**JOINT GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUBS’ CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

**Saturday, July 17, 2021**

**Dogs**

It was a privilege to judge this Joint Golden Retriever Championship Show. The Southern Golden Retriever Committee did an outstanding job at a new venue and also with adhering to the Pandemic rules and regulations. The date for this show changed at least three times and I honestly thought I was never going to get to fly over to judge this show. It happened finally and I was delighted to be there.

The Southern Golden Retriever Club has always been a special Club for me being a founder member and committee member for a fair number of years. My first breed club Championship Show was the Southern’s Championship Show. All my records are on the way to England from Bermuda so I cannot put a definitive date on this but I would think it has to be 35+ years ago.

Entries were much lower than I have judged before but I was assured that this is “the new norm” like many things after “the Covid” pandemic. Many thanks to exhibitors that did enter – I appreciated both your efforts and time.

Special Veteran Dog (2, 1A)

1. Mrs A R Warden’s *Eyevalley Macallan of Glentochty ShCM VW.* A well presented mid gold 10 year old dog in excellent condition that moved well. Lovely head and eye, well boned, straight front with neat feet, good strong hocks and balanced outline. Best Veteran in Show.

Veteran Dog (2, 1A)

1. Miss N Barber’s *St Vincent Golden Gun from Swansreach ShCM.* Happy animated boy, never stopped wagging his tail and enjoying his day out. In full pale gold coat, well boned, adequate shoulder placement, neat cat like feet, moved a little close behind, but overall a very nice type.

Minor Puppy Dog (9, 1A)

1. Mrs S C and Mr G S Golder’s *Summeramba Spotted Dick.* Very nice puppy in beautiful coat and condition. Terrific bone, good forehand with neat feet, well ribbed, excellent topline and good quarters. Super pigmentation, lovely eye and expression. Moved well in this class but in further classes the heat got at him and he had enough!
2. Mr D and Mrs F Clarkson and Ms W Low’s *Drumkilty Triskelion.* A heavier boned and bigger dog than the winner. Forehand not as good and did not move as well as the winner. Deep body, good bend of stifle and lovely topline. Feet not as tight as the winner’s.
3. Mrs L Hennessy’s *Wynrita Kingsman.*

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Puppy Dog (9, 3A)

1. Mr R C and Mrs L J E Maynard’s *Chinnordale Grand Finale.* Good sized young dog but needs more time to deepen and mature to fill out his frame. His head is not my ideal but I liked his eye and expression. Good forehand and bone, well ribbed and well bent stifles. Moved well and full of life and verve. In beautiful mid gold coat that shone.
2. Mrs S C and Mr G Golder’s *Summeramba Spotted Dick.*
3. Mr D and Mrs F Clarkson and Mrs W Low’s *Drumkilty Triskelion.*

Junior Dog (7, 3A)

1. Mr and Mrs R Lane and Mrs P Lane-Ridyard’s *Kulawand Skywalker.* Extremely nice type and looked really good on the move and that clinched his first place. In beautiful coat and condition, well put together, deep through the heart and good head with super dark eye and pigmentation.
2. Miss N Barber’s *Messano Just Good Friends with Swansreach.* Another lovely type, not as mature as the winner and needs more rib. Good head and expression, neat feet, very happy personality which showed on the move. He did tend to “fly” his tail at times.
3. Mr G and Mrs T Foreman’s *Ambersun Heart and Soul.*

Yearling Dog (7, 3A)

1. Mr and Mrs R Lane and Mrs P Lane Ridyard’s *Kulawand Skywalker.*
2. K J William’s *Berrymeade Couer Blimey at Busheyhall.* Nice type in beautiful coat and condition. Dark eye with very kind expression, adequate forehand angulation, deep through the heart with well bent stifles. Moved well. Not as finished as the winner in many respects but time will improve this.
3. Mrs S Towers, Mrs M Henderson and Mr J A Boland’s *Grey Goose November Rain (Imp ESP).*

Maiden Dog (11, 7A)

1. KJ William’s *Berrymeade Couer Blimey at Busheyhall.*
2. Miss N Barber’s *Messano Just Good Friends with Swansreach.*
3. Mrs S C and Mr G Golder’s *Summeramba Spotted Dick.*

Novice Dog (15/8A)

1. Mr and Mrs R Lane and Mrs P Lane Ridyard’s *Kulawand Skywalker.*
2. Miss T Weeks and Miss J L Brown’s *Sylahra Super Moon.* Lovely type. Beautiful head and face. Not as good in shoulders as the winner. Well bent stifles. Happy dog and moved well.
3. Miss N Barber’s *Messano Just Good Friends with Swansreach.*

Undergraduate Dog (4, 3A)

1. Mrs Y Saxon and the Late Mrs J Ferrier’s *Coombstock Witches Dance.* Alone in the class. In stature a good sized dog, but long in body for me, adequate shoulder angulation and needs to tighten up in elbow and hocks. In good coat.

