

POINTER CLUB OF SCOTLAND 43rd CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

Sunday 16th June 2024

Thank you to all the exhibitors for such a lovely entry, I am truly honoured and privileged. My sadness was being compelled to undertake the judging under canvas due to persistent rain and under trying conditions for exhibitors and the dogs. Special thanks to Secretary Caroline and the hardworking committee for doing such a good job ensuring everything went along like clockwork. My stewards, Laura and David, did a grand job in keeping the ring in order and flowing, thank you.

Having to judge under canvas with all that this entails is certainly not ideal and sadly some exhibits were not happy and didn't show their best as they would have done outside, as a consequence, perhaps some placings would have been a little different.

My observations were some upright pasterns and a few with small eyes, tails have improved to a degree but still requires more work to conform to the standard "carried on a level with the back, with no upward curl", nor did I see many lashing tails, perhaps because of the inside conditions.

Finally, one comment I do wish to make is that one or two handlers have the awful habit of pushing their exhibit down over their hindquarters. I know why they do it, however, sorry, for me this action does nothing to enhance the outline but detracts. I would hate for novice and new exhibitors to feel this is the way to handle.

Having never seen my BIS/BCC winner previously Sh Ch Tenshilling The Wanderer, completely blew me away, fell totally in love with her, she is so eye catching, beautiful balanced head, dark eyes with such kind expression, a series of graceful curves, clean throughout neck and shoulders, well sprung ribs, deep brisket, good legs and feet, tail on a level with back, she moved with much drive using her tail, so balanced without any exaggerations, was delighted to award her the CC and BIS. My Res BIS /DCC winner I truly could not believe it he is the litter brother Tenshilling It's My Party for Salmonmist JW OWS ShCEX and apparently this CC if approved by the KC gives him his crown, many of the above accolades apply to this young man, oozes quality, from the top drawer, eye catching, lovely head eye and expression, balanced throughout, good fore and hind angulation without exaggeration, moved with style. Both exhibits were handled beautifully and shown in lovely coat and well-muscled condition. Congratulations to this kennel and owners.

VETERAN DOG (3 ents)

1st O'Neill, Sh Ch Tenshilling Home Alone JW ShCM. O/w, favourite of mine since judging him as a Minor Puppy, and today he didn't disappoint me. Still looking good at 9.5yr, lovely head, eye and expression, good neck and shoulder, good angulation, well let down in hock, moved very well and uses his tail.

2nd McCudden, Forthbourne Fifth Gear. O/w, lovely headed boy, good bone and legs, balanced, moved well but was carrying a bit too much weight.

3rd Gerrard & Galloway, Sharnphilly Santorelli with Carmandine JW.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (4 ents)

1st Wilcox, Harvestlade Fire And Ice through Merynjen. O/W, lots to like about this 8 month puppy, balanced head, lovely eye and soft expression, good neck fitting into sloping shoulders, good chest and depth of brisket, short coupled with well turned stifle, short hocks, good width of first and second thigh, he moved very well, steady and sound. Nicely handled.

2nd O'Neill, Tenshilling Shboom. B/W, 8 months different type to winner, nice puppy, pleasing outline and overall shape, has all the essentials just needs time to tighten up.

3rd Harrison, Millpoint Watson.

PUPPY DOG (4 ents)

1st Marsh, Alozia Zealandia for Ratchda. Liver/white, almost out of puppy, lovely headed dog, he is of medium size and maturing nicely, not overdone in any way, clean neck flowing into well placed shoulders, short coupled, good legs and feet, he is balanced and sound, moved with drive and style, well handled. Was pleased to award him BPD and BPIS. I understand this win gave him his JW. Congratulations. I will watch with interest his future.

2nd O'Neill, Tenshilling Shboom.

3rd Harrison, Millpoint Winchester.

JUNIOR DOG (4 ents)

1st Philo, Sunhouse Black Is Back at Salmonmist JW (Ai). Blanket black, striking, quality, nicely chiselled head (reminiscent of his sire), kind expression, clean neck flowing into fine well placed shoulders, good chest and deep brisket, short coupled, enough turn of stifle, short hock, moved well.

