

GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF VICTORIA (INC)
Championship Show Critique
26 October 2002
Judge: Mrs Agneta Cardell (Sweden)

Comments from the Judge on the Championship Show, Melbourne 26 / 10 / 2002.

An old dream came true when I was invited to judge Golden Retrievers in Australia. I am very grateful to the Golden Retriever Club of Victoria, for giving me this chance to see your dogs and to meet some wonderful people of the Australian Golden Retriever Circle. I would like to thank everybody involved in making our stay so pleasant, the committee of the GRC, my ring stewards and most of all, the exhibitors that came from all over this big continent, to show their dogs under me. I felt most honoured.

The entry of 215 was fantastic and I was impressed by the overall quality. In many classes, it was some very close decisions between the placings. Many times I wished I could have placed more dogs. In general, I found many dogs and bitches with excellent conformation. Well-angulated fronts and rear quarters with well let-down hocks. Hocks are so important when it comes to strong and effective hind movements. There was a rather big variation in heads and expressions. Temperament was excellent on all dogs and I was also very impressed with the way the dogs were presented.



Class 1. Baby Puppy Dog (5):

- 1st L&R William's LEANR TOUCHED BY FROST, lovely puppy with a classic head and expression. Beautiful neck and shoulder, excellent angulation, both ends, straight front, good bone, super mover.
- 2nd Ms J McDonald's GOLDEW ELUSIVE DREAMS, a puppy with a lovely outline, beautiful head and expression, good neck and shoulder, a little longer in loin, good angulation and a very good mover.
- 3rd S&K Handley's GILTEDGE TICKET TO RIDE, lovely baby puppy excellent head and expression, excels in angulation, body, ribcage and bone. A little fluffy in coat, moves well.



Class 1a. Baby Puppy Bitch (6):

- 1st Mrs E Pearman's FANTANGO ANNABELLA, pale puppy of outstanding quality, excellent head and expression, beautiful neck, set into well laid shoulders, excellent hindquarters, lovely bone, feet and coat, moves well.
- 2nd S&K Handleys's GILTEDGE LADY MADONNA, a most beautiful puppy with an excellent outline, excellent conformation, very good bone, feet and coat, moves very stylish.
- 3rd Goldshyne Kennel's GOLDSHYNE BY REQUEST, also a lovely puppy with sweet head and expression, excellent body and ribcage, very good hindquarters, lovely coat, moves very well.



Class 2. Minor Puppy Dog (8):

- 1st E. Clark's NARAGOLD MERLIN, most beautiful young dog with excellent head and soft expression, nice neck and shoulder, excellent angulation in front and rear, moves well.
- 2nd Mrs H McAliece's STRATHRAER BLUE RIVERS, very similar to the 1st and a very close decision of placing. Most beautiful young dog with an excellent outline, good head and expression, excellent neck and shoulder, moved well.
- 3rd Mr R Thompson's IMPRESSA THE REAL MACOY, a very nice dog with a beautiful head and soft expression, balanced angulation front and rear, excellent feet and bone , moves well.



Class 2a. Minor Puppy Bitch (15):

A strong class,

- 1st FT&BJ&JA Hession's GOLDTREVE SAY NO MORE, a young bitch with the most beautiful head and expression, excellent neck, shoulder and topline, excellent hindquarters, body, bone and feet, excels on the move.
- 2nd Mr P&Mrs K Roupas' STRATHRAER BLUE DIAMOND, pale bitch with a beautiful outline, lovely head and expression, super neck, shoulders and topline, excellent conformation, moves well.
- 3rd Beaucroft Kennels&J&D Wadsley's BEUCROFT STARRY NIGHT, another pale beautiful young bitch with lovely head and expression, excellent conformation both front and rear, excellent bone and feet, could carry her tail a little better, moves well.

Class 3. Puppy Dog (8):

- 1st Boolaroo Kennel's GOLDFLEECE WINCHESTER, a strong, stylish dog with excellent conformation, most beautiful head and expression, excels in body and ribcage, lovely bone, excellent mover.
- 2nd Parkridge Kennels' AMBERMIST GRAND DESIGN, stylish young dog with a good head and expression, good reach of neck, balanced in angulation, excellent body, short coupled, moves well.
- 3rd Taumac Kennels' TAUMAC COURT JESTER, stylish young dog with a masculine head, I would like a bit more fore face, balanced in angulation, a very stylish and good mover.

