

Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club Open Show

2 August 2026

I was delighted and honoured to be invited to judge at the Breed Club Open Show. In my opinion to be asked to judge at a breed club show is always an honour especially for someone not classed as a breed specialist. The show was well organized, and everyone was very friendly and made me feel very welcome. Congratulations to Secretary Tracy Boyles and the committee for a super show helped by the great weather.

I was very pleased with the overall quality of dogs. However, I did notice a wide variation in head shape and type with some being a bit long in the leg.

Puppy Dog (3,0)

1. Blaber, Mrs L & Mr L & Miss K. Oakmarsh Naughty Paws. I liked this puppy's size. He has a nice head with good expression along with a good length of neck flowing into well laid shoulders. His topline was good and carried his tail well.
BPD & Reserve Best Puppy In Show
2. Rigby, Mr D N, Glaniels Enjoy The Silence. This darker coloured dog was smaller in type. He has a good head of correct shape again with a lovely expression. This was another with correct length of neck into good shoulders with a good topline. He was in excellent coat and moved well.

Junior Dog (1,0)

1. Thomson Mrs L & Mr R. Oakmarsh Naughty Rascal. He has a nice head with correct skull shape. He has a good length of neck into good shoulders. His topline was good with a slight rise to the croup. He carried his tail correctly and was in good coat. Needs time to mature.

Post Graduate Dog (1,0)

1. Herring, Mrs D & Mr T, Battsrock Smoke On The Water. This dog has a lovely head of good proportion and correct round skull with a correctly coloured eye and nice expression. He has good length of neck which is strong going into well laid shoulders. He has a good topline however carries his tail high which although correct spoils the overall picture. He was in good coat. Moved well.

Limit Dog. No Entries

Open Dog (3,0)

1. Broomfield. Mr S A & Mrs C L. SH CH Glaniels Count On Me. This dog has a lovely head and expression with well shaped and correct coloured eyes. His skull is of correct shape. He has a good strong neck flowing into good shoulders giving correct front construction. His topline is good with a rise to the croup his tail

carriage is correct. His rear construction compliments that of the front. He is of good length to height ratio giving a well balanced picture. I was pleased to award him **Best Dog & Reserve Best In Show**

2. Boyles Mr G & Mrs T. Sh Ch /NLD CH Pixiesrock Mr Tumnus By Bleyos JW. This was another with good head and front construction. His neck was a bit thicker set than the winners. His topline was good. Was in good coat. Sadly today he failed to carry his tail which spoiled the overall picture when on the move. I awarded him **Reserve Best Dog**

Veteran Dog (1,0)

1. Rigby Mr D N. SH CH Chesepe Waco. This dog has a lovely head and expression. He has a strong neck of good length into good well laid shoulders. This is another with good front construction. He has a good topline with well sprung ribs. Good rear construction. Moved soundly on good legs and feet. Having shown himself well today I was pleased to award him Best Veteran. **BVD & Best Veteran in Show**

Puppy Bitch (2,0)

1. Broomfield. Mr S A & Mrs C L. Glaneils Echo Beach. This young lady has a feminine expression with good head shape. A strong neck of correct length flows into well placed shoulders and a good topline held well when on the move. Her ribs are well sprung. A good amount of bone completes the picture of this well balanced Puppy. **BPB & Best Puppy In Show**
2. Watts Miss K. Oakmarsh Mischief Maker. This youngster is of lighter colour than the winner and lacks the round head shape. She does have a good neck and shoulder placement and topline however does drop away slightly at the croup.

Junior Bitch (3,0)

1. Broomfield. Mr S A & Mrs C L Glaniels Echo Beach
2. Tarling- Roberts & Ilbury, Miss G & Miss A. Tideflight Cassiopeia. This junior has a good head with nice eye giving a good expression. She has good length of neck and good shoulders. Her topline was held well on the move giving a well balanced picture. Her coat was harsh but lacked oiliness. She was unfortunate to come against the winner today.

Post Graduate Bitch (4,1)

1. Worrall Ms S. Arnac Bay Inca. Good Head shape with good feminine expression. Good front and rear construction. Good topline with well sprung ribs. She has good bone and moved with ease.

2. Baxandall Mrs S. Battsrock So Fine From Sharbae. Not as round a head shape as the winner but the same comments apply. Her coat whilst harsh in texture lacked the oily feel.

Limit Bitch (4,0)

1. Mayhew & McCartney, Mrs C S & Mrs G BB's Chesapeake Breeding Dory For Arnac (IMP CHE) This girl has a super head with good expression. Her neck whilst strong is of good length going into well placed shoulders with a deep chest her topline is good and she has good length to height ration giving a balanced picture. Her rear construction is good and she has good bone. She was in good coat. **Best Bitch & Best In Show**
2. Blaber, Mrs L, Mr L & Miss K. Oakmarsh Laurel JW. This was another nice girl with good head, Front and rear construction correct topline held well on the move. She also had good bone. Was unfortunate to meet the winner today.

Open Bitch (2,0)

1. Broomfield. Mr S A & Mrs C L Glaneils Cut Your Groove. This was another with a good head and well constructed throughout. She held her topline well on the move. She moved with purpose. Her bone is good and her coat is of correct harsh texture with a good oily feel. **Reserve Best Bitch**
2. Watts Miss K. Oakmarsh Little Acorn JW RATN. Not as good head shape as 1. Well constructed throughout. Moved well. Her coat whilst harsh was wasn't as oily as I would like.

Veteran Bitch (1,1)

1. Pont Miss C A. SH CH Oakmarsh Dancing Diva VW This 10 year old does not show her age. She moved with ease around the ring. She has a lovely head with good expression. She has a good neck and shoulder placement. In good coat. **BVB & Reserve Best Veteran In Show**

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