

## Joint Flat Coated Retriever Clubs Championship Show

15<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Many thanks to the Flatcoated Retriever Club of Scotland for the invitation to judge bitches at this show, as always the committee runs a friendly efficient show and that was reflected in the atmosphere ringside.

Many thanks to my stewards Robin & Logan who did a fabulous job, thanks to the exhibitors that entered and accepted my decisions sportingly.

When judging I am always mindful of the fact the Flat Coat is a medium sized dual purpose breed and the dogs should be in hard condition with good muscle tone, strong feet and (as it is a dog show) the dog should be clean gleaming condition.

Veteran : 13 (1)

Really nit picking with these top 3 bitches

1<sup>st</sup> Stevensons Sh Ch Steelriver Sunny Spell ShCM

11.5 year old bitch in the most amazing condition, pleasing well moulded head, with good eye shape and gentle expression, pleasing length of neck, good bone and feet with correct length of loin, excellent muscle tone moving out so soundly fore and aft keeping a super topline, Best Veteran In Show

2<sup>nd</sup> Sullivans Lakemere Shes My Kinda Girl At Wyrebeck

More my size of bitch with a classical outline, pretty head and expression with dark eyes, lovely neck and well laid shoulders, good spring of rib and correct length of loin, good topline and tailset. in super coat and condition, on the move she was just not as positive behind as first place.

3<sup>rd</sup> Irvines Broomidean Lady Of Hatari At Vbos JW

Larger bitch with the best of heads, beautiful one piece moulded head with dark eyes and kind expression, nicely constructed front, good topline and tailset, moving out well fore and aft, excellent feet.

Minor Puppy :5

Three really promising puppies

1<sup>st</sup> BPB Gales Willowswind Nette Lark

7 month bitch with the most beautiful head and expression, dark eyes of correct shape, good length of neck into well constructed front assembly, good oval bone and well arched feet. Good depth through body and well ribbed up, moving out confidently and soundly , Best Bitch Puppy

2<sup>nd</sup> Pelhams Stranfaer Victim Of Love

Delightful 6 month old bitch with the sweetest of heads and darkest of eyes, in super coat and condition, she has excellent front construction with a well laid back shoulder, good oval bone and strong feet, at this stage she is a little long in loin but she has some growing to do to balance her, moving out confidently fore and aft, one to watch

3<sup>rd</sup> Young & Flynn's Ballyriver Slightly Sober

7 month old liver bitch with a smashing head, good eye colour for a liver, super bone and feet, deep rib cage and correct length of loin, lacking in confidence or would have been placed higher as once settled she moved incredibly well, in super coat and condition, fabulous colour.

Puppy : 6 ( 4)

1<sup>st</sup> Ross's Islstrom Ora

9 month old bitch of correct size, in good coat and condition, good bone and feet, moving out well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Young & Flynn's Ballyriver Sadly Sober

7 month old bitch in good coat and condition, excellent bone and feet, attractive head with dark eye, moving out soundly fore and aft once settled but needs more confidence

Junior : 6 ( 2)

1<sup>st</sup> RCC & Best Liver Lutners Telurn Better Believe It

14 month old liver, I completely fell in love with this bitch, she has the most superb classical head, one piece with gentle moulding, almond shaped eyes of the correct colour for a liver, a strong neck leading into a well constructed front, excellent layback of shoulder, good oval bone and strong feet with thick pads, a gradual spring of rib leading to the correct length of loin, she holds a superb topline on the stand and on the move, when moving she covers the ground effortlessly with reach and drive, accurate fore and aft, at all times wagging her tail to finish the picture, if she had been carrying a full coat I would have had no hesitation in giving this bitch the top honours, her time will come. RCC

2<sup>nd</sup> McDonalds Steelriver Dance In The Sun At Skyloch

Very pretty 12 month bitch with good eye shape & colour, lovely expression. Good bone & feet, adequate spring through her rib and correct length of loin, in good coat and condition moving out soundly and confidently with drive.

3<sup>rd</sup> Mairs Telurn Believe In Me

Pretty bitch at a teenager stage at the moment, would prefer more bone but moved out OK

Yearling : 5

1<sup>st</sup> Joyces Stranfaer Solitaire JW

Lovely sized bitch with pretty head and mischievous expression, the darkest of eyes, good neck into well, constructed front, good oval bone with tight feet, gradual spring of rib and adequate length of

loin, holding an excellent topline on the move and moving with real drive from powerful rearquarters.

2<sup>nd</sup> Balls Gwenadillo Pure Genius At Champunzie

Super bitch in top coat and condition, her head is not as classical as 1 but her overall soundness won through, ok front, good rib cage and correct length of loin, strong rearquarters with good second thigh, excellent feet and bone, good topline and tailset, moving soundly , close up to one but didn't want to play ball today.

3<sup>rd</sup> Bellamys Woodfinch Hydra JW

Nice bitch with good front, preferred head shape and eye colour of 1 & 2, a little longer in loin than I like but she moves out well.

