

SOUTHERN POINTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

Wednesday 16th October 2024

My thanks to the Southern Pointer Club & committee for their invite to judge the October Championship Show, an honour. I was really grateful to the competitors for their entries & wished more prize cards could have been available in view of the super numerical entry.

Thank you to my 2 stewards who had a busy day dealing with various issues particularly including the fact that our ring had judging unfortunately delayed in the afternoon, of which I had no control over, causing consternation to some of the exhibitors.

Type was variant, quality & breed type very much in evidence in the bitches which is gratifying for the future. A few things that I found disconcerting, haunch bones were hard to detect and not meeting requirements of the Breed Standard in as much as they should be prominent & well spaced but not above back level. Some exhibits had too much weight carried over the top of the shoulder that detracted from the topline. A few suspect & untidy mouths detected but on the whole, I found the entry all in good condition & of good temperament.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (4)

1st Swannell's Sharnphilly Black Abbot at Eveandabeck. 6mth b/w, liked this youngster for his type, clean outline & balance. Has signs of promising head development which presents a defined stop, dark expressive eye. Good reach of neck, held his topline in action, moved well.

2nd Mair, Mair & Mccready's Sharnphilly Coppernob at Glenauld. O/w litter brother of 1. Another promising youngster of good substance has decent head proportions with required depth & shape of muzzle, ample reach of neck, presented a flowing outline, well turned stifles, used his tail well on moving.

2 promising youngsters.

PUPPY DOG (2)

1st O'Neill's Ten Shilling Shboom. B/w with good head & eye, a strong well developed boy who scores in his body conformation, straight front, correct feet, good placement of shoulder, brisket well let down, quarters good, topline held firm, his muscular hind quarters promoted propulsion giving him driving movement, tail set on well. BDP.

2nd Wilcox's Harvestlade Fire And Ice through Merynjen. O/w lovely balanced head with dark expressive eye & well developed stop. Has good reach of neck into well placed shoulders, oval bone, feet of correct shape, desired angulation front & rear, short couplings. Not as steady on the move as 1, lost his topline.

JUNIOR DOG (8)

1st Clinton's Hawkfield Happy Feet at Oramiss. Typy o/w with well worked head & dark eye. Good length of foreface with well developed lip. Clean straight front with neat feet, good ribbing depth, well muscled compact body with good expanse to 1st & 2nd thigh, good movement using his well placed tail.

2nd Marsh's Alozia Zealander for Ratchda JW. Heavier marked l/w of different type to 1. Shown in gleaming condition, projected eye catching outline, has a lovely head with expressive soft eye, well set fine leathers, decent depth of brisket, good in front assembly, strength over the loin, moved ok, preferred the compactness & movement of 1.

YEARLING DOG (7). Both of these dogs had the style & symmetry that I was looking for.

1st Bush's Piasharn Rocka Rolla. Very compact & well balanced b/w boy, not overdone in any department, clean flowing lines, attractive pointer head, dark eye, he has a crest to reachy slightly arched neck, good shoulder placing, good depth of well sprung rib, short coupled, muscular rear quarters, with plenty of width to 2nd thigh. Sound movement.

2nd Tibbs' Raigmore Keep The Faith JW. Another lovely example of breed type, b/w, longer cast than 1, well balanced & constructed throughout, liked his typical pointer head with its good foreface length ending in wide nostrils & soft well developed rounded lip. Shoulders long & sloping, great depth of rib, ideal couplings, best of tail in set & length, moved out well.

MAIDEN DOG (1 ent, 1 ab)

NOVICE DOG (5 ent, 2 ab)

1st O'Neill's Ten Shilling Shboom

2nd Wardle's Sunhouse All Blacks (ai). B/w shown in good condition. Pleasing head with kind eye & expression, straight front, feet ok, was well ribbed, moved out soundly.

GRADUATE DOG (4)

1st Keaney's Flinthill Hot Mail. O/w attractive well defined head with soft, dark expressive eye, thin well placed leathers, clean lengthy neck into deep brisket good fore & aft construction, well ribbed, moved ok

2nd Isherwood's Wilchrimane Let's Be Frank. O/w has good head shape with expressive kind eye, has plenty of strength throughout his body, good reach of neck into a well laid shoulder, correct oval bone, moved out well.

