

I would like to thank the Committee of Newton Abbott & South Devon Canine Society for their invitation for me to judge my first Open Show Group. The Gundog Group at their January Show. I had a very good entry of Gundogs and the majority of exhibits were of a high standard. When judging, I look for closeness to the Breed Standard plus fitness and conditioning to perform their function in the field. Consequently, I like, if possible, to move them plenty and give every dog the chance to impress.

Pointer Graduate (8,1)

1st Matthews' MEDOGOLD TARTINI WITH SONHAM JW Black & White Bitch of 18 months. Dark head with good balance and proportions. Dark eye, correctly set midway. Ear set and length correct. Correct dentition. Long neck, strong as required, no hint of throatiness. Well laid back shoulder with well-muscled bone, excellent in topline to tail, deep in rib. Enough brisket at the moment. Strong in loin with correctly angulated and well-muscled rear quarters. Good turn on her stifle leading to strong and well let down hocks. Tight feet of correct shape. For me, was the best mover in this class on the day, showing plenty of drive, topline held correctly and tail carriage correct. One to watch I feel. RBOB

2nd Osman's FLEURFIELD FIRETHORN AT MARISSOLO Black & White Dog of 22 months. Another with a dark head also with good balance and proportions. Has a few months of extra finishing than 1. I liked his foreface. Slightly shorter cast than 1. Strong neck of good length. Correct in front angulation and with well-muscled shoulders. Correct in substance. Deep in rib, plenty of brisket, strong in loin. Preferred the tailset and carriage of 1. Good turn of stifle. In a lovely hard condition on his rear quarters. Tight in feet. On the move he was excellent and this pushed 1 close but I just preferred the balance and grace of 1 on the day.

Pointer Open (5,3)

1st Tannahill's WYNBURY WALTER JACK JW SHCM 5 YEAR OLD Black and White Dog in a lovely condition. Well balanced standing over his ground. Fully matured head displaying good breed type features, well balanced in foreface, correct in eye shape with such a gentle expression. Correct in ear and flew. Strong neck of good length, no throatiness. Correct in topline both standing and on the move, deep in rib and correct in brisket, long ribbed and short, strong loins to the best angulated rear in seen in the two classes. I'm not overly keen on over-extended rears in any breed and he was not at all. Correct tail set and carriage, well muscled throughout. Tight feet of correct shape. Movement was effortless and correct, hard to deny him the BOB

2nd Wilkins' WILCHRIMANE CHERRY FLIPWITH LOTTIEBOO 22 month old Orange and White Bitch, nicely balanced bitch in a very fit condition. Really liked her head and expression, balanced yet feminine, correct in foreface and with desired width, correct length of neck, well muscled and slightly arched. A fraction upright in shoulder for my liking and I would've liked a fraction more in leg length, but the overall picture of balance was evident. Plenty of long rib and a strong loin, preferred the topline on 1. Well muscled rear, not overdone. Movement was steady but preferred the reach and drive of 1.

Irish Setter Puppy (10, 0)

What a wonderful class! Definitely spoilt for choice in this quality group of puppies and the placings on the day could so easily change. I was looking for a well muscled exhibits of good conformation, sound and racy, yet functional.

1st Fauvrelle's OAKDENE REMY MARTIN (IMP BEL) 9 month Dog with the desired balance and conditioning for me on the day. At a good height for his age, lovely in a balanced head with a dark eye displaying such a gentle and kind expression in one so young. Clean, strong neck, well laid back shoulders, super topline both standing and moving. The desired substance for his age evident throughout. Strong, short loin, correctly angulated rear, well muscled for his age, croup and tail set as desired, tail carriage correct. For me, it's important not to have any rear over-angulation, his was as I wanted. Well let down hocks and excellent in feet. Loved his relaxed, effortless and correct movement and it was this that won him the class on the day. A well deserved BP & PG3

2nd Beldham's REDCLYST CHARLIE BROWN AT BOWRIMGLEE 11 month old Dog, another with the desired balance and conditioning for me on the day. Like his head shape and balance, kind expression, good in dentition and flew,

correct in neck, well laid back shoulder and carried a good topline throughout. Deep in rib, plenty of substance and well muscled. Moved with drive and purpose but it was 1's effortless balance that pulled me on the day.

3rd MacDonald's REDCLYST HEAD FULL OF DREAMS litter brother to 2 and pushed him very close, easy to see these swapping places. Very similar in qualities to 2, just preferred 2's drive on the day.

