GUNDOG BREEDS ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND Judge: Mrs Leita Estes (USA)

I was very happy with such a nice size entry of 76 GSPs. As a whole the areas I would like to see improvement in would be the topline and tailset. I saw far too many dogs with a soft back which is hard for a working sporting dog to perform a days work. It really isn't that they are long backed they just don't carry a hard flat topline. The tailsets and carriage will improve as the toplines improve. The heads were pleasing masculine in dogs and feminine in bitches. I am very happy with the correct amount of underjaw to allow enable carrying of prey. Most had fairly good coming and going. I would like to see more reach and drive overall. The muscle conditioning of these gundogs is beautiful.

Veteran Dog (3). 1 Brown's Montalba Maurice ShCM, beautiful head with plenty of underjaw. Smooth transition of neck into shoulders. Clean down and back with nice reach and drive. Substance of bone to match size. A bit better reach and drive than 2. 2 Tait's Benboee Bachata JW, very similar in type to the first place dog, not as long of neck. Again clean down and back, 3 Duncan's Sh Ch Magregor Pukka JW ShCM.

Minor Puppy Dog (3). **1 Wilkinson's Zarozinia Beinn An Oir**, this was my BP. Beautiful head with a dark rim on the eye which should be a nice dark brown when mature. Nice neck into shoulders. Clean effortless movement. **BP**. **2 Pitman's Pitwit Noble Opal**, this dog was again a very similar type to 1. Has a bit more skin on throat than I would like to see. Nice easy movement. Longer hock than 1. **3 Watson's Winterwell Mr Mulberry**.

Puppy Dog (3,2). Pitman's Pitwit Noble Opal.

Junior Dog (6,3). 1 Bennett's Barleyarch Firefly, beautiful outline with a strong head and smooth neck into shoulders. Very good on his legs with nice foot timing. *RDCC*. 2 Brennan & Baston's Cushatlaw Indefatigable, very nice head, more of a round than almond shape eye, nice neck into shoulders, not as much forechest as 1. 3 Hawksby's Benboee Beguiling at Delahawk.

Novice Dog (1). 1 Brennan & Baston's Cushatlaw Indefatigable.

Graduate Dog (0).

Post Graduate Dog (3,1). **1 Pearson's Ladyhawke Sultan**, nice head and neck into shoulders. Would like to see a bit more almond shape to the eye but very pleasing expression. Beautiful outline, nice amount of bone for size. Nice easy mover. **2 Hughes' Sonnenberg Sealion**, heavier headed compared to 1 but with nice expression. A bit straighter in rear without as much drive off the rear as 1.

Limit Dog (6,2). 1 Lisle's Barleyarch Rolex JW ShCM, very nice head with a pleasant shape eye and expression. Would like to see a higher tail set and less croup. Moved well with a light easy gait. 2 Marsh's Koolwaters Pacific at Kilnrae, beautiful dark almond shape eye. Not as smooth transition of neck into shoulders as the first place dog. Would like to see more muscle in the rear second thigh. Nice amount of bone to size. 3 Rutherford & Cox's Cushatlaw Fog On The Tyne.

Open Dog (7,4). **1 Flaherty & Reddyhough's Isara Kurzhaar Wieser JW ShCM**, beautiful masculine head with a nice eye and earset. Beautiful outline in wonderful condition. Beautiful moving dog but needs to learn his speed and to be comfortable without charging. Beautiful hard topline standing as well as moving. The brain and legs aren't totally connected yet. *DCC*. **2 Tulleth & Galloway's Sh Ch Alayglow Um Um Raicher ShCM**, pleasant headed dog. Not as hard and flat of a topline as 1. **3 Mervyn's Ir Sh Ch Barleyarch Blue Riband at Tomanipoint CW1**.

Veteran Bitch (3). 1 Galloway & Anderson's Ir Ch Alayglow Dakka, beautiful outline with a pretty feminine head. Nice neck into shoulders with a good topline. Clean movement with good foot timing. *BV.* 2 Brown's Montalba Millie Chillum ShCM, a bit more lip and ears than 1. Nice easy movement. 3 Pitman's Pitwit Playing Games JW.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2,1). **1 Mervyn's Tomanipoint Schumacher**, pleasing head. Nice easy moving bitch, would like to see more angle and drive off the rear.

Puppy Bitch (3). 1 Sielski's Orchidstar Yu Can't Fool Me, pretty head with a nice shape, wonderful expression. Topline is nice a bit of a low tailset. Good bone to size. 2 Mervyn's Tomanipoint Schumacher. 3 Sielski's Orchidstar Yu To Me.

Junior Bitch (7,2). 1 Elrington's Barleyarch Beetle at Tequesta, this bitch had a pleasant head with a nice shape eye. She had a great hard topline and good tailset both standing and moving. Good substance of bone for size. 2 Drew's Cushatlaw Illustrious JW, nice head with a good expression. Not as good of a topline and tailset as 1. Less substance of bone to 1 as well. 3 Cox's Cushatlaw Irresistible.

Novice Bitch (4,3). **1 Wilkinson's Zaroainia Cleopatra Star**, she had a nice feminine head and well set ears. Would like to see a harder topline and less length and more strength of hock.

Graduate Bitch (3,1). **1 Cox's Cushatlaw Irresistible**, nice shape of head and length of neck. Topline is acceptable. Nice easy moving gait. **2 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Elderdown**, nice shape head with good length of neck. A softer topline that first place bitch. Nice moving but a bit high in rear for her age.

Post Graduate Bitch (7). **1 Hughes' Sonnenberg Seaholly**, beautiful head type with a dark almond eye. Had a beautiful topline and tailset. Wish more had this hard topline. Had beautiful reach and drive with great foot timing. *RBCC*. **2 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Beluga**, nice feminine head. Not the rear or foot timing as 1. **3 Duncan's Kavacanne Gale Storm JW ShCM**

Limit Bitch (6,3). 1 Garvey's Kavacanne Point The Way Richtig, pleasing head type with a nice colour and shape eye. Very nice outline with easy clean movement. 2 Hallam's Redic Jetsetter, nice head with wonderful expression. Topline didn't have the strength as first place bitch with a bit of a lower tailset. 3 Mitchell's Eriau Liberty Star.

Open Bitch (8,2). **1 Pearson's Ladyhawke California Star JW**, beautiful head with a soft pleasing expression. Very nice hard flat topline with good tailset. Balanced beautiful clean moving bitch with good foot timing. Now looking in the catalogue I see that my first and second place bitch have the same father. *BCC & BOB*. **2 Harris' Sh Ch Barleyarch Polkadot JW**, very hard decision between my first and second place bitches. Loved seeing the great toplines and tailsets with beautiful movement in both bitches. **3 Mervyn's Sh Ch & Ir Sh Ch Karlivar Dusky Rose at Tomanipoint**.