

The Labrador Club Inc. Championship Show - 6th June 2026

I feel very honoured to have been invited to judge this show. And would like to thank the Committee for this invitation. Also a big thank you to the exhibitors, who brought their lovely dogs for me to examine and for taking my decisions so sportingly.

The ring was well organised by my steward, Anne, and I thank her for this. I really enjoyed my day. You have some very nice Labradors although I felt that the bitches had the edge on the dogs for quality.

Baby Puppy Dog

1. P Hammond's Jancerie Living the Dream at Blackhills – This 5 month yellow has excellent pigment and a gentle expression. He had a clean neck and shoulders going into a correct topline. He moved well.

Minor Puppy Dog

1. B Thorby and A Murray's Cornerstone Razzmatazz at Eventide – The head on this 8 ½ month black was good with its excellent width and depth of muzzle and kind expression. He had a clean neck set into correct shoulders which continued onto a level topline. Plenty of bone for his age with a nice spring of rib. I would have preferred tighter feet. Moved well.

Junior Dog

1. G Izzard's Maktawae Xerxes – A striking yellow of 15 months with a balanced outline and excellent bone and substance. He had a strong neck set into good shoulders. His front and rear angulations were good and he had a nice deep body. Well developed and quite mature for his age. He had a masculine head with an intelligent expression and good pigment. Moved with purpose round the ring. Best dog and reserve Best in Show.

2. J Bedford's Croftsway Play Time - A 15 month yellow with nice black pigment and good length of muzzle. A lovely reach of neck going into correct shoulders. Slightly longer cast than my winner and inclined to move a little close behind.

Intermediate Dog

1. K Wynyard's Ch Willowspring Cosmic Force – A strongly made black with good neck and shoulders. He has an excellent spring of rib and correct topline, tail, and tailset with nice, strong hindquarters. His head was quite broad in skull with a good length and depth of muzzle. I found him a little soft in movement.

2. P and J Wallace's Mistybrook Major Hudson – A compact black with a kind head, if a little short in muzzle. He is well boned with a good reach of neck. His tail is well shaped and set on correctly. However, I would have preferred a firmer topline. Moved OK.

Limit Dog

1. A Battrick's Jancerie Watermelon Man – I would have liked to see more animation in this very nice pale yellow. I liked his lovely gentle expression and his good pigment. He is short coupled with good bone and great spring of rib. He moved well from his strong hindquarters.
2. D Johns and D Ringwood's Jancerie Pacific Prince – This yellow had an intelligent expression with a good length and depth of muzzle and well set on ears. Enough bone and substance. A little longer cast than my winner. Moved OK.

New Zealand Bred Dog

1. D Johns and D Ringwood's Jancerie Pomp N Pageantry - A masculine headed yellow with a good depth of muzzle which could have been a fraction longer. He had a strong neck set into well laid shoulders. A good topline with plenty of bone. Nicely shaped feet. He moved well from his strong hindquarters.
2. P Hammond's Ch Blackhills Because I can – This yellow was more upstanding than my winner and slightly longer in hock. He had a very nice head with excellent pigment. A clean neck and a good depth of body. He had enough bone and neat feet. Moved well.

Veteran Dog

1. P Hallmond's Ch Southerly Denniston Coal to Blackhills – This short coupled, 9 year old black, was shown in excellent condition. I liked his head with its appealing expression. He has plenty of bone and substance with a good depth of body balanced out by his length of leg. Moved very well. Reserve Best Dog
2. M Waugh's Ch Outnabout Roys Peak – There is a lot to like about this 7 year old yellow with his kind head and good pigment. He has a clean outline with good bone and neat feet. He moved OK.

Open Dog – 3 blacks of good quality

1. J Wallace and P Wallace's Ch Mistybrook Matte Black Gucci (AI) – Black with masculine head, correct eye colour. He is short coupled with a good depth of body, strong bone and well shaped feet. Moved very well.
2. J Stevenson's Ch Blackhills Black is Back at Jancerie (AI) GGCB – A more upstanding black with clean neck and shoulders, a firm topline going into a correctly set tail. Balanced in head with a good length of muzzle. Enough bone. Moved well.
3. J Bedford's CIB CR CH Croftsway Show Off – Black with correct eye colour, well made with good bone and substance. I just preferred the heads on the two previous dogs. Moved well.

