Retrievers (Golden) Southern Golden Retriever Society Open Show 17/10/2021

Many thanks to the officers and committee for the opportunity to judge your open show, I was grateful for the very warm welcome I received and for the assistance during the day from my stewards. My thanks to the exhibitors for allowing me the opportunity to go over their dogs today. The dogs on the day were of a good standard, clean and well presented, although there were a few incorrect feet i.e., not round and cat like.

Veteran Dog (1, 0a)

1st Miss N Barber, Stvincent Golden Gun from Swansreach SHCM.

8-Year-old who does not look his age, masculine head with good pigment, broad skull, correct in muzzle, eyes dark and correct ear set, neck clean and muscular into well laid-back shoulders, straight front with lovely feet, body of all the correct proportions level topline and correct tail set, tail never stopped, well-muscled rear with well bent stifle, moved with a free powerful drive. **Best Veteran** in Show

Minor Puppy Dog (3, 1a)

1st D Haines, Leighsham Tullamore

7mth mid gold boy lovely head developing well, dark pigment, dark eye, good length of neck with no excess skin, shoulders of correct proportion putting forelegs well under body, good bone and correct feet very good body for age, rear quarters coming along nicely, level topline held on the move and correct tail action, coat in good condition. **Best Puppy in Show**

2nd Miss K Hanson Pettengell, Oakwoodlake Padfoot.

7mth old pale boy he was a little unsettled today and gave his owner a hard time, although managed to go over him, pleasing head, clean neck, good shoulders, good overall bone, body developing well, movement was difficult to assess as he continued to play up around the ring.

Puppy Dog (2, 1a)

1st Miss K Hanson Pettengell, Oakwoodlake Padfoot.

Junior Dog (6, 2a)

1st Miss N Barber, Messano Just Good Friends with Swansreach,

This boy caught my eye when he entered the ring, well balanced and chiselled head, correct stop lovely dark eye, correct bite, clean strong neck, straight front with excellent bone, correct well laid-back shoulders and close-fitting elbows, deep well sprung ribs, topline correct, short coupled with muscled rear quarters, his tail never stopped, presented in lovely condition, moved with long and effortless stride. One to watch in the future. Reserve Best in Show

2nd Mrs B S & Miss W B Gray & Hales, Sunnyoak Silver Bullet at Grayales.

16mth old pale boy pleasing head, correct eye and good ear set, strong muzzle with correct bite, strong neck, good shoulders, body of good balance with good bone and correct rear quarters. He moved well with handler just needs a little time.

3rd Mr S G & Mr D K Oates & Bowie, Beaubute Rothesay Bay

4th T Edmunds, Sunnyoak Silver Sands

Yearling Dog (5, 4a)

1st Mr S G & Mr D K Oates & Bowie, Beaubute Rothesay Bay

Mid gold boy with pleasing head, lovely pigment, correct stop with dark eye, correct muzzle and bite, muscular neck into well laid-back shoulders, straight front, body still developing at 14mths still a lot to come, correct top line held steady on the move.

Maiden Dog (0)

Novice Dog (6, 3a)

1st Miss N Barber, Messano Just Good Friends with Swansreach
2nd Mr S G & Mr D K Oates & Bowie, Beaubute Rothesay Bay
3rd T Edmunds, Sunnyoak Silver Sands

Undergraduate Dog (3, 3a)

Graduate Dog (5, 3a)

1st Mr P & Mrs T Kinchella, Honeymill Elder Warrior

Gold boy with nicely balanced head good pigment correct eyes and ear set, well-muscled neck, correct shoulders straight front with round catlike feet, balanced front and rear, deep through the heart and well sprung ribs, level top line good rear quarters, moved best in the class.

2nd Mrs K Norman Tonara Picaso

Gold boy 3-year-old in good condition balanced and short coupled, lovely dark pigmentation with dark eye rims, head well chiselled with powerful muzzle, shorter in neck than 1, straight front with lovely feet, well sprung ribs level topline held on the move, strong rear quarters giving good drive, close decision between these 2 as very similar.

