

SGRS MEMBERS' NEWS SHEET

September 2017



Welcome to your latest NEWS SHEET.

This is a bumper edition so please read to the very end.

Those of you that are long-standing members will be saddened to hear of the death of Joan Tudor (Camrose) a few months ago. Mrs Tudor was a founder member and first Chairman of the SGRS between 1978-85 and Jenny Johnson, another founder member has written about their friendship. The tribute is at the end of this newsheet.

SGRS OPEN SHOW

Entries close in a few days so, if you haven't already, get your entries in.

Our Show Secretary is quite happy to accept emailed/scanned entries and payment can be made online into the SGRS bank account

<http://www.southerngoldenretriever.com/show1.html#open>

There is a new structure to the class fees and a **baby puppy walk** at lunchtime. If you have a puppy (over 4 months but under 6 months) why not enter and give them some valuable experience and socialisation.

A timely reminder that the SGRS awards a variety of cups and trophies at the AGM for achievement in various events and disciplines. Some awards have to be applied for by owners, so please read what you might be able to claim and how to do that.

<http://www.southerngoldenretriever.com/members/ANNUALTROPHESAWARDEDATTHEAGM.pdf>

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One of our members, Hazel Evans is organising a couple of Charity Events in the near future and wonders if other members have **old rosettes that can be recycled** for the purpose. If you do have rosettes you no longer wish to keep, please bring them along to the Open Show on Sunday 15th October, at Hazelwood School, Wolfs Hill, Limpsfield, Oxted, RH8 0QU, or contact hazel@moonstar.org.uk

Many of you will know that the Society has a Face Book page <https://www.facebook.com/SouthernGoldenRetrieverSociety>

We would love to have members celebrate major or interesting successes with their dogs.

Please contact Sue Ashley ashley258@btinternet.com or Lisa Baker lisa.baker177@btinternet.com if you have any interesting news and photos to share.

Once again, as it has established itself as an annual event in the calendar, there will be a **SGRS Sponsored Walk from Lullingstone Golf Club 11.a.m. start on Sunday 24^h September**. Put it in your diaries. The previous walks have raised over £6,855 for Medical Detection Dogs We would like to make that £8,500 after this year's walk. If you can join us David Wimsett is the organiser david-wimsett1@hotmail.co.uk so contact him for entry and sponsorship forms. All breeds welcome and it's only £5 for one or two dogs per handler. Shorter walk also organised for puppies, older dogs – or older handlers!

Do you have any unwanted gifts/items that would be suitable for a Raffle prize? The SGRS are always happy to accept items for prizes at events. Either bring them along to any of the SGRS events, such as the Open Show or training classes. or contact a local Committee Member.

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Rolling Raffle.

The Society will, once again, be running a 'Rolling Raffle' during the year with the Draw taking place at the Open Show in October. All money raised will be for Medical Detection Dogs.

There will be a choice of two prizes this year.....a beautiful limited edition print, by artist Lynn Paterson, of three Golden Retrievers posing at Guisachan in Scotland. This has been kindly donated by Stewart Weller. And also the opportunity of having a valuable water colour painting of your own dog painted and donated by artist and SGRS member Trevor Hartley.

Tickets, which will be £1 each, will be available at SGRS events held during the year. If you would like a ticket(s) but can't get to SGRS events you can contact David Wimsett(david-wimsett1@hotmail.co.uk) who will, on receipt of the appropriate money, be able to allocate you tickets and put you on the register of ticket holders.

DISCOVER DOGS

Once again the SGRS will be manning the breed stand at Discover Dogs on 21st/22nd October at the EXCEL exhibition centre.

We always need helpers and their dog(s) to be on the stand for an hour or two (so that the dogs don't get tired etc)

If you fancy volunteering for a stint over that weekend, please contact Claire Hill clairehill75@aol.com

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KENNEL CLUB JUDGES COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK Q&A SESSION

For those of you that are exhibitors, judges or have an involvement with another show society, you may be aware that the Kennel Club is introducing a whole new Judges education programme which is embodied into the Kennel Club Academy.

The SGRS have been fortunate to secure the attendance of Gerald King to present a Q&A session about the various new approaches and requirements.

Bletchingly Village Hall, High St, Bletchingley, Redhill RH1 4PA on **FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER 2017**

SGRS Members £5

Non-members £10

Please share with any friends that you think will benefit from this session.

<http://www.southerngoldenretriever.com/members/jcf-SEMINAR.pdf>

SGRS SUB-COMMITTEES

In these days of busy lives and working parents, it is very difficult to find people who have the spare time to help run a Society such as the SGRS.

