

Gundog Society of Wales – 14th October 2015
Judge: Mr Gordon Hayburn

BOB: Sh Ch Alanea Summer Cottage (Mrs A Tattersall)

DCC: Countdown Finnians Rainbow (Mrs M Lipscombe)

RDCC: Sh Ch Killary's Grand Venture with Vanders and Romaunt (Imp USA) (Mr J Barney & Mrs J Howatson)

BCC: Sh Ch Alanea Summer Cottage (Mrs A Tattersall)

RBCC: Zymore Christmas Rose (Mrs M Davies)

BP: Countdown One in a Million (Mrs L Ward)

MPDog (1 Entry: 0 Absentees)

1st: Countdown One in a Million (Mrs L Ward)

PD (1 Entry: 0 Absentees)

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JD (1 Entry: 0 Absentees)

1st: Sh Ch Killary's Grand Venture with Vanders and Romaunt (Imp US) (Mr & Barney & Mrs J Howatson)

ND (1 Entry: 0 Absentees)

1st: Countdown One in a Million (Mrs L Ward)

PGD (4 Entries: 1 Absentee)

1st: Redmore Diamond Geezer mit Gilligrae (Mr & Mrs G Hart)

2nd: Rustasha Golden Rapper (Mr & Mrs B Barry)

3rd: Roanjora Castelao JW (Mr & Mrs R & Miss R McDonald)

LD (5 Entries: 0 Absentees)

1st: Countdown Finnians Rainbow (Mrs M Lipscombe)

2nd: Countdown Field of Dreams for Vizaset (Miss N Green)

3rd: Caispern Roddy Owen at Oldestone (Mr & Mrs D Wade)

Res: Alanea Game Warden (Mrs A Tattersall)

VHC: Casafelice Plezzana (Mr & Mrs I Lamb)

OD (6 Entries: 0 Absentees)

1st: Sh Ch Vanders Va Voom avec Wroxham (Mrs E Walker)

2nd: Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Casafelice Montadale JW (Mr & Mrs I Lamb)

3rd: Sh Ch Ballakinnish Malachi at Oldestone (Mr & Mrs D Wade)

Res: Rustasha Rhapsody in Red (Mr & Mrs B Barry)

VHC: Roanjora Pinotage ShCM (Mr & Mrs R & Miss R McDonald)

VD (2 Entries: 0 Absentees)

1st: Rustasha Red Hot Rhumba (Mr & Mrs B Barry)

2nd: Sh Ch Kellizlot River Legend (Mrs M Lipscombe)

PGB (2 Entries: 0 Absentees)

1st: Spiralwood Spring Time (Mr & Mrs D Wade)

2nd: Ballakinnish Moulin Rouge (Mrs F Chapman)

LB (6 Entries: 1 Absentee)

1st: Rustasha Rosa Kim (Mr & Mrs B Barry)

2nd: Rustasha Raison d'Etire for Kellizlot (Mr & Mrs G Tong)

3rd: Lowdon Light Shift to Viewland (Miss M Whitaker)

Res: Gilligrae Swift n'Chic (Mr & Mrs G Hart)

VHC: Vanders Crimson Velvet (Mr & Mrs M Rowles)

OB (6 Entries: 0 Absentees)

1st: Sh Ch Alanea Summer Cottage (Mrs A Tattersall)

2nd: Zymore Christmas Rose (Mrs M Davies)

3rd: Ch Charnborough Glamour Girl (Mrs M Sherratt)

Res: Sh Ch Spyefire Seven Steps JW (Mr & Mrs R Humphries)

VHC: Shannonlee the Wood Lark (Miss V Jarvis)

VB (2 Entries: 0 Absentees)

1st: Sh Ch Shireoak Hurricane Ruby Rustasha (Imp Can) (Mr & Mrs B Barry)

CRITIQUE

I would like to thank the Society for the invitation to judge this beautiful breed and for their excellent hospitality. I would also like to thank my two very good ring stewards who kept everything moving along and allowing me to concentrate on the dogs. Finally I would also like to thank the exhibitors for their support and for bringing me some very lovely animals.

I was thrilled to have an entry of almost 40 dogs, especially for a midweek show and I was pleased with all my class winners. Although none of the classes were as filled as the shows of a few years ago, I was pleased with all award winners and I thought the Open classes in both sexes were very good and well contested, the bitch class being especially strong. I also enjoyed the atmosphere around the ring and the camaraderie was evident.

