

EOLBA Specialty July 25, 2015
Critiques
Judge: Leslie Grant (Gorsebrook)

My sincere thanks to EOLBA for inviting me to judge the Specialty this year – I thoroughly enjoyed it! The sportsmanship of all exhibitors was excellent, the weather cooperated, my excellent Ring Steward (Phil) kept everything running smoothly and hopefully everyone had a good time. The wonderful Costume Class really put the cherry on the cake. Overall, I found the quality of the entry really good with many top quality dogs. I just wish I had more rosettes to give out...

Best of Breed

291 **Ch. Nyroca Castlegar Remember MII**. Such a handsome, well-made good-sized black with a beautiful headpiece. Lovely balance in all regards, super turn of stifle, forechest has sprung well, moved out strongly with a solid topline. In good coat with good bone and tight feet. Just loved him and couldn't deny him top honours today!

Best of Opposite Sex

#42 **GCh Oaksill Crimson N Clover**. A lovely lighter shaded yellow with a super turn of stifle and front angulation to match. Good bone, lovely expression with a beautiful eye, coat of correct texture, moved soundly with super balance overall. Had the misfortune to have been stung on the foot but recovered to show well. Loved her!

Best of Winners

#263 **Paradocs Bellwether Heath** (Open Black, WD)

Select Dog

#397 **GCh Snowden Hills As Time Goes By**. Lovely darker shaded mature yellow; handsome headpiece with good breadth of skull & muzzle. Nice reach of neck flowing into strong level topline. Very good bone. Shorter coupled giving almost square appearance with a good turn of stifle and good front to balance providing strong, flowing movement. Not in his best coat today but correct texture is there. A top quality Labrador.

Select Bitch

#154 **Ch Gofetch Molasses Cody**. This lovely, compact chocolate girl has a very pretty head with pleasing feminine expression and good eye shape. A really nice forechest, excellent shoulder and turn of stifle giving beautiful balance. Good reach of neck flowing into a strong topline held during sound movement. Good bone and tight feet, In reasonably good coat with a well-wrapped tail. A top quality Labrador of lovely type!

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#63 **GCh Staghorn's Harris Tweed**. Lovely black male with a beautiful, masculine head and kind expression, nice reach of neck and plenty of bone. Very good turn of stifle with super 2nd thigh, very nice shoulder & prow to balance allowed him to move well, Not in his best jacket today but tail still well wrapped with correct texture. A very handsome, top quality boy!

390 **Ch Fallriver Chikka Boom**. Lovely, typey black showgirl in very good coat with well wrapped tail, compact & short coupled. Good front & rear angles with level topline, strong on the move, good bone & feet. Very pretty expression, happy wagging tail straight off the back. A lovely, top quality Labrador.

Best Puppy in Breed

398 **Castlegar Buttercup**. (Jr. Puppy Bitch)

Winner's Dog

#263 **Paradocs Bellwether Heath** (Open Black)

Winners Bitch

384 **Cawarra's Anticipation** (Cdn Bred)

Reserve Winners Dog

#407 **Ginspin Nosofsky's Luke** (Open Chocolate)

Reserve Winners Bitch

#420 **Devonshire's Raising Hope at Ridgecrest** (Open Yellow)

Best of Breed Altered

#391 **Moonlit's Burberry Black Bling** (Altered Dog)

Best of Opposite Sex Altered

#36 **Ch Autumwynd Frankie Starlight CDX,TD,RE,CGN** (Altered Bitch)

Best Baby Puppy in Breed

41 **Oaksill Bourbon Street** (3-6 mo.Dog)

Class Results Regular, Non Regular, Unofficial

3- 6 Month Dog

1. #41 **Oaksill Bourbon Street**. Very attractive, well balanced compact yellow boy. Wonderful pigmentation & expression, good bone, very nice front and balanced turn of stifle, good coat, tail right off the back. A lovely baby full of promise.
2. #399 **Pirate's Seer for Dragonloft**. A slightly older yellow baby with very nice shading; an attractive head with lovely eye shape & colour giving excellent expression, good bone and feet. Starting his growth spurt, he moved a bit loose (to be expected). Today I preferred the balance of #1 but this is another

quality pup to look for in future.

