The Labrador Club Championship Show 21 June 2015 - Critique from judge Sue Marskell

DOGS

Baby Puppy Dog

1. Charlie Brown at Kahilani

Gorgeous 5 ½ month chocolate baby. Fantastic coat, lovely topline. Very well angulated front and rear. Tail comes straight off his back. Correct eye colour! Very neat feet. Really liked him.

2. Bornefield Star Spangle Bana

5 month old black baby. Good coat, good head and correct eye shape and colour. A little long at the moment and pins slightly when moves, but just a baby and all can improve.

3. Southerly Zebastian

Black slightly built 5 month old baby. Lovely head, correct eye shape and colour, and good ear set. Neat feet. Needs to body up.

Minor Puppy Dog

1. Sarasota Never Say Never At Blackhills

Very well made black baby of 7 ½ months. Gorgeous head with melting expression. Good topline, very well angulated. Very good bone, neat feet. Fantastic coat. I would like a bit more enthusiasm and today he was pulling up on his front right leg but overall preferred to second place movement.

2. Bradorla Counter Measure

Very much liked this 7 month black boys profile. Lovely head, correct bite, well angulated. Neat feet and good neck. But unfortunately was down on his pasterns at the rear which gave him his second place. Can, I am sure, be improved with fast lead walking.

Puppy Dog

Roughfield Knock On Wood

Very mature yellow 10 month old boy. Lovely head, very good pigment, correct bite. Level topline, good feet and very good angulation. Fantastic coat. Won this class on his very correct movement.

2. Croftsway Shaken Not Stirred

This lovely 8 month old took my eye straight away. He just got a bit tired on his final movement. Fantastic pigmentation. Very good angulation front and rear. A very good future ahead with him, I am sure. A typical Labrador.

3. Blackhills Michelangelo

What a lovely typical head on this lovely 7 ½ month old black. Can't fault him in any way. The two in front of him just more mature at this time. Lovely front and rear angulation, lovely neat feet. Needs a bit more covering on his tail. Liked him very much indeed.

Novice Dog

1. Croftsway Colonel Jackson

Lovely black baby. Melting expression, correct bite, tremendous coat and tail. Lovely front and rear angulation, correct shoulder and neck placement, and neat feet. A promising future ahead, I am sure.

Junior Dog

1. Roughfield Miles To The Moon At Charing

Very showy yellow boy. Fantastic movement, very good pigmentation, good eye set and ear set. Level topline. Unfortunately losing his coat, but never the less, a good strong dog.

2. Roughfield Better By Miles

Very nice yellow dog indeed. Not overdone in any way. Good head, melting expression. Correct angulation front and rear. In good coat. Neat feet. Moved with real drive. A very typical Labrador.

3. Mistybrook Marksman

Very good pigmentation, lovely ear set and used his ears well. Well angulated, neat feet. Movement was fantastic. He needs a little time to mature into his body.

Intermediate Dog

1. Mistybrook Matthais

Lovely black boy. Good head, melting expression. Very good front and neck angulation. Level topline – tail coming off back very well in profile, but can hold it a little high on the move. Well angulated in the rear, neat feet and moved very well indeed.

Eventide All Black

Very nice black dog. Level topline, well angulated front and rear. Neat feet. A little long in the body. Unfortunately his head is a bit strong for me.

3. The Admiral of Kahilani

Very kind black dog who moved very well. Well angulated at the front. Neat feet. Perhaps a little long in body.

NZ Bred Dog

1. Cornerstone Magical Mile

Lovely yellow boy. Good head, good pigmentation. Good front and rear angulation, good topline. Well boned. Very well balanced. Moved very well indeed. Liked him very much.

2. Southerly Scubadiver

Black carrying a bit too much weight but still a typical Labrador. Lovely melting expression. Good eye and ear set, good front and rear angulation. Neat feet. Very typical Labrador.

3. Bornefield Noble Statesman

Well angulated front and rear. Neat feet. Good neck and shoulder placement. Moved OK.

Veteran Dog

1. Mistybrook Mr Bojangles

7 year old black dog. Nice head, good ear set. Good topline but a tad too long. Neat feet. Moved OK but pinned at front.

2. Sarasota Ahh Dudleys The Name

Lovely yellow 9 ½ year old boy. Just loved him but hie is carrying much too much weight. Everything about his is correct. Front and rear angulation, pigmentation, and still moves so well. Such a shame that the excess weight spoiled him..

Open Dog

1. Roughfield The Flame Keeper

Good head, correct bite, uses ears well. Level topline. Good coat although tail is a bit on the blink. Correct angulation front and rear. Moved very gently and correct. A good dog. **Dog CC.**

2. Jancerie Mellow Yellow

Very correct yellow dog. Very balanced. Good neck and shoulder placement, good topline and tailset. Well angulated, especially at rear. Moved very well indeed. **Res Dog CC.**

3. Kroppsmarken Simply The Best

Black dog, melting expression. Correct front and rear angulation. Good topline and tailset. Neat feet. Very typical Labrador.

BITCHES

Baby Puppy Bitch

1. Chasers Pippin Peach

Gorgeous yellow baby of 4 ½ months. Gorgeous pigment, beautiful head. Very well boned. Level topline. Loved her angulation. Such positive movement for one so young. Loved everything about her. I would like to take her home.

