

## LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES

MY VERY FIRST TIME IN AUSTRALIA AND I THOUGHLY ENJOYED EVERY MINUTES OF MY STAY.

MY THANKS TO THE COMMITTEE FOR INVITING ME TO JUDGE AND A SPECIAL THANKYOU TO ELIZABETH & HUGH GENT FOR THEIR SUPERB HOSPITALITY. A LOVELY ENTRY AWAITED ME AND I WAS DELIGHTED EXHIBITORS GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO OVER SOME LOVELY DOGS.

I COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR A BETTER RING LARGE & SPACIOUS ALLOWING EVERY DOG THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE A GOOD ACCOUNT OF THEMSELVES ON THE MOVE. MY STEWARDS WERE EXCELLENT AND HELPED KEEP ME IN CHECK.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO WORKED SO HARD BEHIND THE SCENES TO MAKE THIS SUCH A LOVELY SHOW TO JUDGE.

AS ALWAYS I JUDGE THE DOGS AS I SEE THEM ON THE DAY AND WAS VERY PLEASED WITH MY FINAL LINE UP OF BOTH DOGS AND BITCHES

### BABY PUPPY

Judging this age group was something new to me but then I suppose we do exactly the same when we run on a puppy from a litter, we continually "judge" them at every stage of growth. Seeing these little babies move around the ring was delightful, probably the most difficult class of the day to judge, all at different stages and some with more, dare I say, ring presence than others.

The winner, Vernon's TERRACAROL TOMMY GUN, this was a charming little fellow, yellow and only 13 weeks old but with such character for one so very young, stood perfectly for his handler and moved around the ring with such style, looked every bit a show dog and his overall confirmation matched his confidence.

2<sup>nd</sup> Paslack & Spangolo's Driftway New Sensation - lovely moving baby of 20 weeks, just at that in between stage between baby and puppy, head is just right for age, with correct eye shape, and good length and depth of muzzle.

3<sup>rd</sup> Earl's Avokah Guylian – 19 week old lovely chocolate who has excellent eye colour, another just growing into his frame right now and will need time to develop and work on his movement

### MINOR PUPPY DOG

1<sup>st</sup> O'Connor's Terracarol Thomas – lovely head and expression on this yellow puppy, didn't want to use his ears but this he will learn with confidence and experience, is well angulated in front with firm top line & enough bone & substance

for his frame, needs to firm in quarters which will give him better drive on the move but he is still very young and this should come with maturity.

#### PUPPY DOG

1<sup>st</sup> Spagnolo's Driftway Final Edition – such an impressive yellow dog in outline, really excels over the neck & shoulders, love his overall construction, good depth and spring of rib, excellent compact feet and strong pasterns, well developed in quarters and sound on the move, short dense coat of the correct length, eye shape and colour is very good, though for me, he is perhaps a shade short in muzzle which I feel detracts slightly from an otherwise pleasing head giving him a slightly harder expression, I do feel however that his many virtues will surely outweigh this, he is such a striking dog and pushed the Open Dog very close for the Res CC

2<sup>nd</sup> Ward's Courtsum Piper Chieftain

3<sup>rd</sup> O'Donnell's Cladaghiring Fire N Ice

#### JUNIOR DOG

1<sup>ST</sup> Spagnolo's Driftway Special Envoy – what a beautiful dog this is, so very impressive and at only 12 months old has real presence in the ring, such a balanced outline from nose to tail with an excellent masculine head, while in no way course, says he is all dog, alert intelligent expression & correct length of muzzle, with good depth of brisket and correctly set shoulders, he flows from the top of his head over the neck and continues along his top line, short loin with well angulated quarters and with no exaggeration which I fear is being seen too often in the breed, he has width in second thigh and carries an excellent coat of correct length and texture, he has good reach in front and drive behind, I predict a wonderful future for this dog, I could not see past him on the day for his sheer quality, I was therefore delighted to give him Dog CC & BIS

2<sup>nd</sup> Paslack's Greatlands Latin Dancer

3<sup>rd</sup> O'Donnell's Cambewarra Samson

#### INTERMEDIATE DOG

1<sup>ST</sup> Charnock's Driftway Regal Oak – this dog reminded me so much of my own Rainbow's End, very kind and masculine head and very kind demeanour strong neck with enough angulation in shoulders to allow him good reach in front on the move, excellent depth of brisket and barrel rib, short coupled, lovely compact feet & strong pasterns, is well developed in quarters with short hocks, firm top line and correct coat dense coat, moving with a free unexaggerated stride

