CRITIQUE - THE GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB OPEN SHOW

Judge: Clifton Milburn

Many thanks to the GSP Club for inviting me to judge this warm friendly show. Thank you to my stewards Gavin and Sue for keeping everything running smoothly and keeping me in line. To all of the exhibitors a huge thank you I was very pleased with my entry. On the whole I felt that the Bitch classes were a better representation of the breed.

Minor Puppy Dog (2). **1 Hooper & Brooks' Booton Amalfi of Lollitonk**. A big lad who I hope does not grow too much more. Sound movement, good shoulders, good muscle, nice coat. **2 Hamlin's Easesprings Oberon at Nuash**. Nice baby still very immature and very loose on the move. Nice tight feet and signs of a nice dog to come.

Puppy Dog (1). **1 Harris' Barleyarch Pringle**. A quality pup nice outline, good head and eye. Pleasing reach of neck, nice topline. Moved with drive and purpose. **BP**.

Junior Dog (2). **1 Stopforth's Taftazini Cesar Chance**. Liked the whole package of this lad, good head and eye. Strong neck to good shoulders, nice topline. Good movement with plenty of reach. **2 Harris' Barleyarch Pringle**. For some reason starting to crab so lost out to 1.

Novice Dog (1). **Hooper & Brooks' Kentsteen Diemel of Lollitonk**. Dark eye, nice reach of neck, shoulders could be stronger. Moved out well then crabbing on return.

Post Graduate Dog (4). 1 Stopforth's Taftazini Cesar Chance. Stood out in this class. Moving even better than in his junior class. 2 Vickers' Bryburn Atticus. Very nice head, good reach of neck. Good shoulders, good coat. Moved OK. 3 Cox's Ceilloch Merlot of Cushatlaw.

Limit Dog (3). 1 Sielski's Orchidstar Bonds of Speed JW. Kind head, dark eye, good front. Good movement reach and drive. Good coat. 2 Hamlin's Know No Bounds at Nuash JW. Beautiful head and eye. Good chest, good muscle. Moved OK seemed loose and switched off which cost him 1st. 3 Staley's Keigame Chilli Bean at Jomeel.

Open Dog (7,1). 1 Gatliffe's Allezweck Shamrock. 7 years old, looked good lining up and even better when you put your hands over him. Good head and eye, strong neck, good front. Nice coat, good muscle. Moved with ease and purpose. *BD, BOS & RBIS*. 2 Thurm's Sh Ch Bryburn Bacchus JW ShCM. Well balanced, well presented dog, not moving quite as well as one today but very hard choice. 3 Pearson's Ladyhawke Sultan.

Veteran Dog (4,1). **1 Lisle's Sh Ch Barleyarch Rolex JW**. Nice head, kind eye, stood well on tight feet. Moved with purpose, pity about his coat but still took 1st. **2 Hamlin's Heathermark Calibre at Nuash**. 12-year-old and still working. Showing well and enjoying his show. **3 Ellis' Sh Ch Indijazz Originale at Soellis**.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2). 1 Mann's Elfindrew Lacey to Valger. Extra two months made all the difference here plus an experienced handler. Nice head and eye, fit condition, nice coat, tight feet. Moved with purpose. 2 Griggs' Torranpoint Katell. Still a baby really liked her, everything is there just needing to mature and her handler to practice and relax.

Puppy Bitch (1). 1 Griggs' Torranpoint Katell.

Junior Bitch (3). **1 Squire's Taftazini Honour Wynna JW**. Very mature young girl, lovely head and eye, well balanced front end, good coat. Moved with drive and purpose. **2 Gatliffe's Allezweck Evita**. Very close these two, not as mature as 1. Loved her kind look, well muscled but balanced, moved well. **3 Sielski's Orchidstar For Yur Eyes Only JW**.

Yearling Bitch (4,1). 1 Barker's Radstorm Legal Eagle. Pleasing head and outline, good muscle and coat. Moved well. 2 Pearson's Ladyhawke Dizzy Miss Lizzy. Lovely girl, feminine head, strong front and back, shorter coupled than 1. Moved with ease. 3 Borman's Borland Mill Aika.