Post Graduate Dog (1, 0a)

1st T Edmunds, Sunnyoak Gold Hill

Mid gold with beautiful dark pigmentation, pleasing head with dark eye, balanced and well chiselled, broad in skull, head well set on neck, good length of neck, good shoulder placement, straight front, would prefer better feet, body of good proportion and level topline. In good coat presented well, moved freely around the ring.

Limit Dog (3, 1a)

1st Mr JM & Mrs BM Taylor, Alibren Eccles at Tannadice JW

Pale boy who caught my eye immediately, a well-balanced dog with soundness throughout, head broad with no coarseness, muzzle powerful wide and deep, lovely eye giving that correct kindly expression, really good neck which was clean and powerful, straight front with legs well under body, good shoulder placement perfect in body short coupled with deep well sprung ribs, topline completely level, rear quarters well-muscled and well bent stifles, good second thigh, coat in very good condition, moved powerfully with good extension and had plenty of drive. No hesitation in awarding **Best in Show.**

2nd Mrs B S & Miss W B Gray & Hales, Sunnyoak Morning Glory at Grayales

Pale boy in good coat, well balanced head correct stop good pigmentation, straight front, heavier than 1 over the shoulders front legs could have been more under body, level top short coupled, good rear quarters and correct tail set, moved round the ring well with handler.

Open Dog (2, 1a)

1st Mr S E & Mrs H I Male, Putjade Pay the Piper at Malenbrook JW

4½ year old mid gold boy well balanced, lovely head with kind expression correct stop head balanced and well chiselled, powerful muzzle which was wide and deep, neck of good length and muscular, correct shoulders positioning legs correctly well under body, deep through the heart with ribs well sprung, level topline and strong and muscular rear quarters, tail carried correctly on the move, not his usual handler so did not move his best today.

Special Open Dog (0)

Veteran Bitch (0)

Minor Puppy Bitch (6, 3a)

1st Mrs J Jackson-Haines, Leighsham Chantilly

7mth old pale bitch beautiful feminine head very well balanced, kindly expression lovely pigment, good ear set, correct bite, clean strong neck into lovely correct shoulder placement, straight front with good bone, correct feet, lovely body for a youngster, with well sprung ribs, level topline and correct tail set, good rear angulation, coat still to come, moved very steadily with handler. **Best Opposite Sex Puppy in Show.**

2nd Mrs S E Russell-Bond, Rosinante Silhoutte

8mth old mid gold bitch needs to drop into stifle, feminine head with lovely pigment, developing well, clean neck into correct shoulders, straight front with legs well placed under body, feet not as good as 1, well developed body for age with good depth, rear quarters will be better once she drops, tail level with back and used well on the move.

3rd Miss E Oughton, Catnnels Sparkle N'Shine at Carubelo

Puppy Bitch (3, 2a)

1st Mrs S E Russell-Bond, Rosinante Silhoutte

Junior Bitch (3, 1a)

1st Mrs P D Gayler, Carolake Voulez Vous

17mth old mid gold bitch, presented well, feminine head balanced throughout with good pigment, Correct ear set, good length of neck into correct shoulders, straight front with good bone and legs placed well under body, ribs deep and well sprung topline level with tail carried level with back, rear quarters well bent and muscled, looks like she would have no issues doing a day's work. **Best opposite Sex**

2nd Miss T L Drew, Haworth Taittinger Fizz.

Pale girl presented in good condition, preferred the head of 1, a little heavier overall than the 1, good pigmentation, front construction in balance with rear, she gave her handler a hard time today,

Yearling Bitch (5, 1a)

1st Mrs P D Gayler, Carolake Voulez Vous

2nd Mrs S E Russell-Bond, Rosinante Déjà vu

Mid gold for me would like a bit more length in muzzle to complete the picture, good pigmentation with dark eye and rims, good lay back of shoulders, straight front with correct feet, short coupled level topline with a tail that never stops, well-muscled rear hindquarters, moved well with handler.

