



**Best Baby Puppy**  
Edelhof Yazmin



**Best Minor Puppy**  
Heiderst Shawnee Sunset



**Best Puppy**  
Tealpoint Game Getter



**Best Junior**  
Moruada Belle of the Ball



**Best Intermediate**  
Ch Trupoint Xquisite Allii



**Best Veteran**  
Gr Ch Heiderst A  
Touch O Klass CD

**Opposite Veteran,**  
Ch Bergen Shona

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**Dam and Progeny**

**Gr Ch Krikka Lady Luck**  
with  
**Krikka HoneyHoney Kiss**  
**Me**  
and  
**Ch Krikka A Hint of**  
**Scandal**

litter brother of the dam of the Minor Puppy winners.

Best Open in Show was the Reserve Challenge dog. Opposite Sex Open was Diana and Jade Norman's liver bitch, Ch Katydid Legend's Ariel, bred in Western Australia, who won Runner-up in Show at the 3rd National Specialty Show in Sydney in 2000 from the Puppy class.

Best Veteran in Show was also the dog, Jenny Cattell's Gr Ch Heiderst A Touch O Klass CD who is a half brother, through their sires, of the Best in Show winner. Opposite Sex Veteran was Raylene Smith and Liat O'Malley's Ch Bergen Shona, bred in NSW by Ken Donald. This class was well represented with 10 dogs and 7 bitches entered and only one absentee on the day.

The Property classes were judged by South Australian gundog judge, Mrs Robyn Van Haasteren, whose GSPs and Irish Water Spaniels carry the Tirriki prefix.

Best Feet went to Jadine Mackenzie's Oakridge Eldorado. Best Coat was Joanne Hagan's Fourjays Just WatchMe. Best Head was Krikka Kennels' Gr Ch Krikka Lady Luck. Best Gaited was the Norman's Ch Katydid Strongbow.

Sire and Progeny went to Christine Cunningham and Peter Serle's Ch Heiderst First Klass with son Ch Beautpointer Paper Tiger and daughter Ch Knusprig Othermans Grass ET. Dam and Progeny went to Krikka Kennel's Gr Ch Krikka Lady Luck with daughters Krikka HoneyHoney Kiss Me and Ch Krikka A Hint of Scandal.

Best Retrieving Trialled or Field Trialled Dog was Diane McCann's Topnotch Exalt and Best Obedience Trialled Dog or Bitch was Pauline Scott's Ch Flushrivi De Ja Vu UD TD.

The National Restricted Obedience Trial was judged on the Friday night by Mr Keith Millington of South Australia. Many people lobbied the host club to conduct an obedience trial at the National show and most of them kept their promise to support the trial. There were 15 entries – 7 from South Australia, 4 from Victoria, 2 from Western Australia, 1 from NSW and 1 from the ACT. Despite the appalling wet and windy weather conditions there was only one scratching on the night.

But the weather did play havoc with the competitors. Best Exhibit in Trial was Ch Krikka Lady Gwenllian CDX from Victoria handled by owner, Kerry Winters. Abbey won both the Open and Utility stakes and was the only qualifier on the night, She was bred in Victoria by Keith and Linda Evans. She is sired by Ch Krikka Atomic Playboy out of Gr Ch Krikka Lady Luck.

Best Novice was Ch Heiderst Paris in Spring from the ACT handled by her owner, Joanne Hagan who is a relative newcomer to the breed. She was bred by Raylene Smith and Liat O'Malley of South Australia. Her sire is Gr Ch Heiderst Peer Gynt out of Heiderst Celebrity Star.

The trophy table was exquisite with 8-piece dinner sets for Best in Show and Runner-up and beautiful china for all other classes. The Judge donated 2 plaques of GSP heads for his Challenge winners. And there was an embroidered gold satin dog-rug for each of them and for the Best Obedience Exhibit – just like the ones you see on the Melbourne Cup winner each year

The atmosphere over the 3 days buzzed with excitement and bonhomie. GSP lovers from here, there and everywhere caught up and swapped stories in true Aussie style. The excellent marshalling and ring stewards kept the exhibitors on their toes and the show ran very smoothly. At the end of conformation judging, the Judge took the Best in Show winner and his wife, Zsuzsa, took the Runner-up and ran 2 laps of the ring, to the resounding applause of all exhibitors.

Sandra Pert asked me to say that she was overwhelmed by the sportsmanship of all exhibitors both in the ring and after her Best in Show win and that such generosity of spirit is a rare thing in the dog world. On behalf of the exhibitors, she applauded the show committee on an excellent show and the welcome given to all exhibitors by the South Australian club. And, as the newly elected President of the National Breed Council, she looks forward to seeing everyone in Perth in 2004 for the 5th National Specialty.

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