Weimaraner Association Championship show 2022

Judge: Gary Scobell (Samoravich)

Thank you to the W/A for my invitation to judge at their Championship show

I would firstly like to congratulate the committee for a well-run show, my stewards for keeping my ring running efficiently and also the exhibitors who accepted my decisions in such a sporting manner.

I make no apologies for my repetition of the word balance as I feel it should be a keystone of the breed, where the front and rear angulation is balanced you will get correct ground covering movement with good reach and drive without overreaching and an easy fluid action.

I am happy to say that there appears to be some lovely youngsters coming through and that I was in some classes spoilt for choice.

DOGS

Minor Puppy dog (2 entries)

1st: Braine' "Ansona Dream Big" 8 months and still very loose all around but gave a pleasing outline, Balanced throughout, good head proportions with correct length of ear, good depth of flew and correct dentition, decent length of neck which flowed nicely into nice shoulder placement, front straight and parallel when viewed from the front, good spring in the pastern and feet of the correct shape, chest dropped nicely to the elbows, body the correct length and rear angulation balanced with the front, still a little loose and erratic on the move but at 8 months this is to be expected.

2nd: Bennett & Slimak' "Ansona Sprinter" Litter brother to 1 and slightly heavier built, pleasing head and eye, ears well set and skull well proportioned, strong neck and well angulated front, nice depth of chest, a little shorter than his brother, firm topline but fell away a little at the croup which gave the appearance of a low tail-set, moved ok but like his brother still in the puppy phase, hopefully they will both continue to enjoy the show ring as they did today.

Puppy dog (4 entries)

1st: Simpson' "Sireva Emeyefive"" at just under 10 months this eye catching youngster stands out, the first impression is one of balance from nose to tail, I really liked his head, nicely proportioned masculine but without coarseness, correct bite and good depth of flew with closely fitting lip, good reach of neck and well laid shoulders nice balance of bone and substance, ribs well sprung and good depth of chest, strong loin and correct length of body, rear nicely angulated and tail well set, covered the ground easily with balanced open gait, Nothing extreme about this dog, just a really good example of a young male, he was strongly considered in the challenge and I was delighted to award him Best Puppy Dog, and Best Puppy in Show.

2nd: Thorne' "Mabanika A Team" another at just 10 months, slightly shorter than 1 but still lots of quality, super masculine head, good depth of flew and correct bite, ears correctly set and of good length, strong through the neck into nicely angulated forequarters, nice balance of bone & substance, Body deep and well developed, a little shorter in back but strong in the loin, rear angulation matching the front which allowed him to move efficiently and without exaggeration.

3rd: Arnold' "Gunalt Roku"

Junior Dog (3 entries)

1st: Thorne' "Mabanika A Team" ...as above

2nd: Martin' Deifstock Déjà vu for Teufel" 13 months well developed youngster, not quite as balanced as 1, decent head with correct depth of muzzle, good bite and earset, strong in neck but a little upright in front so the angulation was not balanced with the rear, body strong and well developed, firm loin and topline, rear nicely angulated and tail well set, moved

3rd: Thorne' "Mabanika Cheers"

Yearling Dog (2 entries 1 absent)

1st: Martin' Deifstock Déjà vu for Teufel"... as above

Novice Dog (2 entries)

1st: Thorne' "Mabanika A Team"... as puppy class

2nd: Thorne' "Mabanika Cheers"... only 10 months and litter brother to 1, similar comments apply... masculine head but a little longer in foreface, good depth of flew and correct bite, ears correctly set and of good length, strong through the neck into nicely angulated forequarters, nice balance of bone & substance, Body deep and well developed, a little shorter in back but strong in the loin, gave his handler a hard time so unsettled on the move.

Graduate Dog (2 entries)

1st: Robson' "Robricci Aramis" Strong masculine boy in fantastic condition, rock hard muscle and firm throughout. Presented a balanced outline and well angulated front and rear, Strong head with good eye and correct well placed ears, strong neck into well angulated front, well developed body and strong through the loin, rear angulation matching the front and moved out with strong drive.