It is not my intention to write a critique on each dog placed and simply pick phrases from the breed standard. All of the dogs had merit and when judging it's a case of finding those closest to my interpretation of the standard. There was generally good breed type throughout the entry. The breed has come on a bit since I last judged them in the UK, with fronts and colour being very much better. For me colour is about the quality of the red and white, rather than quantity. There were a few dogs with a little more flecking than is desired but I did not let this affect my placing's. Judging outdoors it was possible to see the "pearlescence" of the white and richness of the red. Temperaments were generally excellent (both human and animal). I still think that feet and eye colour could be better but I am sure this will improve over time.

Movement was acceptable in most, excellent in some but there were also a few that did not move well. This was both in profile action and in going out and back. I found a few who moved closely behind, some pinning in front and there were a couple who were over-reaching in profile movement. This over-reaching isn't something I remember being an issue in the breed and I hope that it's something we can address quickly. All dogs were also neatly presented and my hands were as clean at the end as when I started.

Overall I had a very good day and thank you all for your support.

MPD,

1) Ward's Countdown One In A Million; alone in both this, the PD and ND classes, but I thought he would have won in some good company. He is a smart baby and at not yet 7mo, was a little trouper. He has excellent colour and lovely breed type and should grow on to be a lovely boy. He is from the same kennel as the DCC winner (well done to that breeder) and would like he see him again when he matures. BPIB.

PD, 1) As for MPD.

JD, 1) Barney and Howatson's Sh. Ch. Killary's Grand Venture With Vanders and Romaunt; A couple of weeks shy of 18 months and already carrying a title. I was fortunate enough to judge his sire when I judged the Canadian IRWS National Specialty earlier this year, where I awarded him BIS, and this young man has his sire's lovely stamp. I found him just right for age. Loved his size and substance, correct bone and has good coat and colour. Moved with lovely profile action but, as is to be expected at this age, is still loose in front and this impacts his front action. As he matures it will tighten up and improve and I suspect he might exceed his father's achievements. In the run off for the major awards he simply lost out on maturity but still scored the RCC in what was a strong dog challenge. I will follow his career with interest and expect to see him do some higher winning in the future.

ND, 1) As for MPD

PGD, 3 dogs all of differing type and I liked them all for various attributes.

1) Hart's Redmore Diamond Geezer Mit Gilliegrae; just over 2 y.o. and with a bit of maturing and finishing to do, but I liked him for his size and balance. Has correct coat and colour. Has a pleasing head but, as with many of the dogs today, would have preferred a shade darker eye, which would give him an even more pleasing expression, although this didn't spoil my opinion of him. He can also move very well and did so once he decided to co-operate with his handler. He was certainly worth his place in the excellent dog challenge lineup.

2. Barry's Rustasha Golden Rapper; just out of junior and his immaturity shows but is another good one from this kennel and has all the essentials to carry a title. His movement was untidy on the go round but I saw enough to know that he was worthy of his place. Just needs a little more time.

3. McDonald's Roanjora Castelao.

LD, 1) Lipscombe's Courtdown Finnians Rainbow; my find of the day. 3yo who is a very lovely and balanced boy. Correct size and substance. Very pleasing in head and with correct angles fore and aft moves very well. The owner needs to work more with him, in terms of showmanship, as he could go on to win many more awards. He does his best to give his adoring and patient handler a very hard time. When free standing he presents a very balanced picture and I was happy to award him the CC. I found out later that this was his 3rd. A boy who deservedly will now carry his Sh. Ch. title. Well done. In the challenge for BOB there was no getting passed the BCC winner, but to be BOS in this company was an excellent achievement. Thanks for showing him to me.

2. Green's Courtdown Field of Dreams at Vizsaset; litter brother to 1 and has many of the same attributes. I preferred the front assembly and the front action of 1, but he ran his brother close. He has lovely breed type and balance, maybe too much red for some, but I am more concerned about the quality, rather than quantity, of coat and colour and his was excellent. One who will always be there or thereabouts under people who really know our breed.

3. Wade's Caispern Roddy Owen at Oldestone

OD, Super class with 3 champions heading the placing's and it's no surprise to me that they are carrying their titles.

