

The Pointer Club

Judge: Mandy Milford (Haramander)

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At Tomlinson's Canine Centre, Markfield, LE67 9RJ

I was absolutely delighted and honoured to be invited by the Secretary and committee to judge The Pointer Club's lovely, relaxed, well-run open show. I thoroughly enjoyed my day. It was fantastic to see so many Pointers (150 dogs entered) and fellow Pointer lovers after such a long time with no dog shows due to Lockdown during the Covid pandemic. With perfect weather in the morning (though rather hotter for the bitches, hence less movement requested!), it really did make for a great, happy day out for everyone and their dogs, despite social distancing. I must say a huge thankyou to my chief steward who did a fantastic job.

I really appreciated the fabulous Pointer entry, all presented in lovely, clean condition with good temperaments. It was heartening to see that most youngsters have not been affected too much by isolation and lack of ringcraft/socialisation. Overall, good to see much better, characteristic 'bee stinging' tails coming back in the breed now and not such a range of head types. I only saw one suspect (overshot) mouth and some dogs without the important sloping pasterns and a few with short upper arms which spoils the breed's daisy-cutting, reach and drive movement. It was great to see all my winners loving their show with lashing tails and heads held high, showing their all-important aristocratic breed qualities which set them apart from other gundogs.

I really was spoilt for choice, with hard decisions in some huge classes, with many dogs going card-less despite being very worthy of being placed. Some fabulous youngsters coming up!

DOGS

Minor Puppy Dog (8,2):

1 Walkling, WILCHRIMANE KINSPHERE WITH KISWAHILI NAF/TAF Wow! This O/W BOY, only 6 months and still immature but immediately caught my eye on entering the ring with his beautiful, correct movement, simply oozing presence and elegance. Deep chest, long neck, so well-balanced, with plenty of curves in all the right places, nothing over-exaggerated. Great feet, lovely tail-set and all topped off with a handsome, well-proportioned head. **BPD, BPIS** I'm certain he will go far in the future.

2 Astbury, JILONY BOBBY BALL AT DORBURY B/W Gorgeous head. All Pointer, so well balanced overall which shows in his correct movement. Elegant, clean, arched neck flows into laid back shoulders. Good oval feet and correct tailset.

3 Norbury & Adams, HEARTBURY LORD ASRIEL

Puppy Dog (3,1):

1 Astbury, JILONY BOBBY BALL AT DORBURY – as above

2 Matthews, SONHAM BLACK EYED PEA Very handsome blanket B/W. Though a little unsettled, he moved like a train with strong, purposeful strides. Up to size already but well proportioned throughout with plenty of curves. Good feet and sloping pasterns .

Junior Dog (6,0):

1 Wilson, MILLPOINT SHOW ME THE WAY TO DJANKAY Very elegant, typey O/W with a lovely, well-proportioned, sculptured head. Short-coupled with very well balanced angulation giving a super series of flowing curves which resulted in perfect, proper movement. Lovely tail which lashed on the move.

2 Gordon, HAWKFIELD PEMBERLEY Beautifully made, heavily marked B/W. An elegant but very masculine boy with lovely head and melting eyes. Balanced angulation with super, correct, sloping pasterns and good feet, all showing in his super, driving movement.

3 Weaver, DAPPLELINE CHANCE FOR ANNIEZU

Yearling Dog (7,2):

1 Norbury, Ganney & Adams, FISHERBLOOM HEY DIDLE DIDLE AT HEARTBURY Very masculine, curvy, heavily ticked B/W who showed his true Pointer style on the move with fabulous lashing, well-set tail. Great fore-chest and chest depth with good, tight elbows. Lovely sloping pasterns. Topped off with a very handsome head with kind eye.

2 Weaver, DAPPLELINE CHANCE FOR ANNIEZU Well angulated, but curvy, balanced, strong, deep-chested O/W boy who excelled in movement, though he stacked a little awkwardly today. Perfect tail-set used well on the move to power him around the ring. Super, typey head and good oval feet.

3 Wheldon & Earl, CAITHPOINT KAI

Novice Dog (7,1):

1 Wheldon & Earl, CAITHPOINT KAI Handsome B/W, well-proportioned head on this boy with a lovely kind, dark eye. Good, clean body outline, with well-balanced, flowing curves. Presented in lovely, muscular condition. Moved with style and elegance.

