

CRITIQUE – NATIONAL GUNDOG ASSOCIATION

Judge: Mr A P Rose

I thoroughly enjoyed my judging of the breed, being over 4 years since my last appointment. Younger classes were a bit sparse in numbers, but the open classes in particular were full of quality, and I was spoilt for choice. Temperament was good overall, with just a couple of younger dogs being a little unsure and difficult to go over. A few lovely exhibits disappointed slightly on the move with untidy actions, particularly in fronts which affected my placings.

I was delighted with my final winners and line ups.

Veteran Dog (0). No entries.

Minor Puppy Dog (1). **1 Marsh's Kilnrae Berliner.** 7½ month old, ticked male. A raw baby but holds a lovely shape. Enough bone, and body should fill as he matures. Moved well.

Puppy Dog (2,1). **1 Marsh's Kilnrae Berliner.**

Junior Dog (3,1). **1 Collins' Barleyarch Hoopla at Forestpoint.** This boy is just starting to come together and looked the best I've seen him today. So very well-muscled, and all male with a handsome head. Clean outline with strong shoulders and neck. Moved super today to take the class. **2 Sielski's Orchidstar Bonds of Speed.** Close decision. Another quality male, and unlucky today. Full of substance. Masculine head and strong all through. He wasn't moving towards me quite right today, and was throwing his front, as was on his toes a little, which cost him 1st place. I did him well last week at an Open show where he moved a lot better.

Special Beginners Dog (1,1). Absent.

Novice Dog (2). **1 Milligan's Greyelf Taelaros.** Balanced young male, with a nice outline. Handled well on the move. Handsome head and enough depth of chest, which will hopefully fill out more as he reaches maturity. **2 Callaghan's Laoirebay Captain Tom.** Stronger male, and longer cast than my winner, but with nice attributes. Good strong front and tight feet. Was misbehaving on the move today.

Graduate Dog (1,1). Absent.

Post Graduate Dog (2,1). **1 Schoneville's Balvenie Double Diamond JW.** An attractive male, with a masculine head. Fabulously conditioned, with strong muscled rear end. Tended to lean over his front a bit on the stack but moved very well.

Limit Dog (5,1). **1 Pingault's Taftazini Aiden Abbett.** This solid male was full of substance and is so well muscled all over. Would like a bit more bend of stifle in the rear at times, which changed depending on his stack, but he is full of quality. Won this class on his performance today. Moved effortlessly and handled well. **2 Goff and Dale's Seasham Livewire at Shoshoni.** Smart 3 year old, who is maturing well. Loved his style and type. Show in excellent condition but doesn't always relax on the stack which affects his shape and topline. Close decision. Moved well. **3 Coe's Goosepoint Waddington at Abbanash (AI) JW.**

Open Dog (9,1). This was a fabulous class, and a lot of the placings came down to showmanship and performance.. **1 Harris' Sh Ch Barleyarch Pringle JW.** Fabulous male who has really come into his own through maturity. Shown in the fittest of conditions. Adored his head. He is totally masculine all through, and stylish on the stack and move. Superb topline and tailset stacked and moving. Put on an equally good performance in the challenge to take the **CC. 2 Hinchliff's Ch Goosepoint Gloster Grebe (AI) JW.** Another top-drawer male who pushed the winner hard. Wasn't quite playing ball on the move today, which cost him a win, but another shown in top condition. Longer cast than the winner, and totally balanced throughout. Preferred his bend of stifle to **1. RCC. 3 Mann's Valger Ragnar JW.**

Good Citizen Dog (1,1). Absent.

Veteran Bitch (1). **1 Burford's Pingarypoint Hot Topic.** A bitch I've long admired. She holds a lovely outline stacked and keeps it when moving. She had some of the best power and drive when moving today. Excellent tail carriage and topline and well angled front and rear ends. Very balanced. Unlucky to be against such quality bitches from the open class. Considered for RCC.

Minor Puppy Bitch (3). **1 Barker's Barkersdream Who Dares Wins.** Well-schooled 6 month old stylish girl. Superb condition, with a lovely dark liver coat. Good front, with deep chest. A little bum high at present, but as she matures this should improve. Moved ok. **2 Schoneville's Balvenie Eye Candy.** Another smart youngster, with lovely head and expression. She was giving her handler a hard time on the stack, giving her a dipped topline. More substance than my winner. Presented a better picture for my critique but this cost her the win today. Great mover and a close decision. **3 Read's Keigame Signe.**

