

THREE COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

Sunday 9th June 2024

Assessing Pointers for the first time at championship show level proved one of the most enjoyable experiences of my forty five years judging in the pedigree dog ring. A lovely entry and super exhibitors. Even the weather played fair for the day.

Bitches slightly excelled over dogs in general for me on the day for depth of quality, hackney action was minimal low ground movement appeared the norm, just a couple of houndy ear types, plenty of cutting forward reach in action and a lovely consistency of type from certain kennels. Substance and fit conditioning evident in every class and pleasing that cathedral fronts appear to be diminished in number.

Fresh blood from overseas continues to enrich the breed it seems. Yet again another breed exhibit in my BOB came close to hitting the jackpot in the strong group ring. I was pleased with all my class winners thank you for your lovely entries everyone and congratulations on the standards you keep.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (6, 0)

1st Harrison - Millpoint Watson. Rising eight months, pleased to learn he was shortlisted in the puppy group. A b/w youngster attractive for size and breed outline excellent lay of shoulder and reach of neck promising balanced head with full open nostrils, good bone, typical feet, sound on the move, very fit for his young age, BP congratulations.

2nd O'Neill - Tenshilling Shboom. Eight months b/w, most appealing eye colour, set and shape lovely expression, the best of true straight fronts with depth well sprung ribcage reaching well back, presented in first class body condition for a puppy.

3rd Wilcox - Harvestslade Fire And Ice through Merynjen.

PUPPY DOG (6,0)

1st O'Neill - Tenshilling Shboom

2nd Stilgoe & Fox - Teisgol Magic. Rising nine months, squarely built frame, balanced outline with depth of brisket on show, a sound moving b/w, most appealing eye colour, shape and expression. Firm across the loins with muscled hindquarters, tail well set and carried.

3rd Clinton - Hawkfield Happy Feet at Oramiss.

JUNIOR DOG (6, 1)

1st Rose – Navazuelas Stormcloud at Ridanflight (Imp ESP) NAF. Seventeen months b/w, a Pointer head I tended to prefer over the second placed exhibit. Well angulated overall, good reach of neck, plenty of scope to his outline giving him style and presence standing and on the move with flowing reach and drive. Good bone and typical Pointer feet, a tad close in front action for me on the day.

2nd Martin - Sunhouse I'll Be Black (ai). Seventeen months b/w, heavier in head finish I considered than the winner, super quality bone and excellent feet, well padded, excelled over the winner for depth of brisket and body condition. Pleasing breed expression, eyes dark coloured and well set a very sound mover driving with powerful second thighs.

3rd Astbury - Raigmore Leap Of Faith to Dorbury.

GRADUATE DOG (11, 4)

1st Gerrard & Bell - Carmandine Oh C'mon Then. Rising twenty months, o/w, attractive scope to his outline excellent dish-face with flaring nostrils, super front, good bone and feet, in excellent fit muscled condition, highly typical and appealing overall.

2nd Matthews - Sonham Raising The Game JW. Two years three months, b/w, more squarely built than the winner, typical topline, a stronger head I considered than that of the first dog. Good depth of brisket, sound overall and a powerful mover.

3rd Isherwood - Wilchrimane Let's Be Frank

POST GRADUATE DOG (8, 2)

1st Webb - Tenshilling Jimmy Mack JW. Two years four months, o/w, lovely stylish mover, typical breed outline, balanced masculine head, well-formed expression, typical topline with depth of body, presented in very fit condition. Attractive eye colour shape and set wide nostrils super straight front with excellent "daisy-cutting" forward action.

2nd Keaney - Flinhill Hot Mail. Rising two years, o/w, a tad short in muzzle for me, but skull well-formed, excellent solid front, firm and strong across the loins, well sprung ribcage reaching well back. Most excellent Pointer feet thickly padded, good bone and similar forward action to the winner, presented in first class body condition.

3rd Collins - Collholme Balthasar.

LIMIT DOG (9, 1)

1st Ram - Jilony Brown Velvet. Three years eight months, l/w, really liked this dog from one of the older lines on show today, super overall angulation, symmetrical and well-built as the standard asks, skin close and thick so very sound and true fore and aft on the move. Powerful across the loins, super fit and muscled, good bone and feet with thick tail base. Appreciated his type and quality. RCC Congratulations.

