

Critique – Labrador Retriever National Sydney 2018

Judge – Mr Arwyn Ellis

Class 1 Baby Puppy Dog

1st SANDWOODLABS GREATEST SHOWMAN (K Wood) *Opposite Baby in Show*
Very promising puppy full of breed type. Lovely eye and expression.. Excellent front construction with good reach of neck, good bone leading to tight feet. Good tailset, correct turn of stifle, moved well.

2nd ERAKY RUNPERNICKEL (K & E Charnock)
Another lovely headed dog with kind eye and expression. Correct front construction. In very good coat, well muscled for one so young, moved well.

3rd ERAKY REPERTOIRE (K & E Charnock)
Promising puppy with very good front construction. Head just needs to break at this stage, excellent layback of shoulder, in good coat and condition. Well set tail, moved with drive for one so young.

4th SYBECK STORM RYDER (S & R Malseed)
Just a little raw at this moment and as one would expect needs to tighten in movement. Kind head. Has all the essentials just needs time.

5th EMBELLISH THE ENFORCER (C Ritchard)
Good length of muzzle, correct front construction, just needs to tighten in topline at the moment. Nice short hocks, moved quite well.

Class 2 Minor Puppy Dog

1st KIRKDELL WATCH AND SEE (B Jones) *Minor In Show*
Six month old eye catching black of lovely breed type. Kind head. Eye of correct colour and shape. Good reach of neck, lovely bone, in good coat and condition. Correct turn of stifle, moved well.

2nd KELINDEBAR ENGLISH OAK (L Adams)
Lovely yellow with kind eye and expression. Good length of muzzle and reach of neck. Tight feet, good topline and tailset. Good second thigh, moved well.

3rd WYNSTREAM LATE KNIGHT SALUTE (AI) (JH McLaurin)
Kind eye and expression on this black. Very well constructed all through. Correct double coat, well sprung ribs and good turn of stifle. Went well once settled.

4th ERAKY GHOST RIDER (AI) (K & E Charnock)
Lovely young yellow who's best is yet to come. Kind head and expression. Correct front but needs to tighten in front movement, good tailset, well muscled.

5th **BLACKBOY AMERICAN GRAFFITI (AI)** (B Wells & J McDonnell)

Lovely pigment on this yellow with good length of muzzle. Kind eye and expression, level topline, tailset OK, good turn of stifle. Moved quite well.

Class 3 Puppy Dog

1st **MORNDEW THE SPY WHO LOVED ME** (L Adams) *Opposite Puppy in Show*
Another typey black presenting a balanced outline. Good head and expression. Correct front construction, in good coat and condition. Needs to tighten a little in movement, good topline and tailset, good turn of stifle with well let down hocks.

2nd **REECHANCE BLACK TIE PERFECT** (D E Travers)

Loved his head and expression, well constructed all through. Good bone with tight feet. Level topline and tail well set. Another who needs to settle on the move. Promising puppy.

3rd **ARALYEN I WILL SURVIVE** (AD O'Connor)

Puppy full of substance with good length of muzzle. Very tight feet, adequate front construction. Longer in loin than first two, well muscled quarters. Moved quite well.

4th **BLACKHILLS ETERNAL SUN FOR CIGWN (IMP NZ)** (E & K Thomas)

Good head and eye colour. Nice layback of shoulder. In good coat and condition. Just needs to tighten in movement at this stage.

Class 4 Junior Dog

1st **CH AIRAI GREAT EXPECTATION (AI)** (J Leibhardt) *Opposite Junior in Show*
Lovely pigment on this yellow. Good length of muzzle, used his ears to advantage. Strong ribcage, in excellent coat and condition. Good second thigh and turn of stifle, well let down hocks, moved very well.

2nd **CH WYNSTREAM JUST SMOKIN' (AI)** (J H McLaurin)

Clean outlined dog, excellent construction. Clean through neck and shoulder, good topline and tailset. Very good turn of stifle and in good hard condition, moved very well.