Puppy Bitch (3). **1 Brown & Filby's Winterwell Thatlido for Desjiem.** Such a smart and tidy youngster. Pretty expression, and super feet. She moved very well today, with a good topline. Handler could stretch her back a little sometimes to improve the outline, but a quality girl who will have a bright future. **Best Puppy and RBPIS. 2 Schoneville's Balvenie Eye Candy. 3 James' Keigame Nell Gwynn at Cwngiedd.**

Junior Bitch (7,3). This was a class of mixed type, but all lovely girls. Had to split hairs on movement here. **1 Hammond's Seasham I love to Boogie.** A super quality girl, with sound movement and a great topline. Totally precise and tidy going round and presented a beautiful outline on the stack. Very well balanced and angled well both ends. Will watch her with interest. **2 Whittaker's Pingarypoint Milkshake.** This bitch earned her place on her more together movement. Good balance and outline. Strong rear end and neck flows well into her shoulders. She should fill her frame a little more as she matures. Preferred head of winner. **3 Ellis' Soellis Fancy Nancy.**

Special Beginners Bitch (3). **1 Jones' Keigame Sweet Lullaby of Barleydust.** Solid bitch with a nice outline and shape. Very sound mover who went out and around well. Longer cast, but very balanced. Handled well. **2 Brudenell-Pryke's Puddledub Pilis.** Similar in type to winner, with just a little less substance. Strong well angled rear and moved ok. **3 Shilton's Aster Lily Mae Lady.**

Novice Bitch (5,1). **1 Elliot's Ankerwycke Silk Stockings.** Loved the type of this attractive girl. Of excellent size and proportion, with good rear and turn of stifle. Smart outline on stack. Moved well. **2 Whittaker's Pingarypoint Milkshake. 3 Taylor and Thomas' Pingarypoint Puzzled at Knabynnus.**

Graduate Bitch (7,1). **1 Joy's Solwaypoint Georgia at Mannlicher.** Loved this compact bitch, smaller than some but totally balanced and together. Not a lot to easily fault, and she is just so very sound and honest throughout. Gorgeous head. Moved very well and has the best of topline. Strong rear end and handled well. **2 Roden's Keigame Queenie.** Lovely head and expression on this girl. Stylish and balanced, she pushed the winner hard. Such an elegant flowing neck. Strong throughout, with good depth of chest. Preferred the outline and topline of my winner, as drops away slightly over the croup. Moved well. **3 Jones' Keigame Sweet Melody of Barleydust.**

Post Graduate Bitch (8,1). **1 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Gambler.** Smart bitch in excellent condition. Such a beautiful head with gentlest of expressions. Nice depth of chest and strong shoulders. Good topline and tailset. Well angulated rear. Moved well to take this nice class. **2 Barker's Valger Rapunzel of Barkersdream JW.** Another nice girl. Heavier built than 1. Not as balanced stacked as my winner but has plenty of qualities. Another in excellent condition. Pretty head. Moved well. **3 Staley's Jomeel Naughtylicious.**

Limit Bitch (8). **1 Desombre's Braneath Ptarmigan.** Heading a super class of bitches, this was another more compact bitch with a lot to like. Nothing flashy about her, so would be easy to overlook, but she is just very well put together. She has the most gorgeous head and expression. Displays a fabulous outline stacked. Her movement was steady and precise, and she put on a great performance to take this class. Liked her a lot. **2 Elrington's Barleyarch Dorito at Tequesta.** This girl earned a good second place. She is a very smart and typy girl, with an attractive head and harsh coat. Nice topline and moved steady. Well-made front. Just preferred the overall depth and balance of the winner, and moved very well, just not as steady as she can. **3 Sielski's Orchidstar Jenga.**

Open Bitch (14,3). What a fantastic class. I was truly spoilt with the quality here, and some nice bitches had to go cardless. Any of the first 4 could have won this class, and it all came down to today's performance. Thank you all for coming. **1 Mervyn's Ir Sh Ch Tomanipoint Annie's Mazurka Jun Ch.** This girl displayed such style and presence you could just not ignore but is also so sound throughout. A tad stronger in front than some, but it's impossible to overlook her gorgeous shape and superb action on the move. She has the most fabulous feminine head, and a balanced outline. She kept up this impressive performance throughout to win her crowning **CC** and later **BOB** over the male, and a group shortlist. Loved her. **2 Malin's Keigame Murphlette at Benrae.** Another impressive girl, and while not as showy as my winner, possesses so many qualities and is very honest and well put together. Shown in great condition, I loved her outline and impressive powerful movement. Delighted to award her the **RCC. 3 Blay's Barleyarch Skye at Longbarrow ShCM.** This bitch has come on heaps and bounds since she was a youngster and impressed me a lot. Unlucky to be in such a quality class today.

Good Citizen Bitch (1). **1 Jones' Keigame Sweet Lullaby of Barleydust.**