

Golden Retriever Club of Victoria Inc
Championship Show Critique
Saturday October 23, 2004
Judge – Cheryl Shaw (Canada)

The long awaited day is now behind us, and I want to thank everyone for honoring me with their entry, I appreciated the sportsmanship shown by all the exhibitors. In my opinion, the overall entry was strong, and every class winner would compete well anywhere in the world. In general I found the front assemblies to be superior, and the heads and expression to be strong in most exhibits. Thank you to my stewards, Neville and Neil for keeping us so well organized, and to all of the club members for their kind hospitality. I look forward to getting to know your wonderful country much better in the coming weeks and again thank you so much for the honor of judging your championship show.

Critique

Class 1 – Baby Puppy Dog

- 1st Blazedngold Stormfortune – All around an outstanding baby, very promising future for him. Excellent front assembly, well balanced angulation, with a compact body and excellent topline. Lovely head properties with correct overall body proportions and carries himself very well.
- 2nd Goldfleece Knock on Wood – Well put together baby, not quite sure of himself yet, and a little loose on the move. Very pleasing expression and good proportions.
- 3rd Trigolden Heza Monty – Carried himself very well, good mover on the side. A little longer in proportion, with very good head properties

Class 2 – Minor Puppy Dog

- 1st Giltedge Fredrik – Lovely headed dog with good expression. Excellent front assembly, needs to tighten up a bit in front movement as he grows up. Correct proportions and strong topline, excellent well balanced movement on the side.
- 2nd Dewmist Silversong – Very well balanced dog, excellent topline with adequate reach and drive. Very good head properties.
- 3rd Pointgold Cut T Th Chase – Absolutely gorgeous head and expression. Going through a growth spurt, and seems a bit out of balance right now, but hopefully will grow into himself in time.

Class 3 – Puppy Dog

- 1st Giltedge Blackwatch – Very pleasing, overall well balanced dog. Exceptional head with beautiful dark eye, black pigment and lovely expression. Excellent topline and well balanced movement going around the ring.
- 2nd Fernfall Aramis Gold – Lovely moving dog on the side, with a very pretty face. Chest area is not fully developed yet. Has correct length of leg, and is nicely balanced overall.

- 3rd Balmattum Prodigy – Well balanced dog with excellent proportions. Not in quite as good condition with a softer coat than I would like. Very nice mover on the side.

Class 4 – Junior Dog

- 1st Avonbreeze McLeod – Very nice outline, well angulated front and rear assembly. Pleasing head, with a lovely face and beautiful eye. Excellent topline and well balanced moving around the ring.
- 2nd Sunrapt Bush Mandate – Well proportioned dog with proper length of leg, a little less angulation in the rear. Feet could be tighter, but a lovely balanced mover on the side.
- 3rd Goldsirius Summer Night – Very nice dog with a lovely outline while standing. Larger headed dog with balanced front and rear angulation, however still not quite coordinated yet.

Class 5 – Intermediate Dog

- 1st CH Fernfall Tango with me – Extremely pleasing dog overall, better head properties than the 2nd place dog with lovely expression and a beautiful eye. Very well balanced dog front to rear, with an excellent topline.
- 2nd Kezziah top of the Class – Close coupled dog with lovely side gait, moderately angulated in the rear.
- 3rd CH Learn Touched by Frost – Nice young dog, overall very pleasing with a lovely head, good side gait, not quite as much fill in the body as the first and second placers.

Class 10 – Australian Bred Dog

- 1st Goldstream Gunnabe Astar – An upstanding dog, with very good rear angulation. He has excellent head properties and good expression, with a good reach of neck. Good sidegait, with lovely tail carriage.
- 2nd CH Buffalo Spellmaster – This dog has excellent proportions, with good length of leg and is well balanced front and rear. Lovely head with beautiful soft eye and expression. Good forechest and front assembly, a lovely dog all around.
- 3rd CH Tulzean Autumn Tango – Very nice dog with an excellent free moving sidegait. Strong short loin, but a little longer proportion. Lovely head properties with an excellent expression. Interesting to note that this dog sired two of my class winners, and a number of other placements as well.

Class 11 – Open Dog

- 1st CH Lawnwoods Rustic Rian – Ultimately my BOB winner, this dog is lovely in every way. Shown in outstanding condition, he is a correct proportioned, athletic dog with excellent well balanced sidegait and a hard topline. Good head properties with a strong neck flowing into an outstanding front assembly. Sound moving and beautifully presented in a calm and understated manner.
- 2nd CH Fantango Purple Reign – An extremely well balanced dog with an excellent topline, good rear angulation and a better spring of rib than the 3rd place dog. Lovely head properties.
- 3rd CH Acacian Super Natural – A lovely dog with correct proportions, strong topline and excellent side gait. Pleasing head and expression.