Post Graduate Dog (6 entries 2 absent)

1st: Spavins & Chevalier' "Ashtern Delphinius" moderately sized dog, Pleasing head with nicely chiselled features, good eye shape and set well to show good disposition, nicely arched neck and well laid shoulders, clean all through and everything in moderation, moved out nicely and held a firm topline on the move which made the difference in my final decision.

2nd: Bishop & Weir' "Kalimor Boyscout" stood he presented a lovely balanced picture, nothing overdone and presented in super condition, Correct head proportions and good depth of flew with correct scissor bite, strong through the neck and body but lost a little of his deportment on the move which cost him the class.

3rd: Hunter' "Braefell Dragonfly"

Limit Dog (6 entries 1 absent)

1st: Burgess' "Gunalt Vettel to Hantzberg" Lovely 3 year old presented in super condition, everything in moderation. Masculine and strong but still refined and noble head, clean arched neck into correctly angulated front assembly, nice balance of bone, good tight hare feet, ribs well sprung and dropped to the elbow, strong firm loin and nicely angulated rear with well defined second thigh, tail set on correctly and carried with confidence, topline firm on the move and handled sympathetically. A strong challenger and delighted to award him the Reserve CC.

2nd: Hawkins' "Smilek Massachusettes" 4 years old strong well-muscled dog, nicely balanced picture when stood, good balance of bone and substance, strong through the body, moderately angulated, nice side profile when moving and covered the ground well.

3rd: Kerr' "Kalimor Hudson"

Open Dog (6 entries 1 absent)

1st: Alcorn & Ingram' "Sh Ch Gunalt Hendricks" 3 year old and in prime condition and presented to perfection, from the tip of his nose to the tip of his tail he screams Weimaraner, aristocratic and refined head, correctly set ears of good length. Muzzle strong with complete dentition lips closely fitting and good depth of flews, well arched strong clean neck and well angulated front, ribs well let down and firm through the loin, rear angulation closely matching the front which gave him an easy ground covering gait, tail correctly set and carried with confidence, he looks as though he could work all day long. Very happy to award him the CC and Best in Show.

2nd Beagrie' "Gunalt Audio" another superb male of a similar age and it really was a case of splitting hairs in the class, looking at my critique of the 1st placed dog it could quite easily

apply to this dog too, on the move they were both a joy to watch, sympathetically handled even when making it hard for his handler, strongly considered in the reserve cc challenge.

Champion Dog (1 entry)

1st: Rayner & Maskell' "Sh ChKalimor Accolade to Raystans JW" Strong masculine dog, presented in super condition, solidly built with good angulation front and rear, strong and firm through the body and loin, rear providing good propulsion but just a little erratic in front today.

Veteran Dog Dog (4 entries 1 absent)

1st: Rayner & Maskell' "Sh Ch Gunalt Academy of Raystans JW Sh.CM" a dog I have judge before and he never fails to impress, Mature and well developed with good proportions and balance, presented in superb condition, I looked back at what I wrote about him a few years ago and honestly it could have been a copy and paste, clean neck into well-developed correctly laid shoulders, front straight and true, well ribbed body, strong loin and firm topline, super rear angulation with well developed second thigh, another who was a strong contender for top honours. Best Veteran Dog and Best Veteran in Show.

2nd: Snaith' "Skilaki Super Fly to Bifonda JW" slightly smaller than 1 but everything in proportion, well balanced mature male with a good head, clean through the neck and shoulders and firm through the body, level topline held on the move, rear providing good drive and covering the ground well

3rd: Hill' "Sh Ch Weipowa Hot to Hunt JW"

Special Field Trial Dog or Bitch (2 entries)

1st: Byrne' "Ch Enryb Singles Party JW" strong and masculine, at 6 years old in fit hard condition and presenting a picture of power and balance, strong muzzle with good depth of flew, correct scissor bite, ears well placed and of correct length, strong arched neck and well placed shoulders, deep chest and strong straight parallel front. Body firm and strong through the loin, well angulated behind which was balanced with the front and gave him an easy ground covering action.

