

CRITIQUE - GUNDOG SOCIETY OF WALES

Judge: Mrs P Hollings

A genuinely friendly & efficient committee, who treat their judges well & with respect, thank you.

Minor Puppy Dog (1). **1 Thurm's Bryburn Bacchus**, what a promising young lad, hope he continues in this vein, but his size & posture is such that feel sure he will. Super typical head with clean skull, good eye, & strong balanced muzzle. Has length & strength in neckline which flows through correct forehand, firm topline to good set on. Has bone & leg with depth plus stands foursquare. I was very taken with him & was even looking hard in the challenge. **BP**.

Puppy Dog (1). **1 Sielski's Orchidstar Wotsit**, 10 month tidy chap. Not overdone & fit & carrying the right amount of body for age. I would prefer a darker eye & more return of upper arm for ideal. He has a good personality & lively active gait. Coat of good texture.

Junior Dog (2). **1 Hopkins' Seasham Don't Stop Me Now**, the most typical in outline of the two here. Good head proportions. Eye could be darker. Strong clean neck has forechest & spring of rib. He falls too steeply over croup. Well muscled & excellent close, harsh weather resistant coat; **2 Delaney's Redmires Ticket To The Stars**, not quite the balance of head as winner, but expressive dark eye. Needs more angulation in shoulder, therefore lacks forechest & depth. He is fit & was up for all asked with confidence.

Novice Dog (0). No Entries.

Graduate Dog (0). No Entries.

Post Graduate Dog (3,1). **1 Adams' Barleyarch Ariat**, stylish clean dog in excellent order topped by his short harsh jacket. Clean dry head with strong jaw correct length of foreface through his medium stop to well set leathers. Flowing lines good depth & spring of rib. Firm back. Handled to advantage & goes with smooth economical action holding his shape; **2 Rose's Kavacanne Morgan It Seems**, again a fit muscular decent dog with type. Not quite the outline of the winner, being a touch short in upper arm & rather short in croup. He stands on good legs & feet & works with handler so well.

Limit Dog (5,2). **1 Brown & Burns' Magregor Threesacrowd at Pothouse**, this chap is instantly appealing for balance & size. He has correct head, clean skull, well set leathers, strong dry muzzle with good nose to take scent & flew cut away cleanly. Reachy, strong dry neckline, through his angulated forehand, firm back to short muscular loin. He has width of rump, strong hocks & muscular driving quarters this fit, sensible dog works well & he deserved the **CC**, as in the challenge, I just felt he put up a more polished performance in the final run off, against some lovely dogs; **2 Cooke & Hammond's Seasham Super Trouper**, not as typical in head as winner, but he is sound, honest with masculine, clean outline. Strong quarters & he uses them well to drive on. Coat is of harsh texture; **3 Pearson's Ladyhawke Sultan**.

Open Dog (9,3). A grand class. **1 Serpa & Griffiths' Barleyarch Trumpeter**, perhaps not quite as professionally handled as the second, but he is a true GSP, so well constructed & with well sprung rib & muscular definition. I really preferred the head on this dog over second. In the line, stood together, they really compliment each other. Was told afterwards, that they are the same way bred. **RCC**; **2 Drysdale's Ch Barleyarch Farthing at Drysika**, the name I recognise & he deserves his achievements. Again a strong clean masculine dog. Just a touch stronger in skull than his younger brother, & felt today his brother was stronger behind. Nevertheless they are both good representatives of the breed & have quality; **3 Graham's Sh Ch Winterwell Jelly Belly with Nyliram**.

Veteran Dog (2). **1 Smillie-Gray's Sh Ch Oakberrow Wotzinaname**, a touch rangy, but such a sound honest fellow, who covers the ground economically with lively spirit. Flowing lines, clean, fit & in grand body. Coat is smooth & harsh; **2 Read's Wilholme Edwardian Dream**, very pleasing in outline & type. Really liked his head. Lovely expression from correct eye. In grand order with muscle. Just not as strong behind as winner at this time.

