

The Pointer Club Championship Show

Saturday 21st April 2018

DOGS

It was an honour to be invited to judge Dogs at this show. My thanks to the committee for their hospitality, my two stewards Tom and Steve and to the exhibitors themselves. The weather was very kind, it was good to be able to judge the dogs outside.

On the negative side I found several incorrect bites, tails that were carried to high and some odd front and hind actions, however all of the dogs were presented in good condition and I was pleased with my winners.

VETERAN DOG (8, 1)

1st Bell's Crookrise The Medlar At Owlspoint. 7 yrs O/W. Well muscled and not overdone, skull is a bit broad but he has such a kind eye and expression, moved out well using his tail.

2nd Marsh's Ch Sharnphilly Redshank For Ratchda. 9 1/2yrs B/W. Balanced head, good neck and shoulders, not as free in his movement as the winner.

3rd MacManus' Luneville Harvey Moon 71/2 yrs B/W. Nice dog of lovely type, pleasing head, moved ok.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (5)

1st Walkling's Nosam Never Say Never Again At Kiswahili. 6Mths O/W. A typey puppy of correct size and proportions for his tender age, lovely head with a kind eye and expression, good depth of body, short loin and correct tail set, needs more time to settle and strengthen in his movement. Very promising.

2nd Smith's Sniperay Lord Lambourne Via Tzaziki. 8 mths Liver and White. A substantial puppy, very different to the winner, head needs to break, he is well constructed and once settled went well using his tail.

3rd Mason's Nosam Secret Agent. 6Mths B/W. Litter brother to the winner, he is a lovely shape but needs to tighten all through.

PUPPY DOG (5, 1)

1st Gordon's Hawkfield Audacity (AI). 9Mths O/W. Well balanced pup, lovely head, good length of foreface, bright kind eyes alert expression, long neck set into well placed shoulders, nice depth and well ribbed deep through his brisket, once settled moved out on a good stride using his tail. BPIS (on the referees decision)

2nd Philo's Fydal Caprio At Salmonmist 11 mth O/W. Typey puppy, thought he was my winner everything is where it should be, just wanted to give his handler a hard time today.

3rd Thorpe's Amiryck Get Up And Run At Braegorse 11 Mth O/W. Well up to size for me but could not overlook his balance and topline on the move.

JUNIOR DOG (11)

1st Macmanus' Luneville Divas Diamond. 15mths O/W. Young dog who appeals for his overall type, pleasing head with a kind eye and expression, needs time to develop into his frame, has a lovely light action on the move and uses his tail.

2nd O'Neill's Tenshilling Biscuits. 12mths O/W. Slightly rangier than the winner, balanced head, nice eye and neat eyes, clean lines, moved soundly.

3rd Bell's Luneville Dazzling Diamond At Owlspoint. 15Mths O/W. Litter brother to the winner, tends to tense up on the stack and it makes him straighten his stifle, but he moves out really well.

YEARLING DOG (11)

1st Adams' Millpoint Simply Smashing JW ShCM B/W. Stylish dog with a good body shape built on clean lines, good head and front, covered his ground on the move.

2nd Astbury's Millpoint Simply In Step With Dorbury B/W litter brother to the winner, similar remarks apply but he is a bigger rangier dog and not as forward as the winner.

3rd Tibbs' Raigmore Bee Keeper O/W. Liked this dog for his overall shape size and balance, steady mover.

MAIDEN DOG (4)

1st O'Neill's Tenshilling Biscuits

2nd Mason's Nosam Secret Agent

3rd Wheldon & Earl's Caithpoint Extreme Faith B/W. In good condition, has a kind eye, moved ok.

NOVICE DOG (9)

1st O'Neill's Tenshilling Biscuits

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Audacity

3rd Feichtinger's Ridanflight Rhyme O/W. Lovely headed dog who has a kind eye, he is tall enough for me but he is built on clean lines and moves well.

DEBUTANT DOG (2)

1st MacManus' Luneville Divas Diamond

2nd Wheldon & Earl's Caithpoint Extreme Faith.

GRADUATE DOG (7)

1st Millpoint Simply In Step With Dorbury

2nd Flint's Casilex Cognac O/W. A much lighter dog than winner, moved well, needs to mature on to complete the picture.

