

CRUFTS 2011

Thursday 10th March 2011

Thank you all for an excellent entry. We had an excellent ring to let the dogs show their paces. I was disappointed in a lot of front action on the day and that led me to compromise in some decisions - often uncomfortable ones for me. However, there were some beautiful Pointers, and the bitch classes in particular were very strong. The BOB winning dog is an outstanding mover with great forward extension and rear drive. His front assembly is outstanding. He is athletic and firm and fit for function and has the oval bone, correct pasterns and oval feet lacking in others. He went on to be shortlisted in the Group under a Pointer specialist. I apologise that my critiques are not as full as I would otherwise have done. I felt the pressure of getting the judging finished in time for the Group. Many thanks to my stewards for their long days work.

VETERAN DOG (11)

1st Edmondson & Robertshaw's Sh Ch Crookrise Rhum. 7 years old, of beautiful type with excellent head and eye, athletic body on curvy lines, tail carriage a little high.

2nd Mason's Aurichalcum The Renegade. His style and movement put him here. Deep bodied dog, great mover, not the head or second thigh of winner.

3rd Isherwood's Sh Ch Symitry Russian Roulette. 8 years old orange/white, clean lined, in excellent condition, not the action of the two above.

SECIAL PUPPY DOG (12, 1)

1st Welch's Hookwood Top This. 13 months, very forward and winning on his depth of body and excellent movement, tail carriage too high, his body shape and movement took him to BP.

2nd Brown's Teisgol Carioca. Preferred his headpiece to the winner, correct oval bone and feet, good curvy lines, just needs to finish in body to do well.

3rd Stilgoe's Teisgol Go Your Own Way. Fluent, stylish mover and balanced all through, preferred the head and eyes of the two above him.

SPECIAL JUNIOR DOG (5)

1st Theobald's Tycarreg Strangely Familyr. 15 months, beautiful type all through, super lines held on the move, beautiful head with excellent eyes, thin ears, good stride and tail carriage, should have a good future.

2nd Sutton's Whinbarrow Persian War. Excellent Pointer lines and style on the move, couldn't match the winner in head but he has a lot of quality and scored in chest and depth of body over 3.

3rd Tarling's Esrews Here's Gordon. Reserve in the puppy class. He has a lovely shape held on the move. Just a little narrow in chest at the moment and this shows on the move but he has plenty of time.

YEARLING DOG (29, 3)

1st Fox's Tenshilling I Get Around To Dappleline JW. Loved his Pointer type of gentle flowing curves, excellent head features, good tail, well carried, good stride and clean in action, can firm a little in topline. Made the last four in the challenge and I expect her to do well.

2nd Lynn & Alcorn's Afterglow Bare Face Lie Over Kanix. Big, stylish dog who is a great mover and full of style, his head needs time and eyes do not appeal, oval bone and feet and great range of stride.

3rd Adams & Grime's Ansona Simple Simon JW. Excellent bodied dog, holding his shape well on the move, needs a little more finish to head yet, not yet the scope in movement of the two above, beautifully balanced, a touch round in his feet.

POST GRADUATE DOG (16, 2)

1st Simmons' Galema Highlander. Almost 3 years, great style and carriage with beautiful head type, a series of curves, full of quality, went well.

2nd Fuller & Millard's Wilchrimane Dartmoor Dream Sh CM. 4 years, appealed for his shape, type and construction, oval bone and feet, full of quality.

3rd Stangroom's Lappakia Oasis Dream. Two and a half years old orange, winning his place on balance and carriage, needs a little more work to his head.

MID LIMIT DOG (11, 3)

1st Gordon's Hawkfield Sunkissed Sea. 3 years old orange/white, built on beautiful flowing lines which he holds on the move, scored in tail and rear angulation, excellent head, picks his feet up too high but had such a lot of Pointer qualities.

2nd Tibbs' Raigmore Dusk Till Dawn JW. Almost 3 years black and white in hard muscular condition, quality head, oval bone and feet. I preferred the balance of the winner but a high quality dog.