In recent years, the SGRS Executive Committee have successfully trialled running events via sub-committees, which means minimal involvement for perhaps a once-a-year event.

In order to run our annual programme of events, we need enough people to manage on-the-day event activities. Without new helpers, certain events may not be able to happen in future years.

If you would like to learn what is involved in both running our Society and the various events provided every year, please contact our Chairman, Sue Ashley ashley258@btinternet.com.

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The SGRS Breed Council Health Representative has received the following email from Margaret Woods, Breed Health Coordinator

GONIOSCOPY & GLAUCOMA UPDATE

By Margaret Woods - Breed Health Coordinator

Firstly, thank you for your patience, willingness to help and support for the battle against Glaucoma becoming a schedule "A" condition for our breed in the BVA/KC eye certification scheme. I have been liaising with Dr Sheila Crispin, Chief Eye Panellist, over the past few months and she has listened and taken on board what we have said. Basically that there was no evidence to support that PLD (Pectinate Ligament Dysplasia) - the extent of drainage angle abnormality revealed by gonioscopy- significantly increases the incidence of Glaucoma.

I know James Oliver examined a number of Golden Retrievers . We have to accept that they found some abnormalities in the drainage angles and if they had used the same criteria for our breed, as they have for others (Flat Coats, Spaniels etc.) we would have been on the "A" category next January and gonioscopy would have been obligatory for Golden Retrievers.

*However, through persistence, liaison, and cooperation (and common sense!) the Eye Panel Working Party have re-examined the entire Glaucoma/Gonioscopy situation and have introduced a pilot scheme to grade the drainage angle abnormality for the **existing breeds** on schedule "A" for this condition. In essence there will not be "affected" and "unaffected" status, but instead grades of 0 - 3.*

Breeders can now go forward with breeding using the grading to plan future matings. Also there will be three year repeat examinations. The results will be recorded by the BVA. Hopefully the information will be analysed and give a better understanding of the relationship of poor drainage angles and Glaucoma.

*On 30 July 2017, I had a meeting with Dr Sheila Crispin, and I am delighted to announce: **"Gonioscopy / Glaucoma for GOLDEN RETRIEVERS is NOT to be added to Schedule "A" on the BVA/KC eye certification scheme from January 2018 or for any foreseeable date in the future, based on current available information."***

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If any member wants further information on this condition, please use the following link or contact Margaret Woods margaret.woods6@btinternet.com

https://www.bva.co.uk/uploadedFiles/Content/Canine Health Schemes/Pilot%20project_gonioscopy%20grading_21.07.17.pdf

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100 Club

A prize draw was made at the Agility & Obedience Shows and the winners are as follows:

1st £100 – Mr & Mrs S Male

2nd £50 – Mr & Mrs I Richardson

3rd £30 – Mr D Wimsett & Mrs A Benefield

4th £20 – Mrs B Gray & Miss W Hales

Photo below is Mr Richardson being presented with his winnings by our Treasurer Valerie Hogg and David Wimsett.



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The Display Team will be appearing at Discover Dogs on the 21st and 22nd October where they will be performing their new routine for the first time.

Team Manager, Karen Menter, and the rest of the team, would love to see Society members who plan to attend Discover Dogs come along and give them their support when they do their performances in the Main Arena which are at 14.10 on the Saturday and 13.05 on the Sunday.



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Joan Tudor, Camrose Golden Retrievers

Mrs T, as we always called her, passed away on August 2, 2017, after six months of failing health.

It was very sad to learn this news through Rosemary Wilcock, Mrs T's partner and loyal friend. It was Mrs T's wish for people to know after her private cremation service.

We (my husband and I) have known Mrs T since the end of 1968 when we asked for a show puppy to be sent to Bermuda. I was 22 years old when I wrote Mrs T.

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My love affair with the Golden Retriever started in 1967 when my husband, Richard (Dick), bought a Golden Retriever puppy when we were on our honeymoon in the UK. We made the mistake of buying a puppy from a big kennel that bred all sorts of dogs, but we loved her. I met Inez Voisey when we returned home to Bermuda with "Honey". Incidentally, Mrs Voisey owned Byxfield Crowell Russett aka as "Russ", a Ch Camrose Fantango son bred by Elsie Henbest out of a bitch bred by Paddy Steele. "Russ" was a Champion and full Obedience Champion in four countries. We soon discovered that "Miss Honey" was a pet Golden and was told if I wanted to have a show Golden, the person I needed to get in touch with was Joan Tudor of the Camrose Goldens. I was told she was the top breeder in the UK at that time and I wouldn't do any better than buying one from the Camrose Kennels.

