

Northumberland & Durham Labrador Retriever Club

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LABRADOR DOGS

Many thanks to the N&D LRC for inviting me to judge males at their centenary show, held in a glorious setting on the Ford and Etal estate. My co-judge Anne Taylor and I were in complete agreement for the lovely yellow bitch SH.CH. Rochevale Once Upon a Time be awarded BIS, and BP to the super dog, Rocheby Squadron Leader.

MINOR PUPPY (9)

1st HOPKINSON'S – ROCHEBY SQUADRON LEADER

What a find on my first class of the day, my notes start 'wow, just wow !'. Outstanding 8 month pale yellow, everything just right and nothing that I would want to change at this age. Possesses the most gorgeous head piece with excellent pigment. Has excellent balance, super neckline that flows into a well laid shoulder and a perfect topline and well set tail. Stifles well turned and stands on ample bone. His coat was not quite at its best but had enough depth and quality to it. I think he is pure class and I could go on and write so many superlatives about this puppy, he is surely destined for the top. Best dog pup and BPIS.

2nd HARVEY-MAJOR'S - JUST THE JOKER IN LINJOR

Nearly 9 months mid-yellow of a super type. Liked him a lot too, and has plenty to offer. More mature than the first placed dog. Has a super outline, showing a strongly set neck flowing into a good topline and tail-set, Well turned stifles, neat hocks and good feet. Very pleasing masculine head and expression. Smartly presented and in good coat and moving soundly.

3rd METCALFE'S – RUMHILL BERTIE WOOSTER BY BAILEYDALE

PUPPY (3)

1st HOPKINSON'S – ROCHEBY SAINT LOUIS

Litter brother to the BPIS winner, they are like two peas in a pod and very little to split them and the same remarks apply to him. Outstanding all through, lovely head and expression, super neck and shoulders, stands on sound bone and good feet. No doubt he too will have a very bright future,

2nd EDWARDS' – KIMBAJAK PRINCE PADDINGTON

Upstanding pale yellow built in a bigger frame and will need time to come together. He is of a pleasing overall type and has the correct depth of chest to body ratio. Well laid shoulder but would prefer a better angled upper arm. Stifles well turned and carrying a decent coat. Moved well.

JUNIOR (5)

1st SIMPSON'S – STRATHLANA BLACK JASPER

A new one to me, and much to admire. Black of a good size, and has plenty of scope. Especially appreciated his length of leg to body ratio. Strong topline with a well set tail, and good underline. Brisket of the correct depth, stifles well turned and quarters well muscled. Liked his masculine head, eyes of the correct shape and colour and has a muzzle of good length. Carrying a decent coat. Moved and showed well.

2nd PERCIVAL'S - WYNFAUL REPRINT

Medium sized black with a kind head and expression, not overdone at all. Short coupled body, well ribbed and quarters well muscled. Had a decent coat and otter tail. Stands on sound bone and has the best of feet. A sound mover.

3rd DAVEY'S – SOUTHRIDGE NEMO

YEARLING (7)

1st SIMPSON'S – STRATHLANA BLACK JASPER

2nd HOPKINSON'S – ROCHEBY HAVANA

Medium sized mid-yellow, a different type to the winner. Lovely masculine head and expression, with a kind eye and well set ears. Super reach of neck and lay of shoulder with a decent return of upper arm placing his legs correctly under his chest. Well ribbed body and short and strong across the couplings. Quarters well muscled with defined second thigh. Not quite in his best coat today.

3rd GIVAN'S – SUDEO STANDARD BEARER

MAIDEN (5)

- 1st METCALFE'S – RUMHILL BERTIE WOOSTER BY BAILEYDALE**
Plenty to like about this 6 month choc pup, a little sluggish on the move today. Liked his length of neck and has a well laid shoulder, firm topline and well set tail. Stifles well bent, and has good bone and feet. In decent coat.
- 2nd EDWARDS' – KIMBAJAK PRINCE PADDINGTON**

NOVICE (7)

- 1st HARVEY-MAJOR'S - JUST THE JOKER IN LINJOR**
2nd METCALFE'S – RUMHILL BERTIE WOOSTER BY BAILEYDALE
3rd McDONALD'S – BROWNSTEAD DARK BOY OF LINEVALE

GRADUATE (4)

- 1st HALLGARTH'S - AMBERSTOPE GOLD LABEL AT CHAPELMANOR**
Deep bodied mid-sized yellow in good coat. Masculine head but for me would prefer a little more length of muzzle. Excellent spring of rib with plenty of heart room, short coupled and strong, well developed quarters. Good front assembly and moved soundly.
- 2nd LITHERLAND'S – OAKHOUSE OOT MY WAY**
Kind headed yellow, loved his head and expression. Appreciated his length of leg and well developed quarters. Has a good layback of shoulder but a little steep in upper arm. Stands on well boned legs and moved very well.
- 3rd TAIT'S – LOUGHBRAE SHOWTIME AT KILTEDSHARK**

POST GRADUATE (6)