POST GRADUATE DOG (7 ent, 2 ab)

1st Morrison's Raigmore Greatest Day. Smart b/w with lovely shapely head & appealing eye, straight front, correct feet, expanse & depth to brisket, well constructed hindquarters including good bend of stifle, he moved well, steadily & with style.

2nd Mennan & Sweeney's Joneva Just Imagine JW. O/w of good type, built on bigger lines than 1 & is well balanced throughout, attractive head, good reach of neck, decent depth of ribbing, good front & rear assembly, muscular hindquarters & a strong topline gave a balanced appearance on the move. Close decision, head of 1 preferable.

MID LIMIT DOG (6)

1st Webb's Tenshilling Jimmy Mack JW. O/w well balanced dog that projected a lovely flowing outline on the stand. Pleasing head that I would like a little bit more work in. He scores so well in his construction, shoulder placement correct, well boned, sloping pasterns & tight correct feet, muscled well throughout, good width of thigh, low set hocks & strong held topline all promoted good movement.

2nd Hill's Kanix Sourdough with Calaquendi JW BE JR CH. Another well muscled o/w of heavier build than 1. Appealing head, kind expressive eye, a lot of my remarks of 1 regarding construction applied to this dog too. Lovely outline, strong through loin & rear quarters, powerful ground covering movement.

LIMIT DOG (7 ent, 1 ab)

1st Bird's Droveborough's The Gambit at Vinepoint. This masculine upstanding dog impressed me originally with his sweeping outline on the stand. Attractive lovely worked head with well defined stop, length of foreface & dark eye. Good lay of shoulder, depth of ribbing, oval bone, strong couplings, balanced in body. length. Shown in super condition & handled well, strode out with his ground covering action.

2nd Adams' Carofel Wings Of Hope JW WW23 SWISS JCH. Well presented, compact & muscular o/w of medium build with an attractive, well shaped head, dark points, expressive soft eye, foreface of required length, wide nostrils. Has a strong & reachy neck length into deep ribs that were held well back into short couplings. Front & rear assembly in order. Powerful, ground covering movement, very much in sync with handler.

OPEN DOG 9 (ab 1)

1st Westaway's Sh Ch Teisgol Keep On Going via Penwest JW. Lem/w. This dog is not overdone in any way, he projects a lovely balanced outline & compact construction, has well worked head, fine leathers correctly set, strong lengthy neck with slight crest into required placement of shoulder, clean & correct in front, well angulated fore & aft, well shaped feet with pasterns slightly sloping, oval bone. Has good depth & length of ribs, short couplings, correct set tail was used in his definite, strong & steady movement was pleased to reward him the DCC.

2nd Oddie's Chesterhope One Way Ticket (ai) (Imp NZL). Stylish b/w ticked, full of true pointer breed type, has most attractive head showing quality with chiselling under the dark expressive eye, pronounced stop. Strong reachy neck into correct lay of shoulder, stood on straight front, sloping pasterns & correct feet. Promotes an eye catching outline, compact, muscular with required angulation to hindquarters, Motored well round the ring with panache & style. RDCC.

VETERAN DOG (5)

1st O'Neill's Sh Ch Ten Shilling Home Alone JW ShCM. I gave this o/w dog a Reserve CC 6 yrs ago & was so delighted to see him still in super form & condition in this veteran class at an age of 9. He has a well worked head, soft kind eye, good length of neck, correct oval bone, neat feet, depth & expanse of brisket, good width of thigh, short hocks, hind angulation gave him powerful, positive movement, used his well set tail to advantage & keeping his strong excellent topline, well deserved BVD & BVIS.

2nd Philo's Fydal Caprio at Salmonmist JW ShCM OSW ShCEx. Another veteran shown in great condition. Strong, upstanding well boned o/w, lovely carriage of his attractive balanced head. Dark points, kind eye, fine leathers, strong neck of good length, shoulder placement ideal, deep ribbing well expanded, constructed well fore & aft, movement strong, handled well.

FIELD TRIAL DOG (0)

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME DOG (1)

1st Pratt's Hawkfield Wickham. Solid marked l/w built on smaller & finer build, shown in good condition. Has a pleasing head with soft expression, nice reach of neck, decent in body construction fore & aft, moved ok.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (5). Two very promising young bitches who both have the requirements to do well in the future.

