

City of Birmingham Ch Show

2nd September 2018

Flatcoated Retrievers

Thank you the City of Birmingham Officers and Committee for inviting me to judge Flatcoated Retrievers on Sunday 2nd September and putting on such a good show, so well run and the atmosphere was excellent.

My thanks to my steward who kept the day running smoothly and for the exhibitors for making the journey to show their dogs under me.

It was an honour to judge our lovely breed again. I found some worthy winners and many that had to go cardless. However I do still feel that especially in the males that we are in danger of losing that special one piece well moulded head. Some were a little short in muzzle and did not have that flowing outline starting with the correct head through to the tail. Hind movement in some lacked in strength essential for working a day out in the field. I found the bitches had improved with some quality bitches that sadly missed out on the day.

BOB: Fox Ms H Sh Ch Steelriver Blazin Hot at Blacktoft JW

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Res Dog CC: Blain Mrs W Just a Gigolo at Steelriver

Bitch CC: Jones Mr & Mrs B Jones Sh Ch Seaheart Anneliese By Benvelln

Res Bitch CC: Romeo-Dieste Mrs ME Yonsaff Vienna By HopevalleyJW Sh.CM

Best Puppy: Powell Mrs J Bonnyhilbrae Love of Joy

Best Veteran: Fox Ms H Sh Ch Steelriver Blazin Hot at Blacktoft JW

Best Junior: Jones Mr & Mrs B Blacktoft Sapphire Ice at Benvellyn

VD (6 entries) 1 abs

1st: Fox's Sh Ch Steelriver Blazin Hot at Blacktoft JW An upstanding well balanced elegant dog, who has got better and better with age. Well moulded head with dark eye. Loved his expression. Good reach of neck and sufficient lay of shoulder. Level topline standing and on the move. Good bone down to tight feet. Strong hindquarters and moderate turn of stifle. Moved well with drive. Was pleased to give him top honours today and delighted to hear that he was 3rd in the Veteran Group. DCC and BOB

2nd: Warrington's Sh Ch Woodavens Water Archer. A workmanlike dog who is well balanced with correct head and dark eye. A pleasing outline and strong in

hindquarters into moderate turn of stifle. Good bone and tight feet. Moved with drive.

3rd: Horner's Pajanbeck Magic Moments

MPD: (4 entries) 1 abs

1st: Fox's Satinbaze Cracksman for Blacktoft (A.I) Well balanced for his age at 9 months Liked his head and expression. Good reach of neck into defined brisket and good feet. Pleasing outline and sufficient rear angulation. Flowing movement when settled.

2nd: Bright's Hopevalley Morning Twister Smaller all through than winner but well balanced. Liked his head and lovely expression, good reach of neck into sufficient lay of shoulder, quality bone and tight feet. Good rear angulation. Plenty of coat and moved well but dropped his topline at times.

3rd: Durrant's Glenturret Happy Go Lucky

PD: (4 entries)

1st: Fox's Satinbaze Cracksman for Blacktoft (A.I)

2nd: Bright's Hopevalley Morning Twister

3rd: Osbourne-Brown's Perrymel Days of Thunder

JD: 1 entry

1st: Jury's Torwood Vintage Cuthbert - not long out of puppy and he needs time but has promise. Liked his head and expression and sufficient lay of shoulder. Level topline. Would prefer more bone, moved well

YD: (1 entry)

1st: Stevenson's Plainfire's The Captain Of My Heart is Steelriver

Standing alone this young dog will need plenty of time to mature. Pleasing head and sufficient lay of shoulder, level topline and correct tailset. Moved well settled.

GD: (3 entries)

1st: King's Kingsisla Glen Sligachan . Won this class on his movement, presented a pleasing outline . Liked his head, dark eye and expression, sufficient lay of shoulder, level topline good hindquarters. He is still a little raw but shows promise.

2nd: Trotter's Lussac Vill Ia JW More mature than winner. Liked his head, dark eye and pleasing expression. Good reach of neck and sufficient lay of shoulder, level topline and strong hindquarters. He was not moving as well as I've seen before. Could change places with winner at any time.

3rd: Hedderwick's Torwood Paw Trait

PGD: (7) 1 abs

1st: Savory's Hopevalley Morning Arizona Medium sized and well balanced dog with correct head with almond shaped eye. Quality bone and tight feet. Showed a flowing outline and good quarters. Moved well with drive.

2nd: Strudwick's Burgham Million Love Songs JW. Smaller dog that needs time to mature. Pleasing outline pleasing head and eye. Level outline and good hindquarters .Moved well but lacked the drive of winner.

