

The Weimaraner Association

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Judge: **Anthony Allen**

Although I don't really show Weimaraners I have had a long association with them. I recall meeting my first Weimaraner back in the eighties when my parents ran the local ring craft class near Peterborough. Since then I have always kept a watch on the breed and then in 2004 when I met my partner, along came Gus (Sh Ch Gunalt Gust over Quensha). Since then we have always had a Weimaraner in the house and I hold the breed in a very special place.

I was thrilled to be invited to be asked to judge Weimaraner Association open show. I would like to thank the officers and committee of the society for inviting me and the exhibitors for supporting me. The weather was kind, the rain held off. I absolutely loved this appointment; there were some lovely dogs for me to go over a super atmosphere with lots of applause to greet my winners. Special thanks to my two stewards who kept me on the straight and narrow during the day.

My Best in Show was Rayner & Maskell's **Sh Ch Gunalt Academy at Raystans JW ShCM**, with Reserve Best in Show, Best Veteran in Show being awarded to Danneau's **Sh Ch Kalimor Celtic Storm at Aarranz JW**. My Best opposite sex was Rutland and Jones's **Khamsyn Coast Liaison**, with Best Puppy in show being awarded to Dyer's **Sharnphilly Ruby Aura**. Best Long Haired in Show, Perez-Powell's was the evergreen **Gunalt Quirky** and Best Junior Handler to the very talented **Ffion Thomas**.

Puppy Dog

1st Stormdancer the Gift

Upstanding youngster who was enjoying his first outing. Clean in outline and masculine throughout. Head and expression good, clean reach of neck and into well set shoulders. Proportionate length of rib which is beginning to spring nicely. Balanced angles both fore and aft. Still needs to find his feet on the move as he was rather enjoying himself, but with a bit of practice he should do that. **Best Puppy Dog.**

Limit Dog

1st Gunalt by Ek at Soncaro (AI)

Medium sized longhaired boy with no exaggeration. He is three and a half with lovely balanced head and correct amount of width to length, intelligent yet kind in expression, powerful neck and well angulated front assembly with good depth to forechest and well sprung ribs. Firm through loin which meant he held his topline well throughout, powerful and well developed quarters and a good tail carriage on the move. Moved very well in profile covering the ground and driving from the rear, would just like a tad tidier coming towards me if I am being critical.

2nd Weipowa Pheonix at Aarranz (AI)

Presented a clean and masculine outline, pleasing head with keen expression, great reach of neck and clean through shoulders Good depth of chest and ribs well back, held topline throughout. Well developed quarters, super side gate but not as tidy as one on the move fore and aft, but covered the ground well.

3rd Kuantan Silverstone

Open Dog

1st Rayner & Maskell's Sh Ch Gunalt Academy at Raystans JW ShCM

My star of the day, have judged him a couple of times, firstly as a puppy and then as a junior. Today he came back as the finished article and did not disappoint. He has a masculine and balanced head with the correct amount of width to his skull and length and breadth to his muzzle, wide nostrils and good finish to foreface. Powerful neck of correct length and leading to shoulders well back and a good return of upper arm. Deep through forechest and straight in front, ribs well back and sprung and correct length of loin which is powerful. Quarters well developed and correct turn of stifle, tail well set and carried correctly on the move. Today he moved with purpose and drive, footfall was accurate and ground covering. No hesitation in awarding him the **Best Dog** and later **Best in Show**. Congratulations, thank you for bringing him.

2nd Sh Ch Khamsynn Carry on Cruising at Moorpoint ShCM

Another smart dog unlucky to meet 1 today. Six year old male, he had a pleasing head but preferred the expression and ratio of Academy's head, super reach of neck and a well put together front assembly, good depth of chest and spring of rib, correct amount of loin and powerful quarters which he really used to advantage on the move, effortless ground covering action, holds his topline at all times.

3rd NL Ch Deifstock Dandee Red ShCM

Veteran Dog

1st Danneau's Sh Ch Kalimor Celtic Storm at Aarranz JW

A dog I have admired for a long time and he did not disappoint. He had a pleasing head and expression masculine and well proportioned. Super reach of neck and a well put together front assembly, good depth of chest and spring of rib, correct amount of loin and powerful quarters which he really used to advantage on the move, he has a good ground covering action and holds his topline at all times. In the challenge he just didn't quite have the drive of Academy so had to be content with **Reserve Best Dog** but later pipped the bitch for **Reserve Best in Show**. Wonderful to see him here, thank you for bringing him.