1st Kennedy's Droveborough Hells Bells. A lot to like in this l/w youngster. Attractive head shape with good foreface length, stop defined, kind eye, fine leathers, well bodied for age, good straight front, well placed shoulders, oval boned, a strong topline held on the move.

2nd Oddie, Dyer & Erskine's Sharnphilly Elsie Mo to Riowood. Another l/w puppy of good type & substance, has such a feminine head developing well with dark eye & melting expression, good reach of neck, flowing outline, correct oval bone, sloping pasterns & a lovely tail set. Steady mover.

Close decision, no1 won on maturity & strong movement.

PUPPY BITCH (6)

1st Oddie's Riowood Tik Tick Boom to Sharnphilly. Loved this b/w for her breed type, compactness & clean flowing outline. Very attractive head developing. Fine well set leathers, lengthy reach of neck into well laid shoulder, angulated well front & rear, hocks set low, her movement was steady using her tail well. One to watch. BPB & BPIS.

2nd Kennedy's Droveborough's Hells Bells.

JUNIOR BITCH (9)

1st Adams' Joneva Just One Wish. Shapely o/w with attractive dished head, good reach of neck, correct shoulder placing, deep brisket down to tucked elbow, straight front, sloping pasterns into well shaped feet. angulated well fore & aft, short couplings, very sound movement.

2nd Anderson-Rowell's Wilchrimine Silent Sonnet at Daledancer. Feminine type b/w shown in muscular condition, has a lovely head & kind expressive eye, good in front, feet & pasterns, short coupled, plenty of power in hindquarters, tail set ideal, moved out well.

YEARLING BITCH (9)

1st Tibbs' Raigmore Faith In The Future JW. B/w of breed type, well balanced with flowing lines, very attractive head, lips finely turned, thin leathers, lovely reach of neck into well laid shoulders, deep brisket, feet & pasterns ideal, strong through body with hind quarters well muscled, moved soundly & steady using her neat well set tail.

2nd Crowhurst's Raigmore Faith Restored. My notes show that this o/w bitch with similar attributes to1 in type etc only to discover later that she was the litter sister. Has a lovely head with defined stop, soft expression, dark pigmentation, flowing body lines & very neat in body proportion. Good assembly fore & aft, preferred 1 who showed more maturity at this stage.

MAIDEN BITCH (3 ent, 1 ab)

1st Perren's Evaluna For Your Eyes Only at Mistin. B/w lightly ticked of medium size, good bone & substance, decent length of neck, front assembly & feet ok. Strong topline, developed hindquarters with width, initially unsettled on moving but eventually got into her stride.

2nd Flint's Narcissus Pipit by Casilex. Well boned o/w of medium size & build. Pleasing head, adequate depth of ribs, of decent body length. Handler didn't get the best out of her.

NOVICE BITCH (6 ent. 2 ab)

1st Smith's Raigmore Act Of Faith by Fydal. O/w a lot to admire in this very feminine bitch, full of breed type with a well worked lovely head, soft eye, fine leathers, slight arched reachy neck into shoulder of required lay, flowing outline, good angulation especially to rear, ideal tail & set, moved out well. I see she is yet another of this litter that I have done well in an earlier class.

2nd Perren's Evaluna For Your Eyes Only at Mistin.

GRADUATE BITCH (12)

1st Earl, Wheldon & Jones' Flinthill Some Like It Hot at Caithpoint. Compact, neat b/w presenting overall balance, not overdone in any way. Has a lovely head, eye & expression, fine leathers correctly set. Good length to neck, ideal shoulder placing, required angulation of front & back, best of feet, steady, purposeful movement.

2nd Nelis' Freebreeze Special Effects JW. O/w of good type who showed herself well, pleasing head, reachy neck into well into placed shoulder, oval bone, good correct quarters, her low set hocks & strongly held topline gave her movement advantage.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (10 ent, 2 abs). Another lovely class of quality bitches.

1st Guy's Carofel If I Had Wings JW. O/w with feminine head showing super soft expression & well defined stop, clean good reach of neck into good lay of shoulder, deep brisket with spring of rib, front & rear assembly ideal with oval bone & tight feet of correct shape, flowing topline completed the picture as she moved effortlessly around the ring.

