

## Golden Gate

### Labrador Retriever Club Inc.

Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2018

I did enjoy my two days judging your Labradors. I found what I was looking for in every class. I hope what I say below you take in good faith I simply have our wonderful breed at heart. Over the years I have had the pleasure in judging our breed in over 35 countries around the world. The Labradors are different in the USA, your judges are looking for a much heavier dog than anywhere else in the world – consequently if you don't have them "heavy" they don't win. For me many did not fit the "Fit for Function Fit for Purpose" that is the mantra that I live by. My husband and I are lucky in that he is able to not only work all our dogs in the shooting season but show them year round.

We should not change the Standard of the Labrador if we take on the mantle of Owner, Breeder & Judge. It was drawn up by working people to give us the building blocks to produce a sound dog using as little energy as possible to work all day long because he was soundly constructed.

You excel in coats (perhaps washing them too much for me), you have superb tails, nearly all had excellent spring depth & length of rib with good loins and topline. Pasterns could be tighter and feet more compact, more exercise & less weight would correct this.

Like elsewhere in the world, UK included, you have decent necks and lay of shoulders, but then in many the upper arm is lacking length and angulation, we are looking for the elbow to be directly under the withers, correct angulation gives good movement, and uses up less energy on the move. This lack of length and angulation in the upper arm is worldwide. What I don't understand, and I do go on about this around the world, why keep poor construction. When you are choosing your pups between 6-9 weeks the same balance and proportions are there as in the finished adult dog. David and I set our pups up and critique them at 5, 7 & 9 weeks when we are choosing which puppy to keep for ourselves from the litter to ensure we have the pup with the correct angulation, to us this is so important.

I do understand your problems, but a majority of the Labradors in the USA are now different from elsewhere in the world.

#### **Puppy Dog 6-9 months (7 entered 1 absent)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Colombani's Hyspire Sunnydaze Prerequisite At Tuscany (GCHB Lakeside Memoir Of Gallivant x CH Piccadilly Hyspire Hidden Paradise). 7 month black, he had good overall balance, pleasing angulation to front and rear quarters, good head proportions, with kind eye, correct bite, good length of muzzle, clean neck set into well made forequarters, ribs had spring depth and length, strong loin, topline. Tail was set & carried correctly. He covered the ground well. I would have liked a little less weigh. In excellent coat.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Ellis's Spirithawk's Pacino's Fame "SF" (Spirithawk's Ojibwa "Jib"x Sirithawk's Sahale Temescal). A yellow of just 7 months, good balanced outline, with good body depth to leg length. Pleasing head, good muzzle, good angulation to front and rear quarters, well made

through the ribs, loin, topline. Tailset goes off a little over the croup – moved out well on good legs and feet, in good coat, again carrying a fraction too much weight.

**Puppy Dog 9-12 months (4 entered 1 absent)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Starck & Huntzinger's Riverlane's Door Buster (GCHB Piccadilly's Seek Shade DS x Riverlane Skye's Black Friday). Nearly 12 months excellent overall balance, kind masculine head with good eye, teeth and muzzle, clean neck set into well made forequarters, ribs had spring depth and length, strong through the loin & topline. Well set and carried tail, good turn of stifle with good 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> thigh. Well boned legs and and tight feet, sound true mover, in excellent coat and carrying the correct weight. **My Best Puppy in Show and Reserve Winners Dog.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Huntzinger & Sparks Riverlane's Man Of The Moment (litter brother of above). Good overall balance, pleasing masculine head, correct eye, teeth and length of muzzle, well made fore and rear quarters, good through the ribs with spring depth and length, strong loin & topline, well set and carried tail, well made rear with good 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> thigh, 1's a little better. Moved out well on good legs and feet. 1 had slightly better leg length to body depth proportions. I would have liked a little less weight.