Irish Setter Special Yearling (4, 0)

1st Poole's TELERI SUMMER NIGHTS (AI) Dog of 19 months, with good head proportions and kind eye, up to height, strong neck, well laid back in shoulder, plenty of substance, shown in hard condition, correct in topline, deep, long ribs, short loin, slightly longer in rear than I would have preferred, but still headed the class with a strong drive in his true movement. RBOB

2nd Pike's REDCLYST BORIS 21 month Dog, pushed 1 close on all counts, liked his head, correctly balanced and shaped, good dentition, tight flews. Long and strong neck, correct in topline, deep in rib, strong in loin, not carrying as much substance as 1 but not light in bone either. Needs a little more time here perhaps. Very well presented in excellent coat. I do like seeing an Irish with good feathering. Movement sound and true, displaying reach and drive. Just preferred the musculature and substance of 1 on the day, could easily be swapped.

Irish Setter Post Graduate (4, 1)

1st Partridge's KERRYDOWN ODDS ON 5 year old Dog, fully mature, such a sweet head and expression. Well balanced, dark eye. Strong in neck, well angulated shoulders, deep in rib, correct in topline, carrying the desired substance. Tail set and carriage correct. Moved out with purpose and drive.

2nd Pettifer's HEATHCLARE LIBERTY AT CROSSWEST Bitch of 2 and a half, another with a sweet expression in a typical head. Long, strong neck, correctly angulated shoulders, deep in rib, strong in topline and loin, well muscled throughout. Good feet. Sound in movement. Shown with a lovely coat.

Irish Setter Open Dog (8, 0)

1st Jones' HUNNICOTE HANDYMAN Dog of 4 years old. Caught my eye on his first run around the ring, did not disappoint when I got my hands on him. Typical head with excellent breed features, kind dark eye. Strong neck with good length, Super shoulders, well laid back, well muscled. Correct in topline, croup and tailset for me. Deep in rib, plenty of heart room, long ribbed and strong loin. Hard rear quarters, correct in stifle and hock. Lovely coat condition and feathering. Was a joy to watch on the move, robust, sound reach and drive. True coming and going. Pushed close by 2 and 3 but hard to beat on the day. Pushed the WSS all the way in the Group. BOB & G2

2nd Partridge's KERRYDOWN ONE MAN 5 year old Dog, Pushed 1 close on all fronts, lovely in head type, correct in neck, long and strong. Excellent in topline, deep and long in rib, plenty of substance throughout, full of hard conditioning. Movement strong and true, just lacked that extra spark on the day to take first. Presented in a lovely coat and condition.

3rd Prangle's HEATHCLARE AMERICAN DOLLAR JW SHCM 2 and a half year old Dog, one I have judged before and really admired, today just lost out in a quality class where the top 4 could easily swap places on another day. Was shown in the same lovely condition as previously and maintains his qualities.

Irish Setter Open Bitch (4, 1)

1st Hadfield's MARZANNE CHINA IN YOUR HAND 3 and a half year old Bitch, presented in a lovely condition and showing the correct balance. Correct head size and shape, gentle expression, dark eye. Correct ear set adds to this. Long and strong neck, correct in shoulder placement and length, well muscled. Deep and long in rib, plenty of substance. Carried a good topline throughout. Rear is well muscled, not over done anywhere, correct in stifle and hock. Moved correctly and with purpose. Just preferred the SY Dog in the challenge on movement.

2nd Fauvrelle's CLONAGEERA WALK IN THE SUN Bitch at nearly 5 years old, pushed 1 close on many counts in the class, another with a lovely type head, well balanced and correct. Just preferred the length of neck on 1, another with excellent shoulder angulation and length. Good topline, just preferred 1 here too. Deep and long in rib and well muscled throughout. Presented with a beautiful coat condition, loved her feathering. Movement was OK but I'm

sure it would've improved if her nails were a fraction shorter! That was the factor where, for me, she just missed out.

