

The Labrador Retriever Club of NSW Inc. Show no 2. May 2014 - judges report Sussie Wiles

Firstly may I take this opportunity to thank the committee for inviting me and for all the hard work putting on such a super show and to all the exhibitors for bringing their dogs under me and for the sporting manner in which they accepted my decisions. I judged this very show 10 years ago and absolutely loved coming back and seeing the progress made. I think you should be very proud of your Labradors and keep up the good work.

DOGS

BABY PUPPY DOG

1st Adams' KELINDEBAR POWER OF MAGIC Black. Real baby, well-constructed and balanced. Moved well for age. Mature head, good reach of neck. Strong top line, tail set and tail. Good turn of stifle.

2nd. Spagnolo's DRIFTWAY VALENTINO Well grown yellow with a kind head and eye. Good reach of neck. Ample bone. Good fore chest. Well-turned stifles. A little loose in movement at this stage.

3rd Blackman's SILVERSTREAM HIGH SOCIETY Clean lined cream coloured male with good pigmentation and good reach of neck. Level top line. Enough bone. Would prefer more turn of stifle.

MINOR PUPPY DOG

1st Jones' KIRKDELL DAZZLE N CHARM Yellow of excellent breed type. Kind head and expression. Good pigmentation. Strong neck of good reach. Level top line. Good depth of chest. Well off for bone. Powerful hind quarters with correct second thigh. A little loose in front movement.

2nd Martin's BALARISHNAN WILFUL Quality cream with good pigment. Good reach of neck & depth of brisket. Strong bone. Coat on the blow but enough to assess a correct undercoat and coat texture. Not moving very well today.

PUPPY DOG

1st Houk's DRIFTWAY GRAND SLAM Yellow of substance. Beautifully balanced head with a kind eye and expression. Strong neck. Good depth of chest. Correct coat and tail. Moved ok but would benefit from carrying a little less weight.

2nd Ritchard's EMBELLISH STORY TELLER Quality clean lined black. Lovely head and eye with a devoted expression. Strong neck & good depth of chest. Well-turned stifles. Moved a little close behind.

3rd Levett & Gill's ARALYEN ICE AGE Rangy black with a kind head and expression. Strong neck of good reach. Pleasing coat texture. Would prefer more evidence of a second thigh and better turn of stifle. Moved well.

JUNIOR DOG

1st Blackboy Kennels' CH CORNERSTONE HOTTER BY THE MILE (imp NZ) Clean lined yellow of excellent breed type. Super head of good proportions. Good pigmentation. Kind eye and expression. Strong neck of good reach. Level top line. Good depth of chest & spring of rib. Powerful hindquarters which he used well when moving. Well handled. Should have a very bright future.

2nd O'Connor's ARALYEN THE FRENCH CONNECTION Yellow with a lovely head & expression. Strong neck, level top line. Good bone. Well-developed depth of chest. Moved correctly but would have liked to see more drive and not such a high tail carriage on the move.

3rd O'Donnell's CLADAGHRING DOUBLE O SEVEN Short coupled clean lined yellow with a kind expression. Good reach of neck. Good bone and neat feet. Would like to see him more positive on the move.

INTERMEDIATE DOG

1st Spagnolo's CH DRIFTWAY SPECIAL MISSION Well-made yellow of excellent bred type. Beautifully chiselled head with a kind eye and good pigmentation. Strong neck, level top line. Good bone & neat feet. Super coat and correct tail. Moved very well indeed.

2nd Spagnolo's DRIFTWAY ROYAL ACADEMY Yellow of excellent type. Strong neck. Good depth of chest & spring of ribs. Powerful hind quarters. Typical tail. Moved ok.

3rd Gent's CH GUNNISLAKE JACKSON BROWN Well put together male of excellent breed type. Balanced head with a good length of muzzle. Very well constructed front & good depth of chest. Good turn of stifle and strong hind quarters. Neat feet. Moved with purpose.

AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG

1st Spagnolo & Richard's CH BANDERRRA REGAL BARNABUS Clean lined yellow of excellent breed type. Very well balanced head with the kindest of eye. Good reach of neck leading into a level top line & typical tail. Excellent depth of chest. Moved well and very well handled.

2nd Blaney's CH LABZRINA SAILAWAY ON TAMPA BAY (AI) Masculine yellow of excellent type. Well angulated front. Strong neck, good depth of chest. A little long in body for me. Well-muscled hind quarters. Moved very positive with real drive from behind.

3rd Gent's CH GUNNISLAKE SMART IN BLACK Quality black of excellent breed type. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Well-turned stifles. Shown in tiptop condition and well handled.

OPEN DOG – my notes read super class!

1st Spagnolo & Spanswick's UK SH CH PRIORISE SPENDING TIME (Imp UK) Top quality yellow oozing class. Well-proportioned head with a kind eye and an alert expression. Good depth of heart and spring of rib. Short coupled. Very well-muscled hind quarter & good turn of stifle. Level, firm top line which he held well on the move. Floated around the ring as one with his handler. Not in his best jacket but I could not deny him top honours today. I was pleased to award him the Dog Challenge and later BEST OF BREED.

2nd Power's CH ZENCHEL EYE OF THE STORM Super black of excellent breed type. Well balanced masculine head with a kind eye and expression. Strong neck of good length. Firm top line, correct tail set and typical otter tail. Good bone. Moved well. I was pleased to award him Reserve Dog Challenge.