Junior Puppy Dog

1. #395 **Rivermill's Look Twice**. Very nice black with a really nice head, good shape and colour of eye. A good length of neck, coat of good harsh texture, good bone and nice feet. Well balanced front & rear with good 2nd thigh. A very nice puppy!
2. #17 **Elliquin's Bentley**. A good black boy with a pleasing expression, a nicely shaped eye, a good turn of stifle and a nice front. Still growing his adult coat, slightly high tailset. Another very nice puppy.

Senior Puppy Dog

1. #341 **Chablais Coeur Vailiant**. Upstanding black boy with a very nice breadth of skull and muzzle with a pleasing expression. Coat of good texture, good front angulation, good bone & feet, hocks well let down. A bit choppy in rear movement today & tending to pace – no doubt a growth thing. This handsome youngster should mature very nicely!

12 – 18 Month Dog

1. #75 **Castilleja's Russian Russell**. A handsome chocolate with very nice head & expression, lovely breadth of backskull and good eye shape. Good length of upper arm providing a well made shoulder, good turn of stifle, good bone and nice tight feet; sound on the move. Despite having blown, his coat still retained some hard texture with a well-wrapped tail. A lovely, well made dog.

Canadian Bred Dog

1. #77 **Castilleja's Studebaker**. A handsome black male with good substance and a pleasing head & expression, well constructed front & rear. Good coat texture, good breadth of skull, eye of lovely shape & colour. Very nice feet. Unfortunately, not happy today so not showing his best.

Bred by Exhibitor Dog

1. #403 **Rockycreek Project Apollo**. A handsome, upstanding yellow with a very pleasing head, lovely pigmentation and medium coloured eye. Well made shoulder, coat of good texture down the back, well wrapped tail, nice tight feet, moderate bone. A very nice boy indeed!

Open Black Dog

1. #263 **Paradocs Bellwether Heath**. A gorgeous, substantial dog in very good coat with a well-wrapped, happily wagging tail. A very handsome headpiece with a pleasing eye and kind expression; ample bone. Good tight feet, super turn of stifle & 2nd thigh, hock well let down and a balanced front led to fluid, clean movement with a strong, level topline, A top quality Labrador in all respects, I just loved him! **WD & BOW**
2. #413 **Bigi's Major League**. A very nice black boy with a very well constructed

rear and a good front. Good coat down the back & on the tail, very nice bone & good feet, lovely breadth of skull. Pleasant expression with a slightly round eye. On the day I preferred the balance & expression of #1. Another top quality Labrador,

Open Yellow Dog

1. #305 **Marshridge Tracker at Easthill**. Lovely head with good breadth of skull and muzzle, great pigment and pleasing expression. Good bone & feet, in pretty good coat with a well wrapped tail, reasonably good front and rear angulation, Shorter coupled and moved well. A very handsome boy who pushed WD & RWD hard!

Open Chocolate Dog

1. #407 **Ginspin Nosofsky's Luke**. A very good quality upstanding dog with pleasing expression, good coat texture & tail wrap, moderate bone and good feet. Good angles front & rear led to clean movement with a level topline. A lovely Labrador! **RWD**

Veteran Dog

1. #53 **GCh Ironridge's Making the Grade**. Good sized yellow male with good breadth of skull, eye shape & pleasant expression. Coat on the blow today but still a good wrap on the tail, decent 2nd thigh, ok front, moved out nicely.
2. #97 **Ch Devonsleigh Seamus Melville RN,CGN,PCD** Chocolate dog, lots of good coat & wrap on his tail, good feet, ok bone. Movement quite constricted today; would prefer a darker eye & rim.

3-6 Month Bitch

1. #46 **Pirate's Valkyrie**. Lovely coat with medium dark shading, good front, good turn of stifle & really nice 2nd thigh providing excellent drive on the move. Lovely bone and pretty expression. A very pretty yellow baby with lots of promise!
2. #44 **Oaksill Go Ask Alice**. Another pretty youngster with pleasing expression, good pigmentation, well balanced front & rear who moved nicely. Should mature very well.

Junior Puppy Bitch

A really strong class, this is a good indicator for the future!

1. #398 **Castlegar Buttercup**. A lovely yellow bitch puppy with beautiful expression, lovely pigment and shape of eye. Lovely balance front to rear, good bone, nice feet, pretty good coat & tail wrap. Lovely breadth of skull, good forechest and topline. Nice reach of neck; moved well with a most happy attitude. Loved her! **BPIB**
2. #328 **Marshridge Final Approach to Easthill**. A lovely black youngster in

good coat with a pleasing head with very nice eye. Good bone for her age, good feet, nice balance front to rear, moved pretty well holding her topline. Another lovely puppy, pushed #1 very hard.