3rd Wall's Meadowpoint Spirit Of Fire B/W. A balanced dog who moved well using his tail.

POST GRADUATE DOG ((9)

1st Stilgoe's Enzo Del Almojon Through Teisgol (IMP ESP) O/W. Loved this dog for his size, he is such a well balanced dog with a lovely head and such a kind expression, long arched neck, good depth of chest, well developed hindquarters, moved out well using his tail.

2nd Walkling's Flavio Del Almojon At Kiswahili. (IMP ESP) O/W. Again loved this dog for his size similar remarks apply, just thought Enzo was slightly cleaner in his front movement, but I am sure these two will be giving each other a run for their money.

3rd Lathwell's Tinchitamba A Waiting Game B/W. Another dog I admired for his size, and clean outline put down in excellent condition, moved well using his tail.

MID LIMIT DOG (10,1)

1st Timothy's Anniezu Magic Moments At Sousacroft O/W. Nicely constructed dog everything in the right place, nothing overdone, very sound.

2nd Kirby's Pipeaway Master Design O/W. Lighter built dog than the winner, pleasing head and expression, long reachy neck not as positive on the move.

3rd Tibbs' Fydal Beeswing At Raigmore O/W. Pleasing head and neck, lovely lines in hard condition, not giving his best on the move today.

LIMIT DOG (7)

1st O'Neills Tenshilling Home Alone O/W. Well balanced typey dog who has the most beautiful head and expression, nicely made all through with good angulation, depth of brisket, well muscled quarters and good tail set, moved well using his tail. Considered him for higher honours.

2nd Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Freebreeze Over The Top At Spinray Liver/White. Another typey dog, who also has a lovely head and expression, he is well made and holds his topline, just lacked sparkle on the move,

3rd Weaver's Anniezu Lovely Day O/W. Pleasing head, nicely balanced outline, moved steadily.

OPEN DOG (9)

1st O'Neills Chesterhope Thrill Of T'Chase. O/W. Young dog who is so well balanced with no exaggeration in outline or movement, nice head, clean neck and shoulders. Straight front with sloping pasterns and tight feet, good depth of brisket, short in the couplings, correct bend of stifle and low in the hock. Tail of excellent shape and set being level with the back both standing and on the move, as you would expect from the way he is built he covered his ground effortlessly . CC (on the referees decision RBIS)

2nd Oddie's Sh Ch Wilchrimane Igo Yougo At Riowood B/W. Stylish with a beautiful head and soft expression with dark eyes, he has balanced angulation fore and aft with good rib and depth, his profile movement is stunning and he uses his tail, just preferred the winners pasterns and feet. RCC

3rd Walkling's Aspyre Follow Your Dreams To Kiswahili B/W. liked his head and dark eye, strong body and good bone. Sound mover.

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG DOG (2)

1st Marsh's Ch Sharnphilly Redshank For Ratchda

2nd O'Neills Ch Hurwyn Some Might Say JW. Built on flowing lines, with the best of heads, in excellent condition, he is a worthy champion.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (8)

1st Wall's Meadowpoint Spirit Of Fire

2nd Richard's Ferrisfarm Mr Bounce Liver/W. Nicely constructed dog , could not match the winner on the move.

PENNY WESTAWAY – Judge (Dogs)

BITCHES

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go over your gorgeous bitches - it was a pleasure & a privilege. What can be better than Judging Pointers in the sun, in a large grass ring.

I realise it is a fairly well used adage to say "there were not enough prize cards" - however today this was so very true; with such large classes, many who would normally figure in the cards were left cardless. Foremost in my mind was the opening statement of the breed standard - "symmetrical; a series of graceful curves; appearance of strength endurance and speed and of course an aristocrat".

I feel that my winners and the majority in each line displayed all these characteristics. Overall I found the quality excellent, there were not as many proud tails and fewer with over-angulated stifles. However please watch feet, as there are a few "cat feet" creeping in and the standard clearly states "oval".

To start the day with a class of twelve Veteran bitches was a true delight and what a fantastic representation of the breed they proved to be each one deserved a place & it was heart breaking to only place five.

VETERAN BITCH (15,3)

1st Smith's Sh Ch Fydal Ava, Headed a trio of beautiful bitches any of which could have taken the first place. In the end her lovely head & expression coupled with her balanced smooth movement won the day & I was pleased to award her Res CC, BVIS.