Minor Puppy Bitch (3,1). Two lovely quality young girls. **1 Harris' Barleyarch Playtime**, loved the head & that cheeky expression from her well shaped dark eye. Reminds me of her dam, when I looked at her breeding! She has corresponding angles, with leg length to provide correct footfall (which I did see, as she concentrated at times). Good proportions all through & presented in excellent order. I loved that her handler let her enjoy herself & she played around at times, that is what puppies should do. With the dog puppy I felt they matched well, therefore the good dog beat the good bitch; **2 Beverley's Bryburn Artemis of Vinita**, very tidy balanced puppy. While she is well put together, she does not, at present, have the length of stride of the winner. Just right for size & leg to body & has quality, just did prefer the muzzle on the first placed.

Puppy Bitch (3). **1 Harris' Barleyarch Playtime**; **2 Pudney's Pitwit Winter Glow**, liked her for size & shapely. Could have a little more return of upper arm & just a touch steep in pastern. Good spring of rid & body for age with strong quarters & width of second thigh. Went tidily; **3 Stopforth's Smilek Running Up Snowdon**.

Junior Bitch (3). **1 Trow's Winterwell Inca Trail**, well this is a little charmer. Could only be a GSP in silhouette. Clean skull & cheeks, well set eye, correct length & strength in muzzle. Reach of neck through good lay of shoulder blade & return of upper arm give forechest & brisket. Correct bone to tight ached feet. In lovely condition & body & firm topline with short developed loin. Has power behind & settled to show accurate foot placement. **RCC**; **2 Burford's Pingarypoint Eye Candy**, handled & performed to advantage. A touch short & square in muzzle. Sound fit & never loses her shape. Lively & confident; **3 Thompson's Redmires Bedazzled**.

Novice Bitch (3). **1 Beverley's Bryburn Artemis of Vinita**; **2 Pudney's Pitwit Winter Glow**; **3 Taylor's Knabynnus Aurora Borealis**.

Graduate Bitch (2). **1 Burford's Pingarypoint Eye Candy**; **2 Legg's Kavacanne Morgan A Feeling**, pleasing size with good spring of rib & short powerful loin allowing firm outline. Would like a little more length & strength in muzzle. Would like more impulsion on the move. Decent condition.

Post Graduate Bitch (5). **1 Sielski's Orchidstar Xtra O'live**, stood away in this class. A lovely GSP with appealing size, balance & proportions. Satisfying to go over, which was reflected in her very sound movement. Her personality meant she out moved her competitors; **2 Schoneville's Balvenie Bella**, good headed bitch with strong clean muzzle & big nose. Decent bone & pleasing body proportions. Not quite the movement of winner, swinging in front rather than reaching; **3 Hopkins' Seasham Dancing Queen**.

Limit Bitch (8). Decent class. **1 Tierney's Keigame Hustle**, classy girl, so shapely, strong yet feminine all through. Loved her proportions & she moves keeping her beautiful shape. Has power from muscular quarters. Coat a touch soft, but that is nitpicking. Won on the overall dog; **2 Elrington's Barleyarch Beetle at Tequesta**, lovely quality & so fit & muscled. Cracking headpiece. Well bodied topped by harsh close coat. Just preferred the return of upper arm of winner. But lots of style & appeal; **3 Whitehouse's Kazanpaul Creme De La Crème**.

Open Bitch (10,2). Super class of quality bitches. **1 Harris' Sh Ch Barleyarch Piper**, well not a lot you would want to change here. She depicts the Standard beautifully. Skeletally – a blueprint of a dog! In immaculate order throughout. Her character & movement was impeccable. Not to be got past for me today. **CC & BOB**, shortlisted in the quality group, well done; **2 Knowles & Glen's Sh Ch Wilholme Sharp 'N' Smart at Bessalone**, I judged this one as a youngster & she has fulfilled my early thoughts, that she would easily make the grade. Elegance with substance. Her long true stride & personality plus make her an eye-catching picture on the move. Pushed hard all the way; **3 Hammond's Sh Ch Seasham Lovestruck**.

Veteran Bitch (4,1). Three fit well looked after mature ones here. **1 Drysdale's Drysika Fleur De Lis**, beautiful shape & for fear of repeating myself, the same can be said about her on the move, with her long, easy ground covering gait. I have written 'surprised to read she is not a champion'. The handler told me later, that I had awarded her a CC as a youngster & due to unforeseen circumstances had not been out until lately. A lovely bitch. **BV**; **2 Taylor's Knabynnus Midsummer Hermia**, not quite the ground cover of the winner or perhaps the balance of angles. However a lovely type, fit & well covered with pleasing coat texture; **3 Gardiner's Kilnrae Barley Sugar**.