

**GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF VICTORIA (INC)**  
**Championship Show Critique**  
**25 October, 2003**  
**Judge: Mr Nils Molin (Sweden)**

“I need your help! I am sick. Could you go to Australia and take over a Golden Retriever Club Show for me? You have to go in 8 days and stay away for a fortnight?”

I was able to cancel an appointment and went away. And I don't regret it.

I would like to thank the Committee of the Golden Retriever Club of Victoria and all the wonderful people working on and around with this Show and taking care of me so well.

**GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF THE DOGS**

My impression is that you have a surprisingly high quality of your Golden. And most surprising was so many well angulated and correct length of upper arm. And for me this is most important and a very good start to get our dogs to move very well, but I found that hindquarters on many of your dogs could be better. A correct front is a very important thing, but to get the true harmony when they are moving you also require a correct stifle angulation.

As usual a big variation of head, expression and the temperament was mostly very excellent.

My impression consists. Is this a map of your Golden quality in Australia you are lucky. Keep on working.

**REPORT ON THE SHOW**

**Class 1            BABY PUPPY DOG**

- 1<sup>st</sup>     A & D Crowley's **Balmattum Night Rider** was a very promising puppy dog. Beautiful head and very good build. Excellent mover.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>     S & K Handley's **Avonbreeze McLeod (AI)** is also very promising and I think he will also have a good future when his back will be stronger. But I know that it is a puppy we are talking about.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>     E Molnar's **Dobro Diamond Edge (AI)** had a nice head and a rather good front but could be better behind.

**Class 3            PUPPY DOG**

- 1<sup>st</sup>     Mrs D & Miss A Alexander's **Annador Temptation** which is very promising, but I wouldn't mind if he was a bit shorter. A very good mover.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>     M T & P J Hodge's **Camuka Outta The Blue** had very good proportions, but the head a bit too rounded and could have better angulation behind. Did not move as good as the class winner.

**Class 4            JUNIOR DOG**

- 1<sup>st</sup>     L K & Mrs R G Williams' **Leanr Touched by Frost** I found this one not so promising as the winning baby puppy dog. Very good expression, excellent neck but lacks a little bit in angulation.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>     Mr J, Mrs J & R & C Forbes' **Fernfall Tango with Me** also lacks a bit in angulation and did not move as good as the winner. Looks nice just standing there. I wish he could move better.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>     S & K Handley's **Giltedge Ticket to Ride**. I would prefer a better expression. Good neck, but lacks a bit in angulation both in front and behind. Good temperament and it helped him.

### **Class 5 INTERMEDIATE DOG**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Beacroft Knls' **Giltedge The Gambler**. Excellent type and with good proportions. Very well built and a good mover. I wish he knew how to wear his tail correctly.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms J Fall's **Tulzean Autumn Tango** was a very nice dog with good angulation over all, but the back could be stronger. Good proportions.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ms C Hobbelen's **Acacian Super Natural**. A better stop would have given him a more beautiful expression. For the rest a well built dog and a very good mover.

### **Class 10 AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG**

- 1<sup>st</sup> LK & Mrs R G William's **Leann Wickedn A McGee** is a dog with good head and angulation but is lacking a bit of elegance. Very good mover.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Goldsirius Knls' **Fantango the Peacemaker** lacks in development but has what he should have for the rest. A very good structure, very good moving and a beautiful expression.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr P & Mrs K Roupas' **Ch Evergold Highland Chief** was a very attractive dog. I did not like his stop but he has a very good angulation and was a very good mover.

### **Class 1 OPEN DOG**

- 1sgt Mrs J Dulke's **Fantango Purple Reign** just came into the ring and I wondered who I was going to beat him today. Well I later found out. This was the dog who owned the ring. I loved him because of his proportions, his beautiful head and his excellent movement. As far as I knew just now he was going to be the best dog on this day.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs S Lincoln's **Santamaria Judgement Day** was also a dog of excellent construction and expression. He also had very good movement but did not have the same outlook.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Beacroft Knl's **Ch Beacroft The Brigadier** was a very well built dog. I like this type too with excellent proportions, very good angulation and movement.

### **Class 12 VETERAN DOG**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs L Harrowfield's **Gr Ch Goldog Alpine Highland** was a very attractive veteran. He had a beautiful outline and a very good structure. Excellent mover.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms J McDonald's **Ch Fantango Chasing Dreams**. I liked this veteran very much too. Correct proportions. Beautiful head and a very good mover. If he had been more alert it would have been more difficult to find my winner of this class.

