Birmingham National Championship Dog Show Thursday 9th May 2024

BOB, BVIB & DCC: Millpoint Simply Scrumptus JW (Harrison Mrs J M)

RBCC: Joneva Azelia Banks JW (Bond Dr K)

DCC: Tenshilling It's My Party for Salmonmist JW Osw Shcex (Philo Ms S R)

RDCC: Sharnphilly Vice Versa with Peteshe Sgwc (Henshaw Miss A S K & Goodchild Mr J)

BPIB: Millpoint Watson (Harrison Mrs J M)

BSB: Millpoint Heart And Soul at Casdellda (Dunn Ms Jacqui)

I thoroughly enjoyed judging our beautiful breed. Type is varied, but at the end of the day it is all about construction, which needs to be paramount as incorrect construction leads to incorrect movement. All gundogs have a purpose, and all should have reach and drive and be able to the job they are bred for. We seem to be developing long rear angulation and high set shoulders and straight long upper arm which in turn leads to a sloping topline, a high stepping front action and very little drive, this may look flashy to the casual observer but incorrect for a Pointer. The same can be said regarding a short upper arm which gives the breed a pounding front action, they should float effortlessly with forward reach and drive covering plenty of ground.

Round eyes and hard expressions are creeping in, although the standard does not mention the shape of the eye it does say not overly round or bold and staring and asks for a bright and kindly expression. There were two or three incorrect bites. Having said all of the above I was extremely happy with my principal winners.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (Ent 5)

1st Raigmore Leap Of Faith To Dorbury (Astbury Mrs D). O/W who has a pleasant head and expression, straight front with the best of shoulders, he carries himself well on the move.

2nd Collholme Balthasar (Collins Mr D T & Mrs J). Another O/W lots to like about him, balanced and forward going.

3rd Bradleypoint Floki (Trueman Mrs L).

MINOR PUPPY DOG (Ent 9, Abs 1)

1st Millpoint Watson (Harrison Mrs J M). Well proportioned B/W with a super head and expression. His neck is not overly long and leads into correctly placed shoulders with good return of upper arm. Stands on good legs and feet, with good depth to chest. Strong back with an excellent tail and set. Moved round the ring with a long even stride. Best Puppy In Breed

2nd Tenshilling Shboom (O'Neill Mrs C J). Smaller mould to winner but has all the essentials, beautifully balanced head with good lay of shoulder, correct front assembly and not overly angulated rear quarters. Well set tail and moved precisely.

3rd Bradgate Yours Truly (Westaway Ms P & Eldridge Mrs P A).

PUPPY DOG (Ent 7)

1st Tenshilling Shboom (O'Neill Mrs C J).

2nd Millpoint Winchester (Harrison Mrs J M). Litter brother to previous class winner and not so together. But another that is well put together with no exaggerations, lovely head and expression, good legs and feet moved happily.

3rd Alozia Zealandia for Ratchda (Marsh Mrs G).

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JUNIOR DOG (Ent 6)

1st Raigmore Keep The Faith (Tibbs Mrs P & Tibbs Mr J). This young dog was such a prat on the stack but you cannot over look his construction. He is balanced with everything in proportion, stands on good legs and feet. Moved out really well. His head just needs to develop a bit more which I'm sure it will.

2nd Brent Deville's Advocate at Owlspoint (Ai) (Bell Miss A & Maddox Miss N). This young dog has come a long way and like the winner is well balanced and same construction points as above, happy to see him

3rd Heartbury Matador (Norbury Mrs V).

moving out with confidence.

POST GRADUATE DOG (Ent 10, Abs 1)

1st Tenshilling Jimmy Mack JW (Webb Mrs J). Another surprise package, not one I have taken notice of in the past, but today he caught my eye. He is well balanced with a lovely head and kind expression, correct length of neck leading into well placed shoulders. Everything in the right place. At one with his handler on the move. Very close up for RCC.

2nd Kanix Sourdough with Calaquendi Be Jr Ch (Hill Miss V & Mrs A & Miss L). Heavier type to winner but balanced all through, good topline and correct shoulders, Moved out well.

3rd Brent Deville's Advocate at Owlspoint (Ai) (Bell Miss A & Maddox Miss N).

LIMIT DOG (Ent 9) Hotly contested class.

1st Tenshilling It's My Party for Salmonmist JW Osw Shcex (Philo Ms S R). Not the dog I would have expected to win this class today but could not be overlooked, he is so well balanced and looked the part on the stack. His head is very pleasing with correct proportions, his neck flows cleanly down into his shoulders, his angles at the front match his angles at the rear, no exaggerations. Not the biggest dog but well within the standard and totally balanced, his body gives a pleasing outline. On the move he went with drive and precision. Delighted to award him the CC.

2nd Carofel Wings Of Hope JW Ww23 Swiss Jr Ch (Adams Mrs L D). Unlucky to meet winner on top form. Lots to like about this balanced dog. Different type to winner. Good legs and feet. Moved well. 3rd Fisherbloom Hey Didle Didle at Heartbury (Ganney Ms S, Norbury Mrs V, Adams Miss G & Adams Mr K).

OPEN DOG (Ent 5) Another hotly contested class any of which could have won.