2nd: Hill' "Sh Ch Weipowa Hot to Hunt JW" at 9 years old this dog is in amazing fit condition, super head and clean through the neck, a little finer all through than 1 but all in proportion, decent angulation and correct tailset, moved well but not quite as fluid as 1.

Special Working (2 entries)

1st: Drewery' "Koolkatz Affectyion of Longlox" I absolutely loved this 8 year old Long-Haired bitch, from her beautiful feminine expression to the tip of her nicely feathered tail, the tell-

tale sign for me is, if she had no longer coat and feathering she would still scream Weimaraner, well proportioned, excellent head and eye and alert expression, clean neck into nicely angulated front, body well ribbed with strong loin, good length of body and correct tailset which she carried with confidence, rear angled nicely with well defined second thigh, presented in super coat and condition.

Special Gamekeepers (3 entries 1 abs)

1st: Drewery' "Koolkatz Affectyion of Longlox"

2nd Hill' "Weipowa Winnie Winchester" 5 year old bitch shown in super fit hard condition, feminine yet powerful and everything in the right place, she just lost out on movement and was not as fluent and easy compared to 1.

BITCHES

Minor Puppy bitch (4 entries)

1st: Morris & Randall' "Kalimor Dottie" clean and balanced are the two words which would crop up a few times in my notes, super outline and a typical feminine head, neck cleand flows nicely into well angulated front, ribs well sprung and firm through the loin, angulation in the rear balanced with the front which gave her a clean balanced and easy ground covering action.

2nd: Robson' "Kalimor Nancy at Robricci" litter sister to 1 and slightly heavier all through, similar comments apply regarding her attributes but not as settled and fluent on the move.

3rd: Pearman' "Britmans Aria"

Puppy bitch (8 entries 1 absent) some excellent puppy bitches and in some cases it was just a case of maturity and development which settled the placements.

1st: Pilatova' "Sabsky Svratka" such a settled and well-schooled young girl, everything in moderation and displayed a picture of power and grace whilst still being super feminine, loved her overall balance and easy ground covering movement, lovely head, strong arched neck and clean into the shoulders, body well developed and firm through the loin, stong topline held well on the move and super reach and drive, Best Puppy Bitch and a strong contender for BPIS

2nd: Maskell, Rayner & Maskell' "Enjager Harmony with Brownbank" another excellent youngster with lots to like but especially stands out when moving, she covers the ground easily with a wide open side gait. Pushed 1 hard

3rd: Morris & Randall' "Kalimor Dottie"

Junior bitch (4 entries 1 absent)

1st: Pilatova' "Sabsky Svratka"

2nd: Rodgers' "Minstergate Carnival JW" Aristocratic head with well placed ears, strong neck and flows nicely into well placed shoulders, front parallel when viewed from the front, good depth of body and firm loin, nicely angulated rear with good second thigh and well let down hocks, good tailset and firm topline, lovely on the move and pushed 1 hard in this class.

3rd: Hill' "Weipowa Into The Wind"

Yearling Bitch (3 entries 1 absent)

1st: West' "Gunalt Wavelength" Loved her head with such a typical noble expression presented a picture of balance all through, matching angulation front and rear meant she covered the ground easily and fluently. good reach and drive without overreaching and staying collected the whole time, excellent front, well developed body and firm strong topline, tail well set and in super fit condition, delighted to award her the Reserve CC and later learned she was the daughter of my BIS winner.

2nd: Reakes' "Thrihyrne Love Letters" another quality long-haired girl, very pretty and in excellent coat and furinishings, super head and strong all through, maturing nicely and has similar attributes to the class winner with added coat, has excellent muscle tone and when settled showed clean easy movement.

