

Golden Retriever Club of Victoria Inc
2009 Pet Expo Championship Show
Saturday 14th February 2009
Caulfield Racecourse
Judge: Erika Ward (Fernavy) ex UK

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the committee and members for making me and my husband so welcome. Special thanks to my very able ring steward Cheryl Doig for keeping things flowing all day.

Baby Puppy Dog (6, 1 absent)

Promising babies at various stages with their dentition.

- 1st Ms J Fall's **Fernfall Daydreambeliever**. Balanced quality cream. Level topline, reachy neck. Well bent stifles. Good shoulder layback. Dark pigment. Good bone. Very promising. Moved very well holding his topline.
- 2nd Ms C Hobbelen's **Acacian Top Division**. Cream baby, very much one. Moved very well. Good neck, bone. Sweet head. Giving his handler a hard time.
- 3rd Crowley's **Montego Aces R High**. Excels in topline and tail set. Good through the heart. Stifle well bent. Covered the ground, would like more upper arm.

Minor Puppy Dog (2, 1 absent)

- 1st Morghem's **Fernfall Rio Grande**. Alone but a worthy winner. Gold boy lovely outline. Level topline and tailset. Good head carriage. Excellent stifles. Moved with drive.

Puppy Dog (3)

- 1st Petterwood's **Goldew McDreamy**. Best Puppy. Quality 10 month. Reachy neck into level topline. Presented a pleasing balanced picture. Excellent straight front, well off for bone. Masculine kind head. Well ribbed and good bend of stifle.
- 2nd Waikipark Kennels' **Waikipark Classic Promise**. Handler tending to overstretch him—spoiling his topline. When back legs under him he stood four square and balanced. Masculine head, good bone, feet. Longer in couplings than 1. Moved well.
- 3rd Crowley's **Crowlee Rave Revue**. Very good reachy neck and level topline. Good Pigment. Straight front. Tending to throw his rear movement today.

Junior Dog (7, 1 absent)

- 1st Hodges' **Camuka Village Gossip**. Loved his balance. Nothing overdone. Moving well. Straight front, good bone. Well bent stifle, good second thigh, good tail set.
- 2nd Addison's **Giltedge Who Dares Wins**. Quality cream boy. Deep through the heart. Straight front, good feet. Kind expression with black pigment. Well laid shoulders. Good second thigh.
- 3rd Stephens' **Giltedge Up Up And Away**. Litter brother to 2. Deeper golden just coming into coat. Excellent neck and layback. Level topline. Well off for bone and substance. Workmanlike. Moved with powerful drive.

Intermediate Dog (8, 1 absent)

- 1st Goldsirius Kennels' **Goldsirius Drummer Boy**. Best Intermediate. Beautiful balanced cream with level topline and tail set. Excellent quarters. In gleaming coat. Straight front. Good heart room. Good head not overdone with good pigmentation. Well presented.
- 2nd Hobbelen's **Ch Acacian Aiming High**. Great moving dog in very hard condition. Reachy neck. Deep through the heart. Powerful dog.
- 3rd Waikipark Kennels' **Ch Waikipark Gold Crusader**. Gold. Lovely neck and shoulders. Carrying correct amount of weight. 25 months. Moved well. Needing to mature through loin.

Australian Bred Dog (6, 2 absent)

- 1st Addison's Ch **Fernfall Aramis Gold**. Best Australian Bred. Loved him. Ageing well, surprised to hear he is 5 years old. Excellent neck. Sweetest head. Nothing overdone. Has all the essentials. Shown wagging and free. Text book front, good legs and feet. Beautifully trimmed—so difficult on a golden coloured coat.
- 2nd Beaucroft Kennels' **Acacian Special Event**. Pleasing outline on this gold boy who moved effortlessly. Good in stifle, topline and bone. Well Ribbed.
- 3rd Joseph's **Ch Baradav Flying Solo**. Nice outline and balance. Straight front. Lovely head

and dark pigment. Substance. Carrying too much weight.

Open Dog (8)

- 1st Handley's **Ch Giltedge Blackwatch**. DOG CHALLENGE. BEST IN SHOW. Best Open. Super Golden. Good all through. Workmanlike. Excellent rear quarters and well developed second thigh. Well ribbed back into short couplings. Good length of neck set into well laid shoulders. Good length of upperarm with desired angulation. Straight front. Good heartroom. A delight to go over. Moved very well.
- 2nd Fall's **Gr Ch Tulzean Autumn Tango**. Res CC. Cream quality dog. Balanced outline. Very nice head and good pigment. Level topline and tailset held on the move. Deep through the heart. Moved well. Preferred substance of 1.
- 3rd Stephens' **Ch Fetchpoint Knee Jerker**. Mid golden with strength and substance. Good bone. Good length of forehand. Deep through the heart. Well bent stifles. Covered the ground but a little close behind today.

Veteran Dog (4, 1 absent)

All three moved like trains kicking their heels up. Always a difficult class to judge these beautiful veteran Golden Retrievers which have given us so much pleasure.

- 1st Handley's **Ch Giltedge Hemmingway**. Best Veteran. Almost 10 years of age. What a picture. Dripping in coat. Excels in topline, neck quarters and all the essentials. Well let down 2nd thigh. Straight front. Still holding black nose and lips to his noble head. In good condition. Commands attention with his ring presence.
- 2nd Parkridge Kennels' **Ch Ambermist Grand Design**. Unlucky to meet 1. Good head and expression. Straight front good bone and substance. Short couplings. Well sprung ribs, deep through the heart. Broad quarters.
- 3rd Taumac Kennels' **Ch Taumac Gold For Klim**. Good topline on this golden boy. Good front deep through the heart. Would have liked more breadth of rear quarter and stifle.

Baby Puppy Bitch (7)

Beautiful babies.