2 Weaver, DAPPLELINE CHANCE FOR ANNIEZU – as above

3 Matthews, SONHAM BLACK EYED PEA

Graduate Dog (7,0):

1 Henshaw, SHARNPHILLY VICE VERSA WITH PETESHE – lightly marked B/W previously judged when a minor pup and noted how promising he was then. Pleased he has matured superbly, keeping his well balanced, optimum angulation. Sloping pasterns and correct, oval feet. He flows from his lovely reachy neck to his well-set lashing tail. Finished off with a gorgeous head with kind eye. Stylish mover who covered the ground well and with elegance.

2 O'Neill & Timothy, TENSILLING I GOT THE FEVER O/W deep-chested, well -proportioned yearling, displaying a lovely series of curves, still a little maturing in body to come. Handsome head with soft, kind eye. Preferred pasterns and feet of winner.

3 Ovel, JIMAURA BANDIDO

Post Graduate Dog (6,2):

1 Adams, FISHERBLOOM RE'ENCOUNTERED B/W mature 3 year old dog of medium size. Lovely forechest and depth of chest with good, balanced angulation and great shoulder placement. Powered around the ring using his lashing tail. Gorgeous, sculptured head with plenty of neat flews and wide nostrils.

2 Gordon & Howarth, HAWKFIELD JOLLY light O/W, beautiful typey head with thin leathers. Very elegant, graceful, well-muscled dog with lovely balanced angulation fore and aft. Flowed from his lengthy, clean neck to his well-set, neat tail. Close up to winner and will no doubt change places in future.

3 Lowe, LOWSMOOR CRAZY FOR YOU JW

Limit Dog (13,5):

A class full of dogs of lovely, similar type.

1 Walkling, WILCHRIMANE TAMBUTI WITH KISWAHILI Mature 2 year old, ticked O/W. Athletic dog of good medium size. Balanced, superb angulation throughout with great forechest, well-laid shoulders and strong topline leading to his well-set, neat tail which was a delight to see him use on the move. Well let-down hocks and neat, oval feet. Masculine, well-defined head with plenty of length of foreface and very kind eye. **RBD**

2 Philo, FYDAL CAPRIO AT SALMONMIST JW ShCM Very typey O/W, beautiful head with lacy ears, but all masculine, short-coupled, powerful, balanced body with great depth and width of chest and strong, oval bone. Super, sloping pasterns, good feet and well-set tail carried correctly. Considered for 1st place, with overall balance just swinging it in favour of winner.

3 Kirby & Bridgeman-Lewis, PIPEAWAY MASTER DESIGN JW ShCM

Open Dog (3,0):

1 Gordon, HAWKFIELD AUDACITY JW (AI) Very fit, lean O/W dog. Beautifully balanced angulation throughout. The complete picture of a true-to-type Pointer from his long, muscular neck into perfectly-laid shoulders, across his slightly sloping topline to his well-set tail. Plenty of upper arm, superb sloping pasterns, good oval feet and well let-down hocks, giving him the ability to power around the ring with perfect footfall, complimented with a lashing tail, obviously enjoying his day out... I could watch him move all day! ('Movement to die for' in my notes!). To compliment his overall conformation and movement, he also has a gorgeous, well-sculptured head. He went on to show his socks off later in the dog challenge and his movement won his place as **BD** today.

2 Adams, MILLPOINT SIMPLY SMASHING JW ShCM Heavily marked B/W with a handsome head. Larger and heavier set to winner but beautifully balanced all through, displaying the all-important sloping pasterns and well let-down hocks. Plenty of first and second thigh. He moved around the ring like a train with true drive and lashing tail, holding his strong topline well.

3 O'Neill, SH CH TENSILLING HOME ALONE JW ShCM

Special Beginners Dog (10,3):

1 Norbury, Ganney & Adams, FISHERBLOOM HEY DIDLE DIDLE AT HEARTBURY – winner of YD

2 Tregaskis, MOENFAIR SANGUINEUM LUNA JW Gorgeous headed Li/W with a very kind expression. Presented in beautiful, glowing condition and handled to advantage. Slightly short of upper arm and tail carried a little high.

3 Ovel, JIMAURA BANDIDO

Veteran Dog (9,1)

A very strong, full class with plenty of excellent dogs!

