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## Northumberland & Durham Labrador Retriever Club

Breed: Retriever (Labrador)

It was an enormous honour to be invited to judge both sexes and my grateful thanks to the club for the invitation. I was delighted with the depth of quality throughout the entry with many typical moderate labradors that pleased me immensely. I was delighted with both of my line-ups. It is clearly understood that I like a classic, moderate labrador of correct type as there were many to choose from. I like to be able to draw a line from the ground upwards and visualise it passing through the hock and fall in line with the point of buttock, similarly, a line from front foot should pass through the withers. This, for me, is what gives the correct outline and balance I am looking for.

Baby Puppy Dog

1st & Best Baby Bold's Lakemeadow Gilberts Gift

5-month-old black baby, he had a pleasing head and expression, moderate neck, good front assembly, strong topline, well-developed quarters, moved steadily but doesn't need any more weight as this affects his outline.

Veteran Dog

1st & BVIS Dodd's Sh Ch Carriegame Moonshine

A correctly made, quality, understated black dog who has it all and is completely balanced, beautiful head of correct proportions, lovely eye colour giving such a kind and gentle expression. He is correctly made, well placed shoulders, good length to upper arm, good spring of rib, strong topline, strong and well-muscled quarters. In good coat of correct texture. He moved true with drive and enthusiasm. Like many in the line-up he met my interpretation of the breed standard and I was delighted to award him BVIS.

Minor Puppy Dog

1st Henderson's Centenalee Bailey

A slightly tricky class to judge with various types and styles. This pale-yellow boy won the class as his overall outline and balance appealed to me. His head was ok, possibly a fraction stronger than I would normally prefer but he had super pigment and a pleasing expression. Good reach of neck, well placed shoulders, level topline with tail coming straight off his back. Moved out really well.

2nd Leith-Ross & Gildroy's Shorks Obsession (AI)

Preferred the head on this young boy, typical head of correct proportions, lovely eye shape & kind gentle expressions. He had a good reach of neck, well placed shoulders, level topline and presented, overall, a lovely outline. He moved steadily and quite well but tended to carry his tail a little high on the move which just detracted from the overall picture.

### 3rd Cook's Exelby the Sovereign Orb

#### Puppy Dog

#### 1st & BPD Tulloch's Binnaig Sea the Stars over Tullochmohr

Super 11-month-old young yellow lad, it is lovely to see young dogs in the ring that are everything you would want for their age but still with the scope to finish. He is an exciting prospect, has the most beautiful head and expression, correctly proportioned with lovely eye shape and colour. Super reach of neck, well placed shoulders, good length of upper arm, good bone and feet, strong level topline, still needs to develop through body, moved out really well with good reach and drive. He was beaten by his sister for BPIS

#### 2nd Baron's Landebec Ventura

Another super young man, he has the most beautiful head and expression. He doesn't necessarily have the ring presence of the winner but it is all there. He has a lovely reach of neck, correctly placed shoulders, strong level topline, short loin, well developed quarters. He moves very well indeed with a sound and steady pace. He presents a balanced picture both standing and on the move. Look forward to seeing how he matures.

#### 3rd Harvey-Major's State Park in Linjor

#### Junior Dog

#### 1st McLellan's Saranden I'm on Fire

A really honest, typical quality yellow labrador with a balanced outline. To be a fraction critical I would prefer a slightly shorter coat but that said he is a lovely dog to go over, he has the loveliest head, correct proportions, kind eye and lovely expression, he has a good length of neck, correctly placed shoulders, good length of upper arm, super topline, well-developed ribs, well developed quarters. In super condition and super on the move, showing good reach and drive at a sensible pace.

#### 2nd Baron's Landebec Ventura – as before

#### 3rd Mitchell's Darmilye Dare to Dream

#### Yearling Dog

#### 1st & RCC Jayes & Casey Berlan Get Up and Go to Sandylands

What a beautiful young dog, he has it all and when he learns to focus, he will be difficult to overlook, he is of one piece, completely balanced with a lovely outline. Particularly liked his head, masculine of correct proportions, good reach of neck, flowing into well placed shoulders, super spring of rib, strong topline, well-muscled quarters, lovely bone and feet, he was in super coat and condition and sympathetically handled to get the very best out of him, super on the move and really caught my eye in the challenge.

#### 2nd Cook & Thompson Exelby Emrys

Slight longer cast black dog, he has the most beautiful head of correct proportions, the most kind and gentle expression, he has a good reach of neck, well placed shoulders, good length of upper arm, level topline, well-developed quarters, super coat and condition, moved ok.

