

What an honor it was for me to judge The EOLBA Specialty on Sunday, September 16th, 2018.

Thank you to the small team that put all this together and made it their first successful independent Specialty. Thank you to the exhibitors for showing me your favorite Labradors and being such good sports and of course many thanks to my ring steward Carol Brech, you are good! 😊

CRITIQUE

Valerie Walters (Ranbourne Reg'd)

BABY PUPPY (3-6 months) Male

1st place

154 NYROCA'S SECRET AGENT - Yellow boy with lovely outline, just right for his age, good length of neck, good topline and tailset, moved out well on the go around and down and back, good angulation, should have a bright future. Loved his head and expression.

BABY PUPPY (3-6 months) Female

1st place

#157 NYROCA'S POLKA DOT – Pretty yellow girl, sweet and soft expression, good topline and tailset, nice outline, good angulation nice length of neck, good bone and moved well, and not surprised to hear that she is the litter sister of my 1st place Baby Puppy Male. Love the sire of these two babies, wishing you continued success with them.

My Best Baby Puppy went to #154 My Best of Opposite went to #157

VETERAN MALE

1st place

#109 GCHEX MAKTAWAE AUSADIE STAR OF ORION RN - Chocolate in excellent condition and has had a wonderful career, a real showman. He still loves the ring, nice expression, good length of neck, nice topline moved freely around the ring.

VETERAN FEMALE

1st place

#135 CASTILLEJA'S LAYLA UNPLUGGED – Black girl in good condition, head and expression were very pleasing, moved well.

At this point my recorder seized and I didn't get my critiques for the regular classes, I will try and do my best from memory, my apologies.

JUNIOR PUPPY (6-9 months) Male

1st place

#103 – STARTOPS BET ON BLACK – Very pleasing black baby, gorgeous head and expression, just right for his age. He wasn't in his best coat, I loved his outline, good length of neck, good shoulder placement, good bone and feet, moved out very well. WINNERS DOG

JUVENILE (12-18 months) Male

1st place

#107 – STARTOPS ABOVE THE LAW – A mature black boy in good condition, loved his movement and outline, in good coat but preferred the head and expression of my winner. RESERVE WINNERS DOG.

JUNIOR PUPPY (6-9 months) Female

1st place

#112 – CASTILLEJA'S CREEMORE SPRINGS – Black, good size in good condition, moved well.

SENIOR PUPPY (9-12 months) Female

1st place

#114 – HIGHCALIBER LABRADALE MISCHIEF MAKER AT BRECKIN - Pretty yellow baby, good head with a soft expression, topline and tailset are good, moved out very well.

JUVENILE (12-18 months) Female

1st place

#118 – STARTOP EVERWOOD ENCORE – Lovely black with good outline, everything falling in the right place for her age, good coat and moved very well with reach and drive. RESERVE WINNERS BITCH

CANADIAN BRED FEMALE

1st place

#122 – IRONRIDGE’S ROUSTABOUT – Sorry that I don’t have a critique for her. I must have like her, gave her 1st place in a class of 3. 😊

BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR FEMALE

1st place

#121 – MAKTAWAE LATE KNIGHT PARTY – Sweet chocolate girl, feminine in every way, head and expression very pleasing, good length of neck everything in the right place, nice dark chocolate coat, moved out very well, one to be proud of.

OPEN FEMALE - BLACK

1st place

#128 – MACH ONES IF YOU AIN’T 1ST YOU’RE LAST – Sorry that I don’t have a critique for you.

OPEN FEMALE – CHOCOLATE

1st place

#131 – CASTILLEJA’S TUSSEL - Sorry that I don’t have a critique for her.

OPEN FEMALE – YELLOW

1st place

#130 – OAKSILL CHANTILLY LACE – A substantial girl, and was told that due to an injury as a puppy she was never shown and that this was her first time out. I was very happy to award her WINNERS BITCH. She wasn’t in her best coat, but had a lot to like about her. A bit strong in head for a female but not coarse, soft expression, good length of neck, good bone and feet, moved well. I wish her continued success.

BEST OF BREED

#137 – GCH CASTLEGAR ELROY AT AUTUMWYND CDI RE CGN – Masculine black boy in wonderful condition for his size, a strong head but not overdone, has the most soft expression and temperament, everything that you want in a Labrador. I have watched him grow over the years and was so happy and proud to give him this top award, one to be proud of.

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

#152 –GCH.KRISCOLAND’S THRILL OF IT ALL – A mature black girl, lovely outline, nice head and expression, good coat and tail, moved well.

BEST OF WINNERS

#130 – OAKSILL CHANTILLY LACE (WINNERS BITCH)

BEST PUPPY

#103 – STARTOPS BET ON BLACK - (WINNERS DOGS)

SELECT DOG

#140 –GCH. KRISCOLANDS SPELLBOUND - Another nice black, masculine but not overdone, he felt the heat that day. Lovely type in good coat, good topline and tailset, moved out well.

SELECT BITCH

#147 –GCH. TORMENTIL INDIGO AT GORSEBROOK WC, JH, WCI – A lovely black to be proud of, shown in excellent condition, feminine in every way, good reach of neck, level topline, moved very well and has several field titles, congratulations to her and her owners.

AWARD OF MERIT

#136 – MACHONE’S SWEET MEMORIES JH, RN – Very pleasing yellow girl, in excellent condition, great coat and tail, moved very well and came out of the Field Trial Class, another one to be proud of.

Well folks, I apologize again for my vague critique due to recorder malfunction! ☹

I wish you all continued success with your Labradors. This is such a great sport to be part of!

Stay safe and enjoy the rest of the year.