

LABRADOR CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES
CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 10TH MAY 2015

Critiques

Judge: Pauline A. Mortier

BABY PUPPY DOG

- 1) Bonnsway Miles Of Time: Super young yellow male puppy with great angulation, flowing topline with most appealing face
- 2) Bonnsway Running On Time: Young yellow close to first place in quality but not quite as much front angulation however a happy trouper in the ring
- 3) Embellish Black Charm: an older black puppy with lovely angles, a bit longer cast than 1 & 2 & well behaved & covered ground smoothly

MINOR PUPPY DOG

- 1) Kirkdell Grand Dynasty: a cobby yellow with outgoing personality that moved fluidly across the ring; tailset right off the top; great expression
- 2) Gunnislake Storm Ryder: a slightly longer cast black that moved effortlessly with not as much upper arm as number 1

PUPPY DOG

- 1) Gamefinder Sorrento: a well muscled black that moved with power & grace; excellent front angles & a bit of a low tailset; reminiscent in type of the Am Ch Dickendall Arnold

JUNIOR DOG

- 1) Driftway The Time Keeper: a young black with super reach of neck & great jacket; perfect expression in face; good angulation; old-fashioned type
- 2) Ch Driftway Valentino: a yellow with great attitude & expression with lovely jacket but lost out to number 1 on movement
- 3) Gunnislake Gareth: a yellow with beautiful flowing topline & perfect tailset with balanced angulation but a tad wider in movement in the front

INTERMEDIATE DOG

- 1) CH Cornerstone Hotter By T Mile (IMP NZ) a yellow boy very reminiscent to me of my Ch Lubberline Martingale with super topline, tailed & moved out smartly. Happy fellow that was a bit of a handful for the handler --- also something I experienced many times myself
- 2) Ch Driftway Special Mission: a yellow a tad heavier than number 1 but same type with wonderful depth in brisket & a slightly stronger head; better behaved than number 1
- 3) Embellish Story Teller: a black with that lovely reach of neck flowing into nice topline with good angulation & super expression; just a tad less in depth of body than number 2

AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG

- 1) Ch Labradell VIP: a yellow reminiscent of Rocheby type; compact body; wonderful type & fluid mover; perfect tailset; showed his heart out; a face to beat the band; brought back memories of my Ch Lubberline Martingale; please to reward him RCC
- 2) Sup Ch Aralyen Devine Ice: a black so close to number 1 in quality; a tad more leg under him than number 1; great reach of neck; lovely jacket & strong second thigh with expected reach & drive in covering ground
- 3) Ch Gunnislake Jackson Brown: a chocolate with a bit longer cast of body possessing that good brown eye color so sought after in chocolates; sweet appealing expression & fluid mover

This was an exceptional class of top quality & made choices for placements rather difficult.

OPEN DOG

- 1) Ch Wynstream Mr President: a yellow stallion that stood out for his great type from much of the rest; super jacket & otter tail; stood four square; excellent bone & heft to work a long day; perfect angulation & covered ground flawlessly; one of those Labs that simply demanded to be noticed & did not disappoint one; would do well in any showing & country; a bit strong in the head for me but could not deny him his well deserved win & pleased to reward him the CC
- 2) Ch Tapeatom Headliner: a yellow very close in quality & type to number 1; had to "split hairs" on my choice; on another day he may very well beat out number 1
- 3) Ch Cladaghing Flynn Over Torngat (AI): a black with soft & old fashioned facial expression that is sometimes lost in today's Labrador; strongly built with that necessary topline & tailset

This was another class that reeked of quality & type, making it so difficult to give only 3 placements.

BABY PUPPY BITCH

- 1) Miandor Whistling Dixie: scrumptious black girl that had it all with coat, angles, perfect tailset; cobby body; and a face to die for! Loved her!
- 2) Cladaghing Oceans Eleven: a slightly older black with super attitude & moved out smartly with style & grace; good angles fore & aft
- 3) Eraky Serenity: a yellow at just barely 3 months with great potential; beautiful front in structure that aided in correct movement; she just loved showing her stuff

MINOR PUPPY BITCH

- 1) Debel Kibas Lil Drummer: a yellow with lovely type, strong topline & in good jacket; strong fluid mover
- 2) Alias Little Miss Rainbow: a darker yellow of old fashioned type with good angulation that afforded her to move strongly off the rear
- 3) Spiritrock Dream Doll: a pale yellow with appealing sweet expression & perfect pigment; could use a tad more upper arm to complete the balance of structure

PUPPY BITCH

- 1) Sarharadow Miss Lubberline: a yellow that drives off the rear beautifully; most appealing face & expression with perfect pigment & great upper arm structure
- 2) Bellasdreams Black Is Black: a black in good jacket & strong level topline & tailset with a tad less bone than number one