1st Sharnphilly Vice Versa with Peteshe Sgwc (Henshaw Miss A S K & Goodchild Mr J). Surprising winner, well balanced with a lovely head and eye, good neck and shoulders. Well off for bone. Good topline. Moved well. RCC

2nd Sh Ch Kanix Peri Peri with Glenfinnan (Mrs L Jamieson, Mr A Macara, Mrs J & Mr J Blackburn Bennett). A worthy Champion. An upstanding dog who has a good head, eye and expression. Correct shoulders lovely topline. Balanced body with good proportions. Moved out well.

3rd Hawkfield Pemberley (Gordon Ms W).

VETERAN DOG (Ent 2, Abs 1)

1st Sh Ch Tenshilling Home Alone JW ShCM (O'Neill Mrs C). Very typical of his breeding in head, he has a good neck and shoulders and retains his topline on the move.

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SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (Ent 7, Abs 2) This was a very mixed class.

1st Millpoint Heart And Soul at Casdellda (Dunn Ms J). Lovely head and expression, with a good front, lovely bone, excellent topline and tail set. Moved well but I would like to see a little more drive. Best Special Beginners.

2nd Collholme Angelique (Collins Mr D & Collins Mrs J). Different type to winner but she has a lovely topline and pleasing outline.

3rd Lundgarth Jubilee JW (Booth Mrs S E).

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (Ent 7)

1st Harvestslade Star Ruby (Gilding Mrs N & Gilding Mr N). This little girl was attending her first show and what a little sweetheart she is. She has a beautiful head and expression, with lovely lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Correct topline and tail set, moved out steadily. If she continues in the same vein she should have a bright future. Best Puppy Bitch.

 2^{nd} Meadowpoint Hocus Pocus (Dunn Miss D). Slightly heavier build than 1, but she has a pleasant head and expression. Good neck leading into well laid shoulder, well off for bone. Steady on the move. 3^{rd} Teisgol Confringo (Oakley Miss V & Oakley Miss H).

PUPPY BITCH (Ent 7, Abs 1)

1st Crookrise Sunbeam (Edmondson Miss H & Robertshaw Mrs C). Balanced bitch with a good neck and shoulders, pleasant head, stands on good legs and feet, pleasing movement. Maturity won her this class. 2nd Meadowpoint Hocus Pocus (Dunn Miss D).

3rd Teisgol Confringo (Oakley Miss V & Oakley Miss H).

JUNIOR BITCH (Ent 5, Abs 1)

1st Jilony Zelda (Anthony Mrs J). Beautiful headed with a super expression. She has a stunning outline, stands on good legs and feet with correct bone. Excellent topline and tail set. Excellent angles to front and rear, nothing overdone, moved well.

2nd Raigmore Faith In The Future (Tibbs Mrs P & Tibbs Mr J). Close up to the winner with good balance all through excellent topline and tail set, moved well.

3rd Heartbury Tormenta over Nosam (Mrs Mason).

POST GRADUATE BITCH (Ent 24, Abs 7) Hotly contested class.

1st Clamerkin Jubilee Surprise at Hookwood (Welch Mrs S & Drake Mrs J & Hazeltine Miss C). Balanced all through, pleasant head with a good neck and shoulders, correct topline and tail set. Movement was the deciding factor in this class.

2nd Davigdor Poppies (Moss Mr A D). Different type to winner but again another balanced bitch. She is nicely put together with balance. Stands on good legs and feet and moves out well.

3rd Fleurfield Black Caviar (Hinton Mrs M & Luke Mrs J & Leman Mrs H).

LIMIT BITCH (Ent 12, Abs 2) Another very hotly contested class.

1st Kanix Sooty at Stargang (Macara Mr A & Blackburn-Bennett Mrs J). This b/w has a lovely head and eye, good shoulders, forearm correct, topline held well on the move. Strides out well.

2nd Wilchrimane Sky Pirate (Siddle Mr C). Close up to winner, she is also well balanced with clean lines. Moved out well keeping her topline.

3rd Heartbury Northern Lights JW (Norbury Mrs V & Norbury Mr M & Adams Mr K).

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OPEN BITCH (Ent 7)

1st Joneva Azelia Banks JW (Bond Dr K). Beautifully balanced o/w, she has a lovely head and expression. Correct length of neck leading into well laid shoulder with good return of upper arm.

Moved well with style. She is maturing nicely and I am sure her 3rd CC will be just around the corner. Today she had to settle for the RCC.

2nd Sh Ch Tenshilling The Wanderer JW (Webb Mrs J). A worthy Champion and very close up to winner. Balanced all through with good angles to front and rear. Moved out well.

3rd Wilchrimane Charisma (Siddle Mrs A & Siddle Miss A).

VETERAN DOG (Ent 10, Abs 2) Super class of oldies.

1st Millpoint Simply Scrumptus JW (Mrs J Harrison). You would never believe that this I/w is a veteran. Lovely head and expression very much the old stamp. Totally clean in outline with excellent neck and shoulders, correct length of upper arm, and not over done in rear angulation. She is so well balanced all through with correct bone and in superb condition. I have never understood why this bitch doesn't have her title, okay she is at the high end of the standard but still balanced and shouts Pointer all the way. I was delighted to be able to award her the CC her 3rd and ultimately BOB and Best Veteran. She gave a superb performance in both the Group and the Veteran Group. Delighted for her.

2nd Wild Thyme (Lake Miss C). Another I/w who retains her style. Balanced with good angles, not overdone in any way.

3rd Gartarry High Society at Spinray JW (Rayner Ms L & Spinks Ms P & Pringle Ms M).

RUTH MARTIN - judge

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