English Setter Post Graduate (4, 0)

1st Pull's RAVENSETT MIDAS TOUCH AT TEIGNESUARY Dog at nearly 18 months, Orange Belton, good size and balance. Really liked this lad's head, although not finished has all the qualities required, well balanced. Correct in eye shape and placement, good muzzle length and shape, tight flews, correct dentition. Long, strong neck, slightly arched as required, excellent shoulder placement, well muscled. Excellent substance. Carried a good topline, deep in the rib and strong in the loin. Good turn of stifle and well muscled in upper and lower thigh. Feet correct in shape and size. Moved out with purpose and this won him the class. Shown in good coat and feathering. RBOB

2nd Masters & Dott's BRIDGELLA'S LAUREN BACALL AT MANCHELA 18 month old Bitch, so sweet in expression, lovely balanced face at the moment, dark eye making an endearing expression. Clean, long and strong neck, another with very good lay of shoulder and upper arm, lighter on substance than 1 which is to be expected but not to detriment. Excellent in topline, croup and tailset. Needs more time for her rib to drop and broaden I feel. Very well muscled on the rear. Moved out well but perhaps lacked the reach and drive balance of 1 at this age.

English Setter Open (1, 0)

1st Osman's BOURNEHOUSE STAR GAZER AT MARISSOLO SHCM 4 and a half year old Dog, Blue Belton in a fully coated, well balanced, exhibit. Standing well over his ground, nothing overdone here. Mature in head with typical features. Balanced foreface, good in muzzle and skull, would prefer a fraction more neck but his was strong. Well laid back shoulders, good length of upper arm and plenty of substance. Carried a correct topline throughout. Deep in rib, short and strong loin, good turn of stifle and well muscled rear. No over-angulation of the rear. Hocks straight and strong. Movement, sound, robust, typical. Not flashy, but true coming and going. This quality of functionality carried through the challenge for BOB

Cocker Spaniel Junior (3, 0)

1st Parkhouse's SHIVANI SUMMER BREEZE Particolour Black & White Bitch at nearly 18 months, squeezed in a 1st against a quality Bitch in 2nd. Easy to see these two swapping places on another day. Lovely feminine head with correct muzzle shape and length for skull. Good dentition, excellent eye shape and colour, ear set correct, length to tip of nose. Strong in neck, excellent placement of shoulder, lovely topline on a cobby body, deep in rib, short loin, really liked the shape of the rear quarters, well muscled and not over done in angulation. Excellent feet. Tail didn't stop! Was hard to split these two, with 1 just coming up trumps on her more enthusiastic movement on the day. RBOB

2nd Lymbery's U LA LA MODUS VIVENDI Tri-colour Bitch at 18 months, Black, White and Tan. Presented in stunning condition, the comments made about 1 equally apply to this girl. Feminine head of correct shape and balance, sweet expression with dark eye. Excellent in foreface and dentition. Ear set and length correct. Strong in neck, excellent in front angulation and muscling. Carried an excellent topline throughout. No lack of substance, deep in rib and short in loin, cobby and robust, excellent in rear. Movement was sound and true. Very difficult to split 1 and 2, easy to see the result reversed on another day.

Cocker Spaniel Graduate (1, 1)

Cocker Spaniel Open (3, 0)

1st Squire & Adams' CORAZON DE SIBI NIGHT STAR (IMP ESP) JW 2 year old Blue Roan Dog, personally, I didn't think the quality from the Junior class could be surpassed until I got my hands on this lad. A hard, cobby Dog with a good head and a sweet expression. Muzzle shape and length just right for me, dark eye of correct shape and size, ear set correct and of ideal length. Clean throated, muscular neck, excellent in shoulder and front assembly. In such a hard condition. Liked his length of leg and great feet. Deep in rib and short, strong loin. Hard rear quarters, good turn of stifle, smart on the move, displaying a typical gait. Covering plenty of ground in a true driving action. Presented in a super coat and condition. Pushed hard by the Junior in the challenge. BOB

2nd Parkhouse's SANDLAUGA MAGIS SPELL FOR SHIVANI Black Dog of 2 and a half, Impressive in many respects and unlucky to come up against 1 in such fine form today. Typical head shape, well balanced in foreface, dark eye, good ear set and length as with most of the exhibits on the day. Strong neck of correct length, cobby, well angulated body, good topline, croup and tailset. Deep in rib and short-loined. Correct in rear angulation. In excellent physical condition. Movement sound and true. Just liked the Junior's overall balance for RBOB

American Cocker Spaniel Open (2, 0)

Small class with 2 quality exhibits. Once again, hard to split but 1 just preferable due to muscling.

