

The 12th Shetland Sheepdog National Show

Hosted by the
Shetland Sheepdog Club of WA

The SSC of WA recently hosted in July the 12th Shetland Sheepdog National at our beautiful Dogswest Complex and how fitting that this prestige event coincided with the WA Sheltie clubs 30th birthday celebrations.

Mother nature was very kind to us bathing us in lovely sunshine over the two days.

The official opening had all the pomp and ceremony that you would expect to see at any major event.

Our club patron Pat Atkins had the pleasure of cutting our beautiful 30th birthday cake which was kindly donated by some very generous members.

Our MC for the two days was Penny Kelly who did an excellent job with the show, the dinner/ trophy presentation and as our auctioneer.

Three years ago the committee decided to invite club members to submit names of International judges who they would like to see judge the 2018 National and each candidate was contacted, all things were considered and we were delighted to announce that Monica Mattfolk (Yosimite Shelties) from Sweden was the successful judge. In addition to the National invitation Monica was able to secure two more appointments, one for the NSW Collie club and the other a Sheltie specialty in NZ.

The big day finally arrived. The weather was beautiful and sunny, the ring looked perfect and the stage was set for some fantastic days of judging.

The bitches were judged on Wednesday, the dogs Thursday.

During the lunch breaks there were many activities arranged throughout the two days to keep everyone entertained.

Junior handlers were judged by one of our visiting exhibitors Nicola Renwood.

There had been quite a build up to the senior handlers event held during the lunch break and I can tell you it didn't disappoint, this event created so much attention. Judge Penny Kelly was looking for those special handlers that could offer a little MORE than the usual from their dogs but more so from there pockets – so much fun. All proceeds from this event was donated to sheltie rescue and everyone that entered were considered all very big winners.

With a conformation entry of 148. 137 Shetland sheepdogs were judged and after two fantastic days of sunshine, lots of fun and laughter it was time to get down to the business end of the show.

The conformation stewards Ida Homer, Heather Jones and Delia Wells were very efficient and a wonderful support to our judge.

In past Nationals Western Australia have consistently been in the winners circle and this show was no different.

Chris & Emma Luxfords bitch Aust Ch Ambermoon Come What May took out Best In Show and Kay Tonkins dog Arajento Brushed With Gold was Runner up BIS.

For the Luxfords this was a back to

back National BIS win for this bitch and also sealing the win with her Grand title.

Our eastern states visitors were well represented and certainly didn't go home empty handed gathering up a very nice bag of winnings. WA may have won BIS & Rup BIS but our friends from the East still had a big influence in the ring and it was evident on the trophy table.

Our trophy table was of an extremely high standard offering substantial amounts of money backed up with some high profile sponsorship such as Eukanuba, Hushpuppies and many more which can all be seen on our website. Thanks also to friends of the club for all their help in the kitchen and setting up and also to many people who donated various items and money towards making our show one to be remembered.

At the conclusion of the photos there was plenty of time for everyone to settle dogs down for the night and tidy themselves up for the presentation of trophies and auction at the club dinner. The Dogswest lounge seating 106 guests looked absolutely fantastic, with tables dressed up in the club colours and each visitor receiving a souvenir wine glass with the National logo engraved into it.

Thanks to Ron Wells for manning the bar – it was clear to see Ron had everything well in control. The caterers were very efficient and the food was well presented, plentiful and cleared away with a minimum of fuss.

Once all the speeches and the trophy presentations were over and glasses were refilled it was time for the auction with Penny as our auctioneer.

Auction items were all sheltie memorabilia donated by members and friends of the club. We had 30+ auction items up for grabs and within an hour we had raised approximately \$2500 a massive boost for the club.

To cap off a brilliant night it was time to draw the seven remaining Hush Puppies vouchers. Committee had decided to give everyone an even chance of being a winner. We put ALL the exhibit numbers into a hat and did the draw at the dinner – this way if you didn't win at the show there's a good chance you'll take something home from the draw. Seven more happy people came forward to receive their vouchers. The committee had hoped that no person would go home from the National empty handed and I'm almost certain that we achieved that goal.

It took three and a half years to plan – it was all over in two days but we were told by many that it was by far the most memorable National they'd ever been to. We had invited VIP's – being retired sheltie breeders from as far back as the early 60's, judges from the previous few days and friends of the club all were invited guests to lunch over the two days of judging.

Like all big events I guess you could say we had our share of small hiccups in the lead up to the National but I have to say between the rough and the smooth this committee stood united, stayed committed, worked extremely

hard and were determined that this would be the National to beat all Nationals – and team!! we pulled it off.

A very big thanks must also go to our "Friends of the committee" your contribution was amazing and gratefully received.

In 2003 WA hosted its first Sheltie National and so I close off now knowing that I have done my last National here in WA. I certainly hope I can come as a VIP in another 15 years but I'm guessing it's going to be in a wheelchair but at least for that show I'll actually be able to watch all the judging for a change.

Cherri Seeber

2018 National Results



Best In Show & Open Aust Ch Ambermoon Come What May (C & E Luxford)



R/Up BIS & Aust Bred Arajento Brushed With Gold (Mrs K Tonkin)
Best Baby in Show Arajento Fly Me To The Moon (left) Opp Baby In Show Arajento Jet Setter (right)
Owner / Br of both Mrs K Tonkin.



Best Minor In Show Hartly Keep Commenting (N Pearson)



Best Puppy In Show Juzvee Serendipity At Hartly (N Pearson)



Best Junior In Show Charmhill Callin The shots (Mrs C Klempel)



Intermediate In Show Ch Ambermoon Hear Me Roar (C & E Luxford)



Reserve CC Bitch Lyndream Flirting Withtherest (Ms L Pearson)



Best Limit In Show & Reserve CC Dog Hartly How About That (N Pearson)



Veteran In Show Sup Ch Ambermoon Moment Like This (C & E Luxford)



Best Neuter In Show Hartly Oh Me Oh My (Miss D Brearley / Br N Pearson)
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