

RICHMOND CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

Saturday 7th September 2024

My thanks to Richmond Championship show for inviting me to judge at this very prestigious show. This was my second time judging the breed and it was most challenging due to the conditions the weather had created over the previous days. Thank you exhibitors for your entry and for accepting my decisions in a sporting manner. Today was not easy for any of us - the dogs, the exhibitors, steward or me! We all had a lot to deal with and in true stoic fashion we got on with it!

Some dogs who otherwise stood well, didn't quite come together as well on the move in this challenging undulating ring. I had to compromise often, and as they say, on another day other decisions may well have been made, depending on the weather and the ring. That being said I really liked my winners and felt happy about the choices I made. A couple of observations, which I'm sure you've all heard before – heads, I found very few that had the true Pointer head and desired 'upturn'. Not too many having that typical bee stinging action in tail and many were soft in muscle. I was looking for a moderate dog of type and with soundness, elegance and strength and certainly giving the appearance of capability to do the job intended. Thank you all for entering your lovely dogs under me, my opinion is only one - you always bring the best dog home regardless of the result.

VETERAN DOG (3, 0)

1st O'Neill's Sh Ch Tenshilling Home Alone JW ShCM. O/W male who is really well muscled and well put together. Nice head and eye. Correct dish face but a shade stronger in back skull than is my ideal. Very typey. Ear set is good and fine in leather. Eye colour and pigment are excellent. Good lay of shoulder. Very nice oval bone. Would like a little more slope on front pasterns. Good depth and length to rib and very nice on the quarters and good over the croup with well set on tail. Moved okay given the conditions.

2nd Welch & Hazeltine's Sh Ch Pytchley Chasing The Dream for Hookwood JW. B/W boy of a lovely shape and type. Very nice style. Good oval bone and feet. He has a very pleasing head with correct ear set and good brow. Okay front assembly for angulation, although a little wide. Good length and depth to ribbing. Hindquarters showing good width over first and second thigh and good bend to stifle and well set tail.

Moved well going away. just picking up slightly in front.

3rd Greenwood & Greenwood's Harvestslade Orlov.

MINOR PUPPY DOG – No entries

PUPPY DOG (3, 0)

1st O'Neill's Tenshilling Shboom. B/W boy of a very nice shape and moves very well. Gorgeous head with dark eye and lovely expression. Shows good finish to foreface and head planes are good. Would like a little more of a dish. Ear set is correct. Shoulders are well laid back and he has enough fill in front. Correct oval bone and slope to pasterns. Good length and depth to rib and correct top line. Good width to hind quarters. a shade softer in croup than is my ideal. Moderate all through and not overdone. Presented in super muscle already on this youngster. BPIB

2nd Henshaw & Goodchild's Berseydale Straight Flush with Peteshe (Imp MLT). Very typey boy who has a beautiful head and expression with a lovely dark eye. Very nice shape overall and moderate all through whilst stylish. Would like a bit more rib. Good width through first and second thigh. Moved okay just picking up slightly on this ground today.

3rd Wilcox's Harvestslade Fire And Ice through Merynjen.

JUNIOR DOG (2, 1)

1st Clinton's Hawkfield Happy Feet at Oramiss. O/W. Pleasing head and expression, with good finish to foreface and stop, showing brow and overall head planes are good. Stands on good oval bone and tidy feet. A little upright in shoulder, good enough depth and length to ribbing. Correct top line. Wide hindquarters. Moves well away just needs to body and muscle up a bit more.

YEARLING DOG (5, 0) Two really nice dogs headed this class. Both of excellent quality, I liked them both very much for different reasons and on any day they could change places.

1st Gerrard, Bell & Galloway's Carmandine Oh C'mon Then JW. O/W. Such a pleasing head and expression, correct ear set with fine leathers. I like the finish to his foreface. He has the correct amount of stop with good raised brow. He has a good finish to his back skull. Super shoulder and long ribs, just a tad wide in front. Well ribbed up and deep. Good top line and tail set. Wide nicely angulated hindquarters when not over stretched. He is well muscled and in good, fit condition. Moved really well covering the ground. I could easily see him doing his job.

