

SOUTHERN GOLDEN RETRIEVER CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 1 MARCH 2015

Thanks to the Committee for inviting me to judge at this prestigious Show and to all the Exhibitors who gave me such a lovely entry. Also thanks to my very able stewards.

I found the standard of bitches to be high, very few imperfect mouths; and on the whole I feel movement has improved over the last few years. I found one or two to be slightly underweight, and one or two just a little overweight. It is a fine balance.

So special to see all these veterans, fit, sound and enthusiastic.

SPECIAL VETERAN BITCH 5. 1st RBV Bitch. Mrs J.Smallcombe's ROBSCRAIG JEWEL IN THE CROWN. Beautifully balanced mature lady; good angulations front and rear, without exaggeration; lovely little feet for an older lady and sweet expression. Nearly eleven years old but not showing it.

2nd: Mr & Mrs Gregory's BERNEWODE GOODNIGHT GIRL JW. Longer cast than winner, but an attractive bitch who moved with drive. Well made, strong and well-muscled.

3rd: Mr & Mrs Austin's KITEENO KOTINGA MARNEE. A charming lady in beautiful coat, balanced and active, with an ever wagging tail.

VETERAN BITCH 15 (6A). 1st BV Bitch. P & J Seamons' MESSANO PHONAFRIEND. A lovely class of bitches led by this gorgeous golden girl; feminine, so well made ; level topline maintained on the move; well laid back shoulders, perfectly in balance with rear quarters. A most attractive head with sweet expression.

2nd: Mrs G M Atha's TORSINKI DANCING MELODY JW. Very appealing paler coated bitch with the kindest of expressions. Well balanced head, good conformation. Also moved well.

3rd: Mrs T. Robinson's TIMTAURN TANUSHRI AT DETECTION. Another well made bitch, with good bone and overall balance. Nicely chiselled head, moved well.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH 20 (4A) A lovely class with many very promising babies. 1st BPBitch and RBP IN SHOW. Mrs D. Rose's GAYTONWOOD OH SO SHARP. One of my stars of the day. Adorable baby, only 6 months old but what a cracker! So well-balanced, excellent conformation, sweetest expression from lovely feminine head. Perfect showy attitude and moved with enthusiasm and style. I loved her.

2nd: Mrs P. Gayler's CAROLAKE QUESTION OF TIME. A very attractive girl in good cream coat; typical kindly Golden expression; good fore and rear angulations and a level topline, true on the move. Good bone and neat feet.

3rd: Ms K.Graham-Jones' GALDUSBRAE FIRELIGHT. Another with good conformation, a lovely picture standing ,maintained on the move. Good neck and layback of shoulder, strong bone and balanced head.

PUPPY BITCH 25(6A) 1st: GAYTONWOOD OH SO SHARP.

2nd: Mrs C.Benson's GOLDENQUEST ANNABELLA. Lovely pale gold girl, unlucky to meet the fab M/P winner. Excellent outline, topline, angulations fore and rear. Straight forelegs, well-boned. Gorgeous head and expression.

3rd: Miss A G Cooper's DIKEADAZE'S FLUFF WITH FLAIR. Another beauty in fine golden coat, presented so well . Loved her typical charming Golden head and expression; her overall balance and style.

JUNIOR BITCH 23 (7A) 1st: Ms K. Ellis's TENFIELD DASH OF PEPPER. Outstanding bitch, classic outline, level top and good tail carriage. Such a sweet expression from balanced head; clean neck, good bone, neat feet; balanced and stylish.

2nd: Bolton & Saxon's CHAMORELS CRIMSON MOONLIGHT (IMP SWE) Beautiful blonde! Great angulations, good, clean neck; balanced fore and aft; moved with drive. Very attractive girl.

3rd: Mrs H. Morss' XANTHOS NYMPHADORA TONKS. Another quality bitch with good conformation and overall balance. A little more sedate than first two but very appealing.

YEARLING BITCH 19 (2A) 1st: TENFIELD DASH OF PEPPER.

2nd: Mrs J Griggs' MULFIELD PEACH BLOSSOM JW. Very pleasing bitch who moved out happily. Good outline with correct angulations, short coupled, well sprung ribs. A happy girl handled well.

3rd: Mrs Jackson-Haines' LEIGHSHAM SOCIETY SPICE. Attractive girl of substance, stylish and well made. Well balanced head and outline. In lovely golden coat.

MAIDEN BITCH 28 (11A) 1st: TENFIELD DASH OF PEPPER.

2nd: Grimmett & Grimmett's HAYDENE FANCY THAT. A really appealing girl who had to be good to put M/P into 3rd place. Lovely outline, well-balanced, in full golden coat. Great attitude and true movement.

3rd: GAYTONWOOD OH SO SHARP.

NOVICE BITCH 25 (6A) 1st: TENFIELD DASH OF PEPPER.

2nd: HAYDENE FANCY THAT.

3rd: GOLDENQUEST ANNABELLA.

UNDERGRADUATE BITCH 18 (3A) 1st: Mr & Mrs Broadhead's MONCHIQUE PACHANCE TO DREAM JW. Two words to describe her - quality and type. Loved this balanced, beautiful bitch, with super outline, correct angulations and movement. So much to like about this charming girl. Everything in its place and nothing overdone.

2nd: Mrs L. Linfield's TONARA LEXINGTON JW. Another lovely girl, short-coupled, well proportioned, good bone, neat cat-like feet. Substance without over doing it. Classy girl.