2nd Mason's Sh Ch Freebreeze As You Like ShCM, another beautiful bitch, absolutely balanced from nose to tail & beguiled her 10 years of age, long sloping shoulder matched by a good muscular thigh & well turned stifle.

3rd MacManus' Luneville Strawberry Moon, another super veteran with the best of fronts really covered the ground with her smooth action just not the head or expression of the first two.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (9,0)

1st Collins' Saregresi Venulus Lemon Drop (imp Hun), this lem/w headed a class of super babies all at different stages of maturity, she already has the most feminine of heads with lovely wide nostrils good depth of brisket & well sprung ribs however she clinched the class & BPB with her lovely movement, head held high with a smooth action and lovely reach & drive. Whilst still raw she should have a promising future.

2nd Guy's Carofel on Silent Wings, a lovely b/w who was having a marvellous time & thoroughly enjoying every minute of the start of her showing career. However when the newly mown grass lost its appeal & she calmed down enough to see a settled driving movement and when standing she is balanced with a good depth of brisket and long neck.

3rd Purdy's Pendan Georgiana, a l/w bitch with lots of potential - just not as mature as 1 & 2 either standing or on the move lovely head & kind expression, lashing tail on the move.

PUPPY BITCH (7,1)

1st Norbury's Medogold Bamalam, very mature l/w who was beautifully handled to really show her movement. Long neck leading cleanly into well laid shoulders. For her age she has a lovely spring of rib - another I feel should have a bright future.

2nd Watkins, Phillips & Gordons Hawkfield Audacious (AI), just preferred the tail & shorter coupling of 1. However she has a lovely head, very good front & lay of shoulders. When she settled into her stride it was long & ground covering

3rd Pimblett's Bestina Butterfly at Hilldon, she really was the baby of the class in overall maturity. However everything is there to develop - with a lovely front & neat tail, which she used just needs a little more confidence on the move.

JUNIOR BITCH (13,3)

1st Raynor, Spinks & Pringle's Gartarry All That Jazz at Spinray, this b/w headed another lovely class, absolutely typical head & soft expression with correctly set fine ears. She is beautifully balanced standing & on the move. My notes say "just requires that extra finish which will only come with the maturity of age".

2nd Stokes' Hawkfield Castaspell over Guanabara, very close to the first & I fact had that extra maturity which was lacking in 1. Shown in sparkling condition with lovely depth of brisket & good spring of rib. Just preferred the head & expression of 1.

3rd Hinton & Lennox's Keeperfield Christelle with Fleurfield, very mature b/w with a lovely head & soft expression, excellent front with a lovely long neck. In this class she never got into her stride on the move, however by the following class she had settled & her movement was totally different & she had that desired reach & drive.

YEARLING BITCH (6,0)

1st Hinton & Lennox's Keeperfield Christelle with Fleurfield

Rayner, Spinks & Pringle another stylish b/w who I see is litter sister to the winner of junior very similar and many of the same remarks apply. Not quite the shoulder of the winner and today just felt she was lacking forward reach on the move.

2nd Nelis' Freebreeze Easy Virtue. Shown in lovely condition & very well muscled, good width of thigh into correct stifle angulation. Soft expression, just not the top line of 1 & 2 on the move.

MAIDEN BITCH (10,1)

1st Guy's Carofel on Silent Wings

2nd Watkins, Phillips & Gordons Hawkfield Audacious

3rd Purdy's Pendan Georgiana

NOVICE BITCH (9,0)

1st Purdy's Pendan Georgiana

2nd Lidgley's Haramander Athena at Ridgehaven, there is so much to like about this young o/w however she does herself no favours in the ring - by this class she was more relaxed standing and on the move. Lovely feminine head with a soft expression and dished face, excellent length of muscular neck.

3rd Isherwood's Symitry Kiss From a Rose, at just over 12 months this o/w gave a lot away on maturity another that does not help herself when standing however she moved really well, feminine head with good length of neck & well sprung ribs. She just needs to body up which will come with maturity to complete the picture.