3rd **SYBECK SCULPTURE OF STONE (AI)** (S & R Malseed)

Lovely headed dog who shows to advantage. Good eye shape and colour. Well constructed throughout having excellent bone. Well muscled quarters, rather proud of his tail on the move but moved very well.

4th **MIANDOR HI HO SILVER** (W Chang)

Good headed dog with excellent pigmentation. Adequate front construction, lacking coat on the day. Strong ribcage with a good topline and tailset, well muscled quarters, moved well.

5th **GOLDYCHOCS MR MCCAFFERTY** (K Hutchison)

Lovely head and expression having good length of muzzle. Correct eye colour and shape, well constructed and tailset OK. In good condition, moved quite well.

Class 5 Intermediate Dog

1st **CH BLACKBOY STORM IN A TEACUP (AI)** (Blackboy Knls) *Challenge Dog & RU to Best in Show & Intermediate in Show*

Stunning dog expertly handled. Good length of muzzle, kind eye of correct colour and shape. Excellent front construction, good bone leading to tight feet. In excellent coat and condition. Strong quarters with good turn of stifle, moved with reach and drive.

2nd **CH DRIFTWAY SUPER MARIO(AI)** (G Spagnolo) *Reserve Challenge Dog*

Good headed dog with lovely melting expression. Eye of correct colour and shape. Correct front construction, good reach of neck and layback of shoulder. Good bone with tight feet. Excellent turn of stifle with well let down hocks, another very good mover.

3rd **CH. WYNSTREAM SECRETARY OV STATE (AI)** (AD O'Connor)

Loved his head and expression, good eye colour and shape with good length of muzzle. In very good coat and condition, level topline and good tailset. Well muscled quarters, moved well.

4th **CLADAGHRING FIRST CLASS (AI)** (DA & Sm O'Donnell)

Good headed yellow with kind eye and expression. Very attentive to handler, well constructed all through. Carrying no excess weight, well muscled behind, moved well.

5th **CH. BUCKLEE TOO HOT TO HANDLE** (LJ Deeker)

Good masculine head with excellent eye colour. Good reach of neck, correct front construction, good bone leading to neat tight feet. Level topline with good tailset, moved well.

Class 8 Limit Dog

1st **KIRKDELL FIRE N ASH** (B Jones) *Limit in Show*

Lovely pigmentation with soft melting expression. Used his ears to advantage. Correct front construction, very good bone leading to tight feet. In very good coat, good topline and tailset, short hocks, excellent mover with reach and drive.

2nd **LASKELSA WILD FIRE (AI)** (B Mason/ S & V Thomas/J Robinson)

Another kind headed yellow with good length of muzzle and kind expression. Correct front construction, well sprung ribs, in good coat and condition. Lovely turn of stifle, good tailset, moved well.

3rd **GUNNISLAKE STORM RYDER** (G White)

Black with good length of muzzle, correct eye colour and shape. Well constructed front, good bone and tight feet. Excellent double coat, good tailset, well let down hocks, moved well.

4th **SYBECK TRUE LIES** (S & R Malseed)

Coat just starting to blow, good head and expression, good length of muzzle with correct front construction. Level topline and tailset. Well muscled quarters, moved well.

5th **ZENCHEL NIGEL KENNEDY (AI)** (E Tano)

Black full of substance, good head and expression, eye of good colour and correct shape. Well sprung ribs, tailset OK, good turn of stifle and moved well.

Class 10 Australian Bred Dog

1st CH CAMBEWARRA SPENDING UP (R Brock) *Opposite Australian Bred in Show*
Lovely length of muzzle on this yellow, eye of correct colour and shape with melting expression. Good front construction, in excellent coat and condition. Not carrying any excess weight. Strong second thigh, lovely mover covering the ground with ease.