3rd Osman's Wilchrimane Ace Ventura.

LIMIT DOG (18)

1st Hamilton's Hawkfield Lets Get Rowdy JW Sh CM. 3 year old black/white, full of type, holding his shape well with clean scopey movement, scored in front and front action.

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Lets Go Crackers. 3 years black/white whose head I preferred. A little longer in tail. Looked my winner standing but a touch heavy in front action and that decided the issue.

3rd Hinton's Fleurfields Flambeau.

OPEN DOG (17, 3) Great class.

1st O'Driscoll's Sh Ch Fowington Five Bob Note JW. Surprised myself here as he is different to the type I usually go for, but his balance, construction and above all his outstanding movement won the day. Caught my eye on the first circuit. The best front and front action of the day. Athletic lines, full of quality. CC and BOB and shortlisted in the Group.

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch Kiswahili Martin At Kanix. Great shape and movement and full of type, just a shade heavier all through than the winner. Res CC. Held his shape on the move putting him over 3.

3rd Drake's Sh Ch Clamerkin Crystal Mountain JW ShCM. Just my type, beautiful head, lines and excellent tail, unfortunately not holding his topline on the day, a great disappointment for me as he has all the Pointer qualities I admire.

FIELD TRIAL DOG (1)

1st Brophy's Ir Ch/Sh Ch Saregresi Classic Point (Imp Hun). Athletic, beautifully headed orange/white, excellent tail and movement and excellent depth of body, needs a little more sweep to his stifle and quarters.

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG DOG (5, 1)

1st Westaway's Penwest Palamedes. 5 years black/white with very good shape, good head and eyes and ears, excellent bone and feet, could be a little cleaner in front action.

2nd Gyrfas Hch/Hft/I Ch Saregresi Casanova. Fifth in the open class. Beautifully headed head and great Pointer style, not the front construction of winner.

3rd Udale's Freddie Flintoff. A dog I've always liked for type with lovely lines and excellent head

GOOD CITIZEN SCHEME DOG (9)

1st Eden's Esrews Black Tuxedo At Dalens. 19 month old dog from the strong yearling class, in superb muscular condition, lovely head type, excellent lines.

2nd Stangroom's Lappakia Oasis Dream.

3rd Mason's Aurichalcum The Renegade.

VETERAN BITCH (17)

1st Young's Aurichalcum The Reflection. Liver/white in superb condition, holding her shape well, very sound with good reach and drive.

2nd Turnbull's Juennerfly Angelica At Beridew. Almost 8 years, athletic and full of Pointer style, not quite the neck of the winner.

3rd Cooper's Fleurfields First Star Over Keepersfield. 8 year old black/white of excellent quality and going well.

SPECIAL PUPPY BITCH (11)

1st Bradley & Stilgoe's Teisgol Lady Penelope. 13 months old, black/white, clean lined, good tail, feminine head and good eye, sound and scopey, would just prefer a little more height at withers to define her topline, full of quality.

2nd Siddle's Wilchrimane Ice Maiden. At 8 months old, this is the one I would have taken home. Beautiful orange/white, flowing lines and beautiful all through, only puppy softness stopped her going higher today.

3rd Blackburn-Bennett's Lokmadi Martina At Kanix. 10 months black/white, excellent lines and style.

SPECIAL JUNIOR BITCH (8, 2)

1st Madigan & Fairbairn's Misperros Jumanji Of Carmelfair. 17 months orange/white, flowing lines, lovely balance, beautiful head and eye, scored on the move to take this class.

2nd Barraclough's Whinbarrow Brave Inca. Liver/white, excellent body lines and a good head.

3rd Coone's Bonnygate Lady Whisper Of Valleypoint. 16 months, typical and sound, needs time for head to finish.

YEARLING BITCH (17, 3) Good class.

1st Andrews & Ledger's Ir Sh Ch Aurichalcum Miss Tified Ledgands JW Ir Jun Ch. Tall orange/white full of Pointer type and style, athletic, deep bodied, full of character in head, stylish on the move which could be a little more accurate in front, however, I liked a lot about her.

