

Judge's Critiques Marion Hopkinson Rocheby Labradors

My thanks to the organisers of the show for an excellent ring in spite of the weather and the wet conditions we all managed to have a good dry day thanks to the set up team. My stewards both days were excellent and kept the rings flowing well.

My winners were all of quality and sound movers, the most prevalent problem seems to be lack of brisket and depth in the males which alters the front construction considerably, however the temperament, bone ,coats and tails were excellent.

Saturday June 5 2010

Veteran Dog

1st CH Tabatha's Renegade, Super quality Black, Good size represents his masculinity, well defined head with good stop, excels in reach of neck and shoulder, topline firm on the move and sound active mover

2nd Lubberline Martingale Great moving yellow of 10 years young, lovely strong but totally kind head and expression, deep thro' brisket excels in big rib sadly missing nowadays in many . well off for bone , good harsh coat and correct tail.

3rd CH Pirate's Spaghetti Western, another good yellow in excellent form, quality outline and balance front side view, excellent bone and substance, and this boy moves with real enthusiasm, would just prefer hocks a little lower set .

4th CH Tykehon's Return to Sender, Yellow with a melting head and expression that is what the breed is all about. Not quite so good in shoulder and croup as 3 above but very sound and typey representative

Junior Puppy Dog

1st Madabout's Time For A Change, Young yellow giving very good outline and balance, head maturing , good neck and shoulder, brisket developing , well of for bone, coat thick and at this stage rather open but hopefully will change from puppyhood.moves soundly.

2nd Killmaur's Autumn Thunder, Shorter Coupled Black, well-boned, very nice head shape and expression, good coat and sound

3rd Madabout's Shake Rattle and Roll, another promising youngster not so mature but all essentials there.

4th Kilmaur's Autumn Highlands, yellow brother to 2nd here, but absolutely very different at the moment. This young man has done all his growing early making him on the leg with no depth yet. Plenty bone and substance, lovely head and expression well off for coat, just needs time.

Senior Puppy Dog

1st Staghorn's Highland Flash, very nicely proportioned yellow giving excellent profile, good depth, well boned thro to good feet, head well shaped with correct stop and good pigment. Moves soundly

2nd Stonewoods E Costello Rocks another very good puppy with balance in profile, very good bone, and good double coat, head complimented by lovely pigment giving a very nice expression

3rd Pinebank Just You Wait Mr, Black youngster with alert expression, bone and substance excellent another correct coat, lost here on lack of forehead and chest.

4th Gaff's Pot of Gold , Chocolate with super substance coat and tail . well put together head needs to break .

12-15 Month Dog

1st Wayfield's Here Comes Charlie, Very good Black with eager to please

expression, very nice head well balanced with good stop. Good depth and rib. Quarter well to hock, sound mover.

2nd Castillerja's Stewie O'Muskoka very nice black , good bone and feet , not quite the balance of 1 yet and coat just at the blow stage giving a feathery look. However one who has all the essentials for a good future

3rd Nyroca's Witch Doctor, yellow and well grown, nice outline, pleasing head set off with good pigment,hocks a bit high but sound free mover.

15-18 Month Dog

1st Asklar's Friend Under Fire, well grown chocolate with a very good coat both in density, and colour, very kind headed youngster with enough bone and substance for his age, nicely proportioned, moves soundly but pins in front movement.

Bred By Exhibitor

1st Tyric/s New Kid in Town, very typey male with a soft unexaggerated head and expression, good in profile, sound free mover with nice reach on side profile

2nd Castilleja Theodore Big Blue, lovely boy I thought would be my winner, super head with the soft look we all want, well ribbed with coat and tail absolutely typical, lost to one above on his hocks, just not managing to keep them straight which cost him his place today.

3rd East Hill's Touch Down, black with plenty bone and coat excellent tight feet rather short in muzzle but kind eye and expression.

4th Adventure's Pull The Trigger strong black with excellent rib and quarter.

Open Dog Black

1st Endeavor Piccadilly Gotta Wear Shades, Won on movement good size, well coated and a pleasing head, excellent bone and good depth.

2nd Kelrobin Twist of Fate , stands over more ground so strides out well from side but pins in on front , good head , neck and topline.

Open Dog Yellow

1st Sunset Lubberline Spinnaker, good yellow with powerfull quarter and lovely depth. Strong bone to compliment this dog and a kind expressive head that has no coarseness. Keeps his topline well on the move which is free and sound whilst covering enough ground. Winners dog with pleasure

2nd East Hill's Just You Wait, another good male here with kind expressive head , shorter coupled than 1 again a powerful chap who looks every inch the male, sound free mover

Open Dog Chocolate

1st Chablais Asklar No Exit, Very nice example of the breed with an excellent true coat with that harsh weatherproof touch to the top coat. Well off for bone, good feet and a well filled quarter, sound mover

Sunday June 6 2010

Veteran Bitch

1st Tabatha's Confetti Absolutely stole my heart , this lovely bitch teams with quality, beautiful head and eye, so balanced in profile short coupled deep bodied as you will expect with the years but not one bit over done or exhausted in style. Coat excellent, and the real otter tail straight off . Still moving with drive and enthusiasm, award of merit.

2nd CH OTCH Castlegar Marlo At Autumwynd TD WC JH RE CGN, loveliest of blacks in wonderful condition, super head and deep body, plenty bone and a coat that absolutely 'fits' no feather or fluff. Moves well with drive.