1 Timothy, ANNIEZU MAGIC MOMENTS AT SOUSACROFT 8 year old, very typey O/W, a true series of curves, with perfectly balanced angulation. Great depth of chest and tight elbows. Good length of neck. Presented in great, muscular condition with plenty of first and second thigh. Handled so well around the ring and he gave his all, showing what a Pointer tail is for! **BVD**

2 Harrison, SH CH MILLPOINT HEATWAVE JW ShCM B/W well balanced throughout, presented in lovely, well-muscled condition. Very handsome head with dark eye and kind expression. Great topline, held on the move and good bee-sting tail. Heavier in build and bone than winner.

3 Hazeltine, Goddard & Upton, SH CH HOOKWOOD BY GEORGE JW ShCM

BITCHES

Minor Puppy Bitch (9,1):

1 Collins, COLLHOLME ANGELIQUE Very feminine, elegant compact O/W baby of just 6 months. Pretty head with plenty of sculpting already. Fabulous, settled mover for such a youngster and great depth of chest. Would prefer a little more hind angulation.

2 O'Neill, TENSILLING THE WANDERER 8 month O/W Very curvy, well balanced, mature, heavier set youngster with deep chest. Moved well. Very pretty head.

3 Norbury & Adams, HEARTBURY NORTHERN LIGHTS

Puppy Bitch (6,0):

1 Wilkinson, STOCKSFELL SHOWDOWN Another O/W at just 6 months, so well put together with plenty of balanced angulation. All curves and elegance from her very pretty head through her lovely long neck, over her strong topline to her super tailset. Well let-down hocks, sloping pasterns. Maturing nicely with decent depth of chest. She moved true to type with such reach and drive for one so young and clearly confident and loving her show with lashing tail. Definitely one I would have taken home! **BPB, RBPIS** Shame she met such a BPD today in the puppy challenge as I'm sure she has a great show future.

2 Oddie, SHARNPHILLY TIKTOK TO RIOWOOD 10 month B/W more mature youngster who moved beautifully, handled to advantage. Lovely front. Super, well sculptured head with kind expression. Not quite the balance of winner, as longer in body and slightly over-exaggerated hind angulation.

3 Radcliffe, SNIPERAY EDGE OF GLORY

Junior Bitch (5,0):

1 Wilkinson, STOCKSFELL SHOWDOWN – as PB

2 Gordon, HAWKFIELD BLACK SWAN Solid black, very elegant 15 month youngster. Curves and angulation all in the right, balanced proportions. Plenty of time yet to mature into a Black Swan. She has more bone than her solid black colouring deceives from ringside. Super sloping pasterns, great feet. She moved beautifully, showing her all with lashing tail.

3 Smith, DONDAIG TUTTI FRUTTI

Yearling Bitch (9,1):

1 Harrison, HANNIA DEL ALMOJON OF MILLPOINT (IMP ESP) Very white O/W with well-set 'lacy' ears on a well-proportioned, pretty head. Lovely, mature front with super length of upper arm and subsequent well laid-back shoulders, with equally balanced rear angulation. Well let-down hocks and sloping pasterns with correct oval feet. Moved so well with her tail lashing in true Pointer style.

2 Matthews, SONHAM CHASING RAINBOWS Blanket black with gorgeous long neck. Balanced angulation with lovely front which showed in her reaching and driving locomotion as she powered around the ring. Great feet and pasterns.

3 Blowers, FOWINGTON LAR TI DAR AT DEADAWAY

Novice Bitch (19,2):

1 Webster & Goodwin, MILLPOINT AIR WAVE B/W 2 year old who moved with purpose using her tail well. Very elegant with a lovely feminine head on a reachy neck. Balanced angulation, not overdone in any way. Won this huge class on her movement.

2 Knowles, FLEURFIELD FIRE OPAL AT DOVEHAYES O/W A curvy, graceful, well-balanced 18 month who has time to mature a little more. Good front, Lovely bee-sting tail.

3 Matthews, SONHAM CHASING RAINBOWS

Graduate Bitch (18,6):

1 Blowers, FOWINGTON LAR TI DAR AT DEADAWAY Very typey, elegant, all Pointer O/W with a very pretty head. Great, balanced angulation fore and aft, not over-exaggerated at all. Moved well. Super, neat tail.

2 Turton, TANGLEBROOK BLACK CAP B/W heavily ticked, beautifully balanced bitch who moved with such powerful drive from the rear with a lashing tail. Great oval feet and sloping pasterns. Very feminine head with lovely, kind expression.