2nd Bush, Piasharn Rocka Rolla. 14 month b/w, took my eye, good head, dark eye and kind expression, this boy has a good neck and shoulder placement, flowing topline, deep brisket, good width of second thigh, nicely angulated fore and hind, moved well. Hope his handler learns to get the best presentation out of him.

3rd Tibbs, Raigmore Keep The Faith JW.

YEARLING DOG (8 ents, 1 abs)

1st Gerrard, Bell and Galloway, Carmandine Oh C'mon Then JW. O/w, quality oozes from this youngster, commands attention and fills the eye, lovely head, eye and kind expression, clean neck flows into fine well placed shoulders, good width of 1st and 2nd thigh, good spring of rib, deep brisket, well-muscled hindquarters, good turn of stifle and short hocks which he used to power round the ring, is maturing along the right lines, is muscular but not overdone in any way. Well presented and handled. Pleased to award him RDCC.

2nd Millett, Riowood Orange Twist. O/w not a big dog but a lot to like about him, good head eye and expression, balanced with good topline, nicely angulated fore and hind, good set on of tail, moved well, was nicely presented and handled.

3rd Bush, Piasharn Rocka Rolla.

MAIDEN DOG (2 ents, 1 abs)

1st O'Neill, Tenshilling Shboom.

NOVICE DOG (1 ent)

1st Marsh, Alozia Zealandia for Ratchda.

GRADUATE DOG (5 ents)

1st Gerrard, Bell and Galloway, Carmandine Oh C'mon Then JW.

2nd Phillips, Pencaire Sheeran. O/w, lovely headed boy, reachy neck flowing into well placed sloping shoulders, well sprung ribs, good chest, good topline, correct set on of tail, good fore and hind angulation with well turned stifle, moved and handled well.

3rd Morrison, Raigmore Greatest Day.

POST GRADUATE DOG (2 ents)

1st Webb, Tenshilling Jimmy Mack JW. Another lovely headed O/W, a balanced dog, no exaggerations just a sound honest boy, he has good conformation with the breed attributes, had to pull out all the stops to win this class.

2nd Phillips, Pencaire Sheeran.

LIMIT DOG (10 ents, 3 abs)

1st Oddie, Chesterhope One Way Ticket (Ai) (Imp NZL). Heavily ticked B/W, quality, has a lovely chiselled head with a lot of work in it, kind expression, good neck and shoulder placement, good bone legs and feet, strong over hindquarters, well muscled, good width of 1st and 2nd thigh, stands over a lot of ground, and covered a lot of ground on the move. Handled well on the move.

2nd Barker & Hart-Simm, Ragus Let's Get Moving at Flinthill. B/W, lots to like about this boy, another sound honest type, lovely balanced head, kind eye, good forechest, well sprung ribs, good width of hindquarters, well turned stifle and short hock, he was nicely handled and presented, moved with drive.

3rd Wilcox, Pipeaway Dreams Afyre in Merynjen JW.

OPEN DOG (6 ents)

1st Philo, Tenshilling It's My Party for Salmonmist JW OSW ShCEX. See preamble. DCC/RES BIS.

2nd Oddie, Sh Ch Sharnphilly Boondoggle JW. Striking B/w, has a lovely chiselled head, clean reachy neck flowing into well laid back shoulders, good forechest, deep brisket, strong over loin and hindquarters, shown in good hard condition, his well turned stifle and short hocks, coupled with his muscular backend powered him round the ring, as always well presented and very nicely handled.

3rd Gordon, Hawkfield Audacity. Made up a trio of quality dogs.

FIELD TRIAL DOG OR BITCH (2 ents)

1st Anderson-Rowell, Little Owl Scandiacca for Daledancer (Imp SVK). B/w, oh I just love this little girl, 10 yrs young and still so active on the move, really gives the impression could go all day. She is so balanced. Pretty head, kind eye, flowing topline, nicely angulated, uses her tail. Well handled.

