

**2023 NOVA SCOTIA DUCK TOLLING RETRIEVER CLUB OF VICTORIA INC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW
SUNDAY 5TH OF NOVEMBER 2023**

Critique from Gordon Hayburn (Canada)

Can I start by offering a couple of apologies:

Firstly – for the delay in getting this to you all. Having been away for 10 days I had a lot of work waiting for me, and secondly – I had some work done in the house and, despite hunting high and low, I cannot find my catalogue. I really have scoured the house. I know it was put “somewhere safe”. That means I don’t know the owners or the dog’s names for the critiques. I hope the full results were posted and are available. I am really embarrassed by this. I had the best trip and the best time judging your lovely breed, and I just wish the critiques could have had these details.

Overall – the breed is in great shape, and you should all be proud of your animals. I have been fortunate enough to judge excellent entries in the UK, USA and Canada. The dogs in Australia sit well with the animals in the other countries. The breed is certainly consistent globally, and the best in each country are very comparable.

Can I also thank the club for its great hospitality and how well my whole trip was managed. I know it takes a lot of effort to put into this type of event, and I thought the whole day was wonderful. The ring was a fantastic size, and the ground was very level, allowing the dogs to move freely. My excellent ring-steward kept everything moving along, and finally – the exhibitors were as friendly as their lovely animals, making for a fantastic assignment and one I won’t forget.

Dogs:

Baby Puppy

1st – 3. PTOLOMY JUST CHILLIN

2nd – 1. GLENMAVE BLOOD AND SAND

3rd – 2. NOVAFOX BEAMING HANIEL

All three are lovely and correct for age. The winner was more balanced, but all have nice type, and all were sympathetically handled. I have no doubt they will all carry their titles in due course.

Minor Puppy

1st – 4. SAYREOVI KEEP THE FAITH

Six-month-old baby very promising. Correct bone. Moved steadily for a youngster. Should end up a very nice one.

Intermediate

1st – 7. CAN CH ORYXES HEART AND SOUL FOR GLENMAVE (IMP CAN)

Not a big one, but a good one. Nicely balanced and a steady mover. Presented a lovely outline both standing and on the go around.

2nd – 9. GLENMAVE FLASHY FENNICK

Nicely sized with good coat and in excellent condition. Not a steady on the move as 1, but close up in the class.

3rd – 10. CH MULTESTUA HEAVEN SENT HUGO CCD RE TK.N

Another one of nice type and balance. Moved just a shade close behind but carries a nice top line and was clean moving on the return and profile action.

Australian Bred

1st – 13. CH APRILRAINE POETRY IN DISGUISE

The winner paints a beautiful picture, nothing overdone. Excellent balance and a steady mover. Lovely quality.

2nd – 12. GRAND CH LIDLIVA ARCHIE SEEDOO RN CCD

Close to the winner. Moved a touch wide in front, but another very nice dog.

3rd – 11. CH NOVAFUSION SUMO STORM RN ET JC

Being third in this class was no disappointment. Another nicely balanced boy. I would have preferred a little more drive behind, but a good dog and completed a lovely trio.

Bred By Exhibitor

1st – 14. TOLLERPOINT HERALD ANGELS SING

A lovely boy who made his owner work hard. He is a very typey dog who presented a great outline when standing and moved with a free action.

2nd – 15. CH TARSHONA TEXAS LONE STAR (AI)

Close up to the winner and the same remarks apply. Not as positive on the out and back but showed how he could move on the go around. Lovely profile action.

Open

Three dogs of lovely type.

1st – 17. AM. CH. SUP. CH. REDMOON'S DO YA THINK I'M SEXY? (IMP USA)

The winner has a lovely make and shape, and is very balanced.

2nd – 16. DUAL CH (T) GLENMAVE SEA TRAVELLER (AI)

The second placed dog was close up, but needed to move with a little more purpose.

