

# Labrador Retriever Club of Ireland

The Labrador Retriever Club of Ireland held their annual Breed Open Show at the National Show Centre in Cloghran where the efficient hard working committee led by Chris and Angela Hancock had organised a good sized ring for an excellent entry of 61 Labradors for Sue Merrill of the Gostwyck Labs to go over. Although the weather played a part in keeping the attendance on the ground lower it was still a great achievement to get such an impressive entry and the line ups were well filled during the judging. Sue had great success recently when one of her charges took the Reserve Best Puppy in Show award at Boston Championship Show in England.



Sue's choice as her Best in Show winner came from a kennel that is no stranger to success and it was Beryl Heron's Open Bitch class and Best Bitch Ballyhenry Corn Wine who took the BIS award under Sue.

In the males it was the Veteran class winner Mr and Mrs Douglas' CH/SH CH/INT CH Talard The Man Who taking the best male award.



Sue Merrill's selection for Best Puppy in Show was Martin and Mary O'Donoghue's eleven month old Puppy Bitch class winner Philipstown Unaluna.



Former Junior Handler Claire Ivers handled her ten years old Veteran Bitch SH CH Philpstown Sundance to take the Best Veteran award under Sue Merrill of the Gostwyck Labradors

Tracey Douglas handled the family's black labrador pair to win Best Brace under Sue Merrill.

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