Southern Golden Retriever Society Championship Show - Saturday 14th May 2022 Held at The Dobermann Club, Digswell, Herts AL6 0BU Judge: Julie Thomas (Hessonite) Golden Retrievers

Thank you to the committee of the club for my appointment at your well run and friendly Championship show to judge the Special Award Classes. The weather was perfect for a show and the undercover area at the venue was a bonus to get out of the sun. I was very pleased with my entry although I did have a few absentees, but nonetheless some super quality dogs to go over and some tough decisions.

Class 35 - Special Award Puppy Dog or Bitch (8, 4a)

1st Jolly - Marsabit Tinkerbell for Leitita

A feminine mid golden bitch with pretty expression, well muscled, nicely balanced and moved round the ring with excellent reach and driving action holding her top line well. Strong quarters with neat hocks, straight in front. I could imagine her working all day effortlessly in the field.

2nd Jackson-Haines - Leighsham Looney Tunes

A strong and handsome boy with a gorgeous expression, well angulated front and rear, standing he was balanced throughout but just preferred movement of my class winner on the day.

Class 36 - Special Award Graduate Dog or Bitch (8, 3a)

1st Jackson-Haines - Leighsham Tullamore JW

Have admired this boy from the ringside previously so it was fabulous to have a chance to judge him today. Free flowing action with level top line and balanced all through, handsome head with a kind expression, held top line on his effortless movement around the ring. Liked him a lot.

2nd Clunie - Warrentor Bold as Brass JW

Another boy I have admired previously, beautifully presented in beautiful gleaming dark golden coat, fabulous cat like feet, good angulation and moved well. A happy dog who was well muscled and could easily work all day.

Class 37 - Special Award Open Dog or Bitch (5, 2a)

1st Saarniit & Fosdike - Sh Ch/Int/Est/Bal/Iva/Itu Ch Linirgor Pied Piper at Meiepere This 10 year old boy hides his age well! A pleasure to have the opportunity to judge him, a happy boy who did not stop wagging his tail standing and on the move. Good length of leg, well proportioned and balanced throughout. Handsome expression with no sign of his age in his face. Loved him.

2nd Angel - Sh Ch Millanza Toy Story JW

A different type to my winner but a quality dog who was immaculately presented with a beautiful cream coat. Love his expression. A well proportioned boy with good front and rear angulation who moved well, a lovely boy who I like a lot.