1st Rivett's LEAD LINE INDI (IMP BLR) Black Dog at 21 months, solid throughout, with excellent head shape and proportions. Muzzle as required and of correct length to skull, dark eye, of correct shape, ear of excellent length and shape. Strong in neck, powerful through the body, strong topline, well muscled shoulders which are as required. Plenty of bone throughout, deep in rib and plenty of brisket. Short, strong loin and very well muscled rear quarters. Excellent in feet. Moved with the desired gait, full flowing and true, showing true tail carriage. Presented in outstanding coat condition. BOB

2nd Luczynski's BALDEVA SCARLET LETTERS FOR KANARA SHCM 3 year old Black Bitch, equally well presented and sharing many of the superlatives with 1, lovely feminine head, true in type, good in muzzle, eye and ear. Of good size but, for me, a bit lacking in the hard muscle conditioning of 1. Good neck length, excellent topline, deep enough in rib, short in loin. Correct angulations front and rear. Moved out with purpose, tail carriage a fraction low for me, but acceptable. Movement straight and true. Lost out on muscle conditioning today, not on type or conformation.

English Springer Spaniel (3, 1)

Brother up against sister in this class, both sharing many good qualities.

1st Merrick's TIVERSTONE STATESMAN AT STORMERICK 13 month old Black & White Dog, well balanced head, needs to finish of course, but lots to like, not feminine or heavy, moderate stop, correct chiselling below the eyes, very attractive dark eye. Muzzle of good length with good dentition. Strong in neck which is of a good length. Well laid back shoulders, correct in topline, deep in rib, broad enough in brisket, short loined, well muscled rear, not over done and with well let down hocks. Moved out true and with purpose. Tail carriage correct. BOB

2nd Kibby's TIVERSTONE LADYS DELIGHT 13 month old Black & White Bitch. Pushed her brother close in many areas, especially quality and type of head and overall balance. Lovely feminine expression in her well-balanced skull, good in proportions and dentition, correct ear set and length. Preferred her neck length to 1 and her topline. Deep in rib, plenty of brisket too. Short enough in loin and correctly angulated rear. Excellent in feet. Moved out like her brother, with purpose, and true coming and going. She needs time and her brother just won out today on conditioning.

Really pleased to get three classes of one of my favourite breeds.

Welsh Springer Spaniel Post Graduate (5, 0)

1st Best's AMBLELIGHT OPHELIA led this class of only Bitches. At 21 months, with a lovely feminine head, full of type, well-balanced and good length of muzzle. Nicely chiselled below the dark eyes, correct ear set. Enough in neck, excellent in shoulder placement, enough muscling at this age. Deep enough in rib, plenty out front and broad in brisket. Topline OK, slight rise over the loin, good croup and tailset. Good in rear angulation with well let down hocks. Took the class on overall balance and movement. Steady, ground covering pace, with reach and drive, true coming and going. Would've liked a harder muscle condition but she has good qualities and time is on her side too.

2nd Mcilwaine & Reynolds' BENOVEOR CAN'T BUY ME LOVE At 10 months she was the youngest in the class but full of promise and type. Lovely head, needs time, but a good balance at this time. Sweet expression, good dentition and tight flews. Clean neck, strong and long enough. Excellent in shoulder placement and upper arm. Good amount of bone at this age. Deep enough in rib and plenty of heart room too. Topline, standing not the best, but held well on the move. Rise over the loin and croup correct. Tail set and carriage as desired. Correctly angulated rear with adequate muscle for her age. Good feet. Movement was typical for the breed, robust, with drive, straight coming and going. Needs time I think. BP & PG4

Welsh Springer Spaniel Open Dog (3, 0)

A lovely class, full of quality Dogs, hard choice to separate them.

1st Diamond & Boumonte's ISLANZA GOING DUTCH OF ROXDALE Just over 5 years of age, this lad caught my eye as he went around and did not disappoint. In my notepad I wrote "Magnificent condition" and it's true. He was the hardest dog I laid hands on in the breed classes without a doubt. Coupled with bags of breed type, he really shone for me. A masculine head with the kindest expression, well-balanced in skull and muzzle, dark eye with excellent chiselling, excellent dentition and tight flews. Clean throated on a powerful neck of good length. Correct layback of shoulder with ample bone and hard covering of muscle. Deep and long in rib, broad in brisket, short loin, slight rise over it in the fabulous topline. Croup and tailset as desired. Rear quarters are exemplary, the standard calls for a moderate stifle, his is just right, broad in the hard thighs, well let down in hocks. Superb feet. Movement was, for me, the best in the class. He possesses a powerful driving action which is true and effortless, carried his topline and tail just right for me. Not the flashiest Dog on show today, but presented with a full coat and excellent feathering, one I could not resist. His conditioning and balance was just right for me. BOB & G1

