

CBRC Open Show

4 July 2021

I was very honored to be asked to Judge the Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club Open Show on Sunday 4 July 2021. The standard of dogs presented to me were overall of an extremely high standard, it made judging a true joy allowing me to focus on the required characteristics of these super dogs and the purpose for which they were originally bred. I would like to thank the club secretary and my two extremely efficient stewards who made this judging appointment such a pleasure. I also could not fail to notice the obvious camaraderie and passion that the owners and handlers had for the dogs and each other and that the overall atmosphere of support for one and other made me glad to have been a part of.

PUPPY DOG

Playle's - Riptide Decoy Duck

A typical puppy who has still not got his brain messaging his legs telling him where to put them. A lovey substantial well boned 8-month-old dog, confident, happy, and relaxed with an already pleasing topline, excellent coat, moves with a bouncy spring and purpose. One to watch as he matures.

JUNIOR DOG

Acheson's - Great River Ticino of Eastering. This young dog already has good strength and substance. A clean neck and forequarters. Good depth to the brisket and solid topline. Well balanced and an acceptable coat.

NOVICE DOG

Rigby's - Chesepe Waco – What a well put together young dog, dark in colour and a particularly good eye colour to match. Super coat thick dense coat. Moved with ease and pace in his very well- balanced frame.

Broomfield's - Glaneils Count on Me – Very nice young dog, bigger in than one. Had a good head with a facial expression for me to think he was confident and relaxed dog. Completely unfazed with what he was asked to do and moved with purpose.

POST GRADUATE DOG

Crewe's - Chesarab Saltmarsh (US Imp) – Presented in good coat, of good proportions, stronger head that fits within the required standard. His neck and shoulders fit nicely into his chest and set back front legs and well-muscled back legs. Moved ok.

Rigby's - Chesepe Ulysses – This dog has a beautiful head and complementing eye shade. Was in great coat. Smaller overall than one. This dog is well-shaped, well put together, small overall than one but, without doubt a dog that presents himself as a dog very fit for purpose.

LIMIT DOG

Mahon, Hunns & Newton - Arnac Bay Huron at Bergelle JW – (BOS & BD)

There is nothing that you cannot like about this boy. Smart dog who presented a masculine outline without him being overdone. Broad head with soft expression and well-proportioned muzzle. Strong neck of correct length leading to well-placed shoulders and good return of upper arm. Good depth to his body and well sprung ribs. Super topline and he moves with a powerful ease and purpose.

Musselwhite's - Puntgunner Ebbing Tide – (RBD) as above. Strong solid dog that moved with purpose and balance. Beautiful head and expression, which I did prefer to one. course coat that would serve him well a harsh climate lacked the purposeful movement of one which lost him first place.

OPEN DOG

Mayhew's - Sh Ch Arnac Weatherdeck Buoy

Well balanced typical of type, masculine without him being overdone. Head is well balanced, broad and has a good finish to foreface. Good neck leading to a very well-constructed front assembly. Body well made with ribs sprung and well back to a firm a proportionate loin. Quarters developed and a good finish to croup, tail well set and used to advantage. Not in the best of coats and appeared a bit flat on the move.

VETERAN DOG

McCartney's - Double Coats Chesepe Ice Shadow at Nunneyswood (Swe Imp) –

Overall this fella was very well presented, nice overall outline, out of coat but, showing his age on the move but he was still well balanced on the move.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG

Crewe's - Chesarab Saltmarsh (US Imp) – as above

Murray's - Dakota Nathan – in good coat, well proportioned. I could not easily identify muscle formation particularly in the back legs, I would have liked to see him move with more purpose and overall balance.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG

Crewe's - Chesarab Saltmarsh (US Imp) – as above.

Duncanson's - Arnac Bay Invincible – dappled in colour and in particularly good coat, has the required outline, but he has not developed yet, very immature in his movement, only a young dog, I would imagine this could change as he matures.

PUPPY BITCH

Playle's - Riptide Whistlin Duck – (BP) – All of the above, her brother was my chosen first in his puppy class. Slightly smaller, on well set legs, just able to hold herself and move with more maturity than her brother. Both super well boned strong puppies, who already meet the breed standard. Two to watch as they grow.

Herring's - Battsrock Sweet Child of Mine – Very feminine head, well balanced in outline, and a particularly good coat. Her tail held slightly high when she is on the move, this may drop as she settles in the show ring.

NOVICE BITCH

Broomfield's - Glaneils Cut your Groove – a very feminine pretty bitch, eye colour and skin pigment compliment her coat. She fits very easily into the breed standard. Moved with ease and purpose. A young dog, who is already displaying the required tuck, her overall outline is very pleasing.

Coppin & Davies-Jones' – Pixiesrock Queen of Hearts at Elwistone - Nice shaped head, with noticeable the preferred small ear. Dark in colour and a lighter eye shade. She was in super coat, thick, dense, and coarse. Another young bitch who shows the desired tuck and moved purposely on perfectly rounded feet.

POST GRADUATE BITCH

Thompson's - Arnac Bay Gamble – A feminine bitch with a well-defined muscular body, she had super quarters with good development of first and second thigh and well set on tail. Coat was thick and short, double and of the correct texture. Her general balance and proportions are cracking.

Madden's - Arnac Bay Hawthorn – Pretty head and small ears well ears, good coat dark in colour and light eye shade, from her neckdown everything fell into place, she was solid, showed adequate tuck and moved with spring in her the step, on nicely rounded feet.

LIMIT BITCH (6)

Thompson's - Arnac Bay Harvest- (RBIS & RBB) Beautiful feminine bitch of super quality and a perfect example of the breed standard, when on the move she showed a good return of forearm and super legs and feet. Good depth to her chest, super muscular development showing the desired topline. Lost on the BIS purely on preference as there was little splitting the two.

Playle's - Arnac Bay Grebe with Riptide – Slightly stronger head than one. Muscular and very well balanced on the move, proportions, and muscular outline good and she covers the ground with purpose and ease. Excellent coat just preferred the overall outline of 1 today.

OPEN BITCH

Mayhew and Middleton's - Arnac Bay Hebe – (BIS & BB) - An absolute showstopper, a beautiful feminine bitch, her head, and expression made me smile, she is well balanced and of good proportions. In good coat and a coat colour that matches her eyes. Her neck is strong, powerful, and clean cut and fits so well into her perfectly placed shoulders in front of that deep chest. She moves with such relaxed ease and purpose but undeniably you can see the power she possesses; she could spend days in the field and still want more. I just loved her whole overall look and attitude.

VETERAN BITCH (1)

Mayhew's - Sh Ch Arnac Bay Flax – (BV)

Such a lovely bitch typical of type from this kennel. Happy and enthusiastic she is so well balanced, moved with ease and accuracy. Out of coat which but still a joy to judge.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH

Murray's - Luisaidha Eva

She has a nice overall body shape, which is well proportioned. A tad unsettled today, so not showing herself off to advantage. She has good depth to the brisket and short in the loin. A firm topline on the move

BRACE

Mr S & Mrs C Broomfield's – These lovely well-balanced siblings, complementing each other's sex perfectly. They meet the breed standard, were both in good coat and already both moving with ease and worker like purpose.

Paula Graystone

Judge