



# LABRADOR RETRIEVER KENNEL CLUB

## BULLETIN - Issue October 2011

to Betty Howard's Tapeatom Kennel

Dear Members,

Since the Championship Show the Committee has taken a bit of a much needed breather! Thank you to everyone who supported the Show - it was a great success!

Please inform Sharon Stadler e-mail: sharonstocks@mweb.co.za - of any ideas you think would improve the Championship Show for next year.

**Results and Penny Carpanini's critique are below.**

Many of you requested notes from the excellent breed seminar on Breeding Better Labradors presented by Mrs Carpanini. Unfortunately Mrs Carpanini does not allow notes to be published on her breed seminars so there were no handouts.

The feedback I received from the Cape Gundog Club Open Show, judged by Mrs Carpanini held at the end of September was that it was a resounding success with an excellent entry of Labradors! Thank you to all of you who entered and supported the Show.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**To Jessica Taljaard and her husband on the birth of their beautiful daughter Janica in August**



**And**



Jun Ch Tapeatom F for Fabulous, owned by Wizard's Creek Labradors, winning BOB in Finland at the Main Speciality Retriever Show on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011, following on from his Best Labrador Retriever Puppy win at the World Show 2010.

### **SAVA EYE CLINIC & DNA TESTING**

**Don't forget** - Lizette Smith of Lambrada Labradors has taken the initiative and set up an Eye Clinic, organized through the Jo'burg Animal Eye Hospital, in Leeudoringstad on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011**. Inqaba Laboratories will also be present to take samples for DNA testing.

Lizette's contact details are: (h) 018 581 2063; (w) 018 581 2819; cell 083 555 5480; e-mail [lambrada@telkomsa.net](mailto:lambrada@telkomsa.net).

Those of you who live in the Free State or on the West Rand PLEASE take advantage of this offer, especially as current SAVA Eye Certificates and PRA DNA testing are required to advertise puppies for sale on the LRKC website.

### **NEW MEMBERS FROM BREEDERS**

Don't forget if you are a breeder, please offer the new puppy owner one year of free membership to the LRKC. Complete the LRKC membership form and state your kennel name "Free Membership" and return by fax or e-mail to Sharon Stadler. Membership. Forms can be downloaded from the LRKC website.

### **LRKC 50<sup>th</sup> Celebratory Book**

June Trautmann and I continue to make progress with the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebratory Book. There are just a couple of sections outstanding. I will be meeting with a graphic designer later in the month to discuss layout, publishing costs and marketing

approaches. We will then be sending out requests for Kennel adverts. Those of you who have already paid and submitted an advert will be most welcome to re-submit your more up-to-date version, please wait until you receive information from me before sending in your Kennel ads.

### **LRKC FIELD TRIAL 27 April – 1 May 2012**

The LRKC will be holding a Field Qualifying (FQ) Stake (for Retrievers who have won a RC or CC at a Ch Show) on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012**. If you would like to know more about this Stake please contact either Mike Holman or myself. We have started training classes for Puppies. Those wishing to take part in the FQ but unfamiliar with the FQ Stake, are very welcome to contact us if you would like to join in the next training session or if you have a puppy you would like to train.

### **LRKC 1st OPEN SHOW 10h00**

**4<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

Judge: Mrs Margaret Bell

Venue & Time to be confirmed

### **LRKC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2011**

**Results and Judge's Critique for the 2011**

**Labrador Retriever Kennel Club**

**Championship Show**

**Judge Penny Carpanini (UK)**

#### **DOGS**

#### **MINOR PUPPY DOG**



#### **1<sup>st</sup> Lodge-Lowe's VALHALLEN MOHAWK**

7 months black dog. Nice top line over the withers, sweet head. Good coupling, fore-chest, bone and feet. He fails for me as he slopes away at the croup giving a weak back end that shows up in his stilted movement that lacks drive.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Stadler's SHANICAN NERO JAHMAL**

A month older and at first look this dog was my easy winner being in a different league to the first. Super make and shape, excellent front, top line, hindquarters, bone, feet, coupling, coat, head and tail. Sadly for me he was favouring his left front leg on the move and that accounted for his placing this morning. If he recovers from this he could have a very bright future.

