

THE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB OF QUEENSLAND INC

2009 Championship show

I would like to take once again to thank the hard working Officers and Committee of the Club, for inviting me, and giving me a lovely day, excellent hospitality and a warm welcome. This is an excellent showground and good weather for the dogs meant that the whole day went smoothly, I thoroughly enjoyed going over the quality of dogs presented to me, not only a quality entry but quality standard overall as well.

I looked for a well made head with the typical kind gentle expression that the breed should have, Cleanness in neck and shoulders and a balanced body with the good angulation (I so find lacking sometimes) that will enable the dog to do a days work in the field, double coat and otter tail with the correct wrap around it, most of all movement should have a positive driving action and nothing of the confirmation should be lost on the move.

Best in Show was Sheppard & Spagnolo's CH Driftway Black Douglas, with Reserve Best in Show and Best Opposite Sex going to Sheppard's CH Southbank By Design. I found the puppies to be of excellent standard and something to really look forward to in future Champions; I could have taken them home in my suitcase!!

BABY PUPPY DOG

1. TRAVERS' – BONNSWAY PERFECT TIME

What a lovely outline on this baby, super shoulders and angulation for a youngster, kept a good topline and has correct tailset, lovely soft expression without being feminine, moved well for his age.

2. BARLOW'S CLADAGHRING DELAYED INTRANSIT

This baby had a good forechest, reach of neck and topline, tailset a little high at the moment, lovely steady mover.

3. WEDGWOOD'S TENARDA VICTORY AGENT

Lovely head and pigment, deep in chest, just needs to let down on stifle which may come in time, good mover.

MINOR PUPPY DOG

1. WALSH'S AVOKAH CHOCLYT MUDCAKE

Chocolate, only one in its class but well deserved. good double coat, lovely angulation and well made head, would like eye a little darker, good thick otter tail and moved with purpose.

PUPPY DOG

1. SHARPE'S CAMBEWARRA HOUR OF MONEY

Well made yellow dog with good bone and substance, correct forechest and spring of rib, good tail set, kind well made head, super reach of neck and good topline, made the most of himself on the move in this class to win first.

2. FORMOSA'S KAEBELLER NEW HORIZON

Another very nice yellow puppy, pushed hard for 1st place, lovely head neck and shoulders, good movement and was unlucky to meet 1st place today.

JUNIOR DOG

1. HENRY'S CH BOOROOMGAI MAKE AN IMPACT

Well balanced yellow dog, throughout body, lovely shape head and expression, Kind eye , good reach of neck, deep in body with well sprung rib and good angulation, don't over stretch him making his stifle look straight – it's not! By far was the best mover in this class.

2. WISEMAN'S WAGLETT HOT ROCKETT

Black with correct coat and otter tail, liked his head and expression, Good angles throughout, just felt he needs a little time to mature on, His movement was straight and true

3. COASTER-GARTON'S GREATLANDS SPECIAL BOY

Lovely head on this yellow, good front and straight topline, deep in body and well sprung rib, correct angulation, carried his tail high on the move, losing him a place.

INTERMEDIATE DOG

1. SHEPPARD'S CH SOUTHBANK DOUBLE TAKE

By far the best mover so far, really had drive, keeping his balance on the move, lovely head on this black and gentle expression typical of the breed, well muscled throughout and in excellent condition, super breed type.

2. RISELEY'S SHAUNDAR ANOTHER CRUSADER

Another black with a clean outline, well shaped head with good muzzle and stop. Good reach of neck and shoulders, deep in chest and good steady mover.

3. FISHER'S MIKELLI PIPER

Yellow with a kind head and expression, clean in neck and shoulders, good fore angles, spring of rib and moved with purpose.

AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG

WHAT AN EXCELLENT CLASS THIS WAS, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BREEDERS.

Many deserved to be placed in this class it was a hard decision between class dogs.