2<sup>nd</sup> Kerwick's Aust. Ch Sinvale Billy The Kid

3<sup>rd</sup> Johnston's Blackboy Hennessey

#### AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG

1<sup>ST</sup> Dunstan's Aust Ch Strangeways Billie Black – upstanding black with a lovely clean outline, kind masculine head with good balance between skull and muzzle, alert intelligent expression and a good layback of shoulder, is strong and clean through the neck, has depth of brisket and length of rib, really liked the way he held himself on the move with a firm top line and free unexaggerated stride

2<sup>nd</sup> O'Donnell's Aust Ch Blackboy Grand Guinness – liked this black for type and construction, nothing overdone here, beautiful head and expression, so well put together, excellent overall balance, really struggled between these two dogs, very different but both lovely to go over and watch on the move, just lost to one on topline but a quality dog

## OPEN DOG

A lovely class to judge and I splitting hairs with the first three dogs, each one warrants comment from me.

1<sup>ST</sup> Spanswick & Vernon's Aust.Ch Priorise Target (Imp UK) ) impressive dog who had to work hard to win a quality Open Dog class, a yellow of real presence in the ring, he is an excellent showman and is handled to great advantage, has an alert masculine head and expression, is short coupled and has sufficient length of rib with good depth of brisket, good width in second thigh, carrying an excellent coat, has sufficient angulation in shoulder to give him balance but I would have to say that I think he would benefit by losing a little weight (but then wouldn't we all!) felt he was carrying a few extra pounds over the shoulder area which was more evident on the move, nevertheless he is lovely dog who won a very strong class, I was delighted to award him the Dog Res CC

2<sup>nd</sup> Spagnolo's GR Ch Driftway Flash Dancer - striking black and another who has real presence in the ring, stands out of type and construction, will always win admirers being such an excellent showman, balanced in outline with an alert intelligent expression & correct length of muzzle, is very masculine but in no way coarse, good depth of brisket and correct shoulders, I would however liked to have seen him shown "free standing" as when stacked he over stretches behind, tail carriage while not ideal is perfectly acceptable, no denying this dogs quality, very stylish, worthy champion

3<sup>rd</sup> Dunstan's Aust. & NZ Ch Stronglines Hooligan – loved this yellow dog, reminded me so much of a dog I owned a few years ago, has such beautiful conformation from nose to tail, correct bone & substance for his size, an intelligent expression with well set ears and the correct length & depth of muzzle to balance his head, front angulation is superb with long sloping shoulders, strong and powerful neck of the correct length, not a flashy dog and he could perhaps be overlooked because of this but he just oozes type with no exaggeration, just Labrador, good double coat of the correct texture, sound on the move, just lost out on feet and pastern for me, giving way to two younger dogs on the day but a worthy champion in any country.

4<sup>th</sup> Power's Zenchel Stormy Weather (AI)

## BABY PUPPY BITCH

1<sup>st</sup> Power's Zenchel Southern Star – such a sweet little bitch, liked her for type and construction and although she has such a lot of growing to do the outline is already there and she only need to fill out and develop, well constructed throughout, nicely boned with good pasterns, moved soundly albeit at a stop and go pace, her handler was very kind to her and let her enjoy the experience.

2<sup>nd</sup> Spanswick's Kadlinga Coco Bean

3<sup>rd</sup> Power's Zenchel Tsunami

## MINOR PUPPY BITCH

1<sup>st</sup> Auld's Gamefinder Tao O Life – what a lovely black this is, impressed by her voerall shape and type, sets herself up so well showing off her excellent balcne and construcion, excels over the neck and shoulders, short coupled without being too short in body, sweet feminine head with a kind and alert expression, very calm and composed demenour, I really liked this puppy and she would definitely be one I would like to watch for the future.