#### **PUPPY DOG**



#### **1<sup>st</sup> Hatfield's OAKGLEN AFRICAN LAD**

This 11 month black dog has a good coat and tail, pleasing top line, deep through the chest, good bone and feet. His hindquarters, though well made were very lacking in muscle-tone that reflected in his movement. Get this dog exercised and muscled up and he could do well in the future.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Shannon's MARSABET LORD BEN NEVIS OF INYONI**

This chocolate was nicely made all through. Pleasing head and eye and expression, good fore-chest and hindquarters and shown in good condition but I just couldn't assess him moving. He was completely untrained and undisciplined, what a pity!

#### **JUNIOR DOG**



#### **1<sup>st</sup> Borralho's ABLESING CAPTAIN CLYDE OF MIRAIN**

Pleasing masculine yellow nearly 18 months. Good free mover but would benefit from better ring handling. Good clean neck and front, top line and hindquarters that he uses well on the move. Maybe a little plain in head nevertheless a nice dog.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Taljaard's ABLESING GENRAAL N LOUW OF JENSINE**

16 month yellow with very sweet head and expression and a lovely calm temperament. Deep well ribbed body, double coat with a thick tail but soft in texture. His front feet and pasterns let him down badly being very slack and placed 'ten to two'. Hind movement also reflects his lack of muscle tone and is sluggish. My overall impression of this dog was his strong similarity in type to a Golden Retriever in both body shape and coat.

## GRADUATE DOG



### 1<sup>st</sup> Holman's TREVENA TREACLE PARKIN

Pleasing masculine chocolate dog with good head and expression. He won the class hands down on movement that was free and covered the ground well. Good forehand and hindquarters, well-muscled and shown in good coat and condition though he could have been handled better to properly show off his attributes. A quality animal, however I have some reservations about his tight bite that is borderline.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> van Heerden's SEA-BIRDS GLOBETROTTER OF AMADEUZE (Imp Swe)

Black with delightful head and expression, exemplary neck and shoulder, bone and feet, coat and top line however he is severely lacking in turn of hocks and stifles and carries his tail rather too proudly on the move. His movement though true in front, is stilted and weak behind, such a pity because there is so much to like about him.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Wentzel's CRAIGNAIR DUAL SURPRISE

Black with sweet friendly head and expression. He is nicely balanced all through with compact feet though light in pastern bone, coat of good texture but it was his movement that let him down being rather weak. More and regular exercise might help here?

## MAIDEN DOG



### 1<sup>st</sup> & DOG CC

### Bell's TAPEATOM OUT OF THE BLUE TO AILSACRAIG

4 year old pale yellow. What a lovely dog! Beautiful masculine head with kind eye and expression, well balanced all through, super free mover though he lacked the experienced handler to show this off to best advantage. Shown in good coat and condition, altogether a very pleasing exhibit and I was surprised to find him still in Maiden. I had no hesitation in awarding him the Dog CC.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Shannon's MARSABET LORD BEN NEVIS OF INYONI

Chocolate puppy placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in a previous class. Still wouldn't move properly for his young handler.

## MEMBERS DOG



### 1<sup>st</sup> Botha's AILSACRAIG INDIANA JONES OF ABLESING

This yellow won the class on his slightly better hindquarters that gave him a longer freer stride behind on the move. Pleasing neck and shoulders, good coat and tail, he has balance and a reasonable top line but I would have preferred a slightly more masculine head though good eye shape and kind expression.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Pott's CRAIGNAIR AFRICAN CHARMER WHR

Very pleasing 8 year old that was giving so much away by virtue of his age. His movement just wasn't as free behind as the winner though overall he pleased me more in type. He has all the essentials and must have been lovely as a youngster.