Minor Puppy Bitch

1. K Wynyard's Willowspring Cosmic Fire - She stood alone but deserved her place. A 7 month puppy with the sweetest of heads and a trusting expression. She is just right for her age with a good reach of neck going into a firm topline. She has enough bone and strong hindquarters, a correct front. Moved well. Best minor puppy.

Puppy Bitch

1. P Hallmond's Blackhills Hope Has Wings – A 9 month black who again stood alone and deserved her place. Black with correct eye colour, good length of muzzle and ears well set on. She had a clean neck set into well laid shoulders and a level top line. Enough bone and substance for her age. Moved well. Best Puppy

Novice Bitch

1. M Waugh's Outnabout Selene – Not a big one but nicely made. Sweet head with good pigment. Clean neck and shoulders going into correct topline. She gave her handler a hard time but moved well and deserved her place.

Junior Bitch – Two to watch in the future.

1. R Ward's Ch Moonlyte Starring Role – A pale yellow with a very nice head, excellent pigment, correct eye colour with lovely gentle expression and ears were set just right. Enough bone with good depth of body. Strong neck set into well laid shoulders. Moved very well. She deserved to be Reserve Best Bitch.

2. P. Hallmond's Blackhills Coquette – I really liked this youngster but sadly, she wouldn't play ball for her handler in the ring. She had a lovely, balanced, head with the correct eye colour and gentle expression. She is well made with good depth of body. A firm topline, plenty of bone and well shaped feet. Moved well.

Intermediate Bitch

1. K Wynyard's Willowspring Chasing Fire – A kind headed chocolate with good length and depth of muzzle. Clean neck and shoulders with correct front. Balanced with good depth of chest, a firm topline and good bone with neat feet. Moved well.

2. O Britland-Whiting's Jancerie Summertime at Roseland – A yellow with a gentle expression and good pigment. Short coupled with a well sprung rib cage and sufficient bone. Strong neck and firm topline. Inclined to move a little wide in front.

Limit Bitch

1. P Hallmond's Blackhills Bliss (AI) – Not a big one but this black has an attractive head with good eye colour. She is balanced with a clean neck and shoulders going into a correct topline with a well sprung rib cage. She moved well.

2. A Battrick's Jancerie Wonderful World (AI) – A very nice yellow with the gentlest of heads and excellent pigment. Plenty of bone and substance with a correct topline and good spring of rib. I would like to have seen tighter pasterns. Moved well.

3. R. Ward's Moonlyte Drifting Star (AI) – A yellow with good pigment. She had a strong neck and a nice neep body with good leg length. Her front angulation could have been better. I just preferred the heads on the two that went before her.

New Zealand Bred Bitch

1. R Ward and P Hallmond's SPL GR CH Blackhills Moonlight Sonata (AI) – A well balanced yellow with clean neck and shoulders and a firm topline going into correct tail which was well set on. Well boned with a deep body and nice strong hindquarters which she used well on the move.

2. M Waugh's Roughfield Moon Riva at Outnabout - A very nice black with the correct eye colour. She had a strong neck with good shoulders and a level topline with enough bone. I would have liked a little more length of upper arm. However, she moved fine.

Veteran Bitch

1. P Wallace and J Wallace's Ch Mistybrook Glory Days – A balanced yellow of 7 years with pleasing head. She has plenty of bone and substance and held her topline as she moved round the ring.

Open Bitch

1. B. Thorby and A. Murray's Ch Moonlyte Come On Over to Eventide – This yellow caught my eye as she entered the ring. She has a most attractive head with nice dark pigment, a pleading, yet intelligent, expression and correct eye colour. She has a lovely, clean outline and is balanced both front and behind. She stood foresquare with an excellent reach of neck flowing into correct shoulders through her firm topline and onto the tip of her well formed tail. I was pleased to see that she made good use of her strong hindquarters on the move. Happy to award her a well deserved Best Bitch and later Best in Show.

2. G Izzard's Kyeburn Little Gem – A nice yellow that was lacking a bit of coat today. Good bone and substance. She has a feminine head with a kind expression. Moved well.

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