2nd O'Neill's Tenshilling Do It Again JW. 19 months orange/white, lovely mover and built on flowing lines, not as firm as the winner in topline but should finish a beautiful bitch and have a good future.

3rd Elrington, Green, Cannon & Maw's Ansona Lucy Lockett. 19 months black/white, good head, well balanced. A little close in rear.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (22, 3)

1st Barker's Flinthill Daisychain. This liver/white was a convincing winner for me. When I saw her go round the ring with great stride, head and tail carriage, excellent head with fine ears, good eyes and tail, handler doesn't always make the most of her standing but I thought a lovely bitch.

2nd O'Driscoll's Fowington Caracas. Black/white, hard and athletic, flowing lines with correct bone and feet, not quite the rear of winner.

3rd Smith's Hookwood Tickadeeboo Says Lypal. Orange/white of lovely shape and very good body depth.

MID LIMIT BITCH (20) Excellent class.

1st Wilkinson's Flinthill Forget Me Not JW. Beautiful black/white, appealed greatly all through, full of Pointer type, correctly built with excellent front, chest, oval bone and feet, good tail, not flashy but sheer type and quality. Res CC.

2nd Yeo's Wilchrimane Desert Rose At Trexon ShCM. Another lovely bitch, orange/white, appealing in outline and curvy lines, went with a good stride. I just preferred the rear angulation of winner.

3rd Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Beatrice. I've always loved this bitch and she won a puppy stakes under me. A beautiful head and expression. Today I preferred the toplines of the two above.

LIMIT BITCH (21, 4)

1st Westaway's Penwest Phedra JW. Tall, athletic bitch with beautiful headpiece and great movement, her tail carriage is too high and held her back later, pressed very closely here, her head and eye just getting her the nod.

2nd Anthony's Jilony Dancing On Air. Splitting hairs between these two, as this one is better in tail and carriage, sound moving and in perfect condition. A little plainer in head than the winner.

3rd Bedson & Earl's Medogold Speak Softly. Black/white of quality, excellent mover.

OPEN BITCH (23, 3) Marvellous class which took two cuts to get them down to a final line-up.

1st Rose's Sh Ch Ridanflight Rangiora. I gave her a Res CC as a junior and have not seen her since. Beautiful curvy lines and great rear drive and excellent tail. On top form. Beautiful bitch. Won CC.

2nd Gyarfas' HCH Pawprint Cool White Victory. Beautiful head and head carriage, great chest and excellent movement, just a little long for perfect balance but full of Pointer from head to tail.

3rd Crawte's Sh Ch Bestina Black Opal At Leascliffe JW ShCM. Beautiful black/white in superb condition, excellent head. Top class bitch.

FIELD TRIAL BITCH (2)

1st Blowers' Bonnygate Just A Madam For Deadaway. 7 year old, feminine quality bitch in firm condition, sound moving and holding her shape on the move.

2nd Langford's FTCh White Lady Of Papermill. A great credit to the breed with her Field Trial title. At 8 years of age, she is now a little more portly in body and not as accurate on the move, great character and outlook.

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG BITCH (8)

1st Gyarfas' HCH Pawprint Cool White Victory.

2nd Edmondson & Robertshaw's Ch Crookrise White Lace. Lovely headed bitch with excellent body and curvy lines, throwing herself around on the move and not as scopey in front as the winner.

3rd Gyuris' HCH Dwimorberg Of Szedresi. Black/white, athletic and sound, a little plainer and not quite the angulation.

GOOD CITIZEN SCHEME BITCH (13)

1st Nelis' Freebreeze Reflected Glory. 5 years old, of excellent type and shape held on the move, very good mover, well balanced and with a very good headpiece.

2nd Cooper's Kanix Buttons Of Trosnant ShCM. Another excellent mover, a little short on the leg for perfect balance but a lot of quality, shown in excellent condition.

3rd Stangroom's Lappakia Dune Song. 2 year old orange/white.

Frank Kane - Judge