

Weimaraner Association Championship Show; 30th April 2017

I would just like to say thank you to the committee for their kind invitation to judge today at their well run and organised Championship Show with a huge thanks to my stewards Ruth and Claire also.

Minor Puppy Dog: 2

1st Palmer's, Kalimor Claude at Parmelly; What a start to the day. At just 6 months of age and very much a baby but so well put together, super head and expression, lovely flowing lines with bone in abundance. Plenty of reach on the move and was pleased with himself when freestanding. He has such a happy disposition and oozes quality. Loved him. **BPD**

2nd Spavins & Drew's, Ashstern Toffee Apple; Another lovely puppy and much of the above applies. Just very loose on the move and gave its experienced handler a hard time, however another super puppy when settled. Will certainly have a bright future.

Junior Dog: 2

1st Holman's, Astrazone Invierno in Jenluis; A dog of substance without coarseness, super outline when stacked, correct depth and length of rib, moderate in muscle, well angulated, a little unsteady on the move to start with but then got his act together not only extending his gait but doing it with power and drive. Nice dog.

2nd Dane's, Weipowa Little bit of Good; Not the length of my winner but a balanced dog none the less, lovely head with good shoulder placement, level topline with correct tailset placement, strong rear quarters, powerful on the move.

Yearling Dog: 4

1st Alison & Treadgold's, Kuantan Goose Bump; Head and expression as the standard calls for, strong neck into correct shoulder placement, lovely length into well-muscled rear quarters, nice tight feet. Powerful on the move and when he kept his head up very balanced.

2nd Holman's, Astrazone Invierno in Jenluis

3rd Crowther's, Hundwith McLaren

Graduate Dog: 3

1st Holman's, Astrazone Invierno in Jenluis

2nd O'Donoghue's, Sireva Linnesman at Weimsmyre; This class was very close with two nice dogs, each displaying very similar attributes, the first placed dog just having that bit better reach and drive on the move.

3rd Claricoate's, Desjiem Easter Parade

Post Graduate Dog: 5

1st Snaith's, Skilaki Super Fly to Bifonda JW; A cracking dog and a pleasure to judge, super head with a kind expression and good length of ear, strong powerful neck. Loved his length of rib and strong loin, correct tailset into a powerful rear end. So nice to see muscle on the second thigh, easy action on the move and kept his topline, steady and balanced throughout. Very nice dog indeed.

2nd Toseland's, Satchville Specialist; Upstanding dog with lots to like, has the length and depth which made a very balanced dog and very easy on the eye. Was a little unsettled on the move to start with, then cooperated with his handler to show a powerful gait.

3rd Burgess's, Nemrac Invictus

Limit Dog: 8

1st Ruddy's, Netherhill's Got Talent JW; What a fantastic class, my first and second places were so close, this dog has so much breed type and is a very powerful dog, displaying a super outline when stacked. Masculine head but not coarse in any way, strong neck into correct shoulder placement. Plenty of heart room, good length and strong loin, solid muscled quarters with good angulation, gave ground eating movement, totally at one with his handler. **RDCC**

2nd Perez-Powell's, Gunalt By Eck at Soncaro; What a fantastic L/H, this dog appealed to me in every department, head and expression as the standard calls for, such soft gentle eyes, get your hands on this dog and it is quality throughout. Super coat with correct feathering on his tail, moved with so little effort, not only powerful but graceful too. The best L/H I've judged.

3rd Finch's, Kuantan Silverstone

Open Dog: 9:1

1st Rooney's, Flitnells Kawasaki King at Zeatana JW; My find of the day, commands ones' attention when in the ring. This dog has the best of heads, strong, powerful shoulders with correct angles. Super depth and length of rib, muscle in abundance on rear quarters, again so nice to see muscle on the second thigh; but it is on the move when this dog came alive, not only economical in his stride but showed so much power and drive, a total joy to watch, a real eye catching dog. Had no hesitation in awarding him the Dog CC, I later learned that this was his second. I really hope that all-important third is not too long in coming. This dog made my day. **DCC & RBIS**

2nd Clarke's, Sh Ch Sireva Crackerjack at Coastedge JW ShCM; Not the length of my first placed dog, but very balanced. Has the best of heads with a lovely expression, correct depth of chest and length of rib, good tail placement leading on to rear angles with plenty of muscle. This clever handler used all the ring to his advantage, enabling the dog to display plenty of drive and determination.

3rd Rayner & Maskell's, Sh Ch Gunalt Academy of Raystans JW ShCM

Veteran Dog: 1

1st Harrison's, Feldhund Argyros; This dog totally defies his years and was shown in super fit hard condition, correct head and ear length, muscular neck, correct front, angles and topline leading to rear angulation with hard muscle in place. I just knew this dog would power out on the move and he didn't disappoint. A picture of poise and stamina just ate the ground up, a super dog in tiptop condition.

Special Open Long-Haired Dog

1st Perez-Powell's, Gunalt By Eck at Soncaro;

2nd Wright's, Classic Dreams Gemini at Lassemista; Another longhair with plenty of breed type, not quite the balance or bone of my first placed dog. Was unsettled on the outward move, but going away and back he seemed to focus on the job in hand, distinctively powerful on the move and carried his tail well, a very nice dog.

Special Field Trial Trail Dog/Bitch: 6:1

1st Morgan's, Parhelis Irulan; not only a good looking bitch but one that can do just what it was designed to do, feminine yet solid throughout. Appealing head into muscular neck, lovely front angles, strong loin into well angulated rear quarters with tight feet all round, moved with purpose and drive and a ground eating stride; of course this dog could work all day, and then some more, a super bitch.

2nd Cooper's, Deifstock Ducati Demon JW; Another quality bitch with similar attributes, presents a lovely picture when stacked, on the move though she is not only positive and true, she keeps her topline, is so balanced and powerful, two very nice bitches indeed.

3rd Brook's, Quadet Deta at Whisperbrook

Special working Dog/Bitch: 3

1st Harrison's, Feldhund Argyros

2nd Wright's, Classic Dreams Gemini at Lassemista;

3rd Fotara's, Astraios Earth Angel

Special Gamekeepers Dog/Bitch: 3

1st Harrison's, Feldhund Argyros

2nd Fotara's, Astraios Earth Angel; A longhair of good construction, pleasing head, good front couplings with correct depth and length of rib, lovely tailset with correct rear angles. On the move this dog strode out with conviction and drive with a very happy demeanour.

3rd Drewery's Koolkat Affection

Mark Hodgkinson

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