2nd CH DRIFTWAY VALENTINO (G Spagnolo)
Another with excellent expression. Good length of muzzle with very good pigmentation. Excellent front construction with very good bone leading to tight feet. Well sprung ribs, in good coat and condition, no excess weight, well muscled quarters, moved very well.

3rd CH TENARDA ALL CLASS (MP Wedgwood)
Chocolate with good length of muzzle, correct eye shape and colour. Good reach of neck, correct front construction, no excess weight and looked as if he could do a day's work. Good harsh double coat, well muscled quarters and moved well.

4th CH KELINDEBAR MASTERS APPRENTICE (L Adams)
Lovely headed black with very kind head and expression. Correct front construction, very tight feet and good topline and tailset. Well coated, good turn of stifle and moved well.

5th CH KASTERLYN TICKET TO RIDE (P & M Cave)
Good pigmentation on this yellow with the kindest of head. Adequate front construction, good spring of rib and carrying no excess weight. Good second thigh, moved well.

Class 11 Open Dog

1st SUP CH BRADORLA AIR FORCE ONE (C Ellis & M Wickham) *Opposite Open in Show*
Upstanding black full of breed type, lovely head and expression, lovely eye colour and shape. Presented a balanced outline, clean through neck and shoulder. Good topline and tailset, lovely turn of stifle and an excellent mover.

2nd CH SCOLOUVALLEY BEAU NOIR (K Wood)
Stronger in head than winner, eye of correct shape and colour. Very well constructed, ideal weight, level topline and tailset. Well muscled. Moved very well off powerful quarters.

3rd CH DRIFTWAY GRAND SLAM (G Houk)
Kindest headed yellow with excellent pigmentation. Melting expression. Well constructed throughout, in very good coat. No excess weight, good turn of stifle with short hocks, moved well.

4th CH TERRACAROL BLACK PEPPER (C Wardle)
Good eye colour and shape, good reach of neck and layback of shoulder. In very good coat and condition. Lovely muscletone and drove well around the ring off muscular quarters and short hocks.

5th CH CLADAGHRING FLYN OVER TORNGAT (AI) (DA & Sm O'Donnell)
Very typey black with good head and expression. Correct length of muzzle. Good spring of rib, coat of correct texture. Shown in hard muscular condition and moved well.

Class 12 Veteran Dog 7 and Over

1st **CH ERAKY THE OPENER** (K & E Charnock) ***Veteran in Show***
Lovely headed yellow dog belying his age of nine years. Excellent front and well off for bone. In very good coat, level topline and tailset, plenty of muscletone and drove around the ring with panache.

2nd **SUP.CH. BONNSWAY PERFECT TIME** (D E Travers)
Another yellow with lovely head and expression. Good length of muzzle, correct eye colour and shape. Well constructed front angulation, strong barrel ribs , good quarters and moved well.

3rd **GR CH. SILRONRAY'S EVERYTHING CARED OF (IMP FRA)** (P & M Cave)
Yellow with good expression, dark pigmentation and used his ears to advantage. No excess weight with good topline and tailset. Well muscled and moved well.

4th **CH. BANDERRA REGAL BARNABUS** (G Spagnolo)
Good headed yellow with excellent length of muzzle. Very kind eye, in very good coat and condition. Correct front construction, excellent turn of stifle, moved well.

5th **GR CH. BOOROOMGAI MAKE AN IMPACT** (K Henry)
Correct length of muzzle, good pigmentation, well laid back shoulders and good bone. Correct tailset, good turn of stifle and moved well.

Class 1a Baby Puppy Bitch

1st **STORMDYNCER CASH IN THE BANK** (S Lawrence) ***Baby Puppy in Show***
Heading a very good class a young thirteen week old full of promise. Pretty head and expression has all the essentials. Very balanced at this stage of development. Moved very well.

2nd **DANCOURT SHOW NO MERCY** (C Olive)
Very sweet headed black with kind eye and expression. Full of breed type, in excellent coat and condition. Another very good mover and full of promise.

