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Home now from the most amazing experience in my nearly 50 years of owning this beautiful breed of ours.

The invitation to judge the bitches at this most prestigious event was so humbling, I think I shed a few tears when the invite came through and I cannot thank the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac Inc. anywhere near enough to express my appreciation.

I have attended Potomac once before, in 2010 and was totally amazed then with the whole event. One can only appreciate the planning, the work behind the scenes and the final event coming to fruition once you have attended this show. The Committee/Working Parties do a magnificent job. Am sure that behind the scenes, things do not always go to plan, but one would never suspect anything is amiss with the manner in which it is handled.

I found the quality of the bitches outstanding. So many that weren't on the "pegs" on the day could have been on any other given day. For me there were many that were carrying too much weight, however I was pleasantly surprised that given the weight some were carrying, I saw no unsoundness in any of the exhibits. And the overall construction of the exhibits was extremely pleasing with super fronts and rears.

Again, I sincerely thank the Club, Committee, Stewards, Exhibitors etc. for making my appointment so enjoyable.

AMERICAN BRED BLACK BITCHES

922 DOGWOOD GENEVIVE – 5 years – lovely breed type with great coat and tail. Adequate head piece. Moved very well and have overall excellent balance.

590 BELLWETHER HORNETS NEST – 1 year – super youngster with great movement, excellent coat, tail and strong bone. Preferred head on no. 1 but will improve with maturity.

AMERICAN BRED CHOCOLATE BITCHES

270 STONECREST'S HAPPY MAKING WAVES – 20 M0nths – Well balanced girl with good proportions, nice angles front and rear, good coat colour and texture. Eye colour will darken with maturity, liked her a lot

NB...second place not critiqued.

AMERICAN BRED YELLOW BITCHES

532 FRAKARIS PIPER AT BELQUEST-CONCLUSION – 2 years – A smart yellow girl with an ok head, good shoulders. In excellent coat, nice bone, topline, showed really well

948 TRINITY'S A TRAIL OF GLITTER – 2 years – Lovely head and expression, very well constructed, was losing coat but had enough, bit too heavy for me but still carried herself really well.

NOVICE BLACK BITCHES

630 TAMERIC BEG FOR IT – 2 ½ years – Well up to size with lovely bone, pleasing head, good coat & tail – another a bit heavy for me but moved nicely around the ring

300 TABATHAS GLACIERIDGE BOBBI – 19 months – Beautiful girl, really loved her breed type in head, coat, tail – carrying weight which showed in her movement and lost her the class

NOVICE CHOCOLATE BITCHES

724 BONAVENTURE'S MARY FRANCIS – 3 years – Only the three in this class – Feminine bitch not in good coat, pleasing head and good eye colour. Quite some length in her coupling.

60 CEDARBAY'S AT LAST – 18 months – quite a shy girl, was unsure of what was happening. Nice enough head with a light eye, another who was quite long in her coupling. Maturity may improve her, but needs some confidence.

NOVICE YELLOW BITCHES

72 COVERED BRIDGE'S RETURN TO GLASTONBURY – 2 ½ years – Substantial girl, well up on leg, good lay of shoulder, pretty head and expression, could be in better coat, but just a nice all round bitch, liked her.

738 FAIR HAVENS ROBNIE SOUTHERN COMFORT – 22 months – Nice yellow girl with another pretty head and expression, excellent eye colour, nice shoulders, again out of coat as most of the yellows were and a bit heavy for me.

AMATEUR-OWNER-HANDLER BLACK BITCHES

48 LOBUFF'S TAHITIAN BLACK PEARL – 3 years – Sweet feminine head, nice shoulders, in excellent coat. Little longer than no.2 moved nicely on strong hind quarters.

942 TRINITY'S CHASING DREAMS AT BIG WHISKEY – 20 months – Lovely short coupled girl, showed so well, super coat, lighter in eye than no 1 and a bit round in eye.

