

Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club Championship Show

17 July 2022

Judge: Mr Chris Bexon

I was greatly honoured to be invited to judge the Chesapeake Bay Retriever Championship Show and which completed for me a trio of appointments in the breed, judging them in the USA, Crufts in 2019 and now here at the breed show in the UK. Anyone who knows me will know that this is a breed that I am openly full of admiration for as a working breed and as I have said before, there are not many breeds which I would trek into the wilds of Lincolnshire to see them working. Its unique ability to retrieve in sub-zero temperatures and really harsh watery conditions is legendary. I was so pleased with the entry which was 65 dogs making 80 entries, sadly but understandably some were absent due to the predictions of excessive heat.

I hardly knew any of the exhibitors which is always refreshing and a joy to see youngish people involved in our sport, this must bode well for the future.

I found the breed in a fairly healthy and positive state, type was excellent by and large, particularly coats even in the current summer weather, the majority had the requisite type of coats to a degree. Substance and proportions were good with only one or two a little on the heavy side for my tastes. I was disappointed with the flying tails and the one or two which lacked the correct return of upper arm though. Movement was strong, delivering power and precision when needed. Mouths were very good. I want to say a big thank you to my two stewards and all the exhibitors.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (3, 1 abs)

1st Gregory's Run in the Woods - Pleased to see he is sired by my BOB winner. Smart, 7 ½ month old Puppy Dog. I liked this fair size male, which was a raw baby, but is nicely put together. Slightly over square in profile, with a very good head shape, moderate stop and decent width of skull with a fairly pointed muzzle, with good eye colour, shape and set. His ears were high set, slightly medium in size. He has a neatly shaped neck, with good shoulders, he has a pleasing rib, his rear quarters were on a par with his withers, he was in a very good puppy coat of good texture. He has moderate hind angulation and strong hocks, with nice bone and feet and he was a good mover. As he grows and develops there will be many changes. BPIS.

2nd Murray's Muireatai Teris Love – Slightly taller male than 1 with many similar attributes, a pleasing head, and eye, with pointed muzzle, with a good ear set. I liked his reach of neck, with decent width of chest, can stand a little bit with front feet out of alignment. On the move his front was not as precise as one. He has a level topline, good tail set, nicely coated. He has a good bend of stifle, with a decent second thigh developing. His chest was fairly deep, he has a decent tuck up. He was presented in a rich coloured puppy coat in tip top condition. Both moved with gay tails.

JUNIOR DOG (2)

1st Murch & Mayhew's Next Generations Arnac Arctic Storm (Imp USA) - I loved this relatively young male, full of type, of pleasing proportions with correct size and substance. I liked his outline, with a strong topline, moderately short back. I thought his head was balanced, of really good shape, with moderate stop, decent ear size and a strong muzzle. He has a medium length of neck, some forechest, pleasing shoulders and good straight bone and

decent width of chest. I appreciated his good tuck up, with a strong loin, excellent hindquarters with good second thigh. He moved with drive, with good footfalls and decent head carriage. He was presented very well, shown in a quality coat. Very stylish. Res Dog CC. & Reserve Best in Show

2nd Bament's Pixiesrock Maestro Cadenza – A strongly built male, slightly heavier than 1 with good substance. I liked his shape, with everything flowing together, nothing appeared exaggerated. I thought his head was very good with a decent eye colour and thoughtful expression. Again, he has a well-shaped neck, good topline, very good body shape, with good width of chest. I liked his ribbing, decent loin. He has straight forelegs. Good body shape, with moderate hind angulation but not quite as positive in rear action. Shown in good coat, depth and texture.

YEARLING DOG (2, 1 abs)

1st Playle & Thomas' Riptide Decoy Duck – He suggest strength and eagerness to please. 21-month-old dog, of really good size and general shape, uses his tail well. He has a well-made head, with a broad skull, good ear shape and well set, he has a moderate stop and well-defined muzzle, with a lovely eye and alert expression. He has a good length of neck, tapered and well-shaped. He has a good width of chest, straight front with good bone, pleasing hare feet. His topline is correct and he has a good tuck up and very good hind angulation with moderate length of hock, his coat was a good length and texture on his neck, shoulders and back but he had bare patch on his loin area. He was a strong mover.

Unplaced No 56 Really sorry asked the owner to leave the ring. He was a little aggressive and I was unable to go over him, on his first outing. Needs more socializing. Best of luck in the future.