- 1st Cooke's **Goldew Jubilation**. Best Baby. Very promising cream. Loved her balanced outline. Straight front, feet needing to tighten. Sweet head with dark pigment and eye. Good in quarters, shoulder layback and reachy neck. Excellent topline. Balanced for age. A little long in second thigh. Moved positively.
- 2nd Breen's **Goldntropics Gossip Girl**. Lots to like. Good in stifle and second thigh, bone and feet.
- 3rd Hobbelen's **Acacian Gossip Girl**. Slightly longer couplings than 2. Similar remarks. Level topline well set on tail. Good shoulder layback. Well let down hocks. Moved well.

Minor Puppy Bitch (8, 2 absent)

- 1st McDonald/Stephens' **Fetchpoint Fish Out Of Water**. Best Minor Puppy. Elegant cream. Excellent topline, tailset, straight front, good feet. Reachy neck dark pigmentation. Straight front with good heart room.
- 2nd Sheppard's **Goldstream Forever Friends**. Mid golden good in neck and shoulders. Straight front. Good pigment. Happy disposition.
- 3rd Crowley's **Pelliken Daintree**. Cream good rear quarters good bone and substance. Short coupled. Well sprung ribs. Neat package.

Puppy Bitch (2 only but very nice)

- 1st Stephens' **Fetchpoint Knees And Toes**. Lovely mid golden of quality and substance. Excellent shoulders, spring of rib. Correct stifles. Good in forehand. Straight front. Sweet head. Attentive to handler. Moved with drive although a little roly poly, forgivable at this age.
- 2nd Cooke's **Goldew McLeods Daughter**. Lovely balance, neck and topline. Good stifles. Straight front. Very sweet head and dark pigment. Would have liked a little more substance.

Junior Bitch (7, 1 absent)

- 1st Hodges' **Camuka Just A Rumour**. Res Bitch CC. Best Junior. Quality golden in gleaming coat. Excellent front, reachy neck well laid shoulders. Good bone and substance. Well up on her pasterns. Deep through the heart. Correct bend of stifle and rear quarters. Well handled. Moved very well and still going well in the challenge. Pleased to award her the Res CC.
- 2nd Fall's **Kaparla Classic Catch**. Cream. Preferred substance of 1 but a lovely girl all through. Sympathetically handled. Enough neck in to well laid shoulders. Good heart room and deep through the heart. Well sprung ribs.

3rd Lynch & Stephens' **Yellowfetch Shinin Light**. Larger than 2. Good topline. Lovely head with dark pigment. Clean neck, straight front, good bone. Well developed 2nd thigh. Good bend of stifle.

Intermediate Bitch (12, 4 Absent)

Very good class of up and coming girls.

- 1st Pearson & Handley's **Giltedge Dreamgirl**. Quality cream. Never put a foot wrong. Had left her best dress at home but not hiding her good conformation. Not a big girl. Sweet head. Straight front good shoulder lay and heartroom. Moved with drive and purpose. In hard condition.
- 2nd Goldsirius Kennels' **Goldsirius Voodoo Doll**. Presented a beautiful picture. Excellent topline, neck and essentials. Good bone, sweet head, short coupled. Level topline and tailset. Good spring of rib. In good bloom. Unlucky to meet 1, unfortunately not quite the drive of 1. Litter sister to Intermediate Dog.
- 3rd Greig's **Taumac Golden Sassy**. Gold with good front—moved very well. In good coat and condition. Heartroom and depth. Would prefer more stifle.

Australian Bred Bitch (9, 4 absent)

- 1st Hobbelen's **Ch Acacian Bella Donna**. Mid-golden in full coat. Not overdone. Lovely reachy neck into well laid shoulders. Good rear quarters. Good bone and feet. Straight front. Really covered the ground. Very nice.
- 2nd Johnson's **Ch Fernfall Annabella**. Pale-mid golden. Smaller but similar to 1. Lovely head, eye and sweet expression. Feminine all through. Good in spring of ribs and stifles. Moved well.
- 3rd Waikipark Kennels' **Ch Waikipark Summer Destiny**. Pale neat girl. Good movement. Sweet expression. Straight front, short coupled.

Open Bitch (9, 1 absent)

Hard decisions in this class of well moving girls.

- 1st O'Donnell's **Ch Dobro Diamantina**. BITCH CHALLENGE. RUNNER-UP IN SHOW. Mid golden quality girl with substance almost in full coat. She excels in her laid back shoulders which are of good length. Good angle and length of upper arm, placing her well boned legs well under her. Reachy neck. Well sprung ribs. Good heartroom and short coupled. Good rear quarters, well let down hock. Easy easy stride covering the ground with ease. A delight to go over and appreciate her qualities.
- 2nd Hodges' **Camuka Isabella**. Mid-golden longer cast than 1. Excellent front assembly, neck and shoulders, bone and substance. Well sprung ribs. Good quarters. Very nice all through. In full coat.
- 3rd Cooke's **Goldew Kokomo**. Smaller package—sweetest of heads. Straight front up on her pastern. Good in ribs and broad rear quarters, short coupled. Not quite the lay of 1 & 2. Moved well.

Veteran Bitch (1)

Alone but very worthy.

- 1st Stafford's **Ch Tulzean Water Sprite**. Seven year old lovely quality dark golden in gleaming coat. Excellent topline and tailset which she held on the move. Deep through the heart and loin. Straight front, neat feet. Sweet head and expression. Nothing overdone. Moved well and collected.

Thank you for bringing your beautiful Golden under me. Generally I found them to be very sound moving dogs. Observed that length of second thigh (in some cases) is becoming longer placing rear pasterns too far behind rear assembly, which may in the future, result in weakness in rear movement and feel this needs to be watched.

Erika Ward
Judge