

2016 COMMITTEE NOMINEES

MRS S POUNDS-LONGHURST

My involvement with our lovely breed began in the 1960's but I still actively enjoy the show and working world and caring for the good of the breed both as an individual and through the Society.

I was a founder member and served on the first Executive Committee formed after the inaugural meeting in 1977 and then for several years. I also had the benefit of serving with all three past Presidents on the first Committee, Gwen Medhurst, Robbie Robinson and Brenda Lowe. I spent a further spell on the Executive Committee in the 1990's and then 10 years ago joined the Judges Sub-Committee before being elected to the office of Chair in 2007 from which I am now standing down.

If elected I will be very honoured to accept the role of President for a Society I hold close to my heart, one I have had the longest association with and all it holds dear.

MRS B MILLS

I grew up surrounded by dogs, my paternal grandmother bred Westies, my great aunt Boxers, and my maternal grandfather bred Cairn Terriers in Scotland, so you could say dogs were in my blood. When 5 years old we had a wonderful Golden Retriever called Sherry, who unfortunately died of distemper at quite a young age. Sherry was my shadow and this was the breed I had to have.

In 1980 we were in a position to have our first dog and our Sherry joined us to start our entry into the world of showing and breeding. We also joined the Southern Golden Retriever Society. Sherry was a Ch Camrose Fabius Tarquin daughter and she taught us so much. In 1981 we registered our affix of Millwater and in 1982, we had our first litter.

We ventured into the show ring and were fortunate enough to make up our only champion from our second litter Sh Ch Millwater Bracken (Ch Oystergold Pandorina at Vinecroft x Glennessa Tourri of Millwater) Most of the dogs in our kennel are descended from her, although she died when only 7.

In 1986 I judged my first Open Show and was passed to give C.C.'s in 1993. I have been extremely fortunate to judge in Europe, Canada, Norway, Sweden, New Zealand and had the honour of judging the Australian GRC National in Tasmania in 2006.

In addition to showing, I have enjoyed participating in obedience, and thoroughly enjoyed the working side of our breed.

I was Show Secretary for 5 year and also served on the Committee. I feel extremely honoured to be nominated for Vice President.

MRS C CARTER

I have owned, loved, shown and worked my Golden Retrievers for 34 years. In all that time I have, as far as I can remember been a member of the Southern Golden Retriever Society and served on the Committee as working test Secretary. I have judged at their Working Tests over the years and also been a Trainer at a number of their Training Days. I am also a Championship Show judge having judged Golden Retrievers at five Championship Shows, including winner the members Ballot to Judge the Southern Golden Championship Show this year 2015, Which was a great honour. I have owned and trained two full Champions. Ch Canaleigh And Can it Be JW who was a Group Winner and also had Field Trial Awards and his Gt Gt Granson Ch Canaleigh Hot Gospel JW who was also very much dual purpose. I am very, very proud of them..

I also take Gundog training classes to help people to understand how and what is required to train a Gundog. And to help them to keep our lovely Breed as it was intended and to maintain the looks and the dual aspect of our breed alive.

MRS S ASHLEY

I became the proud owner of my first Golden Retriever in 1972, Heronscroft Tara, she was my foundation bitch. Although I have not had a litter at home for 15 years the five goldens we now have and love all go back to Tara. I have over the years competed my dogs in the show ring, obedience, gundog tests and even a little dabble in agility and I am interested in all aspects of our lovely breed.

Having been on the SGRS executive committee for over 17 years I have attended most of the Society events. One of my main interests is helping golden owners with their puppies and dogs and I have been active at SGRS Wrotham Training for longer than I would like to remember.

I was one of the original Display Team members and still work Boycie and Rodney with the team. As Chairman I would hope to call on the experience of committee and members to keep the SGRS where it belongs.

MRS C HILL

I fell in love with our first Golden Retriever Honey who arrived overnight as a surprise to us children in November 1980. I started training and showing our dogs from a young age, I achieved many awards in junior handling and showing over the years with our Golden Retrievers, I enjoyed stewarding at a lot of shows before I took a break to have my family and travel. I currently have three Goldens who I enjoy showing and doing some obedience with. Myself and my mum Ros Smith jointly have the Rosgar affix.

MR D HUTCHISON

Along with my wife I am a Founder Member of the Southern Golden Retriever Society. We have owned Goldens since 1972 with our affix Waverton, gaining CC's with two Golden Retriever bitches who also both gained Field Trial awards. We have also owned and bred several other Goldens who gained their Stud Book numbers at shows.

I have awarded CC's in this breed since 1994. I was the instigator in this club gaining its Field Trial status and was its first Field Trial Secretary.

My committee experience is extensive; having previously served on this committee, the United Retriever Club parent body of which I was their show manager and after standing down from that position which I held for 35 years I was made a life member of that club. I am currently the Chairman of South of England Gundog club and served for several years on the Kennel Club Liaison shows council. I founded by local all-breed ring Craft training club of which I am its chairman.

Having stood down from Southern Counties Canine Association General Championship Show's position of Show Ground Manager and its Health and Safety Officer a position that I held for over 24 years, and am also currently the Vice chairman and show manager of my local open show Society Woolwich, Bexley and DCA, I also hold the position of Vice President of the Southern Flat-Coated Retriever Club, of which I am also a founder member.

My all-consuming interest is working my dogs and I am in charge of the picking up team on one of the largest shoots in the country which is based in Kent and East Sussex.

MR M MORECROFT

Golden Retrievers have been my life from a very early age. My Uncle kept them at his home in Dorset and holidays spent with him were a time of long walks with the dogs in the forest and heathlands in the area. My wife and I had our first Golden – there was never any thought of having another breed, in 1970 and for the next 45 years we have always had two or more. Our work did not allow us to breed from them but they all went on holiday with us, travelling far and wide in the British Isles. When retirement came we were able to devote more time to our dogs and became increasingly interested in researching the family and social history of the breed which resulted in a book on the subject being published in 2014. Encouragement to do this was given by members of the SGRS at Wrotham Training sessions. Our experience with the breed has allowed me to assist those who are starting out with this wonderful breed, not only at Wrotham but at other events which have included Discover Dogs in the past seven years.

MRS J ROLFE

I have run my Golden, Bess, for the last 3 years at the annual Agility Show. I feel I ought to give something back to an organisation that I value and enjoy being a member of and would therefore like to offer my support in anyway it could be useful. I hope my business and management skills acquired over a number of years working for local authorities, societies, trusts and charities including fundraising, health and safety training needs and ensuring risk assessments are included in working practices, will be of value in matters the Society is involved with.