POST GRADUATE DOG (6, 2 abs)

1st Broomfield's Glaneils Count On Me – A medium sized male, of good length to height proportions a little over square. He is a strong headed male, but would like just a tad more length of foreface, probably being over critical. His ears are well placed and he has a nice eye colour. He has a decent outline, good reach of neck, with a breed specific topline, his forelegs are of good bone. He has good depth of chest, and good tuck up. Well presented. He moved very well and proficient. A happy dog.

2nd Achieson's Great River Ticino of Eastering (Imp Ita), Nice coloured dead grass male, decent head, nice clear eye, good balance to muzzle, moderate stop. Pleasing ear set relatively small. He has a strong neck of moderate length, good width of chest, nice bone and feet and a slight tuck up, decent loin, not the bend of stifle of 1, but very good hocks and shown in good coat, moved well.

3rd Driver's Arnac Bay Huntsman

LIMIT DOG (4, 2 abs)

1st Murray's Dakota Nathan, moderate sized male, with a nice outline, strong topline, nice head with balanced pointed muzzle. He has a good width of skull, his ears seemed a little over small size, but are well set. His neck is a good shape. His front is good. I thought he had a good depth of chest and a short back, with a good tuck up and decent loin. I thought he had a moderate bend of stifle and medium hocks. Shown in a nice coat and with that continually wagging tail. He moved quite well and did not let his owner down.

2nd Duncanson's Arnac Bay Invincible for Dunakitts, I guess he is at the top end of the height standard, tall, dead grass in colour with interesting face markings, nicely built all through. His

leg length and depth of chest were roughly as they should be he was fractionally longer than height. He had good depth of chest running up to a decent tuck up. He had good hindquarters with a good second thigh. He has a good texture to his coat and good tail carriage on the move. He has a good length of head with breadth, a pointed muzzle, with a clear eye colour and moderate stop. He moved well, with good deportment.

OPEN DOG (4, 1 abs)

1st Mahon, Hunns & Newton's Sh Ch Arnac Bay Huron at Bergelle JW – A four-year-old male. Of very true type, with something special. His proportions are spot on for me, slightly longer than height. With a very good head shape in proportion to the rest of him with moderate stop, pointed muzzle with a good skull shape and really nice eye and expression. His ears were of good size and set well. He has a medium length of neck which is well shaped into really good shoulders and upper arm, he has a clean throat, some fore chest. His chest is deep and is down to his elbows, he has a moderate tuck up, good spring of rib, with a really strong topline and tail set. I liked his straight forelegs, hare feet. He has a good bend of stifle, medium length of hocks. His coat was super both in condition and texture. On the move never put a foot wrong, very strong and stylish. Looked like he meant business, a complete package, superbly handled. Full of charisma, a big ring dog no doubt. Dog CC and Best of Breed.

2nd Griffin-Woods' Migwell Soloman's Puzzle (AI) medium sized, heavier build than 1, with a nicely rounded head, moderate stop, with good muzzle, neck, is strong and although his coat was reasonable length it was not quite as much as winner. He has a good shape to ribs and depth of chest with some tuck up. Not quite the hindquarters of the winner though. When he stands he is not quite as good and straight in front bone as 1. He moved well; tail carried at reasonable height. When stationary tail wags a lot.

3rd Morris' Penrose Nosmo King

VETERAN DOG (3, 2 abs)

1st McCartney's Double Coat's Chesepe Ice Shaddow at Nunneyswood (Imp Swe), A really nice ten-year-old quality male, built on strong lines, carrying just the right amount of weight in tiptop condition. He has a masculine head, pleasing clear eye, moderate stop, with well set ears. I liked his good neck, decent shoulders and good height ratios from shoulder to elbow and elbow to the floor. He was fractionally longer in body than height, with a strong topline and underline showing a bit of tuck up, with really good hindquarters, second thigh and bend of stifle. He moved well and did not let the side down. Res Best Veteran in Show.