2nd Rose's De Las Navazuelas Stormcloud at Ridanflight (Imp ESP). B/W. A different style of dog but loads to like about him. Nice head with dark eye, he has interesting markings but these do not detract from his expression. Good stop and raised brow. His head is well proportioned but would like a bit more strength in muzzle. He possesses the most excellent shoulder just a little steep in upper arm. His outline and shape are really lovely. Hindquarters are good when not over stretched. Just not so precise on the move today.

3rd Hill, Hill & Hill's Kanix Sourdough with Calaquendi JW BE JR CH.

NOVICE DOG (3, 0)

1st O'Neill's Tenshilling Shboom. See Puppy Report

2nd Duncan's Gotwick Manor Bucket. B/W. Moves reasonably well. Stands on good bone and feet. Head a little strong for my preference but he has a dark eye and good expression with enough stop. Decent shoulders and good depth to ribbing. Would like a little more fill in front. Moves very happily.

3rd Clinton's Hawkfield Happy Feet at Oramiss.

GRADUATE DOG (2, 0)

1st Welch's Hookwood Starman JW. Black heavily marked dog. He has a good head and dark eye, his head is a little strong for my preference carrying a bit too much flesh and back skull. Well set ears with good fine leathers. Super shoulder and good in upper arm. He has plenty fill in front. Very nice bone and correct slope to pasterns. Deep ribs carried well back. Wide well-constructed hindquarters. Moved very well.

2nd Isherwood's Wilchrimane Let's Be Frank. O/W. Different in style to winner and not so refined in head. Good depth and length to ribbing. Good tail set and wide through his first and second thigh, just a little long in rear pasterns. Moved quite well on the around.

POST GRADUATE DOG (4, 1)

1st Webb's Tenshilling Jimmy Mack JW. O/W. Very nice typey dog with good oval bone with correct slope to pastern and good feet. He has a pleasant head with good ear set, I would like a little more dish, however, the style of the dog is not overdone, not exaggerated. Good front assembly. I like his fill in chest. Decent ribbing and good width over first and second thigh. Very good overall shape and proportions. Moved well. A very nice dog.

2nd Mennen & Sweeney's Joneva Just Imagine JW. O/W. Different in style, a much taller, rangier dog. Pleasing head and dark eye with good pigment. Good strength to his foreface and decent stop. Fine ear leathers. Ribs are deep and taken well back, would just like a bit more spring here. Wide, well developed quarters and moved okay.

3rd Matthews' Sonham Raising The Game JW.

LIMIT DOG (2, 0)

1st Preece & Gilding's Harvestslade Light Of Peace. O/W boy with the most lovely head, eye and expression. I particularly liked the eye pigment and colour. Initially he looked a bit chinny but on opening his mouth he is not. He's got nice ear set and length to his fine leathers. Oval bone and correct pasterns. Good top line and tail set. He is a moderate but classy dog and he moves very well. He has good strength of neck into beautiful shoulder lay and good in return of upper arm. Ribbing deep and carried well back to good wide hindquarters. I liked him very much. Well muscled and fit, for ideal I might put an extra pound of weight on him. RCC.

2nd Philo's Sunhouse Black Is Back st Salmonmist JW (ai). B/W. Different in style to winner. Pleasing in head. Presented here today in excellent coat and muscle condition. He is still young and will develop more into his frame, which may give more depth to ribbing and fill in front. Decent quarters. Just needs to mature a bit more. Moved okay.

OPEN DOG (5, 1)

1st Oliver & Stilgoe's Teisgol Love Is In The Air. O/W dog with a super head, eye and expression, to be picky he could have a bit more upturn in foreface, however, the rest is excellent. lovely back skull, and some refinement and good chiselling. Good ear set with nice fine leathers. Well laid front assembly with good fill in front. Stands on good oval bone, slight slope to pasterns and good feet. He has good big, long ribs carried well back to his short strong loin. He has a wide croup and a powerful backend, when viewed from behind I found him most appealing. I loved him on the move showing super reach and drive. DCC & BOB & Group Shortlist. I later learned this is his 3rd CC and his crown and apparently he won Limit under me last time. Glad to see I still rate him! Congratulations.