**12 – 18 months Dog (5 entered)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Hill's, Salona Hills Otta My Way (Ch Epoch's Pow! Straight To The Moon x Belgairn Salona A Little Bit Of Hollywood). Chocolate of 14 months, good balanced outline, with correct leg length to body depth, carrying correct weight. Pleasing in head, I would have liked a darker eye, this continues to darken in chocolates up to 2 – 2 ½ years old. Well made angles to front and rear quarters, good through the rib & loin, topline goes off a little over the croup. Good muscle to the rear end with decent 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> thigh, excellent legs and feet a sound mover coming and going, in decent coat. Made the cut for Winners dog.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Moir & Seifert's Scifi's Guardian Of The Galaxy (Riverlane Blackthorn's Wonderboy x Scifi's Lil Short For A Stormtrooper). Yellow of 13 months, good overall balance, pleasing masculine head, clean neck set into pleasing forehead, 1 had the edge on rear angulation, good body depth to leg length balance, correct through the ribs, loin, topline and tailset. Moved out soundly 1 a fraction better. In excellent coat.

**Amateur Owner Handler (2 entered)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Lee & Henry's Foreign Affair At Hylakes Belle Mare (GCH Dickendall Buckstone Three Dog Night x Be Delicious Bella Mare). 16 months black with good overall balance, head was a little strong for me, and a little short in the muzzle, not bad angles to front & rear quarters, well made through the ribs, loin, topline and tailset. I would have liked a little more leg length to body depth. Moved out soundly on good legs and feet, in good coat. Could carry a little less weight for me.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Ganache's Peter's Gang Snowdro Herbu Zadora (Devonshires Crusader x After Eight Herbu Zadora). 22 months old, head too strong for me, not the length of muzzle I look for. He had slightly better angles to front and rear quarters than 1 and better leg length to body depth. I was better on the move. Lots of coat but very soft to the hand.

### **Bred By Exhibitor (5 entered 1 absent)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Colombani & Wilkerson's Tuscany Bouldinaire Calling All Angels (GCH Marstad Delby Irish Stout CGC x Bouldinaire N Tuscany's Miss Sure Shot). 27 month yellow, he had good overall balance, the best mover in the class, pleasing angles to front and rear quarters, excellent through the rib, loin, topline, tailset and carriage, excellent muscle to rear end with good low hocks, well boned legs, feet could be tighter. In good coat.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Mullikin's, Rycroft's Out Of This World (GCH Rycroft Dalwater Black Moon x Rycroft's Chocolate Martini). Chocolate of 20 months. Well balanced with good leg length to body depth, decent weight, eye could be darker, still time for this to happen. Well made through the body with good ribs, loin, topline, tailset goes off a little over the croup. Well muscled rear end with good low hocks, moved out well on well boned legs, feet could be tighter. In excellent coat.

### **American Bred Dogs (2 entered 1 absent)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Muellerleile & Whitaker's, Micons Amarillo By Morning (CH Blackthorn Rock U Too x Micons Winter Storm II). Excused would not be handled.

### **Open Black Bitch (4 entered 1 absent)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Orcutt's Peavines Fire On The Mountain Zeus (GCHB Shalimar's The Animator x Peavines AmazingSpirit Ebony). 2 ½ year old, liked his good overall balance, correct weight, good leg length to body depth, kind masculine head, which said "Labrador" & nothing else, with good eye and length of muzzle, clean neck set into well made forehead. Ribs had spring depth & length, loin and topline strong, well set tail, fraction high for me on the move, but within the standard. He was a really sound mover on good legs and feet, in excellent coat with good hard feel to it. **Winners Dog & Best of Winners.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Muellerleile & Whitaker's, Micons Magic Merlin (GCHB Shalimar's The Animator x Micons Rosie O'Dog). Nearly 3 years excellent head and pleasing angles to front and rear, good leg length to body depth, well made through the ribs, loin topline tailset & carriage, nice bone and feet, moving out soundly. A little too heavy all over for me.

