Hitchin & District Canine Society 14th October 2018

Thank you, Hitchin and District, for inviting me to Judge Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers at your Open show. I had an excellent entry of high-quality dogs to judge. I hope everyone had as good a day as I did.

Puppy (2,0)

1st Chapman's KATIMBA TREBBIANO AT DKAI

A mature boy for his age, confident and in good coat, a strong head with good shape eye and kind expression, well set and size of ear. A good depth of chest and spring of rib for his age, a medium length of neck well-muscled, a young dog, still developing who is currently a little high at the rear. Presented himself well in the ring moving with spirit showing good ground covering reach and drive. BP

2nd Fincham's DANEHAVEN RALPH

A lovely dog with lots of promise, looking less mature than my first place today. Pleasing head and expression, a kind correct almond shaped eye with good ears completing the frame. Good front angulation would prefer a little more leg and less length of body. Moved well but not quite with the spirt of 1.

Junior (2,0)

1st Powley's DANEHAVEN JEMSEG

Very spirited today. Compact bitch with a typical head, eye and expression, well framed by nicely set and proportioned ears set on a medium, well-muscled neck. Good angulation front and rear, well-muscled thighs supporting her strong movement. Her maturity in muscle and stature placed her 1st today.

2ND Chapman's KATIMBA TREBBIANO AT DKAI (1st Puppy)

Post Graduate (7,0)

1st Fuard's TOLLELKIN BAY OF ICE

Presented himself in good spirit typical of the breed. Well balanced throughout. Unmistakenly male with a broad masculine head, good eye shape and colour with wellproportioned nicely set ears to complete expression. A very strong well-set medium length neck. Excellent angulation front and rear, standing strong and square, deep chested with a good spring of rib and very well-muscled throughout, would have no trouble working a day in the field. He was in good coat on the day and excelled on the move.

2nd Elkin's TOLLELKIN WATER DANCER

A very pretty eye-catching bitch with a feminine head, set on a strong medium well set neck. Good eye shape and colour, good size and set of ears. Excellent angulation front and rear, good depth of chest and spring of rib, sporting good substance. Lovely movement and well balanced throughout another who would not struggle on a day in the field, beaten by the coat and muscle tone of my first place today.

3RD Tester's GINGAFING CARLESS WISPER

Open (4,2)

1st Strevens' SH CH ERIKACHEN CONAIRE AT TOLLISTY JW ShCM

A quality dog who stood out as my best of breed today, a very nicely constructed well balanced dog. A good head and correct eye with well-placed and size ears, a strong well set on neck, good front and rear angulation, clean and well-presented, tight feet. He has a firm top line a good spring of rib and depth of chest, well-muscled throughout. Moved with confidence good reach and drive, a show off on the move. Delighted to award him BOB.

2nd Titovets' HR CH MACDREAMS TRENT FROM CASHEL VALE JW RL3 AT/SLO JCH

A much younger dog who will improve with maturity, deep red in colour, a clean wedged shaped head with good eye shape though slightly lighter than coat, good size and well-set ears, good muscle through his neck and shoulders would like him to develop more substance with maturity, has good proportionate bone, nicely presented, tight feet. Moved with confidence full of energy and positive attitude typical of the breed. RBOB

3RD Collins & Powley's DANEHAVEN DETROYES

Nick Burchell (Tivalake) Judge