

GUNDOG SOCIETY OF WALES CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Wednesday 31st October 2018

Many thanks to the society for their invitation to judge my beloved breed at their lovely show; and to my two excellent stewards.

My sincere apologies for the delay on my report due to house removal, computer hard drive dying with half of my report on it.

A couple of observations, many of the dogs moved very close behind and I know that most of them do not do that normally. I don't know if it was the wet ground or the chill in the air but something was unsettling them and unfortunately on the day it had an effect on my placings. Secondly, some of the dogs are getting too heavy and cumbersome; remember a series of graceful curves please. Overall I was pleased with the exhibits before me there were three excellent males before me and some heart melting bitches. All mouths were fine.

My two CC winners were litter brother and sister as were the best dog and bitch puppies.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (5,2a)

1st Wyberg's Stocksfell Chase the Ace 8 month b/w. Whilst erratic on the move to start with, when he settled moved with drive. Liked him for his forechest, good bone, sloping pasterns and short couplings.

2nd Scholes' Wilchrimane Tea for Two with Rossglide 8 month lemon/white immature at the moment but had a lovely body shape. Needs to settle more on the move.

3rd Booth's Lundgarth Finch 6 month o/w. A very raw baby but the positives were his sloping pasterns, bend of stifle and expanse of thigh. Just needs time and schooling

PUPPY DOG (2,1a)

1st Scholes' Wilchrimane Tea for Two with Rossglide

JUNIOR DOG (4)

1st Gordon's Hawkfield Audacity (AI)

2nd Preece & Gilding's Harvestglade Cullinan Two lovely youngsters, splitting hairs here, preferred the slightly lower hock and sloping pasterns on first. Both had lovely balanced heads and soft expressions, body flowed through second had better expanse of thigh.

3rd Mason's Nosam Never say Never Again this boy had to give way to the maturity, movement and heads of the first two

YEARLING DOG (5) Promising class of youngsters

1st O'Neill's Tenshilling Biscuit JW This young man was in my mind for the challenge but not quite ready for the top awards in my opinion but one to watch he just flowed through from the tip of nose to the tip of his tail. Loved his neat ears, soft expression, body shape, bone and movement

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Obi at Stargang Similar remarks to the first, especially liked his length of neck, expression. Had slightly lower hocks than 1

3rd Bell & Maddox's Luneville Dazzling Diamond at Owlspoint JW This boy appealed, very similar to the first two but his front not quite precise as first two.

NOVICE DOG (2)

1st Wheldon & Earl's Cathpoint Extreme Faith b/w 4th in previous class good shape and balance. A little rangy at the moment at that in-between stage.

2nd Mason's Nosam Secret Agent 13 month b/w liked his head and arched neck but wasn't confident when being handled.

POST GRADUATE DOG (8)

1st Martin's Sunhouse Chips Ahoy o/w overall this boy had a good shape, short coupled and expanse of thigh. Front assembly well angled just found him too big through.

2nd Philo's Fydal Caprio at Salmonmist JW o/w Another that appealed for his shape he flowed together, liked his earset and expression had a good spring of rib.

3rd Booth's Lundgarth Teal If placings had been on movement alone this youngsters would have won hands down, he is still very raw, has all the bits and pieces but they have to come together but he could not be denied a place.

LIMIT DOG (4)

1st Jamieson, Macara & Blackburn-Bennett's l/w 2 ½ year old Kanix News Flash at Glenfinnian. Slightly rangier than most but everything in proportion, a dog I have watched from puppy and not disappointed in his development has the elegance and aristocratic carriage that should be found in a Pointer. Everything fitted together - loved his head and the chiselling under the cheekbones, gentle expression, depth of brisket, couplings, tail carriage correct. He pushed really hard in the challenge such a shame he had to meet the two open winners in tip top form.

2nd Lathwell's Tinchitamba A Waiting Game b/w. To be honest I never liked this boy as a youngster but he has matured into a balanced pleasing specimen, another with the soft expression, work in the head. Not quite the elegance nor depth or brisket as first.

3rd Stilgoe's Enzo Del Almojon through Teisgol (Imp Esp) Slightly chunkier than first two, for me just not the elegance on the move but balanced in body shape.

OPEN DOG (6) Well what can I say These first two just gave me shivers not was I only splitting hairs I was splitting the split hairs! Whilst on first appearance these dogs are different, piece by piece they are so alike. I found that one would be slightly and only slightly better in one area then the roles reversed. Both by my book and the many others that have given them top awards superb specimens of the breed.

1st Cummings & Lawless' IR SHCH/INT SH CH Kanix Kroner at Sevenhills JNR CH CW 16/17 AN CH 15/16/17 WW17 GW17. CC I have adored this dog from the first time I saw him a couple of years ago and I was not disappointed when I went over him. Slightly smaller than 2nd he has so many virtues from his neat ears, kind expression, forechest, spring of rib, short couplings, neat feet, lashing tail. I love his front extension on the move and powerful drive from behind, coming towards me he was just a little loose in front. Delighted to award him his second CC, I hope his third follows soon.