2nd Mcilwaine & Reynolds' GLENBROWS VAN GOGH FOR BENOVEOR JW Dog just under 2 years old, another with excellent breed type. Correct head, with typical breed features. Nicely balanced foreface, dark eye, tight in flews, correct dentition. Clean and long neck, well muscled. Well laid back shoulder and correct topline. Not as much substance as 1 but has time on his side, deep enough in rib at this time, short strong loin, well muscled rear quarters, more turn of stifle than 1 but not to any real detriment, has not got the volume of thigh muscle yet but this will come. Well let down hocks. Moved out soundly, true coming and going. Needs time to really challenge 1 but has the qualities to do so in the future. RBOB

3rd Attwood's IR SH CH KYLOWEN DRYM SHCM 4 year old dog, met two very good dogs today. With ample qualities throughout. Tail carriage was a little distracting for me. Pushed 2 close and could easily swap places on another day.

Welsh Springer Spaniel Open Bitch (4, 0)

1st Diamond & Boumonte's ISLANZA SCARLETT O'HARA OF ROXDALE 4 and a half year old Bitch, good in head type and proportions, dark eye, correct ear set and length, good length of neck, firmly muscled. Correct in front angulation, plenty of substance. Deep enough in rib and with good forechest. Personally, I felt the toplines in this class could have been better. This girl having the best topline in the class. Rear quarters of good angulation, correct in stifle, enough muscletone but not matching the dog class. Movement, sound and typical, with drive, straight going and coming. Feet of good shape but could be tighter.

2nd Attwood's KYLOWEN DEMELZA 4 year old Bitch lovely head, sweet in expression, clean balanced foreface, correct in eye and ear. Clean throated, enough substance, deep enough in rib, good brisket. Another where the topline could be improved I think. Good in croup and tailset. Shown in a lovely coat condition. Movement, again, like 1, very typical and displaying some drive, but not holding a good topline on the move or standing. Just lacking a little in muscle conditioning in comparison to the dog class.

Flatcoated Retriever Post Graduate (4, 0)

1st Cooves' DRACKETOR DARTMOOR MIST 2 and a half year old Black Bitch, liked this bitch for correct head and overall balance. Typical head, lean and of correct proportions, correct in eye. Ear set good. Strong neck of correct length, well laid back sholder, deep in rib, good amount of forechest. Tight behind the elbow. Short, strong loin, good topline, croup and tailset. Not overdone in stifle with good thigh muscling. Well let down hocks and good foot shape and tight. Movement, lively and correct, true coming and going.

2nd Lewin's VYNESBROOK A KIND OF MAGIC Black Bitch, just short of a year old, oozes type and quality for me. Loved her raw yet feminine head, nicely balanced and with good breed features, negligible stop, correct muzzle length and shape, correct in eye and ear. Well muscled neck of good length, excellent in shoulder placement, topline as desired, croup and tailset just right. Deep enough in rib at this moment in time, not yet having the finished amount of substance which will come and, of course, not carrying the hardened muscling yet which the breed needs. However, I really liked her movement, enthusiastic and lively, her action is straight and true with excellent reach and drive for

a youngster. Tail carriage as I wanted. Lovely tight feet. For me, one to watch. Really excelled in the challenge for the Puppy Group. BP & PG1

Flatcoated Retriever Open (5, 1)

1st Cooves ONYXRO NAIAD FOR DRAKETOR 7 year old Black Bitch loved her quality head and balance. Head lean with correct eye placement, excellent length of muzzle, endearing expression. Good length of clean, well muscled neck, excellent lay of shoulder, lovely amount of substance supporting a well muscled exhibit. Not coarse or overdone. Deep and long ribs, plenty of spring. Strong in loin. Rear quarters with excellent stifle, long, lean thighs of good muscle, well let down hocks. Presented in a lovely coat. Movement carried the class for her, moved out with style and enthusiasm, displaying the free flowing and lively gait which is required. True coming and going. BOB

2nd Hayman's LUSSAC THORIN 4 and a half year old Black Dog, wouldn't want him any bigger. Excellent in head type for me, well balanced foreface, slight stop, good eye and lovely length of muzzle. Long and strong neck, good shoulders with correct amount of substance. Preferred the topline here to 1 when standing, deep in rib, short in loin. Another not overdone in stifle. Ample muscling on rear. Good feet, good tail carriage. Moved out well, not as clean as 1, not as settled either, but with drive and mostly straight.