### **Open Chocolate 2**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Hill's Belgairn Azul (CH Salona Hills Keeping Time x Kenya Belgairn Blue's Clues). 18 months, he had excellent balanced outline, pleasing head proportions with good length of muzzle, eye a little light, still time to darken up. Clean neck set into well made forehead, excellent barrel rib, strong loin, with good topline and tailset, tail a little high on the move. Well made rear, moved out well on good legs and feet. In good coat. Made the cut for Winners Dog.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Mullerieile & Walker's Micons Rambling Comic (GCHB Shalimar's The Animator x Micons Rosie O'Dog). 2 years old, pleasing in head, reasonable angles front and rear, excellent rib, loin, topline and tailset. Moved soundly on good legs, feet could be tighter. I would have liked less weight and a little more leg length for overall balance.

### **Open Yellow (4 entered)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Judd's Norfield Gone With The Wind (CH Langshott Gale Force From Kimvalley x Foxrush Scarlet O'Hara RA). Very good balanced outline, not overdone in anyway. Not really helping his handler today. Pleasing head proportions, good neck and lay of shoulder, I would have liked a little more angulation in upper arm. Well made through the ribs, loin topline & tailset. Good rear end, well boned legs and good feet. Moved out soundly if a little listless.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Bollar's Sunshines Dalwater Son Ofa Dutch (CH Dalwater Dream Weaver x Sunshines Just-A-Hoot Of Journeyman). Really liked his overall balance, with good leg length to body depth, pleasing in head with good neck and lay of shoulder, he lacked angulation to the upper arm, well made through the body, loin topline and tailset. The lack of angulation in the upper arm made him cross his legs in front movement.

### **Veteran 7 years + (1 entered)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Sanchez's GCH Lindsey's Seashell Puppy RN CGC (CH Gaetacreek Joyfull Jasper x Drycreek's Shotgun Shelby). 11 year old yellow, pleasing in head, well balanced outline, with nice angles to front and rear quarters. Well made through the body, in excellent coat of correct texture, movement sound on good legs and feet.

### **Stud Dog (1 entered)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Blodgett & Herigstad's GCH Marstad Delby Irish Stout CGC (GCH Gateway's Nothin' But Trouble x Marstad Pocket Full Of Sunshine). Liked the father, good construction to both him and the two get. All were pleasing in heads, had good balance of leg length to body depth, in good coats and all carrying correct weight. Good construction leads to good movement which they all had.

### **Best Bred By**

The bitch Everland's Wildflower (CH Somersun Skyfire Six Shooter For Livewire RN x Everland Some Beach Somewhere), owned by the Parson's. Two year old yellow, excellent balanced outline, sweet feminine head with good gentle expression, well made angles to front and rear quarters, correct balance of leg length to body depth, well made through the body. Good muscle tone to rear end and in excellent coat. Moving soundly on good legs and feet.

### **Best of Breed (16 entered 1 absent)**

As you would have seen from my earlier placings I was looking for dogs of correct body depth to leg length, i.e. about equal. All my top placings had this for me, they also looked to me as if should they be asked they could last all day out working.

**My Best of Breed** was Herigstad's GCHB Marstad Cherry Wheat CGC (CH Salty Dog Of Tampa Bay JH x Marstad Pocket Full Of Sunshine). 4 ½ year old black bitch, very good balanced outline, correct weight, sweet feminine head with good expression, nice length of muzzle, well made front and rear quarters, excellent through the rib, loin, topline tailset and carriage. Well muscled rear end with good low hocks, a very sound mover on good legs and feet, in decent coat.

**Best of Winners** Orcutt's, Peavines Fire On The Mountain Zeus. (winner of Open Black)

**Best Opposite Sex** Huntzinger & Sparks', Ch Riverlane's Any Given Sunday (GCHB Shalimar's The Animator x Riverlane Skye's Black Friday). 2 year old, good balanced outline, pleasing masculine head, well made front and rear quarters, good through the body with excellent ribs,

loin, topline and tailset. Moved out well on good legs and feet, driving well from super low hocks, in excellent coat.

