

Critiques of Jean-Louis Blais, judging at EOLBA Specialty, July 24, 2011

Veteran Bitch:

- 1) Ch. Hunterleigh Gracie (429) Yellow Girl. So much type. Gorgeous angles. She has a great head and a soft expression. A really beautiful Labrador.
- 2) Ch. Josabry Megan CD, CGN (73) Chocolate girl of good type. Lovely head and expression. Dark brown eyes. That veteran was shown in great fitness condition. Also really happy to be out .

Junior Puppy Dog:

- 1) Staghorn's Harris Tweed (440) Very cute little black. Not big but so well balanced. Moves like a dream. Very good head and expression . Not in her best coat today.
- 2) Dunrobin's Rustlin The Ice (410) Much bigger black. Lots of substance and great bones. He has nice angles front and rear. A bit unbalanced today due to age.

12-15 Month Dog:

- 1) Boreal Black Is Coming Thunder (490) Beautiful young black with great substance and bones. Good strong head and sweet expression. Not in his best coat today but still has a lot. Moves very well. A very promising puppy!

Canadian Bred Dog:

- 1) Gaff's Pot of Gold (204) Chocolate boy. A nice little package! Really well put together. Good harsh coat. Moves with drive but needs to settle down for a better front movement

Bred-By Exhibitor Dog:

- 1) Hampton Rolling Stone (119) Really beautiful black of great type. I liked his head and expression. Great balance. Lovely neck , shoulders and top line. Short coupled. Deep in ribcage. Good harsh coat. Moves very well. A very good Labrador!

Open Black Dog:

- 1) Pucketts Super Charged (374) A very good black boy . Not in his best jacket but still carrying enough harsh coat. Very well balanced with correct angles front and rear that he uses well on the move. Very good head with soft expression. Lovely neck flowing on good shoulders , solid top line and tail set right of the back. I like this dog very much. Finished **Reserve Winners Dog**.
- 2) Mooselake Zak For MyThree Sons (201) Another good black also very well balanced.. I liked his good strong head and expression. Moves very well a bit proud of his tail for me. Not in his best coat.

Open Yellow Dog:

- 1) Gateway's Nothing But Trouble (302) I loved that big yellow boy as soon as I saw him entering the ring. Gorgeous neck, shoulders and top line. Great angles that he uses very well when moving with energy. I also like his very good

strong head and soft expression. A true Labrador all around. He was not in his best coat but had enough correct coat for the time of the year. I was pleased to give him **Winners Dog, Best of Winners and finally Best of Breed.**

- 2) Castilleja's Theodor Big Blue (397) Unlucky to meet the number one today. This yellow is a lovely Labrador . A nice little package full of beans. He was shown in a very good coat . He is well balanced and moves with drive using his front and strong rear to cover the ground. Good substance and great bones. He has also a good Labrador head. He was so happy to be out. A real lovely boy!

Open Chocolate:

- 1) Campbell Yard Chocolate Moose (497) I was really impressed with this chocolate boy. He was carrying the best coat of the day. Well balanced , correct angles. Good mover. Good top line and tail set. I also liked his beautiful head and his brown eyes. One to like a lot!

Junior Puppy Bitch:

- 1) Startop's Turn The Page (375) Pale yellow girl. A little doll! Lovely head, pigment and expression. Great angles. Good balance. Moves well on the profile, a little wide at the front when coming to me.
- 2) Kerybrooks Keeper Of The Stars (206) Cute chocolate girl in good harsh coat for a puppy. Well balanced, Move well with drive. Good head with correct eyes colour.

Senior Puppy Bitch:

- 1) Ironridge's Reese Piece (8) Chocolate girl. Everything at the right place. Good fore chest, good rear angles. Moves well holding her top line and carrying her tail at the right place. A feminine head with good eyes colour. She was at the end my **Best Puppy**

12-15 Month Bitch:

- 1) Castlegar Nyroca Le Fromage (342) Lovely pale yellow girl. Beautiful head and expression. Balance, great shoulders and top line. Shows well & moves well showing her good angles front and rear. In my cut for WB

15-18 Month Bitch:

- 1) Kriscoland's Summersault (324) Black girl in very good coat and condition. Not really happy to be in the ring today. Something like "Don't touch me please". Has lovely angles, a beautiful neck and solid top line Good Labrador feet. Great head.

Canadian Bred Bitch:

- 1) Kilmaurs Autumn Skye (181) Very strong black girl . A very strong head

But a real nice expression. Correct angles front and rear that she uses well when she moves. A quality bitch!

- 2) Asklar's Lookin Eh Felicitous (5) Much smaller girl not in her best condition. Good top line, correct front. Moves well

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitch:

- 1) Fallriver Chikka Boom (254) A beautiful black girl shown a great Condition. Very good head and expression. Great neck, shoulders and Top line. Short coupled with great angles. Front and rear. Moves ok. She was at the end my **Reserve Winners Bitch**
- 2) Wayfield Oaksill Knight Moves (33) Another very nice black girl with about the same attributes than number one. Great neck and great balance. Very great headpiece.

Open Black Bitch:

- 1) Hampton Crosstickle Lassy Bug (428)
 - 2) Castilleja's The Black Pearl (400)
- These two girls were beautiful. Both were shown in a very good coat condition . Balance, angles, top line , tail set. Two quality black females. Both were having a lovely head . I liked both of them.

Open Yellow Bitch:

- 1) Muckenmire Tinkerbelle Of Holly Lane (246) Good yellow girl with a nice head, great neck flowing in a a solid topline and a correct tail set. She has correct angles that she uses well on the move. Good Labrador coat today.
- 2) Oaksill Castlegar Vixen (243) Another very good yellow.. Lovely head, great neck, solid top line, correct angles, good mover. A bit narrow at the rear..

Open Chocolate Bitch: A beautiful class of four good chocolate girls

- 1) Castlegar Dragonloft Hop To It (68) This bitch is stunning. Shown in great coat condition she is fully mature. Head, expression . eyes colour beautiful. She has a solid top line and a very correct tail set .She has balanced angles front and rear that she uses fully when she moves. Very, very ,very lovely! **Winners Bitch**
- 2) Castilleja's Smooth Kahlua (399) Another very good Labrador. More legs than number one but still well balanced. Was really happy to be out and wanted to show all that she had good: great coat, good bones and lovely feet. Moves well with lots of drive. I liked her a lot.

BOB: Gateway's Nothing But Trouble (302) . See my critique in Open Yellow. I heard that this win finished him in Canada. A true Quality Champion

BOS: Ch. Castlegar Dragonloft Celestial : (69) Beautiful mature black girl in full coat. Beautiful head. & expression. Great balance all over. Moves very well. A great Champion.

JAM: Ch. Snowden Hill's As Time Goes By (36) Beautiful dark yellow boy. I had always liked him. He was shown today in a very good condition. A tribute to his breeder and owners.

JAM: Ch. Kriscoland's Intrinsic (323) Such a nice black girl in a wonderful condition! Lovely head, Lovely balance. Good mover. She could have taken the whole thing if she would have shown with a bit more enthusiasm

Finally I want to thank all the exhibitors for having entered their lovely Labradors under me. I was really pleased with the overall quality. People were great accepting my placements with elegance. I want to thank the EOLBA for having invited me to judge at their show and especially Joanne Fernall for her hospitality. Thank you to my ring steward Leslie Grant for a job well done.

Merci à tous et à toutes!

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Chablais Labrador Retrievers