- 1st CRELLIN'S - AALINCAREY LETS SING**
Pale yellow of good breed type. Super clean outline with a flowing neck and shoulder, into a level topline and well set on tail. Good front and rear assembly, Kind, masculine head with excellent pigment. Good depth of chest and spring of ribs, short and strong across the couplings. Carries a decent coat and well clothed otter tail.
- 2nd POWELL'S - SEATALLAN CHILLI**
Slightly smaller black that had unfortunately left his coat at home. Shows a balanced outline with a good sweep of neck set into a well laid shoulder. Good length of leg and has a short coupled body, stifles well bent. Pleasing head with a good length of muzzle. Level topline, held on the move, and a good underline. Showed and moved well.
- 3rd BOLD'S - SHAYMILONEY SAINT SIGNED BY LOUBERT**

MID LIMIT (1)

- 1st BELL'S - WESTERULSTON JOHN**
This yellow stood alone, but nonetheless was a worthy winner. This dog is moderate all round, correctly made and nothing in excess. His head is very pleasing and has the calm willing to please expression so admired. Strongly set neck and well placed shoulder with a good length of upper arm. Deep bodied and has strong quarters enabling him to move with a free and easy gait. Decent length of leg to body ratio. But not perhaps in his best coat today.

LIMIT (6)

- 1st BECKER'S - TREWINNARD THE TAILOR**
Strongly made masculine yellow of a super type with a balanced outline. Loved his kind head and expression. Good depth of brisket with an excellent spring of rib. Scores in neck, strong short coupled body with a firm topline and well turned stifles. Possess the correct length of leg to body ratio, standing on excellent bone and correct feet. Not in his best coat today, moved and showed very well.

- 2nd **HARVEY-MAJOR'S – FLOKI THE JESTER IN LINJOR JW**
Another good yellow, and also not in his best coat. Pleasing in head and expression, really appreciated his neckline and lay of shoulder and has a decent length of upper arm which places his legs well under his body. Well sprung ribs and short coupled body. Quarters well developed with defined second thigh. Has good bone and feet and neat hocks. Sound steady mover.
- 3RD **MULLETT'S - SHAYMILONEY SCHINUS AFINMORE**

OPEN (2)

- 1st **HODGE'S - SH.CH. NAIKEN ELITE ENVOY JW**
Quality chocolate who was my res CC winner the last I judged males, and has gone on to clock up an impressive show record. All male but no hint of coarseness anywhere. Loved his head and contrasting eye colour, so pleasing to look at. Strong neck and a good layback of shoulder, balanced well proportioned short coupled body, well ribbed back. Topline flows to a well set tail, quarters well muscled with defined second thigh, stands on quality bone and the best of feet. Perhaps could have a touch more coat, but had more than enough depth and quality to the touch, and he showed a proper otter tail. Pleased to give him the CC this time, BOS in show.
- 2nd **BECKER'S - SLOV.CH. TUURE OF FINNWOODS**
Very nice yellow in decent coat and carrying the correct amount of weight. Kind head and expression, good depth of chest and liked his length of leg to body ratio, showing plenty of daylight. Presents a well balanced picture of good breed type Short coupled body with well sprung ribs. Good bone and feet, a very sound mover and covers the ground well, perhaps a little proud of his tail on the move,

CHAMPION (3)

- 1st **HODGE'S - SH.CH. NAIKEN EAST MEETS WEST JW**
Impressive black litter brother to the CC winner, perhaps a little bigger all-round. Balanced and strongly made all through. Super depth of brisket, short and strong across the couplings. Wonderful rear end, quarters so well muscled, super bone and feet, neat hocks. His coat quality was just wonderful, double and of the correct depth and texture, complimented by the best of otter tails. A sound and easy mover, awarded him the res CC behind his brother, just preferring the head on the CC winner. Congratulations to the breeder/owners !
- 2nd **McCULLOCH'S - SH.CH. A SENSE OF PLEASURE'S JOHNBOY TO FREWLINGS (IMP DEU)**
Have liked this super black before and he is now a worthy champion. Really excels in reach of neck with a decent layback of shoulder, upper arm of a good length but would prefer it to be better angled. Excellent topline and underline, well ribbed body and depth of brisket. Another in super coat and condition, showed and moved well.

SPECIAL SHOW/WORKING (2)

- 1st **PERCIVAL'S – CH. WYNFAUL THE WIZARD JW**
Medium sized black of excellent type. Short through the body, super neck and layback of shoulder and return of upper arm. Excellent topline and underline, well sprung ribs and short through the couplings. Well boned legs and the best of feet. In superb coat with a well wrapped otter tail. A sound mover.
- 2nd **O'BRIEN'S - SHORKS PREDICTION WGC**
Lighter framed yellow with a pleasing head and expression, excellent length of muzzle. Correct length of leg to body, stifles well turned and moved ok. Not in his best coat today.

VETERAN (2)

- 1st **PARKER'S – SH.CH. PONIEL REASON TO BELIEVE AT BRUADARACH ShCM ShEx VW**
Hard to believe that this worthy champion is nearly 10 years old – he certainly didn't show his age! In super coat and condition, and carrying the correct amount of weight. Good front assembly, still maintaining an excellent topline and well set tail. Deep through the chest and excellent spring of rib. Stands on sound bone. Masculine head, not overdone. Moved and showed to advantage.
- 2nd **PARR'S - STONEAVON WILLIE THE WEEPER**
10 year old choc carrying a decent coat. Kind understated head with a pleasing contrasting eye colour. Medium reach of neck, good depth of brisket and carries a level topline. Legs well boned and moved well.

Gary Johnson (Judge)