

Iroquois Labrador Retriever Club Specialty – Sept. 27, 2008
Critique of Regular Classes by Claire White-Peterson

Dog Classes:

Winners Dog: #113- Danbridge Henry J, Owner: Marilyn & Kenneth Meewes

Black dog from the Bred By Exhibitor class. Pleasing overall silhouette. Correct textured coat. This young dog had a lovely head and soft expression. He was in super condition. He was correct moving, going and coming back to me and on the around. Balanced in length of back and leg and good shoulder layback and depth of thigh. Might have been a little more “showy” on the day but that did not deter from his obvious quality.

Reserve Winners Dog: #73 –Labslandings Winning Edge, Owner: Beth Shaffer

Pale Yellow Dog from Open Yellow Class. Striking dog. Nicely balanced, proper length of back, to leg height and nice shoulder and depth of thigh. Lovely head and expression. Also a strong moving dog. At times stood displaying a too stretched out topline but most of the time found his best stance. He was quite showy.

Dog Classes:

1st Place: 6-9 Puppy: #135 Startop’s Highwayman, Owner Jennifer Harmon.

This pup shows a lot of promise. Nice mover and good coat and balance. Fit in nicely in the WD lineup.

1st Place: 9-12 Puppy: #139 Willcare Page Turner At Ashfield, Owner Mary-Jo Mansfield & Susan Willumsen.

This is another pup that shows promise. Nice moving dog with a kind expression and good balance overall.

1st Place: Open Black Dog: #67 –Tabatha’s Adventure Score, Owner: Kim Falker & Carol Heidl.

Lovely dog, good expression and proportions. Moved true. Good coat. This lovely dog certainly “stood out” too. Was perhaps not as clean a silhouette as the WD, & RWD.

1st Place: Open Chocolate Dog. #173- (not in catalog) Epoch’s Louis Vuitton of Castlegar, Owner Pierry & Stan McLean. Nicely balanced dog for his size. Great coat and nice soft expression, good movement in all directions.

Bitch Classes:

Winners Bitch/Best of Winners: #134- (not in catalog) Nyroca’s Castlegar Bewitched Owner Pierry & Stan Mclean.

Yellow from the Open Yellow class. This bitch was quite the comic and certainly had a rapport with her handler. A real show girl. She’s an extremely smart mover and doesn’t put a foot down wrong. Strong topline, with a nice length of back which she kept level while on the go around, she was proportioned extremely well with enough leg to make her movement effortless.

Reserve Winners Bitch: #50 -Sealcove’s Soliloquy owned by Ruth Solomon.

Black from Open Black class. Love this bitch. Very clean silhouette. Nicely proportioned and in good coat. She is also a strong mover. The WB had just a tad more depth of thigh and was showier.

Bitch Classes:

Open Black class: 2nd place. #98- Poplar Forest Oh Whata Windfall, Owner Alyce Hobbs .

Lovely type. Very similar to 1st place bitch in this class. It was a tough decision between 1st and 2nd in this class. She also had a lovely silhouette and moved well.

Open Chocolate Bitch 1st Place. #78 Fortune's Outside The Bun at Grayson Owner Amy Gibson. Nicely moving bitch, good fore-chest and strong topline, and with a pleasing expression and head.

Bred By Bitch #18-Majestx Loves Me-loves Me Not, Owner Lois Engel
Black bitch. Caught my eye when she came in the ring. She was outstanding in her class.
Nicely balanced, strong topline. Correct movement, carried herself well, ton of coat. Nice head, soft expression.

12 to 18 month Bitch 1st Place: #66 – Moonlit's By Gosh, Owners Susan Bennington,
This Black puppy girl had fantastic balance and movement. Lovely silhouette. Pleasing expression and head shape. She was very showy as well. Considered her as one of my top picks in the WB class.

9–12 Month Puppy Bitch: #34- Shalane Material Girl, Owner Lee Anne Kiefer & Deb Lewis. Another promising young girl. Nicely balanced, moved well, good coat.

6-9 Month Puppy Bitch: #8 Endless Mt's Fine Linen, Owner Donna Stanley
Yellow puppy girl with great promise. Beautiful head and expression, nice balance and moved well around the ring.

Best of Breed: #9 Ch. Glenerie's Great Hunter Orion Owner: R. & S. Snider/ E. & C. Noll.
Large Yellow boy. Love this dog's head and expression. Strong topline, good shoulder and depth of thigh. Moves nicely on the go around. In super coat and quite showy. Watched him in the Group and he looked great there too.

Best of Opposite Sex: was **Veteran Bitch** #56 Ch. Willcare's Godiva, Owner Susan Willumsen. Outstanding "young" lady. Can't find a thing about this bitch that I do not like. She's got a fantastic chocolate coat, lovely shaped head and expression. Her proportions are right on the money and she still moves around the ring effortlessly. Enthusiast showgirl!

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JAM: #81 Ch. Casbar's Hart to Hart, Owner Diane Ammerman
This dog is nicely balanced. In great condition- hard bodied. He's also a strong moving dog with a fantastic coat.

Note worthy "Specials" that made the cut in Inter-sex:
Although I was only able to award one Judges Award of Merit, these other dogs caught my eye, & I felt were extremely noteworthy. #165, #91- I would have liked to have awarded them all a JAM on this day.

#165 Dog (not in catalog and not noted on the Rau site online) (handler: Stéphane Laliberté)- *(note- this dog might be Ch. Lobuff Hyspire Lasting Impression but not positive because nothing was on the Rau site noting that this numbered dog was even entered- perhaps someone made a note in the catalog during the show or perhaps you could inquiry with Rau)*

#91: Dog- Maritime Hyspire Slam Duncan- Owner Julie Jussame, V. Russell, J. Heim, L DaRoss (move up)