

# Critique for The North East of England Irish Setter Club Open Show

Saturday 5th April 2008

I would like to thank the Officers, Committee and exhibitors for a lovely day amongst some lovely Irish Setters. Movement on the whole was difficult to assess in a confined space.

## Class 1 :: Minor Puppy Dog (4, 1 abs)

**1st Hunter & Browns Shenanagin Scholar with Braidmount.** Well grown young dog. Pleasing head which still needs to break but I am sure will with time. Well placed low set ears. Wide nose, good depth of flew. Adequate reach of neck which flowed into a gently sloping topline. Straight front, well bent stifle. Tail set on correctly and carried well on the move. Moved ok.

**2nd Botts Bardonhill Grinning Bear.** Another balanced young dog. Preferred his head over 1 but did not have the reach of neck or the bend of stifle at the moment.

**3rd Hyslops Covarney Vagabond**

## Class 2 :: Puppy Dog (2)

**1st Naylor & Morrisons Anlory Bonarda.** Larger puppy but well balanced. Pleasing head but slightly smaller eye, low set ears. Good forehead and shoulder placement leading to sloping topline. Large but tight feet. Well bent stifles and good width of thigh. Nice coat colour and texture. Good tailset. Moved ok.

**2nd Botts Bardonhill Grinning Bear**

**3rd Williams Cymbeline Delectable Dorval**

## Class 3 :: Veteran Dog (7,2)

**1st. Kniveton's Shandwick Diamond at Orstone J.W..** Very close decision between 1 and 2. 1 just had the edge re topline and condition. Pleasant head, not course, good eye shape, low set ears. Straight front. Nicely arched neck leading to good shoulders followed by gently sloping topline. Moved ok carrying tail well.

**2nd Gills Dunnygask Juniper J.W.** Dog I have placed well before. Lost his topline slightly in final lineup. Well balanced medium sized dog. Nice head, good length of neck, well bent stifle. Moved well with animation.

**3rd Crass's Avontyne Tonights the Night.**

## Class 4 :: Junior Dog (3,1)

**1st Poppletons Lurgavon Play Boy.** Well balanced dog with good rib length, slightly longer in loin. Masculine, but slightly plain head. Arched neck, good shoulders. Well bent stifle. Coat a good colour, flat but well feathered. Tail carriage good, moved ok.

**2nd Williams Cymbeline Delectable Dorval** Seemed a little tense which spoiled his outline.

## Class 5 :: Sp Yearling Dog (3,1)

**1st Barkers Bardonhill Mountain Song for Flinthill.** 2 very different dogs in this class, each with their own qualities. 1 is medium sized balanced dog with nice outline. Pleasant head but handler tends to pull his eye down when holding his head which spoiled his expression. Good coat colour, adequate rear angulation, well set tail.

**2nd Mitchells Dnalwen Step on the Gas to Staxyll.** Another balanced dog who is slightly taller. Pleasing head. Slightly narrow in front. Good topline. Rich flat well feathered coat. Unfortunately not able to go over him.

## Class 6 :: Maiden Dog (1)

**1st Williams Cymbeline Delectable Dorval**

## **Class 7 :: Novice Dog (1)**

### **1st Poppletons Lurgavon Play Boy**

## **Class 8 :: Undergraduate Dog (3,1)**

**1st Knivetons Serrula Playaround at Orstone.** Balanced young dog who ticks all the boxes. Good head with low set ears. Straight front. Lovely tight feet. Slightly arched neck leading to well laid shoulders. Gently sloping topline. Good bend of stifle. Rich colour. Flat coat which is well feathered. Moved quite well.

**2nd Bardonhill Storm Moon.** Another balanced dog close to 1st. Lovely rich coat and colour, not the bend of stifle or sloping topline of 1 at the moment. Moved well.

## **Class 9 :: Graduate Dog (3,1)**

**1st Swainston's Glenvarna Himself J.W.** Handsome dog with a lovely head (when it was not covered by the handlers' hand). Arched neck, well laid back shoulder and correct angled forearm. Straight front, feet ok. Sloping topline and good tailset, tail carried a fraction high. Little lacking in rear angulation but that will come with maturity. Flat, well feathered coat.

### **2nd Bardonhill Storm Moon**

## **Class 10 :: Post Graduate Dog ((3,2)**

**1st McNeils Glencarron Shakatak** Maturing nicely. Pleasing outline. Nice head with good stop and raised brows. Eyes perhaps a little round. Good front, feet ok. Good length of neck, well placed shoulders. Good bend of stifle. Moved ok carrying his tail well. Well presented.

## **Class 11 :: Limit Dog (5,1)**

**1st Swainstons Glenvarna Sungod J.W.** Very well balanced dog with a beautiful head, lovely dark eye, low set ears. Good front Adequate length of neck. Good spring of rib. Well angulated at rear. Moved well carrying his tail on a level with his back. Would prefer him a little more streamlined.

**2nd Cohens Caispern Vilette with Shushana J.W.** Less mature dog. Longer cast but still balanced. Strong head. Handler inclined to set him up a little wide in front. Nicely arched neck. Sloping topline. Rich dark coat. Tail carried well.