Weimaraner Open (4, 1)

1st Carson's SIREVA FERRARI JW SHCM 7 and a half year old Dog. Liked his head, nicely balanced, correct stop, good eye and muzzle. Ear set and length correct. Strong and long neck. Would prefer a fraction more lay of shoulder, excellent in topline, croup and tail set. Deep, strong and long ribs to strong loin, correct substance throughout. Good turn of stifle. A fraction long in the hock for me. Movement good, won him the class over 2. Plenty of drive, satisfactorily straight coming and going. BOB

2nd Kerslake's KUANTAN COSWORTH 19 month Dog of good height. A little raw but with good breed type. Liked his head, masculine and more finished than the rest of him. Well balanced foreface, correct stop and muzzle. Long clean neck, with muscle. Preferred the lay of shoulder here to 1, but preferred 1's deeper and fuller rib. This lad needs to fill out a bit there. Excellent topline and good rear quarters with a surprising muscle definition for a youngster. Good feet. Moved out with less drive and confidence than 1 but true enough.

Curly Coated Retriever Open (3, 0)

1st Courtier's MAYCOURT CRIMSON MOON 2 and a half year old Bitch. Really liked her presence and balance today. Good head, typical wedge shape and with parallel planes. Wouldn't want anymore stop though. Lovely eye and correct in muzzle and dentition. Clean, strong, slightly arched neck, well laid back shoulders, good balance of shoulder to upper arm. Plenty of bone. Deep and long in rib, strong loin, nice tuck up. Just the right amount of stifle for me, not overdone. Very well muscled thighs, well let down hocks. Loved the topline and excellent feet. Movement, sound and robust, reach and drive, never faltered, straight coming and going. Presented with correct coat. BOB

2nd Jack's MAYCOURT SPACE ODDITY 5 year old Bitch, Wedge shaped skull, slightly divergent planes, preferred stop on 2 to 1, Preferred shoulder lay and balance on 1 to 2, and topline. Deep enough in rib, short, strong loin. Correct in stifle, correct in rear angulation and muscling but still preferred 1 on the day. Movement typical, free and easy with drive.

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Graduate (2, 0)

1st Ward's MELANITTA PALMATA 8 month old Dog, good size for age, liked his head, nice wedge shape but needs time to finish, good dentition, flews and eye. Strong in neck for age, well laid back shoulder as required, ample substance so far. Nicely muscled on top of shoulders, deep enough in rib and strong, short loin. Carrying a good topline into a correct croup and tail set. Well muscled rear, good turn of stifle, not long in the hock. Moved out with purpose, with drive. Good tail carriage. BP

2nd Hipkiss' REDAURORA COMET'S CHRISTMAS OF DELTANDAMBA 8 year old Bitch, typical head shape and with moderate stop. Good muzzle, eye shape and ear set. Preferred neck on 1 but good lay of shoulder with ample

substance. Deep enough and long enough in rib and correct bone. Short enough loin. Preferred topline on 1 when presented, topline held better on the move. Good rear quarters, correct in angulation, enough muscle. Moved out straight and with a reasonable amount of drive. Preferred movement on 1 today.

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Open (3, 0)

1st Hipkiss' ERIKACHEN O'RUADH FOR DELTANDAMBA JW SHCM 4 year old Dog, one I have watched from ringside on several occasions. Did not disappoint and headed this quality class. Typical head, wedge shaped and of good balance, moderate in stop, good dentition and flews, strong neck, excellent lay of shoulder, ample substance yet not heavy, deep in rib, short loin, carried the best topline in the class. Well muscled rear quarters, correct in stifle, excellent in feet. Tail carriage as desired. Movement lively and typical. Straight and sound. Presented in an excellent coat condition. BOB & G4

2nd Palfrey's FOXDOWN BERTIE ALLSORTS 8 year old Bitch in quite an excellent condition. Loved her head and expression, well balanced foreface and stop. Strong in a well-covered neck, another with good lay of shoulder and excellent substance. Deep and long in rib, strong loin. Topline not quite as good as 1, but no lack of strength. Good croup and tailset. Well muscled rear quarters of correct angulation. Good upper and lower thighs. Another with excellent feet. She pushed 1 all the way for the class and her movement is sound and straight but I preferred 1's liveliness on the day.