Class 3a. Puppy Bitch (13):

Again, a very strong class and it was a very close decision.

- 1st M&J Hodges' CAMUKA SOPHYS ROSE, a very balanced bitch with beautiful head and expression, excellent neck, set into well laid shoulders, excellent angulation and body, nice coat, moves with a good stride.
- 2nd D Turner's AMBERMIST GRACE INMOTION, super feminine bitch, lovely head and very sweet expression, excellent neck and front, good hindquarters, moves well.
- 3rd Beaucroft Kennels' TAUMAC GOLDEN CRYSTAL, a very balanced young bitch of excellent quality, balanced in angulation, short coupled, not in her best coat but shown to her advantage, very good mover.

Class 4. Junior Dog (17):

Super class, I was very impressed by the young dogs in this class.

- 1st S&K Handley's GILTEDGE AFTER THE STORM, a beautiful youngster with a lovely outline, beautiful head and very sweet expression, balanced conformation, short coupled, excellent body, bone and feet, moves so very correct and with a good stride.
- 2nd Beaucroft Kennels' GILTEDGE THE GAMBLER, super outline, beautiful head and expression, lovely neck, good topline, excellent conformation, super ribcage, excellent mover.
- 3rd N Kelton's GOLDSTREEM GUNNA BE A STAR, lovely young dog with a nice head, I would like a bit more fore face, very well angulated both front and rear, good bone and feet, lovely coat in good condition, moves very well.

Class 4a Junior Bitch (15):

Many promising young bitches in this class,

- 1st E Molnar's DOBRO ETERNAL FLAME, super feminine bitch, very balanced in outline, lovely head, soft expression, short coupled, level topline, moves very well,
- 2nd Mrs K Handley & Mrs D Kingston's FANTANGO FIELDS OF GOLD, beautiful outline, sweet head, very good angulation of front and hindquarters, excellent body and ribcage, beautiful coat, moves well.

- 3rd Mrs D & Miss A Alexander's ANNADOR SHOW CASE, stylish bitch with a nice head and expression, balanced, excellent outline and a good mover.

Class 5 Intermediate Dog (22):

A really strong class, I was most impressed with the quality, I wish I could have placed more dogs in this class.

- 1st Reserve Dog CC, M & P Hodges' CAMUKA MONARCH OF THE GLEN, a very balanced dog of excellent quality, lovely head and expression, excellent neck and clean shoulders, strong hindquarters, well bent stifles, coat in very good condition. A very stylish dog with lots of presence, super mover.
- 2nd V Davis' TAMESIS KALEIDOSCOPE, also a very stylish dog with a masculine head, lovely expression, excellent neck and front angulation, very good second thigh, showed to his advantage, excellent mover.
- 3rd Mr S & Mrs D Krajnc's LEIGHVALLEY FAMENFORTUNE, strong dog with a masculine head, excellent topline, very well angulated in front and rear, excellent bone, feet and coat, an impressive dog that moved well.

Class 5a Intermediate Bitch (23):

Again, a very strong class where I could have placed many more.

- 1st J Dulke, F&B Hession's CH GOLDTREVE CAMROSE TANGO, a super feminine bitch of lovely type and outline, beautiful head and excellent expression, excellent neck and shoulder, strong hindquarters, excellent topline, a very balanced bitch that excels in movement.
- 2nd Beaucroft Kennels' BEAUCROFT RAPHAELA, lovely bitch with a very feminine head and expression, excellent conformation, well-sprung ribs, excellent bone and feet, good coat, moves well.
- 3rd Ms J Fall's FERNFALL CHINA ROSE, a bitch with a lovely outline, super feminine head, excellent neck and shoulder, balanced in angulation, good ribcage, an elegant bitch that moves very well.

Class 10 Australian Bred Dog (18):

A class with many dogs of excellent quality and in excellent condition.

