

CRITIQUE - WELSH KENNEL CLUB

Judge: Mrs E Hughes

I should like to thank The Welsh Kennel Club for the invitation and their kind hospitality, and also my efficient stewards who were very helpful. I was looking for athletic dogs who move well with a true G.S.P. head. Sadly there are still some untypical wide skulled heads with short stubby noses and light eyes. Temperaments were excellent. Some toplines were dippy. Most coats were correct, but a few were very short and sparse, a working gundog needs a harsh short thick coat as a protection from the weather.

Veteran Dog (3,1). **1 Smillie-Gray's Sh Ch Oakberrow Wotziname ShCM.** A fit dog who moves very well with plenty of reach and drive. Good lay of shoulder, firm topline, correct coat, a beautifully balanced dog. **BV. 2 Tudor's My Little Old Man of Brocador.** Not quite the balance of the first dog, but has a pleasing head and still strides out with purpose.

Minor Puppy Dog (1). **1 Galloway & Anderson's Alayglow Gamulkebir.** An immature puppy, but lots to like. Well boned, shoulders and stifles of correct angulation, moved truly with the usual puppy roll, and is very typical for his age.

Puppy Dog (1). **1 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Gloster Grebe.** A handsome masculine dog puppy, well angulated in front and behind. Topline excellent. When standing shows a typical G.S.P. outline. Good length of muzzle with a soft expression, eyes should darken with age. He moved fluidly round the ring to easily win BP. I was pleased to see him shortlisted in the puppy group.

Junior Dog (3). **1 Thurm's Bryburn Bacchus.** A balanced masculine young dog, elegant but strong. Angulations good, fore and aft joined together by a firm slightly sloping topline. The best mover in the class, powerful with drive and very sound. All male head of good length. Pleased to award him the **RDCC.** **2 Staley's Jomeel Midnight Rambler.** A slightly heavier dog with a very attractive head and firm topline, who moved well on well knuckled feet. **3 Marsh & Hoad's Winterwell Sam Spade at Kilnrae.**

Novice Dog (2). **1 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Gloster Grebe.** **2 Marsh & Hoad's Winterwell Sam Spade at Kilnrae.** This dog didn't move as fluidly as the winner and his topline wasn't as good.

Post Graduate Dog (3). **1 Sielski's Orchidstar Wotsit JW.** The best mover in the class due to his good conformation. Well laid shoulders and a good bend of stifle, chest deep, short over loin and solid topline. He also has a very attractive head and expression. **2 Rogers' Disglairhill Red Kite.** A shorter compact dog who moved with drive on neat, tight feet. **3 Hopkins' Seasham Don't Stop Me Now.**

Limit Dog (7). **1 Adam's Barleyarch Ariat JW ShCM.** Lovely body proportions with a short back and firm solid topline. Good front and rear angulations, chest deep and well ribbed back which resulted in sound movement, a darker eye would complete the picture. **2 Bennett's Barleyarch Firefly.** Similar make and shape to the first dog and I preferred his head with a long muzzle and dark eyes. He also is short in back and has a firm topline, moved soundly but not with the reach of the first dog. **3 Stammer's Barleyarch Billbug at Lochpointer.**

Open Dog (9,2). **1 Harris' Am Gr Ch. Sh Ch VJK-Myst Goeslikethe wind at Barleyarch.** A worthy multi-titled dog who moves so correctly. He has a beautiful head with a long nose, dark almond eyes giving a gentle expression. He has a short back, excellent matching angulations front and rear, a deep chest and correct spring of rib. His coat is dense and coarse as it should be and his feet are compact and tight. He moves with reach and drive at the right pace, too many dogs are rushed around the ring at fast speeds. Pleased to award him the **DCC & BOB.** **2 Flaherty & Reddyhough's Sh Ch Isara Kurzhaar Wieser JW ShCM.** An attractive flashy liver and white dog with an excellent topline and head. I just preferred the precise movement of the winner and his expression. This dog too has good conformation and moves with drive. **3 Tarrant Powell's Malmelsa Romancing Romeo at Pawnic JW.**

Veteran Bitch (4,2). **1 Brown's Montalba Millie Chillum ShCM.** A balanced feminine bitch, not showing her age who moved soundly and fluidly round the ring. She is shorter in the back than the second bitch and has a better bend of stifle. **2 Fry's Wildbach Black Spellbinder.** This bitch has a lovely head and excellent feet, but is slightly straight behind and longer in the body.

Minor Puppy Bitch (5). **1 Slack's Pingary Legolustrous.** A six and a half month old pup, mature for her age but moving very well with reach and drive. Shoulder angulation very good and head feminine. **2 Burford's Pingary Legolicious.** Lovely body proportions giving a pleasing outline when standing. Would prefer more length of foreface. She moved soundly. **3 Sielski's Orchidstar Tooty Fruitie.**

Puppy Bitch (5). **1 Rose's Kavacanne Fraggie.** A promising pup with a long elegant head and a good firm topline who moved soundly. **2 Alman-Wilson's Disglairhill Dakota.** A smaller more compact pup who moves well, but a more typical head on the first bitch. **3 Bellinger & Felstead's Cushatlaw Chaos at Woodbank.**

Junior Bitch (9). **1 Harris' Barleyarch Playtime (ai) JW.** The best mover in the class. Good lay of shoulder matched with a good bend of stifle. Long elegant head with dark eyes, coarse coat, balanced body proportions giving a typical G.S.P. outline. **2 Tierney's Ceilloch Crimson.** Another good mover with a correct conformation. Pleasing balance between front and rear angles. **3 Brown's Newlands Pass to Montalba.**

Novice Bitch (5,1,1w/d). **1 Newland's Pass to Montalba.** An attractive bitch with a solid topline who moved soundly. **2 Sielski's Orchidstar Tooty Fruitie.** A balanced pup with an appealing head and expression who moves well. **3 Milligan's Isara Kurzhaar All Spice.**

Post Graduate Bitch (6,2). **1 Burford's Pingary Eye Candy.** A mature strong, but elegant bitch who moves with reach and drive due to good front and rear angulations. A lovely outline when standing presenting the typical slightly sloping topline **RBCC.** **2 Pudney's Pitwit Winter Glow JW.** A shorter compact dog, angulation not as good as the first bitch which resulted in less reach and drive and she was pintoeing in front. Pleasing feminine head. **3 Rose & Gaffney's Kavacanne Vixen JW.**

Limit Bitch (5,1). **1 Burford's Pingary Hot Topic.** A beautifully balanced bitch with a lovely head and expression, the same breeding as the post graduate winner. Mature body, ribs deep with enough spring, short over the loin and moved effortlessly round the ring on neat tight feet. She also has an excellent topline and a well set-on tail. Pleased to award her the **BCC.** **2 Schoneville's Balvenie Bella JW.** A smaller compact bitch but very balanced who moves soundly. I preferred the head on the first bitch. **3 Drysdale's Drysika Fast Track.**

Open Bitch (5,1). **1 Drew's Sh Ch Cushatlaw Illustrious JW.** An elegant feminine, but strong bitch who moves well with good reach in front, a little out of coat today and I preferred the head proportions on the second bitch. She presents a balanced outline when standing with an excellent topline. **2 Thurm's Sh Ch Valger Odette.** A well built bitch who moves soundly and with verve for her age. **3 Tierney's Sh Ch Keigame Hustle JW ShCM.**