3rd – 18. CH.T (CH) NOVAFUSION COPPER CANYON RN NRA ET TSD

This dog was not disgraced by a third in this lovely group of dogs. Again, very close up, but the topline was not quite so strongly held on the move.

Veteran

1st – 19. CH GLENMAVE RED COMET (AI)

An 8-year-old boy in excellent condition. Stands and moves on great legs and feet. Still a lovely dog who belies his age.

Bitches:

Babby Puppy

1st – 21. NOVAFUSION HEAT WAVE

2nd – 20. NOVAFOX MAJESTIC DIAMONE

A lovely start to the bitch classes, with two super babies who have good type. The winner was a little more together today, but I loved them both.

Puppy

1st – 22. SAYREOVI THIEF OF HEARTS

A beautiful girl at her first show. Very attractive and will finish a lovely bitch. Just right for her age.

Junior

A lovely class of five bitches, all with much to like. They will change places many times.

1st – 25. NOVADAL HUMITE OF NOVAFUSION

A very balanced bitch with good angles fore and aft. Presents a great picture both standing and on the move.

2nd – 23. GLENMAVE DEFYING BOUNDARIES (AI)

Another typey bitch and close up to the winner. Didn't hold her topline as well on the move as the winner, but another very good one.

3rd – 24. GLENMAVE DIAMOND INTENSITY (AI)

Nice youngster that I would like to see grow on just a touch more. Presents a lovely balanced picture with good angles at both ends. Shows lots of promise.

Intermediate

Three good bitches.

1st – 29. CH NOVAFUSION LETHAL LOVER RN

The winner showed and moved well. Particularly good drive from the rear.

2nd – 28. CH TOLLERPRANCE FAITHFUL LILY RN TK.S

Well balanced bitch of nice size. Good angles at both end and moved steadily.

3rd – 30. CH. AIRAI A LITTLE BIT OF FIZZ

Promising youngster who presented a nice picture but didn't show herself to advantage.

Australian Bred

1st – 31. CH GLENMAVE ARMED WITH A TWIST

A smaller built bitch but has all the essentials. Moved nicely when not going too fast. A nice class winner.

2nd – 33. CH. GLENMAVE CHIRON JC CAA

A nicely sized and balanced bitch who particularly scores on rear and drives well.

3rd – 32. CH TOLLERPRANCE STILLWATER BROOKE TK.S JC

Another on the smaller end but still within standard. Overall has nice type and moved neatly.

Bred By

1st – 36. APRILRAINE MIDNIGHT RUN

Alone, but a very nice bitch who will win in good company. A lovely quality Toller from all angles.

Open

1st – 39. CH NOVAFUSION ELARA OF HIMALIA CCD CA RE NRA ET TDX

A lovely balanced bitch, who might benefit from a little less coat as it affects the picture standing and its only with hands on that her lovely outline becomes apparent. Steady and purposeful mover.

2nd – 37. CH. GLENMAVE STYLE AND SAGACITY (AI) CD RN ORA QND

Another balanced bitch with all the essentials to win at the highest level. Close to the winner today.

3rd – 38. DUAL CH (RO) TOLLERPOINT ALLYE FAITHFUL CCD CD RAE TK.S TD

A very pretty girl who has a pleasing make, although appeared a little high in the rear today.

Neuter Dog

1st – 40. NEUT CH. SKYESONG FUNKY FOXTROT CCD RM RAE TD NRA AD JDX ET CAX WPD

2nd – 44. DUAL CH (T) TRI CH TS GRAND CH GLENMAVE BUCCANEER (AI) RN QND ORA

Two lovely boys that I hope have sired some progeny as they are both of lovely type. I just preferred the overall size and balance of the winner, but another close decision.

Neuter Bitch

1st – 47. CH GLENMAVE INDIANA STORM (AI) SWA

Alone but another bitch of lovely quality. Nicely balanced with good angle fore and aft. Was the last class of the day and completed a wonderful entry.

To the exhibitors who gave me the honor and pleasure of judging your lovely animals – thank you again for the best of days.

Gordon Hayburn (Judge)