

Isle of Wight Gundog Club Open Show March 24 2018

May I thank the committee for the invitation to judge retriever breeds at this show. A very friendly committee and hospitality second to none. Disappointing entry numerically

### **Flat Coated Retriever**

Special Yearling No entries

Post Graduate (2 1 absent)

1 Bowens Clandrift Midnight Galaxy Stood alone but nevertheless a soundly constructed 2 ½ year old. A solid bitch with everything in proportion. Typical and feminine Flat Coat head. Straight front and good topline Excellent bend of stifle – good rear angulation. Adequate layback of shoulder, would probably prefer a little more. All in all a nice girl and sound movement BOB.

Open No entries

### **Curly Coated Retrievers**

Special Yearling (1 0 absent)

1 Miller and Millichamps Curlabull Dark Moon Rising at Wightcurls Very promising 15 month old dog. Typical and pleasing head and expression. Excellent length of neck. Straight front and good depth of chest. Angles satisfactory both fore and aft. A little erratic on the move. Short coupled and balanced overall RBOB

Open (2 0 absent)

These 2 could and probably will on another occasion change places

1 Miller and Millichamps Elkysar Quaritch Nicely balanced dog who moved well maintaining his shape. Very well muscled dog and good angles front and rear. Masculine without being coarse head and correct coat. BOB

2 Miller and Millichamps Curlabull Iron Lion Zion. Pushed winner very closely. Another typical and masculine head Good bone and sound conformation throughout Level topline and adequate length of neck .

### **Golden Retrievers**

Puppy (2 0 absent)

1 Stables Summeramba Teletubbies in Roshinru Super 11 month old mid golden girl. Presented in excellent condition – her coat a credit to her owner. She did her handler no favours on the move but settled down the longer in the ring. Very nicely balanced with very good angulations. Superb profile Best Puppy and BPIS 3

2 Gallins Anguskye Tomorrows Dawn of Wightwind Although only 7 months old this young lady both showed and moved well. Her component parts were all sound and as you would want them. Needs to mature so that the sum of all these parts produces a balanced exhibit. Promising and one for the future

Special Yearling (2 1 absent )

1 Kalindra French Connection avec Roshinru 20 month old mid gold boy. Not the biggest by far but extremely well balanced. In superb coat. Steady, consistent movement. Level topline, maintained on move, good neck, straight front, adequate layback of shoulder and very good rear end. Comfortable winner of BOB

Post Graduate (2 0 absent)

1 Streets Xanthos Shangri La Nice shape to this 2 year old bitch. Feminine head. Good neck and shoulders. Just right amount of bone and straight at front. Level topline and good angles. I thought on the day she carried a little too much weight and would have benefitted from a little more trimming

2 Gallins Tonara Annie Oakley of Wightwind Unfortunately this young lady had left her coat at home. A nice shape to her and pleasing head and expression. Good reach of neck. Looked a little leggy on the day and somewhat erratic in movement

Limit (2 1 absent)

1 Streets Tyrocoll Celebrations 4 year old pale bitch. In superb coat. Good bone. Straight at front, excellent shoulder placement and adequate angulation at rear. Moved steadily. A little up at rear spoiling topline. Overall though her conformation was good and deservedly RBOB

Open (4 3absent)

1 Gallins Wightwind Worth Waiting For 7 year old mid golden bitch. A very happy girl and well shown. Very good topline and good angulation both front and rear. Sound mover. I thought her to be a little overweight.

### **Chesapeake Bay Retrievers**

Special Yearling No Entries

Limit (2 0 absent)

1 Price's Double Coat's Chesepi Ice Shadow at Nunneyswood 5 year old dog in great condition. Very pleasing head and expression. Correct eye. . Good front and back. Superb coat. Topline as per standard Very good mover indeed. Deserved BOB in company of nice dogs.

2 Woods Nunneyswood Evening Snow 3 year old bitch displaying correct proportions. Head balanced. Good bone. Coat not in best of condition. I would have liked to see a little more substance in the whole picture

Open (1 0 absent)

1 Woods Sh Ch Nunneyswood Drifting Snow 8 year old who carries her age well. Good coat. Moves very well. Topline held on move. Angulations very good – correct layback of shoulders and length of upper arm, good bend of stifle. Strong neck and pleasing head.  
RBOB

### **Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever**

Special Yearling (1 0 absent)

1 Andrews and Tricketts Asterlily Black Velvet for Aftonmarsh 10 month old bitch with a considerable amount of maturing to do. Small in stature, Made life difficult for her handler. Nice angulation front and rear. Good topline. Best Puppy

Open (2 0 absent)

1 Andrews Erikachen Caoimhin for Aftonmarsh 6 ½ year old dog – very much a showman. Very nice balanced shape. An extremely good mover. Masculine head with kindly expression. Strong neck and well placed shoulders. Good depth of body. A little high at rear slightly spoiling topline but a very good example of the breed BOB

2 Andrews Erikachen Ruari for Aftonmarsh Not as balanced as winner and showing age in his dentition. But some really good conformation throughout RBOB

### **Labrador Retrievers**

I was disappointed to find a number of overweight dogs and this cost them higher placings

Puppy (1 0 absent)

1 Kings Linthwaite Indiana Lovely shape to this 10 month old bitch. Superb rear angulation and front/shoulders very good. Level topline and pretty feminine head. Good reach of neck. Made life a little difficult for her handler and moved a little close behind.

Special Yearling (3 0 absent)

1 Kings Linthwaite Excalibur. This young lad did not make it easy for his handler nor the judge such was his exuberance. A really nice puppy displaying all those qualities required. Level topline, soundly constructed front and great rear angles. Importantly he carried just the correct amount of weight. Moved satisfactorily. Best Puppy and was delighted that he went BPIS.

2 Hobbys Icarus Jean Genie Carrying too much weight. Nice shape and overall well balanced. Angulation good

3 Whites Donacre Wiggle N Giggle at Lunarpet

Post Graduate (4 0 absent)

1 Turners Turcel Fairy Star, Another I would have preferred to have shed some weight. Nevertheless in this class a deserved winner. Very balanced shape. Good stifles, excellent topline. Moved well. Really attractive head.

2 Kings Linthwaite Cleopatra. Again carrying slightly more weight than I would have liked. Fairly close to 1<sup>st</sup> and on another day may well change places. Good reach of neck, good balanced shape and excellent rear angulation

3 Whites Lunarpet Sweet Honey Suckle

Limit (1 0 absent)

1 Kings Linthwaite Louisiana. Well proportioned 4 ½ year old bitch. And she had a waist ! Carrying for me the correct weight and with super conformation throughout. Both front and rear well angulated. Straight front and adequate depth of body. Strong neck and lovely feminine head. A pleasure to go over BOB

Open (3 1 absent)

1 Woods Nunneyswood Winter Storm My only black of the day this 5 year old dog carried plenty of substance but exactly the correct weight for his frame. A happy showman who moved very well with drive and extension. Level topline and balance throughout Liked him a lot and unfortunate to meet the previous winner on the day RBOB

2 Ruddocks Lunarpet Dawn Chorus Compact 5 ½ year old dog carrying correct weight. Nicely made but a little high on the leg for me

John Millward (Judge)