sh Ch Hurwyn Law N Order JW.

VETERAN DOG (2, 1)

1st Fox's Tenshilling I Get Around To Dappleline JW. Orange dog with a lovely head with lots of work nicely chiselled. Good ribcage and drop of rib. Good topline. Slightly upright in shoulder.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG OR BITCH (7)

1st Stokes' Hawkfield Castaspell Over Guanabara. 14 mths old and still quite a bit of maturing to do. Slightly gay tail on move but movement in itself good and presents a picture of a well balanced girl. Tad light in the eye. Won class on movement.

2nd Cuff's Silvernitjar Wagtail Waltz. Winner's movement made the difference here. Decent head and correct topline and good eye.

3rd Bowen-Brooks' Tenshillin Blowin Smoke.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (6)

1st Deighton-Smith's Larkrise Blossom. B/w with feminine head. Correct size, topline and bone. Moved well and steady for such a youngster.

2nd Dykes' Fleurfield Magic Flute Of Briartor. O/w, lovely body and very close to winner and I expect they will often change places. Again, very feminine in head which is coming along nicely. Little fidgety standing at the moment but that's a puppy for you at the end of the day.

3rd Cobden's Pendan Zelig To Alozia.

PUPPY BITCH (4)

1st Watkins, Phillips & Gordon's Hawkfield Audacious (AI). O/w a very sweet feminine head set with beautiful dark lustrous eye. Good front and rear angulation, good bone and topline. Excellent true movement. BPIB.

2nd Preece's Harvestslade Lesedi La Rona. Not the shoulder placement of the winner and was slightly loose around elbows coming towards. Whilst the head was decent it did not match the winners in quality.

3rd Fox & Stilgoe's Alcazar Bewildered Of Dappeline.

JUNIOR BITCH (8, 1) A class that unfortunately had many that were, when moving, knitting at the front and very close behind.

1st Siddle, Siddle and Crocker's Wilchrimane Pirouette. A quality bitch in the making, 15 months old and so well balanced, correct top line, good depth of chest and correct rib. Correct angulation fore and aft. Very feminine in head which was just starting to fill. Excellent movement.

2nd Stokes' Hawkfield Castaspell Over Guanabara. Winner of Special Beginners.

3rd Rayner, Spinks, Pringle's Gartarry High Society At Spinray.

NOVICE BITCH (1)

1st Crawte's Sharnphilly Heidi Klum At Leascliffe. B/w, found her today to be disappointing on the move, very close behind and a rear where hocks were almost touching. I found her upright in the shoulder and upright in pasterns. However, from the side view had decent rear angulation and good depth of thigh. Her head was pleasing and had good bone.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (9,1)

1st Cobden's Hawkfield Bronze For Alozia ShCM. Best angulation in the class, and this was reflected in good movement with drive. Well balanced throughout. A tad light in eye for me but pleasing in head otherwise.

2nd Stangroom's Pipeaway Laura Louisa At Lappakia ShCM. Preferred head on winner and angulation of winner. When standing she slightly pinned. Well let down in brisket and good ribs.

3rd Lawton's Droveborough's New Moon.

LIMIT BITCH (5)

1st Siddle, Siddle and Crocker's White's Squall Seasyde Iced Tea (Imp). CC, BOB and Gundog Group winner. I found my star in this young girl. Exceptional head, movement and topline. Correct angulation which allowed for the movement. Loved her very much and she looked marvellous in the group ring.

2nd Flint's Wynbury Golden Chalice At Fleurfield. Unfortunate to meet the winner who just had the small percentage mark up in most departments. In her own right this was again a very nice bitch and I would be pushed to fault her.

3rd Hinton's Keepersfield Christelle With Fleurfield.

OPEN BITCH (10, 1) This was undoubtedly the best class of the day in quality throughout the class I shortlisted and had to let some go, that on other days would have been in the cards, but that simply reflected the high quality present.

1st Siddle, Siddle and Crocker's Sh Ch Wilchrimane Frankel (AI). RCC. Presents with super outline, gorgeous head. Initially moved a little close behind. Just under 2 years old and what a future this kennel must have owning the CC winner as well.

2nd Elrington's Sh Ch Ansona Cinderella JW. Close up to the winner in many respects in the end I just preferred the head on the first.

3rd Brooksmith's Sh Ch Medogold Kiss N Tell JW ShCM.

VETERAN BITCH (4, 1)

1st Isherwood's Pipeaway Satin Fire With Symitry. O/w with lovely head and presented with good profile with flowing lines. Lay of shoulder determined placing above second. Little loose on front movement.

2nd Tannahill's Wynbury Ailsa. More upright in shoulder than the winner. Still good topline and pleasing in head.

3rd Booth's Galmea Iona

ALEXANDRA HILL - judge