2nd Westron, Ft Ch Aurichalcum Glentraise. Another with a lovely head, make and shape, however, she would not help her handler either standing or moving.

VETERAN BITCH (5 ents, 1 abs)

1st Hewitt, Sh Ch Droveborough's Miss Marple. I can't believe she is 9 yrs old, quality liver/white favourite of mine, she exudes type, symmetry, aristocratic character of her breed, and balance. A very worthy champion. Shown in great condition, moved with such style, well handled. I did consider her for top honours, but the younger ones just pipped her at the post. BVet

2nd MacManus, Luneville Solitaire. O/w, another favourite of mine, so unfortunate to meet (1) in such sparkling form, has a lovely head, dark eye and the kindest expression, good neck and shoulder, well sprung ribs, good width of 2nd thigh and well turned stifle, short coupled, moved and handled well.

3rd O'Driscoll, SVK Ch Pawprint Flaming Soul to Fowington (Imp HUN)

4th Rayner, Spinks & Pringle, Gartarry High Society of Spinray JW. Made up a class of really lovely veterans all in great condition and a credit to their owners.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (3 ents)

1st Dunn, Meadowpoint Hocus Pocus. Liver/white, neat, uncomplicated, honest type of puppy, lovely head, clean lines, nice topline, tail set, enough angulation, balanced. Just needs time now to tighten up, should have a bright future.

2nd O'Neill, Tenshilling Sweet Nothings. B/w, lovely typey puppy, shapely topline, balanced, lovely head and eye, clean neck and shoulders, good legs and feet, sadly today her tail action let her down which may have had something to do with being under canvas.

3rd Radcliffe Sniperay Suite Note (Ai).

PUPPY BITCH (5 ents)

1st Oddie, Sharnphilly Canasta for Riowood. Top end of puppy O/W, mature, eye catching, lovely head, eye and soft expression, reachy clean neck flowing into well laid back shoulders, has spring of rib, good legs and feet, strong quarters, stands over a lot of ground, moved with drive. BPB

2nd Anderson-Rowell, Wilchrimane Silent Sonnet at Daledancer. B/w, another lovely puppy almost out of this class, not as forward as winner, loved her head, eye and expression, she has well sprung ribs, short coupled, good neck and shoulder, topline and tail set, good legs and feet, sloping pastern, balanced. Nicely handled.

3rd Jenkin, Sniperay Ebony Pearl (Ai).

JUNIOR BITCH (7 ents, 1 abs)

1st Edmondson & Robertshaw, Crookrise Sunbeam. Liver/white, just out of puppy but loved everything about her, she is of the 'old fashioned' type and I hope as she develops, judges will see her potential because she is different to today's exhibits, loved her, will watch her with much interest in the future, wouldn't alter her in any way at this stage, she is well put together, balanced, not exaggerated in anyway, stands correctly, moved so well and uses her tail. I wish her well.

2nd Bush, Piasharn Breaking The Law. Really liked this 14th month O/W, shame she met (1) but I see that both are by the same sire and similar comments apply to both although of different types, has a pretty head, dark eye, clean in neck and shoulder, flowing topline, nice angulation, short hock and good width of 2nd thigh. Nicely handled.

3rd Anderson-Rowell, Wilchrimane Silent Sonnet at Daledancer.

YEARLING BITCH (6 ents, 1 abs)

1st Nelis, Freebreeze Special Effects JW. O/w, lovely headed, tight dark eye, soft expression, is balanced, short coupled, good ribs and depth of brisket, good bone, legs and feet, sloping pastern, nicely angulated, nice finish over loin with width of hindquarters, steady mover, nicely handled.

2nd Blake, Vadkartya's Pipit. O/w, so little separates these two and same attributes apply to both, both are quality and typey, could change places anytime, my notes say the same, lovely head, eye and expression, good neck and shoulder placement, flowing topline, etc etc, both are balanced, today under canvas (1) moved a little better behind but outside could have been different.

