Gordon Setter Association Open Show 14th July 2019

I'd like to thank the GSA Committee for the invitation to judge their open show and to the members for voting for me, I also wish to thank the exhibitors for such a great entry. Thank you to the committee for all their hard work and hospitality also thanks to my two stewards who kept things running smoothly. I thoroughly enjoyed my day. Its always an honour to judge our beautiful breed. BIS Hernwood Neptune Sea, RBIS Melview Moving Time JW, BPIS Yennadon Barra

- VD. (3:1) 1. Butler's Yennadon Fortes at Rubymoon. Well made strong boy looks well for age, low set ears, good reach of neck, level topline and tight feet, just showing his age on the move. MPD. (2) 1. Halliday's Yennadon Barra stood out in this class. Well balanced 8mth puppy with good substance correct bone and forechest, dark eve low set ears, strong neck, short back, good spring of rib and depth of chest for age. Coat coming in nicely. Moved well showing his strong quarters to advantage.BPD. BPIS. 2 Beese's Hernwood Xmas Drummer at Ashhays. Nice puppy at just over 6mths giving a lot away in age and maturity, not as far on as 1, slightly finer in bone and longer cast, strong hindquarters for age, giving his handler a hard time needs to settle on the move. PD. (4:1) 1. Repeat. Halliday's Yennadon Barra.
- 2 Smith's Palangor Moonlight Shadow. Upstanding youngster, not as mature and rangier than 1 well shaped head forechest developing well good tan and coat condition moved out steadily keeping his topline just needs time.
- 3. Beese's Hernwood Xmas Drummer At Ashhays
- JD. (2) 1. Sandiford & Sutherland's Harbinger's Highland Treasure (IMP CAN) Different type than what I was looking for but could not be denied it's place on balance and overall movement, good reach of neck and balanced front, hindquarters well muscled short hocks, well of for coat good tan, moved well using his tail.
- 2 Walker's Diersett Plutonium. Preferred the type of this boy but not doing himself any favours today. Well bodied with good bone, not as confident causing him to lose his topline when stacked, this improved on the move.
- ND. (1) 1. Walker's Diersett Plutonium. More relaxed in this class with his owner handling him. I hope his owner persists with him.

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- UGD. (1) 1. Michalak's Kyuna Dream Merchant. Handsome boy liked his head and dark eye, balanced throughout with desired settery shape great reach of neck and forechest, strong in loin still a lot of maturing to do but going in the right direction, good coat and colour moved well when settled.
- GD. (1) 1. Horler's Hernwood Jack O'Lantern BY Rackens JW. Liked this boy a lot for type, good head shape with low set ears, strong balanced body with good spring of rib, desired width and strength to hindquarters, would prefer clearer tan and tighter feet, moved with purpose and drive
- PGD. (5:2) 1. Hudson's Longrow Bohemian Rhapsody at Robvale. Masculine head with gentle expression, strong neck into well laid back shoulders deep chest and short coupled, needs more coat to complete the picture moved out well. 2. Johnston's Gordon -Sett Style Heartbreaker For Glenquin (IMP). Compact dog with balanced proportions, dark expressive eye just preferred the more masculine head of 1. shown in great condition with lovely flat coat moved well when settled.
- 3. Norman & Robertson's Yennadon Kyllachy.
- LD. (10:2) Best class of the day, headed by three lovely dogs.
- 1. Sandford's Hernwood Neptune Sea. Quality Gordon who for me shouts breed type, balanced throughout well shaped head dark eyes and lovely expression, gleaming black coat with good