1. SHEPPARD/SPAGNOLO'S CH DRIFTWAY BLACK DOUGLAS

Just loved this black, had everything I was looking for and such a good representative of the breed, so well balanced throughout, lovely deep chest with plenty of heart room and good spring of rib, well made head, not overdone in any way with the kindest of expressions, this dog for me covered the ground with drive and with ease, felt he could easily go out and do a good days work as well as be a show dog, dual purpose is what the breed is all about. Loved his type, conformation, head and movement which **so pleased me to award him Challenge Dog and Best in Show.**

2. LUCHTERHAND/SPAGNOLO'S CH DRIFTWAY JUST A ROMEO CDX

What a lovely yellow this is and gave me a hard decision between him and first, could have easily changed places on another day, Lovely clean outline throughout, excellent angulation and so well muscled with good bone, super head and gentle expression of the breed, deep in chest with good heart room, correct tail set, and otter tail with good wrap, but was just lacking a little in coat for me today, an excellent free mover. **Pleased to award him Reserve Challenge dog**

3. CHANG'S CH BRANBERN PURE LEDGEND

Lovely head and expression, clean in neck and shoulders, good angulation and conformation, carrying a little to much weight for me today but it did not detract from his free movement.

4. KINGSTON'S CH DELWICK CAPTAIN TROTTER

5. O'DONNELL'S GR CH BLACKBOY GRAND GUINNESS

OPEN DOG

1. REILLY'S CH OAKHOUSE 'OT SPELL (imp UK)

Black, Square and compact throughout, overall well balanced, Lovely head and expression, good front and angulation, lost nothing on the move to win this class.

2. WEDGWOOD'S TENARDA RARE TAPESTRY

Close call with this dog to 1st place, lovely dog to go over, super head and expression, deep in chest and in good coat, again my comment applies as to overstretching making the dogs stifle look straight, a good stifle spoilt, good positive mover

3. LUCHTERHAND'S GR CH OC WINTOPPI FLYING ZEPHYR

Similar type to 2nd in class clean in outline and lovely head and expression I so look for in my dogs, Preferred tail set and coat of 2nd place, moved with plenty of driving action.

BABY PUPPY BITCH

1. TRAVERS' BONNSWAY SPECIAL TIME

Loved this yellow baby, just what she should be for her age, Sweet head, lovely topline and tailset, super angles, good coat and a good mover, a very promising youngster for the future.

2. PRADELLA'S TERRACAROL TEMIRA

Another lovely yellow with a clean outline, just preferred 1st on good reach of neck at the moment, well balanced throughout, moved steady.

3. CAMPBELL'S LABRIDGE FANTASIA

Just needs stop to break on her head with time, liked her a lot, correct conformation and movement.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH

1. SPAGNOLO'S DRIFTWAY LOVE AFFAIR

What a lovely black youngster, prettiest of heads, good shoulders and topline, excellent angulation for a youngster, neat feet and good bone, lovely mover, one to watch for the future.

2. CAMPBELL'S BANDERRA LADY JOSEPHINE

Another good black bitch puppy, just preferred angles on 1st at the moment, Deep in chest and well balanced, steady mover.

3. CREAGH'S COPPERKEE UNDER THE MISTLETOE

Sweet bitch, but head needs to break a little, which I am sure will come with time, Good outline and conformation, correct movement

PUPPY BITCH

1. WILBRAHAM/ANDERSON'S CROFTBRAE SOUTHERN BELLE

Balanced throughout, yellow with lovely angulation, Deep in chest for age, super head an expression, , good reach of neck , topline and tail set, in good coat and moved freely. **Not often I give a puppy Reserve Challenge bitch, but this girl “really took the biscuit for me” I just loved her and I am sure she will have a fabulous future, good luck with her and all my very best. Certainly could have taken her home with me!**

2. O'DONNELL'S CLADAGHRING SHEZ A CRAKKA

Good reach of neck on this yellow, with correct shoulders, topline and tailset, good in spring of rib for her age, Kind head and expression, Moved steadily

3. KINGSTON'S DELWICK ICE LADY

Needed time to settle, correct chest and rib, reach of neck and well placed shoulders, straight topline and moved well when settled.