3rd: Mr & Mrs Hocking's KASPURGOLD ITALIA JW. I was certainly spoilt for choice in this class as this was another who could easily win. Very appealing and balanced girl with similar attributes as first two.

GRADUATE BITCH 11 1st: P & J Seamons' MESSANO DOUBLE OR QUITS JW. Little charmer. Well balanced, excellent conformation; a stylish girl with most appealing head. Good depth of chest and well sprung ribs. Looked lovely standing and moved with drive.

2nd: Mr J De Zutter's DUNEHILLS LOVELIGHT IN DEMAND. Lovely golden girl, so outgoing and showed her socks off. Ever wagging tail and showed all her attributes to advantage. Balanced front and rear; short-coupled, broad skull, strong neck, and a lovely face.

3rd: Mr & Mrs Wheeldon's THORNYWAIT FAME N FORTUNE FOR CATTNELS. Another lovely bitch; not quite as feminine as first two but so well balanced and really stepped out with style.

POST GRADUATE BITCH 14 (3A) 1st: RCC. Mr & Mrs Carter's KENDAAMBER BREAKING DAWN OVER BLONDENE. Really stunning bitch in the most glorious golden coat. She has balance, quality and style ; excellent conformation, charming head; and her movement was faultless. Even in this lovely class where I was definitely spoilt for choice, she stood out and was close to top honours.

2nd: Mr & Mrs Swatton's SUNTIDE CHERRY BLOSSOM. Another really good one. Excellent conformation, well laid back shoulders, short-coupled, well chiselled head of good proportions. Very attractive wavy coat.

3rd: Ms S. Russell's ROSINANTE UNIQUE JW. I also fell for this darker golden girl with so much going for her. Dead level topline, perfect front and rear angulation, good straight forelegs, muscular and moved stylishly.

MINOR LIMIT BITCH 4 (1A) 1st: Mr & Mrs Randall's KELVERQUEST SHE'S A LADY. A short-coupled golden coated girl, with pleasing angles of shoulder and hindquarters. Her good balance enabled her to move with drive.

2nd: L Hennessy's PANDREFT FOLK SINGER AT RITZILYN JW. Slightly longer coupled than 1, but a good bitch in great coat. Well proportioned head, with good ear set, neat feet and strong bone.

3rd: Mrs C Benson's STANROPH SO THIS IS IT AT GOLDENQUEST JW ShCM. These 3 were very close as all 3 had merit. Level topline, good bone, lovely tail set and kindly expression from a balanced head.

LIMIT BITCH 16 (4) 1st Bitch CC and after Referee's decision, BIS. Mr & Mrs Van Maren's RAMCHINE MONKEY NUT. Oh Yes!! Stunner! Love this girl – so stylish and exuding quality with a capital Q. Perfect angulations; strong,

powerful movement, and yet so feminine. No mistaking her for a dog. A typical Golden head, well chiselled, with great expression. Moved with drive, proving her excellent conformation.

2nd: Barnes & Zubair's THORNEYWAIT ISABELLA WITH MILLGREEN. Another super girl, who looked like she could do a day's work. Muscled and strong in bone, overall balanced and with a level topline and good tailset. Very sound, appealing girl.

3rd: Mrs Jackson-Haines' LEIGHSHAM TEASIN TINA JW. Much of above applies to this one too. Very hard to choose between them. A well balanced bitch with good conformation and movement.

OPEN BITCH 9 (2A) 1st: Mr & Mrs Van Maren's GERM CH LIZANNA OF THE HELLACIOUS ACRES. What a stunning blonde girl. Delightful – quality, type and that extra bit of charisma. An outstanding, feminine girl, so well balanced and moved with great enthusiasm. Close to top honours.

2nd: Mr & Mrs Broadhead's MONCHIQUE GOLDEN DREAMS JW. I liked this one too. She exhibited all the attributes of a good Golden; balanced, well-proportioned, strong bone, wagged for England and showed perfectly.

3rd: Mrs J.Griggs' MULLFIELD FORTUNA JW. A sweet girl, pleasing outline, gentle, happy, well made and moved with style.

SPECIAL WORKING BITCH 1. 1st: Biesbrouck & Vermeersch's HAYISSA OF CAYS HAPPINESS. A creditable girl, placed Reserve in Open. Good conformation, level topline, maintained when moving. A balanced, feminine head. Happy to give her this award.

SPECIAL OPEN BITCH 4. 1st: Mrs P.Gayler's CAROLAKE LOVE AND KISSES JW. Looked good standing and moved out happily, showing off her lovely wavy coat. Strong bone, nicely made for and aft, with good angulations.

2nd: Mrs C Allsop's CHRISPER CHARTREUSE. Well muscled girl showing happily. Forelegs straight, rear balanced and strong.

3rd: Ms R Turner's AMILONE LILLI MARLENE. Another that made up a most attractive trio. Good bone, pleasing outline, showed well.

KC GOOD CITIZEN CLASS BITCH. 7(2A) 1st: Mrs V.Clarke's OUSEVALE WHERE IT'S AT JW. Lovely bitch, surprised she only came out for this class. A quality girl with excellent conformation, lovely neck and shoulders and kindly head and expression.

2nd: Mr & Mrs Black's AVRRAIN CHERRY TRIFLE. Another sweet girl ,perhaps just tiring a bit after a long day. But nicely made and wearing her best coat.

3rd: TIMTAURN TANUSHRI AT DETECTION.

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