3rd Bush, Paisharn Breaking The Law. A trio of quality bitches.

MAIDEN BITCH (4 ents, 1 abs)

1st Turton, Tanglebrook Solitaire. O/w, mature, good head, neck and shoulder, topline, good bone legs and feet, well turned stifle, nicely handled.

2nd Dunn, Meadowpoint Hocus Pocus.

3rd Gordon, Hawkfield Happy Times.

NOVICE BITCH (5 ents, 1 abs)

1st Bush, Piasharn Breaking The Law.

2nd Bush, Piasharn Demelza. Liver/white, typey, loved her head, eye and expression, deep brisket, nice topline, balanced, not as good in front as (1).

3rd Turton, Tanglebrook Solitaire.

GRADUATE BITCH (8 ents, 2 abs)

1st Guy, Carofel If I Had Wings JW. Quality two year o/w, typey, a lot to like about this one, everything in the right place, balanced, flowing topline to good tail set, strong quarters, nicely let down hocks, good legs and spring of pastern, moved and handled well.

2nd Dodd, Raigmore She's The One for Lycarda. B/w, quality and typey, eye catching, lovely headed, with kind eye, good through neck and shoulder, flowing topline, good turn of stifle, well let down hock, didn't feel the inside conditions suited her but she was very nicely handled.

3rd Bush, Piasharn Demelza.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (6 ents, 3 abs)

1st Rayner, Spinks & Pringle, Spinray Songbird. Much to like about this b/w, nice size, balanced, quality, clean throughout her outline, deep in brisket, good forechest, good legs, feet and sloping pastern, liked the finish over her loin and tailset, moved and handled well.

2nd O'Neill, Tenshilling To Sir With Love JW. Another quality typey o/w from this kennel, loved her head, tight dark eye, flowing outline, well turned stifle and short hock, sloping pastern, nicely handled.

3rd Booth, Lundgarth Everest. Made up a trio of lovely typey bitches, any of whom I have no doubt will change places other days.

LIMIT BITCH (12 ents, 2 abs) What a class - gave me a headache in the nicest way, however headed by

1st Macara & Blackburn-Bennett, Kanix Sooty at Stargang. Striking b/w, balanced head, nice eye and expression, good neck and shoulder, well sprung ribs, deep brisket, flows through topline to strong quarters, good width of 1st and 2nd thigh, well turned stifle, short hocks, moved with drive, best mover in this class, well handled.

2nd Dunn, Caithpoint Kora at Meadowpoint. Really liked this striking young lady, initially thought my winner, quality, most lovely head, eye and soft expression, reachy neck flowing into well placed fine sloping shoulders, has good fore and hind angulation, everything fits so well, balanced all through. I am sure she will have better days, sadly she didn't give her best when moving, I think maybe the conditions didn't suit her, but she still deserved her place.

3rd Blowers, Fowington Lar Ti Dar at Deadaway. Another of my favourites but wasn't happy under the canvas.

OPEN BITCH (8 ents) Fabulous class containing several of my favourites, but decisions have to be made which gave me much food for thought. Thank you to all the exhibitors. I truly appreciate giving me the opportunity of handling such beautiful exhibits.

1st Webb, Sh Ch Tenshilling The Wanderer. Just loved her, she can wander into my home anytime. See preamble, my CC and BIS winner, she had to be exceptional to go over.

2nd Gerrard & Bell, Sh Ch Chesterhope C'Mon Over to Carmandine (Imp NZL) JW. Another outstanding top drawer o/w, quality, lovely balanced head, dark eye and kind expression, good neck and shoulders, flowing topline, strong muscular hindquarters, good width of 2nd thigh, short hock, moved with drive and style. A very worthy Champion. RCC.

3rd Bond, Joneva Azelia Banks. Made up this trio of beautiful exhibits.

BRACE (1 ent)

1st Anderson-Rowell

BARBARA CRITCHLEY - judge