

## **Judges Critique for The Pointer Club Championship Show**

Held at The West Hall of the Kennel Club Buildings Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 – Total No of Dogs: 167 (Abs:17)

**BIS & BCC: SH CH Sniperay Edge of Glory JW**

**RBIS & DCC: SH CH Manchela Make My Day for Giulia**

**BPIS & BPD: Alozia Zealandia for Ratchda**

**BVIS & BVB: Lowsmoor Shiralee JW**

Thank you to the committee and membership for giving me the honour of judging our breed at this year's show and for looking after me so well throughout the day, as did my two excellent stewards, Barbara & Kyle. I was so sorry that my co-judge Julie Best had to decline her appointment to judge the bitches, at short notice due to ill health. I know how much she was looking forward to the engagement and how disappointed the exhibitors will have been not to have gained her experienced opinion on this occasion. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing her a full & speedy recovery, so that she can soon be back judging again.

This was a new venue for the club, and we shared the hall with the Hungarian Vizsla Society Championship Show and regretfully the hall was noisy at times which I am sure unsettled some of the younger dogs. We did however have a good-sized, square ring, with a great surface, which I am pleased to say that most dogs used to the full and great to see so many lashing tails.

What a fantastic entry, which was so appreciated, when exhibitors are having to consider the costs so very carefully these days. Thanks for supporting the club. Regretfully this dictated that the judging had to be done at a brisk pace, which I tried to achieve without reducing the time spent assessing the entry.

I was pleased with the quality, especially in both open classes, where both sets of cc's were awarded and others also worthy, there were also some pleasing puppies. Pointers are a slow maturing breed with many not showing their full potential until around 5 years old, evidenced with the many great free moving dogs in both veteran classes. In general, front construction seems to have improved a little, since I last judged. I found just a couple with bite irregularities and a couple more borderline. There were however more with dirty teeth, and wondered if this was associated with the increased use of raw diets, which do not have the abrasive qualities of a biscuit or kibble. I had some lovely pointers to select from but did detect a certain heaviness starting to creep in. The standard does call for, "Well Built", which I interpret as being muscular & well put together, rather than thick set, which could equally be applied, but not when associated with the words, "General outline a series of graceful curves. A strong but lissom appearance", as epitomised in the BIS winner.

I hope that you all had an enjoyable day and safe journeys, remember you always take the best one home and that there is always more enjoyment to be had from our wonderful breed than can ever be gained in the showing.

### **Veteran Dog (Entries:6 Abs:1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs C J O'Neill's SH CH Tenshilling Home Alone JW ShCm**

Well balanced( 9 year old) o/w, nicely dished head placing his open nostrils at the optimum angle for scenting the air, good work around the eyes, good stop, turned lip, neat well-set ears, neck long and muscular, flowing smoothly into the shoulders, slight arch over the loin, oval bone & correctly shaped feet set directly underneath the withers, good turn of stifle, moved with drive & a lashing well set tail.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs B Critchley, Mrs S London & Miss M Heaton's Shadybrook J Hoover at Whipspan (Imp USA)**

Another nice o/w (8 ½ year old) with a bright kind expression, good nostrils, correctly set ears, slightly pointed at the tips, lengthy neck, medium length, well set tail. Nicely arched tight feet, for a dog of his years, with a slight slope to his pasterns & well-turned stifle. Liked his underline & topline, with pronounced haunch bones. Preferred him over the croup but could not match the winner's return of upper arm and, as a result, did not display as much fore chest or depth to his brisket.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mr D T & Mrs J A Collins' Collholme John Paul** (9-year-old)

### **Minor Puppy Dog (Entries:6 Abs:1 W/D:1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs L Cinton's Hawkfield Happy Feet at Oramiss**

Heavily Marked O/W with a clean outline, & good fore chest. Pleasing in head with slight dish & bright expression, neat well-set ears & lengthy neck, good oval bone, correct foot shape and slope to his pasterns. Balanced angles with a moderate turn of stifle and low set hocks, good tail & set.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs P Westaway & Mrs P A Eldridge's Bradgate Yours Truly**

Smart Liver & White, not quite as together as the winner, at this stage needing more time to develop, but of good quality, just loved his head profile, totally balanced with lovely, curved flews and a gentle dish, raised brow flowing right through to his occiput & back skull into a lengthy neck, already showing the signs of a crest. Deep shapely well ribbed back body, short couplings, strong over the loin, neat well-set tail, Moderately angulated stifles and low set hocks.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs J M Harrison's Millpoint Watson**

