

Saturday 4th May 2024 Hampshire Gundog Society

Thank you to the committee for their kind invitation to judge at this well run show and to my stewards, who were a credit to the Society. The conditions on the day were excellent, we were lucky with the weather and the rings were a wonderful size. Thank you to the exhibitors for the opportunity to judge your lovely dogs and for your good sportsmanship.

Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)

My first time judging this breed and I enjoyed it immensely. Super temperaments in every class.

P (2, 1abs) 1. Playle & Thomas's Riptide Gentlemens Relish. 9 month old, dark brown male. Lovely head with rounded skull, medium stop and well shaped muzzle. Muscular neck of medium length, well laid shoulders and good length of upper arm. Straight, well boned forelegs. Chest well developed and deep, just needs time to mature through his body and strengthen a little in topline. Muscular hindquarters with well turned stifles. Coat shows lots of potential. Free and effortless on the move. **BP & RBOB.**

SY (0)

PG (1) 1. Herring's Battsrock Sweet Child O Mine. 3 year old, brown bitch, well balanced and workmanlike. Feminine head of good shape. Muscular and well constructed, with strong topline, good spring of rib and short coupling. She is a steady mover and scores in hind movement, just a little proud of her tail.

O (2, 1 abs) 1. Playle & Thomas' Arnac Bay Grebe With Riptide. 8 year old, brown bitch. I would never have guessed her age, she is in beautiful condition. Skull broad and round, with medium stop and correctly shaped muzzle, feminine with a gentle, intelligent expression. Muscular neck set into well angulated forequarters, with well boned forelegs and strong, slightly sloping pasterns. Chest well developed, deep and broad, with good spring of rib and short strong coupling, providing a correct topline with hindquarters slightly higher than withers. Strong hindquarters with well turned stifles. The best coat of today's entry. A powerful and effortless mover, covering the ground well. **BOB.**

Weimaraners

I was delighted to have an entry for this breed, given that the show was the same weekend as the Weimaraner Association Championship Show.

P (1) 1. Jefferies' Rivertone Aurora Over Silbermeer. 10 month old bitch with a clean outline when stacked. Feminine head, correct median line and skin tightly drawn. Clean neck of moderate length. Decent spring of rib, needs to develop a little in forechest but that is typical for her age. Well balanced and moderately angulated. She impressed on the move, covering the ground well and holding her topline. Seriously considered for RBOB but preferred the tail carriage of the SYs today. **BP.**

SY (2) 1. Carpenter's Aschfahl Kepa Secret. 12 month old bitch, mature for her age with good bone and substance. Pleasing head with powerful jaws, moderate stop, good ear length and kind expression. Muscular neck of good length, set into well laid shoulders. Just needs to strengthen a little through her pasterns. Preferred her spring of rib, depth and strong level topline. Short coupled and well balanced throughout. Not the most co-operative on the move today, but she was true from all angles once settled and her youthful exuberance was a pleasure to watch. **BOB** **2. Burton's Aschfahl Kepa Spy Von Trubon.** Litter sister to 1st, not quite so forward in her development at this stage. Decent head, with good eye shape and correctly set, long ears. Good length of neck. Well angulated and balanced, which showed on the move as she powered around the ring with style, covering the ground well. **RBOB.**

PG (2, 1abs) 1. Lord & Broomfield's Chilternway Bukeela. 5 year old bitch, well balanced with good bone and in strong, muscular condition. Well balanced head with kind expression and correct median line. Good length of neck set cleanly into a strong level topline. Well developed chest, good spring of rib and short coupled. Liked her strong driving hind movement, but found her less positive when moving towards today.

O (1, 1abs)

Eleanor Bryant (Phenset)