3rd Castilleja Jiffy Pop, very pretty feminine yellow excellent tho'body properties and moves soundly

4th CH Pirate's Small Change another lovely lady with a melting expression,

super thro rib and quarter strong bone and sound mover.

Junior Puppy Bitch

1st Oaksill Crimson N Clover, super typey yellow with lots to offer, well grown excels in balanced profile, good head shape, ex pigment and eye, coat bone feet and a very sound mover

2nd Huntclub Lubberline Ditty Bag, black puppy who has the most lovely head shape and melting expression, well boned to lovely tight feet, coat in abundance and an excellent tail straight off the back. Not just the size yet but absolutely one you would take home.

3rd East Hill's Little Miss Marker, another very promising youngster, nothing in the wrong place at all just needs to continue as she is. Sound mover.

4th Oaksill Castlegar Vixen

Senior Puppy Bitch

1st Evenstar's Sugars Ms Daisy, Very attractive in outline with good balance from side , head well shaped set off with good pigment, plenty bone and substance sound on the move

2nd Wayfield N Oaksill Knight Moves, well put together Black , lovely expression and good thro' brisket, in super coat good tail and sound

3rd Grandriver's Sandra Dee, 10 month yellow , another pretty headed youngster with no hint of coarseness, well off for bone and substance good feet and sound both ways

4th Staghorn's Adieu to the Madness, well grown and just needing to fill in, lovely headed youngster who is sound but just a bit close behind at the moment

12-15 Month Bitch

1st Nyroca's What A Witch, This is a lovely youngster with a most melting head and expression, she acted a shade shy when she first came into the ring which I thought would cost her the place , how ever she apparently overcame any problems and was just as a Labrador should be , Super depth topline and good well developed quarter,hocks well let down , excellent coat bone and feet, sound on the move one I liked a lot.

2nd Castilleja's Smooth Kahlua , Pale yellow who has good profile , very pretty head good length neck and topline, Sound

3rd Beadog Wicked Violet, sweet black who has yet to get her brisket. Sound on the move.

15-18 Month Bitch

1st Piccadilly's Hidden Covey, good deep yellow who just commanded attention from the off , nice size and totally balanced , lovely head and expression, well pigmented to compliment , good clean neck into laid shoulder , topline spot-on firm and held on the move. Well ribbed and quarters filled to low set hock , good bone and feet, drives off the hock and moves with good stride covering the ground. Not surprising she was my winners bitch her second triumph in 2 days.

2nd Bralex's Rainy Days And Sunshine, Pale yellow who is most striking in profile. Excellent head neck and topline, well off for coat and overall substance , sound and easy mover.

3rd Castlegar Forever N Blue Jeans Smart yellow with a slightly stroger head than 2 above, excellent body properties and good mover

4th Asklar Gramma;s Wish For Me , black youngster with a wonderful coat , absolutely all in the right place with such a pretty head and expression,just a shade smaller all through , sound free mover.

Canadian Bred Bitch

1st Fallriver Chikka Boom, Compact short coupled Black with excellent spring

of rib, super coat and correct tail lovely expressive head moves well .

2nd Jaunenoir's Mardi Gras another sweet headed black , longer cast thro body than 1 , excellent in outline showing her lovely type

3rd Huntsdown Bewitched This girl just didn't find her confidence to show off her attributes, excels in type and wonderful coat. Plenty of substance and moves soundly

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1st Kelrobin Shoshone Prankster, Black whose outline thro' topline and tailset just gave her the edge, elegant in profile from very pleasing head , clean neck and shoulder , well filled rear and moves ok

2nd Pirate Hoist the Colours, Good typy yellow just not in full bloom today, excellent in profile head well moulded with good pigment to set off, good depth, bone and feet just drops off over croup , sound

3rd Castilleja's Johnnies Frankie, compact and good in profile , excels in bone feet and coat

4th Nyroca's Wicked Witch, Good sized bitch who has lovely head and expression, well off for coat bone etc just not the front , moves soundly

Open Bitch Black

1st Hyspire's Wild Shot at Asklar, Short coupled with good head and front, excellent correct coat with harsh topcoat, well filed quarter and a sound mover

2nd Haddondale Lady Guinevere, very good typy bitch who excels in coat tail and rear just not the upper arm of 1 but a lovely strong sound bitch of quality

3rd Bluesouth's Destiny Abroad, lovely in all aspects but just not at happy in the ring today.

Open Bitch Yellow

1st East Hill Winsome Tuck Me In At Night Smart in profile Deep yellow with plenty bone and substance well filled rear and firm topline , sound mover just pins a little in front

2nd Tabatha's Wink, Lovely headed bitch with excellent bone and quarter, good in profile , just a shade throaty but a lovely couple of bitches here

Open Bitch Chocolate

Nice class

1st Castilleja's Jamaica Me Crazy, good solid colour , head well moulded and looks well in profile, moves with reach and drive.

2nd Beadog Ruby Tuesday, quality bitch shade bigger , well off for substance another good coat and tail, sound mover

3rd Madabout's Coffee Sweetner shorter coupled, lovely headed bitch with soft expression, good thro rib and well off for coat, sound mover

4th Staghorn's Hidin' at Skyland, Darker shade which is most attractive, well made in all departments to complete a nice class