

GUNDOG SOCIETY OF WALES – 17 OCTOBER 2007

Judge: Mrs M L Nelis

POINTERS

I appreciated the lovely entry. My stewards kept the ring running efficiently, for which my thanks. I had some super classes with close decisions. A good-sized ring meant plenty of opportunity to see this active breed on the move on a perfect autumn day.

Minor Puppy Dog (2)(0)

Two promising 6 month old, very lively, puppies.

1st Drake's Clamerkin Crystal Mountain B/w, pronounced occiput, lovely head for age, deep chest to elbow, excellent hindquarters with lovely width across the thigh and low hocks, neat tail. Just needs to settle in front movement but one to watch for the future.

2nd O'Driscoll's Fowington Five Bob Note Smart b/w, balanced angulation with good bone. Ground-covering movement. Head needs time but is in correct proportions.

Puppy Dog (4)(1)

1st Carson & Dunne's Moorpoint Only The Lonely o/w 10 months with pleasing head, well-laid shoulder, just had a little more depth of chest at the moment than 2.

2nd Moore's Wynbury Dillon Good looking youngster with nice expression, big spongy nose with wide nostrils, nicely curved lip, well bent stifle. Tail carriage was slightly high and not quite as settled in movement as the winner.

3rd Osman's Hurwyn El Divo

Junior Dog (4)(1)

1st Beesley's Birchleith Barbican Beau Good expression and length of foreface on this B/W, deep brisket, straight front, balanced angulation, lengthy sloping pasterns and sound mover. Has much to like about him.

2nd Walkling's Kiswahili Catcher in the Rye O/w lovely head with dark pigment, lengthy neck, good layback of shoulder. Preferred overall outline of winner.

3rd Jones' Tafakis Stargazer

Yearling Dog (9)(3)

1st Yeo's Trexon Tick Tack Balanced B/W with pleasing head, good depth of chest, neat tail, steadier on the move than 2.

2nd Parsons' Pipeaway Billy Bling Typey o/w, beautiful head with pronounced occiput, wide nostrils and soft expression. Excels in forechest, low locks and I loved his lashing tail. Rather wide in front and not as steady on the move as the winner.

3rd Miller's Galema Viking

Novice Dog (3)(1)

1st Andrews & Ledger's Ledgands Magic N Mayhem 11 months o/w who unfortunately arrived too late for his puppy class. He has lovely clean lines and covers the ground well on the move. Fine small ears, pronounced occiput, wide moist nostrils, lengthy neck. Just needs time to fill his frame.

2nd Ingram's Hawkfield Black Tie b/w. Good head proportions, nicely turned lip, lengthy neck, sloping pasterns, good depth of chest, neat tail, low hocks and lively mover.

Post Graduate Dog (10)(1)

1st Udale's Freddie Flintoff. Exciting b/w youngster who epitomises the term "strong but lissom appearance". Most beautiful of masculine heads. He moved with drive from his strong hindquarters, lashing his tail. I am sure that with a little more maturity his day for top honours will come.

2nd Yeo's Trexon Travellers Trick Balanced L/W with smaller frame than the winner but everything in proportion. Lovely head, again with nice lip and kind expression. Correct bone, deep brisket.

3rd Bell's Ansona Fool Proof

Limit Dog (7)(1)

This was a lovely class.

1st Simmons' Crookrise Macawley at Galema Balanced B/W rising 3 who has a gorgeous head and kind eye with softest of expressions. Built on flowing lines with deep chest, he moved well with drive, finished off with a neat tail. Just a lovely boy. Have previously given him BPD. I was very pleased to award him his 2nd CC.

2nd Wilcox's Pipeaway Zonic Tonic for Merynjen JW Elegant o/w with good length of neck with arch, well laid shoulder, deep in brisket and excels in forechest, good bend of stifle, correct bone and feet, low hocks.

3rd Speakman's Whipspan Namatjira

Open Dog (7)(3)

1st Edmondson & Robertshaw's Sh Ch Crookrise Rhum B/W to whom I gave the RCC last time I judged and I feel he has matured and improved since then. Sire of the CC winner, he is so typey in head with pronounced occiput, chiselling to skull, soft lip, wide nostrils. Body has good front and depth of chest. A powerfully built dog, he is very sound on the move. I just wish he didn't have a tendency to carry his tail a little high but well deserving of the RCC today.

2nd Wilberg, O'Neill & Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch/ Gr NZ Ch/ Aust Ch Chesterhope Lets Be Serious at Kanix O/W who is beautiful in profile with his lengthy neck rising from the best of shoulders. Good bone, low hocks and superb ground-covering side gait. I preferred the head and expression of the winner and also felt the hind movement of the winner was better on the day.