3rd Ward's MELANITTA HEALSTETHER Bitch at nearly 4 years old, lots of quality, just missed out today. Lovely breed type and sound mover.

AVNSC Gundog Graduate (6, 2)

1st Harding's KINGSMIST MISS MARPLE Delightful 8 month old Black Field Spaniel Bitch. Just pinching a top quality class of youngsters. Lovely head with the sweetest expression, nicely balanced at this point in time, dark, endearing eye. Correct stop. No coarseness at all. Clean neck of good strength, arched as desired. Excellent lay of shoulder and ample substance. Deep enough and long in rib, strong loin carrying a correct topline. Full of curves on rear quarters, excellent croup and tailset. Nicely muscled thighs for her age. Correct turn of stifle. Excellent in feet. Moved with purpose, straight coming and going, covering the ground robustly and effortlessly. BP & PG2

2nd Fry's BEDESLEA TICTABOO 9 month old solid white Lagotto Romagnolo. This young lady pushed 1 all the way and I'm confident the placings could have been swapped on a different day. Of good height, squarely built, with good balance for her age. Correct head, slightly divergent in planes, skull a fraction longer than muzzle, correct in stop. Good eye, dentition and flew. Ear set and shape correct. Neck strong and not throaty. Good lay of shoulder and well balanced with upper arm at this time. Well muscled. Deep enough in her long rib cage, strong in loin. Excellent in topline. Slight croup and correct tailset. Well muscled for age in rear quarters, correct stifle, hocks and feet. Presented in excellent coat. Movement true, lively, effortless and true.

AVNSC Gundog Open (8, 2)

1st Sweet's BONDADOSA BEACH SHCM 4 and a half year old solid Brown Spanish Water Dog. Full of quality and representative of the standard. A picture standing, slightly longer than height. Head with good breed features, parallel planes, moderate stop, correct 3:2 ratio for skull and muzzle balance. Excellent dentition and flews. Strong in neck, well muscled in shoulders, ribs, loin and rear. Good bone and depth and width in chest, strong topline. Excellent in hard rear quarters. Good turn of stifle and well let down hocks. Super feet. Movement as expected, lively, powerful, easy ground covering.

2nd Lewin's VYNESBROOK CARIBBEAN RED 2 year old Hungarian WireHaired Vizsla Bitch, needs time to finish but loved her size and type. Skull of good length, correct balance with muzzle, moderate in stop. Correct eye shape and colour. Tight flews. Strong in neck and correct lay of shoulder and upper arm length. Enough bone here. Chest could be a little deeper but this will come, plenty of strength in the frame though. Excellent topline, and strong in loin. Croup and tailset as desired. Good turn of stifle and in hard muscle condition. Would like a deeper thigh but this will come with maturity. Movement, sound, easy straight and true.

3rd Leeming's ASHLOWRICK LADIES DAY AT ISCADU 7 year old Large Munsterlander Bitch, full of breed type and in excellent condition. Nicely balanced head with an endearing expression. Well balanced profile and moved out with purpose and type. Met two good dogs today.

AV Gundog Puppy (17, 10)

1st McCammick's CREEKSIDE HAND IN HAND 6 month old Golden Retriever Bitch. Really liked the balance and conditioning on this youngster, no exaggerations. Head of good length and breadth, balanced foreface, moderate in stop, attractive dark eye. Good dentition and flews. Strong in neck for age, well laid back shoulder and good balance of upper arm. Plenty of substance at this time. Deep enough in rib. Carried a lovely topline into a correct croup and tailset. Nicely muscled rear quarters, good turn of stifle, well let down hocks. Good in feet. Moved out with typical stride, displaying enough reach and drive for age. True coming and going.

2nd Hill's SANDAULA THIS WILL DO (A.I.) another Golden Retriever Bitch, almost identical age to 1 and very close in breed type and quality. Lovely head type and expression, strong in neck, equally good in shoulder and topline. Plenty of substance, deep in rib, strong in loin, croup and tailset as desired. Not quite as hard in conditioning as 1 on rear but equally good in stifle and angulation. Well let down in hock with good feet. Moved with required stride, some reach and drive, just preferred 1 on drive of movement. Straight and true. Easy to see these two swapping places on another day.