2<sup>nd</sup> Hewitt's Jaerobeni Charm Bracelet

3<sup>rd</sup> O'Connor's Terracarol Time Delay

## PUPPY BITCH

1<sup>st</sup> Spagnolo's Driftway Trial N Error liked this bitch for her balance and scope in body, feminine head with good length & depth of muzzle, perhaps a shade round in eye but has an appealing expression, didn't want to use her eyes all the time but again she is very young, clean strong neck with long sloping shoulders, really excels in top line which just flows from the shoulders, has good length of rib and is short in couplings, has depth of brisket, in good condition and coat, strong firm quarters with good width in second thigh, another I would like to have seen "free standing" as she has a tendancy to knuckle over in front when shown food, nevertheless a very pretty bitch with a great deal to like about her, moved out well

2<sup>nd</sup> Paslack's Greatlands Latin Doll

3<sup>rd</sup> Spagnolo, Shepherd & Chang's Driftway Santa Ana

## JUNIOR BITCH

1<sup>ST</sup> Richards Gunnislake Darcys Delight – beautiful black bitch who gave her handler a hard time, however, the more I looked at her the more I was taken by her balance and construction, excels over the neck and shoulders with correct angulation and length of upper arm, in lovely condition, excellent double coat and otter tail, good proportioned feminine head with correct length and depth of muzzle, well ribbed body and short lion, when she got herself together she was sound on the move, I forgave her lack of interest in the ring because I thought her an exceptional bitch of wonderful type, I learned later that the lady handling had never handled this young bitch before, glad I took the time to really look at her because I would say she has a very bright

future ahead of her, I wish her owner all the very best. Delighted to be able to award her the Bitch Res CC

2<sup>nd</sup> Spagnolo's Driftway French Vanilla

3<sup>rd</sup> Hewitt's Gunnislake Darcys Fling

#### INTERMEDIATE BITCH

1<sup>ST</sup> Kerwick's Aust. Ch Sinvale My Serenity – yellow who stood out for me in this class, nothing is exaggerated in this bitch, has quality from nose to tail, has strength but remains very feminine, I loved her head which just oozes Labrador appeal, kind and balanced with a beautiful expression, very attentive to handler, calm and assured which ipitimises our breed, has excellent shoulders, short coupled with good width in second thigh and well let down hocks, good tail shape and excellent coat, moved with a gentle wagging tail, very sound and one of the nicest bitches here today, worthy champion

2<sup>nd</sup> Spagnolo's Driftway Summer Rose

3<sup>rd</sup> Hewitt's Jaerobeni Hugs Dancer

#### AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH

1<sup>ST</sup> Jesse's Aust Ch Westlander Cause Tgossip – what a beautiful yellow bitch, one who is superb from any angle, stands four square with excellent balance, has strength but still remains ultra feminine, she really scores in head with the most beautiful expression, good length & depth of muzzle, liked her for her sheer unexaggeration and beautiful breed type, she has a good layback of shoulder to give her balance and unrestricted movement, I like her size and strength in body, she has good depth of brisket and spring of rib, has excellent bone which continues down and through her pasterns, she carries a very good coat and tail, her quarters are well muscled and she moves with good drive and reach, just my type of bitch, reminds me so much of Poolstead Pipit, a georgous bitch and one I wouldn't mind having at home, I was really delighted to award her the Bitch CC, very difficult decision for BOB

2<sup>nd</sup> Auld's Gamefinder Black Drummer

3<sup>rd</sup> Chang's Aust Ch Driftway Stormette

#### OPEN Bitch

1<sup>ST</sup> Spagnolo's Driftway As Time Goes By a yellow of quality, a real pleasure to go over this lovely bitch, pushed the two main winners all the way, very similar in type to the CC winner, has great strength in body yet keeps her femininity, such a lovely head and expression, excellent bone and feet, well balanced in body with good angulation front and rear, carrying a good Labrador coat and tail, moved soundly with good reach in front

2<sup>nd</sup> Spagnolo's Aust Ch Gallybob Inca (Imp UK)

3<sup>rd</sup> Power's Aust Ch Charway Ballyclover (Imp UK)

4<sup>th</sup> Vernon's Aust Ch Cambewarra Penny Royal

FIELD

1<sup>ST</sup> Cooper's Aust Ch Coalsgarth Kahula

BRACE

1<sup>ST</sup> Frost's Gungrange Chalabesa & Aust Ch Strangeways Brown Sugar

VETERAN DOG

1<sup>ST</sup> Hewitt's Jaerobeni Dealers Choice

VETERAN BITCH

1<sup>ST</sup> Frost's Aust Ch Strangeways Brown Sugar

2<sup>nd</sup> Frost's Aust Ch Jaerobeni Star Bright

3<sup>rd</sup> Sharp's Aust Ch Harestock Cleaning Lady