2nd O'Neill's SH CH Chesterhope Thrill of T Chase (Imp NZ) RCC Another one I have watched with interest from puppyhood, a tad bigger and heavier than first but in no way does it detract from his elegance, balance and soundness. He too had the spring of rib, slightly better in depth than first. Loved his ear set up high. Flowing lines through his body moved with drive, at the end of the day just preferred the front extension of first on the move.

3rd Westaway's Penwest Pallaton JW ShCM. It is always a delight when dogs you have liked appear in front of you and do not disappoint, such a shame the first two were in sparkling form, it no way detracts from the qualities of this boy. Another that flows through, whilst slightly straighter fore and aft he was balanced and it showed in his movement, he really powered around the ring. Masculine without coarseness, compact, good bone and feet.

VETERAN DOG (4)

- 1st Theobald's SH CH Tycarreg Familyr JW ShCM
- 2nd Welch's SH CH/IR CH Moolou Minstrel at Hookwood JW ShCM
- 3rd Bell's Crookrise the Medlar at Owlspoint JW ShCM

**MINOR PUPPY BITCH (4,1a) **

- 1st Wilkinson's Stocksfell Seldom Seem pleased me for her expression, head. Body one would expect at this age, good in stifles and pasterns Best puppy bitch and best puppy in breed
- 2nd Wilkins' Wilchrimane Iced White for Lottieboo pretty o/w baby not as together as first had a lovely curve underneath and lashing tail. A novice owner well done.
- 3rd Anthony's Jilony Iris b/w very much a baby here not at all together as yet

PUPPY BITCH (1)

- 1st Turton & Wilson's Kenaiteen Thriller o/w 10 month old moved steadily, liked her length of neck and shape

JUNIOR BITCH (9)

- 1st Watkins, Philips & Gordon's Hawkfield Audacious (AI) o/w Most together of this class everything balanced and flowed through in her body shape pleased me with her low set hocks and sloping pasterns.
- 2nd Guy's Carofel on Silent Wings Very similar to first slightly more compact, steady on the move, not quite the front angulation of first.
- 3rd Udale's Dowbiggins Matilda When settled this bitch moved with drive, pleased me for depth of body and her sloping pasterns.

YEARLING BITCH (5,3a)

- 1st Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Gartarry All That Jazz at Spinray b/w Pleased me with her movement loved her head and expression and had correct shaped feet
- 2nd Anthony's Jilony Ola rangier than first nor the work in her head. Front not as angulated

NOVICE BITCH (3)

- 1st Guy's Carofel on Silent Wings
2. Fox & Stilgoe's Alcazar Bewildered of Dappleline nothing to dislike here but not as mature as first, liked her for her topline, expanse of thigh
- 3rd Mason's Nosam Kwatile this girl not ready yet needs more time to come together.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (11,1a)

- 1st Nelis' Freebreeze Easy Virtue b/w Haven't seen this girls since a puppy, my how she has come together. Oozes femininity, moved effortlessly, loved her head with correct chiselling under cheek bones, lovely soft expression. Good in forechest and bone, chest well down to elbows, short coupled, correct topline such a promising young girl
- 2nd Westaway's Ridanflight Raisen another b/w similar to first, hocks not as let down as one, body shape just flowed through without anything to stop your eye
- 3rd O'Neill's Fyldefair Skyfull of Stars over Tenshilling everything in place with this girl just unlucky to meet the first two who were on top form balanced head with soft expression

LIMIT BITCH (13,3a)

1st Stilgoe & Oliver's Asterope Lightening Star via Teisgol JW ShCM I had to forgive this girl her feet, nothing to detract from her especially liked the way her neck went into her shoulder, depth of body, low hocks and tail set

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Orient at Stargang .o/w Balanced through, good bone, feet, another that used her tail on the move

3rd O'Driscoll's Fowington Risque b/w Shown in really hard condition, a credit to her owner had such a melting expression, fell for her head. Neat tail moved well

OPEN BITCH (9,2a)

1st Blackburn-Bennett & Wilberg's Kanix Kestrel b/w I gave this girl a RCC as a puppy not something I do lightly, she oozes quality and femininity but had correct bone. Everything in proportion, balanced, curves in the right place moved steadily. Such a sweet head and expression delighted to award her 2nd CC Got BOB on tad better front movement hope her crown follows soon.

2nd Macmanus' Luneville Strawberry Moon o/w 7 year old not showing her age at all, lot to like about her, another that had a good shaped body, not quite as flowing over the loin as first nor hocks as well let down but had better feet. Best Veteran

3rd MacKay's SH CH Federica Fanfare at Woodglade l/w slightly heavier than first two, well boned, good in forechest, plenty of work in her head

VETERAN BITCH (4,2a)

1st Isherwood's Pipeaway Satin Fire with Symitry

2nd Young's Gundioy Argentine Tango

GAIL SIMMONS - Judge