3. **#100 Kilmaur's Whiskey Kiss.** Scopey yellow girl, good bone, good feet, nice forechest, very nice expression, eye shape & colour. Not in her best coat today but still correct texture was evident; very pretty.
4. **#406 De Soleil Rockycreek's Dakota.** Pretty black youngster in good coat, with a pleasing expression and pretty eye shape. A good shoulder & front, nice turn of stifle, moved well. Another very pretty puppy.

12- 18 Month Bitch

1. **#402 Anjalabs Easthill Bootlegger.** A lovely chocolate with a good front, nice turn of stifle with super 2nd thigh, good breadth of skull and length of muzzle, pretty shaped eye with a sweet expression, good bone. Coat on the blow but still a well wrapped tail with correct texture. Well balanced & sound on the move. A lovely girl.
2. **#312 Castlegar Trillium White.** A scopey yellow girl with a good turn of stifle, good front & prow, very pretty eye & expression, coat not at its best today. A very nice girl.
3. **#394 Labradale Highcalibre Latte.** A pretty chocolate with a nice prow, bone & feet. Not in her best coat today but still a nice wrap on the tail. Another very nice youngster.
4. **#88 Castilleja Muskoka Honey Brown.** Chocolate girl with good breadth of skull & eye shape, eye colour a bit light, pretty good upper arm & turn of stifle, nice tight feet. Coat fully on the blow today. Also a very nice girl.

Canadian Bred Bitch

1. **#384 Cawarra's Anticipation.** A lovely black girl of super type with an excellent front and a rear to match. Very pleasing head & expression with a beautiful eye, good feet and adequate bone for her scope. A solid topline with smooth movement, in wonderful coat today. A top quality Labrador. **WB**
2. **#86 Castilleja's Peggy Sue.** A pretty yellow with lovely pigmentation and eye shape giving a pleasing expression. Good bone; topline & movement ok; not in her best coat today.

Bred by Exhibitor Bitch

1. **#416 Kiwi Rockycreek's Hurricane Alley.** A very nice chocolate in good coat with a nice wrap on the tail, good front & prow with a balanced rear. Sound on the move with good topline, good feet, good breadth of skull with a pleasing expression. Very pretty.
2. **#70 Staghorn's Hollywood Castaway.** A very scopey darker shaded yellow with a pleasing expression, nicely shaped eye with good colour and lovely pigmentation. A well made front, moved cleanly, in good coat with a well wrapped tail, nice 2nd thigh. Very pretty, pushed #1 very hard.
3. **#396 Augustus Stonehill Bete Noir at First Valley.** Pretty black female with a lovely breadth of skull and nice expression with a slightly round eye. Good

upper arm, coat on the blow today but still a nicely wrapped tail. Would like a bit more prow.

4. #192 **De Soleil Callisto**. A pretty black with a very nice head & expression, good eye shape & colour. Good bone, a thickly wrapped tail despite a coat on the blow. Nice forechest, a touch short in upper arm and movement a bit choppy today.

Open Black Bitch

1. #310 **Fargoridge Because We Can**. Very pleasing head with a pretty eye, good shoulder and rear, in good coat all over with a thickly wrapped tail, lovely tight feet, good bone, nicely balanced and moved out well. Very pretty!
2. #392 **Fallriver's Kerfuffle**. Very typey girl with a pretty head, showed herself very well. In good coat with good bone and nice feet. Good rear angulation with very nice 2nd thigh. Just preferred the reach on #1. Another very pretty bitch.
3. #400 **Morgan's Meadow Rue at Easthill**. A slightly larger, very nice girl not in her best coat & condition today still with a well wrapped tail. Topline ok on the move. Lovely bone; very broad skull with a shorter muzzle, would prefer a bit darker eye. Very nice.
4. #418 **Chablais Quaifield Moira**. Another pretty girl with pleasing expression, good eye shape & colour. Nice breadth of skull & muzzle, good bone & feet, nicely angulated & good on the move. Also very nice.

Open Yellow Bitch

1. #420 **Devonshire's Raising Hope at Ridgecrest**. What a lovely girl! Very pretty expression with lovely pigmentation and eye, in good coat with very good bone down to tight feet. Very nice turn of stifle & a well-made front, flowing movement. Lovely balance and quality throughout! **RWB**.