## SOUTH AFRICAN BRED DOG



1<sup>st</sup> Brown's CH DIRNELIA CONKER OF KONKASHA Well-made, well-boned 4 year old chocolate shown in good coat and condition. A handsome chap of lovely colour that pleased me. To be ultra critical I would have preferred a little more forward reach in front on the move and a less tight bite nevertheless a nice type.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Farrell's VALHALLEN BLACK JOSHUA OF CASTLEBURGH

Lovely sportsmanlike black shown in good bloom and condition. He excels in neck, top line and forehand however the tail set is a tad too low to present a truly balanced picture. He comes into his own though on the move which is free with good reach and extension.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> van Vuuren's ADAMSDOR'S WHITE JOKER

Heavy set yellow that would have coped better with the heat had he carried less conditioning. Well-moulded head with sweet expression though could have been a little more masculine. Well-made body with deep ribs and good proportions all through. A potentially nice dog spoilt by carrying too much weight.

### VETERAN DOG



#### 1<sup>st</sup> DOG RCC & BEST VETERAN IN SHOW Moore's INT CH & CH AILSACRAIG CHRISTMAS STAR OF TSAVO

Excellent specimen of nearly 8 years shown in good coat and condition. Well balanced body standing and on the move, good bone and ribs, lovely front with balancing hindquarters, super tail and a lovely free sprightly mover that showed off the desired strength and flexibility in all four limbs.

### OPEN DOG



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Farrell's VALHALLEN BLACK JOSHUA OF CASTLEBURGH

See 2<sup>nd</sup> in SA Bred Dog

### 2<sup>nd</sup> van Vuuren's ADAMSDOR MAESTRO MAXIM

A heavy set black with much to like about him, however to me he is over angulated both in forehand and hindquarters throwing the overall balance out and giving the appearance of a long back. He has good deep ribs, well-boned legs and feet, a lovely waggly tail and obviously loves showing but exhibited some timidity when handled. I criticize his grossly over-angulated hocks that are weak and unstable on the move.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Pott's TAPEATOM FLIGHT OF FANCY AT CRAIGNAIR

Very pleasing forehand, with masculine head and expression shown in good coat of correct texture. Sadly

he lacks the substance behind especially in second thigh to balance the picture and his high tail carriage when moving, only goes to enhance the appearance of lack of substance in the hindquarters.

### CHAMPION DOGS



#### 1<sup>st</sup> & BIS van Vuuren's CH ADAMSDOR'S ROLLS ROYCE

Very handsome yellow that was my BIS today winning by virtue of his beautiful head that is masculine yet soft and willing in expression. He has a lovely overall body balance, firm top line, well muscled and in good coat. I just wish he wasn't a follower of this fashion for excess body weight because this lovely dog would look even better had he been several kilos lighter.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> & RESERVE BIS



#### Reid's CH BR ZACK'S WHISPERING WIND OF CHEZENKO (IMP BRZ)

My Res BIS Lovely black in good bloom and muscle tone. I loved his overall make and shape. Huge coat that suffered from a recent bathing being slightly soft and wuffy. He only lost out marginally having slightly less forward reach on the final run around. Nevertheless I wasn't expecting dogs of this calibre in SA I must confess!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Moore's CH HOLLIES JET SETTER OF TSAVO

Workmanlike masculine black in fit hard condition. Not quite the tail of the two above and a little plain in head Pleasing mover though a little too proud of his tail on the move.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Tubb's CH TUSHIELAW TOMAHAWK

Smart black, enthusiastic show dog full of dynamism in spite of the sun. Good deep ribs, pleasing lay of shoulder but lacks the balancing hindquarters being light in second thigh. Moves freely but one cannot ignore the very high tail carriage.