SPECIAL WORKING DOG (1)

1st Morris' Ch Lux Dutch Ch Penrose Incredible Europe'19, nearly 5 yr old, very strongly built, very handsome masculine dog, He has a good outline, very nice construction all through. His skull was nicely rounded, with a moderate stop, good sharp muzzle, nice length of neck, really good topline and spring of rib, good depth of chest, nice straight legs, good hare feet, with very good hind angulation & good width of chest. On the move he covers the ground well, perpendicular hocks, good tail, carried well. Shown in a desirable coat. Best Special Working in Show.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (1)

1st Bament's Pixiesrock Masestro Cadenza – Repeat 2nd in Junior Dog

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (2)

1st Morris' Penrose Razzamatazz, daughter from my Special Working dog winner. very nice baby, beautiful proportions, I liked the shape of her body from above, with good shoulders and upper arm, good depth of chest and nice spring of rib, good loin, with marginal tuck up, coupled with nice hind quarters, although moderate bend of stifle. She has nice straight bone and decent feet. I liked her good head, with good clear eye, nicely rounded skull, pleasing earset. She did everything right on the move and gave a good performance, coat developing nicely, One with a really bright future.

2nd Murray's Muireatai Miracle of Dreams, Another nice youngster, but a real baby. On the move she was crabbing across the ring, although she has a lot of good properties. Her head is pretty and feminine, balanced skull to pointed muzzle. She has a good reach of neck, good topline, held on the move, with a good spring of rib developing. She has good bone and feet, with a very good bend of stifle and second thigh. All she needs is time and effort on the part of the owner/ handler. Her coat is harsh and dense to the touch.

PUPPY BITCH (3, 1 abs)

1st Broomfield's Glaneils Don't Worry Be Happy - Best Puppy Bitch, I see she is also sired by my BOB winner. She is very cute, dead grass in colour, she seems to have everything, well developed shoulders, nice tuck up, good bend of stifle, that is where she is slightly better than other bitch in the class, she has shortish rear hocks though. I liked her bone, slight bend of pasterns, and firm feet. She has a well-proportioned head, good clear eyes, with good width between her eyes, nice ears, again she will develop a lot. Her puppy coat is quality of a real good texture and thickness. Reserve Best Puppy in Show.

2nd Morris' Penrose Razzamatazz, Repeat 1st in Minor Puppy class.

JUNIOR BITCH (3)

1st Watts Oakleaf Manor Bay of Oakmarsh (Imp Deu) Deadgrass in colour, tallish and elegant in appearance but very feminine. Perhaps I would like to see just a little bit more substance. However, on the move she covers the ground well, with a good stride length and looks the part. Her head is well balanced, with a moderate stop, her ears are high set and she has a good eye. She has a longish neck for me. I liked her topline, spring of rib and loin, she has good hindquarters and was shown and presented so well in a reasonably good textured coat.

2nd Searle's Oakmarsh Indian Dream Maker for Cravessa, I liked a lot of what is going on here. I thought her head was really nice, with good breadth of skull and high ear set, she has a moderate stop and good pointed muzzle, with tight lips. Her neck is correct and she has good shoulders, straight forelegs, she has a topline, where it runs up to the rear quarters and are on a par with the withers. Her underline is good and there is good tuck up. I preferred the hindquarters of 1 although the movement between the two was fairly comparative. Not a lot between 1 and 2 in the final analysis.

3rd Pont's Amore of Ridsome (Imp Ita)

YEARLING BITCH (5, 1 abs)

- 1st Playle & Thomas' Riptide Whistlin Duck – I found both 1 and 2 were very similar in many respects. I liked the size and shape of this strong young lady, with lots of type. She moved very well and did not fly her tail as opposed to 2. She has lots to like, her feminine head was balanced with her muzzle, with a broadish skull, moderate stop and good ears, set well. She has a moderate length of neck, good shoulders and upper arm, with pleasing straight bone, a little bend to pasterns, deep chest, good tuck up and pleasing ribs, strong loin and very good hindquarters. She has good coat on her neck, shoulders back and loin.
- 2nd Herring's Battsrock Sweet Child O Mine - Another nice feminine bitch, very good proportions, without exaggeration she is typy, well-constructed, with a good head, nice eye, strong neck, level topline with good spring of rib, deep chest, pleasing bone and very good hind angulation. Moved quite well but with a flying tail. Well covered coat.
- 3rd Watts' Oakleaf Manor Bay of Oakmarsh (Imp Deu)

POST GRADUATE BITCH (11, 2 abs)

- 1st Broomfield's Glaneils Cut Your Groove - I would like to see her a bit slimmer but other than that she seems beautifully constructed, very nice type, lovely head, good neck, nice shoulders, upper arm, good depth of chest, good bend of stifle, moderate hocks which is nice, good strong topline, good tailset. On the move beautiful. One I considered for higher honours.
- 2nd Worrall & Mayhew's Arnac Bay Inca, another excellent, stylish bitch, with interesting markings which are acceptable. Fitter build suggesting agility, very nicely balanced all through, with so much to like about her, good depth and width of chest, nice loin, good topline, good hind angulation, good width of chest, good bone, nice feet. She has a very nice head with all the typical features of the breed. At the end of the day, I thought the winner was slightly better in deportment on the move, but she is an excellent bitch, very well handled. She has the correct areas of good coat.
- 3rd Coppin, Davis Jones & Murch's Pixiesrock Queen of Hearts at Elwistone

