

The German Shorthaired Pointer Club Open Show

Judge: Claire Sharpe

Many thanks to the GSPC for inviting me to judge this and for their kind hospitality on the day which I thoroughly enjoyed despite feeling under the weather. I was delighted with the entry I got - especially the calibre of it. In some classes I was spoilt for choice.

Minor Puppy Dog (1). **1 Hall’s Isara Kurzhaar Yo-Yo.** A six month old boy who is a nice shape. He needs to body up and for his eyes to darken but this should come with maturity. His coat is of good texture. He moved really soundly for one so young.

Puppy Dog (2,2). Absent

Junior Dog (1). **1 Brown & Burns’ Magregor Threesacrowd at Pothouse.** There is a lot to like about this 16 month old boy. He has a lovely head with dark eyes, good neck into well angulated shoulders, good topline, he is square, excellent rear angulation and he stands on nice tight feet. He was presented in hard, muscular condition and he moved beautifully. **RBD**

Yearling Dog (2,1). **1 Brown & Burns’ Magregor Threesacrowd at Pothouse**

Novice Dog (2,1). **1 Hall’s Isara Kurzhaar Yo-Yo**

Post Graduate Dog (2). **1 Pearson’s Ladyhawke Sultan.** A very masculine boy. Square. Well angulated front with plenty of upperarm, good depth of chest, firm topline. A little proud of his tail on the move but he covered the ground well. **2 Court’s Ballyheige Burretiokentia.** Upstanding boy who was thoroughly enjoying his day out. Lots to like about him. Good head, topline and enough angulation behind. I preferred the front angulation of my winner. A little erratic on the move but he was sound.

Limit Dog (1). **1 Hinchcliff & Grant’s Goosepoint Dipper from Stairfoot.** A quality boy who is lovely in profile. A little strong in head, well angulated front with plenty of upperarm. Good depth of chest, good topline and a strong rear. Moved well.

Open Dog (3,1). **1 Harris’ Sh Chg & Am Grand Ch VJK-Myst Goes Like the wind of Barleyarch.** My notes say “SHOWMAN!” and I’ve underlined it. This is a real “wow” dog. He is very American in type. He is square, flashy and he just didn’t put a foot wrong. I liked his head, dark eyes, he has good depth, excellent bone and feet, he has a strong topline that he keeps on the move and a correct tailset. He has a well angulated rear with good width of second thigh, good strong hocks and he moves with effortless, ground covering movement. He was presented in tip top condition and he looks at you just knowing he’s one of the best. He thoroughly deserved BIS today and I’m grateful to his owners for allowing me to judge him at this level. **BD & BIS. 2 Gatcliffe’s Allezwick Shamrock.** A nice boy of good breed type. Nice head and expression. Good neck into well angulated shoulders, good topline and a well angulated rear. Another in lovely condition and he moved well. He just couldn’t match the winner today for showmanship.

Veteran Dog (1). **1 Hamlin’s Heathermark Calibre at Nuash.** An old fashioned type who at 9 years old looked in fine fettle. He is eye catching, flashy and in very good condition. Good shape and has good bone and feet. Moved nicely. Looks every inch capable of doing the job he was bred for.

Field Trial Dog (0). No Entries

Minor Puppy Bitch (0). No Entries

Puppy bitch (2). **1 Haran & Waddell’s Magregor Shneeball.** A quality baby who I now realise is the daughter of my RBIS winner. They share many of the same attributes. Messing her handler around a little but try though she did, she could not conceal her superb construction. She is well angulated fore and aft and was presented in top condition. If I were being picky, I’d prefer her a shade shorter in length but she is balanced with ribs well back and a good, short loin. Excellent movement for one so young with plenty of reach of drive. Definitely one for the future. **BPIS. 2 Drysdale’s Drysika Fast Track.** Another exciting youngster with lots to like. Smaller than my winner and I preferred her height/length ratio. She has a pleasing head, is well made all through and stands on good bone and feet. I just preferred the rear movement of my winner today.

Junior Bitch (2). **1 Schoneville’s Balvenie Bella.** I liked the size and make of this girl. She won this class on her superior front angulation. She has a good topline, enough bone, decent feet with well arched toes. Well angulated, muscular rear and she moved well. **2 Holderness’ Allezweck Annie.** Longer cast than my winner. She has a nice head, is a little upright in shoulder, good depth of chest, good bone and feet, good topline and has enough rear angulation. Moved ok.