### BITCHES

#### MINOR PUPPY BITCHES



#### 1<sup>st</sup> CC BITCH & BEST PUPPY IN SHOW Howard's TALEEM GREAT EXPECTATIONS AT TAPEATOM

Well made well-proportioned 8 month yellow that excels in substance in the hindquarters. She uses her hocks well when taking a corner on the move. Lovely lay back of shoulder, deep well ribbed body, good strong level top line and tail set, all topped off by a sweet feminine head and super double puppy coat. Lovely. Try as I might, I couldn't find a more mature 'finished' bitch to beat her today so she won the CC but it rather went against the grain to award the top honours to such a very young bitch.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> van Heerden's GOLDIKOVA DE L'ETANG BALANCET OF AMADEUZE (Imp Fr)

Another sweet 8 month yellow. A nice specimen with lovely head and expression, good bone feet and ribs but not the length of neck I would like to see. Good free mover.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Stadler's SHANICAN NERO AMIRAH

8 month black with nowhere near the maturity of the two placed above. However she has a very pleasing outline when she stood to attention which wasn't too often! Sweet head and expression, very promising but lots of growing still to do.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Bryant's EYEBRIGHT ELBERETH

Another 8 month black also quite immature compared to the yellows. Time is on her side as I feel she is still far too young to be shown to advantage as yet. Everything is in the right place in the right proportions so all we have to do is wait.

#### PUPPY BITCH



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Botha's ABLESING FINAL PROMISE

Yellow of 10 months and an easy winner here. Maybe a little straight in upper arm but she excels in hindquarters, top line and tail set, sweet head and expression, full double puppy coat. Presents a pleasing overall picture. Very promising.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Shannon's LEKKERWIJN SHADOW OF INYONI

Nicely proportioned chocolate with deep ribs and sweet head although she is a good free mover a little better turn of stifle and longer second thigh would be an advantage.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Hatfield's OAKGLEN THE SUNSHINE OF LOVE

Sweet feminine black, a little undersized for her age but I liked her overall make and balance, strong top line and good tail set, however her mouth let her down badly.

#### JUNIOR BITCH



#### 1<sup>st</sup> & BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW Pott's CRAIGNAIR HUNTRESS GOLD

Black bitch that presented a well-balanced picture both standing and on the move. Very nice type who had the advantage also of being very well handled. She carried just the right amount of weight and has a very pleasing head, neck and forehand with good well-muscled hindquarters.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> van Tonder's KLOOFZICHT SEXY ZENA

A lovely bitch in all departments but sadly shown far too fat. Very pleasing head and expression and I really liked her overall body balance and free movement.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Taljaard's BERLINJA JYSMIJN ENGEL OF JENSINE

Very nice pale yellow that although suffering from poor handling, has all the essentials. She could do really well in the future with some ring training. Lovely head and

expression, excellent front, hindquarters and movement. I hope she is given the chance.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Taljaard's JENSINE ROCK THAT BODY**

Pleasing youngster that was very immature compared to the others in the class. She has so much to commend her with everything in the right place in the right proportions and a sweet feminine head, Worth persevering with this one!

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Borralho's ABLESING BONNIES PROMISE OF MIRAIN**

Pleasing yellow but with not quite the second thigh of those above her. Apart from that she has all the essentials and a lovely head.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Pott's TALEEM TRES JOLIE AT CRAIGNAIR**

Yellow that is very alert and attentive to her handler. Much to like about her but at this stage in her development she dips behind the withers spoiling her overall outline. Worth persevering with though.

### **GRADUATE BITCH**



#### **1<sup>st</sup> Taljaard's ABLESING BABY JY'S MYNE OF JENSINE**

Sweet bitch maybe a little on the small side but won the class being of reasonably good make and shape, the correct weight and a good spring in her movement where the others in the class failed. Pleasing head and expression, nice coat, tail and top line.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Taljaard's LAMBRADA MORNINGSTARSALLY**

Bigger bitch, not as clean in neckline having more dewlap than the first and though moved freely it was close behind however she has a good forehand, bone and feet, sweet head and expression.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Bales' LEKKERWIJN ROSE**

Chocolate bitch of a lovely even colour. Neatly built but rather lacking in undercoat. Moves freely but again too close behind.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> King's LEKKERWIJN CADBURY**

Chocolate bitch with much to like about her. Sweet head, good ribs, moves very close behind and suffering badly with the heat.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Hogg's TUSHIELAW KELSO OF LONGFORMACUS**

Nice little bitch but a little lacking in bone and angulation. She took exception when I attempted to look at her teeth which I penalised.