### **3rd McAvoy's Cymbeline Fiseal**

## **Class 12 Open Dog (4,1)**

**1st Davies Lochfrae Ralph Lauren J.W.** On good form today. Lovely head with good stop and raised brows, balanced when viewed from the side. Low set ears. Good reach of neck. Flowing topline. Tail set on correctly and carried well on the move. Sweeping stifle and short from hock to heel. Presented a balanced picture. Best Dog and RBIS.

**2nd Laidlaws Sh.Ch.Glencarron Macduff Sh Cm** Dog I have always admired. Another very well balanced, not in such good coat today and which detracted from the finished picture and didn't move so well on the mats. Lovely head with correct shaped eye and soft expression. Low set ears. Good front, slightly arched neck leading to correctly sloping topline. Carried tail correctly on the move. Res Best Dog.

### **3rd Glaspers Cymbeline Sagamore at Denetop Sh Cm**

## **Class 13 Minor Puppy Bitch (4)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Blackshaws Lanstara Elegant Ethel .** Just 6 months, Pretty head, slightly narrow in muzzle. Good front, gently sloping topline when standing. Scored in rear angulation over 2. Happy and moved well. Good coat colour and texture.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Botts Bardonhill Mimi Seeku** Compact pretty bitch, very close to 1. Nice head with dark eye, good straight front. Liked her coat colour and texture. Not so balanced at the moment as 1.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Wilsons Danaway Tonya**

#### **Class 14 Puppy Bitch (6,1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Hogsflesh's Lyngor Living Water** Very well made puppy with everything in the right place for her age. Pleasing head, arched neck, very good layback of shoulders. Straight front. Well bent stifle, tailset good. Won best puppy on her overall balance and sound movement.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Botts Bardonhill Mimi Seeku**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Naylor & Morrisons Anlory Crianza**

#### **Class 15 Veteran Bitch (4,2)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Hyslops Baibreeze Belle Blonde By Raisbeck** Lovely shape giving a balanced picture. Another with a pleasing head, fairly good front. Arched neck, good shoulders, gently sloping topline finishing with a good tailset. Very good rear angulation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Pallisters Penwyn Fatal Attraction** Very nice head, good eye shape. Good straight front, not the rear angulation of 1. Well balanced bitch but started to lose topline when standing.

#### **Class 16 Junior Bitch (3,1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Hogsflesh's Lyngor Living Water**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Williamsons Kirwilldale Bewitched** Nice outline. Not the depth of 1. Head needs to break, dark eye but a little round. Good shoulders and straight front. Good rear angulation.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wilsons Princess Firedawn at Casmar**

#### **Class 17 Special Yearling Bitch (3,2)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Naylor & Morrisons Bardonhill Singing Skies over Anlory (J.W.)** Very pretty well balanced with rich dark coat. Nice head with good eye shape and raised brows, low set ears. Arched neck leading to good shoulders and gently sloping topline. Good forehand with straight front. Well bent stifle. Good tailset. Moved quite well. Reserve Best Bitch

#### **Class 18 Maiden Bitch (1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Williamsons Kirwilldale Bashful** As with her litter sister her head needs to improve. Also nicely balanced bitch with good neck and shoulders, good feet. Enough angulation but would prefer more width of thigh. Good topline and tailset.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Naylor & Morrisons Anlory Crianza**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wilsons Princess Firedawn at Casmar**

#### **Class 19 Novice Bitch (1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Hogsflesh's Lyngor Living Water**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Williamsons Kirwilldale Bewitched**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Naylor & Morrisons Anlory Crianza**

#### **Class 20 Undergraduate Bitch (3,2)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Swainstons Glenvarna The Wow Factor** Well balanced bitch up to size. Lovely head, low ears. Good layback of shoulders and straight front, feet on the largish side. Sloping topline leading to correct tail set. Good rear angulation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Pallisters Penwyn Kentucky Rose** Finer made bitch with a good topline and well angled at rear. Little erratic on the move.

#### **Class 21 Graduate Bitch (1,1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Pallisters Penwyn Kentucky Rose**

#### **Class 22 Post Graduate Bitch (5)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Nevitts Romarne Jessica J.W.** Balanced bitch with a pleasing head. Would like to see her eye slightly tighter. Low set ears. Straight front, sloping topline, good rear angulation and tailset. Moved ok.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Borthwicks Lotushill Manhattan** Another lovely bitch who is improving all the time. Pretty head, good front, feet ok. Sloping topline. Rear angulation not as good as 1 and she carried her tail slightly high on the move which was unfortunate.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Beatons Kettlehills Love Me Tender**

### **Class 23 Limit Bitch (3,2)**

**1<sup>st</sup> McNeils Glencarron Dailuane** Elegant bitch who presented a balanced picture. Clean neck and shoulders, pleasant head, low ears. Sloping topline, good tailset, well muscled thigh with good width.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Laidlaws Glencarron Dimple** Litter sister to 1 and a little stockier but still elegant. Pleasing head, also good neck and shoulders, well angled at rear, good tailset.

### **Class 24 Open Bitch (1)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Hunter & Browns Sh.Ch.Braidmount Geisha Girl** Lovely balanced bitch with a pleasing head and dark eye with low set ears. Slightly arched neck into well laid shoulders. Topline slopes gently. Correct forehead angulation and straight front. Good length of rib. Well bent stifle and good width of thigh. Correctly set on tail which was carried well on the move. Moved steadily. Best Bitch and Best in Show.

*Sandra Sturrock (Judge)*