

THE POINTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

Sunday 1st September 2024

DOGS

My grateful thanks for the invitation to judge at the Club Show, and also many thanks to my efficient stewards who kept the ring running like clockwork.

Some difficult decisions on the day, where performance in an indoor ring seemed to affect some and this had to have a bearing on my choices this time around. Pointers are a galloping breed and as such keeping them fit should not be an issue, there were some exhibits that would've benefitted from more musculature, and fitness will always affect movement. Feet need watching – feet are not supposed to be round, but neither are they supposed to be flat. A few eyes had that 'staring' appearance which ruin the soft kind expression that should be expected in a pointer. That said, I had many lovely exhibits to go over that offer much to the breed going forward and the **majority** of my decisions were accepted in a sporting manner.

Delighted that my co judge Mrs Pamela Tibbs agreed that the DCC should take BIS on this occasion, and we both agreed that the lovely bitch pup should be our BPIS.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (1)

1st Millett's Laveto Remember When. 6 month old b/w with plenty of body and substance, shapely on the stack with good angles. Could have a little more refinement in head but could be a developmental stage. Moved soundly and happily for one so young.

PUPPY DOG (5)

1st Westaway & Eldridge's Bradgate Yours Truly. Movement played a big part in decisions in this class. This liv/white dog won on his easy ground covering action. Well up to size, balanced enough in profile outline, pleasing head although ears could be finer, carried his tail well. Needs more width but he has time on his side to mature in his body. BPD over the MPD on his more settled action in the challenge.

2nd Wilcox's Harvestlade Fire And Ice through Merynjen. O/W dog with an attractive head and dark eye. Well bodied all through, balanced for his age, good tail shape and length. Needs to settle in his movement.
3rd Henshaw & Goodchild's Berseydale Straight Flush with Peteshe.

JUNIOR DOG (4,2)

1st Clinton's Hawkfield Happy Feet at Oramiss. O/W who had an attractive head with a good dark eye, ideal size, shapely and balanced throughout with a strong topline. Could settle in front action a touch.

2nd Allen & Betts' Hawkfield Kings Ransom. O/W out of a slightly larger mould and as such needs to mature on a little yet to fill his frame. Clean in outline, stood over his ground well and an active happy mover.

YEARLING DOG (9)

1st Rose's Navazuelas Stormcloud at Ridanflight (Imp ESP). Athletic looking b/w dog of good size and balanced shape. Typy head with dark eye. Strong in topline and well bodied, moved soundly with a ground covering gait once settled, using his tail well. Settled further still in the line up to secure the RCC.

2nd Gerrard, Bell & Galloway's Carmandine Oh C'mon Then JW. O/W dog with very attractive head with a melting kind expression. Mature with good substance, well bodied with a lovely forehead construction, firm in topline. Was unsettled with his changes in handler.

3rd Martin's Sunhouse I'll Be Black (AI).

MAIDEN DOG (3,1)

1st Westaway & Eldgridge's Bradgate Yours Truly.

2nd Wardle's Sunhouse All Blacks (AI). B/W shown in the best of condition. Pleasing head of good type, dark eye with kind expression, just preferred (1) in hind quarters and action at this stage, but plenty of time on his side to mature and develop.

NOVICE DOG (6,1)

1st Allen & Betts' Hawkfield Kings Ransom.

2nd Westaway & Eldridge's Bradgate Yours Truly.

3rd Newcombe's Kimifleur Hercules.

GRADUATE DOG (5,1)

1st Keaney's Flinthill Hot Mail. Medium sized o/w with a pleasing head. Good substance, clean over the neck/shoulder, he was a free and active mover with a good tail carriage.

2nd Isherwood's Wilchrimane Let's Be Frank. O/W out of a slightly larger mould. Lovely head with a sweet expression, well built all through. Was more cooperative with his handler and settled better in this class, although a little proud of his tail today.

3rd Newcombe's Kimifleur Hercules.

POST GRADUATE DOG (7,1)

1st Trueman's Bradleypoint Floki. B/W dog with an attractive head and eye giving a kind expression, shapely all through, balanced in angulation, sound honest mover. Feet a little round.