### **Puppy Dog (Entries:8 Abs:0)**

**1<sup>st</sup> & BPIS Mrs G Marsh's Alozia Zealandia for Ratchda**

Blanket Liver & White, for all he has lots of maturing to do, he has all the framework, long bones set at the correct angles, low set hocks, tight well cushioned feet. Good shape to the skull and nice behind the ears, another youngster already gaining a crest to his elegant neck, deep shapely body, flowing through a short coupled & tucked up loin, topped off with a neat well set on tail & short perfectly smooth coat with a decided sheen.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs J M Harrison's Millpoint Winchester**

Curvy well-balanced o/w with good head proportions and a pleasing expression, set on an elegant neck which flowed smoothly into the withers, good topline with tail flowing straight off the back. Balanced angulation, long sloping pasterns to absorb the shock over rough ground & tight compact feet. Not as together on the move as the winner at present, needing to strengthen all through, which of course he should.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs J Anthony's Jilony Zuess**

### **Junior Dog (Entries:12 Abs:2)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs C Lewis's Kanix Snapdragon at Fallowfield**

Clean Outlined O/W, long neck flowing into well laid shoulders, excellent top line and tail of the correct shape and set. Well angled rear assembly with well-muscled first & second thighs, low set hocks, good oval bone, slight slope to his resilient pasterns and oval feet. Lovely head & expression, defined stop, ears set on high & of the correct shape & set. Still a young developing dog, who has powerful movement, but needs to tighten all through, as at this stage his rear has more development than his front.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs M Gerrard & Mrs C Bell's Caramandine Oh C'mon Then**

O/W. Head well set on, with a good dish, leading to the nostrils being presented at the right angle to the wind. Plenty of work around his eyes which were bright & kind, ears well set and of the correct shape. Good topline

& underline. Correct oval bone & a slight slope to the pastern. Like the winner he has a powerful rear action but is still developing, just thought the winner had the more correct return of upper arm, at the moment.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mr M M Gomez' Navazuelas Stormcloud (ATC BB39033ESP)**

### **Yearling Dog (Entries:7 Abs:2)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs J Baker's Mattiboo Bohemian Rhapsody**

Strong & powerful lemon/white with good forelegs, feet & pasterns. Masculine Skull with plenty behind the ears, which are correctly set and slightly pointed at the tips. Deep muzzle, slight dish & open nostrils. Crested neck, body well ribbed back to strong shapely loin, balanced and moderately angulated quarters, pronounced haunch bones, although I would prefer a slightly flatter angle to the pelvis, Neat well shaped tail.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs C A Isherwood's Wilchrimane Let's Be Frank**

Another strong & powerful dog this time o/w, very true when viewed from the front with excellent oval bone and pasterns. Good head, bright eyes, open nostrils & neat ears, nice turn of lip, good body shape, short coupled to a muscular well angulated rear assembly. Seemed a little out of sync today, between front angles & rear, this was highlighted on the move, but at that awkward stage & has time to improve as his development continues.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mr B Akkerman & Mrs L Van Genechten's Saragresi Ready to Rumble BEL/NLD JCH (ATC BA21763HUN)**

### **Maiden Dog (Entries:6 Abs:0)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs V Norbury & Miss S Ganney's Heartbury Matador**

O/w with a good head and expression, parallel forelegs of good oval bone, sloping pasterns, and oval well-knit feet. Moderate & balanced angles with good muscle definition, presenting a pleasing body shape and super in coat.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs J Anthony's Jilony Zuess**

Well put together heavily marked b/w puppy with a good head, nice turn of lip, long neck, flowing into a good front assembly giving him depth to the brisket and well ribbed back body, short coupled to his powerful rear quarters and neat tail. A little loose in his movement at present, as he does not yet have the muscle development to carry his frame.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs A Bell & Miss A Maddox's Brent /Deville's Advocate at Owlspoint (AI)**

### **Novice Dog (Entries:11 Abs:1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs G Marsh's Alozia Zealandia for Ratchda**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs V Norbury & Miss S Ganney's Heartbury Matador**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs A Bell & Miss A Maddox's Brent Deville's Advocate at Owlspoint (AI)**

### **Graduate Dog (Entries:10 Abs:0)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs M Gerrard & Mrs C Bell's Caramandine Oh C'mon Then**

