

Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club Championship Show – 3 July 2021

JUDGE'S REPORT

I made allowances for the young entry, knowing that this was in all probability their first serious outing for many months. The early dog classes were judged in the rain, so I needed a rain hat. This and a face mask did nothing to boost their confidence and ring presence, which made my task all the more difficult. However, we were all faced with new conditions, protocols and procedures with which, I feel, we all coped admirably.

I was particularly keen to look for not only the typical double, waterproof coat, but the classic head and expression that distinguishes the Chessie from all other retrievers which, I am happy to say, I found. Tails, tail set and carriage were a tad concerning in some exhibits but the majority were carried correctly as per the standard for the breed.

My thanks to the exhibitors who accepted my decisions in a sporting manner and to Caroline Griffin-Woods for her efforts in what was a full and celebratory weekend.

Apologies if my some of my comments are brief, my judging book suffered from the damp conditions, making some of my notes illegible.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (1)

- 1 Playle & Thomas's **Riptide Decoy Duck**. Good clean face, neat leathers. Well coated, sound in front and on good feet. Moved well. Reserve Best Puppy

PUPPY DOG – no entries. JUNIOR DOG – no entries.

YEARLING DOG (4)

- 1 Broomfield's **Glaneils Count on Me**. Good skull proportions, sound front and on good feet. Plenty of heart room, correct top and underline moved well.
- 2 Vickery's **Arnac Bay Illustrious**. Presented a typical and balanced outline. Good head and expression, ideal coat. Would have been my winner but he was unsettled by the conditions so I was unable to go over his hindquarters. I do hope he settles down and then should do well.
- 3 Duncanson's **Arnac Bay Invincible**.

POST GRADUATE DOG (7)

- 1 Smith's **Oakmarsh Elkton**. A substantial dog with ideal fore and real assembly. Plenty of heart room, well off for bone in good coat and moved well.
- 2 Murch's **Franeo Original Long Gunner at Pixiesrock**. Presented a typical outline and moved well.
- 3 Pearce's **Cal-I-Co NGD U Got the Look**.

LIMIT DOG (4)

- 1 Mahon, Hunns & Newton's **Arnac Bay Huron at Bergelle**. Smart dog presenting a typical and balanced outline. He excelled in skull proportions, expression, neat leathers, strong neck flowing into ideal forehand assembly. Correct top and underline. Well coupled with balanced rear angulation. Very sound on the move. Reserve CC
- 2 Griffin-Woods **Migwell Soloman's Puzzle (AI)**. Typical and balanced, close up to winner. I preferred the forehand on one.
- 3 Smith's **Oakmarsh Elkton**.

OPEN DOG (7)

- 1 Mayhew's **Sh Ch Arnac Weatherdeck Buoy**. Built on classic lines and presenting a clean typical and balanced outline. In good coat with an ideal fore and rear assembly. Sound on the move and pressed hard in the challenge.
- 2 Barker's **Sh Ch Next Generations Chesepi Range Rider (Imp USA)**. Typical in all departments. I preferred the couples on the winner.
- 3 Morris's **Sh Ch/Lux/Dutch Ch Penrose Incredible**.

VETERAN DOG (3)

- 1 Uncles' **Sh Ch Arnac Bay Exe**. This dog just fills my eye. I have written so much about him in the past. So very typical in all departments. At the age of 9 still so very sound on the move. I was pleased to go over him and give him the top spot today. Dog CC, Best of Breed and Best in Show
- 2 McCartney's **Double Coat's Chesepe Ice Shaddow at Nunneyswood**. Lovely dog longer in the couples than winner.
- 3 Milner's **Polotter Pickled Piper**.

SPECIAL WORKING DOG – no entries

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (3)

- 1 Playle & Thomas's **Riptide Whistlin Duck**. A typical promising baby exhibiting good head and expression. The best on the move in this class. Best Puppy in Show
- 2 Herring's **Battsrock Sweet Child O Mine**. Longer cast than 1. Moved well. I preferred the skull proportions of winner.
- 3 Debnam's **Battsrock Rocket Queen with Caldrella**.

PUPPY BITCH – no entries. JUNIOR BITCH – no entries.

YEARLING BITCH (5)

- 1 Mayhew & Worrall's **Arnac Bay Inca**. Excellent in type and outline, with good head and expression. She presented an ideal forehand assembly, top and underline, rear angulation in good coat and lovely on the move. Best Yearling
- 2 Tregunno's **Arnac Bay Ibis**. Most certainly the sister with all her attributes. Nit picking to split them, she just lacked the drive of 1 on the move.
- 3 Broomfield's **Glaneils Cut Your Grove**.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (5)

- 1 Thompson's **Arnac Bay Gamble**.
- 2 Madden's **Arnac Bay Hawthorn**. These two promising girls were difficult to split. Both presented typical and balanced outlines. Both excelled in skull proportions forehand and rear assembly, top and underline and very sound on the move. I just preferred the expression of winner.
- 3 Murray's **Luisaidha Eva**.

LIMIT BITCH (7)

- 1 Morris's **Penrose Let Fly**. Enough of her. A bitch of substance she presented a typical outline with ideal forehand assembly, sound front on good feet and plenty of heart and lung room. She excelled in heads and expression, in excellent coat and sound on the move. Pressed in the challenge.
- 2 Playle & Thomas's **Arnac Bay Grebe with Riptide**. Lighter of frame than one but typey and sound – these two could change places at any time.
- 3 Pont's **Oakmarsh Dancing Diva**.

OPEN BITCH (7)

- 1 Mayhew & Middleton's **Arnac Bay Hebe**. Caught my eye immediately and never left it. Classy bitch so typical in outline and balance. She excelled head and expression, fore and rear angles, top and underline, heart and lung room, coat and so very sound and positive on the move. It is my understanding that, subject to KC approval, this win gives her her title. Congratulations. Bitch CC, Best Opposite Sex, Reserve Best in Show
- 2 Broomfield's **Petsalls Pride Beech at Glaneils**. Another stylish bitch with lots going for her. I preferred the forehand of winner.
- 3 Watt's **Oakmarsh Chestnut**.

VETERAN BITCH (2)

- 1 Barker's **Sh Ch Chesepe Santana**. My, these veterans are not showing their age today. Again presented a typical outline with correct forehand assembly top line and rear angles. So sound on the move and well handled which just pipped those the other challengers today. Reserve CC, Reserve Best Veteran
- 2 Watt's **Oakmarsh Acorn**. Eleven years of age, typical all through, just longer cast than winner.

SPECIAL WORKING BITCH (1`)

- 1 Mayhew's **Sh Ch Arnac Bay Flax**. Yet another built on classic lines and challenging for the top spots. So very typical in all departments and so very sound on the move. A joy to go over.

Di Arrowsmith (Judge)