DEBUTANT BITCH (9,1)

1st Stokes' Hawkfield Castaspell over Guanabara

2nd Brookes' Pennystone Shamrock, shown in lovely muscular condition which showed in her positive movement, correct medium tail which she carried level and used on the move. Good angles fore and aft. She needs to relax when standing to complete the picture.

3rd Lidgley's Haramander Athena at Ridgehaven

GRADUATE BITCH (6,1)

1st Cobden's Hawkfield Bronze for Alozia ShCM, a lovely l/w who is just coming to full maturity, beautifully balanced front and rear - long well laid shoulders, muscular neck, good spring of rib was moving really well and using her tail.

2nd Hewitt's Droveborough Miss Marple, another lovely l/w again beautifully balanced, lovely head with a well defined stop & kind eye. Unfortunately today was just carrying a little too much weight, which did effect her movement.

3rd Guy & Lowe's Blueyonda Peaches at Carofel, lovely moving mature o/w. Correct head excellent spring of rib with good depth of brisket.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (11,1)

1st Blowers' Fydal Blown Away to Deadaway, ultra feminine bitch, lovely head with a melting expression she is so correct in angulation body depth & spring of rib. Super top line that she maintains on the move. Considered for higher honours but had just lost her mojo in the final run round.

2nd Lidgley's Haramander Athena at Ridgehaven

3rd Turton's Joneva Mollie Malone for Hollybirch, l/w with a lovely head correct ears, good length of neck, neat feet & correct balance unfortunately not the top line of the winner on the move.

MID LIMIT BITCH (10,2)

1st Gordon's Hawkfield Saunter, lem/w just coming to full maturity standing she is beautifully balanced - long neck cleanly into sloping shoulders, a good width of thigh, correct tail set and length. At times she can let herself down on the move, I felt in the class she was more balanced on the move at a slower speed.

2nd Lowe's Lowsmoor Shiralee JW, beautifully balanced head with a kind expression. Deep brisket with plenty of heart room, nice oval bone & correct feet. Really sound mover just lacked a little energy.

3rd Baker, Baker-Roullier's Defrisa Flirtini JW ShCM, b/w of a larger mound than the first two, a solid mover with a really long easy stride nice head & expression with a good lip. Excellent spring of rib & depth of brisket.

LIMIT BITCH (11,0)

1st Wheldon & Earl's Caithpoint Here And Now, from nose to tail she was exactly as the standard says - symmetrical and a series of graceful curves. Shown in hard condition, she was able to smoothly cover the ground with ease head held high and her tail never stopped lashing. Nothing was overdone in her head - feminine with a bright kindly expression. I had no hesitation in awarding her the CC and was delighted on the Referee's decision that she was BIS.

2nd Smith's Lypal Once Upon a Dream JW, another o/w symmetrical, balanced bitch short coupled, excellent spring of rib. Lovely on the move, just not the power & drive of 1.

3rd Nellis' Freebreeze Providence, super head & soft expression. Long neck springing cleanly from an excellent shoulder. Good spring of rib with plenty of heart room correct medium tail - what a pity she was just carrying too much weight today.

OPEN BITCH (9,3)

1st Elrington's Sh Ch Ansona Cinderella JW, B/w who is a favourite of mine, shown in lovely hard condition with a gleaming coat, soft expression, long muscular neck, depth of brisket and good width of thigh. Lovely smooth movement, unfortunately today she could not match the the top winners for their drive and reach on the move.

2nd Guy's Carmandine Cookie Crumble by Fleurfield, o/w mature bitch, moved very well maintaining her top line & carried her tail correctly. Lovely soft expression.

3rd Brooksmith & Adams' Sh Ch Medogold Kiss N'Tell JW ShCM, l/w slightly longer coupled than 1&2. Well turned stifles & good depth of thigh. A balanced bitch who was moving smoothly but not using her tail. Correct oval feet.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (5,0)

1st Lidgley's Haramander Athena at Ridgehaven

2nd Strangroom's Pipeaway Laura Louisa at Lappakia ShCM, once she settled really covered the ground on the move. Feminine head with well set ears, long muscular neck.

3rd Dunn's Meadowpoint Spirit of Love JW ShCM, a b/w bitch with a lovely head of medium breadth and well defined stop and a soft expression. Correct well knit arched toes on an oval foot. Good expanse of thigh. Just not maintaining her top line on the move.