### **MAIDEN BITCH**



#### **1<sup>st</sup> Brown's TREBURROW JENNYS STAR OF DIRNELIA (IMP UK)**

Black that I felt must be a lovely bitch under all that blubber! Please, please take weight off her just for her own sake and a little more exercise wouldn't go amiss either as she is such a nice type.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> van Rensburg's MARSABET TIA MARIA**

Chocolate. Another grossly overweight bitch with poor muscle tone that really showed up when she moved because she had such difficulty here. Sweet bitch and obviously much loved but being killed with kindness.

### **MEMBERS BITCHES**



**1<sup>st</sup> Botha's DE BRACK POLLYDORA OF ABLESING**  
Yellow bitch, an easy winner here. Well-balanced, good forehand, top line, and hindquarters, nice coat and tail and a free mover.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Brown's DIRNELIA ERICA NIKITA OF CONKASHA**  
Chocolate of pleasing type that was feeling the heat badly. Good neck and forehand with balancing hindquarters, not quite as good in top line as the winner but shown in good coat and condition.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> van Vuuren's ADAMSDOR SWART MAGRIET**

Upstanding black with much to like about her however her length in loin is not her best feature because it makes her movement seem sloppy and uncoordinated. However she has a lovely head, coat and tail.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Lodge-Lowe's VALHALLEN DIE ENGEL BY MY AT ABLESING**

Chocolate not at all used to the show ring but she showed herself off to advantage on the move. Nice to see a bitch shown at the correct weight and muscle tone.

**5<sup>th</sup> Shannon's LEKKERWIJN SHADOW OF INYONI**  
Chocolate from the puppy bitch class

**6<sup>th</sup> van RENSBURG'S MARSABET OPAL**  
Sweet headed chocolate with good front but lacks sufficient substance in hindquarters to present a balanced picture.

#### SA BRED BITCHES



**1<sup>st</sup> Bales' RODARE GOLDEN CHARM OF LEKKERWIJN**  
5 year old yellow of very nice type. I liked her overall balance that showed to advantage on the move. Pleasing head, neck and shoulders, good level top line with ample hindquarters. Not handled to best advantage so I really had to find her!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Pott's CH CRAIGNAIR HEART BREAKER**  
Lovely smart showy black, well handled and a good mover showing balance and soundness, presented in good coat and condition however she didn't have the turn of stifle of the class winner.

**3<sup>rd</sup> van Vuuren's ADAMASDOR REBEKKA ROESROK**  
Very sweet yellow, the youngest in the class. She has so much to commend her but she didn't stride out on the move as well as the two above. Not the biggest of bitches but useful.

**4<sup>th</sup> van Rensberg's MARSABET KOLA ICE**  
Chocolate bitch that was difficult to assess but her lack of muscle tone influenced the way she went round the ring. She pulls from the front end rather than driving from the rear.

#### VETERAN BITCHES



**1<sup>st</sup> & RCC BITCH**  
**van Vuuren's CH ADAMASDOR KATRIEN**  
Yellow of 9 years and still a beauty. I loved her head and expression. Excels in neck and front, well balanced body

with ample hindquarters. Well presented in good coat and condition, a credit to her owner.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Pott's CHEZENKO STOLEN KISSES OF CRAIGNAIR**

This quality black must have been stunning when she was younger because at 11 years old she is still a beauty. Her venerable years were just beginning to tell when she moved nevertheless she could show so many of the youngsters a thing or two.