Yearling Bitch (2,1). **1 Schoneville’s Balvenie Bella**

Post Graduate Bitch (4,2). **1 Carson’s Grahamsley Flyen Change.** A nice head, a little upright in shoulder but plenty of upperarm. Correct topline, good depth of chest, well angulated and nicely muscled rear with good width of second thigh. Moved a little erratically but was sound enough. **2 Holderness’ Allezweck Iris.** Would have preferred a little more width of muzzle. Upright in shoulder, topline was ok when standing but she tended to roach it when moving. A decent, coarse coat and she was well muscled. Good bone and feet.

Limit bitch (5,3). **1 Nixon’s Quintana Hollie Berry.** This is a smart, well made bitch with the most beautiful head and expression. Lovely dark eyes. Good lay back of shoulder and plenty of upperarm. Good depth of chest, correct topline, well angulated rear, Good bone and feet and moved with a superb effortless action. Strongly considered her for RBB. **2 Potter & Burton’s Erinnerung Blaze.** A rangier bitch than my winner with round staring eyes. Presented today in good, muscular condition. A little upright in shoulder. Good topline and a decent rear. Moved ok.

Open bitch (7,2). What a class this was to judge! Five quality specimens of the breed, I really was splitting hairs. **1 Haran & Waddell’s Sh Ch Magregor Fluffernutter.** I could pretty much repeat my critique for her daughter here whilst including the benefits that maturity has given her. She is a beautiful bitch, just oozes “GSP”, she is well constructed all through and was presented in tip top condition. She has good bone and lovely tight, well arched feet. Her profile movement is textbook with perfect footfall. **BB & RBIS. 2 Drysdale’s Barleyarch Tracker at Drysika.** My notes say “another cracker”. A smart girl with a beautiful head and expression. Good neck into well laid shoulders. Correct height/length proportions, Good topline. Well angulated rear. Good crisp coat. In excellent condition. I just preferred the rear movement of my winner. **RBB. 3 Schoneville’s Balvenie Midnight Rambler**

Veteran Bitch (1). **1 Drysdale’s Drysika Fleur De Lis.** 7 year old bitch who was one of the best moving dogs here today. Beautiful head, well constructed all through and presented today in excellent, hard, muscular condition. **BVIS.**

Field Trial Bitch (2). **1 Nixon’s Quintana Hollie Berry. 2 Nixon’s Quintana Quixotic**

The Fred Whitworth Memorial Stakes

Judge: Catherine Sellin

Firstly, thank you to the Club for the invitation to judge. I had an enjoyable day at a super venue and the organisation was excellent. I had a very pleasing entry and had the opportunity to see some outstanding examples of the breed. A big thank you to my steward, Linda Flint!

Puppy Dog or Bitch (7,2). **1 Schoneville’s Balvenie Bella.** Have judged this girl recently and liked her a lot, nothing overdone, balanced with good angulation front and rear. Moved well. **2 Haran & Waddell’s Magregor Shneeball.** Another lovely bitch, different in type to 1, lighter in bone but nonetheless elegant, a coarse coat and good movement. Lots of maturing still to come here, but a promising future. **3 Brown & Burns’ Magregor Threesacrowd at Pothouse.** Lovely constructed male, a real picture stacked, would prefer slightly smaller feet, this kennel produce cracking coarse coats. Movement ok.

Post Graduate Dog or Bitch (7,2). **1 Hamlin’s Know No Bounds at Nuash.** Loved this striking flashy boy, very much old fashioned type with a gorgeous kind expression. Good reach of neck into well angulated shoulders, good feet with arched toes. Plenty of reach and drive on the move. **2 Nixon’s Quintana Hollie Berry.** Just loved the head on this bitch, well balanced front and rear, with good bone and correct feet, effortless on the move. **3 Carson’s Grahamsley Flyen Change.** Another lovely head on this girl and very feminine. Longer coupled and would prefer slightly more angulation in the shoulder. Moved well and liked her type.

Open Dog or Bitch (10,3). What a cracking Open Class, was spoilt for choice **1 Haran & Waddell’s Sh Ch Magregor Fluffernutter.** Quality bitch, well proportioned with well laid shoulders and super rear angulation. Lovely head with kind expression, good compact feet and coarse coat. Moved well. **2 Hinchcliff & Grant’s Goosepoint Dipper from Stairfoot.** Always tricky judging bitches and dogs together. This boy was slightly heavier in the front, more noticeable when following an elegant bitch, but none the less nicely proportioned with good angulation front and rear. A different head type here with a more rounded skull would prefer a longer foreface. Movement good. **3 Pearson’s Ladyhawke California Star JW.** Well presented and nicely balanced girl. Seen some beautiful heads today and this girl was no exception, with a kind expression, would prefer a coarser coat. Movement good.