Open Chocolate Bitch

1. #72 **Lorlyn's Tia Maria at Staghorn**. A pretty girl with a lovely prow, depth of body and really nice bone. Lovely rear with good 2nd thigh providing good drive. Very nice breadth of skull & nice expression tho a slightly round eye of moderate colour. Not in her best coat today. A very pretty girl.

Veteran Bitch

Lovely to see these 'young ladies' out strutting their stuff!

1. #386 **Ch Mooselake's Angel Eyes**. A lovely chocolate girl with a good wrap on the tail despite having blown coat, good 2nd thigh and good bone. Nice balance of good shoulder & prow to a good rear leading to sound movement; pleasing expression with medium dark eye, in super shape.
2. #56 **GCh Shalane Material Girl**. A lovely yellow with a pretty head, good bone & feet and well constructed shoulder. Coat a bit soft today but still a good wrap on the tail, decent turn of stifle, moved well, a happy showgirl.
- 3 #36 **Ch Autumwynd Frankie Starlite CDX,TD,RE,CGN**. A very pretty yellow girl with a really nice head and pleasing expression. Well made front & rear incl. good 2nd thigh gave her smooth, easy movement; nice bone & feet, coat a

bit soft today. Very nice

4. #34 **Ironridge's Miss AttiTude**. A lighter shaded yellow with nice bone & feet, pleasant expression. Coat on the blow but still a decent wrap on the tail, moved ok. A very happy disposition living up to her name!

Field Dog Class

1. #387 **Ch Ghoststone's Otterly Fantastic Hollywood Kid**. A handsome, substantial dog with a lovely headpiece and kind expression. Lovely bone, nice tight feet, good shoulder & prow, moved well and in super coat today. A lovely boy who contended for top honours.

Field Bitch Class

1. #382 **Ch Cawarra's Queen at Grenadier PCD,JH,WC**. Pretty head with pleasing expression though a slightly round eye. Good turn of stifle, nice front, adequate bone; coat has blown.

Altered Dog

1. #391 **Moonlit's Burberry Black Bling**. A substantial black dog with a handsome headpiece, strong feet, in good coat; nice turn of stifle and a good front to match. A quality Labrador.
2. #393 **Rivermill's Go with the Flow**. Another handsome black boy with a pleasing, masculine head and nicely shaped eye; good bone. Coat on the blow today. Not quite as strong in the rear as #1, but still very nice.

Altered Bitch

1. #36 **Ch Autumwynd Frankie Starlite CDX,TD,RE,CGN**. (see Veteran Bitch)
2. #404 **Ch Josabry Megan CGN,RA,CDX**. A pretty chocolate lady in really good coat of correct texture with a thickly wrapped tail, good turn of stifle and good front, nice feet & bone, pleasing expression. Moved well.

Stud Dog

1. #387 **Ch Ghoststone's Otterly Fantastic Hollywood Kid**. (see Field Dog)

Working Class

1. #339 **GCh Chablais Casablanca CGN,RN,WCI,CDX,JH** A handsome chocolate boy with good breadth of skull, pleasing expression, good bone and tight feet. In decent coat with correct texture, nicely balanced fore & aft, moved cleanly with a solid topline, a very nice dog in fine condition.
2. #36 **Ch Autumwynd Frankie Starlite CDX,TD,RE,CGN** (see Veteran Bitch).
3. #97 **Ch Devonsleigh Seamus Melville RN,CGN,PCD** (see Veteran Dog)

Costume Class (one placement only)

What a wonderful, fun class to end the day on - your creativity is amazing! I just could not deny "Two Men and a Duck" the rosette today, who presented a great picture going away as well as coming and from the side. I just wish there had been rosettes for each of you, kudos to you all!

1. #17 **Eliquin's Bentley** "Two Men and a Duck"

- #18 Ch. Devonsleigh It Takes a Village "Flower Girl"
- #97 Ch. Devonsleigh Seamus Melville RN,CGN,PCD "Watch Dog"
- # 160 Ch. Staghorn's Reflection in Black "Hula Girl"
- # 341 Chablais Coeur Vaillant "Braveheart"
- # 404 Ch. Josabry Megan CGN ,RA, CDX "GoGo Dancer"

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