3rd: Broadbent's Trapestone Out of the Blue

LD: (12 entries) 1 abs

1st:Goldberg & Keight's Laurvic Talking Italian. A little larger than I would prefer and won this class on his movement. Plenty of bone and in full coat. Pleasing head with dark eye but would prefer more length in head. level topline and moved with power. Beautifully presented

2nd: Perry's Casanjay Demetrius Smaller dog with a pleasing outline. Pleasing head with that typical Flatcoat expression. Good reach of neck and tight feet. Level topline standing and on the move not quite the drive than winner In good coat

3rd: Armstrong's Bitcon Tic Tac(ai)

OD: (5) 1 abs

1st: Blain's Sh Ch Caci's Just a Gigolo at Steelriver (imp) JW. Have watched this dog from the ringside and was not disappointed. Well moulded head with that naughty Flatcoat expression. Pleasing outline and strong hindquarters. He moved with drive and covered the ground. Not quite the maturity that my BOB. Pleased to award him the RCC

2nd: Millbank's Kvicksans Eye of the Storm of Larksdown. Excellent well moulded head with correct eye. I would prefer a little more substance to finish the picture. In good coat and moved well

GCD ((2 entries)

1st: Perry's Casanjay Demetrius

2nd: Dixon's Madelea Mister Moonlight Medium sized dog with a pleasing head and expression. Sufficient lay of shoulder, level topline and good feet. Moved well when settled

VB: (6 entries)

1st: Goldberg and Sh Ch Keight's Ballyriver Band of Gold - Well balanced with a lovely outline, pleasing head and expression. Good reach of neck into sufficient lay of shoulder .Good feet and strong hindquarters. In good coat. Moved well
2nd: Colson's Eskwinds Driving Miss Daisy to Windyhollows. Smaller than winner but a feminine bitch with pleasing head, lovely expression and well balanced throughout. Just dropped her outline on the move
3rd: Richards Luss Kiss in the Dark

MPB: (3 entries) 1 abs

1st: Romeo-Dieste's Hopevalley Morning Rainbow Mature puppy of 7 months of age. Pretty head and cheeky expression, good reach of neck, good oval bone down to tight feet. Pleasing outline and strong hindquarters. In good coat. Moved well when settled. Plenty of potential.
2nd: Durrant's Glenturrent Lucky Charm - this puppy needs time but a pretty girl Liked her head and expression, and when settled moved well.

PB: (5 entries)

1st: Powell's Bonnyhilbrae Love of Joy - A 9 month feminine puppy that floated around the ring, good front and rear angulation. Liked her head and expression and pleasing outline but it was the movement that won her this class
2nd: Romeo-Dieste's Hopevalley Morning Rainbow
3rd: Caalverley's Gwenadillo Tweety Pie

YB: (6 entries) 4 abs

1st: Jones' Blacktoft Sapphire Ice At Benvellyn (ai) - Well balanced with a well moulded head, loved her expression with sufficient lay of shoulder with good oval bone, level topline and good rear angulation. Moved well with drive and one to watch in the future.
2nd: Colson's Blacktoft Frozen Time by Windyhollows (ai) Well moulded head and good expression, sufficient lay of shoulder and pleasing outline. Finer than winner and was out of coat but moved with drive.
3rd: Jury's Torwood's Soft Phocus

GB: (8 entries) 2 abs

1st: Gale's Willowswind Nette Lark JW - Pretty bitch with well moulded head and good expression, good oval bone and sufficient front and rear angulation. Liked her outline and she moved well
2nd: Richards' Hameldowntor Moon River In Manhattan (imp) Another pretty bitch with pleasing head and expression. Good tight feet and sufficient bone. Not quite the drive than winner
3rd: Welch and Deverall's Stranfaer Lyin Eyes

PGB: (12 entries)

1st: Warrington's Bochilbarley Jasime by Woodavens. Really liked this bitch, workmanlike and has a lovely outline, typical head and good dark eye with typical Flatcoat expression, pleasing outline with good front and rear angulation, not in the best coat today but moved well with drive.

2nd: Stevenson's Steelriver Sun Kissed JW another typical bitch with good outline, liked her head and cheeky expression, good lay of shoulder and neat tight feet. Moved well, just held her tail a little high

3rd: Bellamy's Bochilbarley Aurora

LB: (8) 2 abs

1st: Romeo-Dieste's Yonsaff Vienna By Hopevalley JW Sh.Cm - I have always liked this pretty and elegant bitch. Of moderate size with a well moulded head with correct infill, lovely outline and tight feet. She floated around the ring with drive. Not in best coat on the day but deserved the RBCC

2nd: Hedges' Blacktoft Quickstep of Satininbaze - Smaller bitch with a lovely head and expression, good front and rear angulation and moved with power.

3rd: King's Kingsisla Tiriodh

OB: (10 entries) 2 Abs

1st: Jones' Sh. Ch. Seaheart Anneliese By Benvellyn - Watched this bitch from the ringside and was disappointed when I put my hands over her. From her lovely correct head and expression good front down to quality bone and tight feet. A moderate lady with a balanced outline, strong hindquarters and a wagging tail she moved with drive. Was pleased to award her the BCC

2nd: Stevenson's Blacktoft Misty Blue Steelriver - A moderate sized bitch of quality, pretty well moulded head with a naughty expression, good bone and feet. Well balanced and good angulation front and rear. She moved well with power and drive. Not quite as finished as winner but deserved her RBCC. No doubt her turn will come

3rd: Bellamy's Bochilbarley Izzy's Moon at Moontorn

GCB (4 entries)

1st: Colson's Colson's Eskwinds Driving Miss Daisy to Windyhollows

2nd: King's Kingsisla Tiriodh well balanced bitch with pleasing head and expression. Sufficient lay of shoulder down to tight feet. Level topline and good angulation front and rear. Moved well.