3rd Miss A E Taggart, Altindan Oh Pretty Woman

4th Mr RH & Mrs BR Williams-Mitchell, Tashsheen Mustique Al

Maiden Bitch (3, 0a)

1st Miss A E Taggart, Altindan Oh Pretty Woman

2-year-old pale golden girl with correct head proportions, good pigment, correct shoulders putting legs well under body, straight front with good bone, good depth to ribs, well sprung, level top line tail carried level, moved better in this class.

2nd Mr RH & Mrs BR Williams-Mitchell, Tashsheen Mustique Al

Gold 19mth girl correct feminine head, dark eye and rim, correct ear set, good length of neck into well placed shoulders, front straight with ample bone, deep through the heat and well sprung, slightly longer cast than 1, rear muscled. Moved in tune with handler.

3rd Miss T L Drew, Haworth Taittinger Fizz

Novice Bitch, (5, 0a)

1st S Brewer, Stradcot Coconut Ice

Mid gold girl, feminine head with correct pigment, head of correct proportions, good ear set, neck of good length, lovely bone with correct feet, level top line held well on the move, tail level with back, happy show girl.

2nd Mrs PT & Mrs L Robinson & Furbank, Kayzaelle Kolour of Mystery at Detection

2½ pale girl very feminine head with lovely dark pigment, correct eye and ear set, good length of neck into good shoulders, legs placement well under body, good topline with tail level with back, rear well-muscled, presented well.

3rd Miss A E Taggart, Altindan Oh Pretty Woman

4th Mr RH & Mrs BR Williams-Mitchell, Tashsheen Mustique Al

VHC Miss T L Drew, Haworth Taittinger Fizz

Undergraduate Bitch (1, 0a)

1st Mr D & Mrs J Grantham, Reflection of Wizngrace at Dajumija

Mid gold girl slightly lacking in coat today, lovely head of correct proportions and correct stop, good length of clean neck, good shoulder angulation placing legs well under body, short coupled with ribs well sprung, loin and legs strong and well-muscled, overall, a pretty girl who moved round the ring with good drive.

Graduate Bitch, (4, 0a)

1st Mrs P T Todd, Toddrosa Oasis Charm JW

3-year-old girl with very feminine head well balanced and no coarseness, dark eye with dark rims, clean and muscular neck of good length, well placed shoulders placing legs well under, straight front, would have preferred slightly better feet, level top line, short coupled, deep ribs that were well sprung, rear quarters with good muscle definition, stifles well bent, long and free movement.

2nd Mr D & Mrs J Grantham, Reflection of Wizngrace at Dajumija

3rd S Brewer, Stradcot Coconut Ice

4th Mrs PT & Mrs L Robinson & Furbank, Kayzaelle Kolour of Mystery at Detection

Post Graduate Bitch (4, 0a)

1st Mrs P T Todd, Toddrosa Oasis Charm JW

2nd Mrs S E Russell-Bond, Rosinante Crystal Clear JW

Well balanced girl presented well in good coat, head of good proportions with good pigmentation, good length of neck into correct shoulders, straight front with lovely feet, balanced and short coupled with well sprung ribs, topline lovely, correct tail set, rear hindquarters strong and muscular with well bent stifles, moved straight and steady round the ring.

3rd S Brewer, Stradcot Three Wishes

4th Mr M R & Ms SE Harper & Haynes, Puregrace Real Rue

Limit Bitch (2, 1a)

1st Mrs L M Kelsey, Carolake Ruby Tuesday.

Mid gold girl carrying a shade to much weight today which spoiled the picture, lovely balance throughout, head was very feminine with beautiful pigmentation, neck clean and muscular into well laid-back shoulders, elbows close fitting on legs that were well placed under her body, deep through the heart and well sprung, lovely topline with tail carried level, well bent stifle with good second thigh rear lovely and straight when viewed from the rear, could have done with more room to power out.

Open (2, 1a)

1st Mrs P D Gaylor, Carolake Remember Me JW

Mid gold bitch who stood alone today, feminine head of good proportions good neck into correct shoulders, straight front, deep through the heart with ribs well sprung, well bent stifles with hocks well let down, she was a little on the heavy side today and showed on the move.

Special Open Bitch (0)

Tom Gorrian

Judge