

## **Scottish Kennel Club Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

A very good entry with few absentees. Many thanks to my stewards. Unfortunately the weather conditions were the worst they could have been for Pointers, cold and very windy, affecting many both standing and moving. Not having judged both sexes for a few years I found a variance in size within both dogs and bitches. Correct shoulder angulation and sloping pasterns are still problems. Please remember this is a working breed and should be fit and athletic in appearance, prominent haunch bones, as required by the standard were few and far between and many were carrying too much weight over the shoulders making them appear heavy and unbalanced. On a positive I had some very good exhibits and in different conditions placings could have been different. All temperaments were excellent.

### **PUPPY DOG (4)**

1st Martin's Sunhouse Believe It Or Not. 7 month old, outgoing baby. Lovely bone with sloping pasterns. Nicely balanced outline and well developed for age. Correct angulation front and rear which enabled him to move soundly on a good length of stride when he settled. Lovely head with a kind expression and plenty of work to come. Bee sting tail which he used well on the move. Very promising.

2nd Town's Barsac Alfredo. Another baby, 6 months old. He has a lot of the qualities of my winner. Head not as well developed and he was not as steady on the move but both will change places in the future I'm sure.

3rd Buchannan-Robertson's Gempoint Wigwag Willie.

### **JUNIOR DOG (3)**

1st Bond's Pharises Perseus. 15 months old at that adolescent stage where his body weight needs to catch up with his frame. Well up to size. Lovely head with a good stop and kind eye. Heavier in build than 2 but he was well balanced and in proportion. Good shoulders and excellent rear angulation with a strong 2nd thigh, giving him plenty of drive when moving. Shown in hard muscular condition.

2nd Tibb's Raigmore Dusk Till Dawn. 12 months old and built on finer lines than 1. Well balanced head with a good stop and dark eye. Neck of good length into well angulated shoulders. Preferred the strength of quarters of my winner. Lovely short tail used well on the move.

3rd Harrington And Deane's Kirlinjis Jack Black.

### **GRADUATE DOG (4)**

1st Edmondson And Robertshaw's – Crookrise Floyd. Almost 2 years old which showed in his body maturity over 2. Well balanced throughout, nothing exaggerated or overdone. Ample bone and good pasterns. His correct angulation gave him a steady flowing movement, using his tail and covering plenty of ground once he had settled. I liked his head and expression. Shown in hard muscular condition as you would expect from this kennel.

2nd Bond's Pharises Perseus.

3rd Smith's Toberdoney Fergus.

### **POST GRADUATE DOG (7)**

1st Radcliffe's Sniperay Solstice Sultan. Strong dog, won this class on overall balance and confirmation. Has a lovely well proportioned head with a gentle expression and fine leathers. Bone and pasterns were the best in the class. His correct shoulder and hind angulation enabled him to move on an even stride reaching in front and driving from behind using his strong quarters. Would have benefited from a larger ring.

2nd Wood's Stockend Winchester. More compact overall than 1 and I would have liked him a little bigger but there is a lot to like about him. His head is balanced with a good stop and kind eyes. Neck and shoulder placement is good but I preferred the upper arm angulation of 1. Plenty of depth and heart room. Strong quarters which he used well on the move really driving round the ring using his tail.

3rd Dyer's Sharnphilly Just A Breeze.

### **LIMIT DOG (6,1a)**

1st O'driscoll's Fowington Five Bob Note. Beautifully balanced youngster, not overdone in any department. Correct bone and sloping pasterns. Excels in shoulder angulation and strength of quarters. He moved soundly, driving from his short hocks and using his tail well. Further maturity will complete the picture. **RCC**.

2nd Wood's Stockend Lewis. Had many of the qualities of 1 within a more compact frame. Lovely balanced head with a deep stop and dark eyes. Good neck to shoulder placement. Moved with reach and drive covering plenty of ground and keeping his level topline. Shown in hard muscular condition. Preferred the pasterns of winner.

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Dapper In Black JW.

### **OPEN DOG (7)**

1st Wood's - Stockend Jamieson. Mature dog shown in hard condition, as were all from this kennel. Nothing flashy, just soundness and balance. Everything flowed from his lovely masculine head to his short bee sting tail. Height, depth and width were all in proportion. His angulation both front and rear gave him his sound even movement covering plenty of ground with enthusiasm which gave him the **CC**.

2nd Wilson's Bonnygate Imperial Choice. As with my winner he is a sound dog with good balance and nothing exaggerated. Stronger in build but he retains an athletic appearance. Shown in excellent muscular condition. Liked his well defined head and soft expression. Chest was well let down and he has good strength over his loins. Good tail set and length.