3rd Parsons' Pipeaway Gold Radiance I loved this o/w dog when standing but was disappointed when he was so unsettled on the move.

Minor Puppy Bitch (9)(2)

1st O'Driscoll's Fowington Six In The City 6 month o/w, sweet head with nicely turned lip, good return of upper arm, correct bone, deep chest for age, with forechest. Well muscled hindquarters and nicely shaped tail. A little naughty on the move but when she got it together she was very sound and held her topline.

2nd Tait's Penwest Panya Another typy bitch, lemon/white with neat ears, lengthy neck, sloping pasterns, well bent stifle, moved well.

3rd Tibbs' Raigmore Water Lily

Puppy Bitch (4)(0)

1st Wilkinson's Hurwyn Scissor Sister Well balanced B/W, very forward for her age, pleasing head and expression, wide nostrils, curved lip, excellent shoulders, straight front, smooth ground-covering movement. BPIB and RBPIS.

2nd Westaway's Penwest Phedra Another balanced bitch, liv/w with good head, pronounced occiput, gently curved lip, sloping pasterns, deep brisket, nicely turned stifle, low hocks. Tail carriage slightly high today.

3rd Carson & Dunne's Moorpoint Maybe Baby

Junior Bitch (10)(1)

1st Yeo's Wilchrimane Desert Rose at Trexon Classy o/w bitch who took my eye on the first go around the ring. Has a pleasing elegant outline, lovely feet and pasterns, good width across her quarters. I preferred head of winners in the challenge but feel she will have a bright future.

2nd Barker's Flinthill Jenny Wren A smart b/w girl with a super head with neat small ears, good depth of chest, lovely little tail, sound mover, covering the ground.

3rd Wilberg & Blackburn-Bennett's Bradgate Mystic Mauka at Kanix

Yearling Bitch (7)(0)

This was a super class of promising young bitches.

1st Wilkinson's Hurwyn Eau de Cologne Classic o/w bitch. Whilst slightly short in foreface, she has the most delightful dished head and sweet expression with dark pigment to her large nose. High-set small ears with fine leathers. Body well constructed front and rear with correct bone, good feet. Sound on the move and holding her topline with neat little tail lashing on the move. Overall a very sweet little bitch. CC, BOB and short-listed for BIS.

2nd Barker's Flinthill Wild Thyme JW Another lovely bitch, this B/W has a pleasing head, straight front, balanced angulation, good ribs, correct feet, finished with nice tail and moved well.

3rd Blackburn-Bennett's Chesterhope North 'n' Breeze at Kanix

Novice Bitch (6)(0)

1st Tibbs' Raigmore Quest Beautiful outline to this well balanced B/W girl. Classical head with kind expression, neat small ears. Straight front and super little tail.

2nd F Jenny Wren

3rd Dean's Ridanflight Rotorua

Post Graduate Bitch (17)(3)

1st Mason's Crookrise Touch of Gold Stylish lemon bitch with very clean, flowing lines. Beautiful head with soft, bright expression. Correct bone, feet and pasterns. Moved well. Shown in hard condition.

2nd Westaway's Penwest Paza Typy o/w who moved very soundly. Good head, curved lip, large nostrils. Another in hard condition, just not quite the elegance of the winner, but had a little more substance than her litter sister who was 3rd.

3rd Collins' Penwest Palba at Sobranya

Limit Bitch (13)(5)

A superb class where I am sure the main winners will change places on other days. The first three were placed in order of femininity and movement on the day.

1st MacManus' Crookrise Arran at Luneville Very pretty o/w, beautiful head with dished face, small ears, balanced angulation, well ribbed, looking really on form. Very well muscled and yet very feminine with neat tail. Moved well, holding her topline. Last time I judged I short-listed her for top honours, today she won the RCC.

2nd Edmondson's Crookrise White Lace Very typy o/w. Beautiful head and expression, well muscled. I loved her neat little tail which was active on the move. Was not quite as steady on the move as the winner, but I like her spirit.

3rd Grime & Byrne's Ansona Fool Britannia at Enryb JW

Open Bitch (3)(1)

1st Knowles' Sh Ch Dovehayes Facsimile JW ShCM Another typy lemon bitch, good length of foreface and curved lip, high ear set, built on smoothly flowing lines with neat tail. Just moved a little close behind in the challenge.

2nd Andrews & Ledger's Lynwater Sprinter among Ledgands O/W with very pretty head and expression, nice dark pigment, wide nostrils. Not quite the depth of chest of the winner. Good hindquarters and steady movement.

RIA NELIS (Judge)