Novice Bitch (8 entries 1absent)

1st: Morris' "Kalimor Dottie"

2nd: Reakes' "Thrihyrne Love Letters"

3rd: Murray' "Mabanika Just Good Friends

Graduate Bitch (1 entry)

1st: Cain' "Schonhund Show Tallulah" 4 year old bitch of good type, correct angulation front and rear and moderate all through, nice head and eye, ears well placed and correct length, decent balance of bone and substance, moved well

Post Graduate Bitch (5 entries)

1st: Morris' "Kalimor Gem" 3 year old workmanlike but not at all coarse, stylish with feminine head, correct ear length and good eye, clean neck flows into the shoulders and level topline, tail well set and good rear angulation, nicely turned stifle and well developed second thigh, easy ground covering movement.

2nd: Drewery' "Longlox Misty Moonbeam" a lovely moving L/H bitch who is so feminine, shown in super coat and condition, alert and keen expression well set ears and clean through the forequarters, ribs dropped to the elbow and firm through the loin moved well.

3rd: Halliday' "Greyspirit Ororo Tchalla"

Limit Bitch (8 entries 1 absent)

1st: Marr' "Sharnphilly Grace Kelly at Cleimar" super smart and balanced girl who showed excellent breed type, on the first move around the ring she stood out, super carriage and deportment with purposeful reach and drive, nothing exaggerated about her just a sound a tidy girl who never put a foot wrong, beautiful outline and in the best of condition, delighted to award her the CC, her second I believe and Reserve Best in Show

2nd: Clarke' "Sireva Sailing By Coastedge" another lovey typey bitch, sound and well balanced, presented in super hard muscle tone, correct angulation fore and aft which gave her balanced easy movement, good head planes and ear set with typical head and expression, decent neck, body nicely developed, firm loin, nice tailset and good rear angulation, pushed 1 hard in this class

3rd: Allison' "Sireva Surfer to Silbertstern"

Open Bitch (6 entries)

1st: Anderton' "Tatze Bewitched By Thrihyrne" a very typical L/H bitch of good size and substance, feminine yet powerful and looks like she could do a days work, in super coat and condition, lovely head and expression with well feathered ears, strong neck and well placed shoulders, strong through the body and kept her poise on the move where she covered the ground with ese, pushed hard in the

2nd: Moore' "Kalimor Jazz at Cavalmist" 6 year old bitch of good type and shown in excellent fit condition, such a lovely outline with clean flowing lines throughout, a little longer in loin than 1 but it was strong and firm so kept her topline both standing and on the move, super angulation and pushed 1 hard in this good class.

3rd Maclaine & Dickinson' "Greyspirit Purdue JW ShCM ShCEx CJW17 CW22

Veteran Bitch (4 entries)

1st: Radford' "Schonhund Showmojo" heading a lovely class of super veterans these ladies do not show their age, typical head and expression with good ear carriage and placement, clean arched neck, nice balance of bone and substance, ribs well let down and strong through the loin, enough angulation to give her decent reach and drive and moved well. Best veteran Bitch

2nd: Robson' "Sh Ch Nemrac Connie at Robricci JW ShCM" good head and clean neck, a little more angulation than 1 which she put to good use but was a little more erratic when moving out and back, body firm and strong and presented a beautiful picture when stood.

3rd: Martin' "Teufel in Disguise"

Special Open Long-Haired Bitch (5 entries 1 absent) a difficult class as it was full of quality I could easily have swapped 1 & 2 and back again but in the end it came down to movement and the final run off

1st: Anderton' "Tatze Bewitched By Thrihyrne"

2nd: Drewery' "Koolkatz Affectyion of Longlox"

3rd: Drewery' "Longlox Misty Moonbeam"

Brace (2 entries 1 absent)

1st: Mrs J Drewery, my congratulations on presenting both dogs equally and to advantage, its hard enough getting the best out of 1 dog but the handler clearly has a great affinity with both dogs who performed well.

Junior Handling 12-16 years

1st: Georgia Maskell, at 13 years old this young lady has a great connection with the dogs she handles, not only in junior handling classes but in regular classes alongside seasoned adults where she easily holds her own and can get the best out of her charges. Well done.