AV Gundog Open (8, 2)

1st Nicholls' LARGYMORE YOU'RE MY WORLD JW SHCM Golden Retriever Dog, nearly 4 and a half, one I've admired from ringside on many occasions. I was very happy to finally get my hands on him. Lovely mature Dog with excellent balance and size. Super head shape and balance, dark eye, good dentition and tight flews. Strong in neck, correct in shoulder and substance, liked his return of upper arm. Deep and long in rib, strong in loin, carried a lovely topline and hard rear quarters. Good turn of stifle, hard thighs, well let down in hock. Excellent in feet. Moved with purpose and drive. Straight and true. Presented in a coat in ideal condition.

2nd Rivett's GEENAWELL BLACK KNIGHT nearly 7 year old solid Black American Cocker Spaniel, really liked the style and conditioning on him. Lovely presentation, good breed features. Head of good proportions, correct in length of skull and muzzle, endearing dark eye. Strong neck, correct in shoulder, deep in rib, good brisket, lovely topline, tailset correct and desired tail carriage when moving. Solid rear quarters, lovely turn of stifle, fabulous mover and pushed 1 close for the class. Sound, brisk, true action, with excellent head and tail carriage.

3rd Ward's MELANITTA PALMATA

AV Gundog Veteran (13, 4)

1st Carson's SHCH KHAMSYNN CARRY ON CRUISING TO MOORPOINT JW SHCM Weimaraner Dog, just over 8 years old, headed a lovely quality class of veterans. On his first run around he stuck out from the pack and was a stunning dog to get my hands on. Just loved his head, so refined and balanced. The standard states "aristocratic" and here it was. Strong neck, fitting perfectly into correct shoulders, lovely length of leg, deep and long in rib, fabulous topline, croup and tail, docked to the correct length. Strong in loin, very well muscled in rear quarters, excellent angulation and not overdone in stifle. Thick hard thighs. Excellent feet. For me, breathtaking on the move, I could've easily watched him for a long time and I think his fabulous conditioning would enable it. Displaying excellent reach and drive in a free flowing sound stride, true going and coming. Just wonderful to watch. He would've definitely challenged my WSS for G1. Later, went on to be a well-deserved BVIS

2nd Attwood's IR SH CH MOORASH LADY YGRAINE OF KYLOWEN SHCM not far behind 1 was this lovely 8 year old Welsh Springer Spaniel Bitch. In super physical condition and presented in a lovely coat. Excellent head, of good feminine balance with a balanced foreface and moderate stop, endearing dark eye. Good dentition and flew for age. Clean strong neck, correct lay of shoulder, well covered in hard muscle and with correct amount of substance. Deep in rib and short in loin. Really liked her topline and croup. Hard rear, not overdone in stifle, thick hard thighs, well let down in hock and on excellent feet. Moved out wonderfully, robust driving gait sound and true. Sadly came up against a stunning dog in 1 today.

3rd Ward's FLUSHPOINT WHATA ARISTOCRAT AT MELANITTRA NSDTR Dog of just over 10 years old, sound, good breed type, plenty of substance and excellent conditioning. Correct on the move, lively and true. Was up against 2 top dogs today.

G1 ISLANZA GOING DUTCH OF ROXDALE

G2 HUNNICOTE HANDYMAN

G3 ENDLLION SPINNAKER

G4 ERIKACHEN O'RUADH FOR DELTANDAMBA JW SHCM

G3 Giltsoff's ENDLLION SPINNAKER nearly 3 and half year old Golden Retriever Dog. Masculine in a good head, nicely shaped and well balanced. Dark eye, good muzzle and dentition, tight flews. Strong in neck. Good lay of shoulder and upper arm return. Deep and long in rib, strong loin. Carried a good topline. Croup and tailset as desired. Plenty of substance throughout. Hard rear quarters, not overdone in stifle, well let down in hock. Good feet. Moved out with purpose and required reach and drive. A fit dog with plenty of muscle. Straight and true. Presented in a lovely coat condition too. Was pleased to award him G3.

PG1 VYNESBROOK A KIND OF MAGIC

PG2 KINGSMIST MISS MARPLE

PG3 OAKDENE REMY MARTIN (IMP BEL)

PG4 BENOVEOR CAN'T BUY ME LOVE