

## EASTERN ONTARIO LABRADOR BREEDERS ASSOCIATION SHOW

JULY 24 AND 25 2004

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of EOLBA for the privilege and honor of judging your specialty show this year. Your kindness and hospitality will never be forgotten. Your show was a rare treat! The weather was perfect. The show site was beautiful. The exhibitors were wonderful. The good grace with which they accepted my decisions and the way they treated each other proved to me that Sportsmanship is not dead - It is alive and well and living in Canada. I must give special thanks to Joanne and her husband Al for everything they did to make it all happen as perfectly as it did - to Peggy for her wonderful food - to Leah who was one of the best stewards I have ever had the pleasure of working with and to everyone else who helped make this such a very special occasion. Your trophy and raffle tables were fantastic as was my judge's gift which I shall treasure always. And, of course, I must mention the dogs. I saw nothing but good temperaments and the quality of the exhibits was first-rate. You never know what to expect when you judge in an area for the first time and I was not disappointed. In my opinion you should be very proud of the quality of your dogs. As is always the case with depth of quality some very deserving dogs went unrewarded. This is almost always true of puppies where you must judge on the day. I think your custom of not letting anyone leave the ring empty-handed is fabulous as sometimes there is very little to separate the winners from the non-winners. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as I did. Thank you again for inviting me!

Barbara Barfield

Ch. Scrimshaw Duckless Fairbank JH, WC  
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