#### Maiden Dog

#### 1st Harvey-Major's State Park in Linjor

Overall, this yellow is a lovely quality young man, he has a lovely head and expression and present a balanced picture, to be picky I would prefer a slightly better shoulder placement as he tends to stand with his front legs too far forward and this alters the overall picture slightly. He has lovely bone and feet, good length of upper arm, super spring of rib, level topline. Well developed quarters and he is in tip top condition. Moved well.

## Novice Dog

1st Harvey-Major's State Park in Linjor – as above

2nd Mitchell's Darmilye Dare to Dream – 3rd in Junior, thought he had the most beautiful head and expression, another whose shoulder placement could be a fraction further back and he was longer cast than the winner, a young dog though and has time to fill and develop, he has a strong level topline, well developed and muscled quarters. In super coat and condition but just preferred the movement of the winner on the day.

3rd Broadburn, Lawson & Sarti Landebec El Oso Tipibear

## Undergraduate Dog

1st Baron's Landebec Ventura

2nd Mitchells' Darmilye Dare to Dream

## Graduate Dog

1st Rose's Netherdene Sea Captain

What a lovely yellow, completely new to me and I was really taken with him, he has the most lovely head, correct proportions, lovely eye colour with a soft yet masculine expression, lovely reach of neck, correctly placed shoulders, good length of upper arm, super topline, good spring of rib, well developed quarters. Completely balanced and had that lovely outline that just flowed from the top of his head to the tip of his tail. He moves well but his inexperienced handler just needs to lengthen his stride to get the absolute best from him.

2nd Tulloch's Tullochmohr Ultimo Finale

When this dog pulls himself together, he does have a lovely outline but is clearly a handful, probably just a bit too much for me all through to be honest, his head is strong but he has a kind expression, good reach of neck, good front, strong level topline, a fraction long maybe but he has super quarters. In super coat and condition and moves out well with a lot of enthusiasm.

3rd Cook's Exelby Norman

## Post Graduate

1st Mallin's Wynfaul Second Edition

Overall, a very nice black dog, he has a lovely head and kind, gentle expression, He has a really lovely outline, good reach of neck, strong level topline, well-developed quarters and in good coat and condition. He presented a balanced outline and moved out really well, just tended to carry his tail high which spoilt the picture slightly.

2nd Wilkinson's Antonine Abercrombie

Another black boy, he has a pleasing head and expression, good reach of neck, level topline, well-developed quarters, in good coat and condition. Presented a pleasing outline and moved ok.

## Mid Limit Dog

1st Broadburn, Lawson & Santi's Landebec Happy Hour with Tipibear

I really liked this quality old fashioned dog, he is so lovely to go over and is everything a labrador should be, he has a really lovely head and expression with correct proportions and lovely eye colour, standing he presents such a balanced outline, good reach of neck which flows into well placed shoulders, good spring of rib, strong level topline, well developed and muscled quarters, lovely bone and feet, moved really well but just felt he lost some sparkle in the challenge.

## 2nd Bold's Shaymiloney Saint Signed by Loubert

Smaller framed black dog of lovely type. He has a lovely balanced outline, a pleasing head but a fraction round in eye for my preference, good reach of neck, well placed shoulders, strong level topline, moved ok but could do with his nails trimming.

## Limit Dog

### 1st Tulloch's Binnaig Bonnach for Tullochmohr JW

I judged this yellow dog as a puppy and he has matured into a top-quality dog. He has the most beautiful head of good proportions, good eye colour which gives such a typical kind and biddable expression, super reach of neck, correct front assembly, strong level topline, super well-developed quarters, super on the move with good reach and drive. Shortlisted to my final 4 in the challenge.

### 2nd Morley's Carpenny Paddy at Rockledge

Really taken with the type and style of this black dog but he didn't quite have the finish or coat of the winner on the day. He has a beautiful head, with such a kind and biddable expression, lovely reach of neck, strong level topline, good spring of rib, well developed quarters, really presented a super outline and flowed from tip of head to tail, moved very well.

### 3rd Powell's Seatalen Chilli

## Open Dog

### 1st CC & RBIS Bells Sh Ch Westerulston John

I have judged this dog before and last time felt he was a bit flat, but today was his day and he really pulled it out the bag. He is an old-fashioned dog with a completely unexaggerated quality about him that is all Labrador. He has a lovely head, good length and breadth to skull, he is head, for me exemplifies a typical Labrador temperament through his kind and gentle expression. Everything about him is in the right place, good reach of neck, well placed shoulders, good return of upper arm, good spring of rib, short coupled with well developed quarters, he really moved with enthusiasm this time. Delighted to award him the CC.

### 2nd Dawson's Beskerby Pageant

Another lovely type of dog and unlucky to meet winner on such top form, preferred the head on the winner but he has a kind & gentle expression, lovely reach of neck, well placed shoulders, strong level topline, well-developed quarters and moved out well, just starting to lose his coat.

