

Thank you to the GSPA committee for inviting to judge the David Layton Memorial Stakes, a privilege to judge. The committee made me feel so welcome and thank you Val Rusk for your excellent stewarding of the stakes classes. It was delightful to see a large turn out, thank you to everyone who entered. I was please with the quality of the dogs on the whole, however there were a number of dogs that lacked rear drive and propulsion on the move. I preferred the dogs with stronger hindquarters, well muscled second thighs and clear turn of stifle. I was very happy with my winners.

Junior-

23 QUINTANA DIAMOUND DUST AT FRIARSBELLE

An 11 month old medium sized male in excellent muscle condition for his age. The head shape was correct with kind dark eyes which lead into a strong muscular neck. Shoulders had good angulation, ribs yet to fully spring but this will come has he matures. Short strong lion with good width. Hindquarters well muscled. On the move he showed good reach and drive and held his top-line and tail level. Very pleasing.

40 -YOCKETTS HAMBLEDON

10 month old bitch that has a very square outline. She had a refined feminine head that still had depth to the jaws and flews. Kind expression from her dark eyes. Muzzle to skull proportions are correct. Adequate angulation to the forequarters with strong straight pasterns. Top line was held level on the move. I would have like to seen a bit more drive from her today.

Open

My top two are both excellent specimens of the breed- very pleased with them both.

32- SH CH Barleyarch Pringle JW- From a far this 4 yr old male stood square and covered plenty of ground. Nothing exaggerated about him yet still elegant , a true GSP silhouette. This male has a excellent head. Excellent length and depth to the muzzle with a noble roman nose, deep dark almond shaped eyes with soft eyebrows- which give a intelligent and alert expression. Skull was in perfect proportions to the muzzle,

beautifully balanced. The neck was muscular and long and leading into slopping forequarters and good depth of chest . The body is short and well coupled, hindquarters well muscled with allowed him to move with drive and propulsion. He moved with careful footfall whilst keeping a level top-line. Coat texture was excellent. BEST OVERALL WINNER

54-ELFRINDREW ENDRICK TO VALGER- Another impressive male, yet to reach his full maturity. This dog is very masculine whilst maintaining modesty. Excellent bone and muscle through out the body. Excellent head type, correct length and width. Excellent shaping to the eyebrows- giving a gentle expression. Long sloping shoulder with excellent depth of chest with a gradual undercarriage to the hindquarters. Plenty of thigh and second thigh and strong hocks. Moved with plenty of reach and drive- I just preferred the rear footfall and coat texture of 1st place.

Special working

26- SH CH BARLEYARCH DORITO AT TEQUESTA JW - This bitch is in prime muscular condition- general outline is feminine yet still powerful, square and compact. Head proportions were correct I would prefer a little more depth to the muzzle. Very alert expression. Fore and hind quarters were incredibly balanced and well muscled. Level topline. Incredibly neat footfall whilst moving towards and away from me whilst moving with drive.

36- CH GOOSEPOINT GLOUSTER GREBE AI JW-Very strong masculine male, this dog that can easily cover the grouse moor with ease. I love the bone on this dog he is definitely a male. His head is well balance and in proportions with good length to the muzzle, I would prefer a slightly cleaner cut head shape. His expression was intelligent. Excellent angulation to the forequarters and clear depth of chest. Excellent spring of rib with good tun of stifle. Hindquarters are well muscled and hocks and pasterns were straight. This male moved with power and drive, really striding out. Excellent coat.