2nd Adams - Carofel Wings Of Hope JW Ww23 Swiss Jch. Rising two years, o/w, pleasing head proportions and planes, attractive eye colour shape and set, good reach of neck, pleasing for strong oval bone, typical feet and topline, firm fit body finish, needed to settle a bit in forward action on the day in my opinion.

3rd Stilgoe - Glenariff Mojito over Teisgol.

OPEN DOG (6, 2)

1st Oddie - Sh Ch Sharnphilly Boondoggle JW. Rising six years, a quality exhibit, b/w, attractive curving outline masculine head well formed with attractive breed expression, super strength of bone pasterns, strong most desirable Pointer feet. Tail well set and carried, demonstrated sound flowing action on the move with positive strength and extension. Another in impressive fit muscled condition a most worthy champion.

2nd Martin - Sunhouse You're Nicked. Three years nine months, o/w, lovely presence in the ring though not quite the enhanced expression of the winner for me. Impressive substance without coarseness, strong across the loin, good depth of brisket with a bit more size at the shoulder than the winner. Another quality exhibit, highly typical moving with superior reach and drive.

3rd Oliver & Stilgoe – Teisgol Love Is In The Air.

VETERAN DOG (3, 1)

1st O'Neill - Sh Ch Tenshilling Home Alone JW ShCM. Rising nine and a half, o/w, solid in body, square in outline, short in couplings with correct topline and masculine balance. A quality veteran I considered most worth of the CC on the day. Moved like a dream, so sound and unexaggerated, excellent angulation throughout, delightful head and expression, deep stop on show and the aristocratic air. Best dog. Congratulations.

2nd Collins - Collholme John Paul. Nine years, b/w, held his own against the winner, typical in most departments though not holding the topline of the winner, head balanced and proportioned, pleasing expression eye colour, set and shape, good bone and feet. Pleasing mature depth of brisket, thick tail carried well, strongly muscled hindquarters for his age.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (4, 0)

1st Preece & Gilding - Harvestslade Star Ruby. Seven and a half months, b/w, symmetrical outline with scope and balance, good construction throughout, lovely reach of neck, good bone, typical feet, tail well set and carried. Correct dish-face, promising with lovely forward reach in action.

2nd Stilgoe & Fox - Teisgol Alohomora. Nine months, o/w. Won her place on super movement, very sound with good stop, on show excellent angulation, firm across the loins for a puppy, muscled in fit condition, good bone and feet, pleasing eye colour, shape and set.

3rd Jenkin - Sniperay Ebony Pearl (ai).

PUPPY BITCH (8, 0)

1st Oddie - Sharnphilly Canasta for Riowood. Rising twelve months, o/w, a quality puppy, sound on the move, head full of attractive promise, strong oval bone, well sprung ribcage reaching well back. Strong across the loins, very muscled hindquarters for her age, pleasing breed outline.

2nd Adams - Joneva Just One Wish. Eleven months, pushed the winner hard. I preferred her feet and strength of pasterns, another very sound in action, tail well set and carried head. Needs time to develop but all in proportion. Lovely square outline, correct eggshell coat texture, strong muscled hindquarters.

3rd Gordon – Hawkfield Happy Times.

JUNIOR BITCH (5, 1)

1st Brock – Zolain Better Together. Ten months, o/w, stylish breed outline, balanced and proportioned head and tail typically carried on the move, attractive eye colour, shape and set, good bone and typical feet, sound in action front and rear.

2nd Wynne-Evans - Droveborough Frost Queen. Seventeen months, b/w, super fronted bitch with depth of brisket, straight and true, pleasing for breed type, compact in outline, good bone and feet and very typical topline. Firm across the loins, well sprung ribcage reaching well back, very sound on the move.

3rd Mason - Heartbury Tormenta over Nosam.

GRADUATE BITCH (7, 0)

1st Wynne-Evans - Droveborough's Royal Flush. Rising three years. Loved this bitch and considered her for higher honours on the day. Mature head with deep stop, full open nostrils, impressive front with plenty of breastbone, strong oval bone pastern, well-formed and set well sprung ribcage reaching well back, powerful across the loins, short coupled. Moved with determined reach and drive super sound action carries a wonderful pelt and textured coat.

