LRC of Ontario Critiques 8/16/2014

Dogs:

Junior Puppy

1st #11 CASBAR'S HIDDEN DREAMS Lovely black baby. Beautifully balanced. Wonderful, correct coat, with a beautiful tail that comes right off of his back. Pleasing head and expression. Bright future for this young boy. This young puppy was very close up for Winners. The Open dog beat him on maturity. **My RWD.**

2nd #53 GRANDRIVER'S SKOR Chocolate puppy. Not the maturity of my 1st place. Nice reach of neck, with a pleasing expression.

Senior Puppy Dog

1st #63 STONEMEADOW'S SOFA KING CLEAN Very nice black puppy. Pleasing expression with a lovely head. Blowing coat at the moment. This puppy shows much promise.

2nd #65 OAKSILL'S GONE FISHING Yellow puppy. Another nice youngster. Proper coat, pretty expression. Well up to size, just needs to body out to complete the picture.

12-18 Dog

1st #75 WATERCREST STARTOP REVELATION Nice black dog. Balanced throughout, with a lovely head and proper coat.

2nd #227 ASKLAR'S MISTLE TOE ROCKER This black puppy.. just lacking the balance of my class winner.

OPEN BLACK DOG

1st #73 MILLMARS IMPRESSIVE DRESSER AT MEADOWBROOK Beautiful black boy. Proper harsh coat, nicely balanced fore and aft. Really pretty on the move with his tail straight off of his back. **My Winners Dog**

7-9 Veteran Dog

1st #59 CH LUBBERLINE ONAROCK BRIGATINE I liked this chocolate dog very much. Beautiful eye color. Nice harsh coat **My BEST VETERAN**

1st #5 CH TABATHA'S BLUSTER Nice yellow boy in fabulous condition, with the sweetest of expressions. hard to believe he is 11 years old

Bitches:

Junior Puppy

1st # 112 IRONRIDGE'S REDHEAD Sweet yellow girl with a proper coat. Pretty expression and wonderful pigment.

2nd #282 JAUNENOIR'S AUDACIOUS Black puppy lacking the type and balance of my 1st place.

Senior Puppy

1st #130 GOFETCH MOLASSES CODY Lovely chocolate bitch. Beautifully balanced. Lovely reach of neck into well laid shoulders. Strong throughout the rear and lovely on the move, exhibiting the reach and drive I would expect from her structure. Very close up for WB. **My RWB**

2nd #110 LABRAQDALE'S TAILOR MAID Nice black puppy bitch. Not quite the balance of my winner. Lovely head and expression, good coat, lovely tail, which she used on the move. Very close up to my class winner

12-18

1st #12 OAKILLMAGIG MOMENTS Unfortunately, she left her coat at home today.

Canadian Bred Bitches:

1st #102 FALLRIVERS KURFUFFLE Loved this bitch. All Labrador through and through. Beautiful type and balance. An otter tail to beat the band Lovely head and expression. **My WINNERS BITCH**

2nd #286 ASKLAR'S LETS RIDE Very similar to my class winner. Lovely type, but just a bit too tentative today.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR

1st # 134 KRISCOLAND'S OCEAN COMMOTION Nice yellow girl with a wonderful coat. Lovely expression with such a pleasing eye. Proper coat with a nice otter tail.

2nd #118 SAMPHIRE KNIGHT LIGHT Unfortunately, not in good coat today

Open Chocolate

1st #100 HAMPTON FALLRIVER CHERRY BOMB Nice typey chocolate girl in fabulous coat. A tad east / west in the front.

Open Black:

1st #38 RIVER VALLEY ANAGAR Nice girl..unfortunately, not in the best coat today.

Open Yellow:

1st # 124 CASTLEGAR MISS BEHAVING, RN TD Pretty expression and very nice pigment. Just a bit long cast for me.

7-9 Veteran

1st # 116 CH. BEADOG DANDYLION AT ELLIQUIN Yellow girl. Hard to believe that she is a Veteran. Nicely balanced with the sweetest of expression. I was struck by the beautifully shaped almond eye that she has. Just lovely.

2nd #132 CH KRISCOLAND'S INTRINSIC Another beautiful black bitch. This girl LOVES to show. This was a very close decision and on another day, could have reversed the placements for these girls.

BEST OF BREED:

#8 GCH OAKSILL CRIMSON AND CLOVER This bitch was brimming in type and balance. She just flows on the move, which I would expect given her near perfect structure. Good reach neck into well laid shoulders. Strong topline, plenty of rear. She's all girl, but would not be out of place doing a day's work. Very fit.

Best of Opposite:

#71 ELLIQUIN LET'S CRACK THE WHIP This black boy has a stunning profile. Just a tad out of coat today, which actually was almost a plus as it really allowed one to see through the hair to the structure. Nice, strong head and expression. The more I looked at this dog, the more I liked him.

Select Dog:

#57 CH GAFF'S FIRESIDE RESOLUTION This chocolate dog is correct in so many ways. Classic old type in beautiful coat. Eye color that we should all strive for on our chocolates. Pleasing head and expression..beautiful tail which he used on the move. All Labrador through and through!

Select Bitch:

#98 CH FALLRIVER CHIKKA BOOM What a pleasant surprise for me to look at my catalog and see that this bitch was also the mother of my Winners Bitch. The resemblance is very strong and much of what I said in my critique of my WB applies to this girl as well. Full of correct Labrador type. Outstanding coat and another fabulous otter tail. A wonderful *show girl*

Baby Puppy:

1st # 280 JAUNENOIR'S WIN/WIN Lovely little black baby! Love her name, as she certainly does have a bright future in front of her. she has it all..head, coat, tail..and a melting expression!

Thank you to the club members for inviting me to judge your Specialty. As always, it is an honor. The exhibitors were wonderful, my ring steward was invaluable to me..keeping me on track throughout the day.

For the most part, the dogs were very good, and I feel that my major winners could compete anywhere in the world.

I did come across a good number of dogs with soft coats..I think they were probably bathed before the show. At least I hope they were.

The other thing that concerned me was that there were more bad fronts than I am used to seeing.

Remember, this is a working breed and they have to move easily to be able to do a days' work. With proper structure, comes proper movement.