**Select Dog** Diehr's CH Elkens Forged In Fire "FORD" (Laurkim's Ring Of Fire x Elkens Poppin This Shade). Just over 2 years, pleasing in outline, soundy made throughout with good masculine head. In great coat, a sound mover on good legs and feet.

**Select Bitch** Courtney & Herigstad's Ch Galileo's Marstad Black Light (GCH Spirithawk's The Buck Stops Here At Temescal x Marstad Stella Artois). 4 year old bitch, right size and weight with excellent leg length to body depth proportions, Sweet head and expression, well made for and aft quarters, good ribs, loin, topline, tailset & carriage. Well muscled rear end, excellent bone and feet, in good coat and a sound mover.

**Awards of Merit**

HySpire Reg's, Holiday At HySpire Balla Mare (Lab'Spb Yu-Piter x Fortune Cookie Bella Mare). 1<sup>st</sup> Open Yellow Bitch

Sweetman's, Sweet Labs Peace Lily CD RA BN JH CGC (GCH Gingerbred Party Animal x CH Garnet Fire By Prada CDX RAE GN). 1<sup>st</sup> Hunting Bitch.

**Best Puppy** Stark & Huntzinger's, Riverlane's Door Buster

**Best Bred By** Parson's Everland's Wild Flower.

**Carole A Coode "Warringah" - Judge**

**Del Valle Dog Club Of Livermore**  
**Supported Entry for Labradors**  
**by**  
**Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club**  
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**Labrador Bitches**

I found the bitches a little more balanced in outline and more what I was looking for. They had good overall leg length to body depth and not carrying so much excess weight as some of the boys of yesterday, and gentler in heads.

**Puppy bitch 6 – 9 month (7 entered 1 absent)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Herigstad's Belgairn Marstad Peroni (GCH Marstad Delby Irish Stout CGC x Kenya Belgairn Blue's Clues). 7 month black, good overall balance, sweetest of heads & expression, good eye, teeth, and nice length of muzzle, pleasing angles to front and rear quarters, good through the ribs, loin and rear end, Good bone, feet could be tighter, in excellent coat and a sound mover.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Diehr's, Elkens Branches Of Knowledge "Willow" (CH Elkens Forged In Fire "Ford" x Elkens Fire Starter). Just 7 months fox red baby, liked her balanced outline, good head, 1's a little more gentle in expression, pleasing angles to front and rear quarters, well made rear end, a sound mover on good legs and feet, in good coat

**Puppy Bitch 9 – 12 months (5 entered 2 absent)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Dotson's Helvetia Clovercreek Zero To Sixty (GCH Everland Gone In Sixty Seconds To Clovercreek RN JH x Tanasboorne Blazing Royal Reign CGC). 11 month black, good sized bitch, pleasing head proportions, fore and rear quarters are well angulated. Sound through the body, a good mover on well boned legs, feet could be tighter, in excellent coat.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Huntzinger & Sparks' Riverlane's Spice Of Life (CH Riverlane's Any Given Sunday x CH Dolce Vita Spice 'N Up Riverlane). 11 month black bitch, beautiful headed bitch, did not enjoy being handled, coat her 1<sup>st</sup> place, but she did not back off. Excellent balanced outline, pleasing angles to front and rear, good through the ribs, loin, topline a sound mover on good legs and feet and in excellent coat.

**Bitch 12 – 18 months (7 entered 1 absent)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Bazaruto's Bazaruto's A Vegas Tourist Attraction (Bazaruto A Rose In Times Square CD BN CA CGCA TKN x CH Vegas Night Bella Mare). Black of 13 months, gentle headed bitch with excellent outline, well made front and rear quarters, good through the body with correct ribs, loin and topline. I would have liked a little more leg length to body depth, she was sound mover on good legs and feet, driving well from good low hocks. Would have preferred her a few pounds lighter for me.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Pearce's, Caercreek Wildblue I Put A Spell On You (GCH Kimleigh Gucci Roll In The Moon JH x Caercreek Rock And Roll Ruby). Yellow of 12 months, preferred her outline, cleaner than 1, head good but not so gentle as 1's. 1 also had the edge in forequarters, she was well made

through the ribs, loin, topline and tailset, super rear end, a sound mover on good legs and feet with excellent low hocks, in good coat.