3rd Carter's Andronja Painted Black Of Querdon Taf.

### **PUPPY BITCH (6,1a)**

1st Martin's Sunhouse Believe In Me. Litter sister to PD winner. Very mature for her 7 months. Lovely feminine head with a dark eye and a soft expression. Well off for bone. Excels in both front and rear angulation. Good depth for her age. Strong quarters used well on the move. In the challenge she was more settled on the move than her brother which gave her BP but I'm sure they will change places many times.

2nd Craik's Scobec Pure Passion. Was affected by the cold and not enjoying her day. Loved her head and expression, so typical of this kennel. Clean neck into good shoulders. Correct upper arm angulation. Good legs, pasterns and feet. Not the depth of 1 but with maturity this should come. Was tucked up against the wind but relaxed when moving to show the strength in her quarters.

3rd Dyer's Sharnphilly Skylark.

### **JUNIOR BITCH (10,1a)**

1st Bond's Pharises Aphrodites. Balanced bitch with just the right amount of substance, having power but femininity. Liked her neck length, shoulders and upper arm. Strong quarters which she used well on the move. Well developed brisket and plenty of heart room. I see she was litter brother to the JD winner. Pleased to see she gained her Junior Warrant on the day.

2nd Hinton's Fieldstone Fascination With Fleurfield. Longer cast than 1 and will need time to fill her frame. Good head with plenty of work in it, dark eye and soft expression. Well angulated shoulders and plenty of strength in her quarters. Preferred the tuck up of 1. Not as settled on the move as my winner.

3rd Blower's Bonneygate Karriage Queen Of Deadaway.

### **GRADUATE BITCH (5)**

1st Bond's Pharises Aphrodites.

2nd Tibbs Raigmore Let It Shine JW. Lovely elegant bitch who I have admired from the ringside. Beautifully balanced head with a melting expression. Well angulated shoulder and quarters.

Moved well on an even stride covering the ground and using her tail. My winner had more depth to her brisket giving her the edge on balance but I'm sure with maturity this will come.

3rd Cobden's Graacas Luna Bluebell By Alozia.

### **POST GRADUATE BITCH (4,1a)**

1st Huxley's Woodfleet Lookin For Truble. This lady needs to be handled to fully appreciate her qualities as her marking distract. Very feminine. Heavily marked, she has a lovely head with a deep stop and kind eye. Skull and foreface are in proportion. Good length of neck into well angulated shoulders. Well off for bone but not overdone. Excellent pasterns and feet. Length of body balanced with height, ribs well back. Moved on strong quarters and eventually used her tail. A longer striding bitch who ideally needs a large ring to really get into her stride but did enough to show her soundness. In the challenge I preferred her head proportions and stop over the Open bitch winner. **RCC**.

2nd Duncan's Mercali Volante For Bartonholm. Balanced bitch, lighter in frame than 1. Lovely feminine head with a kind eye. Neck of proportionate length. Good lay back to shoulders and enough upper arm angulation. Brisket still needs to drop which should come with more maturity. I preferred the tail set and carriage of my winner. Moved well.

3rd Tibbs Raigmore Quest.

### **LIMIT BITCH (11)**

1st Dyer's Sharnphilly Complimentary. What a showgirl. Commanded the ring with her presence. Lovely balance from nose to tail. Excelled in angulation of both her shoulders and quarters. Skull and foreface in proportions with enough stop and a kind expression. Has plenty of substance but is also very feminine. A very sound bitch who came into her own on the move, striding out with purpose really covering the ground, at one with her expert handler. **CC AND BOB**.

2nd Luke's Sniperay Amber Gambler. More substance all through than 1 but still feminine. Balanced outline with good shoulder and upper arm angulation. Liked her depth of brisket and she has plenty of heart room. Was feeling the cold and as a result tucked up underneath.

Moved soundly but would have liked more animation. Could carry less weight to advantage.

3rd Kelly's Kelval Kay.

**OPEN BITCH (8)**

1st Barker's Sh Ch Flinthill Wild Thyme JW.

2nd Turnbull's Juennerfly Angelica At Beridew. Little to choose between 1 and 2, both are very good representatives of the breed and difficult to split. Two very elegant bitches presented in excellent muscular condition, athletic yet feminine. Both are well balanced and have correct shoulder angulation and strong quarters which showed in their movement which was straight and true. Tail carriage was good on both. Splitting hairs, I preferred the neck into shoulder placement of 1.

3<sup>rd</sup> Huxley's Woodfleet Siennarain

**Glynis Marsh - Judge**