- feathering, strong arched neck good shoulders and firm topline short coupled strong quarters and short hocks covering the ground with purpose and drive showing the showman he is, delighted to award him BD & BIS.
- 2. Hall's Melview Moving Time JW. Another lovely boy who is now coming into his own, beautiful head of good proportions with soft masculine expression, arched neck and strong topline, well developed forechest and strong hindquarters, moved out on a loose lead with plenty of reach and drive. RBD & RBIS
- 3. Warren's Benbuie Secret Agent JW
- OD. (4:1) 1. Butler's Sh Ch Yennadon Lochan at Rubymoon JW ShCh. Compact rugged type of Gordon, great spring of rib and forechest strong in body nice dark eye and lovely clear tan moved out with real purpose a worthy show champion.
- 2. Tye's Kyuna Olympic Arrow of Tymora ShCh. Sound good honest Gordon with no exaggeration balanced throughout arched neck well laid back shoulders, kept his topline on the move, just felt today he needed a bit more animation. 3.Burke's Ecameadow The Explorer.
- VB. (4:2) 1. Johnston's Laurelhach lightening at Glenquin. At 9.5 this girl can still show them how to move, shown in full coat feminine head long low set ears good in forechest deep brisket and good spring of ribs, a credit to her owner. BV.
- 2.Melview's Kilnrae Party Time at Tsruhnova. Nice size of bitch, balanced throughout soft expression good in front level topline strong hindquarters moved out freely, just loosing colour on her muzzle.
- MPB. (3) 1.Ackerley-Kemp's Yennadon Gigha. Litter sister to MPD winner who also stood out in this class. Well boned 8mth old puppy dark eye with melting expression well developed forechest and good lay of shoulders, strong in body and topline for age straight front tight feet and good width of thigh. A free steady mover. BPB.
- 2.Brandon -Lodge's Cottonstones River Song. Just a baby at 6mth giving away a lot in age, well put together puppy who is going to take time, feminine head and expression good reach of neck and level topline moved well for age.
- 3. Sandiford's Hernwood Christmas Eve.
- PB. (5) 1. Repeat Ackerly-Kemp's Yennadon Gigha 2. Brandon-Lodge's Cottonstones River Song. 3. Smith's Palangor Moonlight Sky.
- JB. (3) 1. Hall's Melview Phoenix. What a pretty feminine bitch liked her for size and balance straight front and good depth of body for age, good width to her back end free sound mover using her tail to advantage. 2 Reid's Diersett Irridium. Well presented youngster, good substance correct neck and shoulders good spring of rib but today preferred topline and tailset of 1. moved out well. 3. O'kelly's Lainnireach Original Tonic.
- NB. (2) 1. Warren's Benbuie Quantum of Solace. Nicely put together feminine bitch with lots of work in her head and long arched neck, good bone strong topline correct angulation front & rear sound strong movement giving a lovely profile needs a bit more confidence to compliment her attributes. 2. Sandiford's Hernwood Christmas Eve. At 6mth giving a lot away in age and maturity darkest of eyes loved her pretty head and expression correct setter shape good shoulders and angulation has the potential to finish well handled sympathetically.
- DB. (3:1) 1. Repeat Warren's Benbuie Quantum of Solace. 2. O'kelly's Lainnireach Original Tonic. Well bodied girl with dark eye and melting expression correct front and shoulders, handler needs to be aware of loosing her topline when stacking her, good bone and tight feet sound easy movement keeping her her topline.
- UGB. (2) 1. Johnston's Glenquin Phoenix. Liked this bitch in profile pleasing feminine head and expression good topline and depth of chest, needs to develop in forechest but still young, well muscled hindquarters moved and handled well.
- 2.Tidmarsh's Lourdace Helix at Maybesque. Different type to one but still a lot to like beautiful shiny coat loved her head and dark eye going through the rangy stage just now but every things in right place, good width to her well muscled thighs moved well just needs coat and a bit more time to complete the picture.

GB. (8:1) Good class of youngsters.

- 1. Marsh's Lignum Black Lightning at Kilnrae. Pretty headed stylish bitch with dark eye good length of neck into well laid shoulders good strength and width of quarters coat coming in sound on the move. 2. Roberts & Watson's Kyuna Dream of Magic at Moonglade. Heavier coated short coupled bitch, good spring of rib and depth of brisket liked her width of thigh, happy mover. 3. Hall's Melview Phoenix.
- PGB. (5:1) 1. Rand's Hernwood Summer Eclipse at Kintalis. This girl is just reaching maturity lovely profile and shape dark eye and low set long ears balanced throughout well of for bone and good second thigh comes alive on the move, Considered in the challenge. 2. Ackerly-Kemp's Yennadon Glenlossie. A more workman type with feminine head and pleasing eye balanced body with strong arched neck good substance and angulation correct colour good reach and drive on the move. 3. Tong's Benbuie Rose Quartz With Kellizlot.
- LB. (11:2) Another strong class with some close decisions.
- 1. Slaughter's Cairacailie Night of Love With Ordett JW. Lovely bitch full of breed type feminine head with sweet expression strong neck straight front into correct shoulders short hocks and well muscled moved true with great purpose wasn't at one with her handler today, tended to fidget which cost her to honours in challenge RBB.
- 2.Melville's Tsruhnova Tarkheena JW. A lot to like about this bitch good head and expression very good forechest and straight front well constructed throughout sound on the move close decision just preferred movement of 1 today. 3. Ackerley-Kemp's Yennadon Reiver.
- OB. (4:2) 1 Watson& Roberts Kyuna Believe in Magic by Moonglade JW. This girl was on her toes today shown in full coat has a mixture of elegance and substance feminine head good eye and low set ears strong neck correct front and shoulders level topline and strong through loin on the move she pulled out all stops. BB. BOS.
- 2. Beese's Lainnireach Liberty Bell at Ashleys. Smaller than 1 but still a well constructed bitch attractive feminine head and kind expression deep in brisket and enough bend of stifle could be more positive on the move.
- Brace (5:1) 1. Smiths like two peas in a pod. moved well in unison. 2. Beese's well matched pair. 3. Halliday's.

Christine Clark (Judge).