AMATEUR-OWNER-HANDLER YELLOW BITCHES

408 RAINSHADOW CHANGE OF HEART – 5 years – Dark yellow girl well up to height, in excellent coat and condition. Lovely bone, head acceptable, excellent hindquarter, well let down in the hocks and used them well, very happy girl

840 BROOKERIDGE FIELD OF DREAMS – 2 year – A nice yellow girl who showed so well, not quite the head I liked, too strong in the stop, but good hindquarters and another who showed so well

PUPPY 9 & UNDER 12 MONTHS BLACK BITCHES

266 SONATA'S MIDNIGHT QUARTET – 9 months – Good sized youngster with a heap of potential. Pleasing head and expression, in great coat, super topline and tailset and showed very well

8 DOCK SIDE'S WELL PLAYED – 10 months – Nicely proportioned youngster again with a heap of potential, all there, excellent shoulders, little longer cast than no 1, nice eye shape and colour, very happy girl

PUPPY 9 & UNDER 12 MONTHS CHOCOLATE BITCHES

278 WOODHULL KY FARM STILL WATERS RUN DEEP – 10 months – Strong choc girl, with a bit of body length and carrying weight for me but showed well and had the best eye colour in that class as well.

786 FEATHER-REED'S DIAMOND IN THE RUFF – 11 months – Nice compact girl, light in eye but still deserved her placing. Shorter coupled than one but carried a better coat colour.

PUPPY 9 & UNDER 12 MONTHS YELLOW BITCHES

120 OUZHUO BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE O'CAER BREN – 9 Months – Pretty yellow with a sweet head and expression, lovely bone and good angles front and rear. Super hindquarters, moved and showed so well.

878 BELVOIR PARTY GIRL – 10 months – Another lovely yellow girl, head was sufficient but will improve, carrying too much weight for me another with excellent hindquarter, could have been in better coat but again was a happy showy youngster.

12 & UNDER 15 MONTHS BLACK BITCHES

204 TABATHA'S SUNFEST MISCHIEF – 14 ½ months – beautiful typey bitch, trifle strong in head for age, so hope it doesn't blow out, just an all over lovely girl in super coat, with excellent topline and tailset and moved so well. Pushed hard for Winners Bitch but in the end was pleased to award her Reserve Winners Bitch.

38 SOMERSU'S RED CUP PARTY GIRL – 13 months – another quality girl not so strong in the head but used her ears well, also in great coat and moved out strongly, very happy showgirl

12 & UNDER 15 MONTHS CHOCOLATE BITCHES

110 CARRIAGE HILL'S PENELOPE – 14 months – only the three in this class but this was a nice overall chocolate girl who moved well, was in great coat with good eye colour

918 CAMBRIDGE IN A NEW YORK MINUTE – 15 months – Good sized girl with an acceptable head and eye colour. Has some length in the body but covered the ground well

12 & UNDER 15 MONTHS YELLOW BITCHES

228 GRANDVISTA'S PISTOLITA – 15 months – Stylish yellow in good coat, moved with style and dash, excellent bone, good shoulders, little short in upper arm, showed very well

66 POTOMAC FALLS SONG OF A LASS THAT IS GONE – 1 year – Pretty yellow girl, not in great coat but showed herself off very well, good bone and pretty feminine head

PUPPY 6 & UNDER NINE MONTHS BLACK BITCHES – a class to die for.....

612 GALLIVANT'S CALL GIRL – 8 months – Very pretty youngster in super condition. Excellent coat, head will come on with maturity, well-constructed with a little length which will probably balance out as she grows.

268 ZINFNDEL'S SHINE BRIGHT LIKE A DIAMOND – 8 months – Very strong youngster also in super condition. Also has a bit of length which will also balance out as she grows. Carried herself really well, excellent topline, tailset, could have stronger hindquarters

PUPPY 6 & UNDER NINE MONTHS CHOCOLATE BITCHES

636 DANBRIDGE HILDIE BRAUN – 7 ½ months – Classy chocolate girl, correct eye colour, lovely bone, good coat and colour, moved and showed well

488 BIG SKY'S POWER OF FATE – 7 months – another classy chocolate girl, slightly longer cast than no. 1, but showed and moved really well. A couple of really nice chocs.

PUPPY 6 & UNDER NINE MONTHS YELLOW BITCHES

236 ACORNOAKS BEACHCOMBER – 6 ½ months – Pretty yellow with excellent topline and strong hindquarters which she used really well. Could be stronger in the muzzle but at this age, will change. Lovely strong bone and moved beautifully.

538 ANIA'S JASMINE – 8 months – slightly older and would have taken first place in a heartbeat if wasn't carrying so much weight. Very pretty girl, shorter coupled than no. 1 and super on the move which is surprising considering...