JUNIOR BITCH

1. TRAVERS' BONNSWAY STARRY KNIGHT

Lovely square balanced yellow bitch, super head and expression, good angles for and aft, Excelled in spring of rib and moved with drive.

2. CONDUIT'S JAYWICK INCIDENTAL MYTH

Kind well made head on another yellow, well placed shoulders into good topline, correct tail set and good otter tail, just needed to put a little more effort into movement.

3. GRIFFITHS/IMHOFF'S DELWICK VANILLA KISS

A little longer cast in body to no 2, sweet expression good neck and shoulders, good coat and movement when settled.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

1. SHEPPARD'S CH SOUTHBANK BY DESIGN

I loved this yellow girl, everything she should be and could have taken her home with me! Everything she should be for the breed standard, so well made and balanced throughout, lovely clean neck and shoulders, deep in chest with good spring of rib, good second thigh, in double coat and positive mover.

So thrilled to give her Challenge Bitch and Best Opposite sex, hard to chose between her and Best of Breed, could easily have changed places, two wonderful dogs from these kennels.

2. FISHER'S CH MIKELLI PLAY MISTY FORME

Well made head with good expression, good shoulder placement into straight topline, good angulation and well muscled, steady mover.

3. WOOD'S PUREPLATNM MISS INDY

Pretty head, Good chest and angles, over stretched when standing, at hind quarters, watch this when showing her, well deserved her place in a very strong class of bitches.

4. WALSH'S AVOKAH BLACK ORCHID

5. MATTHEWS' KOPAFIELD POLLYS CRAKKA

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH

1. CHANG'S CH DRIFTWAY STORMETTE

Chocolate that ticked all the boxes, lovely dark coat colour, eye colour and pigmentation, excellent double coat with hard topcoat, lovely thick otter tail with the correct wrap, such a well balanced bitch throughout, positive driving action when moving

2. CAMPBELL'S LADRIDGE BOLD AS BRASS

Pretty well made head on this yellow, clean in lines, and deep in chest with well sprung rib, pushed hard for 1st place, excellent mover.

3. VIEROW'S CH SARSHAI SYMPPLY STYLISH

Lovely head on this girl, just carrying a little too much weight today which made her roll on the move, Lovely conformation and in good coat, well deserved her place.

4. GRIFFITHS' CH T CH DEWICK TOUCH OF VANILLA

5. FORMOSA'S CH SHAUNDAR RISING SUN

OPEN BITCH

1. LUCHTERHAND/SPAGNOLO'S GR CH DRIFTWAY TIME AFTER TIME

What a super bitch in good hard condition, felt she was well able to do a day's work in the field, so well muscled throughout. Prettiest of heads, and well balanced throughout, lovely bone and feet, compact body without being too short, super showgirl and excellent mover.

2. O'DONNELL'S CH BLACKBOY CRÈME DLA CRÈME

Heavier yellow bitch, with good conformation, feminine expression on well made head, moved freely and thoroughly enjoying her day in the show ring.

3. SPAGNOLO/CHANG'S CH DRIFTWAY SANTA ANA

I wish she has stood as happily in the line up when I was choosing as she did for her write up! Lovely bitch well worthy of a higher place in this class, Loved her type but she seemed a little tentative, which also showed in her movement on the day.

VETERAN 7-10 YEARS

1. LUCHTERHAND'S GR CH OC WINTOPPI FLYING ZEPHYR UD

What a super mover, can show the youngsters a thing or two! In excellent condition, lovely breed type with kind head and expression, well constructed throughout, well muscled and showing none of its age.

VETERAN 10 YEARS AND OVER

1. WOOD'S CH DRIFTWAY STORM FORCE

12 years old and what a credit to its owner! Well deserved its first place, still has that lovely positive driving action, in good coat and has a lovely head, still in excellent condition.

TRIAL EXHIBIT

1. RAPSON'S LOUGUI WHITE DIAMOND

What a lovely bitch, not overdone in any way, strong moving action, well muscled throughout, Sweet head well made, good conformation and balanced throughout, in good hard condition, to do a good day's work which I am sure she can too. She really is a "little diamond"