3rd **ERAKY ECLIPSE** (S & B Washington & D Venebles)
Kind headed yellow with dark pigmentation. Well constructed all through. In good coat, positive movement, very promising.

4th **DANCOURT STAR ATTRACTION** (C Olive)
Promising black with kind eye and expression. Well constructed all through. Good on the move, I wish her well for the future.

5th **LABRADDELL BITCOIN** (W Chang)
Just twelve weeks old, very pretty bitch with lovely melting expression. Good eye colour. At this stage is well constructed. Moved very well for one so young.

Class 2a Minor Puppy Bitch

1st LABZRINA MADAM SECRETARY (D Blaney) *Opposite Minor Puppy In Show*
Eight months old with pretty head and expression. Correct eye colour and shape. Good reach of neck and good front construction. Good coat and condition, well set tail, good turn of stifle and moved well.

2nd KIRKDELL WATCH ME (AI) (B Jones)
Full of breed type having a kind feminine head with correct eye colour and shape. Good front construction, level topline with good tailset. Strong quarters, moved well.

3rd SYBECK SPICE OF LIFE (S & R Malseed)
Pretty headed eight month bitch, good length of muzzle, eye of correct shape and colour. Good front construction, tight feet, level topline, good turn of stifle, moved well.

4th LILYBEL RUMOR HAS IT (A Douglass)
Lovely pigment on this kind headed youngster. Good reach of neck, correct front angulation and in good coat with tail straight off back. Strong quarters, moved well.

5th CLADAGRING ELEGANT ROYAL (DA & Sm O'Donnell)
Lovely headed with dark pigment, melting expression. Good reach of neck, correct front construction, in excellent coat and condition. Good backend, rather full of herself on the move today but moved well once settled.

Class 3a Puppy Bitch

1st MORNDEW DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER (H Vardon) *Puppy in Show*
A very typey black bitch with kind head and melting expression. Very good eye shape and colour. In excellent coat and condition. Well constructed throughout, carrying the correct amount of weight. Strong quarters with good second thigh, moved very well.

2nd BONNSWAY ENDLESS SUMMER (D Travers)
Pretty headed bitch with correct length of muzzle. Very good pigmentation. Good layback of shoulder, good bone and tight feet. Strong quarters. Excelled on the move.

3rd BELLBIDGEE ALL THAT GLIMMERS (M Purtill)
Pretty headed yellow with very good pigmentation. Good reach of neck, correct front angulation. In good hard condition, good second thigh, moved well.

4th ARALYEN LOST IN FRANCE (A O'Connor)
Kind headed yellow, correct eye colour and shape. Good front construction, tight feet. Just in between coats at this time. Strong backend, moved quite well.

5th BELLBIDGEE SHIMMER OF LIGHT (M Purtill)
Good length of muzzle, correct eye shape and colour. Good layback of shoulder, level topline and tailset. Could do with more muscle tone, moved OK.

Class 4a Junior Bitch

1st WYNSTREAM CARELESS WHISPERS (AI) (J McLaurin) *Junior In Show*
Classy black bitch heading an excellent class. Kind head with typical melting expression. Good front construction with plenty of bone and tight feet. In super coat and condition, level topline and tailset. Well muscled quarters with excellent second thigh, good turn of stifle, moved very well.

2nd CH ERAKY INTUITION (AI) (K & E Charnock)
Very pretty yellow with super expression. Good length of muzzle, correct eye shape and colour. Excellent front construction, good bone and tight feet. In very good coat, level topline and tailset. Strong quarters, moved well.

3rd GOLDYCHOCS SUCH A CATCH (K Hutchison)
Another classic black, loved her length of muzzle, very kind eye of correct colour and shape. Clean neck with excellent layback of shoulder. Strong body properties all through. Goos turn of stifle off short hocks.

4th CH ERAKY STARRING ROLE (B Jones)
Well pigmented yellow of sixteen months. Good length of muzzle, lovely eye shape and colour. Correct front construction, short in couplings, good second thigh. Level topline with correct tailset, moved well.