Class 12 – Veteran Dog

I would have preferred three first place ribbons for this class.

- 1st CH Standfast Dream Ticket at Kerrien – A very pretty dog with an excellent front assembly, good forechest and well bodied. He has excellent proportions and a well balanced side gait. A beautiful head, with a lovely soft sweet expression. I was pleased to see that this lovely dog sired a number of my puppy class winners.
- 2nd GR CH & T CH Goldog Alpine Snowyriver – A lovely dog with a beautiful head, and excellent front and rear assembly. Excellent side gait, and good topline, he is a well balanced dog all around.
- 3rd CH Longborne Barclay – This dog has lovely sidgait, and holds a beautiful outline with correct leg under him. He has moderate front angulation and excellent rear drive. His topline is strong, and he has good head properties

Class 1a – Baby Puppy Bitch

- 1st Fernfall Annabella – A very charming puppy, with a lovely face, excellent carriage when moving and a solid topline. She has well balanced angulation and good proportions. Overall a very promising youngster.
- 2nd Camuka Kissed by an Angel – A well proportioned puppy with a good front and lovely expression.
- 3rd Goldendesire Tamsyn – A nicely balanced, moderate puppy

Class 2a – Minor Puppy Bitch

- 1st Kamelot Lady of the Lake – Has excellent proportions, correct length of leg with good substance. Hopefully her topline will firm up a little as she matures. Well balanced overall with a lovely head and expression, and a beautiful eye.
- 2nd Pointgold Cut Abuvthrest – A well balanced dog with a shorter body. Has moderate bone and substance, and is a sound mover, both coming and going and on the side.
- 3rd Naragold Wayward Angel – Has a good sidegait with excellent carriage. Is a little long in the body for me, but has a very nice head, good bone and is well bodied.

Class 3a – Puppy Bitch

- 1st Braeayron Butterfly Kiss – Has an excellent outline with good sidegait, and excellent bone and substance. Good front assembly with a pretty face, soft expression and an excellent coat with correct texture.
- 2nd Fernfall Beyond Paradise – Very nice moving on the side. A little long in proportion with a very pretty face and lovely style overall.
- 3rd Goldshyne Heart N Soul – Has a lovely outline when standing, still needs to grow into herself. Good head properties.

Class 4a – Junior Bitch

- 1st Blazedngold Inocent Eyes – An extremely well balanced sidegait, well angulated front and rear. Lovely head properties and good expression.
- 2nd Beaucroft Game o Chance – A well balanced girl with good coat, and solid bone and substance. Very good head and expression and a good forechest. Good moving on the side.

- 3rd Beaucroft Undercover Gal – Very well proportioned and well balanced front to rear. Good front assembly and forechest and nice moving on the side. Lovely head properties

Class 5a – Intermediate Bitch

- 1st Goldfleece Muscatel – An exceptionally well balanced bitch all around. Good spring of rib, and forechest with lovely sidegait and an excellent topline.
- 2nd Santamaria Mandaleh – Very nice sidegait with an excellent front assembly and good rear angulation. Lovely head with a pleasing eye. Excellent coat and good substance overall.
- 3rd Taumac Golden Crystal – Good length of leg with an excellent topline and good strong rear. A good head with a lovely eye.

Class 10a – Australian Bred Bitch

- 1st CH Taumac Gold for Riley – Excellent proportions, proper length of leg, an effortless mover with a rock solid topline. A good front and rear assembly and sound moving coming and going. Pleasing head with a lovely soft eye. This athletic bitch was one of the best movers of the day, and pressed hard for the CC.
- 2nd Beaucroft Madonna – A very good moving bitch with excellent reach and drive, topline could be a bit firmer. Lovely front and rear assemblies, lacking a little in pigment, but otherwise good head properties.
- 3rd CH Tamesis Waltzing Matilda – Lovely smooth substantial bitch, with well balanced angulation front and rear. An excellent topline with a very pleasing head and a good front assembly.

Class 11a – Open Bitch

- 1st CH Crowlee Little Beauty – An outstanding bitch in every way, beautifully balanced with excellent body and substance. Fabulous head, with an expression that can't be beaten. Lovely style going around the ring, with correct proportions and a good front assembly.
- 2nd CH Giltedge Tara – A more substantially built bitch with good body and spring of rib. Good head with a lovely eye, she has an excellent front assembly and solid topline.
- 3rd Beaucroft Dipped in Gold – A nice, moderate compact bitch, well balanced with excellent sidegait, topline could be a bit firmer. Pleasing head and expression

Class 12a – Veteran Bitch

- 1st CH Fernfall Watermark – A lovely girl that belies her age, athletic and a sound mover. A soft sweet expression and in excellent condition with a good topline.