2nd Keaney's Flinthill Hot Mail.

3rd Lewis' Braithwaite Pole Position in Fallowfield.

MID LIMIT DOG (3)

1st Sarrou & Hall's Gartarry New Kid In Town. Well balanced o/w dog of handy medium size. Attractive typical head, clean over the shoulders, nice width of chest with a good amount of forechest, balanced fore and aft with a firm topline. Coat condition could be better.

2nd Webb's Tenshilling Jimmy Mack JW. Another shapely well balanced o/w dog who stood over his ground well, shown in good bloom, pleasing head and went well on a good open side gait. Just preferred the feet of the winner.

3rd Weaver's Dappleline Chance for Anniezu.

LIMIT DOG (11,2)

1st Howe's Wilchrimane Fratelli. Classy stylish o/w dog with a super outline. Well angulated fore and aft with good balance all through. Sweet head with fine ear leathers. Strong topline, good forechest, correct feet, active sound mover with good tailset. He was very unsettled in the challenge and gave his handler a hard time which was a great shame.

2nd Adam's Carofel Wings Of Hope JW WW23 Swiss JCH. Another stylish young o/w dog who is balanced all through and fluid on the move. Well constructed with good body and substance, no exaggerations anywhere and his movement reflected this. Just preferred the foot shape of (1).

3rd Norbury, Ganney, Adams & Adams' Fisherbloom Hey Didle Didle at Heartbury.

OPEN DOG (7,1)

1st Westaway's Sh Ch Teisgol Keep On Going via Penwest. Athletic lemon/white dog of medium size with good substance. Well bodied and fit looking. Masculine head with kind expression. Excellent mover, was easy and efficient over the ground with good reach and drive, holding his topline with a good tail carriage. A sound honest dog who didn't put a foot wrong today. DCC & BIS.

2nd Jamieson, Macara & Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch Kanix Peri Peri with Glenfinnan. Glamorous o/w from a larger mould. Excellent construction throughout and presented in lovely condition. Kind head, good type, stood over his ground well, and moved out stylishly.

3rd Martin's Sunhouse You're Nicked.

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG DOG (1)

1st Henshaw & Goodchild's Ch Sharnphilly Vice Versa with Peteshe SGWC. Medium sized dog of good type, balanced in angulation, good head with kind eye, firm in topline on the move where he went with enthusiasm and style carrying his tail well. Showing a little dewlap and coat slightly soft.

FIELD TRIAL DOG (0)

Special Beginners Dog (8,4)

1. Trueman's Bradleypoint Floki,
2. Keaney's Flinthill Hotmail.
3. Allen & Betts' Hawkfield Kings Ransom.

LINDA WESTRON - judge [dogs]

BITCHES

I would like to thank The Pointer Club for inviting me to judge bitches at their Championship Show. Always an honour to judge a breed club show. I would also like to thank the exhibitors for giving me such a lovely entry both numerically and in quality. Grateful thanks also to me two stewards for keeping things moving.

Overall, I think the Breed is in a fairly healthy state, but I've noticed one thing creeping into Pointers being shown in recent years - which is too much rear angulation. When The Pointer standard was written it was mainly based on a standard for Pointers that were worked. They had to be sound to deal with the rough terrain of the grouse moor or even the partridge field and they knew that too much angulation could cause problems with joints, nerve or muscle damage. Nowadays there are only a small stalwart group of people continuing to work their Pointers but the health of the Pointer today, be it in the field, show ring or simply galloping as a pet is just as important and I hope that breeders today will take this on board.

VETERAN BITCH (9,2)

1st HEWITT's Sh Ch Droveburgh's Miss Marple. 9 year old liver/white bitch who I have always admired from the ringside. Ongoing over her she didn't disappoint She has a beautiful head in correct proportions and with lots of work. Good length of neck and correct body shape with good depth and spring of rib. Moved well with a lashing tail to win this class and with the agreement of my co-judge, Linda Westron, BVIS
2nd RAYNER, SPINKS & PRINGLE's Gartarry High Society at Spinray JW. 7 year old b/w bitch who was in good hard condition. Gorgeous head and balanced body with correct angulation. Moved with verve round the ring.