JUNIOR BITCH

- 1) Burberry Midnight Moon: a black with that super reach of neck & matching rear angles that afforded her strong & true movement fore & aft; happy attitude & asked to be noticed; lovely jacket & beautiful expression; considered her in the running for the CC or RCC
- 2) CH Driftway Time N Again: a yellow that moved out smartly to show her stuff; lacking a tad in jacket she lost out to number 1
- 3) Ch Cornerstone Fire Dancing At Spiritrock: a darker yellow that was reminiscent of the Rocheby look; level & strong topline with nice tailset

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

- 1) Labzrina Dreams Of Sunny Daze: a yellow with lovely type & balanced angulation that afforded her such powerful yet fluid movement; feminine face that was most appealing
- 2) Ch Eraky Clarity: another yellow with which I had to split hairs in affording her second placement as she was so close in type & movement to number 1; happy attitude that made her a standout
- 3) Bradorla Liberty Bell: a black with a tad less in depth of body than previous two placements but possessing super reach of neck flowing into lovely level topline & tailset

This was another class that made placements so very difficult due to the exceptional depth of quality.

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH

- 1) Ch Eraky Night Sky: A black that could do no wrong! She stood four square & asked for the win; exceptional movement with perfect ease in driving off the rear & covering ground smartly & fluidly; that strong reach of neck flowing into a perfectly level topline & right off the back tailset; coat to die for; face to launch a thousand ships! She filled my eye with type & perfection! Words do not do her justice. Was so pleased to not only award her the CC but also Best in Show. She can come to live at Lubberline any day!
- 2) Gr Ch Bonnsway A Matter Of Time: a yellow that gave number 1 a run for her money; type with the correct angulation allowing that amazing movement that says look at me; presented in lovely jacket
- 3) Ch Wynstream First Lady: a yellow that completed a trio of great bitches; she had almost all that her placement mates had but a slight roll over the shoulder kept her from placing higher

OPEN BITCH

- 1) Gr Ch Kirkdell Dazzle N Delight: It almost doesn't get any better! A striking black that had almost all my ticket bitch had; head, jacket, tail, type to fill the eye with beauty; moved out with style & grace; most feminine expression; could compete & win anywhere; just lacked a tad upper arm to complete perfection; pleased to award her RCC
- 2) Gr Ch Aralyen I Can Hear Music: so very close in top quality to number 1; showed her heart out & did not put a foot wrong in presentation; this is type we strive to achieve
- 3) Ch Driftway Keeper Of Secrets: a black that pushed her fellow placements to the limit of great depth in quality & type; attitude we hope to live with & breed; beauty & strength combined; lost out only in perfect tailset

To say this was a great class of bitches is an understatement. I was amazed & so pleased & honored to have them all presented to me & sorry that there were no more ribbons to award.

BRACE

- 1) Gr Ch Aralyen I Can Hear Music & Labzrina Dreams Of Sunny Daze: a masterful presentation of two glorious yellow bitches moving in tandem to show what dedicated breeding & training can produce. Bravo!

FIELD

- 1) Gamefinder Beretta: this is what it's all about --- remembering that we have the best of all worlds in a Labrador that can do it all --- family companion, show dog, hunter, & service dog. Well done!

DAM & PROGENY

- 1) Gr Ch Aralyen I Can Hear Music: Making her stamp of quality upon the breed for future generations is what it's all about. Without the dedication of all our breeders we would never have such a stellar present & future to look forward to. Well done!

VETERAN BITCH

- 1) Ch Driftway Dreamtime Daisy: my most favorite class of all since it shows the enduring quality & type we have striven for & hoped to attain. What a classy old gal who remembered her days not only in the show ring, but all the exceptional progeny she gave us as well as her devotion to family & fireside! Bravo!

To the members of the Labrador Retriever Club of New South Wales I extend my heartiest thanks for the honor to have judged your Labradors. Temperament is the hallmark of our breed & that you have certainly attained to the highest standard. Remembering that our Labrador is part of the Gun Dog group, you have also managed to keep the Labrador's honest & true movement & fitness allowing the Lab to show, hunt, and serve in so many ways. Coming to Australia and experiencing your hospitality & genuine open & friendly attitude was a delight beyond words. The camaraderie that exists amongst your exhibitors is to be highly commended. I hope to return as a visitor to enjoy your beautiful country & new found friends. That long journey to "down under" made it all worthwhile & I hope to see you stateside in the future. Sydney & its harbor & people & eating delights have left me with such wonderful memories. Kudos to all of your hardworking members that put on such a spectacular set of shows in a superb venue. It just doesn't get any better than my visit to your country & club show!

Fondly,

Pauline A. Mortier