15 & UNDER 18 MONTHS BLACK BITCHES – another class to die for

502 CHOO HEE ANGUIANO – 17 months – Super black, lovely head, so balanced, great topline and tailset, in absolute full bloom, handler nearly threw it away, she just needed to be able to stretch out which she could do once let loose. Really liked this one and short listed her for winners bitch.

748 ZINFNDEL'S BOOM BOOM POW – 17 months – another stunning black bitch. Little bit longer cast than no. 1 but still very balanced, nice head and expression, great bone and in super coat and condition.

NB – there were many others in this class that could have been on the pegs – so many super ones.

15 & UNDER 18 MONTHS CHOCOLATE BITCHES

260 CHESTNUT'S MICKEY YOUR SO FINE – 16 months – lovely chocolate with a nice head and expression even if a little light in eye, well-constructed with nice bone and moved nicely

256 CHESTNUT'S WILLOW IN THE WIND – 16 months – litter sister to no. 1, trifle longer than 1, but has the same nice head and expression, good bone and neat feet, good hindquarters, not as good on the move as her sister.

15 & UNDER 18 MONTHS YELLOW BITCHES

290 SNOWBERRY'S KEEPING SECRETS AT ALIBI – 15 months – strong yellow girl with a very pretty head including good eye shape and colour, nice bone, slightly long cast but a nice moving girl.

854 VAN DALEN IBIM LISTEN TO THE WIND – 16 months – another strong yellow, not as good in head as no. 1, excellent front and hindquarters.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BLACK BITCHES

610 GALLIVANT SAFARI – 18 months – Wonderful class of blacks – very stylish girl, younger than most in this class but did outshine them on the day. Very smart, very feminine head and expression, presented in top condition and handled superbly.

770 BANBURYS MISS FAR FROM E-Z – 2 ½ years – another classy black, not quite as feminine in the head as no. 1 but shorter in length of body. Moved and showed like a dream.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR CHOCOLATE BITCHES

114 CARRIAGE HILL'S TWIST OF FATE – 2 ½ years – Substantial girl with feminine and correct head, excellent eye colour, good bone, deep chocolate colour and moved very well

326 CABIN'S DONATELLA VERSACE – 5 years – older girl, another excellent coat and eye colour, in good coat, good bone, good head and expression.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR YELLOW BITCHES

412 RAINSHADOW SOMEBODIES BABY – 6 ½ years – Dark yellow girl, just nice all over proportions, good coat, lovely correct head with excellent eye colour. Nice size, good bone and front and rear angles.

402 FORESTWOO'S A PENNY FROM HEAVEN – 3 years – Super moving yellow with lovely feminine head and correct eye shape and colour, in good coat, moved nicely

OPEN BLACK BITCHES

614 HARDY OF YANG FAN KENNEL – 2 ½ years – Super elegant black, just nothing overdone, such elegance, style, breed type, head acceptable (will come on with maturity) super bone, feet, coat, tail, just floated around the ring and had so much presence. Was so proud to be able to award her Winners Bitch.

570 VALLEY OAK'S VIVACIOUS AT CAERCREEK – 2 years – Another super black, slightly stronger all over than no. 1 but again in super coat and condition and moved and showed so well, probably unlucky to come against the winner.

OPEN CHOCOLATE BITCHES

890 INSELHELM ICED MOCHA – 2 ½ years – lovely short backed Choc girl, feminine head, excellent eye colour for a choc., short coupled in good coat, nice balance about her, good moving girl, just loved her overall type.

858 VAN DALEN WILLOW BAY KAHLUA – 2 ½ years – very similar in type to no. 1, not quite the head, excellent eye colour, good bone, good topline, tailset etc. and moved well

OPEN YELLOW BITCHES

132 CHABLAIS CHOU A LA CRÈME – 3 years – upstanding very typical yellow in excellent bloom. Pretty head, maybe could have a better eye shape, but excellent eye colour, very strong in the rear, fabulous bone, could have been better handled, but deserved the award.

458 BELLWETHER FENG SHIU AT LAKE PINE – 3 years – I thought this my winner as soon as she came into the ring, but didn't have the coat of no. 1, needless a super yellow with not quite the head of no. 1, but beautifully constructed who showed so well and handled really well too. I liked her size and substance. -

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