1. Walker's Sh. Ch. Vanders Va Voom Avec Wroxham; 7yo male who belies his age and in addition to winning this very strong class also went BVIB. Correct size and excellent coat and colour. True moving, although maybe not with quite the drive of the younger males. His footfall however is excellent. Can occasionally look a little stuffy in neck when tense but once relaxed has a lovely reach of neck into correct shoulders and a level topline. He was certainly a contender today. He is also the standard for presentation in an IRWS. I have always thought that this exhibitor, along with Suzanne Humphries, is the standard we should all aspire to. He also gave a super performance in the BVIS competition and I was proud to stay and watch him represent us so well.

2. Lamb's Sh.Ch., Ir. Sh. Ch., Casafelice Montdale JW; lots of initials in his name and all well deserved. Another that carries his title with ease. Close up to the winner but not as clean in hind action today and with such quality animals this cost placing's. Loved his size, balance and make. A pleasure to judge.

3. Wade's Sh. Ch. Ballakinnish Malachi at Oldestone.

VD, 1) Barry's Rustasha Red Hot Rhumba, and 2) Lipscombe's Kellizlot River Legend; 2 lovely gentlemen who at 8 and 9 y.o. respectively, still have lovely sound action going round. Both a little flecked in coat but again the colour and quality of the red and white is excellent.

Splitting hairs but preferred the front action of the winner. In the competition for BVD, they lost out to the lovely open winner but were both still competing well. A pleasure to judge them both.

PGB, 1) Wade's Spiralwood Spring Time; a young bitch and one I liked very much. Has good balance and moved very steadily. One who when mature will finish well and will not look out of place amongst the many very lovely bitches this breed is lucky to have. She is just right for her age and simply needs time.

2) Chapman's Ballakinnish Moulin Rouge; another nice one who was giving her handler a hard time. Correct

for size and balance although falls away a just little early over the croup, which in final placing's affected my decision. Still she has good type and should always be in the reckoning.

LB, 1) Barry's Rustasha Rosa Kim and 2) Tong's Rustasha Raison D'Etire for Kellizlot; 2 very nice girls carrying the Rustasha affix (among many nice ones here today), both out of the same dam. They are both correct for size and substance and are typical of their breeding. I preferred the head of the 2nd but the overall balance and front action of the winner. The both moved steadily and I would expect them to place well and swap places many times.

3) Whitakers Lowdon Light Shift to Viewland.

OB, This was the class of the day and the best class of IRWS that I have ever judged. All of the bitches in this class carry or should carry a title and whilst I liked all the bitch class winners, the CC and RCC would have come from whichever bitches placed 1 and 2 in this class today. There were hairsplitting decisions for all placements and I consider it a great honour to have had the opportunity to judge this class.

1) Tattersall's Sh. Ch. Alanea Summer Cottage; what a stunning IRWS. The best bitch I have judged (not yet the best bitch I have seen but I would not be surprised if she doesn't eventually also takes this honour). She has excellent breed type and is simply a top quality bitch. I am not surprised to hear of the winning she has done. I would ask her owner to do 2 things: firstly – get her a flat lead and get rid of the rope style and this lies badly on her lovely shoulders and secondly – show her in the group with an attitude that says you expect her to be in consideration at this level. The gundog group has always been very strong in the UK and I am of this opinion this bitch deserves to be in contention at the end of the day. BCC and BOB. Good luck for the future.

2) Davies' Zymore Christmas Rose; another very lovely bitch who is simply unlucky to have met 1 today. Presents a lovely picture standing and was one of the good movers today, especially in profile action. I was told in awarding her the RCC that this was her 8th such award! I have always been of the opinion that the RCC should contribute to a title and this opinion has been reinforced today. I wish her well in the hunt for CC's.

3) Sherratt's Charnborough Glamour Girl.

VB, 1) Barry's Sh. Ch. Shireoak Hurricane Ruby Rustasha and 2) Ward's Copperwhite Cinnamon; as with the veteran class males, another couple of "seniors" who show just how good this breed is for maintaining quality. The winner wears her Sh. Ch. crown with ease and from the way she went today I can only imagine how nice she must have shown in her prime. Both bitches are correct in outline and present a balanced picture. The winner moved better and was the main challenger to the OD winner when it came to the best veteran challenge. A pleasure to have judges them both.

Gordon Hayburn (Judge).