Novice : 5 (2)

1<sup>st</sup> Balls Gwenadillo Pure Genius at Champunzie

2<sup>nd</sup> Ross Islstrom Ora

3<sup>rd</sup> Thompsons Badcall Petronella

Nicely balanced bitch but larger all through than I like, good head, bone and feet and moving very soundly on the move, very well handled

Graduate: 6 (2)

1<sup>st</sup> Campbells I Believe In Angels Oasis Of Peace At Ronevorg

Lovely sized bitch in super coat and condition, excellent bone and feet, good eye colour and shape, excellent depth of chest with gradual spring of rib, correct length of loin leading into strong well muscled hindquarters, good second thigh, on the move she holds an excellent topline with good tailset, moving stylishly and covering the ground with ease, she can be a little untidy in front & I would prefer a more refined head otherwise she would have been in for top honours, but she is still young ,her time will come, she is a lovely bitch, well handled.

2<sup>nd</sup> Leachs Kissock Little Black Number

Lovely kind head and expression, good eye colour and shape, in excellent coat and condition, ok front, good hindquarters, holds a good topline, moves out positively.

3<sup>rd</sup> Thorpes Candidacasa Porsche At Montreathmont

Pretty bitch, good feet and bone, moved ok

Post Grad : 12 ( 3)

1<sup>st</sup> Morris & Finlayson Candidacasa Cookie

Super sized bitch with sweet head and expression that took a while to settle, good neck and accurate front assembly, gradual spring of rib leading to correct length of loin, super hindquarters with excellent second thigh, her body is set on good oval bone and lovely cat like feet, on the move she is very accurate striding out well fore and aft with ever wagging tail, with more finish I think she can trouble the best.

2<sup>nd</sup> Smiths Montegrino Toasted Teacake

More mature bitch in excellent coat and condition, lovely dark eye and expression although would prefer a bit more refinement in her head. Excellent oval bone and great feet, good spring through her rib and correct length of loin, nicely constructed strong rear quarters but she was very lazy on the move which cost her 1<sup>st</sup> place

3<sup>rd</sup> Thompsons Rotherfield Lady Of Braeval Badcall

Bigger bitch but very well balanced, super head, good front construction, moving out soundly and very well handled, would like her just a shade smaller

Limit : 10 (4)

1<sup>st</sup> CC & BIS Young & Flynnns Ballyriver Bimbo

Medium sized bitch in the most excellent coat and condition, she has a lovely kind expression, dark eye and small well set on ears, good reach of neck, she has superb front assembly so sadly lacking these days, correct layback of shoulder, a gradual spring of rib, set on excellent legs of oval bone and the tightest cat like feet with thick pads, correct length of loin, well muscled and constructed rearquarters with well let down hocks, on the move she covers the ground with reach and drive effortlessly holding a super topline and correct tailset that wagged all day, so thrilled to award her 3<sup>rd</sup> CC

2<sup>nd</sup> Fox's Blacktoft Burlesque JW

Very close up to 1, a lovely well moulded head with good eye colour and shape, excellent bone and feet, good spring of rib and length of loin, well constructed and muscled rear quarters, could not get past the winner for coat and finish and would prefer more length of neck, but on the move she is a real powerhouse covering the ground with reach and drive

3<sup>rd</sup> Dyrens Flatcharm Chelsea Whopper

Nice sized bitch in good coat and condition, I would prefer a more refined head but she has a lovely mischievous expression with a dark eye, moves out ok.

Open : 8 (2)

1<sup>st</sup> Stewart & Youngs Ballyriver Flashdance

Medium sized bitch with classic head and expression, good length of neck and well constructed front, excellent oval bone and the best of feet. Good gradual spring of rib and correct length of loin with strong well muscled rearquarters, moving out soundly fore and aft covering the ground well with pleasing topline, she was a shade out of coat today and when it really mattered she decided she didn't want to put in as much effort as the principal winners. A good sound bitch

2<sup>nd</sup> Lutners Sh Ch Beautyfields Flashdance At Telurn JW (imp DEU)

Larger bitch all over than 1<sup>st</sup> place with a pleasing head and expression, good length of neck, correct oval bone and good feet, for me she is a shade too long in loin hence her place today, she moves out ok holding her topline well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Colsons Eskwinds Driving Miss Daisy to Windyhollows

More my size of bitch with the sweetest head and expression with a dark eye. Good feet and bone, ok front, she carries a very heavy coat which is deceptive and makes her look stuffy but underneath she is nicely made, moving out well with good topline & tailset.

Liver : 2

1<sup>st</sup> Lutners Telurn Better Believe It Best Liver Bitch

2<sup>nd</sup> Colsons Windyhollow Winnipeg

8 year old liver with lovely head and expression with good eye colour, good bone and feet, excellent spring of rib, moves out well with good topline and tailset, could not get past the winner on the day.

Gemma Jacobs

( Judge)