More settled on the stack, and on the move than in his previous class, which won him this class.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ms S R Philo's Sunhouse Black is Back at Salmonmist JW (AI)**

Smart blanket b/w with a super outline, handsome head and expression, nice turn of lip & open nostrils. Parallel forelegs, balanced angles front & rear, just thought the winner had a little more resilience in the pastern and better set tail.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs D Abbott's Tenshilling Dock of the Bay**

#### **Post Graduate Dog (Entries:5 Abs:0)**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Mr P R & Mrs D E Stilgoe's Glenariff Mojito over Teisgol**

Liked the lines of this smart b/w, still needing to develop in head but had a pleasing expression & ears with thin leathers. Just loved the flow from the back of his skull through to his long, elegant neck, which connects seamlessly at the withers into his deep body, with fore chest, through his slightly arched loin, to the tip of his well-shaped tail. Correctly angulated front and rear quarters which showed on the move.

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs C Lewis's Braithwaite Pole Position in Fallowfield**

Shapely o/w with a good head, ears, nostrils and turn of lip. Good top line with well set tail, moved round well driving from low set hocks, but a young dog that still needs to tighten throughout.

##### **3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs J Webb's Tenshilling Jimmy Mack JW**

#### **Mid Limit Dog (Entries:7 Abs:0)**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Mrs L Adams Carofel Wings of Hope JW WW23 SWISS JCH**

Showy o/w who never put a foot wrong today, strode out well, head held high, holding a firm topline, to win the class. He has a well-balanced head with good stop, kind eye and length to the muzzle, good nostrils and delicately turned lip, lengthy neck, good body shape and correctly set tail. Still developing and would just prefer a little more return of upper arm to complete.

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Miss G J Mennen & Mr N A Sweeney's Lundgarth Wild Yarrow**

Good honest b/w, pleasing head, bright expression, well laid shoulders, good body shape, with depth & definition to the fore chest, strong over the loin with a gentle tuck up & well-set tail.

##### **3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs S A Weaver's Dappleline Chance for Anniezu**

#### **Limit Dog (Entries:11 Abs:0)**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Mr P R & Mrs D E Stilgoe's Glenariff Mojito over Teisgol**

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs A F Allen Dondaig Wooden Heart**

B/w, with a larger frame than the winner, but presents a pleasing outline with a neat well-set tail. Good planes to his skull, nice expression, open nostrils, and rounded lip with length & crest to his neck, well angulated fore & aft and good length to his thighs both 1<sup>st</sup>&2<sup>nd</sup> with low set hocks, which allowed him to move well.

##### **3<sup>rd</sup> Ms S R Philo's Tenshilling It's My Party for Salmonmist JW OSW ShCEX**

#### **Open Dog (Entries:7 Abs:0)**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> CC& RBIS Mrs E Newbury's SH CH Manchela Make My Day for Giulia**

Striking b/w, every inch the champion. Appealing in head, with good stop, slight dish, perfect balance between skull & fore face and even in the stance his nostrils are set at the correct angle to do his job. Elegant neck flowing into a deep body, short slightly arched loin to his neat well-set tail. Lengthy well laid shoulders with an upper arm to match, long sloping pasterns & oval feet, matched with an equally matched muscular rear assembly, clearly defined and low set hocks showing how well a dog can move when all of these elements combine.

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs L Jamieson, Mr A Macara, Mrs J & Mr J Blackburn Bennetts's SH CH Kanix Peri Peri with Glenfinnan**

Heavily ticked o/w and can see why he is also a title holder, as he is a great example of his breed being both good in outline and on the move. Like the winner he has great balance to his head with an appealing expression but has a little more back skull, elegant, crested neck flowing into the best of top lines and super tail & set. Deep shapely body with just the right projection of fore chest, balanced angles all through standing on straight forelegs of oval bone, lengthy pasterns with a slight slope, to end on well cushioned arched oval feet.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs R M C & Miss R Martin's Sunhouse You're Nicked**

### **Special Working Gundog (Entries:1 Abs:0)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Miss A S K Henshaw & Mr J Goodchild's Sharnphilly Vice Versa with Peteshe SGWC**

Free moving b/w good head, correctly set, open in nostril, looked to be scenting in the stack. Muscular body, well set on tail, he has length & muscle to his rear assembly and drove off low set hocks. Had enough in front, to compensate, but would have liked a little more arch to his toes to provide more cushioning.