LIMIT BITCH (7)

- 1st Baxandall's Sharbae Prettiest Star, A mature bitch, with so much to like. She has a very nice coat of a good colour and moved really well. She has a lovely head, moderate stop, and has high set ears. I liked her strong medium length of neck, into decent shoulders giving a characteristic topline. I thought she had nice ribs, a short loin and some forechest. She has good bone, slightly bent pasterns and hare feet. I liked her hind angulation with good width of second thigh with moderate length of hocks. Shown in good coat of nice texture, moved really well, no messing about.
- 2nd Coppin & Davies-Jones' Dallandor Jocasta , 5 yr old bitch, of very good proportions, nicely put together, with a pleasing head, moderate stop and good length of pointed muzzle. She has small ears. good reach of neck, into good shoulders, with nice bone, slightly bent pasterns and decent feet, presented a good front assembly. She has a good body shape, good depth of chest, strong loin, with a slight tuck up. She has sweeping hind angulation with perpendicular hocks. Gave a good account on the move. Very well presented in reasonable coat and handled well.
- 3rd Thompson's Arnac Bay Gamble

OPEN BITCH (5, 1 abs)

- 1st Mayhew & Middleton's Sh Ch Arnac Bay Hebe - Wow, really beautiful then you look in the catalogue later and find that 1 and 2 are litter sisters. I loved this bitch, which has everything in my book that the aficionado is looking for. Feminine! Type is everything and she has it in spades, then add in the refinements and this picture just gets better. I loved her outline and proportions, so well built, everything flows. She has a classic head, moderate stop, good strong muzzle, correctly shaped and in balance with her skull. Her ears are correctly set. Her neck is strong, muscular and not too long. She has decent shoulders. Some forechest, strong well boned legs, very good topline and underline. I liked her body shape, which you really appreciate when looking down. She has a good tail set, strong hindquarters with a good bend of stifle and second thigh, with medium hocks, perpendicular when viewed from the rear. Then she delivered on the move with good drive, decent forward reach and in a manner, which says so much about this lovely breed. She was in good coat. Bitch CC and Best Opposite sex in show.
- 2nd Thompson's Arnac Bay Harvest, Litter sister to one and a lot of my comments apply to this girl. Shown in a good coat, perhaps a shade longer in body, than 1. She has a correct head perhaps not as feminine, but with a strong neck, a topline that rises towards the croup, with good depth of chest and spring of ribs, some tuck up and perhaps is a shade longer in loin than 1. She has the best of legs and feet, good perpendicular hocks. Moves well, can be a bit of a handful for her sporting handler, but that's character. Res bitch CC
- 3rd Morris' Penrose Let Fly

VETERAN BITCH (5, 1 abs)

- 1st Bament's Sh Ch Arnac Bay Flax - 9 years old, in beautiful condition and shown in very good coat, lovely wagging tail. She has a super head, with balanced width and length and pointed muzzle, good neck, decent shoulders, with very good bone and good hare feet, adequate topline, with good ribs, moderately short loin. She has a nice bend of stifle, good 2nd thigh, on the move really positive and used her tail well, liked her personality. Best Veteran in Show.
- 2nd Hewitson's Melseed Ruby Roo, 10 yrs old, very nice and forgive me for saying one a little bit matronly but at 10 entitled to be so. She has a very nice outline, with skirt over tuck up, with moderately good hind quarters. She really moves well, I just loved her super head with the kind of expression that is so lovely, it is difficult to look away from. She has a good neck, some forechest, nice bone and feet, really good depth of chest, is well coated, thick to the touch. She is well presented. My grateful thanks to her sporting handler.
- 3rd Broomfield's Nunneyswood Snow Flurry at Glaneils

SPECIAL WORKING BITCH (5)

- 1st Thompson's Arnac Bay Harvest, Repeat 2nd in Open bitch
- 2nd Mayhew's Sh Ch Arnac Bay Flax – Repeat 1st in Veteran
- 3rd Achieson's Arnac Bay Grouse of Eastering

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