3rd STILGOE's Alcazar Amazing Grace via Teisgol VW.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (6,1)

1st KENNEDY's Droversborough Hells Bells. 7 month old baby who just stole my heart. What a little cracker! She's just right for her age. Lovely head with soft expression. Beautifully balanced with correct angulation, good rib and length of loin. Moved well for such a baby but with just that hint of naughtiness which I'd expect at this age. BPB and with the agreement of my co-judge BPIS. Sure she must have a bright future!
2nd ODDIE's Riowood Tick Tock Boom to Sharnphilly. Another 7 month old baby who had lots of style. Pleasing head leading into well placed shoulders. Well bodied with good spring of rib. Moved well. Another I'll watch with interest.

3rd GERRARD, BELL & GALLOWAY's Riowood C'mon it's Time for Carmandine.

PUPPY BITCH (7,1)

1st KENNEDY's Droversborough Hells Bells

2nd STILGOE's Teisgol Alohomora. Lovely feminine bitch who still had good strength of body for one so young. She has lovely head, neck and shoulders. Good feet and well let down hocks. Moved well. Just needs a touch more confidence to complete the picture.

3rd DUNN's Meadowpoint Hocus Pocus.

JUNIOR BITCH (8,1)

1st ODDIE's Sharnphilly Canasta for Riowood. A strongly made bitch who is top size for me, but she has lots to like about her. She's very stylish, has a good deep body with a lovely sweep to her hindquarters. Nice head and shoulders. Lovely short tail which she used well on the move. Sound, easy mover.

2nd EDMONDSON & ROBERTSHAW's Crookrise Sunbeam. Not as mature as my winner but lots to like about this young bitch. Loved her overall type and balance. Strong body and good angles. She stood over her ground well and moved with ease using her lashing tail. Beautiful rich liver colour. I'm sure with a bit more maturity she will trouble the best.

3rd STILGOE's Teisgol Alohomora.

YEARLING BITCH (9,1)

1st NELIS' Freebreeze Special Effects JW. O/w of super type and balance. Loved her femininity, clean neck leading into correct shoulders. Good bone and correct feet. Moved soundly and easily on a light step using her tail well. I think there is more to come from this young lady as she matures.

2nd MARTIN'S Sunhouse Black T' Square One (AI). A different type to my winner but I loved this girl's overall balance and movement. Correct bone and feet. Nice head and expression. Moved well on a free and easy stride, lashing her tail.

3rd BLACKBURN-BENNETT's Kanix Skyfall.

MAIDEN BITCH (4,1)

1st O'NEILL & TIMOTHY'S Tenshilling Sweet Nothings. Good overall balance. Lovely neck and shoulders and good spring of rib. Moved ok.

2nd ELDRIDGE's Bradgate Youre Late. Liked the overall shape of this lemon girl but she did give her handler a hard time! Nicely balanced head. Good balance with correct angles. Good bone.

3rd FLINT's Narcissus Pipit by Casilex

NOVICE BITCH (7,1)

1st GORDON'S Hawkfield Happy Times. Typey young bitch who was giving a lot away in maturity in her previous class but I liked her overall style. Good body shape with lovely sweep of stifle and well let down hocks. Good bone. Lovely short tail.

2nd DUNN's Meadowpoint Hocus Pocus. Nicely headed bitch with a soft expression. Good depth. Nice overall balance. Moved out well. Shown in great condition.

3rd O'NEILL & TIMOTHY'S Tenshilling Sweet Nothing

GRADUATE BITCH (7,1)

1st EARL, WHELDON & JONES Flinthill Some Like it Hot at Caithpoint. Liked this girl a lot! Beautiful outline. Nothing overdone. She had a sweet head with lots of work in it. Good angulation, bone and lovely oval feet. She moved with drive and precision. Expertly handled.

2nd BOOTH's Lundgarth Jubilee JW. Another nice one but she was a bit tense which spoiled her overall balance. Lots to like about her though. Nice head and topline with a good sweep of stifle. Well let down hocks. If she would just relax a bit and move more freely, I'm sure she would challenge the best.