### **Field Trial (No Entries)**

### **Special Beginners Dog (Entries:8 Abs:0)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs J Baker's Mattiboo Bohemian Rhapsody**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Cooper & Miss Pearson's Keepersfield Hope and Glory**

Lightly built o/w with a good skull shape & pronounced occiput, slight dish and alert expression. Would have preferred a little more front angulation but stood on excellent oval feet and had a reasonable rear assembly, curvy body and a lovely tail.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs S E Booth's Lundgarth Finch**

### **Veteran Bitch (Entries:15 Abs:1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> & BVIS Mrs A Lowe's Lowsmoor Shiralee JW**

O/w (9 year old) Deep shapely body with good spring of rib, moderately angulated and free from exaggeration throughout. Good shape to the skull, with a decent back skull, which flowed into her crested neck then through the withers right through to her correctly shaped tail of medium length. She moved well driving off her muscular quarters, landing on oval feet. Thought that she kept that extra sparkle in the challenge for BVIS, at the end of a long day.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs A M & Mr C Hewitt's SH CH Droveborough's Miss Marple**

Liver & white (8 ½ year old) a little younger than the winner but her colour means that she is not carrying the grey as well, but boy can she still move, as can the older b/w who was behind her. Liked her head neck & carriage, she has well defined 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> thighs, good feet and pasterns, shapely body, arched loin, nice over the croup and neat well set on tail, just thought the winner had the more correct angulation.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs S Welsh's IR SH CH Oxfordacres Trinity by Hookwood JW ShCM (10 ½ year old)**

### **Minor Puppy Bitch (Entries:6 Abs:1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> BBP & RBPIS Mr P/Mrs D Stilgoe & Mrs L Fox's Teisgol Alohomora**

O/w 6 ½ months and a little tense in the stack, but lots to like about her. Pleasing head & expression. Elegant Neck, flowing nicely into well laid shoulders, slight slope to the pastern and oval well-knit feet. Super outline, glass like coat, nice shaped well-set tail and terrific hind quarters.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs L Jenkin's Sniperay Ebony Pearl**

Smart Blanket b/w 6-month baby and little more unsettled than like the winner, but another very nice puppy. Good head with a sweet, cheeky expression, nice turn of lip, deep shapely body, expansive quarters and neat well set on tail. Good lay back of shoulders and had the edge over the winner in upper arm, but not as together overall, but I am sure that will come as she gains in confidence.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mr P & Mrs D Stilgoe's Teisgol Confringo**

**Puppy Bitch (Entries:8 Abs:2)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs J Anthony's Jilony Zelda**

Heavily marked b/w with a larger frame & good bone, so will need more muscle development to hold everything together. Great outline, especially through the front, pleasing in head with a bright kind eye held high on a lengthy neck, flowing into well laid shoulders, complemented by a long upper arm, with a gentle return. She has sweeping stifles, good width across the thighs, low set hocks and a neat well-set tail.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Miss C Hazeltine & Mrs C Razzell's Corontine Queen Bea**

L/w with a nice flow to her lines and a well-shaped tail correctly set, but will need time to grow into it, loved her rear quarters tight skin and short hard coat, expansive thighs and low set hocks. Head well set on a crested neck, already has some work in it with a deep stop, nice dish & tipped up wide soft nostrils, hope that she has not developed too early in this area, as would not want her to get any stronger. Shapely body with slight arch over the loin and curvy underline, which I preferred over the winner, but could not match the winner's forequarters.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs S J Anderson Rowell's Wilchrimane Silent Sonnet at Daledancer**

**Junior Bitch (Entries:6 Abs:0)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mr A Macara & Mrs J Blackburn Bennett's Kanix Sooty at Stargang**

Stylish b/w who carries herself so well on the move keeping a firm topline. She has a pretty head & expression with a slight dish, open in nostril, well set ears, thin leathers, slightly pointed at the tips & has elegance in her neck, deep in body with good length to her shoulders and upper arms, and correspondingly her stifles are well let down with good width across the thighs and drives from low set hocks.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs S Mason's Heartbury Tormenta over Nosam**

Good moving o/w with lovely clean lines. Pleasing enough head with a bright eye which she carried well on the move, would just like a little more work in it, but time is on her side. She has a long clean neck, good topline, correct well set tail and a super rear assembly. Although built on larger lines, she is not lacking in elegance with a tight-fitting skin & a short hard coat that displays every sinew, I preferred her underline to that of the winner and thought she had the better feet and pasterns, however I felt that the winner had a better return of upper arm and a little more femininity & style on the day.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs A M & Ms L M Boulton Condorhawk Starlight on Moreoldglen**