3 Ovel, JIMAURA I'M FOR CAROLINE

Post Graduate Bitch (11,5):

1 Hinton, FLEURFIELD TRULY A SECRET JW Li/W Very elegant, compact bitch who caught my eye as soon as she entered the ring with her accurate, stylish movement that was saying, 'Look at me!'. She moves as if floating on air, hardly touching the floor. She is so well balanced throughout, with a deep chest and super front, matched with plenty of rear angulation for her drive but not overdone at all. From her pretty, feminine head with kind eye to her lovely, well-set, lashing tail, she is all Pointer. Well deserved **RBB, RBIS**. Splitting hairs between her and the BIS, both of very similar type, movement and style, with the BIS winning over slightly more curves and sloping pasterns.

2 Gordon, HAWKFIELD HAPPY Very pretty headed Le/W who is very graceful, light and true in her movement. Elegant lines with balance throughout. Correct feet and pasterns. Lovely little tail, though carried a little too 'Happy' today on the move.

3 Ovel, PLUNGEVALE QUEEN OF HEARTS AT JIMAURA

Limit Bitch (15,4):

1 Guy, CAROFEL ON SILENT WINGS JW Heavily ticked, attractive, compact B/W who I have previously awarded RBOB as a junior, since when she has matured beautifully. Outstanding, superbly balanced, elegant outline, not over-exaggerated in any way, with a deep chest and well let-down hocks, good sloping pasterns. Very feminine, pretty head with soft, kind eye, carried proudly on a long, muscular neck. Fabulous, light, graceful but ground-covering movement with lashing tail, holding her topline beautifully. **BB, BIS**

2 Harrison, MILLPOINT SOUND WAVE JW Lovely dark, heavily ticked O/W. Again, super overall balance, angulation and series of curves. Deep and broad chest allowing plenty of heart room. Excels in front assembly with good length of upper arm, often lacking in the breed at the moment. Strong head and would prefer smaller, thinner ears.

3 Norbury & Adams, MEDOGOLD BAMALAM AT HEARTBURY JW ShCM OSW

Open Bitch (10,6):

1 Hazeltine, Razzell, Spey, Oldfield & Lopes, AM CH BOOKSTOR FABELLO KINKY BOOTS (IMP USA) Very elegant, athletic bitch, very lightly marked O/W, presented in optimum, muscular condition. Lovely curves, so well balanced with good, springy pasterns. Beautifully sculptured, very feminine head. Powered around the ring with confidence (handled rather too fast), neat, well-set tail lashing.

2 Oddie, SHARNPHILLY VERA WANG Pretty headed, lightly marked B/W with soft, kind expression. Good angulation fore/aft, sloping pasterns and lovely neat tail. Would prefer shorter coupling to make a squarer, more balanced side profile.

3 Wilkinson, STOCKSFELL SELDOM SEEN

Special Beginners Bitch (13,3):

1 Tregaskis, MOENFAIR ASTERIA STARSHINE Heavily ticked Li/W. Very pretty, well-defined, dished head. Became more settled, stacked and moved better with each class, hence going up the cards to

win this class. Nice type, elegant lines with balance throughout, thin ear leathers, went well with good carriage.

2 Matthews, MEDOGOLD TARTINI WITH SONHAM OSW JW ShCM ShCEx Heavily marked B/W. Fabulous, very sound, strong mover who powered around holding a good topline, with lashing tail and head held high. Heavier boned type than the winner and a little stronger in head. Kind, dark eye. Well balanced angulation, well-placed shoulders which shows her good length of neck.

3 Ovel, JIMAURA I'M FOR CAROLINE

Veteran Bitch (7,1)

1 Welch, OXFORDACRES TRINITY BY HOOKWOOD JW ShCM Blanket B/W 7 year old. Moved very well with plenty of enthusiasm, covering the ground with lashing tail, in her element. Pretty, feminine head with expressive eyes. Balanced angulation throughout with no exaggerations, firm topline. Beat the BVD in the challenge on her excellent, stylish movement to **BVIS**.

2 Gordon, HAWKFIELD PRIDE N PREJUDICE Solid black, very elegant, pretty headed 7 year old bitch. Moved well with neat tail lashing enthusiastically. Good feet and pasterns. Would prefer a little more bone.

3 Turton, TANGLEBROOK MADRILEN

Brace (7,4)

1 Gordon A fabulous brace of matching solid black swans!

2 Brooksmith A super matched pair of very similar type liver/whites who were handled beautifully and moved well together.

3 Tregaskis