2nd Philo's Sh Ch Tenshilling It's My Party for Salmonmist JW. Very sound dog in fantastic condition. Stands on oval bone with slight slope to pastern and decent feet. He has a pleasing head and eye, good ear set. Lovely front assembly and good fill. Well ribbed up with correct top line, but a shade soft on the croup. Enough development in hindquarters. This is a tidy, quality dog and I loved his tail action on the move. Presented in fit hard condition.

3rd Henshaw & Goodchild's Ch Sharnphilly Vice Versa with Peteshe SGWC.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG - No entries

VETERAN BITCH (4, 1)

1st Lowe's Lowsmoor Shiralee JW. O/W girl with the most glorious head piece. Super eye, colour & pigment. Correct back skull and ears set. She is good in foreface. Correct bone and lovely front assembly, with well laid shoulders and plenty fill in front. Good ribbing in depth, spring and length. Good through her hindquarters. Overall, a lovely curvy typey girl presented in great condition. Moved well. BVIB.

2nd Isherwood's Symitry Iced Ginger. O/W. A bit more rangy than winner but of good type. Head, eye and expression are really nice. Good pigment. Defined stop and good back skull, clean through her foreface. Good lay back to shoulder and decent enough in upper arm, could have a little more depth here. Good width through her quarters and croup and she stands on good bone and feet. Moved okay.

3rd Barham's Kenwardgold Minnie Me VW.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (4, 1) Three quality pups who were having a ball!

1st Gerrard, Bell & Galloway's Riowood C'mon It's Time for Carmandine. B/W. Love the head on this girl, eye, and expression just fabulous. She has nice fine ear leathers, she maintains her refinement but shows strength in her whole head piece. Only a baby and hopefully will develop more fill in front. Lovely top line and tail set and super hindquarters with well-developed first and second thigh. Stands on good bone and beautiful feet. When standing naturally her tail never stopped. very attractive and I believe has great potential.

2nd Perren's Evaluna For Your Eyes Only at Mistin. B/W. Also very typey. Attractive head piece, just would like her eye a little darker and perhaps a slightly better shape, finish to foreface is okay. She has some fill in front and decent top line, would just like a better croup. She has good width across first and second thigh. She has well shaped bone and good feet. When settled she moves quite well.

3rd Kennedy's Droveborough's Hells Bells.

PUPPY BITCH (4, 0)

1st Perren's Evaluna For Your Eyes Only at Mistin. See MP Report.

2nd Kennedy's Droveborough's Hells Bells. L/W. Really nicely made girl who stands on good bone and feet. She has a pleasant head. She shows a bit of fill in front and has good shoulders. Good width to hindquarters and she moved better in this class.

3rd Preece & Gilding's Harvestslade Star Ruby.

JUNIOR BITCH (2, 1)

1st Barham's Alozia Zephyryne. L/W. She stands on good bone. I would like more definition in her head and muzzle. She has good ear set and leathers. Her shoulders are okay just could have a tad more fill in front. Well sprung ribbing. She has lovely width to her first and second thigh. She moves happily.

YEARLING BITCH (5, 0)

1st Brooksmith's Millpoint Golden Pippin. I totally fell for her style. elegance and complete beauty of this girl. She has a glorious head, eye and expression and her ear set and leathers frame it very well. She fills the hand beautifully in front with good forehand assembly. Excellent bone and feet. Correct top line and tail set and good over the croup. Clean and tidy in front and very good behind and when she moves she is really sound out back and around. She has great appeal. She is elegant and classy and excels in front assembly. I particularly liked the refinement through her front. She stands beautifully and needs nothing further from her handler, as it is distracting. I found her to be in consideration for the RCC today.

2nd Back's Wilchrimane Frangipani. Another very nice bitch who moves very well. Very pleasing head and expression. Just not quite as elegant as the winner through her neck and shoulder but has good fill in front. albeit a shade wide there. Ribbing is deep and carried well back. Strong and well developed in loin. Good quarters showing some width and good on the croup. She moves very well and presents a good picture in profile on the stack. Expertly handled, just not the refinement in front for my personal taste.