**Yearling Bitch (Entries:7 Abs:0)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs M L Nelis's Freebreeze Special Effects JW**

Good honest o/w free from exaggeration with pleasing lines throughout. Pretty head with expressive eyes & nice turn of lip, ears set on high with thin leathers, slightly pointed at the tips. Lengthy neck, strong top-line and well-set tail. Balanced front & rear, with a well laid pelvis, driving from low set hocks, deep body with brisket to the elbow and good underline. Moved well.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Miss F Earl/Mrs C Wheldon & Mr B Jones's Flinthill Some Like it Hot at Caithpoint**

Compact B/w who also strode out well. She has a lovely head with bright kind eyes, thin leathers. Moderately angulated with a shapely body and strength through the loin she has a well-set tail of the correct shape & nice tuck up. Preferred the slightly lengthier neck of the winner.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs M A Hinton, Mrs J Luke & Mr H Leman's Fleurfield Black Caviar.**

### **Maiden Bitch (Entries:9 Abs:2)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mr P/Mrs D Stilgoe & Mrs L Fox's Teisgol Alohomora**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs J Anthony's Jilony Zelda**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs J Radcliffe's Sniperay Suite Note (AI)**

### **Novice Bitch (Entries:11 Abs:1 W/D:1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ms A Brooksmith's Millpoint Golden Pippin JW**

Shapely o/w who strode out on a steady even gait. Good head with lovely bright eyes, long neck flowing nicely into well laid shoulders, shapely tail, set on just below the level of her back. Good bone, straight front, nicely turned stifles with low point of hock.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mr P/Mrs D Stilgoe & Mrs L Fox's Teisgol Alohomora**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs S Mason's Dondaig Love Me Tender at Nosam**

### **Graduate Bitch (Entries:12 Abs:1 W/D:1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs C Guy's Carofel If I Had Wings JW**

O/w pretty balanced head with slight dish, turned lip and definition at the occiput. Long neck, deep well ribbed back body with tuck up at the loin, balanced front and rear angulation, neat tail set on just below the level of the back.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mr C/Mrs J & Miss M Oliver's Olivesong Kiss Chase**

Larger framed b/w with a super head and expression, work under the eyes, pronounced occiput, neat ears, lengthy neck, deep body short coupled to a good hind assembly & well-set tail, just thought the winner had a little more return of upper arm.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ms J Dunn's Millpoint Heart And Soul at Casdellda**

### **Post Graduate Bitch (Entries:7 Abs:1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mr P/Mrs D Stilgoe & Miss M Oliver's Teisgol Heaven Sent JW**

B/w balanced head with a nice arch over the skull to behind her well-set ears, nicely turned lip, deep body with tuck up at the loin, good tail set, moderate in her angulation, but her balance allowed her to move out well.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs S E Booth's Lundgarth Everest JW**

O/w of good type, with a pretty head, expressive eyes, good skull with a deep stop, slight dish and pronounced occiput, her ears are well set and of the correct shape and she has elegance in her neck. Like the winner she has moderate angulation, but well balanced and carried herself well on the move. Close up to the winner, who I just thought had the edge in her construction.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mr D T & Mrs J A Collins' Collholme Angelique**

### **Mid Limit Bitch (Entries:11 Abs:0)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs B Wilkinson's Stockfell Shockwave**

Striking b/w bitch, with a super outline, put down in excellent order today, her tight skin & short hard coat highlighting her shape and muscle tone. Lovely head with slight dish, bright expressive eyes, pronounced occiput, correctly set ears with thin leathers, strong through the neck, true from the front with well laid shoulders, and has return to her upper arm, deep well ribbed back body with fore chest, slight arch to the loin, short hard coat nicely set on tail and the best of hindquarters. A strong contender for the cc's today, but I am sure her day will come.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Miss D Dunn's Caithpoint Kora at Meadowpoint**

Another put down in excellent order with her gleaming blanket b/w coat, curvy balanced outline with good movement. Good head with depth to her stop, bright kind eyes and defined occiput set on an elegant neck, slight arch over the loin to her well set correctly shaped tail. Balanced angles fore & aft with good feet and pasterns.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs R M C & Miss R Martin's Sunhouse Partners in Crime**

**Limit Bitch (Entries:9 Abs:2)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs C J O'Neill's Tenshillings To Sir With Love JW**