The owners of many of the younger overweight bitches would do well to take note that to keep a Labrador healthily into old age it needs to be fit, active and maintained at the correct weight.

#### OPEN BITCHES



**1<sup>st</sup> Pott's CRAIGNAIR DASH OF SPICE**  
A smart upstanding black that was well handled to show off her best points. Her front reach when going round the ring gave her the edge over the competition. Maybe a little more pastern bone wouldn't go amiss but a pleasing sensible type Labrador.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Stadler's KNIBBELKOUER JUFFROU ROXY OF SHANICAN**

Another smart typey black with good head and expression, a useful sound bitch.

**3<sup>rd</sup> van Vuuren's ADAMASDOR SALLY MODDA POT**  
Chocolate with good forehead and neck, shorter coupled than her black kennel mate. I liked her gentle head and expression. Carrying less weight would be to her advantage but a happy show girl

**4<sup>th</sup> van Vuuren's ADAMASDOR EMMA DEVINE**  
Black with very stylish front assembly but rather let down by her weak back end. Her over-angulated hocks lack stability when she goes away. Pleasing coat and tail and she has a better top line than the one above but it was her movement that decided the placing.

**5<sup>th</sup> van Rensberg's MARSABET HEAVEN**  
Chocolate of nice type, head and expression but presented far too overweight that affected her overall balance and movement. Another one lacking muscle tone that really showed up when moving. This is something that is so easily remedied too.

## CHAMPION BITCHES



### 1<sup>st</sup> Pott's CH TAPEATOM DRAMA QUEEN OF CRAIGNAIR

Yellow that won the class by virtue of her strong yet flexible hocks that really drive her round the ring. Very sweet feminine bitch with a lovely head and expression. Although I personally would have preferred a darker eye it is well within the breed standard. She has good legs and feet and a well-ribbed body of pleasing proportions yet maybe not the coat of the second placed exhibit in this class.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Pott's CH CRAIGNAIR HOT GOSSIP

A very pretty, smartly turned out bitch, well-shown in good coat and condition. If I could only have given her a different pair of hocks she'd have really pleased me so much. These didn't power her along, appearing somewhat weak from the side view. Nevertheless much to commend her.

I would like to thank the officers and committee of the South African Labrador Retriever Kennel Club for the invitation to judge this prestigious show and their kind hospitality. It was an honour and great pleasure.

My sincere thanks too to my experienced and able steward who kindly piloted me through the day and to the exhibitors for the sporting way in which they accepted my judgments.

Certain phrases keep recurring in my critique, most notably reference to exhibits being overweight and lacking muscle tone. This can only come about because these poor dogs are over fed and are seldom or never exercised properly. This is inexcusable for a sporting breed that has an absolute need to free running and exercise for both mental and bodily health. There is a real difference between substance and fat. I beg of you all to have a regard for good animal husbandry for the sake of your lovely dogs and they will reward you with better show results and a longer healthier life free of unnecessary vets bills. One other point that I must raise is the disregard some owners paid to the disagreeable temperament displayed between their dogs. Not once but many times throughout the day I heard dogs growling and snapping at one another with no apparent correction from the owners or reaction from other exhibitors even. This can't surely be the norm here? Such examples of temperament are totally alien in this breed and should not be tolerated. If newcomers are to blame then some senior person in the club should kindly but firmly put the culprits right because to ignore such a serious breach is to jeopardize the reputation of the whole breed. Young

dogs, just like children try it on sometimes just to try the boundaries. They should be immediately and smartly corrected each and every time they step out of line or a pattern of disagreeable behaviour soon becomes commonplace. If you don't agree with me then please re read the breed standard.

On a happier note the good Labradors I saw in South Africa are very good. Contrary to the often-voiced view that the country suffers from too small a gene pool, I would venture to say that maybe more could be done with what you already have. A rethink in the perception that show Labradors should be obese and lumbering and that only "working" dogs need be athletic would be a start!"

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