2nd Risinglark Hawk Wing JW ShCM

Pleasing outline and of correct size, head balanced but I would like a little more strength, good reach of neck, balanced angles fore and aft, Straight front and correct amount of bone. Good through the body with quarters well developed and good muscle. Covering the ground well and true from behind.

3rd Curious George of Hantzburg RL1

Minor Puppy bitch

1st Tatze Silver Solstice

Lovely longhair bitch but very much at that growing stage today, which is where she should be for eight months. Head is pleasing and developing in the right direction. She has a good overall shape. Pleasing in outline and showing correct balance, well proportioned head with feminine expression. Good neck and body properties and moved well for one so young.

Puppy bitch

1st Dyer's Sharnphilly Ruby Aura

Super shape and type to this young lady, feminine head of correct strength, good reach of neck and correct angulation for her age. Level topline and good through the rib and loin, correct amount of bone and substance, stood on good legs and feet. Moved true and steady to win the class. **Best**

Puppy Bitch and Best Puppy in Show.

2nd Sireva Hot Line to Khansynn

Very feminine with the correct amount of substance. Pleasing head and lovely expression and eye. Super reach of neck and clean through the shoulders, good depth of forechest and spring of rib for her age. Balanced angles both fore and aft and good bone and substance, not as together on the move as the winner and giving her handler a hard time today but in time should finish very nicely.

Junior bitch

1st Dyer's Sharnphilly Ruby Aura

2nd Liddlycleve Lavinge

She presented a clean and elegant outline balanced feminine head. Wonderful reach of neck leading to well placed shoulders and return of upper arm, needs to drop in to her front. Body of good overall proportion with correct spring of rib. Firm through the loin and powerful in her quarters. Can lose her shape on the stack but she really excels on the move with a positive driving action held her topline throughout and moved with accuracy of footfall.

3rd Sireva Hot Line to Khansynn

Yearling bitch

1st Liddlycleve Lavinge

2nd Gunalt Sugar Plum

Stood fourth in the junior class. Still very young and at that in between stage today. Good overall size and proportion. A lot steadier here and moved more freely around the ring, still needs to tighten in front but presenting a promising picture and pleasing outline.

3rd Countess Hydra

Postgraduate bitch

1st Gunalt Escape at Comorin

Very smart bitch with a feminine head with the correct balance and with a soft yet intelligent expression, clean and balanced throughout, everything flows. Powerful reach of neck, good lay back of shoulder and the correct return of upper arm. Depth to forechest and ribs sprung and well back leading to a powerful loin which meant she held her topline throughout and finished by a correctly set and carried tail. Quarters were well developed and used to advantage on the move, footfall was excellent.

2nd Tatze Rogue Legacy

Another lovely lady out of a slightly bigger mould but maintaining all the essentials. Feminine in head and expression, of good proportions. Clean in outline, super reach of neck, level topline and good finish to croup. Balanced angles both fore and aft and depth and strength to her body. In hard condition giving a picture of power and stamina as she went around the ring.

3rd Smilek Eyes of Silver

Limit bitch

Only two in this class but both top class and I was splitting hairs between them.

1st Khamsynn Coast Liaison JW ShCM

On the first move around the ring she had a certain style and elegance that kept grabbing my attention. She has the most lovely head piece, correct in length to breadth ratio, and an expression that is hard to resist. Neck of good length and strength, super lay back of shoulder with the correct return of upper arm giving her super forward extension on the move. Chest is deep and ribs are well sprung and back with a firm loin of correct length and slight tuck up, quarters were well developed and had the correct amount of angulation to give her a balanced and open side gait. Going and coming she was true and straight, a pleasure to judge and had no hesitation in awarding her **Best Bitch**.