### 3rd Harvey-Majors Floki the Jester in Linjor JW

## Champion Dog

### 1st Woodley's Sh Ch Alkhamhurst Moment of Truth

A super quality black dog, he looked absolutely on top form today, he has a lovely head, masculine, well proportioned and has such a lovely expression that reminded me so very much of his lovely father. Such a picture of balance, he flows from tip to tail and is of one-piece, lovely reach of neck, super shoulder placement, good length of upper arm, strong level topline, well-muscled quarters, in gleaming coat and condition and moved really well with drive. Shortlisted to my final 4

## Special Open Working Dog

### 1st O'Brien's Shork's Prediction WGC

What a lovely old-fashioned type of Labrador, he has such a lovely head with kind expression, he was in good coat and super fit condition, good reach of neck, well placed shoulders, level topline, moved well and presented a typical balanced outline.

## Veteran Bitch

### 1st Pattison's Pattilands Shining Star

12-year-old yellow who still fits my ideal for type and balance. She has a really pretty head and expression, good reach of neck, well placed shoulders, level topline, well-muscled quarters. I have seen her in better coat but she looked lovely and moved so well.

### 2nd Dawson's Beskerby Singsong

Slightly stronger in head than the winner and not as agile on the move, good reach of neck, well placed shoulders, good spring of rib, level topline and in good overall coat and condition.

## Minor Puppy Bitch

### 1st Brambles Shaymiloney Saucy Olive

I loved everything about this black young lady, has all the essentials and I will watch her future with in interest. Classic black everything where it should be for her age, she has the most beautiful feminine head an expression, lovely reach of neck, correct shoulder placement, level topline, well-developed quarters, in super coat and condition.

### 2nd Morley's Balladoole Vespa at Rockledge

Smaller and heavier type than the winner, pleasing head and expression, decent enough front but looked a bit stuffy through neck which just spoilt her outline, level topline, well-developed quarters, moved ok.

## Puppy Bitch

### 1st & BPIS Campbells Binnaig Sea Salt

Like her brother a super 11-month-old young yellow, she has many of the same qualities of her lovely brother but perhaps just a bit more forward, she has the most beautiful head and expression, correctly proportioned with lovely eye shape and colour. Super reach of neck, well placed shoulders, good length of upper arm, good bone and feet, strong level topline, quite develop through body, moved out really well with super reach and drive.

### 2nd Jones Serengoch's Calistoga

Pretty chocolate bitch, lovely head expression and eye colour, super reach of neck, well placed shoulders, level topline, good bone and feet, moved really well just not the forward reach of the winner on the move.

### 3rd Baron's Landebec Villanelle

## Junior Bitch

### 1st Clayton's Rochevale Sapphire

Shortlisted to my final 5 and really is an exciting prospect. She is a quality balanced yellow all through, loved everything about her, she has a lovely feminine head with kind and gentle expression, she has a good reach of neck, correct shoulder placement, good return of upper arm, strong topline, well-developed ribs, short loin, strong well-developed quarters. In super coat and condition, she was of one piece and flowed from head to tail, lovely on the move with good reach and drive.

2nd McLellans Saranden Book of Dreams, really unlucky to meet the winner on the day and another super quality yellow, she too has a lovely feminine head and expression, loved her clean outline, good reach of neck, well placed shoulders, good spring of rib, well developed quarters, moved really well but not quite the forward reach of the winner.

### 3rd Pollock's Pollham Bracara

## Yearling Bitch

1st Classic quality clean lined black with still so much more to come, she has a really lovely head, correct proportions, with a kind, gentle and feminine expression, lovely reach of neck set cleanly into well placed shoulders, strong level topline, well-developed quarters and in super coat and condition, moved really well.

## 2nd Givans' Sudeo Our One N Only

Stronger type of yellow but presented a lovely balanced outline and one of quality. Pretty head and expression, good reach of neck, well placed shoulders, strong level topline, good spring of rib, well developed quarters, moved well with drive but doesn't need any more weight on her.

## 3rd Jones Serengogh's Knockin Boots

### Maiden

## 1st Brambles Shaymiloney Saucy Olive – as MPB

## 2nd Baron's Landebec Villanelle

Yellow bitch with the most beautiful soft feminine head and expression, clean outline, good reach of neck, well placed shoulders, level topline, well-developed quarters, moved well but not quite extension of the winner and left her coat at home today.