2. Bornefield Maid N Manhatten

Another gorgeous black baby. Also loved her to pieces. Lovely front and neck. A tad long in the body at the moment. Moved beautifully with great hindquarters. One to watch.

3. Chasers Birdit Bonnier

Loved this black baby as well. Lovely head, good bone. Lovely angulations. Good topline and tail which never stopped wagging. Lost her second place on handling.

Minor Puppy Bitch (A really strong class)

1. Willowspring I'm In Fiamme

Very showy, balanced and sure of herself yellow bitch. Good pigment, correct bite and good ear set. Moves so positively for one so young. Fantastic rear quarters, lovely neck and shoulder placement.

2. Roughfield Hollywood Waltz

Very mature yellow bitch. Lovely pigmentation, kind head and good ear set which she uses well. Very good front and rear angulation. Moved absolutely superbly which won her second place in this very strong class.

3. Blackhills Arianna

I loved this black bitch with beautiful head and eye expression. Level topline and good tail set. Good rear angulation and moved very well. But on profile a little straight and upright in shoulder.

Puppy Bitch

1. Willowspring Bella Italiana

Very balanced yellow. Good head, correct ear set which she used well. Lovely strong topline and tailset. Tail never stopped wagging. Very confident, well boned and neat feet. Well angulated front and rear. Moved very well.

2. Ashdale Abracadabra

Very classical black who I liked very much. She looks so much better on a loose lead as she has a beautiful neck and shoulder placement. Well angulated front and rear, and neat feet. Moved very gently and perfectly. Liked her a lot.

3. Sarasota No Bones About It

Another classical black. Everything in the correct place. Lovely head, lovely eye set and colour, correct ear set and used them well. Very pretty head indeed. Correct front and neckline, correct rear angulation. Moved very well indeed. Another one I liked very much.

Novice Bitch

1. Willowspring I'm On Fire

Very classical black. Good head, correct bite, level topline and tail set. Tail never stopped wagging. Very well angulated front and rear. Moved very well indeed. She took my eye straight away.

2. Chasers Chelmsford Wonder

Very well made yellow. In fact, carrying just a tad too much weight. Beautiful pigmentation, correct bite, excellent rear angulation, good bone and neat feet. Moved very well.

3. Southerly Seamless

Very sweet classical black. Melting head and expression. Used her ears very well. Correct shoulder and neck placement, very good angles. Moved well.

Junior Bitch

1. Cornerstone Dreams Of Fire

Very upstanding yellow bitch. Good pigmentation, very correct front. Lovely topline and tail. Excellent quarters front and rear. Very confident. Moved exceptionally well. A really lovely bitch. Res Bitch CC

2. Croftsway Good Lorde

Very pretty yellow girl. Excellent pigmentation. Correct ear set and used them well. Lovely eye colour, good bone and neat feet. Moved very well indeed.

3. Blackhills Gosh I'm Gorgeous

Lovely classical black bitch. Melting head and expression. Good angulation and well bodied. I liked her a lot, but she did not seem happy to be here.

Intermediate Bitch

1. Charing Lady Of The Night

Lovely black bitch with very correct front, and with good shoulder and neck placement. Good front and rear angulation, good topline and tailset. Neat feet. Moved very well indeed.

2. Mistybrook Mona Lisa

Another lovely black bitch. Very nice head, lovely eye set and colour, and correct ear set. Correct front and rear angulation, neat feet. Moved very well indeed. Liked her very much.

3. Croftsway Icing Sugar

Yellow bitch who I like a lot but she carried too much weight. Loved her very kind head with correct pigmentation, lovely eye and ear set. Correct front and rear angulation, lovely neat feet. Moved very well indeed.

NZ Bred Bitch

1. Willowspring Blues Magic

Lovely black full of enthusiasm. Moved very well and so full of life. Correct eye set and colour, good ear set. Level topline and tail set. Very well balanced. Good coat.

2. Jetsun Sweetheart

Another lovely black bitch. Lovely front, lovely head with melting expression. Good topline and tailset. Lovely angulation front and rear. Neat feet. Moved very well.

3. Sarasota Ya Got It In One

Such a soft melting expression on this yellow. Lovely topline and very well angulated. Moved exceptionally well. Fought hard for her third place. Liked her very much.

Veteran Bitch

1. Sarasota If I Only Had Time

Lovely 10 year old yellow bitch who I loved (but I loved all the veteran bitches). Still moves with drive. Lovely pigmentation, kind head. She holds her topline on the move.

2. Jetsun Sea Goddess

Another beautiful 10 year old yellow who I loved. Really enjoyed her day out. Still retains a good topline and still has neat feet.

3. Temepara Of Ohakuri

12 year old black who did what she wanted, and I loved her for it. Such a lovely head – typical Labrador. Good angulation, and still holds a level topline. Well done!

Open Bitch

1. Willowspring Eternal Flame

Very good black bitch. Very chiselled head. Good eye set and colour and correct ear placement. Good topline, good front and rear angulation, and neat feet. Moved with real drive. <u>Bitch CC.</u>

2. Muckenmire Tinkerbelle Of Holly Lane

Lovely yellow bitch. Melting expression, good pigmentation and ear set. Lovely topline and tail set, and good angulation. Moved well.

3. Southerly Tuesday's Child

Classical black. Very good front construction. Lovely topline. Could do with more coat on the tail. Very well angulated. Neat feet. Moved very well.