Mrs Voisey was right. Mrs T sent us Camrose Evenpatrol at the end of January 1969 who later became Eng Bda Can CH Camrose Evenpatrol, Bda CD, TD

We formally met Mrs T at Sandford-on-Thames in May 1970 when we were on holiday in the UK and told her we were planning on returning to the UK in 1972. We met Camrose Cabus Christopher at that time – Evenpatrol's father.

We kept in touch with Mrs T and when we returned to the UK in 1972 and took the dogs out of quarantine, Mrs T helped me get Evenpatrol ready for his first show at the end of 1972. I didn't know how to trim a Golden "English style" so I had my very first lesson! I showed under Hubert Arthur in a very large Open Class at a Ch Show at Olympia (because Evenpatrol was a Bermuda and Canadian Ch) much to the chagrin of a number of the older breeders. I was told in no uncertain terms that "my place" was at the very end of the class

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☺. I was delighted to be pulled out in the line-up and received a card. Mrs T shared my excitement and always encouraged us in all our shows. Her help was unfailing always.

Open Shows were a firm fixture in the weekend calendar in the '70's as there were not a lot of Championship Shows. Whenever they were held at Ardingly, Mrs T had tea at "Angles", her home, and I have to tell you that it was one of my favourite places to go.

I learned so much from this gathering of Golden people and remember these special times with such fondness. I met some wonderful breeders and friends. Friendships that have lasted a lifetime.

When visiting the kennel on my own, Mrs T taught me a lot about construction, breeding and why it was important to line breed, how

to evaluate puppies and just general chat about the Golden Retriever and her experiences over the years. I found it fascinating and I was very keen to learn. I have much to thank Mrs T for and am extremely grateful for this passing on of knowledge about our beloved breed.

I also remember travelling with Mrs T and Rosemary to many shows throughout the years. We had such fun and have many happy memories of these times.

Mrs T 's legacy as a great breeder is unquestionable. She bred numerous titleholders and most were full champions as she picked up with the dogs regularly in the winter months. Mrs T encouraged us to do the same with our Golden Retrievers.

One thing that today's breeders need to thank Mrs T for is the foresight and knowledge of "crossing the border" to use Northern dogs in order to bring new blood into the breed. This did not go

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down well with the Southern breeders and Mrs T had a very difficult time initially for doing this. But, it proved to be an excellent decision and Mrs T produced multiple titleholders from one litter which also included a BIS at a Ch Show, and a top brood bitch for the famous Westley kennel when Sh Ch Camrose Phoenix of Sansue was used. This Northern liaison also produced the famous and well known Ch Camrose Cabus Christopher.

Mrs T's dogs were her family and she expected people to treat dogs like this when they purchased a Camrose Golden. Mrs T had no time for folk who got rid of bitches after having a few litters or dogs after their show career had ended. When people said to her a home should be found for a puppy that had not come up to its early promise for one reason or another, Mrs T replied with no hesitation

“But they have a perfectly good home here” and that was the end of that conversation!

Mrs T had the uncanny knack of getting the last word in with very few sentences and when she was displeased her look could be quite withering. You were left with knowing exactly how she felt.

Mrs T was also a very kind and generous person and would help people, particularly pet people. Mrs T's book “The Golden Retriever” was a “bible” and invaluable for so many Golden Retriever followers.

Mrs T was an extremely popular judge and she was much sought after throughout the world for her opinion. She travelled extensively and made many close and dear friends over the years. Her partner, Rosemary Wilcock, travelled with her when she was able.

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Mrs T felt that the only successful foundation for advancement and judging was by establishing yourself as a breeder of winning stock and stock that produced winning stock to establish a line.

Mrs T also did not respect breeders who tried to ignore and dismiss a dog's faults if it suited them. She felt very strongly that progress in a breed does not occur in this manner. If an outstanding puppy had a disqualifying fault, it was sold as a pet. Also, when health issues were identified, these were not swept under the carpet. Mrs T had a razor sharp mind as far as pedigrees were concerned and could advise, with confidence and knowledge, if she expected there to be a health issue and, more times than not, she was correct.

I very much doubt if we will see the like of Mrs T again. Her knowledge of the Golden Retriever was unsurpassed.

Whilst writing this I must say that Mrs T was supported unconditionally by her partner, Rosemary, who cared for Mrs T, the dogs, the kennels and the house throughout the years. Rosemary took care of everything right to the end and will continue to show and keep the prefix "Camrose" very much alive.

Submitted by Jennifer Johnson, a friend and admirer of Joan Tudor of the Camrose Golden Retrievers. Sept2017

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