2nd Brooksmith - Millpoint Golden Pippin JW. Twenty-one months, o/w, delightfully typical breed outline, good reach of neck on well-placed clean shoulders, strong across the loins, good bone typical feet. More scope of outline than the winner, another with classic breed coat texture, a tad nervous to start but came around nicely in time.

3rd Earl, Wheldon & Jones - Flinthill Some Like It Hot at Caithpoint.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (10, 0)

1st Earl, Wheldon & Jones - Hawkfield Frivolous for Caithpoint. Twenty-two months, o/w, lovely clean symmetrical outline to this well angulated bitch of quality, super shoulder placement and reach of neck, typical topline and the best of bone and feet. Strong across the loins, moved soundly in true Pointer style.
2nd Welch, Drake & Hazeltine - Clamerkin Jubilee Surprise at Hookwood. Two years, b/w, slightly fuller flews than the winner and stronger head finish, lovely reach of neck on well-placed shoulders, well sprung ribcage reaching well back, firm across the loins, super quality bone, close firm feet, thick tail well carried. A very sound and true mover fore and aft.
3rd Kennedy - Droveborough's Enid Slyton.

LIMIT BITCH (9, 1)

1st Moss - Davigdor Poppies. Two years seven months, o/w, one of the best fronts in the entry with depth of fore chest, solid compact build, short coupled in symmetrical outline, strong neck of good length well set cleanly into shoulders, excellent bone, typical pointer feet. Presented in first class body condition, coat correctly textured and shining with health. Super depth of stop, muzzle well-formed and set nostrils full, pleasing expression eye colour, shape and set. Firm across the loins, lovely forward reach clean cutting action, flowing profile movement.
2nd Perren - Evaluna Chasing Rainbows with Hookwood JW. Rising three years, b/w, very lovely typical breed outline and overall balance, presented in super body condition, solid substance, well -muscled. Good depth of body and well sprung ribcage reaching back, similar excellent front as the winner, a grand quality bitch.
3rd Siddle - Wilchrimane Sky Pirate.

OPEN BITCH (8, 1)

1st Siddle - Wilchrimane Charisma. Five years three months on the day. Was in top form brimming with quality, style, elegance and endurance. Curving outline, well balanced, good solid front, powerful across the loins, super happy thrashing tail action on the move. Correct depth and ribbing, coat dense close and well textured, moving with precision of reach and drive. Held a truly aristocratic air in the challenge to take what I understand, to be her crowning CC. Richly deserved along with BOB and later G2 in one of the strongest Gundog groups I have seen in a while under respected Gundog expert, Pam Blay. What a finish for this lovely bitch and her owners. Congratulations, she is a real credit to your breeding.
2nd Gerrard & Bell - Sh Ch Chesterhope C'mon over to Carmandine (Imp NZL) JW. Five years four months. For me excelled the winner in muzzle, finish and stop placement, super full nostrils on display, excellent topline though would have liked her a tad firmer in front pasterns. Beautifully coupled and outline balanced for a bitch, perfect head, tail carriage and set. Richly deserving of the RCC on the day, congratulations.
3rd Matthews - Sonham Chasing Rainbows.

VETERAN BITCH (5, 0)

1st Harrison - Millpoint Simply Scrumptus JW. Eight years, l/w, most lovely balanced head and soft expression on this bitch, she excels in muzzle, finish and stop, most attractive scope to her outline with aristocratic feminine grace which carried her to BVIB in the challenge with the veteran dog. I understand she too has recently unsurprisingly to me gained her title. Croup well set to splendid, muscled hindquarters for her age, moved like a train still covering the ground with steady determination and low action.

Congratulations.

2nd Rayner, Spinks & Pringle - Gartarry High Society at Spinray JW. Seven years two months, b/w, squarer build than the winner, compact balance, excellent solid front with depth on show, pasterns strong, well boned, correct stifles, strong across the loins, lovely tail set and carriage, sound flowing mover.

3rd Brooksmith - Nightgold Blackavar VW.

RICHARD MORRIS - judge