3rd Spagnolo's SUP CH DRIFTWAY SPECIAL ENVOY All Labrador. Masculine head without an ounce of coarseness and the softest of expressions. Good depth of chest. Short coupled. Well-muscled hind quarters. Correct coat and tail.

BITCHES

BABY PUPPY BITCH

1st Charnock's ERAKY INTERLUDE I totally fell in love with this yellow baby. Presenting a very balanced & clean lined picture. Good bone. Feminine head with correct eye shape & colour and a soft expression. Super top line, tail set and tail. Very together for age both in movement and balance of body. Showed very well.

2nd Spagnolo's DRIFTWAY LATIN DANCER Quality yellow of substance. Feminine head & kind expression. Good bone. Well sprung ribcage and good depth of chest. Strong hind quarters. Moved well when settled.

3rd Washington & Venables' ALPYNEAIR CONFITURE Well developed black with a strong head & kind eye. Powerful neck of good reach. Good spring of rib & well-muscled hind quarters. Short coupled. Good bone and neat feet. Moved well.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH

1st Spagnolo's DRIFTWAY WHOLE LOTTA ROSIE Well grown yellow of good quality. Super head, well balanced with a pronounced stop and kind eye. Well off for bone. Good depth of chest. Strong hindquarters. Moved and showed steadily.

2nd Adams' KELINDEBAR BLUEBELL Clean lined black with a beautifully balanced head & kind expression. Excels in reach of neck. Level top line. Good turn of stifle & well-muscled hind quarters.

3rd Donnell's BRADORLA LIBERTY BELL Smart black full of breed type. Good reach of neck. Well-developed hind quarters. Neat feet. Moved and showed well.

PUPPY BITCH

1st Howell's TAPUA DREAM WEAVER Well-handled black with a kind head. Presented in gleaming coat and condition. Lovely otter tail. Moved well.

2nd Blackman's SILVERSTREAM FANTASY Pale yellow with a kind head and expression. Good depth of chest. Needs to settle in movement and grow in confidence.

3rd Levett & Gill's TAPUA CELTIC RHYTHM Yellow with a kind eye. Neat feet. Would like to see more substance throughout. Moved very well.

JUNIOR BITCH

1st Charnock's ERAKY CLARITY Outstanding yellow exuding breed type. Well chiselled head with good pigmentation and a lovely willing to please expression. Clean neck leading into a level top line, correct tail set and typical tail. Shapely body with well sprung ribs. Correct coat texture. Presented in tip top condition. So balanced and well-made throughout. Moved to perfection. I was honoured to give her the Bitch Challenge, her first of many I am sure. Reserve Best In Show.

2nd Adams' CH KELINDEBAR BLACK MAGIC (AI) Clean lined active black built on classical lines. Alert expression. Long neck, level top line. Good depth of chest. Strong hind quarters. Correct tail set and typical tail.

3rd O'Donnell's CLADAGHRING SKYFALL Smart black of good type made in one piece. Good bone and neat feet. Eyes a little round and light. Correct tail and powerful hind quarters.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

1st Washington & Venables' CH ALPYNEAIR SOUTHERN CROSS (AI) Old fashioned yellow. Feminine head with a kind eye and expression. Strong neck. Firm top line. Good depth and width of fore chest. Well-turned stifles. Heavy coat of good texture. Correct otter tail. Won this lovely class on movement.

2nd Power's ZENCHEL SIROCCO Smart black of lovely type. Well-proportioned head with an appealing expression. Strong neck & good depth of brisket. Good turn of stifles. Moved ok.

3rd Ward's LABELLEN MINI VIONTAGE Yellow with a most appealing head and expression. Correct front. Good bone and neat feet. Typical coat and tail. Well-muscled hind quarters. Moved well.

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH

1st Charnock's ERAKY MOVIE STAR Exceptionally well put together yellow full of breed type. Lovely head of good proportions & good pigmentation. Well-constructed front. Strong neck. Good bone. Well-developed hind quarters. Good coat and tail. Moved very well indeed.

2nd Washington & Venables' CH ALPYNEAIR SACRE BLEU Quality yellow combining substance and class. Sweet feminine head with an appealing expression and good pigmentation. Good bone. Correct coat and tail. Moved well.

3rd Jesse's CH DRIFTWAY VANILLA KISSES Quality yellow of excellent breed type. Super head and expression. Good bone. Standing correctly viewed from every angle. Unfortunately not very animated today.

OPEN BITCH – stunning class

1st Blaney's GR CH ARALYEN I CAN HEAR MUSIC (AI) Yellow from the top drawer. Excellent breed type and never put a foot wrong. Feminine head with a kind, willing to please expression. Strong neck, level top line. Correct tail set and typical tail. Well sprung ribs. Powerful hind quarters which she used to advantage when on the move. Well-handled and presented. Delighted to award her the Reserve Bitch Challenge.

2nd Jones' CH KIRKDELL DAZZLE N DELIGHT Strongly built black of excellent breed type. Good construction throughout. Powerful neck. Good depth of brisket and well sprung rib cage. Presented in superb coat and condition. Moved a little close behind.

3rd Charnock & Chang's CH ERAKY AQUA LUNA (AI) Old fashioned yellow of superb breed type. Most appealing head and expression. Good bone and neat feet. Short coupled with a good spring of rib. Well-muscled hind quarters. Moved well & exceptionally well handled.