**Bred By Exhibitor (7 entered)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Parson's, Everland Sky Full Of Stars (GCH Everland Gone In Sixty Seconds To Clovercreek RN JH x Everland Some Beach Somewhere). Black of 2 years, nice size, pleasing feminine head, excellent balanced outline, would like a fraction more leg length. Well made fore and aft with good ribs, loin & topline. Good low hocks, well boned legs and tight feet. A sound mover in good coat **Reserve Winners Bitch.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Herigstad's Marstad Black Crown (CH Eagertrieve BlackJack x Marstad Stella Artois). Black of 2 years, neat package, very pleasing feminine head, not quite the topline of 1, well made front and rear quarters, excellent ribs, loin and well muscled rear end. Good bone and feet, good low hocks, moved well, in good coat.

**Open Black Bitch (5 entered 1 absent)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** HySpire Reg's, HySpire Maritome Have A Coke And A Smile (Maritime Just A Kiss For CaerCreek x Maritime HySpire You Owe Me A Coke). Nearly 2 years, balanced outline, pleasing feminine head, good angles to front and rear quarters, strong topline excellent ribs, a sound mover on good legs, feet could be tighter. In excellent coat.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Millers, Sharay Barclare Guns & Roses CGC (CH Sounder's Hear Me Roar x Sharays Ready To Roar). 5 year old, excellent outline, stronger in head than I like, well made front and rear quarters, good through the ribs, loin, topline, tailset on 1 a little better. A sound mover on good legs and feet in the best of coats.

**Open Chocolate (5 entered 1 absent)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Seifert & Kuhn's Blu Top Iron Lady (CH Chablais Cornelius x Blu Top Ma Chere Amie). Very good balance to this 5 years old, excellent leg length to body depth, feminine head with good eye to coat colour. Well made front & rear quarters good through the ribs, loin, topline and tailset & carriage. Very sound mover on good legs and feet, coat on the blow, but enough left. Construction is more important, coat will grow back, angulation cannot change.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Nusser's Winterfell's Heartbreaker (GCH Epoch's One For The Road x Winterfell's One Tough Chick). Clean outline, head a little strong for me, clean neck set into good lay of shoulder, I would have liked more length and angulation in the upper arm, well made through the ribs, loin, topline, tailset & carriage. Well bent stifle, moved soundly on good legs and feet. I liked 1 just a fraction better.

**Open Yellow Bitch (8 entered)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Kujawski & Dannaker's Nipntuck Secrets Out At Skyline (Nipntuck All Aces x Coldspring At Last). She was the find of my trip. She could win anywhere in the world. 18 months old, superb outline, sweet feminine head, good muzzle, kind eye and expression, clean neck set into well made forehand, good through the body with ribs that had spring depth and length, strong loin (even a waist!) good topline, well set tail and good carriage, well turned stifle, low hocks, a sound mover on good legs and feet and in excellent coat. **My Winners Bitch.** Very well deserved a great bitch.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Garfinkle & Ellis', Spirithawk's Special Agent From Schoenfield (GCH Spirithawk's The Buck Stops Here At Temescal CGC x Schoenfield's Play It Again Fancy Clancy). 20 months, another clean cut bitch, sweet head and expression, nice angles to front and rear, well made through the ribs, loin, tailset and carriage. A Sound mover, 1 had the edge. In good coat.

**Veteran Bitch 7+ years (2 entered 1 absent)**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Gai's, GCH Trillium's I Know A Secret BN (GCH Ganderhills Colten Express x CH Trillium's Kind Of Cheesy). 7 1/2 year old yellow, very pleasing in head, angles to front and rear quarters well made, excellent through the ribs, loin, topline and tailset. Well turned stifle with good low hocks, a sound mover on good legs and feet. Plenty of coat, just shedding.

**Carole A Coode "Warringah" - Judge**