2nd Edingorse Ethereal at Almoor JW

Another lovely bitch very close up to the winner. Elegant head and expression, clean through neck and shoulders, with the correct return of upper arm, ribs sprung and well back and firm through the loin. Topline held throughout and good finish to croup and correct tailset and carriage. Firm quarters gave her the power to drive around the ring with ease, standing on the best of legs and feet. Not quite the movement of the winner in the class which gave Coast Liaison the edge. Called her back in to challenge for RBB but she just wouldn't settle on the move and lost out to the open winner.

Open bitch

This was a tough class with a number not performing as well on the move as I would have hoped and this cost them higher honours.

1st Sireva Only Connect with Khamsynn

Another lovely bitch, a shade more of her than I would like but not unbalanced in any way. I liked head and expression, clean through neck and shoulders, with the correct return of upper arm, standing on the best of legs and feet. Ribs sprung and well back and firm through the loin. Topline held throughout and good finish to croup and correct tailset and carriage. Firm quarters gave her the power to drive around the ring with ease just not quite the profile action of the limit winner (who I now note is her daughter) so lost out on the top spot. **Reserve Best Bitch**.

2nd Gunalt Quirky

This long haired lady really belies her age, she flowed around the ring and could easily have taken the top spot. Another lovely lady with all the essentials. Feminine and clean in outline, pleasing head of good proportions, super reach of neck, level topline and good finish to croup. Balanced angles both fore and aft and depth and strength to her body. Not quite the front of the winner which made her a little untidy when she came towards me. Super profile action just on the final run round she flagged a little and gave way to Only Connect.

3rd Gunalt Audible to Feldhund JW

Veteran bitch

1st Gunalt Listen to Feldhund JW

I liked this bitch, I thought she has a gorgeous head piece with a lovely melting expression. I liked her overall shape and balance. She has a super neck leading to good shoulders and the correct length of

upper arm, developed forechest and ribs well sprung and back leading to a firm loin. Super quarters, developed and in hard condition enabling her to power around the ring with ease.

2nd Madreliath's Renata

Grand lady at 10 and a half, who was really enjoying her day out. Lovely feminine head of expression, and still a hint of mischievousness in those eyes. She has a good overall body proportions. Quarters well made, with a good bend of stifle. Moved round the ring as if she was a youngster.

Special Field Trial dog or bitch

1st Deifstock Ducati Demon JW

Upstanding boy who is clean in outline and presents a balanced picture of strength. Masculine head with keen expression, powerful neck leading to well placed shoulders, straight in front and standing on good legs and feet. Ribs well sprung and back, firm through the loin leading to powerful quarters. Won the class on his driving action and correct foot fall.

2nd Parhelis Irulan

Another lovely lady pleasing outline on the stack. Feminine and clean in outline, pleasing head of good proportions, super reach of neck, level topline and good finish to croup. Balanced angles both fore and aft and depth and strength to her body. In hard condition giving a picture of power and stamina as she went around the ring, just not a good in front action as the winner.

Special Working dog or bitch

1st Gunalt Rock out with Hantzburg

Solid dog in super hard condition, pleasing head and expression, neck of good length and clean through shoulders, good depth to forechest and straight in front, Ribs sprung and well back and maintained a level topline throughout. Loin of correct length and well angulated quarters. Moved well in profile covering the ground and driving from his quarters.

2nd Astraios Earth Angel intro Ex

Pleasing in outline and showing correct balance, well proportioned head with feminine expression, Good neck but not as clean over the shoulders as the winner, good body properties and moved well with drive.

Special Open Long Haired dog or bitch

1st Gunalt Quirky

2nd Gunalt by Ek at Soncaro (AI)

3rd Tatze Rogue

Junior Handling

1st Ffion Thomas

Ffion was just exceptional today. She did all I asked of her in a quiet, yet confident, manner. She always ensured that I had a clear view of her charge, moved as requested in straight lines. Most importantly for me she did not over handle in any way. Not only was she technically competent, her presentation and style completed the picture. The decisive factor came in the final run off, she moved her charge at the correct pace and she always put the dog first and disappeared in to the background, exactly as a good handler should do. She thoroughly deserved the top spot

2nd Amelia Tatum

Amelia was only 11 so giving away a lot in age to Ffion. She handled her charge in a very sympathetic and understanding way giving encouragement when needed without fuss, good eye contact and at one with her charge, moved well together just not a tidy and straight in her lines today and she couldn't match the winner on the move off at the end.