Elegant lightly marked o/w Good shape to the skull with a kind eye & definition at the occiput, well set on her crested neck connecting smoothly into the withers and over her back to her neat tail, good body shape with a nice underline, oval feet. Strode out well.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs R Mason's Morgan Van Freebreeze (IMP NLD)**

O/w with clean lines good head well set ears with thin leathers, lengthy neck flowing into well laid shoulders, Deep well-ribbed back body, good oval bone sloping pasterns and oval feet. Similar in many ways to the winner so difficult to split, thought she had the edge in front construction, with both being similar behind, but preferred the more lissom lines and croup of the winner.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs J M Harrison's Millpoint Hearts on Fire**

**Open Bitch (Entries:8 Abs:1)**

What a class, so happy with my final three.

**1<sup>st</sup> BCC & BIS Mrs J Radcliffe's SH CH Sniperay Edge Of Glory JW**

Superbly balanced o/w that just filled my eye. She is so true on the stack, expressive eyes & head held high with a slight tilt of the muzzle to present her nostrils to the wind, her skull is of the correct shape with good definition over the occiput which she carries on an elegant neck which just flows into her well laid shoulders and good return of upper arm to straight & firm forelegs of oval bone ending with a slight slope to the pastern and well cushioned oval feet, set directly under the withers. She has a shapely athletic body, short coupled through a muscular loin with a correctly set tail and has equally well muscled hind quarters, stifles let down without any sign of weakness or exaggeration and low set hocks. She put all this together on the move powering round the ring with both reach and drive with a lashing tail. No hesitation in awarding her the CC & BIS, the dog CC winner was so unfortunate to meet her in such fine form today.

**2<sup>nd</sup> & RBCC Dr K Bond's Joneva Azelia Banks**

Another cracking o/w, set in a similar mould to the winner. Pretty well-proportioned head correctly set on a long and muscular neck and correct in ear shape & set with thin leathers. Good forequarters deep well ribbed back body with brisket to the elbow, slight rise over the loin with a lovely curve to her underline, good set on of tail which was thick at the root tapering gradually to the tip. Muscular & expansive thighs and like the winner just the right degree of angulation at the stifle allowing her to power round the ring. Just preferred the complete picture of the winner on the day, but I am sure that her day will come.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs M Gerrard & Mrs C Bell's SH CH Chesterhope C'Mon Over to Caramandine (IMP NZL) JW**

**Special Working Gundog Bitch (Entries:2 Abs:1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs J M Blowers Fowington Lar Ti Dar at Deadaway**

O/w stood alone here, but made my final cut, although her exuberance got the better of her in the challenge. She has a lovely shape to her skull and a muzzle with a slight dish that sets her spongy nostrils at just the right angle to do her work and has a nice turn of lip, lengthy crested neck, which flows nicely into her shoulders, compact lithe athletic body with a gradual slope to her top line, curvy underline, short hard coat & neat well-set tail. Forelegs with good oval bone, well cushioned oval feet and slope to the pastern, but would like a little more return in upper arm. Her well laid pelvis, let down stifles and well-developed 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> thighs gives her the most powerful movement.

**Field Trial Bitch (Entries:1 Abs:0)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs S J Anderson Rowell Little Owl Scandiaca for Daledancer (IMP SVK)**

Well-muscled B/w and showing her years around the eyes, she has a good dish and good nostril presentation, shapely body with tuck up, good tail and set & has lovely rear quarters, driving from short hocks, but not the desired corresponding front angulation, good that no one has told her brain that!, as she is a working bitch, who is now approaching 10 years old, yet still so very true in front, has length to her toes allowing her to turn quickly when she needs to, in the field and still moves so effortlessly around the ring.

**Special Beginners Bitch (Entries:11 Abs:0)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs S E Booth's Lundgarth Jubilee JW**

Pretty o/w with expressive eyes nice dish, pronounced occiput, thin leathers. Lovely flow through her long neck into well-laid shoulders & true from the front, standing on good feet but could do with a little more slope at the pastern. She presents a clean outline but would prefer a shorter coupling to her impressive rear assembly with well laid pelvis, good tail & set, good width to her thighs, nicely turned stifle & low set hocks. Moved with great drive.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs S Mason 's Heartbury Tormenta over Nosam**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mr D T & Mrs J A Collins' Collholme Angelique**

**Judge: Eddie Whitham (Sedgekirk)**