Novice Bitch (5,1). **1 Scott's Alandrapoint Total Eclipse**. Largest bitch in this class but in proportion. Nice coat, good muscle. Moved well covering plenty of ground. **2 Scoreby's Swinsty Dawn Runner**. Smaller, close coupled bitch who nearly took 1st. Good coat, balanced build. Movement not as good as 1. **3 Scoreby's Katelands Conchuga**.

Post Graduate Bitch (7,1). 1 Rutherford's Cushatlaw Charisma of Dappledele. This bitch really caught my eye. Super outline, nice chest, well muscled rear. Moved with grace and drive. In the final line looked at her for best bitch but something spooked her, and it was not to be. 2 Baines' Sparowbridge Crazy Diamond. Nice eye, powerful shoulders, close coupled. Good coat, tight feet. 3 Pearson's Ladyhawke Dizzy Miss Lizzy.

Limit Bitch (5,1). 1 Drysdale's Drysika Fast Track. Nice head, good front, nice coat, compact with good movement. 2 Milligan's Isara Kurzhaar All Spice. Kind head, good front and moved well. On another day would take first. 3 Brown's Newlands Pass To Montalba.

Open Bitch (5,2). 1 Ellis' Soellis Dirty Gertie. Well built bitch, good head and neck. Well muscled, strong mover. 2 Cox's Sh Ch Cushatlaw Irresistable JW ShCM. Finer bitch than one, head and neck let her down. 3 Schoneville's Balvenie Bella JW.

Veteran Bitch (3,1). **1 Thurm's Sh Ch Valger Odette**. 7 years young in lovely condition. Dark eye, kind head, everything in proportion. Moved like a youngster. **BB & BIS**. **2 Davison's Sirilta Solitaire**. What a shine, presented in top condition, nice head and kind eye. Moved with purpose.

CRITIQUE - FRED WHITWORTH MEMORIAL STAKES

Judge: Dawn Elrington

Thank you very much to the German Shorthaired Pointer Club for the invitation to judge and your hospitality throughout the day. Many thanks to the exhibitors for allowing me to judge your dogs I was so pleased to have such quality in the entry.

Junior Dog or Bitch (7,3). 1 Harris' Barleyarch Pringle. Quality male puppy presenting a strong balanced outline. The most pleasing of heads with a dark kind eye with good length and depth to muzzle, moderate length and slight arch to neck leading to sloping shoulders elbows neat and well laid back, strength over loin correct tail set and strong balanced hind quarters, the darkest of liver coat that is short and coarse. Excellent movement he was so true fore and aft. 2 Mann's Elfindrew Lacey To Valger. Another quality puppy that is feminine throughout. Beautiful outline with a good coat. Dark eye with a well-proportioned head, lovely arch to neck. On the move she still needs to settle but sure that will come. 3 Stopforth's Taftazini Cesar Chance.

Post Graduate Dog or Bitch (8,2). 1 Rutherford's Cushatlaw Charisma Of Dappledele. Balanced bitch throughout, feminine head with a kind eye shoulders sloping correct depth and width to chest, strong hindquarters moved very well today keeping her topline throughout. 2 Pearson's Ladyhawke Dizzy Miss Lizzy. Lots to like about this bitch again good outline strong topline good width to hip with strong thighs and well bent stifles. Shown in fabulous condition. 3 Cox's Ceilloch Merlot of Cushatlaw.

Open Dog or Bitch (14,5). 1 Thurm's Sh Ch Valger Odette. Bitch I have previously admired from the ringside and I was pleased to judge her today. She presents the picture of a good honest dog a feminine head with a soft expression moderate length to neck with sloping shoulders correct depth to chest elbows neat and laid well back, strength over topline with correct tailset and balanced hind quarters. Movement was true, lovely bitch. 2 Hinchcliffe's Sh Ch Goosepoint Gloster Grebe. Strong male dog with a commanding but yet balanced outline. Elbows neat and well laid back with correct depth to chest forelegs straight with slightly sloping pasterns. Width and strength over loin with strong muscular hindquarters. Moved out well a real showman. 3 Drysdale's Drysika Fast Track.