- 1st 1st Jindabo Kennels' BEAUCROFT WHAT ABOUT ME, a very stylish dog with an excellent head and expression, good neck set into well laid shoulders, excellent hindquarters, well let down hocks, super forehead, in lovely coat and an excellent mover.
- 2nd Ms J Fall's CH FERNFALL SEA LEGEND, very balanced dog, stylish, lovely head and expression, excellent topline both standing and moving, so well constructed and balanced, excellent mover.
- 3rd Tahmero Kennels' CH BUIDHE LOVE ON CLOUD NYN, strong, powerful dog with a lovely head and expression, excellent angulation in front and rear, excellent ribcage, in lovely condition, excellent mover.

Class 10a Australian Bred Bitch (16):

- 1st Mrs C Stafford's TULZEAN NORWEGIAN WOOD, most beautiful bitch, shown in excellent condition, beautiful head and expression, excellent and balanced in conformation, so right in every aspect, beautiful coat, excellent mover and beautifully handled.
- 2nd Tahmero Kennels' CH TAHMERO CADDYS TOKENGIFT, bitch full of quality, lovely head and expression, so balanced in angulation and an excellent mover.
- 3rd Taumac Kennels' CH TAUMAC GOLD FOR SUSIE, lovely stylish bitch with a super outline, very beautiful head, super front, excellent body, just a bit short of coat on the day, excellent mover.

Class 11 Open Dog (19):

An impressive class with so many quality dogs!

- 1st Dog CC and BOS, Buffalo Kennels' CH LAWNWOODS RUSTIC RIAN CDX, powerful dog of most excellent quality and type, lovely head and sweet expression, fantastic topline both standing and on the move, nice front, excellent hindquarters, plenty of heart room, good coat, shown at perfection in an excellent condition, super mover.
- 2nd D&M McKittrick's CH MAETyme ARAMIS, lovely, pale dog of highest quality, beautiful head and soft expression. Excellent neck and shoulder, excellent conformation and an excellent mover.
- 3rd Beaucroft Kennels' CH BEAUCROFT THE BRIGADIER, stylish dog with a good head and expression, excellent topline, very good front, strong hindquarters, lovely coat in good condition, moves very well.

Class 11a Open Bitch (22):

Lovely bitches of highest quality, very close decisions when placing them.

- 1st Bitch CC and BOB, J McDonald & K Handley's GILTEDGE CHARLOTTE, she caught my eye from the first look and she proved her quality when I went over her. So very beautiful and balanced bitch, lovely head with a gentle expression, excellent forehand, topline and hindquarters, plenty of heart room, in super condition and coat, excellent mover. I wish she was mine!
- 2nd Reserve CC Bitches, Mrs J Dulke & K Handley's CH FANTANGO IN POPPYFIELDS, again a most beautiful and balanced pale bitch with an excellent outline. Lovely head, soft expression, excellent neck and shoulders, excels in angulation front and rear, well sprung ribs, shown in hard condition, just not in full coat, excellent mover. I was thrilled when I found out later that she was the mother of the CC winner.
- 3rd Goldsirius Kennels' CH DONSUE ATTITUDE PLUS, another lovely bitch of highest quality, excellent head and expression, very balanced in outline, super forehand, strong hindquarters, a very good mover.

Class 12 Veteran Dog (5):

- 1st Buffalo Kennels' CH TAHMERO LOTTYS SUNDANCER, most beautiful veteran dog, shown in very good condition, sweet head, excellent topline, a dog full of quality, moves very well.
- 2nd Mrs L Harrowfield's GR CH GOLDOG ALPINE HIGHLAND, stylish veteran in very good condition, lovely head and expression, excellent topline, moves well.
- 3rd Mr P & Mrs K Roupas' CH SUMMERSTOCK TOBIAS REX, 10 year old veteran in excellent condition for his age, super topline, balanced in outline, moves like a youngster.

Class 12a Veteran Bitch (3):

- 1st Mrs D & Miss A Alexander's, CH FERNFALL GLENEYRE, a very sweet veteran bitch, lovely head and expression, good topline, nicely constructed, a very sweet bitch in lovely condition.
- 2nd P Venn's ARANYKUTYA GENTLE GIANT, sweet veteran bitch, carrying a bit too much weight for her advantage, lovely head, nicely constructed, most beautiful coat.

Agneta Cardell, judge.