### Novice

## 1st Mcllellans Saranden Book of Dreams – 2nd JB

## 2nd Jones Serengogh Calistoga – 2nd PB

## Undergraduate Bitch

## 1st Gunn's Exelby Elizabeth

What a lovely quality yellow, completely new to me and really appealed to me for her feminine and understated type, she has the loveliest head, correct proportions, lovely eye colour with a soft yet feminine expression, lovely reach of neck, correctly placed shoulders, good length of upper arm, super topline, good spring of rib, well developed quarters. Completely balanced and had that lovely outline that just flowed from the top of her head to the tip of her tail. She moved at a sensible pace showing good reach and drive. Shortlisted to my final 5.

## 2nd Tinlin-Thompson Claychalks Natillie

Stronger type of bitch, chocolate, pleasing head and expression, good reach of neck, level topline, good spring of ribs, moved well.

## 3rd Morrows Serengoghs Nine to Five at Ruembers

### Graduate

## 1st Gunn's Exelby Elizabeth – as UGB

## 2nd Baron's Landebec Crazy in Love

Heavier framed yellow, lovely feminine head and expression, strong neck set into well placed shoulders, well ribbed with level topline, doesn't need anymore weight on her, moved ok but not quite as positive as winner.

### Post Graduate Bitch

## 1st Davis Rochevale Palm Reader JW

Have admired this bitch from the ringside on many occasions as I am often drawn to her lovely clean outline and overall quality, she has a lovely head and expression, perhaps a fraction round in eye for my personal taste but it doesn't detract too much. She has a lovely reach of neck, set cleanly into well placed shoulders, well ribbed with a strong level topline. She is scopey but balanced and moved well.

#### 2nd Pollocks Pollham Jump for Joy

Pretty yellow with kind expression, felt her shoulders were a fraction forward which made her look a bit stuffy in neck, level topline, good spring of rib, well developed quarters. Moved well but carried her tail a bit high which spoilt the picture.

#### Mid Limit

#### 1st Campbells Binnaig Buppsala JW

Superb quality black with the most gorgeous head and expression. I judged her as a raw puppy when I felt she need to tighten and she has done just that, good reach of neck, well angulated front, firm level topline, well-developed quarters and in super coat and condition, she moves really well with good reach and drive. In the challenge I just felt I would prefer a fraction more leg length to balance her.

#### 2nd Jayes & Casey Berlan First in Line at Sandylands

Smaller framed quality yellow, lovely head and expression, very clean in outline, well placed shoulders, level topline, well-developed quarters and moved very well when settled.

#### 3rd Givan's Sudeo Roxy

#### Limit Bitch

#### 1st Brambles Shaymiloney Silla Black

Thought this yellow looked super today and really appealed for her type and balance, pretty feminine head with soft expression, lovely clean outline, well placed shoulders, decent length of upper arm, firm level topline, good spring of ribs, well developed quarters, good tail set and really moved out well. In the challenge she looked a complete picture so shortlisted to my final 5

#### 2nd Dodd's Carriegame Precious Jewel

Beautiful headed quality classic black, she pushed the winner hard, super reach of neck, well placed shoulders, good length of upper arm, strong level topline, well-developed quarters, in lovely coat and condition and moved really well.

#### 3rd Percivals Wynfaul New Years Eve JW

#### Open Bitch

#### 1st & RCC Percivals Wynfaul Dancing Flame JW

This quality yellow headed a super class, she really couldn't have looked any better, in full bloom, beautiful head & expression, in super coat and condition, lovely reach of neck, well placed shoulders, good length of upper arm, strong level topline, well-developed quarters, in super coat and condition, moved really well. She looked super in the final line-up.

#### 2nd Reynolds Arrowmoy Madam Butterfly

I don't think I have seen this yellow in the flesh before but she is absolutely super quality, beautiful head and expression, good reach of neck, strong topline, good barrel ribs, well-muscled quarters, in super condition and presented such a balanced outline, really moved well and was being really picky but didn't quite have the forward reach of the winner on the day.

#### 3rd Tooths Ludalor Loquacious

## Champion Bitch

1st CC & BIS Jayes & Casey Sh Ch Lapema Masquerade at Sandylands

This yellow, for me, typifies the balance and type that I like and was looking for. She is such outstanding quality and being of one piece from the top of head to tip of her tail. Such a beautiful feminine head of correct proportions with an intelligent and biddable expression. Clean & powerful neck, correct front, good width and depth to chest with good spring of rib, strong level topline, short coupled with well developed quarters. She really excels on the move and is difficult to get past. Effortless and understated but all Labrador.

## Special Open Working Bitch

1st Leith-Ross & Gildroy Shorks Homecoming De La Vallee de Chevre WGC

Classic black, beautiful head and expression, well made throughout with good reach of neck, strong topline, well-developed quarters and moved well.

2nd Lamberts Shorks Ingens

Lovely type of black with a lovely head & expression, good reach of neck, level topline and in good condition. Moved well

3rd Lamberts Shorks Jiggle WGC