3rd Cardiff's Freebreeze Pixar at Prosperity

NOVICE BITCH (3, 2)

1st Perren's Evaluna For Your Eyes Only at Mistin. See Minor Puppy Report.

GRADUATE BITCH (2, 1)

1st Brooksmith's Nightgold Pipkin. L/W. Good top line and tail set. Hindquarters are wide and good through first and second thigh. Strong through her hock joint into her rear pasterns. She has correct bone and feet and nice slope to pasterns. She has a decent head although I would like a little more strength in foreface and a slightly darker eye. Her back skull is good and her ear set and leathers are good. Could have a bit more fill in front but the conditioning on her is excellent and she moved quite well in the conditions here today.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (4, 1)

1st O'Neill's Tenshilling To Sir With Love JW. Very nice bitch who presents a lovely picture. She is very moderate and displays some curves without excess. Her head planes are good. She has fabulous shoulders and good in upper arm. Good width across her first and second thigh. Good top line, good bone and fabulous feet. She moves very nicely out. back and around. A balanced bitch of nice type.

2nd Wynne-Evans' Droveborough's Royal Flush. Liver. Nicely constructed forehead, full and well developed, on this girl. Handler could put a better top line on her to advantage. Hindquarters are okay. Her head is just a bit strong for my preference. Moved well.

3rd Barham's Droveborough's Mocha Mayhem.

LIMIT BITCH (8, 1) Very little between these two very good quality bitches standing first and second in this class. The head piece on winner just tipped the edge.

1st Moss' Davigdor Poppies. O/W. Glorious head on this girl. She has a super outline, elegance and curves without excess. I like her moderation behind, really love her rear assembly and she is really powerful as she moves away. Deep through her chest and good ribbing just a tad wide in front. Her head is delicious. gorgeous planes, correct ear set. Good eye colour and pigment and enough dish. Very nice croup and correct tail set. Very good going away and she carries herself well on the around. Shape and style very appealing. She is so typey I felt compelled to reward her highly in this nice class.

2nd Welch, Drake & Hazeltine's Clamerkin Jubilee Surprise at Hookwood. B/W. Very nice mover on the around. She has a pleasant head I would just like a wee bit more work in her muzzle she has a good dark eye. Very nice shoulder and good fill in front, just a bit wide there. Well ribbed up and excellent hindquarters. Moved very well.

3rd Welsh, Maber & Hazeltine's Sharnphilly Toggi with Hookwood JW.

OPEN BITCH (7, 1) A quality class. Thank you for bringing your lovely girls for my assessment.

1st Fewster & Rossiter's Joneva Just A Kiss JW. One I did well for last time I judged, when she was so young. Now she has matured, she is really fulfilling that early promise in my opinion. She has such a gorgeous head, eye and expression. Dark eye with excellent pigment. good stop and raised brows. She has correctly placed ears of fine leather and length correct. Good bone and lovely feet. She is not exaggerated in any way and really nice when viewed from behind. She possesses a lovely, reachy but strong neck, excellent shoulders and enough fill in front. She has full, deep ribs, well sprung and carried well back Well developed, powerful hindquarters. Good in topline and tail set. I particularly liked her elegance and balance throughout. On the move she has a lovely attitude. She has style and charisma and carries her top line at all times. She has a strong powerful gait and plenty reach and drive. So well conditioned, in excellent muscle and put down to perfection. Delighted to award her the top honours today. BCC.

2nd Webb's Sh Ch Tenshilling The Wanderer: Another absolute quality bitch just slightly different in style but there is a similarity of quality to them both. Lovely head with dark eye. good expression and very nice detail therein. Good ear set and length with fine leathers. Excellent front assembly showing really good fill in front, lovely straight bone and feet. slight slope to front pastern. Good, deep, well sprung ribs. Wide. well developed hindquarters. Croup and tailset ok. Lovely to watch on the move, out back and around. Presented here in the best of condition and handled to perfection. A very good quality bitch. Much to like. RCC.

3rd Gerrard, Bell & Galloway. Sh Ch Chesterhope C'mon Over to Carmandine (Imp NZL).

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (3, 2)

1st Barham, Alozia Zephyryne. See Junior report. BSBIB.

DIANE STEWART-RITCHIE - judge