5th MIANDOR SILVER LINING (M & J Anderson)
Lovely yellow who didn't give her all in showmanship on the day. Has all the essentials. Lovely head and correctly constructed, in good coat and condition, moved well.

Class 5a Intermediate Bitch

1st CH ERAKY SERENGETI (K & E Charnock) *Opposite Intermediate in Show*
Lovely headed yellow with good length of muzzle, dark pigmentation with melting expression. Good front construction, well off for bone leading to tight feet. Good reach of neck and layback of shoulder. Presenting a balanced outline, level topline with good tailset. Good turn of stifle, in hard condition, moved well.

2nd GUNNISLAKE ISABELLA (AI) (E Gent)
Very pretty head and expression. Good length of muzzle, kind eye of correct shape and colour. Clean reach of neck and excellent layback of shoulder. Coat of correct texture, short in couplings with good second thigh. Short hocks and moved well.

3rd DRIFTWAY ROYAL AFFAIR (G Spagnolo)
Another very pretty, typey yellow full of quality. Loved her head and expression, good length of muzzle and used her ears to advantage. Correct front construction, not in full coat on the day. Good topline and tailset, excellent turn of stifle. Lovely mover in fit hard condition.

4th ERAKY CAMEO APPEARANCE (C Ritchard)
Really attentive to handler, excellent pigmentation with good eye colour and shape. Correct front construction. In lovely coat and condition, carrying no excess weight. Good topline and tailset, really strong in second thigh. Moved very well.

5th **CH TAPEATOM MISS PERFECT (IMP ZA) (W Chang)**

Lovely pigmentation on this pretty yellow. Correct eye colour and shape. Correct front construction. Another not in full coat on the day but coat of correct texture. Short in couplings, good turn of stifle and strong in second thigh. Level topline and good tailset, good mover.

Class 8a Limit Bitch

1st **ARALYEN RIVER ROSE (A O'Connor)** *Opposite Limit in Show*

Two sisters headed this quality class. Lovely pigmentation with good length of muzzle, good eye colour and shape. Correct front construction, good reach of neck and layback of shoulder. Not in full coat but coat of correct texture. Strong quarters with good second thigh, moved with reach and drive.

2nd **ARALYEN FROM PARIS WITH LOVE (A O'Connor)**

Very similar to her sister, lovely head and expression, good pigmentation with melting expression. Excellent front construction, level topline and tailset, short coupled with good turn of stifle, moved well.

3rd **WYNSTREAM DIAMONDS N PEARLS (AI) (J McLaurin)**

Pale yellow of only sixteen months, gorgeous expression and excellent pigmentation. Good reach of neck and shoulders well laid back. Good topline held on the move, good tailset, well muscled and moved well.

4th **GUNNISLAKE INDIAS IMAGE (E Gent)**

Another with lovely head and expression. Excellent length of muzzle, kind eye of correct shape and colour. Very good front construction, strong ribcage, not in full coat on the day. Level topline and good tailset. In good hard condition, responds so well to handler, moved positively.

5th **SYBECK CRYSTAL LILY (S & R Malseed)**

Darker yellow just not putting it all in today. Lovely dark pigmentation, good length of muzzle with correct front. Plenty of bone and tight feet. In very good coat, good turn of stifle and well muscled, moved well.

Class 10a Australian Bred Bitch

1st **CH KIRKDELL RAZZLE DAZZLE (B Jones)** *Australian Bred in Show*

Lovely bitch full of breed type. Such a kind eye and feminine expression. Correct front angulation. Lovely reach of neck and layback of shoulder, level topline and tailset. Good turn of stifle in hard condition having good second thigh. Wonderful reach and drive enabled her to power around the ring.

2nd **CH DRIFTWAY MIDNIGHT BREEZE (G Spagnolo)**

Classy black of wonderful breed type. Gorgeous head and expression, used her ears to advantage. Good front angulation, good bone and tight feet. In good coat and condition, short coupled with level topline held on the move. Very good turn of stifle, short hocks and moved well.

