

Show: Hitchin and District Canine Society Open Show

Date: 16th April 2022

Judge : Tracey Ayling-Jones

Many thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge at their very, well run and friendly show. It had a lovely atmosphere.

Golden Retriever Bitches

Puppy (2,2a)

Junior (1) **1.** Pounds-Longhurst's Mossburn Golly Miss Molly. Well balanced 15 month old mid gold bitch that I liked a lot. Lovely head with dark eye and pigment with the softest of expressions, nice flow of neck into an excellent topline, good front angulation & well sprung ribs. Moved very well.

Post grad (9,4a) **1.** Seamons' Messano Just Dance. At almost 2 years old, this pale bitch really caught my eye today. She has the most beautiful head and expression. Lovely flow of neck into well placed shoulders. Good length of neck, excellent front and bone, good ribs, level topline which she holds on the move. A true and stylish mover, presented in beautiful coat and condition. Best Bitch and in agreement with my co-judge, RBOB **2.** Manton's Chinnordale Dancing Queen. Well proportioned darker golden bitch with good flow from neck to shoulder to a level topline and tailset. Short coupled. Well bent stifle with good width, and straight hocks. Moved with drive around the ring. **3.** Harding's Eveninghill Going Dutch

Open (7,2a) Two super bitches headed this class, both which could change places on another day, I really was splitting hairs between them. **1.** Harding's Eveninghill Mad As A Hatter. I last judged this bitch at six months of age at her very first show. She has matured well and is not overdone in any way. Pretty head with kind eye, nice reach of neck into well made front. Level top line, short coupled. Plenty of stifle, but not at all over angulated. A very well balanced girl. Moved true front and back. Pushed hard for Best Bitch. RBB **2.** Seamons' Messano Kiss Me Now. Another lovely bitch. Feminine head, lovely clean neck into well made shoulders, good bone, straight front with tidy feet. Level top line. Nice turn of stifle, short hocks. Moved true front and back, holding her top line well. Just preferred the overall balance of one today. **3.** Petts' Lady in Red De Ambersclan of Rumwood

Flat Coated Retriever

Post graduate (4)

1. Jarvis & Iddendens' Blacklace Black Prince. A handsome three year old dog who exudes breed characteristics. Flowing outline. Good reachy neck into well placed shoulders. Correct topline and tailset. Strong stifles and hocks. Mature body with good depth. I really liked this boy, he just needs to settle down on the move. RBOB

2. Goodmans' Blacklace Mariana for Gayplume, Three year old bitch with a balanced head with good expression. Clean neck and shoulders leading to good, firm topline. Deep well ribbed body. Strong quarters and let down hocks. A real happy showgirl enjoying her time in the ring and moving very well in profile. 3. Beeson's Esined Double Delight

Open (2)

1. Beeson's Esined Pandora A four year old bitch who was lovely in outline with level topline and well set tail. Good depth of body with ample heart room well ribbed. Strong hindquarters with well let down hocks allowing her to move with drive both up and down and particularly in profile around the ring. BOB 2. Goodman's Blacklace Cordelia. Another very well constructed bitch. At 9 years old, she is in good hard condition with well ribbed body and strong quarters which she used to advantage on the move particularly fore and aft. Pushed hard for the class, just preferred the overall flow of the class winner today.

Labrador Retriever

Puppy (2,1a) 1. Porters' Winnellands Vanilla Sky. What a super 11 month old puppy bitch. She caught my eye the moment she walked into the ring with her overall balance. She has the most prettiest of heads with dark eye and lovely pigment. Superb front and rear angulation, level topline and tailset, neat cat like feet. Moved with confidence around the ring. BP and had no hesitation to award her BOB. Lovely to hear she went PG3. She has a bright future.

Junior (4, 2a) 1. Porters' Winnellands Vanilla Sky 2. Bysouth's Luckswarren Larksong balanced yellow bitch of 14 months, soft feminine head and expression, clean in neck and shoulder, good forechest, short coupled with level topline. Moved well.

Postgraduate (3,2a) 1. Newman's Creamwood Silver Hawthorn. 20 month old yellow dog with kind masculine head and soft expression, clean in neck and shoulder, well angulated front and rear, deep in rib with level topline which he held on the move.

Open(3,1a) Bysouth's Luckswarren Secret Phoenix. Balanced well built bitch shown in good coat and condition, kind soft feminine head, strong in neck and shoulders, well off for bone with tight feet, good forechest and well ribbed, short coupled with strong quarters, moved well in profile. RBOB. 2. Harrison's Llanstinan Mascara With Stebal. Well proportioned black 4 year old bitch with soft feminine head, clean through neck and shoulders, level topline, short coupled, correct coat and tail. Moved well.