2nd Collins' Collhome Angelique. Balanced, strongly built o/w of breed type, has appealing well worked head with dish & stop, good construction throughout, her muscular toning, flowing body lines & use of her tail on moving soundly earned her placing.

MID LIMIT BITCH (8)

1st Milford's Haramander Stop N Stare. O/w built on larger frame, shown in fit condition with good muscle tone, head shape pleasing with kind dark eye, lovely soft rounded lip, flared nostrils, oval bone, straight front, angulation fore & aft as required. Sound movement.

2nd Matthews' Sonham C'est La Vie. B/w balanced, feminine bitch shown in gleaming condition, of a lighter type than 1. Has a pleasing head, clean lengthy neck into well placed shoulder, very neat & compact in her body proportions, light, steady & free mover.

LIMIT BITCH (13 ent, 2 ab). What a super class of quality bitches.

1st Tibbs' Raigmore Worth The Wait. O/w full of breed type, refined well worked feminine head, dark eye, pronounced stop, a fineness to her leathers & lip. Clean, flowing lines throughout showing symmetry & balance. Good length to lightly arched neck, shoulders correctly placed, deep well sprung brisket, sloping pasterns into tight oval feet. Moved with purpose today using her lovely, neat tail earned her RCC.

2nd Norbury, Adams' & Upton's Heartbury Belacqua. Shapely & well balanced lightly marked l/w of good type, compact build & not overdone. Pleasing head with soft expression, flared nostrils, presented a clean flowing outline with required depth of rib, desired angulation, well turned stifle & low set hocks, short coupled, moved out well.

OPEN BITCH (10). Another lovely class with some quality exhibits.

1st Hinton, Luke & Lehman's Fleurfield Black Caviar. Lightly ticked b/w. Saw this bitch as a real baby puppy & was so impressed, she had the makings of something special & was pleased to see she has matured recently into a classy pointer of type & quality. Lovely feminine head, soft appealing dark eye, fineness of leathers & soft lip well turned. Has the best of fronts, pasterns & feet, ribs well let down, couplings short & firm, her angulated quarters ideal. Moved well projecting her lovely outline & curves on a smooth gait using her well set tail to advantage. Delighted to award her BCC & BIS.

2nd Siddle, Siddle & Medeiros' Wilchrimine Frankly Darlin. Presenting a different type, this well built o/w cannot fail to attract attention with her type & quality, she certainly is eye catching with her strong, lissom appearance, well constructed throughout. Powerful mover in unison with her experienced handler.

VETERAN BITCH (11 ent, 1 ab)

1st Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Gartarry High Society at Spinray JW. Have judged this b/w before 6 yrs ago as a youngster & feel she still looks as good now in veteran which is credit to her owners. So very feminine, lovely well worked head, soft dark eye & expression, thin leathers, brisket deep into well tucked elbow. A strong bitch with shape & flowing lines from her head to her tail which she used on her good & steady movement. BVB.

2nd Lowe's Lowsmoor Shiralee JW. Again, another lovely feminine o/w of type to whom time has been kind. Attractive well balanced head of good proportions, nice eye, straight front into correct pastern & feet, deep brisket, she has strength through her well shaped body, ideal hindquarters, went round the ring, her tail lashing, again credit to the owner.

FIELD TRIAL BITCH (1)

1st Westron's Ft Ch Aurichalcum Glentaisie. This compact b/w field trial bitch stood alone in this class. Shown in hard muscular condition as one would expect, good expansion of ribs, powerful in her well developed hindquarters with expanse of thigh, definitely fit for function.

GOOD CITIZEN BITCH (5)

1st Cardiff's Freebreeze Pixar at Prosperity. O/w with pleasing sweet head, kind expressive eye, oval bone, clean reachy neck, tidy front, good depth of ribs, angulated sufficiently, moved out well.

2nd Barham's Alozia Zephyryne. L/w with good outline, has decent bone, well sprung ribs carried well back, short couplings, strong muscular hindquarters, feel she needs time to mature, moved ok.

BRACE DOG OR BITCH (3 ent, 1 ab)

1st Stilgoe & Fox. This team of 2 o/w bitches who were well matched of good similar type & size, once they settled & got into their stride moved in unison.

2nd BOWEN-BROOKS. 2 b/w dogs, well presented but felt 1 were more synchronised.

ANN TURNBULL - judge