

Gundog Breeds Association of Scotland

Saturday 13th November 2010

Thanks to the Committee for a really well run show and excellent hospitality. Before my individual comments I feel I must comment upon my concerns for a breed I have loved for many, many years. There is still far too much variation in heads, with some too broad, too narrow, too coarse, and now we have serious problems with tail set and tail carriage. Most people say you can tell a Pointer from its head and its tail. If these aren't right, we are really losing the breed's individual identity. Also a lot of different shaped feet. Breeders really must start to address these issues before it is too late. Having said this both my Limit and Open classes were very strong and I really loved the Puppy Bitch class.

PUPPY DOG (2) Two very raw youngsters at very different stages of development.

1st Thorley's Gempoint Up N'Coming, B& W, 9 months, correctly balanced head with well set neat ears, and correct flews, and long flowing neck. Very immature in body, needing to body up and develop substance. Won the class for his breed type.

2nd Moulding's Billsborough Billy Whizz., heavily boned Lemon & W, at 7 months, going through a very unbalanced stage of development & needing to grow into himself.

JUNIOR DOG (4,1a)

1st Wilcox's Scobec Man in the Mirror of Merynjen, O&W, 14 months. He finally settled, and presented a real picture. Beautifully balanced & correct head and soft expression, long arching neck, correct topline, correct oval bone and sloping pasterns and well let down hocks.

2nd Tibbs' Raigmore Aladdin Sane, O&W, 14 months. More heavily boned than 1st, and broader throughout. Head well balanced, good sloping shoulders, well balanced through ribcage and loins, very strongly muscled throughout with well turned stifles, but needing more flesh on ribcage.

YEARLING DOG(6,1)

1st Adams Ansona Simple Simon, B&W 14 months. Presented a well balanced picture throughout, with masculine but not overdone head and kind expression. Correct ear set and shape. Long neck into sloping shoulders and correct topline. Well let down brisket, nice turn of stifle with good expanse of second thigh, Moving well.

2nd Huxley's Saragresi Fame of Gold at Woodfleet (Imp), O&W, 23 months. Very fit, moving well, masculine head with good stop, good topline, correct oval bone and sloping pasterns.

POST GRADUATE DOG (7)

1st Smith's Toberdoney Fergus at Fydal. , Nicely balanced head, not overdone, with kind expression, correct flew, neat ears with thin leathers. Long neck into sloping shoulders and correct topline. Sloping pasterns and oval bone, well turned stifles.

2nd Huxley's Saragresi Fame of Gold at Woodfleet (Imp).

LIMIT DOG (8,1)

1st Hinton's Fleurfields Flambeau. Lemon & White. Liked this dog a lot, and he pushed hard for the RCC. Beautifully balanced throughout from head to tail, soft expression, good length of neck into good layback of shoulder and correct topline, well set tail, correct oval bone and sloping pasterns and well turned stifles. Moved well.

2nd Luke's Sniperay Solstice Son. Liver & White, Strong, well balanced head, with good length of neck, and sloping shoulders, good topline, correct sloping pasterns and good expanse of second thigh. Moved soundly.

OPEN DOG (9,1)

1st Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch Kiswahili Martin at Kanix. A dog of considerable presence and substance, without being overdone in any way giving the appearance of strength and endurance as required by the standard. Beautifully balanced head with lovely soft expression, correct dish, nostrils wide, soft and moist, well developed soft lip, correct ear set and shape, and long muscular neck, into sloping shoulders and correct topline. Good depth of brisket and well sprung ribs. Short coupled, well turned stifles, good expanse of second thigh and well let down hocks. CC, BOB and Group 3, well done!

2nd Wilcox' SH CH Pipeaway Zonic Tonic for Merynjen JW. Another lovely dog I have long admired. Going over him did not disappoint, all the same comments as 1st apply, built on finer lines, but oozing breed type. Unfortunately let himself down at the close, but on another day would easily change places with 1. Well deserved Ch, a very close decision, delighted to give him RCC.

PUPPY BITCH (5)

1st Whitham's Penwest Pride of Sedgekirk, O&W, Just 6 months. Watching this puppy strut her stuff around the ring brought a smile to my face. Pretty as a picture, everything was in proportion, no exaggeration, and she moved soundly and happily, showing her socks off. Best tail action of the day, lashing from side to side. Would have happily taken her home. BPIB.

2nd Wilberg's Lokmadi Martina at Kanix. Another beautiful O & W Puppy, also 6 months. More bone than 1st and a bit leggy at this stage, needing to grow into herself, but also beautifully proportioned, and sound on the move.

JUNIOR BITCH (7,3)

1st Elrington, Green, Cannon & Maw's Ansona Lucy Lockett, B & W, 14 months. Good balance throughout, with good angulation front and rear. Solid black head, with beautiful soft expression, correct dish, lip and ears. Long neck into sloping shoulders with correct topline, good depth, correct oval bone and sloping pasterns.

2nd Fairbairn & Madigan's Misperros Jumanji, O& W. Slightly heavier style, but nicely balanced throughout, with soft expression, long neck, sloping pasterns.

YEARLING BITCH (6,2)

1st Hall's Gartarry Chiff Chaff. Orange & White Bitch, well balanced throughout, soft expression, long neck, correct topline, sloping pasterns and well set hocks, moving soundly. 2nd Ross' Fossette My little Dimple, Heavily boned L&W bitch, good front and rear angulation with sloping pasterns and correct oval bone, moving soundly.

POST GRAUDATE BITCH (11,1)

1st O'Driscoll's Fowington Caracas, B&W Bitch, nicely put together throughout, good angulation front and rear, correct feet, neat ears, sound moving.

2nd Craik's Scobec Pure Passion, Another lovely bitch with a beautiful melting expression. Finer boned than 1, and needing more animation on the move.

LIMIT BITCH (7)

1st Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Beatrice. This bitches' markings do not do her justice and she truly needs to be gone over to appreciate her qualities. She is well proportioned throughout, with strong oval bone, sloping pasterns, a well balanced head, correct flews, long sloping neck, correct topline, well sprung rib cage, and moving very soundly.

2nd Hinton's Fieldstone Fascination with Fleurfield. Another solid well balanced bitch throughout, heavier boned than 1, but with similar qualities, although preferred neck and tail carriage of 1. Moved well.

OPEN BITCH (11,4)

1st Sh Ch Ridanflight Rangiora. O&W bitch I have always liked. Did not disappoint on going over her. Head well balanced, not overdone, very feminine, with lovely soft expression, long neck into correct sloping shoulders, correct oval bone and sloping pasterns. Good topline, held on move, well sprung ribs, close coupled, sound moving. Very close decision in the class between her and 2, they could change places on another day. CC.

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch Chesterhope North 'N'Breeze at Kanix. Another O&W bitch I have always loved. All the same qualities as 1, longer cast throughout, but remaining in proportion. RCC.

Christine Naden - Judge