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Graduate Dog (8)

1. Mr M G Watkins and Mrs S Watkins’ *Look for a Star at Gillbryan.* Appealing outline, short coupled, excellent bone, super topline and strong quarters. Moved well and beautifully presented. In the final line up, he fell short on head and expression.
2. Mr A Trinder and Miss S Trinder’s *Thornywait Ruffino.* Caught my eye as soon as he came in the ring. Longer in neck than winner, good forehand, topline and quarters. Did not move well on the return and I gave the owner the opportunity to correct this but alas to no avail. This dog has a very curly coat and it needs some work on it – a specially made towel wrap when drying helps a curly coat enormously.
3. Mr P and Mrs T Kinchella’s *Honeymill Elder Warrior.*

Post Graduate Dog (8, 3A)

1. Miss S Grainger’s *Amilone Flintstone.* Beautifully balanced with a super eye catching outline, gorgeous head and expression accentuated by the blackest of pigment, excellent bone without coarseness, clean and well angulated shoulders, deep through the heart, good spring of rib, excellent topline and well muscled quarters which he used on the move. Handled well and beautifully presented. I believe his first CC and was pleased to award this and one of many in the future I am sure. BOB on the referee’s decision.

My co-judge, Mrs Vivian Jones, suggested since we equally liked the dog and the bitch and would have been very happy for either to be BOB, to let the referee make the decision on BOB. I agreed wholeheartedly. They were a beautiful pair of Golden Retrievers.

1. Mrs K Quills’ *Hosarvar Ninito*. Very nice type. This dog too had a lovely head and eye with super pigmentation. For me he needed a little more height and paler dogs always appear to be smaller unfortunately. Good angulation fore and aft and when I suggested the owner move him at a faster pace, he became more animated and moved with style. Although in good coat, did not have the finish or bloom of the CC winner.
2. Mrs M C Loverock and Mrs L Waldron Smith’s *Thornywait Space Cowboy at* Lovissa, JW.

Minor Limit (10, 2A)

1. Mrs Clark-Gear’s *Ousevale Tobermory JW.* Eyecatching dog in very heavy coat and beautifully presented. Beautiful dark eye and kind expression, deep through the heart, well ribbed, excellent topline and super strong quarters. This dog was a strong contender for top honours but I preferred the winner’s head and would have liked a little more length of body which would have given more extension on the move. Nevertheless a quality dog.
2. Mrs L Hennessy’s *Messano Fine n’ Dandy by Ritzilyn.* Very nice type, handsome and well assembled and moved with style. Beaten on coat and finish, particularly over the loin area. I liked his head and expression.
3. Mrs A Stallard’s *Maplerose All Tuckered Out.*

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Limit Dog (11,4A)

1. Mr R C and Mrs L J E Maynard’s *Chinnordale Cue Card JW.* Active and powerful rich golden coloured dog in full coat and in super condition. Good shoulders but could be a tad tighter in elbows, but overall moved well and this won him the class. Well bent stifles with good turn of hocks. In the challenge, his head was not my ideal, although a kindly expression, for me it lacks balance and the softness that I look for.
2. Mr M Wheedon’s *Catnells Inside Story for Brensham.* Again, head not my ideal – longer in muzzle than the winner but narrower in skull. Super dark eye giving a soft expression, well boned straight front, deep through the heart and well bent stifles. Just needs more time and maturity.
3. Mrs A R Warden’s *Nobleman Tak The High Road to Glentochty.*

Open Dog (3, 1A)

1. Mrs L Wedge’s *Riverscharm Mr McGregor, JW*. Very nice type, dog that covers the ground well fore and aft and is fit for the purpose he was bred for. No exaggerations, good layback of shoulders, deep through the heart, good topline and well bent strong quarters. Although a well balanced head, I preferred the head and expression of the CC winner. Lovely dark coat in super condition. Delighted to award this dog the Reserve CC.
2. Mr S E and Mrs H I Male’s *Putjade Pay The Piper at Malenbrook, JW.* Good sized dog, completely different type but I liked him and his square outline. Lovely head and expression super bone and strong quarters. Carrying too much weight.

Special Open Dog (3, 1A)

1. Mrs S Towers and Mrs M Henderson’s *Alibren Galileo to Westervane, JW, SGWC.* Super outline, lovely head and expression, good dark eye, well boned front, good angulation fore and aft with super topline. Just would not move. Disappointing as after I realized when looking at my catalogue that I gave this dog Best Puppy when I judged Blackpool four years ago and liked him a lot.
2. Mrs D Rose and Mrs M Neil’s *Gildas Amori Infiniti (Imp Sweden).* This dog had such a personality – so happy and active. I could see him working his heart out at a shoot. Well made throughout, just needed more height for me. Reminded me so much of my husband’s working dog who was of similar stature and who was the love of his life.

KC Good Citizen Dog Scheme (6, 1A)

1. Mrs A R Warden’s *Nobleman Tak The High Road to Glentochty.* Good sized dog, needs more time. Lovely dark eye but head is not my ideal. Well boned, front angulation could be better, but excellent topline and quarters. Super curly mid gold coat. Moved well.
2. Mrs K Quill’s *Hosarvar Ninito.*

Jennifer Johnson, Judge

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