JOAN HUXLEY – Judge (Bitches)

SPECIAL AWARD CLASSES

Thank you to the committee for inviting me to judge these classes and the opportunity to go over some lovely dogs. A fantastic entry in 3 classes meant many dogs worthy of a place went without. Thank you to everybody who entered.

SPECIAL AWARD PUPPY (11, 3)

A promising class of puppies, I just needed a bigger puppy classification to do them all justice.

1st Fox and Stilgoe's Alcazar Bewildered of Dappleline. This puppy took my eye last time I judged so was thrilled to go over her again. In this class she stood out looking the most balanced both stood and on the move. She has a beautiful head, with a kind eye and those lovely wide, soft nostrils perfect for air scenting. Body wise she is very feminine in appearance whilst strong and toned hands on. A compact, neat bitch with nothing overdone which appeals to me. On the move she covered the ground with drive.

2nd Tibbs' Raigmore Pure Gold. Very Pretty o/w puppy bitch who is very raw at this stage but so much appealed. She is elegant and feminine throughout and has everything in the right place. Long slightly arched neck with no loose skin, forelegs straight with correct sloping pasterns. She made me smile on the move as she went around the ring with so much drive and purpose enjoying every minute. One to watch as she grows up.

3rd Watkins, Phillips and Gordon's Hawkfield Audacious. A very correctly made 9 month old bitch. Well laid back shoulders, strong in body throughout and balanced fore and aft when stood. Good expanse of thigh on her angulated hind quarters. She had good reach on the move covering the ground soundly and smoothly.

SPECIAL AWARD GRADUATE DOG OR BITCH (20, 3)

1st Blowers' Fydal Blown Away to Deadaway. Absolutely love this bitch. From nose to tail she is elegance personified. A series of graceful curves oozing femininity. She is balanced throughout with enough bone and muscle. On the move she is so light making it look effortless with good head and tail carriage. She stood out to me in this class.

2nd Rayner, Spinks and Pringle's Gartarry High Society at Spinray. Another favourite of mine who I have judged before. Her head is superb, a well defined stop, lots of work under her eyes, wide soft nostrils and bright kind eyes. A nice sized bitch with good front and correct sloping pasterns. In body she is short coupled, has enough spring of rib and a strong muscular loin. Pleasing angles at the rear with a strong well developed thigh. She really drove around the ring on the move. Just needed a bit more weight today to complete the picture.

3rd Stilgoe's Enzo Del Almojon Through Teisgol [imp es] A beautifully made o/w dog who I have admired ringside. Hands on he is just as nice. A Handsome head that has so much type, strong muscular neck and good shoulder placement. Not too long in body with a good spring of rib and ample heart room. Well muscled and developed rear quarters without being overdone. When he settled on the move he had the best reach and drive in this class. A tough decision I just thought 2 had the edge on attitude.

SPECIAL AWARD OPEN DOG OR BITCH (12, 3)

Very Happy with my top 3 Just wish they had all been in separate classes.

1st Mason's Freebreeze Figaro JW ShCM. I have judged this dog when he was younger and he has matured well defying his age. He is the dog I would like to take home. His head is so handsome, very masculine without being heavy in skull, appealing eye and expression, which just won me over on the day. Body wise he is all male whilst retaining the elegance and aristocratic appearance a pointer should have. He is solid and toned throughout with fabulous hard muscle. A good sized dog with everything in the right place. It took him until his second run to settle on the move, but when he was together he was so eye catching, his head held high and tail wagging. Lots of drive from those powerful hind quarters he is definitely fit for purpose.

2nd Macmanus' Luneville Strawberry Moon. Another defying her age, on the move she was very sound covering the ground effortlessly with the correct carriage and tail action. A very pretty and feminine bitch who I liked very much. Long strong neck, good front construction with sloping pasterns, lots of heart room and spring of rib, strong across her loin. Nicely muscled and angulated rear quarters which she used to her advantage on the move.

3rd Vaughn's Teisgol I am what I am at Phlynnies. A lovely bitch different in type to 1 and 2, but a real favourite of mine. She is very balanced throughout which is pleasing to the eye both stood and on the move. Today she was full of herself, which was lovely to see as she drove around the ring looking like she was really enjoying it.

SAM ANDERSON-ROWELL - Judge (Special Award Classes)