3rd **MORNDEW PARIS WITH LOVE (H Vardon)**

Smaller yellow of lovely breed type. Another with melting expression has a feminine head. Correct front angulation, good bone with tight feet. Short coupled, good topline and tailset, well muscled quarters and moved very well.

4th **CH BLACKBOY CANDY CRUSH** (Blackboy Knls)

Good length of muzzle with a very pretty head and expression. Dark pigmentation, eye of correct colour and shape. Well constructed throughout. Coat rather on the blow but of correct texture. Strong quarters and lovely turn of stifle. Lovely mover.

5th **CH ERAKY INTERLUDE** (K & E Charnock)

Pretty headed yellow with gorgeous expression. Correct eye colour, good layback of shoulder and is well constructed throughout. In good coat and condition, well muscled quarters with good second thigh, moved well.

Class 11a Open Bitch

1st **CH DRIFTWAY TIME N AGAIN** (G Spagnolo) *Best Exhibit in Show, Open in Show*
Lovely headed bitch presenting a clean balanced outline. Correct eye colour and shape, excellent front construction and used her ears to advantage. Very tight feet, good bone throughout, in lovely coat and condition with no excess weight. Level topline and well set tail, strong barrel ribs, short in couplings. Excellent turn of stifle, well muscled with good second thigh. Moved with reach and drive off short hocks.

2nd **GD CH NZ CH CORNERSTONE DESIGNER SMILE (AI) (NZ)** (Blackboy Knls)

Very pretty yellow having lovely eye colour and shape. Good layback of shoulder and excellent reach of neck. Correct in front construction, in very good coat and condition. Carrying no excess weight, very strong quarters with excellent turn of stifle, moved very well.

3rd **CH ERAKY CLARITY** (K & E Charnock)

Very similar in type to the first two. Having a melting expression, used her ears well. Good front construction with clean neck, well sprung ribs in good coat and condition. Good topline and tailset, strong backend, moved well.

4th **GR CH KELINDEBAR BLACK MAGIC** (L Adams)

Black of excellent breed type. Correct length of muzzle, good eye colour and shape. Good front construction, in very good coat and condition. Level topline and tailset, well muscled quarters and moved well.

5th **CH DRIFTWAY LATIN DANCER** (G Spagnolo)

Lovely kind expression having correct eye colour and shape. Well constructed all through. Good bone with tight feet. Coat of correct texture, short coupled with good turn of stifle. Strong quarters moved well.

Class 12a Veteran 7 & Over

1st **CH GUNNISLAKE CORN DOLLY** (E Gent) *Opposite Veteran in Show*
Yellow with lovely length of muzzle, good eye colour and shape. Good reach of neck and correct layback of shoulder. In good coat and condition. Well muscled hind quarters, still retains good movement.

2nd **CH DRIFTWAY KEEPER OV SECRETS** (D & S O'Donnell)

Pretty black who's coat was unfortunately completely on the blow. Kind eye and expression, correctly constructed all through. In good hard condition, correct tailset, moved well.

3rd **SUP CH KIRKDELL DAZZLE N DELIGHT** (B Jones)

Pretty headed with soft expression. Carrying too much weight on the day which spoilt her overall balance. In good coat of correct texture. Tailset good with correct turn of stifle, moved OK.

Judge Arwyn Ellis

What great honour for myself to be invited to judge your National.

I found the quality to be excellent and my winners could compete in any country. The committee are to be congratulated on all aspects of making the weekend so special. I must mention your secretary Sue McFadden on her exceptional organization.

My stewards were second to none and made both days run so smoothly. The exhibitors are to be congratulated for their great sportsmanship.

It was so lovely to see so many exhibitors staying for the meal and presentation, something to be very proud of.

It certainly was an experience I shall always treasure and well worth the long journey. I wish you all well for the future.

Arwyn Ellis