### **Class 1a BABY PUPPY BITCH**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs J Dulke & Mrs K Handley's **Fantango Centre Stage** was certainly on the stage today. I love her and her behaviour. Most promising.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs J Hill's **Beacroft Game OChance** was a promising baby puppy. Very good expression and a very good mover.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ms J McDonald's **Avonbreeze Elspeth (AI)** a nice little baby puppy. Sweet expression. Good structure and movement.

### **Class 2a MINOR PUPPY BITCH**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs J Dulke's **Fantango Just The Ticket** was a very elegant puppy. Excellent structure. Moves like a princess. Very promising.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms J Fall's **Fernfall in Harmony** is a very promising puppy. Very good structure but could carry her back a little better. At this stage a question of development.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ms J Fall's **Fernfall Song for You** is the sister of number two. It was hard to separate them, but as usual I mostly looked at the movement. Some problem with her back.

### **Class 3a PUPPY BITCH**

- 1<sup>st</sup> A & D Crowley's **Whylaway Formal Attire** was a very attractive puppy. Good proportions and structure. Beautiful expression. A very good mover.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs J Dulke's **Whispersong Runaround Sue** was a bitch with a very good angulation. Beautiful head, strong muzzle. Very good mover but could carry her back a little better.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> M T & P J Hodge's **Camuka Rhapsody in Blue**. Not as well angulated behind as the two puppies placed in front of her. Nice expression and very good proportions.

**Class 4a JUNIOR BITCH**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> S & K Handley's **Giltedge Strawberry Fields** was a very promising junior bitch with an attractive outlook and very good proportions. Good stop and muzzle. Excellent moving.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs L Harrowfield's **Goldog Alpine Hylandmist** is very promising too. Nice head and expression. Very good angulation but could carry her back a little better.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> L Molnar's **Dobro Chilli Vanilli** is a very sweet bitch. The angulation behind is not of the same class as the first and second placed girls. But I love the type.

**Class 5a INTERMEDIATE BITCH**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> E Clark's **Goldfleece Muscatel** is a bitch with very good angulation and a very good expression. Correct proportions. And her way of moving, she moved superbly. She took longer steps than anyone else with no effort. Also I liked her very much and couldn't help that I for the second time this day started to think of the best of breed. Well I had to find out later.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs C Roger's **Willowcroft Wind Chimes** is also a very attractive bitch. Her back could be a bit shorter but she had an excellent angulation, beautiful head and expression and is also an excellent mover.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs W Duynhoven's **Goldog Alpine Trulymissy** is also a wonderful bitch. I wanted her a little bit more alert. Very good mover and with excellent angulation. Nice expression. Number three is a very strong class.

**Class 10a AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Beaucroft Knls' **Ch Beaucroft Raphaela** is a beautiful bitch. Wonderful expression and very good angulation and moves well.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> J Dulke/F & B Hession's **Ch Goldtreve Camrose Tango** is also an attractive bitch. Moved and showed well but is a bit narrow both in front and behind.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs C Cooke's **Justley Razzle Dazzle** is another quality bitch. Correct angulation. Nicely balanced and moved very good from side but is very narrow both in front and in rear.

**Class 11a OPEN BITCH**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs J Dulke's **Ch Avonbreeze Prudent** is a quality bitch. Correct Angulation and shoulder and stifle. Nicely balanced. Beautiful expression. Moved soundly and with very good drive.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> A & D Crowley's **Ch Crowlee Little Beauty** has a kindly expression. Very good shoulder but a little straight in stifle. Showed and moved very well.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> S & K Handley's **Giltedge Tara** has a feminine expression but could have a better stop. Very good type. Soundly made and a very good mover. Showed well.

**Class 12a VETERAN BITCH**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs J Dulke and Mrs K Handley's **Ch Fantango in Poppyfields** is a bitch with a lot to like. She is very sound and is well presented and is in very good condition. For the third time today I began to think of the best of breed but I preferred the expression of my second placegetter. Moving with drive and precision.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs C Rogers' **Ch Aurum High Fidelity**. Nice head and a good reach of neck. Head held proudly and a sound mover but I wished she was more alert.