3rd ANDERSON-ROWELL's Wilchrimane Silent Sonnet at Daledancer

POST GRADUATE BITCH (8, 2)

1st O'NEILL's Tenshilling To Sir With Love JW. Lovely type. Strongly made but feminine. Good head with nice dark eye & thin leathers. Good neck leading into correct shoulders. Good depth. Correct angulation.

2nd COLLINS' Collholme Angelique much of the above applies to this bitch too. She's very stylish and has an excellent head. Lovely sloping pasterns and good reach and drive.

3rd GUY'S Carofel If I Had Wings JW

MID LIMIT BITCH (8,1)

1st HINTON, LUKE & LEMAN's Fleurfield Black Caviar. Well this bitch turned out to be my star of the day! There is nothing over done about her from the tip of her nose to the tip of her tail. She's so feminine with a lovely head, full of work and her dark eyes give such a soft expression. She also has neat, thin ears. Good overall body shape correct angulation! Tail set well on. Low set hocks with good oval feet. This bitch really comes into her own on the move though. She has a light footfall but still has great reach and drive. She also has a lovely high head carriage and maintains her outline on the move. Pleased to award her the CC (which I was told was her third) and with the agreement of my co-judge, RBIS.

2nd DUNN's Caithpoint Kora at Meadowpoint. A heavier made bitch in great condition. Lovely head and great reach of neck. Good depth. Moved well using her tail. Unlucky to meet 1 in such good form.

3rd MATTHEWS' Sonham C'est La Vie

LIMIT BITCH (13,2)

1st NORBURY, ADAMS AND UPTON's Heartbury Belacqua. Completely new bitch to me but I loved her. Caught my eye as she entered the ring and she didn't disappoint. Beautiful outline with a lovely clean neck leading into correct shoulders. Lovely curves and sweep of stifle. Moving she had lovely high head carriage and flowed round the ring, using her tail correctly. Considered her for higher honours. One to watch!

2nd STILGOE's Teisgol Snow Queen. Another lovely bitch who has lots to like about her. Good body with great spring of rib. Good bone and lovely feet. Flowed round the ring effortlessly, using her tail.

3rd SIDDLE, SIDDLE & MEDEIROS' Wilchrimane Piri Piri.

OPEN BITCH (10,0)

1st SIDDLE, SIDDLE & MEDEIROS' Wilchrimane Frankly Darlin'. A powerful bitch shown in top condition. Lovely topline with great reach of neck, good shoulders, spring of rib and strong over the loin. Good bone and feet. A top drawer bitch. Powered round the ring at one with her handler who definitely gets the best out of her.

2nd GERRARD, BELL & GALLOWAY's Sh Ch Chesterhope C'mon Over to Carmandine (Imp NZL) JW larger all over than my winner but still a lovely bitch. She has a classic head with kind expression. Good shoulders. Plenty of bone and neat feet. Moved well.

3rd THIRWELL's Sh Ch Sharnphilly Santa Rosa.

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG (2,0)

1st BLOWERS' Fowington Lar Ti Dar at Deadaway. Quality bitch presented in excellent condition and fitness. She really is 'a series of graceful curves'. Lovely head and expression with beautiful thin leathers. Good body shape, spring of rib, strong over the loin. Lovely tight skin. Good bone and feet. Moved freely using her well set on tail. Couldn't deny her the RCC.

2nd KLAIBER's Sharnphilly Gingerbread. Larger bitch with plenty of bone. Good neck and depth of body. Not the balance of one but shown in lovely fit condition.

FIELD TRIAL BITCH (1,0)

1st ANDERSON-ROWELL's Little Owl Scandiaca for Daledancer (Imp SVK). Stood alone but a worthy winner. 10 years old but still in a fit condition and she could show some of the younger ones how to move. Her smile was the icing on the cake.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (8,0)

1st COLLINS' Collholme Angelique

2nd COOPER & PEARSON's Keepersfield Giselle. A pretty bitch off nice type. She has a good head, nicely shaped body with spring of rib. Moved well for her handler.

3rd BARHAM's Alozia Zephyr.

PAMELA TIBBS - judge